



Thursday, March 19

5:30pm – 7:30pm Registration Opens
 3RD Floor Grand Ballroom Registration Desk

6:00pm – 7:00pm Welcome Reception
 Exhibit Hall – Grand Ballroom Salon 6 - 10

Friday, March 20

6:45am to 7:45am Government Affairs Open Committee Meeting
 Essex A

Quality, Safety and Accountability Open Committee Meeting
 Essex C

7:00am to 8:00am Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

8:00am to 10:00am **General Session I**
 Grand Ballroom Salon 1 - 5

8:00am to 8:05am **Welcome**
Ronald Hyde, MD

8:05am to 8:25am **RPA Year in Review**
Jeffrey Perlmutter, MD

8:25am to 8:55am **RPA Advocacy Agenda**
Gain an understanding of current legislative and regulatory issues affecting nephrology practitioners.
Robert Blaser

8:55am to 9:00am Q&A

9:00am - 9:45am **Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative**
In July 2019 HHS announced an effort to improve kidney care in the US. The initiative proposes specific solutions to deliver on three goals: fewer patients developing kidney failure, fewer Americans receiving treatment in dialysis centers, and increasing the number of kidneys available for transplant. What does this mean for the nephrology community?
Deputy Secretary Eric D. Hargan, Department of Health and Human Services

9:45am – 9:50am Q & A



Friday, March 20 continued

- 9:50am to 10:00am Presentation of Award: Distinguished Nephrologist
- 10:00am to 10:45am Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
- 10:45am to 12:00pm **General Session II**
[Grand Ballroom Salon 1 - 5](#)
- 10:45am to 10:55 am Recognition of Outgoing Board Members
- 10:55am to 11:20am **End-Stage Renal Disease Treatment Choices (ETC) Payment Model**
CMS is proposing the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Treatment Choices (ETC) Mandatory Model to encourage greater use of home dialysis and kidney transplantation. Learn about the kidney community's concerns with this proposal and how it may affect your practice.
Terry Ketchersid, MD
- 11:20am to 11:40am **Voluntary Payment Models**
Hear a description of what the proposed voluntary payment models entail and what they might mean for the future of nephrology reimbursement and kidney patient care.
Jeffrey Giullian, MD
- 11:40am to 12:00pm Panel Q & A
- 12:00pm to 1:30pm Lunch on Your Own
- 12:00pm to 1:30pm RPA PAC Board Meeting
- 12:00pm to 1:30pm SIP Appreciation (invitation only)
- 12:00pm to 1:30pm Satellite Lunch Symposium hosted by Industry
- 1:30pm to 2:30pm **General Session III**
[Grand Ballroom Salon 1 – 5](#)
- 1:30pm to 1:55pm **Maximizing the Pipeline for Renal Allografts**
Discover ways to improve kidney allocation—keeping kidneys for kidney patients-to help achieve one of the goals of the Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative – increased kidney transplantation.
Krista Lentine, MD
- 1:55pm to 2:00pm Q & A



Friday, March 20 Continued

2:00pm to 2:25pm **Helping Patients to Go Home: How to Grow a PD Program**
Home treatment gives patients greater lifestyle flexibility and independence. Increasing home therapies is another goal of the Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative mandate.
Harry Giles, MD

2:25pm to 2:30pm Q & A

2:30pm to 3:15pm Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

3:15pm to 4:15pm **Deep Dive into the New Payment Models**
Gain a deeper understanding of the ETC and voluntary payment models. Learn the risks, challenges, pitfalls and benefits.
Terry Ketchersid, MD and Bryan Becker, MD
[Essex](#)

3:15pm to 4:15pm **Setting Up a Home Dialysis Program**
Hear first-hand from your peers about the challenges and successes of implementing a home dialysis program.
Samaya Anumudu, MD, Arvind Garg, MD and Brent Miller, MD
[Waterview CD](#)

3:15pm to 4:15pm **Clinical Documentation Improvement for Physicians**
Make sure your documentation properly reflects the work you are doing. If you don't have good documentation you are setting yourself up for problems.
Diana Strubler
[Waterview AB](#)

3:15pm to 4:15pm **Business Management Track (BMT): Practice Finance Tools**
This presentation will cover a basic nephrology practice profit and loss statement; incorporate RPA benchmarking survey data to improve practice efficiencies; reports that should regularly be reviewed by physicians and administrators to avoid month-end "surprises;" and a mathematical approach to answer physician's questions about maximizing their personal income.
David Fisher, MBA
[Harbor A](#)



Friday, March 20 Continued

3:15pm to 4:15pm **Concurrent BMT: The Value in CKD Education**
Practical knowledge and experience implementing a CKD Education program within your practice including legal/billing requirements; time frames; and expected reimbursement for services provided to patients.
Alexander Liang, MD
[Harbor B](#)

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

4:30pm to 5:30pm **Engaging People Across the Spectrum of Kidney Disease**
Principal, The Voice of the Patient Inc., and living with a kidney transplant shares his perspectives on how to engage your patients in their care.
Kevin Fowler
[Essex](#)

4:30pm to 5:30pm **Setting Up a Home Dialysis Program (repeated)**
[Waterview CD](#)

4:30pm to 5:30pm **Clinical Documentation Improvement for Physicians (repeated)**
[Waterview AB](#)

4:30pm to 5:30pm **Business Management Track (BMT): Practice Finance Tools (repeated)**
[Harbor A](#)

4:30pm to 5:30pm **Concurrent BMT: The Value in CKD Education (repeated)**
[Harbor B](#)

5:30pm Meeting Adjourns

5:30pm to 6:30pm RPA PAC Reception (PAC Contributors only)
[Raven](#)

6:30pm to 8:30pm ***CANCELLED*** AAKP Medal of Excellence Dinner ([Visit AAKP](#) for details)
[Dover](#)



Saturday, March 21

- 6:45am to 7:45am **Health Care Payment Open Committee Meeting**
[Essex A](#)
- Clinical Practice Open Committee Meeting**
[Essex C](#)
- 8:00am to 10:00am **General Session IV**
[Grand Ballroom Salon 1 - 5](#)
- 8:00am to 8:05am **Opening Remarks**
- 8:05am to 8:10am **Presentation of Award: Exemplary Practice**
- 8:10am to 8:50am **Lessons Learned from ESCO: How to be Successful in Future Models of Care**
Find out what the new framework for ESCO 2.0 will look like and how to apply lessons from the past, to be successful in the future.
Moderator: Edward Jones, MD
Panelists: Timothy Pfleiderer, MD; Lawrence S. Weisberg, MD; J. Ganesh Bhat, MD
- 8:50am to 10:00am **Disruptive Innovation**
Three different companies. Three different care delivery models. Hear new market strategies on how they are approaching kidney care.
Moderator: Gary Singer, MD
Panelists: Bruce Culleton, MD; Carmen Peralta, MD, MAS; Shika Pappoe, MD
- 10:00am to 10:45am Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
- 10:45am to 12:00pm **General Session V**
[Grand Ballroom Salon 1 - 5](#)
- 10:45am to 10:50am **Opening Remarks**
- 10:50am to 11:35am **Louis Diamond Lecture**
Ordinary Medicine: Extraordinary Treatments, Longer Lives and Where to Draw the Line
Ordinary Medicine places nephrologists at the intersection of patients, modern technology and social/cultural attitudes about aging and life longevity. Get a unique perspective on the present and future of our specialty.
Sharon Kaufman, PhD



Saturday, March 21 continued

- 11:35am to 12:00pm **Walking Each Other Home: Strategies to Support our Patients with Advanced Kidney Disease**
It is a team effort when deciding end of life care for a patient. How do we do what they want us to do for them?
Ann O’Hare, MD

- 12:00pm to 1:30pm Practice Administrator Luncheon

- 12:00pm to 1:30pm Satellite Symposium hosted by Industry

- 1:30pm to 2:30pm **General Session VI**
[Grand Ballroom Salon 1 - 5](#)

- 1:30pm to 2:15pm **#NephTwitter**
Explore modern communications that are revolutionizing the nephrology community.
Joel M. Topf, MD, FACP, @Kidney_Boy

- 2:15pm to 2:30pm **ABIM – MOC Town Hall**

- 2:30pm to 3:15pm Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

- 3:15pm to 4:15pm **Catalyze Renal Practice Entrepreneurial Leadership**
Get a practical blueprint for improving performance by refining and streamlining workflow. Lean Six Sigma (LSS) is a proven practice that optimizes an organization’s return on investment (ROI) by reducing waste through the application of tools and practices for process efficiencies. The secondary benefits of team engagement and communication combine to make LSS a useful consideration for entrepreneurship and improvement opportunities in medical practice.
Brian O’Dea, CPA; Jack Rudnick, Jr, Ed.D; Shehnila Mahkri; Heather Dague, MD, Sue Weyforth and Antone Crasto
[Dover](#)

- 3:15pm to 4:15pm **Poisoning and the Nephrologist in 2020**
This session will discuss the most common drugs removed by hemodialysis (toxic alcohols, lithium, and salicylates), how to optimize dialysis for poisoning, and briefly review novel drugs of abuse that patients with AKI and CKD may be using.
Josh King, MD
[Waterview AB](#)



Saturday, March 21 continued

- 3:15pm to 4:15pm **AP Leadership in Nephrology Practice Settings**
Does your practice employ Advanced Practitioners? Do you have an AP leader in place? This presentation will help address the need for effective AP leadership including the development of the AP leader role along with successful management of APs in nephrology practice settings.
Leah Smith, MSN APRN FNP-BC CNN-NP FNKF
[Essex](#)
- 3:15pm to 4:15pm **Business Management Track (BMT): Practice Finance and New Payment Models**
How to use your influence as an administrator to affect the direction of your practice in the context of the changing models of nephrology/CKD/transplant care.
David Arrieta, MBA CMPE SHRM-SCP
[Harbor A](#)
- 3:15pm to 4:15pm **Concurrent BMT: Ancillary Service Implementation: Chronic Care Management/Transitional Care Management/Ultrasound/Optimal Dialysis Start**
Hear perspectives from practice administrators from practices of various sizes about how they have utilized and implemented CCM, TCM, Ultrasound and Optimal Start programs.
Amanda Walker, MBA, BSN, CMPE and Anika Porter
[Harbor B](#)

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

- 4:30pm to 5:30pm **Cooking for Your Kidneys- Creating Flavor on a Low Sodium Diet**
If you catch a whiff of flavorful aromas; that would be Dr. Blake Shusterman aka the Cooking Doc whipping up some Kidney Friendly Cuisine.
[Waterview CD](#)
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Sunday, March 22

- 8:00am to 11:00am **General Session VII**
- 8:00am to 8:05am Opening Remarks
- 8:05am to 8:30am **Real World Management of Hyperkalemia-Utilizing RPA’s Kidney Quality Improvement Registry for Research**
The RPA project on the Real-World Management of Hyperkalemia was designed to better understand clinical care patterns in managing non-acute hyperkalemia. Learn how RPA worked with nephrology practices to collect real world data.
Adam Weinstein, MD
- 8:30am to 8:50am **Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Adam Weinstein, MD
Panelists: Nelson Koypt, DO and Lisa Simonton
- 8:50am to 9:00am Q & A
- 9:00am to 9:25am **SGLT2 Inhibitors for the Prevention of Kidney Failure: Practical Considerations**
Can SGLT2 inhibitors really protect kidney function? Reduce albuminuria? Who should prescribe them?
Rita Rastogi Kalyani, MD, MHS
- 9:25am to 9:30am Q & A
- 9:30am to 9:55am **Acute Interstitial Nephritis: New Suspects in a Previously Closed Case**
As the incidence of AIN rises, nephrologists need new insights into mechanisms, diagnostic testing, and expansion of the list of culprit agents.
Tejas Desai, MD
- 9:55am to 10:00am Q & A
- 10:00am to 10:50am **Nephrology Literature Review**
Join this rapid-fire presentation to learn the latest news about clinical advances in nephrology.
Edgar Lerma, MD
- 10:50am to 10:55am Q & A



Sunday, March 22 continued

- 8:00am to 11:00am **CONCURRENT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TRACK**
Grand Ballroom Salon 7
- 8:00am to 8:05am Opening Remarks
Carole Ann Norman
- 8:05am to 8:55am **Practice Governance**
What are the requisite documents each practice should have as part of their practice governance? What is the most prevalent structure type?
Jason Greis and Scott Downing
- 9:00am to 9:50am **Communication and Leadership**
Explore barriers to effective communication resulting from the different mental models used by physicians and managers, along with strategies to improve communication processes. The leadership models of transformational, shared, and servant leadership will be presented as alternatives to the traditional dyadic leadership structure.
Jeff Stevey
- 9:55am to 10:45am **Billing and Audit Documentation**
Learn the billing do's and don'ts; experience with OIG audits; and documentation/billing requirements for ancillary services.
Suzanne Leathers, RHIT CPMA CEMA CEMC and Tiffany Jones
- 10:50am to 11:00am **Closing Remarks**
- 11:00am **Meeting Adjourns**