**Thursday, March 19**

5:30pm – 7:30pm  | Registration Opens
6:00pm – 7:00pm  | Welcome Reception
7:00pm – 8:30pm  | Satellite Symposium hosted by Industry

**Friday, March 20**

6:45am to 7:45am  | Government Affairs Open Committee Meeting
                    | Quality, Safety and Accountability Open Committee Meeting
7:00am to 8:00am  | Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
8:00am to 10:00am | **General Session I**
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
9:50am to 10:00am | Presentation of Award: Distinguished Nephrologist
10:00am to 10:45am | Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
Friday, March 20 continued

10:45am to 12:00pm  General Session II
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  Satellite Symposium hosted by Industry
12:00pm to 1:30pm  RPA PAC Board Meeting (invitation only)
12:30pm to 1:30pm  SIP Appreciation (invitation only)
1:30pm to 2:30pm  General Session III
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
2:00pm to 2:25pm  Helping Patients to Go Home
   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
Friday, March 20 Continued

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

3:15pm to 4:15pm  Setting Up a Home Hemo Program
It’s all about the patient. Hear first-hand from your peers about the challenges and successes of implementing a home hemodialysis program.
Samaya Anunudu, MD, Arvind Garg, MD and Brent Miller, MD

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

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

3:15pm to 4:15pm  Concurrent BMT: Ancillary Service Implementation: Appropriate Utilization of Advanced Practitioners and CKD Education
Practical knowledge and experience implementing and maximizing both Advanced Practitioners and a CKD Education program within your practice including legal/billing requirements; time frames; and expected reimbursement for services provided to patients.
Alexander Liang, MD

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Engaging People Across the Spectrum of Kidney Disease
A kidney transplant patient and advocate shares his perspectives on how to engage your patients in their care.
Kevin Fowler

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Setting Up a Home Hemo Program (repeated)
Friday, March 20 Continued

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Clinical Documentation Improvement for Physicians (repeated)
4:30pm to 5:30pm  Business Management Track (BMT): Practice Finance Tools (repeated)
4:30pm to 5:30pm  Concurrent BMT: Ancillary Service Implementation: Appropriate Utilization of Advanced Practitioners and CKD Education (repeated)

5:30pm  Meeting Adjourns
5:30pm to 6:30pm  RPA PAC Reception (PAC Contributors only)
6:30pm to 8:30pm  AAKP Medal of Excellence Dinner (Ticket required, Visit AAKP for tickets)

Saturday, March 21

6:45am to 7:45am  Health Care Payment Open Committee Meeting
Clinical Practice Committee Open Committee Meeting

8:00am to 10:00am  General Session IV

8:00am to 8:05am  Opening Remarks

8:05am to 8:10am  Presentation of Award: Exemplary Practice

8:10am to 8:50am  ESCO 2.0 – Panel Discussion
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 Pflederer, MD; Larry Weisberg, MD; J. Gnash 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; Shika Pappoe, MD

10:00am to 10:45am  Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
Saturday, March 21 continued

10:45am to 12:00pm  General Session V

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

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  Satellite Symposium hosted by Industry

12:00pm to 1:30pm  Practice Administrator Town Hall

1:30pm to 2:30pm  General Session VI

1:30pm to 2:15pm  #NephTwitter

Explore modern communications that are revolutionizing the nephrology community.

Joel Topf, MD

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; Shenila Mahkri; Heather Dague, MD, Sue Weyforth and Antone Crasto
Saturday, March 21 continued

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

3:15pm to 4:15pm  
**Identify the Leader Within: AP Leadership in Nephrology Practice**
Identify the keys to effective advanced practitioner (AP) leadership, integration into nephrology practice and explore ways to retain the Nephrology AP.
Leah Smith, MSN APRN FNP-BC CNN-NP FNKF

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

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 and Anika Porter

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.

4:30pm to 5:30pm  
**Poisoning and the Nephrologist in 2020** (repeated)

4:30pm to 5:30pm  
**Identify the Leader Within: AP Leadership in Nephrology Practice Settings** (repeated)

4:30pm to 5:30pm  
**Business Management Track (BMT): Practice Finance and New Payment Models** (repeated)

4:30pm to 5:30pm  
**Concurrent BMT: Ancillary Service Implementation: Chronic Care Management/Transitional Care Management/Ultrasound/Optimal Dialysis Start** (repeated)

5:30pm  
Meeting Adjourns
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

Panelists: Nelson Koypt, DO and Lisa Simonton

8:30am to 8:50am  **Panel Discussion**

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**

10:55am  Closing Remarks

8:00am to 11:00am  **CONCURRENT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TRACK**

8:00am to 8:05am  Opening Remarks

Carole Ann Norman
Sunday, March 22 continued

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 CEMA CEMC and Tiffany Jones

10:50am to 11:00am  Closing Remarks

11:00am  Meeting Adjourns