



KDIGO Implementation Strategies Conference

Understanding Needs in Low and Middle Income Countries

Bangkok, Thailand – June 18-21, 2015

Purpose:

- To develop strategies that will facilitate implementation of KDIGO guidelines and controversies conference recommendations in countries having limited resources, high demand, and overextended medical caregivers
- To help KDIGO understand the needs in LMICs
- To identify methods for adaptation of recommendations to facilitate better acceptance and utilization
- To guide KDIGO in providing local leaders with arguments, supported by KDIGO recommendations, for health policy regulators and payers in order to improve access to better care
- To demonstrate the role of KDIGO recommendations in prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of kidney disease
- To help KDIGO understand the limitations of LMICs ability to implement its recommendations
- To provide guidance when the “next best” treatment course is necessary, rather than following recommendations literally
- To form alliances among KDIGO volunteers within the KDIGO Global Network in regions where challenges are similar
- To facilitate the development of metrics and tactics to measure implementation and adoption of recommendations
- To measure resulting changes in outcomes

Format:

- Plenary presentations will show:
 - Examples of possible implementation strategies
 - Descriptions of challenges facing implementation in LMICs
 - Possible Metrics to be used in measuring effectiveness of recommendations
 - Opportunities that exist in LMICs to introduce and explain KDIGO recommendations to local physicians
 - KDIGO programs of Clinical Practice Conferences and Expert Roundtables
 - Industry perspectives on working in LMICs

Breakout groups will be created to discuss:

- Understanding needs in limited resource countries
- Improving access to recommendations
- Adapting recommendations to local circumstances
- Developing and delivering arguments for improved public health policies
- Role of industry including providers, pharmaceutical and generics companies

Concepts Underlying the Strategy Conference:

- KDIGO believes implementation is the way for its recommendations to change practice and improve outcomes
- Development of strategies for KDIGO's structure to translate science into change in LMICs, thus improving outcomes
- LMICs have the greatest need for KDIGO and can see near term benefit from following its recommendations
- KDIGO will provide LMICs with the argument for and proof of the concept that early intervention and prevention, in line with KDIGO recommendations, improve outcomes for patients and society

Outcomes and output from the Conference:

- Publication of a Conference Report
- Creation of a "How To" guide or "Toolbox" for implementation activities
- Follow up conferences in specific countries and regions if deemed useful
- Consideration of other global conferences to continue improving the effectiveness of KDIGO and its recommendations