



Meetings and Events

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Annual Meeting Agenda

(updates will be made as information is confirmed)

All times are Central Time.

Thursday **Registration Opens**
March 30 **5:00pm to 7:30pm**

Welcome Reception
6:00pm to 7:00pm

Friday
March 31

Quality, Safety and Accountability Open Committee Meeting
6:45am to 8:00am

Government Affairs Open Committee Meeting
6:45am to 8:00am

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

GENERAL SESSION I - Value Based Care
8:00am to 10:00am

Welcome

Louis Diamond Lecture-The Patient as Our Teacher: Timeless Lessons and Teachable Moments

A narrative journey through some of the most powerful lessons our patients can teach us from a clinician educator.

Kimberly Manning, MD, FACP, FAAP

The Patient's Experience in CKCC

Value-based care models reimagine the care of patients living with advanced kidney disease. This discussion lets us hear from patients - what's working, what isn't, and what are their goals for these new models.

Moderator: Katherine Kwon, MD

Panelists: Richard Knight, MBA; Cher Thomas; Jackson Williams

Improving Patient Care Within Existing KCC Frameworks

Since its inception in 2010, CMMI has overseen alternative payment models in kidney care. Learn about the evolution of kidney focused care models, early lessons from both ETC and KCC programs and early thoughts on the future of model development.

Pauline Lapin, M.H.S.

Renaming of REF Foundation

A tribute to RPA's late Executive Director fierce kidney advocate, Dale Singer.

Visit Exhibit Hall

10:00am to 10:45am

GENERAL SESSION II - Value Based Care

10:45am to 12:30pm

RPA Year In Review

Timothy Pflederer, MD, FASN, FASDIN

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members**Legislative & Regulatory Update**

Hear the latest legislative and regulatory updates for nephrology practice.

Robert Blaser

The RPA and AMA Connection

You already know the critical role RPA plays in supporting kidney care. But did you know much of that work depends on a strong partnership between RPA members and the AMA? Learn the importance to your practice of the RPA-AMA connection.

Moderator: Gary Singer, MD, FACP

Panelists: Adam Weinstein, MD, Rebecca Schmidt, DO, FACP, FASN, Romela Petrosyan, MD

Lessons From Non-Nephrology Value Based Care Participants

Value-based care represents a new paradigm in kidney care, but primary care providers have long been involved in alternative payment models. Hear best practices from leaders of successful primary care organizations what has worked for them and what translates into nephrology-specific models.

Moderator Brendan Bowman, MD

Panel: Shawn Bloom; Virginia Irwin-Scott, DO, MBA, CPE, FASN, FACOI; Sireesha Koppula, MD, MPH, MBA, CPE, CMQ

Lunch on Your Own

12:30pm to 2:00pm

Single Invoice Program (SIP) Luncheon

(Invite Only)

Satellite Lunch Symposium hosted by Industry

Satellite Symposia are not part of the official RPA meeting program as planned by the RPA Education Committee.

GENERAL SESSION III - Innovation

2:00pm to 3:00pm

Advancing Kidney Health through Optimal Medication Management (AKHOMM) Initiative

Success in Kidney Care Choices (KCC) models requires a comprehensive approach including medication management but viewed through the lens of kidney disease. The AAKH Optimal Medication Management Initiative is designed to help practices collaborate with pharmacists in ensuring adherence and improving access for our patients.

Yaakov Liss, MD and Wendy St. Peter, PharmD, FASN

What's in the Pipeline from Pharma

Kidney disease has received less than its fair share of innovation in pharmaceuticals but that story is rapidly changing with the emergence of new and disease modifying medications. Learn what potential therapeutics are on the horizon for a variety of aspects of kidney disease.

Andrew Lazar, MD

CONCURRENT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SESSION

2:00pm to 3:00pm

Value-Based Care: Physician Engagement

Speakers to be Confirmed

Visit Exhibit Hall

3:00pm to 3:30pm

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

3:30pm to 4:30pm

- **Business Management Education Pathway
Hiring Physicians with a J1 or H1B Visa**

US immigration regulations contain numerous programs to retain international medical graduates. This session will explore some of these programs and how to navigate through the myriad of required administrative steps and timelines.

Gus M. Shihab, Esq.

- **Early Career Physician Education Pathway
Personal Finance 101**

Personal finance is the #1 topic new physicians wish they received education in during training. Learn how you can assess and take control of your personal finances in this interactive workshop.

Sanghamitra Sadhu, MD

- **Advanced Practitioner Education Pathway
Beyond Dialysis: The Evolving Role of APPs in Nephrology Practice**

This session reviews the various and evolving roles for APPs in nephrology including financial impact on practice revenue and profitability of APPs.

Jennifer Huneycutt, CPA, CMPE and Leah Foster Smith

- **Medical Directors: Case Study of Challenging Situations of Day to Day Operations - Part 1**

Today's medical director is faced with complex challenges not accounted for in typical medical director education. Hear from experts at the Forum of ESRD networks how to handle the tough cases in this facilitated interactive case-based workshop.

Donald Molony, MD

- **New Innovation in Peritoneal Dialysis**

Muwaffaq Salameh, MD

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

4:30pm to 5:30pm

- **Business Management Education Pathway
HR Law Updates**

Dana Mitchell, MD and Anthony Batiste

- **Early Career Physician Education Pathway**
Negotiating Contracts In Private Practice
The variety and complexity of physician contracting is changing rapidly. Learn the legal considerations a physician should consider when entering employment agreements and other contractual arrangements.
Lauri Cooper, Chris DeGrande and Nesko Radovic
- **Advanced Practitioner Education Pathway**
The Value of APPs
Have you considered hiring an APP? Learn the positive outcomes of hiring APPs in nephrology. Explore any potential downsides & Identify effective retention efforts for the nephrology APP workforce.
Gary Singer, MD, FACP and Andrea Latta, NP
- **Medical Directors: Case Study of Challenging Situations of Day to Day Operations - Part 2**
Donald Molony, MD
- **New Innovation in Peritoneal Dialysis**
Repeated

Meeting Adjourns
5:30pm

RPA PAC Reception
6:00pm - 7:00pm
(Invite Only)

Saturday
April 1

Health Care Payment Open Committee Meeting
6:45am to 8:00am

Clinical Practice Open Committee Meeting
6:45am to 8:00am

Continental Breakfast
7:00am to 8:00am

GENERAL SESSION IV
8:00am to 10:00am

Opening Remarks

CMS and the Pandemic Response - Lessons Learned
Jesse Roach, MD

Private Payors Moving Beyond Fee for Service
Chris Schmaltz

Year One Review: The End-Stage Renal Disease Treatment Choices Model

The ESRD Treatment Choices Model is the largest alternative payment model ever attempted in kidney disease. In this session, we will learn the fundamental components of the ETC model, examine early evidence of the program's impact on patients and providers while trying to understand ETC's implications in a broader context of payment reform for kidney care services in the U.S.

Adam Wilk, PhD

Award Presentations

RPA celebrates our colleagues for excellence in the care of patients with kidney disease.

Visit Exhibit Hall**10:00am to 10:45am****GENERAL SESSION V - Nephrology Workforce****10:45am to 12:30pm****RPA Benchmarking Survey Results**

The RPA benchmarking survey provides practice and compensation insights found nowhere else. Hear a summary of the crucial changes in compensation, practice patterns and level of participation in various kidney care models.

Jennifer Huneycutt, CPA, CMPE**Nursing Shortage in Clinics**

Healthcare worker shortages exist in both acute care and ambulatory settings. What is the state of the nursing shortage and what are strategies that might alleviate the current crisis? Hear directly from a thought leader on this important topic.

Charlotte Thomas-Hawkins, PhD, RN, FAAN**Provider Shortage**

How does a small independent practice hire and onboard new nephrologists in the middle of a pandemic and workforce shortage? Hear a nephrologist / practice leader's personal story and lessons learned.

Susan Compton, MD**Lunch on Your Own****12:30pm to 2:00pm****Practice Administrator's Networking Session****Satellite Lunch Symposium hosted by Horizon Therapeutics**

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GENERAL SESSION VI**2:00pm to 3:00pm****Transplant Surveillance, New Ways for Monitoring Rejection**

Post-transplant monitoring is undergoing rapid innovation in monitoring. In this concise and clear review, learn about new biomarkers and tests for monitoring grafts in kidney transplant recipients.

Hossein Tabriziani, MD, FACP, FASN**Closing Gaps in Health Equity**

Health disparities remain persistent in the care of kidney patients. Learn the fundamentals using race-based GFR as a jumping off point to a wider discussion about delivering equitable care for our patients.

Nwamaka (Amaka) Eneanya, MD, MPH, FASN**CONCURRENT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SESSION****2:00pm to 3:00pm****How to Simplify Onboarding and When to Say It's Enough**

We are all in a place where staffing is an issue. Automate onboarding and stick to your terms. It's important not to force someone to fit into your practice solely because you are short staffed. Learn practical pointers on how to streamline onboarding and when to recognize a poor fit.

Anika Porter**CONCURRENT ADVANCED PRACTITIONER SESSION****2:00pm to 3:00pm**

APP Burnout: Workforce Retention Measures

Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) provide essential care to communities around the world. However, job demands can take a toll on their mental, emotional, and physical health, leading to burnout. This session will provide an overview of the causes of burnout in APPs, and explore various retention strategies aimed at preventing and reducing burnout.

Mary Beth Funkhouser, DNP

Visit Exhibit Hall

3:00pm to 3:30pm

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

3:30pm to 4:30pm

- **Business Management Education Pathway**

- **Financial Management**

- This session explores aspects of managing practice financials including: how forming an LLC can facilitate participation in JVs by future hires; keeping JV investing outside of your practice, how MDAs and JVs affect a practice overall and other practical information to help manage your financials.*

- Charlotte Dixon and Jake Cilek**

- **Early Career Physician Education Pathway**

- **Basics of Practice Management and Economics of Dialysis**

- Both Academic and Private Practice Nephrologists looking to gain a basic understanding of Practice Management and Economics of Dialysis will benefit from this survey of the fundamentals of dialysis payment constructs.*

- Samir Nangia, MD, CPE, ACC, FASN**

- **Advanced Practitioner Education Pathway**

- **APP Led Clinics and Home Dialysis**

- APP-led clinics can have a significant impact on high quality outcomes for patients with CKD. Learn best practices from experts leading successful clinics today.*

- Catherine Wells, DNP, ACNP-BC, CNN-NP and Jane Davis, DNP, CRNP**

- **Novel Diabetes and Weight Management Therapies in CKD/ESRD**

- Value-based care emphasizes holistic care for kidney patients who suffer disproportionately from diabetes. Learn focused updates from a kidney-disease focused Endocrinologist through a case-based interactive workshop to get you up to speed on the latest therapies.*

- Meaghan Stumpf, MD**

- **Why fight, Merge!**

- Reimagine your approach to the competition! Can you find success joining with other nephrologists in your area against pressures from payors, health systems, and dialysis companies? Dr Baliga, president of Florida Kidney Partners, shares details from FKP's experience with practice mergers to drive growth.*

- Rajendra Baliga, MD, FACP, FASN, FAST**

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

4:30pm to 5:30pm

- **Business Management Education Pathway**

- **Ancillary Services: Remote Patient Monitoring, Chronic Care Management, Remote Therapy Monitoring**

- Stacey Loomis, CMPE and Anika Porter**

- **Advanced Practitioner Education Pathway**

- **Taking the Lead: Leading Through Change and Adversity**

- Christine Corbett, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CNN-NP, FNKF**

- **Early Career Physician Education Pathway
The Road to Leadership**

This session is designed to give early career physicians insight on how to advance on the leadership track for specific career paths in nephrology.

Eleanor Lederer, MD; Tejas Desai, MD; Vishy Chaudhary, MD and Andrew Lazar, MD

- **Novel Diabetes and Weight Management Therapies in CKD/ESRD
Repeated**

- **Why Fight, Merge!
Repeated**

**Meeting Adjourns
5:30pm**

**President's Reception
6:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Sunday
April 2**

**Continental Breakfast
7:30am to 8:30am**

**GENERAL SESSION VII - Clinical Updates
8:30am to 11:00am**

Opening Remarks

Nephrology Literature Review

Join this rapid-fire presentation to learn the latest news about clinical advances in nephrology.

Edgar Lerma, MD, FACP, FASN, FPSN (Hon)

KDIGO UPDATES

KDIGO is a global nonprofit organization developing and implementing evidence-based clinical practice guidelines in kidney disease. Members from the KDIGO Work Group will present the guideline updates on Glomerulonephritis, Dialysis and Diabetic Kidney Disease.

**KDIGO Glomerulonephritis Update
Brad Rovin, MD**

**KDIGO Dialysis Update
Rajnish Mehrotra, MD, MS**

**KDIGO Diabetic Kidney Disease Update
Sankar Navaneethan, MD, MS, MPH**

**CONCURRENT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SESSION
8:30am to 11:00am**

Opening Remarks

**Medical Records
Leslie Williams, BSN, RN**

**How to Use Technology to Bridge Staffing Shortages
Marella Trifilio**

Billing and Coding Updates
Amanda Crouch, CPC,CPMA, CRC, CIC

Practice Manager Session Wrap-Up

Meeting Adjourns
11:00am