

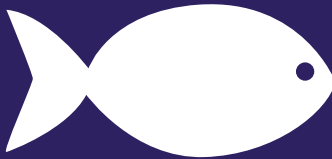
RENAL PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATION



2015 ANNUAL MEETING

BALTIMORE

MARCH 19–22, 2015



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM



BALTIMORE 2015

ENGAGE. NETWORK. LEARN.

Join us March 19 – 22, 2015 for the RPA Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland at the Hilton Baltimore. We have experts from around the country to address the latest regulatory, legislative, business, quality and clinical practice issues during this unique and valuable CME conference.

CME INFORMATION

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the University of Virginia School of Medicine and the Renal Physicians Association. The University of Virginia is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.



ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

The University of Virginia School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 15.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. The credit designation for this activity is as follows:

DAY 1: MARCH 20
6.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]

DAY 2: MARCH 21
6.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]

DAY 3: MARCH 22
3.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]



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COMMERCIAL SUPPORT

Educational grants are being solicited from multiple potential commercial supporters. Full disclosure of all commercial support will be provided on subsequent activity information.

SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

Satellite Symposia are approved by the RPA. They are NOT part of the official RPA Annual Meeting as planned by the RPA program committee.

Friday, March 21

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Fresenius Medical Care

Velphoro Chewable Tablets

This symposium will examine the Velphoro clinical data on efficiency, safety and tolerability as well as potential strategies to improve patient compliance and lab goal achievement.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TRACK

To best meet the learning objectives of nephrology practitioners, the RPA program committee has planned workshops and a concurrent general session that will address issues related to business operations associated with managing a nephrology practice. These sessions were designed specifically for practice managers but are open to all attendees.

Topics include (for session descriptions see page 6):

- How to Work with Payers in a Challenging Health Care Environment
- 2015 Requirements for Nephrology Coding and Billing
- Opportunities to Utilize the Kidney Quality Improvement Registry
- Accountable Care Organizations and Integrated Kidney Care
- Big Data/Practice Analytics
- Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) Mandate





Fundamentals of Nephrology Coding and Billing **Thursday, March 19**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Navigating nephrology coding and billing is complex and requires an in-depth understanding of federal guidelines and requirements, as well as variations in local carrier coverage determinations (LCDs). This unique seminar will equip you with a greater understanding of documentation requirements, E&M guidelines, transitioning to ICD-10, internal audits and 2015 Medicare Fee Schedule requirements. Continuing education and CME credit is available.

For detailed information and to register visit
www.renalmd.org/Nephrology-Coding-and-Billing-Seminars

Transitioning from Training to Practice: **A Workshop for Renal Fellows** **Thursday, March 19**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

This workshop will offer valuable information from experts in their fields to aid renal fellows in making a smooth transition from training into practice. There will also be a job fair where fellows can meet potential employers. This is a must attend for renal fellows and registration



is FREE! Limited travel grants are available to eligible fellows.

For detailed information and to register visit
www.renalmd.org/fellows-workshop

Maintenance of Certification Learning Session **Thursday, March 19**

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

To help meet ABIM's Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program requirements, a learning session will be held prior to the annual meeting.

For detailed information and to register visit
www.renalmd.org/Introduction



The American Association of Kidney Patients is honoring the 2015 Medal of Excellence Award Recipient(s) (physician category) during a series of events held throughout the Renal Physicians Association's Annual Meeting - including a lecture during the fellows workshop, as well as AAKP's Annual Medal of Excellence Award Dinner. The Award Dinner will be held Friday, March 20, 2014, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Baltimore Hilton. Tickets to attend the dinner may be purchased for \$125/each at **www.aakp.org/community/programs-events** or by calling (813) 400-2395. All RPA meeting attendees are encouraged to join in honoring the distinguished recipient(s) and helping AAKP continue its mission to improve the quality of life for kidney patients through education, advocacy and the fostering of patient communities.

PLENARY SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS



Sunshine Act: What It Means for Physicians

The Sunshine Act will impact all physicians who interact with industry. Find out how it will affect you.

Practical Strategies for Medical Directors to Satisfy the Conditions for Coverage

Practical strategies and information on the critical role of the medical director in the dialysis facility will be shared.

Cultivating Relationships to Optimize Kidney Care Under the Affordable Care Act

A discussion on the trends that are developing and contracting strategies being employed by nephrologists under value based payment systems.

Managing the Difficult Patient

Learn strategies for managing difficult patients in the office practice and dialysis facility setting.

Financial Aspects of Practice

A primer on understanding nephrology practice financial statements and associated issues.

Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement: Strategies for Leading an Effective Team

Learn strategies and get tools for effectively engaging the renal care team and implementing continuous quality improvement.

Benchmarking for Practice Success

The 2014 RPA Benchmarking Survey, when used in combination with practice financial statements provides a powerful glimpse into your nephrology practice. Learn about the comparisons that can be drawn using this information and how to utilize the data in your practice.

Positioning Nephrologists for Success in Value Based Medicine

Dig deeper into federal regulations and engage in a discussion of how practices can both streamline their work and improve patient care while complying with government requirements.

Keeping Kidney Patients Safe

Progress has been made in improving patient safety but many opportunities remain. Discover key areas in dialysis facilities where programs have been implemented and get best practices to change procedures and reduce adverse events.

Louis Diamond Lecture—Improving Health Care One Patient at a Time

Learn how various narratives can be used to deepen our understanding of patients and improve their health care as well as enhance advocacy, teaching and learning.

From Recruitment to Retirement: Keys to a Balanced and Fulfilling Nephrology Career

Hear from nephrologists at different stages in their careers to learn how to avoid burnout and pursue fulfilling careers.

Payment Models for Interventional Nephrology

Get an update on current procedural coding and reimbursement issues, as well as a look into what may lie ahead for dialysis access payment and care.

Improving Patient Engagement

Where are there opportunities for engaging patients in their care? Receive practical strategies you can implement in the office and dialysis facility.





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Acute Kidney Injury: Update for the Clinician

A discussion of the state of the art in diagnosis and treatment of AKI. Ethical issues related to AKI management will also be addressed.

Innovations in the Prevention and Treatment of Neointimal Hyperplasia

Neointimal hyperplasia is the nemesis of dialysis fistulae and grafts - leading to an extremely high rate of primary and secondary failure as well as poor long term outcomes for current procedures. Learn the latest about the biology of neointima and strategies that are being tested.

Review of the Literature: Clinical Advances In Nephrology

A rapid fire review of the most important clinical trials and research impacting on nephrology patient care in the past year.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TRACKS

How to Deal with Payers in a Changing Health Care Environment

Develop strategies for interacting with payers in today's nephrology practice.

2015 Requirements for Nephrology Coding and Billing

An update on coding and billing for practices in 2015.

Opportunities to Utilize the Kidney Quality Improvement Registry

Discover how the RPA registry can assist nephrology practitioners in fostering performance improvement, identifying patient outliers and benchmark against your peers to improve patient outcomes and receive performance incentives from Medicare.

Accountable Care Organizations and Integrated Kidney Care

Clinically integrated networks and accountable care organizations hold the potential to be a centerpiece of health care reform—reducing costs and increasing quality through more tightly integrated provider collaboration. Learn how nephrology fits into these care models.

Big Data/Practice Analytics

Using a case study-approach, this session will examine the principles and ideas underlying nephrology practice analytics by introducing a broad collection of useful tools with a focus on addressing actual business challenges.

CG-CAHPS Is Coming: Are You Prepared for Another CMS Mandate?

The CG-CAHPS mandate is coming in 2015 and all medical practices that bill for Medicare and/or Medicaid will be required to participate. Get the tools to help your practice make decisions and be able to enact strategies to conduct patient satisfaction surveys.

This educational activity may contain discussion of published and or investigational uses of agents that are not indicated by the FDA. UVA and the RPA do not recommend the use of any agent outside of the labeled indications. The opinions expressed in the educational activity are those of the faculty and do not necessarily represent the views of UVA and the RPA. Please refer to the official describing information for each product for discussion of approved indications, contraindications, and warnings. The University of Virginia School of Medicine, as an ACCME provider, requires that all faculty presenters identify and disclose any off-label uses for pharmaceutical and medical device products. The University of Virginia School of Medicine recommends that each physician fully review all the available data on new products or procedures prior to clinical use.

**For a complete agenda, visit the RPA website
www.renalmd.org.**

Please complete the **REGISTRATION FORM**
OR register online at: www.renalmd.org

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REGISTRATION FEES

Fee includes meeting materials, continental breakfasts, breaks and administrative costs for CME certification. Does NOT include the pre-conference workshops. Lunch is on your own.

Reduced Fees for RPA Members 2015 dues must be paid in full	Early-Bird Register by Jan. 17	Regular Registration	Fee Due
Physicians	\$450	\$535	
Young Physicians (40 & under)	\$375	\$450	
Advanced Practitioners (NP and PA)	\$365	\$450	
Practice Managers	\$365	\$450	
Retired Physician	\$225	\$299	
RPA Past President	\$225	\$225	
Renal Fellows	\$0	\$0	
Registration Fee Subtotal: \$			

Fees for Non-RPA Members	Early-Bird Register by Jan. 17	Regular Registration	Fee Due
Physicians	\$675	\$725	
Advanced Practitioners (NP and PA)	\$510	\$590	
Practice Managers	\$510	\$590	
Industry Representatives	\$615	\$700	
Exhibiting Company Representatives	\$450	\$450	
Renal Fellows	\$0	\$0	
Registration Fee Subtotal: \$			

A \$100 cancellation fee applies to meeting cancellations received on or before February 17, 2015. Refunds cannot be given after February 17, 2015.
Or, join online and register at the member rate.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

- ☐ Renal Fellows Workshop, FREE for Renal Fellows
☐ Coding Seminar, \$299 members, \$399 non-members
☐ Maintenance of Certification, \$299 members, \$450 non-members

TOTAL FEES Registration Fees \$_____ + Pre-Conference Workshops \$_____ = **Total Due \$**_____

PAYMENT

- ☐ Check Enclosed (Mail check payments with the registration form; check made payable to RPA)
☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover

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