

Renal Physicians Association 2016 Annual Meeting
March 17 -20, 2016 ♦ Phoenix, AZ

Preliminary Agenda

Thursday, March 17

6:00pm – 8:00pm **Annual Meeting Registration Opens**

6:30pm – 8:00pm **Welcome Reception in Exhibit Hall**

Friday, March 18

7:00 am **Registration**
Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

8:00 – 9:50 am **General Session I**

Welcome

[Timothy Pflederer, MD, RPA Annual Meeting Program Chair](#)

RPA Year in Review

[Rebecca Schmidt, DO, RPA President](#)

RPA Regulatory and Legislative Update

[Robert Blaser, RPA Director of Public Policy](#)

Understanding MACRA

As we move away from volume-based to value-based medicine, find out how physician payment and incentive payment systems will affect your practice in the future.

[Adam Weinstein, MD](#)

9:50 - 10:00 am **Presentation of Awards: Distinguished Nephrology Service and Distinguished Practice Manager**

10:00 – 10:30 am **Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall**

10:30 – 12:30 pm **General Session II**

Recognition of outgoing Board Members

[Rebecca Schmidt, DO](#)

Importance of Benchmarking for Your Practice

How does your practice compare? Get a preview of current trends and benchmark key performance indicators specific to nephrology practice. Identify problem areas; apply best practices and implement a plan of action for achievable outcomes.

[Jennifer Huneycutt, CMPE](#)

Managing Quality and Cost: Impacting the QRUR

How do you compare with other groups of physicians caring for Medicare patients? Are you using your resources wisely? Learn what the QRUR confidential feedback report provides and what practices can do to impact both quality and cost data for their physicians.

[Andrew Howard, MD](#)

Preventing Hospital Admissions

Find out what ESCO's are doing to prevent dialysis patient admissions and how to apply those strategies to your practice.

[Edward Jones, MD](#)

Transitioning patients from CKD Care to ESRD Care

Understand how a large health system transitions patients from CKD to dialysis and how this can be applied to practices of all sizes.

[Peter Crooks, MD](#)

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Friday, March 18 continued

12:30 pm	Lunch on your own
2:30 – 3:45 pm	<u>Concurrent Workshops</u> Advanced Care Planning <i>New codes are available for advanced care planning. Find out the requirements, reimbursements and other issues involved in providing these services and learn techniques to have these sometimes difficult conversations with families and patients.</i> Alvin Moss, MD Future of Private Practice in Nephrology <i>Analyze the trends in nephrology practices as they relate to size and employment; examine the pros and cons of selling a practice to health systems and dialysis companies; develop strategies for staying strong as a small practice.</i> David Arrietta, MBA Developing Current and Future Physician Leaders <i>Turning physicians into leaders is critical for practice growth and viability. Learn how to seek out and groom physicians for practice leadership roles. Understand the qualities and skills of effective physician leaders.</i> Ronald Hyde, MD, Ellie Kelepouris, MD and Renee Garrick, MD Business Management Track: Analyzing Practice Data Dan DeFalco and Richard Binder Advanced Practitioner Track: Disorders of Calcium Metabolism Chandran Takkar, MD
3:45 pm	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
4:30 – 5:45 pm	<u>Concurrent Workshops</u> Advanced Care Planning Repeated Future of Private Practice in Nephrology Repeated Data Utilization in Evolving Healthcare <i>Healthcare is changing. From reimbursement to coding to care models, there is little in healthcare that is not being scrutinized, reevaluated and adapted as needed. Find out how EHR software is utilizing data in a way to ensure not only improved outcomes, but reduced cost of care.</i> Justin Williams Business Management Track: Alternative Payment Models-What Changes to Expect and How You can Prepare <i>CMS has targeted a transformation in health care reimbursement for providers. Find out how reimbursement will migrate from a volume-driven model to a value-driven model. Review specific areas to assess to become more competitive and a better partner in Risk Models and APMs as you navigate new risk-based contract methodologies.</i> Caryl Scharpf Advanced Practitioner Track: Home Hemodialysis Andrea Easom, MA, MNSc, APN-BC, CNN-NP
5:45 pm	Meeting Adjourns
6:00 pm	Practice Manager's Happy Hour

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Saturday, March 19

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

7:00 am **Registration**
Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

8:00 – 10:00am **General Session III**

Presentation of Awards: Exemplary Practice and Special Recognition

Living In A Digital World

Optimizing Your Online Presence

You should be aware of how your online presence affects the viability of your practice. Gain effective strategies for your practice to benefit from the internet and social media.

[Adam Weinstein, MD](#)

Communicating with Patients in the 21st Century

Understand the liabilities and risks of communicating in the digital age and get a patient's perspective on how they feel about managing their healthcare using the latest technology trends.

[Ahmed Shariff, MD, Derek Forfang, and James Riley, Jr.](#)

Telehealth and Kidney Patient Care

Research shows that chronic diseases exhaust a large percentage of healthcare resources; increase use of telehealth technology may facilitate more effective use of these resources. Find out the current status of telehealth initiatives including recent legislative measures, and learn the opportunities and challenges in ESRD care.

[Chester Amedia, MD](#)

10:00 am **Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall**

10:45 – 12:30pm **General Session IV**

Presentation of Awards: Patient Safety

Louis Diamond Lecture: Win-Win-Win Approaches to Accountable Care: How Physicians, Hospitals, Patients, and Payers Can All Benefit from Better Healthcare Payment Systems

The federal legislation that repealed the Sustainable Growth Rate formula requires physicians to participate in either the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) or Alternative Payment Models (APMs). Harold Miller will explain how properly designed Alternative Payment Models can not only improve care for patients and reduce spending for payers, but put physicians back in charge of healthcare delivery and make physician practices financially viable. He'll show why APMs that have been developed by CMS are problematic for physicians and explain how APMs should be designed to provide the appropriate balance of flexibility and accountability for renal physicians and other specialists. He'll also describe how APMs can enable primary care physicians and specialists to work together to improve patient care and create successful, physician-led Accountable Care Organizations.

[Harold D. Miller](#)

Cultivating Strategic Relationships

Building lasting strategic relationships is about being resourceful. Gain insight on different strategies and ideas for partnering with health systems, dialysis companies and insurance carriers in providing kidney patient care.

[Michael Shapiro, MD, Ruben Velez, MD and George Hart, MD](#)

12:30 pm Lunch on your own

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Saturday, March 19 continued

2:30 - 3:45pm

Concurrent Workshops

Resistant HTN: A Clinical and Business Opportunity

Robert Sparrow, MD

Patient Safety Training

What do you say to patients and their families when something goes wrong, or when you or the care team have made a mistake? This workshop will focus on Disclosure: What do you say? What do patients and families want to hear when there are unexpected outcomes of care? Included will be a video of an interview with a physician and team that has made a disclosure.

Alan Kliger, MD

2016 Coding and Billing Requirements

Richard Hamburger, MD and Jeffrey Giullian, MD, MBA

Business Management Track: The Auditor is Coming

It is important to be well prepared before the auditors arrive! Understand the types of audits affecting nephrology practices and how to respond when your practice is impacted.

Jennifer Huneycutt, CMPE

Advanced Practitioner Track: Patient Communication

This interactive session will have case scenarios that describe complex situations advanced practitioners encounter that include giving bad news, non-compliance, disruptive patients, addressing prognosis, assisting with treatment decision making and end-of-life care. Hear solutions and learn ways to improve patient outcomes with patient centered communication tools and strategies.

Mary Haras, PhD, MBA, APN, NP-C, CNN

3:45 pm

Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

4:30 – 5:45 pm

Concurrent Workshops

Patient Safety Forum

2016 Coding and Billing Requirements

Repeated

Business Management Track: Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) – The New Black for Medicare Part B

Learn how the forthcoming MIPS program can impact your organization's Medicare Part B payments by 30%. We review key parts of the MIPS legislation and timeline and share experiences about how administrators and their organizations are preparing for the program's rollout in January 2017.

Tom S. Lee, PhD

Advanced Practitioner Track: Symptom Management in ESRD

Denise Link, PA-C

6:00 pm

RPA PAC Reception (*invitation only*)

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Sunday, March 20

6:45 am Government Affairs Open Committee Meeting
Quality, Safety and Accountability Open Committee Meeting

7:00 am **Registration**
Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 11:00 am **General Session V**

Opening Remarks
[Jeffrey Perlmutter, MD](#)

The Peer Report on Trends: Progress on Healthy People 2020 Kidney Disease Objectives
Assessing patient outcomes has focused on comparing providers by the use of Standardized Ratios. Recent advances in outcomes have received little attention despite a decline in mortality rates by 30% since 1999. Peer has assessed trends in mortality and morbidity outcomes nationally but more importantly on a regional level to address variation in outcomes. Peer assessed progress across the broad range of Healthy People 2020 objectives developed by Department of Health and Human Services to advance care of the ESRD population on a public health level. This presentation will contrast traditional assessment approaches by focusing on trends and HP 2020 progress as an alternative way to assess providers
[Alan Collins, MD](#)

Complexities of Caring for Unique Populations
Caring for and understanding the needs of unique populations can be challenging. In this session you will learn about the intricacies of these populations and come away with workable solutions for caring for unique sub-populations with renal disease.

Caring for Native Americans with Kidney Disease
[Manish Pandya, MD](#)

Caring for Undocumented Persons, Homeless and Other Unique Populations.
[Donald Molony, MD](#)

Nephrology – Year in Review
Join this rapid fire presentation to learn the latest news about clinical advances in nephrology. Be sure to stay for this final session so you can head home with essential clinical knowledge you can implement in your practice.
[Mitchell Rosner, MD](#)

8:00 – 11:00 am **Concurrent General Session: Business Management Track**

Opening Remarks
[Mary Alice Stanford, CMPE](#)

How to Understand & Gain Control of Your Quality Data
Learn how to think through and implement the infrastructure, workflow, and personnel issues surrounding the capture and use of quality data in your practice. The RPA Kidney Quality Improvement Registry will be used as the basis for this talk. The goal will be to shape the participant's understanding of how a practice can best use a nephrology specific CMS-approved Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) to collect and store medical and/or clinical data for the purpose of patient and disease tracking and foster improvements in the quality of care delivered.
[Adam Weinstein, MD](#)

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Contract Negotiations: Using Clinical & Financial Data

This session is designed to assist the participant in defining their Value Proposition. It walks through the process of identifying and understanding the practice's market position in terms of physical location, competition, value based payment methodologies, access and value add services. The participant will learn how to incorporate payer ratings and payer data into their Value Proposition using payer and partner data to validate value and efficiency. The exercise will be summarized in posing a number questions to the payer to be used as spring boards for initiating necessary conversations to move the relationship to one of a more collaborative nature. This will be presented in case study style demonstrating how this approach was used in a practice and how it impacted the bottom line. Tool provided.

[Doral Jacobsen, MBA, FACMPE](#)

Staffing & Employee Retention

This session will allow managers to modify forever growing practices and aid in retaining valued staff. Learn new practices in scouting, marketing, employing, and development of your team.

[Anika Porter, CMPE](#)

Innovation in Nephrology Practice – Sharing Successes

This session will allow managers to modify our forever growing practices and aid in retaining valued staff. We will discuss new practices in scouting, marketing, employing, and development of your team.

[David Doane, Marietta Miller and Patrick Hoz](#)

11:00 am

Meeting Adjourns