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Anupam Agarwal, MD is currently Director, Division of Nephrology, and Executive Vice Dean, School of Medicine and Marie S. Ingalls Endowed Chair in Nephrology Leadership at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). Dr. Agarwal has an active role in clinical medicine, teaching, research and administration.

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Dr. Gupta is the FORMER Chief of Nephrology in the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh, India wherein he served for > 4 decades. Currently, he serves as the Director of the Super-specialty division and Head of Nephrology and Transplantation at the MM Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Mullana, Ambala, Haryana.

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Dr. Dinesh Khullar is Chairman, Nephrology and Renal Transplant Medicine at Max Saket Complex, New Delhi. He has special interest in infections related to renal transplantation as well as online hemodiafiltration for maintenance dialysis. He has edited a book “Lupus Nephritis-Pathogenesis to Current Management” and has been actively associated with clinical nephrology and teaching and research activities.

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Dr. Prasad is a Professor of Nephrology at the Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences in Lucknow, India.

His affiliations include Hon. Secretary, Indian Society of Nephrology; Member, Renal sister program, and South Asia Regional Board, International Society of Nephrology; Former Secretary and treasurer of Indian Society of Organ Transplantation and Peritoneal Dialysis Society of India. He has been awarded with Khullar oration, Bansal oration, Jansen Cilag Award oration of Indian Society of Nephrology. He wrote 15 book chapters and authored 204 articles.
Darlene Rodgers, BSN, RN, CNN, CPHQ

Ms. Rodgers is a nephrology nurse with experience in hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, administration, quality improvement, federal regulatory aspects of ESRD care, and ESRD Network organization management. She has nearly 40 years of experience caring for patients and families in the nephrology setting. As the Nurse Consultant for the ASN/CDC Nephrologists Transforming Dialysis Safety initiative, Ms. Rodgers supports the Current and Emerging Threats Workgroup, the Blood Culture Collection Standardization Subcommittee and the Decreasing Transmission of C-Diff Subcommittee. In addition to her work with the NTDS initiative, Ms. Rodgers provides support for ASN’s Emergency Partnership Initiative.

Manisha Sahay, MD, FRCP

Dr. Manisha Sahay is the Professor and Head, Department of Nephrology, Osmania Medical College & Hospital, Hyderabad. She is the Vice President, Indian Society of Nephrology and is also Editor in Chief, Indian Journal of transplantation (IJT). She was elected as Council Member, International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and is also the Chair, South Asia Regional Board, International Society of Nephrology. She is also a member of American Nephrologists of Indian origin (ANIO) and Sister Renal Centre committee of ISN. She is the Fellow Royal College of Physicians (FRCP, London), Fellow Indian Society of Organ Transplantation (FISOT), Fellow, Indian Society of Nephrology (FISN) and Scientific committee member, Indian Society of Organ Transplant (ISOT).

Sundararaman Swaminathan, MBBS, MD

Dr. Swaminathan is a transplant nephrologist at the University of Virginia Medical Center. The focus of his research is to understand the pathogenesis of acute kidney injury and progression to chronic kidney disease with a focus on iron metabolism and innate immune mechanisms. His laboratory identified the protective role of Hepcidin in ischemia-reperfusion injury, sepsis-associated acute kidney injury, and lupus nephritis. His research is supported by the NIH. He was won numerous teaching awards throughout his career.

Anitha Vijayan, MD, FASN

Dr. Anitha Vijayan is Professor of Medicine in the Division of Nephrology at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Dr. Vijayan serves as the Medical Director of Acute Dialysis Services at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Her clinical expertise and research have been primarily dedicated to improving outcomes in patients with acute kidney injury. She has published over 75 peer reviewed articles and book chapters, largely in the area of renal replacement therapy and biomarkers in AKI. She is an active member of the ASN AKI!NOW and the ASN COVID-19 Response committees.