Roundtable Telehealth for Kidney Care Beyond COVID-19

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Speaker Bios

Debbie Cote, MSN, RN, CNN, NE-BC

Debbie Cote, MSN, RN, CNN, NE-BC, has been a nephrology nurse for 35 years; she currently works for the University of Virginia Health System as the Administrator for the Dialysis Program. She oversees 12 chronic facilities, 4 home programs and 5 acute programs in Central Virginia. She actively volunteers her time for professional organizations. She is a Past President of NRAA and continues to serve on the Board of Directors. She is also member and the ASN’s Nephrologists Transforming Dialysis Safety. She is a Past President of the Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission and still actively participates in the development of certification exams. She is also a wife, mother, grandmother and beach enthusiast.

Susie Q. Lew, MD, FASN

Dr. Susie Lew graduated from SUNY Downstate and completed her post graduate training at Brookdale Medical Center in Internal Medicine and Mount Sinai Medical Center in Nephrology. Currently Susie Lew is a faculty nephrologist and Professor of Medicine at George Washington University. Her primary research interests and clinical practice focuses on improving the lives of patients with chronic kidney disease. As such she promotes peritoneal dialysis and telehealth. She serves on the ASN Quality Committee and Quality Insights Board of Directors.

Jeffrey Perl, MD

Dr. Jeffrey Perl graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto and completed his post-graduate training at The University of Toronto in both Internal Medicine and Nephrology and received a Masters of Science in Clinical Epidemiology from The Harvard School of Public Health. Currently Jeffrey Perl is a staff nephrologist at St Michael’s Hospital in Toronto and Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. In 2016 he was awarded The John Maher Young Investigator Award by the International Society of Peritoneal Dialysis. His primary research interests and clinical practice focuses on improving the survival and quality of life for patients on home dialysis. Dr. Perl is a primary investigator in The Peritoneal Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study (PDOPPS).
Eric Wallace, MD, FASN

Eric Wallace is a nephrologist and medical director for Telehealth at UAB, where he is working on creating a statewide telehealth network in Alabama. He is the first physician in the United States to replace a comprehensive face-to-face visit with a telehealth visit for a home dialysis patient. He is passionate about eliminating geographic and socioeconomic barriers that often prevent patients from accessing specialized care. His recent work has concentrated on using telehealth to provide care for patients on home dialysis and with Fabry disease, a rare genetic disorder.

David White

David White, ASN’s Regulatory and Quality Officer, started his career working on health care and other policy issues on Capitol Hill in the 1980s including policies in response to the AIDS crisis and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. In addition to his current involvement in efforts to combat COVID-19 to ensure health policy is robust and responsive during this public health crisis, he oversees ASN’s portfolio of work with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services on patient quality and physician payment programs, the payment models to support the Advancing American Kidney Health Executive Order, the Comprehensive End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Care (CEC) Model, and the Quality Payment Program (QPP).

Caroline Wilkie

Caroline Wilkie is a nocturnal home hemodialysis patient of over 10 years. She is heavily involved in volunteer work with the National Kidney Foundation and Kidney Health Initiative. Caroline is a member of the National Kidney Foundation’s (NKF) Kidney Advocacy Committee and the NKF PEERS program. She is a past member of the Kidney Health Initiative’s (KHI) Patient and Family Partnership Council. She has worked on numerous research projects with KHI, PCORI, and the NIH with the aim of improving the patient quality of life.