

Speaker Bios

Jayson Hood, RN



Jayson Hood, RN is the Clinical Director for the Home Program, Special Care Unit and Seattle Kidney Center at Northwest Kidney Centers (NKC) in Seattle, Washington. In this position, Mr. Hood provides operational and clinical direction for the training and care of nearly 1 out of 4 Northwest Kidney Centers patients who administer their own dialysis treatments.

Mr. Hood graduated from the University of Alberta, School of Nursing and has extensive experience in Pediatrics, Critical Care and Dialysis with large corporate health care providers throughout the United States and Canada.

Shannon Novosad, MD, MPH



Shannon Novosad, MD, MPH is a Medical Officer with the Dialysis Safety Team in the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Novosad received her medical degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). She completed internal medicine residency training at Duke University and subspecialty training in pulmonary/critical care medicine at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). In 2015, Dr. Novosad came to CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer assigned to the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion where she investigated outbreaks in healthcare settings. Her areas of concentration include prevention of central line-associated bloodstream infections and increasing safety of patients on dialysis.

Jeff Perl, MD



Dr. Perl Dr. Jeffrey Perl received his MD from the University of Toronto in 2003, where he also completed his post-graduate training in both Internal Medicine and Nephrology in 2008. In 2010, he completed his Masters of Science in Clinical Epidemiology from The Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Perl is currently a Staff Nephrologist at St Michael's Hospital in Toronto and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto. He currently chairs the International Society of Nephrology's Young Nephrologists Committee. His primary research interests and clinical practice focuses on improving the survival and quality of life for patients on peritoneal dialysis. Dr. Perl is a primary investigator in The Peritoneal Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study (PDOPPS).

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.

Mrs. Rodgers graduated from the University of Colorado, School of Nursing and she has completed national certifications in nephrology nursing and healthcare quality. She is a member of the American Nephrology Nurses' Association, the National Kidney Foundation, and the National Association of Healthcare Quality.

Martin Schreiber, MD



Martin Schreiber, Jr., M.D., is the Chief Medical Officer for Home Modalities at DaVita Kidney Care. He is in charge of all quality and medical issues for home hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, pediatrics, and in-center nocturnal hemodialysis. Currently, DaVita serves more home dialysis patients than any other provider in the US, with over 28,000 patients on peritoneal dialysis and home hemodialysis. He is the former Chairman of the Department of Nephrology and Hypertension at Cleveland Clinic and Vice Chairman of the Glickman Urologic and Kidney Institute.

Jeffrey Silberzweig, MD



Dr. Jeffrey Silberzweig is a nephrologist in New York, NY, and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including New York – Presbyterian/Weill Cornell and New York-Presbyterian/Lower Manhattan Hospital. He received his medical degree from the University of Buffalo, School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and completed his residency at Beth Israel Medical Center, Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Dr. Silberzweig has been in practice for 28 years. He has extensive experience in general nephrology and dialysis. His research interests include use of Biomarkers in patients requiring maintenance hemodialysis.

Dr. Silberzweig is currently the Chief Medical Officer of The Rogosin Institute. He is also Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, and Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine in Surgery, Weill Cornell Medical College. Dr. Silberzweig co-chair's ASN's Emergency Partnership Initiative (EPI).

Suzanne Watnick, MD, FASN



Dr. Suzanne Watnick is Chief Medical Officer at Northwest Kidney Centers and Professor of Medicine in the Division of Nephrology at the University of Washington. Prior to joining Northwest Kidney Centers, Dr. Watnick was the acting division chief of nephrology at Portland's Veteran Affairs Medical Center. She served as medical director of the dialysis unit for 14 years and began the home dialysis program there. She also currently practices in the VA Puget Sound Health Care System in Seattle.

She has served on the public policy board of the American Society of Nephrology for several years and has expertise in patient advocacy, payment reform and quality improvement.

Dr. Watnick received her undergraduate degree from Harvard and her medical degree from the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She did her residency at University of California San Francisco and was a nephrology fellow at UCSF and Yale University.