Challenges in Kidney Transplant in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Implications for Patients & Referring Providers

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Speaker Bios

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Krista Lentine is Medical Director of Living Donation, Co-Director of Clinical Research, and Mid-America Transplant/Jane A. Beckman Endowed Chair in Transplantation at Saint Louis University. Krista has chaired the OPTN/UNOS Living Donor Committee, co-chaired a KDIGO guideline workgroup on living donor evaluation, and co-chaired an AHA scientific advisory on pretransplant cardiac evaluation. She publishes actively on topics related to organ donation, outcomes and health economics, and is an associate editor of the American Journal of Transplantation. Krista is a member of the ASN Quality committee, and serves on multiple AST, AHA, and KDIGO work groups related to transplant patient care.

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