Overcoming Challenges to the Provision of Acute Dialysis for COVID-19 Positive Patients

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Speaker Bios

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Michael Heung is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Michigan, where he serves as the Associate Chief of Nephrology.

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Jay L. Koyner, MD, is a Professor of Medicine in the Section of Nephrology at the University of Chicago. Dr. Koyner completed his internal medicine and nephrology training at the University of Chicago, where he currently serves as the Medical Director of the Inpatient Dialysis Unit and Director of ICU Nephrology. He has been a member of the ASN's Acute Kidney Injury Advisory Group, Co-Director of the Critical Care Nephrology pre-course, Co-Editor of the Nephrology Self-Assessment Program (NephSAP) for Acute Kidney Injury and Critical Care Nephrology and currently he is a member of ASN Highlights. His critical care nephrology research interests have focused on the utilization of plasma and biomarkers and electronic health record data to improve patient risk stratification and outcomes in the setting of AKI.

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Dr. Juan Carlos Q. Velez earned a medical degree from Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia in Lima, Peru. He completed internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago, and his clinical and research fellowship in Nephrology at Emory University School of Medicine.

Dr. Velez is Clerkship Director for Medical Specialties at Ochsner Clinical School / The University of Queensland (Brisbane, Australia). He was appointed Chair of Nephrology at Ochsner Health System in early 2019. Dr. Velez also holds an appointment as Adjunct Associate Professor of Physiology at Tulane University.

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Dr. Anitha Vijayan received her medical degree from the University of the West Indies in 1990 and after completing her residency in Internal Medicine at St. Luke’s hospital in Chesterfield, MO and Nephrology fellowship at Washington University, she joined the Division of Nephrology at Washington University in St. Louis as an instructor in 1999. Dr. Vijayan was promoted to Professor of Medicine in 2012. Dr. Vijayan serves as Medical Director of Acute Dialysis Services at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Her clinical expertise and research have been primarily dedicated to improving outcomes in patients with acute kidney injury.

Dr. Vijayan has several administrative roles at the University and Barnes Jewish Hospital. She is a member of the Medical School Admissions Committee, Faculty Practice Plan, EPIC EMR implementation committee and the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.

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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.