Dialysis After Discharge: Transitions of Care for COVID-19 Positive Patients

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Speaker Bios

Mihran Naljayan, MD, FASN, FNKF

Dr. Mihran Naljayan is an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans, LA. He is currently the Acting Chief of the Section of Nephrology and Hypertension and the Fellowship Training Program Director.

Dr. Naljayan is the Medical Director of the LSU Home Dialysis Program and a subject matter expert on Peritoneal Dialysis.

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.

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).
Vesh Srivatana, MD

Dr. Vesh Srivatana is currently the Director of Peritoneal Dialysis at The Rogosin Institute and an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine.

He is a member of the ASN COVID-19 Home Dialysis Subcommittee and also represents the Rogosin Institute with the Alliance for Home Dialysis. They are actively using Acute PD at his institution in NYC and he has recent experience navigating all issues around this subject.

Thomas H. Watson, MD, FASN

After finishing medical school at Emory University in Atlanta, GA, followed by internal medicine residency and nephrology fellowship at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical College, Dr. Watson settled with his wife and 2 daughters in Birmingham, AL where he practices general and interventional nephrology with Nephrology Associates, PC.

In addition to being the medical director of Fresenius Kidney Care Midfield and DaVita Gadsden, he is the medical director for the Nephrology Vascular Lab, an Azura Vascular Care partner. He serves as voluntary clinical faculty for the Brookwood Baptist Health Internal Medicine Residency Program, and for The Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine. While he describes nephrology as his main interest, he cherishes time with his wife and daughters, and is an avid runner and reader.