COVID-19 Information for Providers of Dialysis Services
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Speaker Bios

Alan Kliger, MD

Dr. Kliger is a Clinical Professor of Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine. He is a member of the Standing Renal Committee for the National Quality Forum, and chairs the Nephrologists Transforming Dialysis Safety initiative, a national partnership between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Society of Nephrology (ASN). He served formerly as Senior Vice President Medical Affairs, Chief Quality Officer, Yale New Haven Health System and Senior Vice President, Chief Medical Officer, Hospital of Saint Raphael, New Haven Connecticut. He is a past president of the Renal Physicians Association, and serves on its Quality, Safety and Accountability Committee. He is a past president of the Forum of ESRD Networks. He served as chair of the steering committee for the NIH Frequent Hemodialysis Study, a national prospective randomized study of in-center daily and home nocturnal hemodialysis, and currently chairs the steering committee for an NIH/NIDDK Consortium on Novel Therapies for Hemodialysis Patients.

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.

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.

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).

Anitha Vijayan, MD, FACP

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.