Surviving COVID-19: Mental Health Support for Kidney Disease Professionals

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Speaker Bios

Daniel Cukor, PhD

Dr. Cukor is currently the Director of Behavioral Health at The Rogosin Institute in New York City, where he works with patients with all stages of kidney disease. He received his Ph.D. in Clinical Health Psychology in 2002.

The bulk of his research has focused on psychosocial issues in patients with chronic kidney disease and his publications have been cited over 3,000 times in the scientific literature. He has been providing ongoing support services to renal healthcare providers, patients and their families throughout the COVID epidemic.

Glenda Harbert, AND, RN, CNN, CPHQ

Ms. Harbert is experienced and certified in both Nephrology Nursing and Healthcare Quality and she practiced as a Healthcare Executive and Quality Management professional for over 40 years.

Ms. Harbert served for many years as the executive director of the ESRD Network of Texas and has led numerous collaborative projects to improve outcomes in ESRD. Ms. Harbert consults on the topics of renal administration, quality improvement, supportive care for kidney patients and emergency and disaster preparedness.

Woody Moss, MD, FACP, FAAHPM

Dr. Moss is a Professor of Medicine at the West Virginia University School of Medicine in the Sections of Nephrology and Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine. He chairs the Coalition for the Supportive Care of Kidney Patients.

Dr. Moss led the effort to develop the first and second editions of the evidence-based clinical practice guideline Shared Decision-Making in the Appropriate Initiation of and Withdrawal from Dialysis. His research interests include dialysis ethics and improving care at the end of life for patients with kidney disease.
Susan Quaggin, MD, FRCP(C), FASN

Susan Quaggin, MD, FRCP(C), FASN, is a graduate of the University of Toronto where she completed her residency. She completed her clinical nephrology fellowship at the University of Toronto and Yale University, where she also completed research and post-doctoral training. Currently she is the Charles Horace Mayo professor of medicine at Northwestern University where she serves as the Chief of the Division of Nephrology & Hypertension and the Director of the Feinberg Cardiovascular and Renal Research Inst.

Dr. Quaggin was elected to the American Society for Clinical Investigation in 2006, the Association of American Physicians in 2013 and the National Academy of Medicine in 2019. She currently serves as President-Elect of the American Society of Nephrology.

Glenda V. Roberts

Prior to joining the University of Washington Center for Dialysis Innovation (CDI) and the Kidney Research Institute (KRI) as the Director of External Relations & Patient Engagement, Glenda V. Roberts was an Information Technology executive with over 35 years of experience with top-caliber corporations, including General Electric, Microsoft and Johnson & Johnson. She was also the Executive Director of the Seattle Transplant House.

Before going on dialysis, Glenda managed the progression of her disease for over 40 years using diet and exercise. Since her transplant in 2010, she’s completed eight half marathons. Based upon her personal experience with kidney disease, Glenda brings the patient voice to myriad patient-centered national and international health care transformation initiatives. All are focused on addressing patient preferences and improving patient-reported outcomes.

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.