The Provision of Dialysis for Patients
Post COVID-Diagnosis

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Speaker Bios

Diane Morris, MS, RN, CNN

Diane Morris is the Director of Nursing and Clinical Services for The Rogosin Institute, a provider of dialysis services, education and research. She has been a nephrology nurse for over thirty years working with acute and chronic dialysis patients. Ms. Morris is a registered nurse and has a Masters of Science from St Joseph’s College, Brooklyn. She has been a Certified Nephrology Nurse since 1995.

In 2013, Ms. Morris joined the The Rogosin Institute as Director of Nursing and Clinical Services. She is leader of a clinical management team that supports the interdisciplinary teams working in the dialysis units. Ms. Morris currently leads an initiative to elevate the skills of the dialysis nursing staff, which includes an innovative training program utilizing Standardized Patients to improve nursing assessments skills.

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.
Brigitte Schiller, MD, FACP, FASN

Dr. Brigitte Schiller leads Satellite’s Quality and Medical Policy Strategy and oversees the clinical strategy and development of the organization to improve patient outcomes. She directs the organization’s applied pragmatic clinical research efforts and serves as Chief of staff for Medical Directors and referring physicians. Her main research interest is in developing organizational and clinical strategies to improve outcomes of patients receiving dialysis.

Brigitte graduated summa cum laude from the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg, Germany and completed residency and research fellowships at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center, Northwestern University and the University of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois.

Brigitte also serves as an Adjunct Lecturer in the Division of Nephrology at Stanford University and is frequently invited to present at national and international meetings.

Robert K. Taylor, MD

Robert Taylor has practiced nephrology for more than 20 years. He served on the executive team for a 30-physician nephrology practice in Middle TN and was a kidney transplant lead at a local health system prior to joining DCI and REACH in 2016; he also serves on the Board of Alive Hospice.

Dr. Taylor helps to lead the development of the REACH care model, continuing to evolve the REACH approach to most effectively meet the needs of patients. Dr. Taylor directs the provider outreach strategy for REACH, a foundational element of REACH’s success in the local communities it serves.

Suzanne Watnick, MD, FASN

Dr. Suzanne Watnick is Chief Medical Officer at Northwest Kidney Centers and Professor of Medicine in the Division of Nephrology at the University of Washington. Prior to joining Northwest Kidney Centers, Dr. Watnick was the acting division chief of nephrology at Portland’s Veteran Affairs Medical Center. She served as medical director of the dialysis unit for 14 years and began the home dialysis program there. She also currently practices in the VA Puget Sound Health Care System in Seattle.

She has served on the public policy board of the American Society of Nephrology for several years and has expertise in patient advocacy, payment reform and quality improvement.

Dr. Watnick received her undergraduate degree from Harvard and her medical degree from the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She did her residency at University of California San Francisco and was a nephrology fellow at UCSF and Yale University.