



# Kidney Innovation Conference

Grand Hyatt Washington  
Washington, DC

June 13 – 14, 2024

*Hosted by the Kidney Health Initiative, KidneyCure, and KidneyX*

# AGENDA

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Grand Hyatt Washington  
1000 H St NW, Washington, DC 20001

*Agenda is subject to change*

## THURSDAY, JUNE 13

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.    **Networking Breakfast**

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8:30 – 8:45 a.m.    **Welcome**

Uptal D. Patel, MD  
*Chair, KHI Board of Directors, HI-Bio*

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8:45 – 9:45 a.m.    **Addressing Innovation Opportunities for People with Transplanted Kidneys**

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8:45 – 9:00 a.m.    **My Experience As The Recipient of a Kidney Transplant**

Katie Hallum  
*KOSU - NPR Affiliate (Oklahoma City)*

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9:00 – 9:45 a.m.    **Panel Discussion: Increasing Innovation for Kidney Transplant Recipients**

Ogo I. Egbuna, MD, MSc, FASN (Moderator)  
*Member, KHI Board of Directors, Vertex Pharmaceuticals*

Katie Hallum

Roslyn B. Mannon, MD, FASN  
*Chair, ASN Policy and Advocacy Committee, University of Nebraska*

Anne Rohall-Andrade, JD  
*Member, KHI Patient and Family Partnership Council*

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9:45 – 10:15 a.m.    **Coffee Break**

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10:15 – 11:30 a.m.    **Collaborating to Advance Kidney Biologics Innovations**

Bruce F. Culleton, MD (Moderator)  
*Member, KHI Board of Directors, ProKidney Corp.*

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10:15 – 10:25 a.m.    **What Does It Mean To Be Informed? The Participant Perspective**

Kevin J. Fowler  
*Member, KHI Board of Directors, The Voice of the Patient, Inc.*

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10:25 – 10:35 a.m.    **Ethical And Legal Considerations For Informed Consent For Xenotransplantation and Other Emerging Therapies**

Robyn S. Shapiro, JD  
*Health Sciences Law Group*

**Continued Agenda for Thursday, June 13**

10:35 – 10:45 a.m. **Regulatory Considerations For Informed Consent For Investigational Studies with Uncertain Risk/Benefits**

Najat Bouchkouj, MD  
*Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), US Food and Drug Administration*

10:45 – 11:30 a.m. **Panel Discussion: Communicating Risks and Benefits of Novel Biologics to Participants of Investigational Studies**

Bruce F. Culleton, MD (Moderator)

Najat Bouchkouj, MD

Kevin J. Fowler

Robyn S. Shapiro, JD

**11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Networking Lunch**

12:00 – 12:15 p.m. **Innovator Fast-Pitch: BMI OrganBank**

12:15 – 12:30 p.m. **Innovator Fast-Pitch: Trestle Biotherapeutics**

**12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Healthcare Innovation**

Manisha Dadhania, MBA (Moderator)  
*Member, KHI Board of Directors, Mozarc Medical*

12:30 – 12:45 p.m. **AI for Assessment of Vascular Access**

Samit Gupta, PhD  
*Alio.ai*

12:45 – 1:00 p.m. **AI in Clinical Decision Making**

Brad Keller, MS, PhD  
*Baxter International*

1:00 – 1:15 p.m. **AI for Predicting Progression to Kidney Failure**

Mandar Gori, MS, MBA  
*AWAK Technologies*

1:15 – 1:30 p.m. **FDA Perspective on Regulating Artificial Intelligence**

Sivakami Venkatachalam, MS  
*Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH), US Food and Drug Administration*

1:30 – 2:00 p.m. **Panel Discussion**

Manisha Dadhania, MBA (Moderator)

Mandar Gori, MS, MBA

Samit Gupta, PhD

Brad Keller, MS, PhD

Sivakami Venkatachalam, MS

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. **Coffee Break**

**Continued Agenda for Thursday, June 13**

**2:30 – 3:15 p.m. Promoting Innovation: Perspectives from Outgoing Members of Congress**

Suzanne Watnick, MD, FASN (Moderator)  
*ASN Health Policy Scholar in Residence, University of Washington*

Congressman Earl Blumenauer (OR-03)  
*Member, Congressional Kidney Caucus*

Congressman Larry Bucshon, MD (IN-08)  
*Co-Chair, Congressional Kidney Caucus*

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**3:15 – 4:45 p.m. Using Real-World Evidence to Accelerate Decision-Making in Nephrology**

Lisa Bonebrake (Moderator)  
*Member, KHI Patient and Family Partnership Council*

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**3:15 – 3:35 p.m. Advancing Pragmatic Trials**

Miguel Vazquez, MD, FASN  
*UT Southwestern Medical Center*

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**3:35 – 3:55 p.m. Real-World Evidence: Barriers, Progress and the Future**

Kimberly A. Smith, MD, MS, *Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER),  
US Food and Drug Administration*

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**3:55 – 4:15 p.m. Real World Evidence Success Stories**

Gary C. Curhan, MD, ScD  
*Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard University*

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**4:15 – 4:45 p.m. Panel Discussion: Nephrology's Future Trajectory**

Lisa Bonebrake (Moderator)

Gary C. Curhan, MD, ScD

Kimberly A. Smith, MD, MS

Miguel Vazquez, MD, FASN

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**4:45 – 5:00 p.m. Day One Close-out, Day Two Preview**

Uptal D. Patel, MD  
*Chair, KHI Board of Directors*

Seyi Balogun, MBA, MPH  
*KHI Program Manager, ASN*

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**5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Evening Reception**

KidneyCure Poster Session

# FRIDAY, JUNE 14

**7:30 – 8:30 a.m.    Networking Breakfast**

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**8:30 – 9:00 a.m.    Integrating Health Equity Into Innovation Roadmaps**

Deidra C. Crews, MD, ScM, FASN  
*ASN President, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*

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**9:00 – 10:00 a.m.    Panel Discussion: Maximizing Reimbursement Pathways For New Kidney Drugs, Devices, and Biologics**

David L. White (Moderator)  
*ASN Regulatory and Quality Officer*

Cathy MacLean, MD, PhD  
*Hospital for Special Surgery, Weill Cornell Medical College*

Mallika L. Mendu, MD, FASN, MBA  
*Chair, ASN Quality Committee, Brigham and Women's Hospital*

Abigail Ryan, PhD  
*Division of Chronic Care Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services*

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**10:00 – 11:00 a.m.    Coffee Break and Networking Breakout: Shaping KHI Priorities**

- Provide Input on KHI's Programs:
- APOL1 Kidney Disease Roadmap (Constitution E)
  - Pediatric Clinical Trials (Constitution D)
  - Transplant Innovations (Constitution C)
  - Vascular Access (Renwick)
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**11:00 – 12:00 p.m.    Panel Discussion: Developing A Shared Vision For Kidney Precision Medicine**

Amit Sharma, MD, FASN (Moderator)  
*Chair of Drugs Committee, KHI Board of Directors, Alexion Pharmaceuticals*

Debbie S. Gipson, MD, MS  
*National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health*

Aliza Thompson, MD, MS  
*Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), US Food and Drug Administration*

Curtis Warfield, MS  
*Member, KHI Patient and Family Partnership Council*

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**12:00 – 1:00 p.m.    Networking Lunch**

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**12:30 – 12:45 p.m.    Innovator Fast Pitch: Vexev**

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**12:45 – 1:00 p.m.    Innovator Fast Pitch: Relavo Medical**

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**1:00 – 1:15 p.m.    Integrating Patient and Care Partner Feedback Through Patient Advisory Boards, Insight From A KHI Roundtable**

Patrick O. Gee, Sr., PhD  
*Chair, KHI Patient and Family Partnership Council*

**Continued Agenda for Friday, June 14**

**1:15 – 2:00 p.m. Panel Discussion: Integrating Clinical Trials Into Kidney Care Practice**

Linda F. Fried, MD, MPH, FASN (Moderator)  
*Member, ASN Council, Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Healthcare System*

Patrick O. Gee, Sr., PhD

Lauren L. Lee, MA  
*Member, KHI Board of Directors, Travele Therapeutics*

Susanne B. Nicholas, MD, MPH, PhD  
*University of California Los Angeles*

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**2:00 – 2:45 p.m. Panel Discussion: Strengthening Clinical Trials For Pediatric Kidney Populations**

Shuchi Anand, MD, MS (Moderator)  
*Member, KHI Board of Directors, Stanford University*

Austin Lee  
*Member, KHI Patient and Family Partnership Council*

Susan F. Massengill, MD  
*Atrium Health, Levine Children's Hospital*

Lokesh N. Shah, MD, MS  
*Otsuka Pharmaceutical Companies (U.S.)*

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**2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Coffee Break**

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**3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Panel Discussion: Filling Investment Gaps For Kidney Innovation**

Uptal D. Patel, MD (Moderator)  
*Chair, KHI Board of Directors*

Tim Fitzpatrick  
*IKONA Health, Author, Signals Kidneyverse Newsletter*

Paul Grill  
*Innovation Fund, National Kidney Foundation*

Janis Naeve, PhD  
*Cota Capital*

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**3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

Uptal D. Patel, MD  
*Chair, KHI Board of Directors*

Seyi Balogun, MBA, MPH  
*KHI Program Manager, ASN*



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