

**Kidney Innovation Conference:
Hosted by the Kidney Health Initiative and KidneyCure**

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 (all times in EDT)

8:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Patient and Family Partnership Council (PFPC) Breakfast and Meeting (*Invitation Only*)**

10:45 – 11:00 a.m. **BREAK**

11:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting and Lunch (*Invitation Only*)**

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **BREAK**

2:00 – 4:30 p.m. **Pre-Meeting Workshops**

Workshop 1: Aligning on a Pathway for Novel Immunosuppression Drugs for Transplantation

Led by:

Sejal R. Patel, MD, CCRP, FASN
*Member, KHI Patient and Family Partnership Council
Traverse Therapeutics*

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

William Fitzsimmons, PharmD
Consultant

John (Devin) Peipert, PhD
University of Birmingham

Workshop 2: Designing Patient-friendly Clinical Studies

Led by:

Lisa Bonebrake
*Member, KHI Patient and Family Partnership Council
Alport Syndrome Foundation*

Glenda V. Roberts
Member, KHI Board of Directors

Mount Sinai Center for Kidney Disease Innovation

Michael Spigler, MCHES
*Member, KHI Board of Directors
American Kidney Fund*

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

BREAK

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Start of Plenary Session

Welcome

Jerome A. Rossert, MD, PhD
Chair, KHI Board of Directors

**Opening Keynote: How Oncology Partners to Advance
Endpoints and Clinical Trial Designs**

Jeff Allen, PhD
*President and CEO
Friends of Cancer Research*

Fireside Chat with Dr. Rossert

Alessia Fornoni, MD, PhD, FASN
*ASN Councilor
Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami*

Rekha Kambhampati, MD, MHS
*FDA-liaison to KHI Division of Cardiology and Nephrology,
CDER, FDA*

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Opening Reception and KidneyCure Poster Session

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7:30 – 8:45 a.m. Networking Breakfast

8:45 – 9:30 a.m. Keynote by President, American Society of Nephrology

Samir M. Parikh, MD, FASN

ASN President

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Thomas Keane, MD, MBA

National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Panel Moderated by Suzanne Watnick, MD, FASN

Stephen Konya

Chief, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships,

Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Suzanne Watnick, MD, FASN

ASN Health Policy Scholar

Professor of Medicine, University of Washington

Samir M. Parikh, MD, FASN

ASN President

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Building a Culture of Patient-Centeredness

Anne Rohall, JD (Moderator)

Member, KHI Patient and Family Partnership Council

American Kidney Fund

Lisa Bonebrake

Member, KHI Patient and Family Partnership Council

Alport Syndrome Foundation

Precious McCowan, PhD, MS

Member, KHI Patient and Family Partnership Council

Curtis Warfield, MS
Chair, KHI Patient and Family Partnership Council

10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break and Networking

10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Powering Real-World Partnerships for Devices

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

Eamonn Colley, PhD
Vexev

Joseph Ravi Singapogu, PhD
Clemson University

Eric Taylor
X9, Inc.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch Session: Highlighting the Next Generation of Kidney Researchers

Prabir Roy-Chaudhury, MD, PhD, FASN (Moderator)
Chair, KidneyCure Board of Directors
Past-President, American Society of Nephrology
University of North Carolina Kidney Center

Annabel Biruete, PhD, RD, FASN
Purdue University

Brona Moloney, MBChB, MS, MSc
Brigham and Women's Hospital

Jonathan W. Nelson, PhD
University of Southern California

12:30 – 1:15 p.m. What Outcomes Matter to Patients? Rethinking Endpoints in Kidney Therapies

Jennifer McKenzie, MD, FAAP, FASN (Moderator)
Member, KHI Board of Directors
Boehringer-Ingelheim

Jullie Hoggan

Co-founder of Square Knot Health

Onyekachukwu Illoh, OD, PhD, MPH
FDA Speaker

John (Devin) Peipert, PhD
University of Birmingham

Bhupinder Singh, MD, FASN
Member, KHI Board of Directors
Renibus Therapeutics

1:15 – 2:00 p.m.

Use of Question Prompt Lists (QPL) to Help Patients Ask Questions about Clinical Trials

Vineeta Kumar, MD (Moderator)
University of Alabama at Birmingham

Mary Baliker
Member, KHI Board of Directors
Baliker Healthcare

Anthony Gucciardo, MS
Member, KHI Board of Directors
National Kidney Foundation

Karen Jackler, MPH
Office of External Affairs, CBER, FDA
FDA-liaison to KHI

2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Coffee Break and Breakout Sessions

Can you meaningfully Incorporate PROs into Clinical Trials for New Drugs?

Toward Consensus: Defining Adverse Events in Cannulation

3:15 – 4:00 p.m.

From Strategy to Impact: KHI's Progress, Priorities, and the Path Forward

Jerome A. Rossert, MD, PhD (Moderator)
Chair, KHI Board of Directors

Steven K. Burke, MD
Chair, KHI Board of Directors Drug Committee
Akebia Therapeutics, Inc.

Vandana Dua Niyyar, MD, FASN
*Chair, KHI Board of Directors Devices Committee
Emory University*

Alain Romero, PharmD, PhD
*Chair, KHI Board of Directors Biologics Committee
Independent Consultant*

Curtis Warfield, MS
Chair, KHI Patient and Family Partnership Council

4:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks and Adjourn