



## Consensus Development Process Renal Standing Committee

### COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

#### **Constance Anderson, BSN, MBA**

Vice President of Clinical Operations, Northwest Kidney Centers  
Seattle, Washington

I am the Vice President of Clinical Operations at the Northwest Kidney Centers and have over 41 years of experience in the care of renal patients. I manage over 500 staff that provide dialysis services in centers and in homes. I work closely with staff and nephrologists on quality measurements and have significant expertise in the implementation and feasibility matters related to ESRD performance measures. I am a member of the Kidney Care Partners Quality Committee, Quality Committee of NKC's Board of Trustees, and the Kidney Care Quality Alliance performance measures team.

#### **Lorien Dalrymple, MD, MPH**

Associate Professor, University of California Davis  
Sacramento, California

Dr. Lorien Dalrymple is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of California Davis. She is a graduate of Duke University, Colorado School of Medicine, and the University of Washington School of Public Health. She completed training in internal medicine and nephrology at the University of Washington. She is a practicing nephrologist and clinical research scientist. Her research primarily focuses on adults with chronic kidney disease requiring dialysis and includes the examination of patient- and dialysis facility-level risk factors for hospitalization; outcomes of hospitalization; transitions of care; and hospital readmission.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#### **Ishir Bhan, MD, MPH**

Director of Nephrology Informatics, Partners Healthcare, Massachusetts General Hospital  
Boston, Massachusetts

I am a clinical researcher, educator, and medical informatician focused on improving the care of patients with chronic kidney disease. I have published extensively on topics relevant to the management of chronic kidney disease and its complications, with a particular focus on mineral and bone disease. My work has sought to identify appropriate therapeutic targets and develop an evidence base to guide optimal management. As an informatician, I have worked to directly

improve clinical practice through the implementation of novel, internally-developed software and worked to incorporate practice guidelines into existing information systems at our institution.

**Rajesh Davda, MD, MBA, CPE**

National Medical Director, Senior Medical Director, Network Performance Evaluation and Improvement, Cigna Healthcare  
Washington, District of Columbia

Dr. Davda is the National Medical Director for network performance and quality improvement at Cigna Healthcare, and board certified in nephrology and clinical informatics, with 25 years of experience. Prior to joining Cigna in 2012, he was in private practice for 22 years in South Carolina and Texas as a general nephrologist, interventional nephrologist and renal/pancreas transplant medical director. He supports NCQA, HEDIS, CMS Stars, and QRS programs and has been on a steering committee and workgroup for the past 3 years for AHIP/CMS Core Measures Development. He is the clinical lead for quality and value based programs for his dialysis and chronic kidney disease programs including quality measurement and performance. In addition, Dr. Davda oversees a large portfolio of measures from diverse sources and evaluates competing measures for opportunities for harmonization.

**Elizabeth Evans, DNP**

Nurse Practitioner, American Nurses Association  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Elizabeth Evans is a Nephrology Nurse Practitioner with over 12 years of experience in Chronic Kidney Disease, all dialysis modalities, acute care. She received her DNP from University of Iowa with a focus on nephrology. She is a board certified Adult Nurse Practitioner with a post-masters certificate. She has an annual New Mexico nephrology symposium to promote improved quality care for nurses and other health care providers for the renal patient at a very low cost. She has worked with The American Nephrology Nurses association as president of the local chapter and is currently the vice-president. She works with the National Kidney Foundation as Council for Advanced Practitioners.

**Michael Fischer, MD, MSPH**

Staff Physician, Associate Professor of Medicine, Department of Veterans Affairs  
Chicago, Illinois

Michael Fischer, MD, MSPH, is a nephrologist and health services researcher. He has a clinical and research background in end stage renal disease (ESRD) and chronic kidney disease (CKD). He is a member of the American Society of Nephrology Dialysis Advisory Group, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Dialysis Steering Committee, and the VA CKD/ESRD Performance Measures Working Group. In these latter roles, he has been focused on establishing CKD/ESRD clinical performance measures in VA. He is an actively funded investigator of National Institutes of Health and VA research studies in CKD/ESRD and author of numerous publications in these areas.

**Renee Garrick, MD, FACP**

Professor of Clinical Medicine, Vice Dean, and Renal Section Chief, Renal Physicians Association / Westchester Medical Center, New York Medical College  
Hawthorne, New York

Dr. Garrick is a practicing nephrologist with over 30 years' experience and is the Chief Medical Officer of Westchester Health Network. As CMO of Westchester Health Network, she oversees quality, safety, and regulatory initiatives and has extensive experience with quality initiatives as they relate to patients with kidney disease. She chaired the NY State's taskforce on dialysis care and serves on the Quality Steering Committee of Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS). Additionally, she is a member of the Divisional Board of IPRO ESRD Network of New York, past RPA Board member, and chair of RPA Quality, Safety and Accountability Committee.

**Stuart Greenstein, MD**

Professor of Surgery, Montefiore Medical Center  
Bronx, New York

Dr. Greenstein attended Harvard Medical School from 1975-1979. Those years put him on the path to becoming a surgeon. He continued with a surgical residency at NYU followed by UMDNJ, where he also did a research year. He continued his surgical training at the University of Pennsylvania from 1984-1985 as a Vascular Fellow, followed by a Transplant Fellowship at Downstate Medical Center from 1985-1986. His first Academic job was at Hahnemann Medical center where he was the Acting Director of Renal Transplantation. After two years, he left to go to NY and has been a member of the Transplant Division of Montefiore Medical Center for the past 26 years.

**Mike Guffey**

Business Continuity Manager, UMB Bank (Board of Directors Treasurer, Dialysis Patient Citizens)  
Washington, District of Columbia

Mr. Guffey serves as Dialysis Patient Citizens Treasurer, he experienced kidney failure while on vacation in the Spring of 2008. He was an in-center hemodialysis patient until undergoing a kidney transplant four years ago. He describes the experience of awaiting a transplant as "an interesting journey in itself." He works as a Business Continuity manager in the Kansas City area. His professional background provoked an interest in emergency preparedness as it relates to dialysis patients and others with special medical needs, and he serves as co-chair on the Pandemic & Infectious Diseases Committee of the Kidney Community Emergency Response Coalition.

**Debra Hain, PhD, APRN, ANP-BC, GNP-BC, FAANP**

Associate Professor, Adult Nurse Practitioner, American Nephrology Nurses' Association  
Boca Raton, Florida

Dr. Hain is a highly regarded expert in nephrology care who has received multiple awards in recognition of her expertise. She has presented numerous sessions on renal topics from the state to the international level. Dr. Hain is a researcher who specializes in renal and gerontologic issues and has published extensively in these fields. She has led and/or participated on many expert panels, workgroups, and committees.

### **Lori Hartwell**

President/Founder, Renal Support Network  
Glendale, California

Ms. Hartwell began her career in the renal field as a technical sales specialist for HemaMetrics (formerly In-Line Diagnostics), developers of a hematocrit-controlled hemodialysis technology. She then accepted the position of Western Regional Sales Manager for Medcomp, distributors of vascular access catheters, where she oversaw company activities in seven states. These positions allowed her to visit more than 500 freestanding and hospital-based dialysis units in 30 states. As such, she was able to develop a broad-based, multi-faceted view of the U.S. renal patient population, and to witness the importance of a mutual understanding between patients and healthcare providers in the quest for quality care. Ms. Hartwell continues to travel the world giving motivational and educational presentations to renal healthcare professionals, patients, and industry representatives, both at national nephrology conferences and at the regional/local level. Ms. Hartwell realized one of her most ambitious dreams to date, when in 1993 she founded the Renal Support Network (RSN) to instill “health, happiness, and hope” into the lives of those affected by chronic kidney disease (CKD). The influence of this patient-led organization, which started out as a Southern California grassroots effort, now extends across the U.S.

### **Frederick Kaskel, MD, PhD**

Chief of Pediatric Nephrology, Vice Chair of Pediatrics, Children's Hospital at Montefiore  
Bronx, New York

Frederick J. Kaskel, MD, PhD, is an internationally recognized clinical investigator and educator in pediatric nephrology. He is a Professor and Vice Chairman of Pediatrics and Director of Pediatric Nephrology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University. He is a Past President of the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology and the Congress President of the 15th Scientific Congress of the International Pediatric Nephrology Association. He received his undergraduate bachelor's degree in Biology from Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill., and his doctorate in Physiology and Medical Degree from the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine and is a Distinguished Alumnus from both of these institutions. He trained in Pediatrics and Pediatric Nephrology at Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine, respectively and was a recipient of an NIH National Research Service Award. Prior to returning to Montefiore Medical Center and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1998 to become the Director of Pediatric Nephrology, he was a tenured Professor of Pediatrics at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

### **Myra Kleinpeter, MD, MPH**

Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Tulane University School of Medicine  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Myra A. Kleinpeter, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at Tulane University School of Medicine, serves Director of the Peritoneal Dialysis Program for Tulane/Dialysis Clinics, Inc. and director of the Tulane Nephrology Clinic at the University Medical Center, formerly known as Charity Hospital. She formerly served as Director of the Ambulatory Clinics at the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans 1999-2005. She volunteers with the American Kidney Fund and National Kidney Foundation, and is a member of the Louisiana Medical Association, American

Medical Association and the National Medical Association. She currently serves as a commissioner for Hospital District A, Parish of Orleans for New Orleans East Hospital and serves as Chief of Staff for the hospital.

#### **Alan Kliger, MD**

Clinical Professor of Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine  
Senior Vice President Medical Affairs, Chief Quality Officer, Yale New Haven Health System  
New Haven, Connecticut

Dr. Kliger is a Clinical Professor of Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine, and Senior Vice President Medical Affairs, Chief Quality Officer, Yale New Haven Health System. He served formerly as 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 is chairman of the steering committee for the NIH Frequent Hemodialysis Study, a national prospective randomized study of in-center daily and home nocturnal hemodialysis, and also chairs the steering committee for an NIH/NIDDK Consortium on Novel Therapies for Hemodialysis Patients. Dr. Kliger has received several teaching awards from the Yale house staff, and in February 2000 was the recipient of the James Colangelo award of the Connecticut National Kidney Foundation for distinguished service to the renal community. In September 2004, he received the Maureen Lundin aakpRENALIFE Award from the American Association of Kidney Patients.

#### **Mahesh Krishnan, MD, MPH, MBA, FASN**

Vice President of Clinical Innovation and Public Policy, DaVita Healthcare Partners, Inc.  
McLean, Virginia

Dr. Krishnan is well experienced in healthcare. He manages medical quality in each of DaVita's three international regions for kidney care. Additionally, he is responsible for medical policy for all DaVita businesses in DC and sits as the Chief Data Officer on the Data Governance Committee at DaVita. He is the executive sponsor for CrownWeb at DaVita and leads the Industry wide CrownWeb users group. While in practice, he was the founder of the Clinical Consulting and Research Center in Fairfax, VA. Prior to that, he was in practice in Northern Virginia for nearly five years.

#### **Lisa Latts, MD, MSPH, MBA, FACP**

Principal, LML Health Solutions and CMO, University of CA Health Plan  
Denver, Colorado

Dr. Lisa Latts is Principle for LML Health Solutions, a consulting firm focused on quality and delivery system transformation. She is also the Chief Medical Officer for the University of California self-insured health plans. Prior to this, Dr. Latts was a Vice President with Anthem/WellPoint, where she led WellPoint's quality strategy, which included measuring and improving quality, health equity and patient safety. She was also instrumental in WellPoint's delivery system reforms such as the PCMHs, COEs, and ACOs. Dr. Latts lives in Denver, Colorado, where she practices part-time as an internist in the University of Colorado specializing in Medical Complications of Pregnancy.

**Karilynne Lenning, MHA, LBSW**

Sr. Quality Improvement Facilitator, Telligen  
West Des Moines, Iowa

Karilynne Lenning MHA, LBSW earned her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Iowa State University and a Masters in Healthcare Administration from Des Moines University. She is currently a licensed social worker and serves on the State of Iowa Social Work Board. Ms. Lenning has 20 years of social work experience in the hospital setting including extensive work in the inpatient renal dialysis unit and critical care setting. Ms. Lenning also has 3 years experience with quality measurement within various government programs including the Partnership for Patients project and the Medicare Shared Savings and Pioneer ACO Programs.

**Franklin Maddux, MD, FACP**

Executive Vice President for Clinical & Scientific Affairs, Chief Medical Officer, Fresenius Medical Care North America  
Waltham, Massachusetts

Frank Maddux is Executive Vice President for Clinical and Scientific Affairs and Chief Medical Officer of Fresenius Medical Care North America, the largest provider of services to patients with End Stage Renal Disease. Dr. Maddux has more than 25 years of health care experience, including the practice of nephrology. He received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Vanderbilt University and an MD degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he completed his internship, residency, chief residency and nephrology fellowship.

**Andrew Narva, MD, FACP, FASN**

Director, National Kidney Disease Education Program, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive Kidney Diseases –National Institutes of Health  
Bethesda, Maryland

Dr. Narva is the Director of the National Kidney Disease Education Program at the NIH since 2006. From 1989 through 2006 he served as the Chief Clinical Consultant for Nephrology for the Indian Health Service, an agency of the Public Health Service providing healthcare to over one million American Indians and Alaska Natives. He has served as a member of the Medical Review Board of ESRD Network 15 and as chair of the Minority Outreach Committee of the National Kidney Foundation, on the NKF KDOQI Work Group on Diabetes in Chronic Diabetes and as a member of the JNC 8 Expert Panel. During 2002 Dr. Narva was recognized as HIS Physician Leader of the Year and by the US Public Health Service as the Clinical Physician of the Year. In 2003, he received the USPHS Distinguished Service Medal, the highest recognition awarded to commissioned officers. Although now at NIH, he continues to serve as the Chief Clinical Consultant for Nephrology for IHS and continues to provide care for patients at Zuni Pueblo through a telemedicine clinic.

**Jessie Pavlinac, MS, RD, CSR, LD**

Director, Clinical Nutrition, Food & Nutrition Services, Oregon Health & Science University  
Portland, Oregon

Jessie Pavlinac is the Director of Clinical Nutrition, Department of Food and Nutrition at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, Oregon where she has practiced for over 30 years in the areas of renal and transplant nutrition. Jessie is a Senior Instructor for the OHSU Nutrition and Dietetic Program. Jessie is the Past President of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and of the

National Kidney Foundation Council on Renal Nutrition. Jessie is a frequent presenter and author in renal nutrition and outcomes measurement. She received the National Kidney Foundation Council Recognized Renal Dietitian Award.

### **Mark Rutkowski, MD**

Physician Lead for Renal Clinical Practice and Quality, Southern California Permanente Medical Group  
Baldwin Park, California

Dr. Rutkowski is the Chairman of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Committee for Kaiser-Permanente Southern California Region and has been a practicing nephrologist for 23 years. He spearheaded the implementation of GFR estimate and development of Kaiser's CKD registry. Dr. Rutkowski's CKD Committee developed the Optimal Start of ESRD measure that was eventually adopted by NQF. He has been involved in numerous quality improvement efforts including projects focused on chronic kidney disease, renal transplant and chronic dialysis patients, as well as projects focused on larger populations (hypertension, diabetes, heart failure) of which renal patients are an important subset. In addition, he has led an effort at the Kaiser national level to build an inter-regional chronic kidney registry including the development of national kidney disease measures. His current practice includes all areas of nephrology: inpatient, outpatient, CKD, hemodialysis, and peritoneal dialysis. In addition, he has maintained his own panel of 20+ peritoneal dialysis patients during the past decade, and has been involved in research projects mainly focused on CKD improvement.

### **Michael Somers, MD**

Associate Professor in Pediatrics/Director, Renal Dialysis Unit, Associate Chief Division of Nephrology, American Society of Pediatric Nephrology/Harvard Medical School/Boston Children's Hospital  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dr. Somers previously served on NQF's renal measures endorsement committee and brings the unique perspective of the pediatric nephrologist to the table. He currently serves as the Director of Clinical Services and Medical Director of the Dialysis Unit at Boston Children's Hospital. He has special research interests in childhood nephrotic syndrome and pediatric renal replacement therapy. Dr. Somers has been both a regional and national leader in the pediatric nephrology community, active in the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology as a Councilor and Chair of several committees. He also has longstanding commitments to boards of the ESRD Network of New England, the New England Division of the National Kidney Foundation, and has been a member of committees for UNOS and the American Society of Nephrology.

### **Bobbi Wager, MSN, RN**

Renal Care Coordinator, American Association of Kidney Patients  
Boerne, Texas

Mr. Wagner was diagnosed with pyelonephritis at birth and was in and out of the hospital every 3 months being treated with urinary tract infections until the age of 12 years. At 12 years of age, he underwent a surgical procedure that stopped the reflux to the kidneys. At the age of 23, he was told he had two months to live. Death was not a choice—he went the route of hemodialysis and then transplant. His first kidney transplant was in 1983 and his second kidney transplant was in



1998. He learned through his journey that to succeed in life with a chronic disease, he had to be engaged in his personal healthcare. One way to do that was to be involved in the medical community. He graduated from nursing school in 1993 and began his nursing practice in the nephrology field. In May of 2004, he graduated with his MSN. Besides going to school and becoming a nurse, he volunteers in the local, state and national renal community. "I have been blessed with many family and friends to support my journey. These blessings have allowed me to "pay it forward."

### **John Wagner, MD, MBA**

Director of Service, Associate Medical Director, Kings County Hospital Center  
Brooklyn, New York

Since 1984, Dr. Wagner has been a Board Certified nephrologist on the faculty of academic medical centers. (NYU, AECOM, Hofstra-NSLIJ, SUNY-Downstate). For more than 20 years, he served as medical director of the dialysis programs based at Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New Hyde Park, New York while serving in various capacities with ESRD Network 2, a federally contracted end stage renal disease quality improvement organization. He is president-elect of the Forum of ESRD Networks and an emeritus director of IPRO, both NQF member organizations. He has served on a Technical Expert Panel focused on ESRD Measures, served as a site leader in his current organization's Accountable Care Organization, and is presently an Associate Medical Director of a government owned essential hospital.

### **Joshua Zaritsky, MD, PhD**

Chief of Pediatric Nephrology, Nemours/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children  
Wilmington, Delaware

Dr. Zaritsky received an MD along with a PhD in Molecular and Cellular Physiology from Stanford Medical School. He then did residency at Denver Children's hospital in Pediatrics followed by a fellowship in Pediatric Nephrology at Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA. He stayed on as an Assistant Professor at UCLA for 6 years until he accepted an Associate Professorship at Jefferson Medical School along with assuming the Chief of Pediatric Nephrology position at Nemours/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children in 2013.