



Renal Transplant Technical Expert Panel (TEP)

NQF is still seeking additional nominations for dialysis patients who are awaiting a kidney transplant and disparities experts with experience in renal care. Please contact the project team at renal@qualityforum.org to submit a nomination. Thank you for your interest.

TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL MEMBERS

Donnie Anderson

Board of Directors Member, Dialysis Patient Citizens
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Donnie Anderson has been a dialysis patient for more than 20 years. He has been active in advocacy for the past five years, including one year on the DPC Board. Donnie has had two previous transplants, and is currently waitlisted in Michigan for a third. Donnie has a hereditary form of kidney disease, which is shared with several other family members. This is what spurred his involvement in the kidney community.

Sandra Amaral, MD, MHS

Medical Director, Pediatric Kidney Transplant Program and the Pediatric Vascular Composite Allograft Program, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
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Dr. Amaral serves as the Medical Director for both the Pediatric Kidney Transplant Program and the Pediatric Vascular Composite Allograft Program at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She also currently serves as the Assistant Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Amaral is a clinical researcher, who has had continuous NIH funding support since 2011. In 2018, Dr. Amaral received several awards including the Philadelphia Magazine's Top Doc in Pediatric Nephrology and the Castle Connolly Exceptional Women in Medicine. She is actively engaged in ASPN activities, currently serving on the Council and previously serving as the Chair of the Public Policy Committee. She founded and is the Director of the CHOPEd Cooking Camp, which is focused on providing nutritional hands-on education and peer support for children with chronic kidney disease and their families. Dr. Amaral is also actively engaged in UNOS, having served on the Pediatrics, Kidney, Patient Affairs and Vascular Composite Allograft Committees.

Michelle Cabrera

Director, Health Policy and Research, SEIU California
Washington, District of Columbia

Michelle Doty Cabrera directs healthcare policy development on behalf of 700,000 workers. Prior to joining SEIU, Cabrera was a program officer in the California Health Care Foundation where she led the foundation's policy strategy and outreach. From 2005-2010 Cabrera was a health and human services analyst with the California legislature responsible for policy development, analysis, and oversight in health and human services matters. Cabrera received a bachelor's of science degree in international politics from Georgetown University and a certificate in community economic development from San Diego State University.