

AGENDA

TIME	PRESENTATION	SPEAKER(S)
7:00 AM	Registration	
8:00 AM	Executive Welcome	Michael Garcia
8:05 AM	Symposium introduction	Ashrith Guha, MD, MPH, FACC
Plenary Session I <i>Moderators: Arvind Bhimaraj, MD, Eric Suarez, MD, and Ju Kim, MD</i>		
8:10 AM	Improving Outcomes with Durable MCS: Optimizing Life with Machines	Manreet Kanwar, MD
8:30 AM	Preventing Complications: Surgery done right: Tips and Tricks	Mark Slaughter, MD
8:50 AM	BTT or DT: Addressing obesity, sensitization and advancing age	Cindy Martin, MD
9:10 AM	Myocardial Recovery: What Have We Learned and Future Directions	Stavros G. Drakos, MD, PHD, FACC
9:30 AM	Anticoagulation with HM3- Less is more?	Diane Dreucean, PharmD, BCCCP
9:50 AM	Question and Answer Discussion	
10:00 AM	Break (15 min)	
Plenary Session II <i>Moderators: Ashrith Guha, MD, Stavros Drakos, MD, and Manreet Kanwar, MD</i>		
10:15 AM	Chronic RV failure in LVADs: Care starts in the OR?	Ryan Tedford, MD
10:35 AM	Prevention is Key: GI Bleeding in LVADs	Mahwash Kassi, MD
10:55 AM	VAD alarms: Nuisance or a Canary in the coalmine	Rayan Yousefzai, MD
11:15 AM	Medications for the heart after LVAD- do we really need them?	Barry Trachtenberg, MD
11:35 AM	Hemodynamic Optimization after LVAD	Arvind Bhimaraj, MD
11:55 AM	Question and Answer Discussion	
12:05 PM	Lunch (15 min)	
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Plenary Session III Moderators: Ryan Tedford, MD, Cindy Martin, MD, and Barry Trachtenberg, MD		
1:05 PM	Case Discussions Case #1 : 5 min presentation & 10 min discussion Case #2 : 5 min presentation & 10 min discussion wrap-up: 15 minutes	2 cases (5 min presentation/10 min discussion ea) Fellow #1: Saline Toro, MD Fellow #2:Javier Amione, MD
2:05 PM	Management of Strokes in LVAD patients	Vivek Misra, MD
2:25 PM	LVAD Infections	Diedre Axell-House, MD
2:45 PM	Question and Answer Discussion	
2:55 PM	Break	
Plenary Session IV Moderators: Ashrith Guha, MD, Rayan Yousefzai, MD, and Mahwash Kassi, MD		
3:10 PM	Debate: 40 year old patient with NICM in Cardiogenic shock on temporary MCS: Transplant or VAD TRANSPLANT: Complications are Unpredictable- Transplant As Soon As Possible VAD: Transplanting Early Diminishes Cumulative Survival	Transplant: Manreet Kanwar, MD LVAD: Stavros Drakos, MD
3:50 PM	Rebuttal	
4:00 PM	Residual PH after LVAD Implantation	Ryan Tedford, MD
4:15 PM	Surgical Solutions to mechanical issues after LVAD implantation: From Valvular regurgitation to Cannula Malposition	Mehmet Hakan Akay, MD
4:30 PM	Ethical Issues in LVADs: from informed consent to end of life	Savitri Fedson, MD
4:45 PM	Question and Answer Discussion	
4:55 PM	Conclusion	
5:00 PM	Adjourn	

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The annual Wadi N. Suki Symposium serves as a pivotal platform for healthcare professionals, researchers, and experts to converge and explore the latest advancements in the field of nephrology. With a focus on groundbreaking perspectives and innovative approaches, the symposium aims to illuminate fresh pathways in the understanding, treatment, and management of kidney diseases. Attendees can anticipate insightful discussions, informative sessions, and unparalleled networking opportunities, making this event an essential gathering for those dedicated to shaping the future of kidney care. ***This symposium is supported in part by the Renal Research Inc. Endowment for Kidney Transplantation Research and Education.***

TARGET AUDIENCE

The George P. Noon Conference Series is designed for nephrologists, cardiologists, gastroenterologists, hepatologists, pulmonologists, pathologists, internists, oncologists, physicians treating patients with organ failure, nurses, family practitioners, social workers and allied health professionals with an interest in organ failure transplant management.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the participant should be able to:

- Recognize the spectrum of kidney involvement in COVID Disease and Vaccination for patients with renal symptoms.
- Describe the emerging field of machine learning and artificial intelligence and its role in the management of kidney disease.
- Examine the current practice guidelines for preemptive and living donor transplantation.
- Describe new innovations in dialysis patient education and efforts to optimize and maximize the application of living donation in the care of dialysis and CKD patients.
- Identify barriers at patient, family and the provider level that limit the pursuit of transplant and living donation.

NURSING OUTCOMES STATEMENT

Learners attending this activity will report an enriched knowledge of chronic LVAD management. They will be able to identify new learning to incorporate into personal practice related to chronic LVAD management.

EDUCATION METHODS

Didactic lectures, panel discussion

EVALUATION METHOD

Evaluation by questionnaire will address program content, presentation, and possible bias.

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