

KIDNEY CARE QUALITY ALLIANCE

KCOA TRANSPLANT WORKGROUP

(Alphabetically by organization)

American Society of Nephrology

Sumit Mohan, MD, MPH

American Society of Pediatric Nephrology

Avram Z. Traum, MD

DaVita, Inc.

Francesca Tentori MD, MCSI

Dialysis Patient Citizens, Inc.

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Renal Physicians Association

John Ducker MD

Renal Support Network

Sasha Couch

St. Louis University School of Medicine

Krista Lentine MD, PhD

The Rogosin Institute

Choli Hartono MD

KCQA TRANSPLANT WORKGROUP BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

(Alphabetically by last name)

Merida Bourjolly (DPC)

Merida Bourjolly is the President of the DPC Education Center and has served as a DPC Education Center Board Member since 2018. She was on dialysis for two and a half years before receiving a kidney from a deceased donor. She is dedicated to continually working to improve fellow patients' lives by helping them to stay positive and optimistic about the changes they have to make and understand the power they have in their healthcare. She is looking to develop new ways through advocacy to educate communities on issues relating to the care of kidney failure and preventative measures to help others avoid living with ESRD.

Sasha Couch (RSN)

Sasha Couch is a Technical Writer and Consultant living in Los Angeles. Sasha received a kidney and pancreas transplant in 2017 and has been active in the kidney community since first being diagnosed in 2012. She embraces serving as a patient advocate, participating in multiple speaking engagements, frequently writing articles and assisting with creating programs, and fundraising and promoting legislation advantageous for people living with kidney disease. She gets involved with and on behalf of multiple kidney organizations, most notably the patient-founded and patient-led Renal Support Network (RSN). She recently served on a Technical Expert Panel (TEP) committee and will continue to do what's in her power to ensure patients have a voice in all healthcare decisions made for the kidney community.

John T. Ducker MD (RPA)

Dr. John T. Ducker is a nephrologist in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He received his Doctorate of Medicine at Wright State University School of Medicine, followed by residency and fellowship at Indiana University Medical Center. He has served as the Primary Transplant Physician at Lutheran Transplant Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana from 2008-2020 and has been Medical Director of the Inpatient Dialysis Unit at Lutheran Hospital since 2006. He currently sits on the Renal Physicians Association's Policy Advocacy Leadership Committee. Relevant publications include "Impact of Navigators on the First Visit to a Transplant Center, Waitlisting, and Kidney Transplantation: A Randomized, Controlled Trial," published in *CJASN* in October 2018.

Barry Friedman (NATCO)

Barry Friedman attended Southern Illinois University, graduating with a bachelor's in nursing and an MBA with a minor in health care administration. He has over 30 years of clinical/administrative experience in healthcare. His civilian career in Critical Care and Solid Organ Transplantation began in 1984 as an ICU Staff Nurse in St Louis, Missouri. His military career began in 1976 where he became a commissioned officer in 1985 as an Aeromedical Flight Nurse and retired in 2006. In 1986 he became an Organ Procurement Coordinator with Mid America Transplant. In 1991 he became a Pediatric Clinical Transplant Coordinator at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital at St Louis University and in 1994 became the Administrative Director. In 2004 he became the Administrative Director for Solid Organ Transplant at Children's Medical Center, Dallas, and in 2006 until 2012 was the Senior Administrative Director, Organ Transplantation Adult and Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview. As the Chief of Clinical Global Services for Minnesota International Medicine from 2012-2016 he consulted in seven countries and two continents including organ transplant and procurement. Currently he serves as the Executive Director at AdventHealth Transplant Institute where he provides regulatory, administrative, and fiscal oversight which includes chronic and end stage organ failure, solid organ transplant, and mechanical circulatory support programs. Mr. Friedman is a member of the American Society of Transplantation and a Fellow in the Society (FAST). He is a past President of the North American Transplant Coordinators Organization, NATCO and has served on various committees including the Board of Directors of UNOS. He also has served as the Transplant

Coordinator representative for Studies in Pediatric Liver Transplant, SPLIT. He currently serves with UNOS the Chair of the Ad Hoc International Relations Committee. Mr. Friedman has authored and co-authored several articles and has organized and participated in several local and national and international transplant conferences. He has been dedicated and continues to lead the advancement of transplantation for well over three decades.

Choli Hartono MD (The Rogosin Institute)

Dr. Hartono received his MD from the Boston University School of Medicine, then trained in Internal Medicine at the Graduate Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and in Nephrology and Transplantation Medicine at the Weill Cornell Medical College of New York-Presbyterian Hospital. He has practiced Transplant Nephrology since 2000 and has cared for thousands of patients throughout their transplant journeys. He is presently the Medical Director of the Kidney-Pancreas Transplant Program at the The Rogosin Institute. As a member of The Rogosin Institute, Dr. Hartono works extensively with patients with chronic kidney disease to help them assess their interest in transplantation and to guide them through the evaluation and listing for transplantation. He has a deep understanding of the risks and benefits of transplantation and how they apply to individual patients.

Benjamin E. Hippen MD (FMCNA)

Dr. Benjamin Hippen is a general and transplant nephrologist at Metrolina Nephrology Associates and the Carolinas Medical Center, both in Charlotte, North Carolina. He also currently serves as Medical Director at FKC Baxter Street Hemodialysis Unit (in-center and home therapies) and is a Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

Krista Lentine MD, PhD

Dr. Krista Lentine is a nephrologist specializing in treatment of adult patients with kidney disease. She is a world-renowned researcher who co-chaired the international work group that developed guidelines for living donor kidney transplantation. Dr. Lentine is a professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Nephrology, at Saint Louis University School of Medicine. She is medical director of living donation at the SSM Health Transplant Center at Saint Louis University Hospital. In 2018, Dr. Lentine received the Dr. Shaul Massry Distinguished Lecture honor from the National Kidney Foundation. She has served as chair of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network/United Network for Organ Sharing Living Donor Committee.

Sumit Mohan MD, MPH (ASN)

Dr. Sumit Mohan is an associate professor of medicine & epidemiology at Columbia University. Dr. Mohan's clinical and research career has been focused on understanding health disparities in kidney disease with a goal of improving access to care and outcomes for patients with kidney disease—especially those with end stage kidney disease and kidney transplantation. He is particularly interested in the impact of health policy on provider behavior and patient outcomes. His research findings have directly informed federal policy related to reimbursement of dialysis for acute kidney injury, elimination of outcomes as a regulatory measure for transplant centers as well as efforts to lower the discard of deceased donor kidneys in the United States. He currently serves on multiple transplant-related national committees and is the Deputy Editor for *Kidney International Reports*.

Rachel Patzer PhD, MPH (Emory University)

Dr. Patzer is a Professor in the Department of Surgery, with joint appointments in the Department of Medicine and Department of Epidemiology. She also serves as the Director of the Health Services Research Center at Emory University School of Medicine. She is an epidemiologist and health services researcher whose research focuses on improving healthcare quality and outcomes, primarily in kidney disease and transplantation, and reducing inequities in transplant

access. Her recent research has focused on the development of a novel surveillance data registry for kidney disease, including the collection of data on transplant referral and evaluation start among more than 30 transplant centers nationwide. She leads a research team that uses these data for the development of quality metrics, epidemiologic investigations of the causes of variability in access to kidney transplantation among pediatric and adult end-stage renal disease patients, and the development and evaluation of pragmatic interventions to improve access to transplantation and reduce disparities. She currently serves as the United Network for Organ Sharing Data Advisory Committee Chair, Data Chair of the Southeastern Kidney Transplant Coalition, and is a member of the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients review committee.

Avram Z. Traum, MD (ASPN), Special Pediatric Envoy

Dr. Avram Traum is a Pediatric Nephrologist at Boston Children's Hospital and a member of the faculty at Harvard Medical School. He has extensive clinical experience caring for patients with End Stage Kidney Disease on chronic dialysis, especially home dialysis spanning the age range from infants through young adults. Dr. Traum serves as the Director of Quality for the Boston Children's Hospital Division of Nephrology and oversees all aspects of the quality improvement initiatives within the division, including substantial longitudinal involvement with the Dialysis QAPI program. He is also the Physician QAPI Director for the Boston Children's Hospital Pediatric Transplant Center, with responsibility to oversee and be involved with all quality metrics pertaining to all of the solid organ transplant programs. Dr. Traum has been involved in several national quality improvement efforts in the pediatric nephrology community, including the Standardized Care to Improve Outcomes in Pediatric End Stage Kidney Disease (SCOPE) Collaborative and the Improving Renal Outcomes Collaborative (IROC). He has previously served on the Patient Engagement Workgroup of the CDC's Making Dialysis Safer for Patients Coalition, whose aim is to empower patients to become infection prevention advocates, focusing on the staff-patient interaction and peer mentorship. Aside from his clinical and QI responsibilities, Dr. Traum chairs the Transplant Working Group of the Pediatric Nephrology Research Consortium and has been a member of the multi-institutional Mass General Brigham IRB since 2007, serving as an IRB Chair since 2014.

Francesca Tentori MD, MCSI (DVA)

Dr. Francesca Tentori is the Medical Director of Outcomes Research and a member of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer on DaVita's physician leadership team. Dr. Tentori graduated from the University of Milan and is board certified in Internal Medicine and Nephrology. She spent ten years as a research scientist at Arbor Research Collaborative for Health, where she worked on the Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study and led the development of patient centered research area. Prior to her time at Arbor Research Collaborative, she acted as assistant medical director for quality management at Dialysis Clinic Inc. Dr. Tentori was a member of the American Society of Nephrology's comparative effectiveness task force, as well as the American Association of Kidney Patients' medical advisory board. Dr. Tentori is currently an Adjunct Instructor in Medicine at Vanderbilt University.

Caprice Vanderkolk, RN, BS, MS, NE-BC (RHA)

Ms. Vanderkolk is currently Nurse Manager and Administrator at the University of Minnesota Fairview Acute Dialysis Program, Pediatric Kidney Center, and Pediatric Home Peritoneal Dialysis Program. She oversees an acute program that cares for both pediatric and adult patients receiving peritoneal or hemodialysis during their hospital stay. She is also responsible for the Pediatric Chronic Dialysis Unit working closely with the inpatient adult and pediatric units and transplant. She is also the Quality Improvement Coordinator for the Renal Network of the Upper Midwest ESRD (Network 11). She advocates for patients and facilities to meet outcome and CMS goals, assess needs, and develops quality improvement activities to meet the noted deficits. She is dedicated healthcare quality improvement, having served on the National Quality Network and as a member of Kidney Care Partners and the National Quality Forum.