

## Medical Advisory Council (MAC) 2023



### **Daniel L. Landry, DO, FASN – Chair & Network 1**

Dr. Landry was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, and attended college at The College of the Holy Cross. Following the completion of medical school at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, ME, he trained in internal medicine at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, VA. After seven years of service to the U.S. Navy, he returned to Massachusetts and performed his fellowship training in nephrology at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. He currently serves as the Chief of the Division of Nephrology as well as the Director of Acute Inpatient Dialysis and Critical Care Nephrology at Baystate Medical Center, a 715-bed tertiary care medical center in Springfield, MA. In addition to functioning as the medical director for the in-center and home dialysis unit at FKC East Springfield, Dr. Landry is a member of the only ESRD Seamless Care Organization in New England and has been recognized for his excellence in teaching in Baystate's nephrology fellowship program. Married with a daughter, Dr. Landry enjoys trips to Maine with his family and is an avid runner.



### **George Coritsidis, MD – Network 2**

Board-certified in both renal medicine and critical care, Dr. Coritsidis is a product of SUNY Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse and did his nephrology fellowship at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. His current position is Director of the Nephrology Critical Care program at Westchester Medical Center, where he holds an academic position of professor of medicine. His experience includes that of Director of the Surgical/Trauma Intensive Care Unit at Elmhurst Hospital Center (EHC), Program Director and Chief of Nephrology at Elmhurst Hospital Center, and key faculty at the Mt. Sinai critical care fellowship. He initiated one of the first fellowship programs offering dual training in nephrology (2 years) and critical care (the following year) over 12 years ago and has organized peritoneal dialysis programs in two different hospital settings. Current clinical and research interests include socioeconomic influences in dialysis; infections and antibiotics in ESRD; the utilization of ultrasound to assess fistula maturity; COVID effects on the dialysis population; acute kidney injury and its treatment; and massive transfusion in critical care.



### **Keith Norris, MD, PhD – Network 3**

Dr. Norris is a nephrologist and health services researcher who has been instrumental in shaping national health policy and clinical practice guidelines for chronic kidney disease (CKD). He has made major contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion while addressing disparities in contemporary society. In 1995, he was invited to join the inaugural National Kidney

Foundation (NKF) Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative and was a founding member of the Medicare End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Continuous Performance Measures (CPM) workgroup. He presently serves as co-chair of the ESRD Network 3 Medical Review Board (MRB). Dr. Norris is the Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of the international journal *Ethnicity and Disease* and serves as a member of the editorial board for the *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* and the *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*.



#### **Paul Palevsky, MD – Network 4**

Paul M. Palevsky, MD, is Professor of Medicine and Clinical and Translational Science in the Renal-Electrolyte Division at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and is Chief of the Renal Section at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. Dr. Palevsky completed his undergraduate and medical education at Northwestern University followed by internship and residency training in internal medicine and fellowship training in nephrology at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Palevsky joined the faculty at the University of Pittsburgh in 1989, where he has remained since. Dr. Palevsky's research has focused on acute kidney injury and critical care nephrology, chronic kidney disease, and acute and chronic dialysis. Among the clinical trials that Dr. Palevsky has helped design and lead are the VA/NIH ATN, VA NEPHRON-D, PRESERVE, EUPHRATES, Stop GOUT trial, and STARRT-AKI trials. He is also a principal investigator at the University of Pittsburgh acute kidney injury recruitment site for the NIDDK Kidney Precision Medicine Project (KPMP). Dr. Palevsky has published more than 250 original articles, reviews, and book chapters. He was the inaugural associate editor for acute kidney injury of the *American Society of Nephrology's NephSAP*, served as a deputy editor of the *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* from 2011-2016, has been a deputy editor of the *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* since 2017, and is section editor for renal failure for *UpToDate*. He is a former member of the Board of Directors (BOD) and past chair of the Quality, Safety, and Accountability committee of the Renal Physicians Association and is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board and President-Elect of the National Kidney Foundation. Dr. Palevsky has been involved with the ESRD Network program for three decades, having serviced as Medical Review Board (MRB) Chair and President of ESRD Network 4, Vice President of The Renal Network and BOD and MRB chair of Quality Insights Renal Network 4. He is a past member of the Forum BOD.



#### **Marc Brazie, MD – Network 5**

Dr. Marc Brazie received his undergraduate degree from Purdue University and his medical education at Dartmouth Medical School, where he graduated with honors and was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. He completed his Internal Medicine residency and Nephrology fellowship at the University of Maryland Medical Center, where his peers voted him the "Outstanding Senior Resident" for excellence in teaching. Dr. Brazie is board-certified in internal medicine and nephrology and has been a member of Metropolitan Nephrology Associates, PC, in Northern Virginia/Southern Maryland since 2009. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the practice. He has given multiple national talks for the American Academy of Physician Assistants on various nephrology topics and was the guest faculty for the nephrology and urology portion of the George Washington Physician Assistant National Certification Exam review course from 2014-2015. He

has served on the Medical Review Board (MRB) for ESRD Network 5 since 2017 and is the current Chair. He has also served on the ESRD Network 5 Board of Directors since 2020.



### **John J. Doran, MD, FASN – Network 6**

Dr. John J. Doran is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, and since 2005 has served as the Chief of Renal Services at Grady Memorial Hospital, one of the largest public teaching hospitals in the country. Throughout his tenure he has been an attending physician, a member of the Pharmacy & Therapeutics committee and the Medical Director of the Grady Hemodialysis Clinic, which provides chronic hemodialysis care for immigrant and uninsured patients. He is a general nephrologist in full-time clinical practice seeing chronic kidney disease patients at The Emory Clinic since 1999 and a part of the point of care Renal Ultrasonography Program for over 18 years. He rounds on home and in-center dialysis patients at Emory Dialysis independent clinics, has been a member of the Network 6 Medical Review Board (MRB) since 2014 and now serves as Chair under IPRO, the End-Stage Renal Disease Network of the South Atlantic. He is on the Review Panel for *NephSAP*, *KSAP* and the *ASN Board Review Course* and is an ad hoc reviewer for *Annals of Pharmacology*, *Journal of Pharmacy Technology*, *Journal of Pharmacy Practice*, *Pharmacotherapy*, and *BMC Nephrology*. Dr. Doran is a native of northeastern Pennsylvania and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from the University of Scranton and a medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, DC. He completed the remainder of his medical training at Emory University School of Medicine including internal medicine residency and clinical and molecular biology research fellowships in nephrology.



### **Debra Hain, PhD, APRN, AGPCNP-BC, FAAN, FANNP, FNKF – Network 7**

Dr. Hain has over 30 years of experience in nephrology as an acute and chronic dialysis nurse and then as a nurse practitioner at Cleveland Clinic Florida, Department of Nephrology. Her main roles were rounding on patients receiving dialysis and providing CKD education. Dr. Hain is a Professor at Florida Atlantic University and provides care for adults with CKD. She has published over 75 manuscripts and presented over 100 times at regional, national, and international events. Her research is focused on cognitive impairment and medication management in older adults receiving maintenance hemodialysis, story-centered kidney disease education, and addressing structural racism in African American adults with or at risk of CKD. Dr. Hain is involved in curriculum development and research with faculty in Thailand to address the need for community-based palliative care for older adults with CKD and other non-cancer life-limiting illness. She has conducted a qualitative study of Guatemalan adults with diabetes and their perception of CKD risk and looks forward to returning to continue her research journey in research aimed at improving health outcomes of this population.



### **Martha Tankersley, MSN, RN – Network 8**

Martha Tankersley is a native of Birmingham, Alabama, and has been with the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) since 1987. She received her BSN from Boston College (1987) and her MSN from UAB (2000). Martha has held a variety of clinical and leadership roles throughout her 35+-year career in healthcare – registered nurse, transplant coordinator, nurse practitioner, and healthcare administrator. She has spent a large part of her career in the field of organ transplantation and currently serves as Assistant Vice President/ Transplant Administrator at UAB’s Comprehensive Transplant Institute, one of the busiest transplant centers in the country.



### **Anne Huml, MD, MS – Network 9**

Anne Huml, MD, MS, is an academic nephrologist at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. As a core faculty member at the Center for Reducing Health Disparities, her research interests include access to kidney transplantation and outcomes for patients with failed kidney transplants. Dr. Huml is actively involved in training fellows, residents, and medical students as a clinical nephrologist in the Glickman Urology and Kidney Institute at the Cleveland Clinic. In her free time, she enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband and two daughters.

### **Daniel Roseman, MD – Network 10**

Daniel Roseman, MD, has been caring for patients with end-stage renal disease for over 10 years. He completed a research fellowship at Boston University Medical Center in collaboration with the Framingham Heart Study. Dr. Roseman has extensive experience treating patients with ESRD in multiple settings including acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and chronic outpatient dialysis facilities where he serves as medical director. Dr. Roseman works together with dialysis nurses, technicians, social workers, dietitians, and transplant centers to optimize the care of patients living with ESRD. He is a leader in the local nephrology community committed to improving the ESRD Network 10 area covering the State of Illinois and sits as the Medical Review Board Chair. Dr. Roseman is also involved with resident teaching and regularly reviews journal articles for publication.



### **Louis Raymond, MD, FACP – Network 11**

Dr. Raymond is the Founder and President of Dialysis Management Group, an independent dialysis operation providing care on several Native American reservations in western South Dakota. During the last 27 years, he has worked to address the healthcare disparities in these rural regions. Dr. Raymond is a renal transplant recipient and works to promote and support renal transplantation in these communities. He is employed by Monument Health in Rapid City, practicing general and transplant nephrology. He currently serves as the medical director for outpatient dialysis services at Monument Health. A native of Pennsylvania, he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Scranton and his medical degree from Hahnemann University Medical School. He remained in Philadelphia at Hahnemann Hospital for his internal medicine residency, as well as his nephrology fellowship. He enjoys teaching medical students and residents and is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University

of South Dakota's Sanford School of Medicine. Dr. Raymond resides in Rapid City with his wife and three children. He enjoys mountain biking, cooking, and outdoor activities.



### **Preethi Yerram, MD – Vice Chair & Network 12**

Dr. Yerram is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Nephrology at the University of Missouri - Columbia, and a Staff Nephrologist at the Harry S Truman Veterans Administration Hospital. She also serves as the primary transplant physician for the University of Missouri Health Care's Kidney Transplant Program. She served as the medical director for home/transitional care units as well as acute dialysis units in Columbia, MO and has been actively engaged in the ESRD network activities and advocacy. She currently serves as the chair of the ESRD Network 12's medical review board and is a member of the National Forum of ESRD Networks' Board of Directors (BOD) and Medical Advisory Council (MAC). She is the immediate past chair of the Missouri Kidney Program's advisory council. In addition, Dr. Yerram serves as the lead facilitator for the Missouri Telehealth Network's 'Kidney disease ECHO', a telehealth educational initiative whose goal is to educate, and empower rural primary care providers to better diagnose and manage chronic kidney disease. In her multiple roles, Dr. Yerram's focus is on improving the care of patients with kidney disease.



### **Laura Rankin, MD – Network 13**

Dr. Laura Rankin has practiced in Oklahoma City, OK, for the last 40 years. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky and her medical degree from the University of Iowa. Her internal medicine residency and nephrology fellowship were at Indiana University Hospitals, as well as two years on faculty. She then became a faculty member at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, rising to Professor of Medicine. She is the author or co-author of seven chapters and 24 published articles. She left in 1995 for private practice, establishing with two other nephrologists Kidney Specialists of Central Oklahoma. The group is now 12 nephrologists and six mid-levels, practicing at Integris hospitals in the greater metropolitan area, with the flagship being Integris Baptist Medical Center, a large tertiary care hospital with heart, lung, liver, kidney, and pancreas transplantation, as well as a large dialysis patient population. She is the Medical Director of Hemodialysis, which also includes continuous therapy, at the hospital.

She has been involved with billing and collection activities throughout the life of the practice. She has been involved with teaching for her entire career, now with a local family medicine residency program, teaching at OUHSC, and with PA training and training of ICU nurses for CRRT. She is the recipient of several teaching awards and is listed as a Top Doctor and as a Best Doctor in America. She is involved with Network 13 and with the Forum of ESRD Networks.

As a military brat, she has now lived in 20 states, with Oklahoma as the last. One of her daughters is a nephrologist, practicing in Riverside, CA. The other is a strength and conditioning coach at the collegiate level. Hobbies include knitting, travel, and ballroom dancing.



### **Donald Molony, MD - Network 14**

Donald A. Molony, MD, is a Regents Distinguished Teaching Professor of the University of Texas System and Professor of Medicine in the Division of Renal Diseases and Hypertension and in the Center for Clinical Research and Evidence-Based Medicine at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston and Professor of Medical Subspecialties at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. He has served as Course Director for Problem-Based Learning and Fundamentals of Clinical Medicine, core medical school courses at UT Houston. He has served as Chair of the Medical School Faculty Senate and Chair of University of Texas System Faculty Advisory Council. He is a member of the UT-Houston Medical School Academy of Master Educators, and The University of Texas Academy of Health Sciences Education. He has served on the curriculum committee and chairs the UT Health Chemical Safety Committee. He has served as director of Evidence-based Medicine for MHH-TMC and serves on the Memorial Hermann Hospital System Health Informatics Committee. He is Past-Chair of the ESRD Network 14 Medical Review Board, Past-Chair of the Medical Advisory Council of the Forum of ESRD Networks, and Past-President of the Forum. He represents the Forum on the Kidney Care Quality Alliance.

Dr. Molony is co-editor with Dr. Craig of Sydney, Australia, on the textbook *Evidence-based Nephrology*. He has served as CME Section Editor for the *American Journal of Kidney Disease*, as an associate editor of *Advances in Chronic Kidney Diseases*, as section editor of *Clinical Nephrology*, and as editor of *Literature Watch for Dialysis and Transplantation*. His current research focuses on the influence of environmental toxicants and other factors on the progression of chronic kidney disease and on the application of the principles of evidence-based medicine and epidemiology to the delivery of healthcare. He has recently served as co-principal investigator on a NIH-sponsored research project examining the effects of metals, including uranium, on CKD and cardiovascular disease in a Native American population.

Dr. Molony received his Bachelor of Science in biology from Yale University and his medical degree from the University of California, San Diego. He completed his internship and residency in 1981 in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. His research and clinical fellowships were completed at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School (1981-1984). He has been a faculty member at the University of Texas McGovern Medical School-Houston since 1984.



### **Harmeet Singh, MD, FASN, FACP – Network 15**

Dr. Singh was born in India, attended medical school in New Delhi, and came to the U.S. for graduate studies. He completed his nephrology fellowship at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Early on in his professional career, he was the member of the KDOQI: Peritoneal Dialysis Adequacy workgroup which published guidelines in 1996. He has a keen interest in caring for dialysis patients and has been a medical director of dialysis units since 1998. Currently, he is the Medical Director of the Kidney Center of Arvada in Denver, Colorado. In addition to being a CMS 5-Star facility, Kidney Center of Arvada has consistently achieved one of the highest transplant rates in the state and in Network 15. Dr. Singh has been a partner at Western Nephrology P.C., since 1996, where he is also the Research Director overseeing multiple clinical trials. He has been a member of Medical Review Board of ESRD

Network 15 since 2017 and joined the Forum MAC in 2018. He has been recognized by his peers as a “Top Doc” in the annual 5280 magazine survey. He is an avid soccer fan and loves hiking, biking, skiing, and traveling.



### **Christine Logar, MD – Network 16**

A native of Cleveland OH, Dr. Logar grew up taking her grandfather to outpatient dialysis. She graduated from Rice University and The Ohio State College of Medicine, after which she completed her internal medicine training at the University of Utah and nephrology research fellowship at the University of Washington. Currently she works for Swedish Health Systems (Providence St. Joseph Health), a 1000-bed tertiary care hospital system in Seattle where she serves as the medical director for acute dialysis services as well as a campus Chair of Internal Medicine. She chairs the multistate renal clinical decision care team for PSJH. Her clinical interests are in acute kidney injury prevention as well as optimization of care pathways for dialysis patients. Outside of work, she enjoys mountain biking and urban treasure hunting with her husband and her two sons.



### **Ramin Sam, MD - Network 17**

Ramin Sam, MD, is Clinical professor of Medicine at Zuckerberg San Francisco General, University of California, San Francisco, Inpatient Clinical Nephrology Director, and Medical Director of the Fresenius Potrero Ave dialysis unit. His clinical/research interests are varied and include sodium disorders, hemodialysis, acid/base disorders, transjugular kidney biopsies, and lipoprotein glomerulonephropathy. Dr. Sam is on the editorial board for the *American Journal of Nephrology* and main editor of the book entitled *Understanding Basic Renal Pathophysiology* published by Nova publishers ([https://www.novapublishers.com/catalog/product\\_info.php?products\\_id=64010](https://www.novapublishers.com/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=64010)).



### **Kam Kalantar-Zadeh, MD, MPH, PhD – Immediate Past Chair of the MAC & Network 18**

Dr. Kam Kalantar is a tenured Professor of Medicine, Pediatrics, Public Health, Epidemiology, and Nursing Sciences, and Chief of the Division of Nephrology, Hypertension and Kidney Transplantation at University of California Irvine, School of Medicine. He is triple board-certified and recertified in internal medicine, pediatrics, and adult nephrology. He graduated from Universities of Bonn and Nuremberg in Germany, completed combined medicine and pediatric residency at SUNY Brooklyn and fellowship training at UCSF, and obtained MPH and PhD degrees from UC Berkeley. He has contributed to over 800 publications. Dr. Kalantar has served as medical director of several dialysis clinics as well as transplant programs and is certified by UNOS as a transplant physician.



### **Stephen Pastan, MD - Ad Hoc Member - Network 6**

Dr. Pastan is a Professor of Medicine at the Emory University School of Medicine and Medical Director of the kidney and pancreas transplant program at the Emory Transplant Center. He completed his medical education at Harvard Medical School and his internal medicine and fellowship training at Boston's Beth Israel Hospital. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Kidney Foundation, where he chairs the Transplant Task Force, and of the Board of Directors of the Forum of ESRD Networks. His research focuses on understanding the reasons for racial, socioeconomic, and geographic disparity in access to renal transplantation and on conducting quality improvement activities to decrease disparity in transplant access and to improve transplant rates.



### **Sue Caponi, MBA, RN, BSN, CPHQ - EDAC Representative**

Susan Caponi is a registered nurse and health care program executive with more than 35 years healthcare experience, the last 16 years focused on the End Stage Renal Disease community—dedicated to ensuring that patients receive appropriate, timely, and equitable care. Ms. Caponi serves as the CEO of the IPRO ESRD Program and leads the ESRD Networks for New York, New England, South Atlantic, and the Ohio River Valley.

Before coming to IPRO, Ms. Caponi directed the emergency and critical care services of a large Long Island hospital for many years following various nursing leadership roles. During that time, she implemented comprehensive programs to educate employees on the value of a customer-centered patient approach to care. She fully understands the key relationship that develops between a health care provider and a patient is critical to the patient's comfort and confidence that they are receiving appropriate care and brings this understanding to bear in leading the ESRD program.



### **Derek Forfang – KPAC Representative**

Derek has been a Type 1 diabetic since age 10 and an ESRD patient since 1999, utilizing various treatment modalities including transplantation, peritoneal dialysis, and in-center hemodialysis. Both his mother and grandfather were type 2 diabetic and experienced kidney failure as well. He is the Chair of the National Forum of ESRD Network's Kidney Patient Advisory Council (KPAC) and a member of the Forum Board of Directors. He is the Chair of HSAG ESRD Network 17's Patient Advisory Committee (PAC) and chairs the Network 17 Board of Directors. He serves as Chair of the National Kidney Foundation's (NKF) Kidney Advocacy Committee (KAC) and of the NKF Public Policy Committee. He is also a member of the Kidney Health Initiative (KHI) Patient and Family Partnership Council. Derek is the first recipient of the National Kidney Foundation's Celeste Castillo Lee Patient Engagement Award and was presented with the CMS QIIG Results Coin in 2018.





### **Barbara Dommert-Breckler – QID Representative**

Barbara Dommert-Breckler, RN, BSN, CNN, is the Quality Improvement Director for Comagine Health ESRD Network 16. With more than 26 years of experience in operational management and clinical quality improvement, Ms. Dommert-Breckler has contributed to the achievement of successful measures in each Network in the areas of Blood Stream Infection, access to EMR/HIE, home dialysis and hospitalization reduction. She currently leads the technical assistance efforts related to COVID in surge areas for both Networks. Prior to coming to the Networks in 2012, Ms. Dommert-Breckler was a facility administrator for DaVita, working with staff and physicians providing exemplary care for the patients at her facility. For more than 15 years prior, Ms. Dommert-Breckler worked in the field of blood plasma center operations including as a master trainer ensuring all centers aligned with corporate and regulatory requirement and technical writer. Ms. Dommert-Breckler is a hands-on trainer, creating collaborative relationships at all levels as well as a national subject matter expert to the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). She is a published author with articles and most recently authorship of sections of the American Nephrology Nurse Core Curriculum for Nephrology Nursing.