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# 2025

PENN TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE

## Kidney Transplant Symposium

Earn continuing education credits—designed for nurses, social workers and dialysis unit technicians and transplant nurses.

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

**8:30 am – 3:05 pm**

Join us **virtually** or **in-person**.

This session is **FREE!**



### HOW WILL YOU JOIN US?



#### **Virtual:**

Zoom link will be provided after registration.

[PennMedicine.org/Transplant/Kidney/RegisterVirtual](https://PennMedicine.org/Transplant/Kidney/RegisterVirtual)



#### **In-Person:**

Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine, Rubenstein Auditorium  
3400 Civic Center Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA

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#### Questions?

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## Agenda

**8:30 am**

Welcome and Overview

**8:35 am**

Overview of Kidney Transplantation

**Roy Bloom, MD**, Medical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Program

**9:15 am**

Understanding the Impact of Paired Kidney Exchange and End Chain Kidneys

**Amanda Leonberg-Yoo, MD**, Medical Director, Kidney Living Donor Program

**9:45 am**

Kidney Patient Highlight

**9:50 am**

Break

**10:05 am**

The Role of the Transplant Designee

**Virna de la Cruz, RN**, Quality Improvement Specialist, Quality Insights – ESRD Network 3

**10:35 am**

How to Prepare Your Patient for Referral and Kidney Transplant Evaluation

**Renee Westmoreland, DNP, CRNP**, Manager, Clinical Operations, Kidney Transplant Program

**11:05 am**

Managing Mental Health Issues in Kidney Transplantation

**Renee Maggiaro, MSW**, Transplant Social Worker  
**Krista Kreh, MSW**, Transplant Social Worker

**11:45 am**

Break for Lunch

**12:15 pm**

Post Transplant Medications

**Gillian Steiger, PharmD**, PGY-2 Transplant Pharmacy Resident

**12:45 pm**

Improving Access to Transplant for Complex Patients

**Nay Seif, MD**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine

**1:15 pm**

Living Donor Highlight

**1:20 pm**

Break

**1:35 pm**

The Critical Role of Social Supports in Kidney Transplantation

**Emily Patrick, MSW**, Transplant Social Worker  
**Stacey Wallace, MSW**, Transplant Social Worker

**2:05 pm**

Unseen Pressure: Recognizing and Responding to Coercion in the Kidney Transplant Process for Donors and Recipients

**Basil Pattammady, MSW**, Transplant Social Worker  
**China Coleman, MSW**, Transplant Social Worker

**2:35 pm**

What's New in Transplant: How Studies at Penn Can Benefit Your Patient

**Ron Parsons, MD**, Surgical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Program

**3:05 pm**

Closing Remarks

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### Designation of Credit

The symposium will offer approximately **4.5** continuing education credits for nephrology nurses, transplant nurses (CEPTC), renal social workers, and dialysis unit technicians.



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