



THE GLOBAL KIDNEY POLICY FORUM: FOCUS ON NORTH AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) Global Kidney Policy Forum (GKPF) aims to bring together high-level decision-makers and stakeholders to address the burden of kidney disease in a particular country or region, and share strategies for the prevention and improved management of the disease at both the regional and global level.

During the first GKPF, which took place in April 2017, stakeholders interested in addressing the growing burden of kidney disease gathered to describe, discuss and develop a set of 12 Recommendations to Global Kidney Health to guide future efforts to reduce the burden of kidney disease worldwide. Successive Global Kidney Policy Fora are committed to the continued adherence to and advancement of the 12 Recommendations.

The Global Kidney Policy Forum: Focus on North America and The Caribbean will be the third in this ongoing series of ISN Policy Forums. The unique format will bring an international focus to the key kidney health challenges and opportunities affecting the North America and Caribbean region.

Given the health disparities identified during the global COVID-19 pandemic, this GKPF will highlight some of the challenges faced by specific populations in accessing kidney healthcare. The Forum's overarching objective is to enable policy makers, patients, clinicians and administrators/funders to better understand the opportunities to improve kidney health within their region(s), and propose concrete solutions that will help deliver such goals.

PROGRAM

9.30 - 10.40 SETTING THE SCENE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDNEY HEALTH GLOBALLY AND IN THE REGION: LESSONS FROM 12 RECOMMENDATIONS TO GLOBAL KIDNEY HEALTH

Professor Vivekanand Jha, (International Society of Nephrology), Opening Remarks

Moderator: Professor Richard Horton (The Lancet)

- **Keynote Speaker: Dr Soumya Swaminathan** (World Health Organisation), WHO Perspectives on Global Kidney Health Issues
- **Keynote Speaker: Sir George Alleyne** (Pan American Health Organization), Sustainable Development Goals in the Context of CKD and NCDs
- **Professor Aminu Bello** (University of Alberta), GKHA Atlas: Findings for North American Region: Context and Comparisons
- **Professor Adeera Levin** (University of British Columbia), GKPF: The 12 Recommendation and High-Level Overview North America Region

LIVE Q&A*

10.40 – 11.15 KIDNEY CARE: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES IN CANADA: QUALITY, SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY OF ACCESS

*Chair: **Professor Rulan Parekh** (The Hospital for Sick Children) and **Ms Mary Beaucage** (Can-SOLVE CKD Network)*

- **Dr Evan Adams** (Indigenous Service Canada), Indigenous Health and Wellness: Challenges and Opportunities, Focus on Kidney Diseases
- **Dr Murray Vasilevsky** (Montreal General Hospital), Challenges in Delivering Kidney Care in Rural, Remote and Indigenous Populations in Canada

LIVE Q&A*

11.15 – 11.45 KIDNEY CARE: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CARIBBEAN: QUALITY, SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY OF ACCESS

*Chair: **Professor Everard Barton** (University of the West Indies)*

- **Dr Ian Thomas** (Mount St. John's Medical Centre), Overview of Diversity of Caribbean Regional Resources for Kidney Care
- **Dr Lori-Ann Fisher** (University of the West Indies), COVID-19 and Kidney Care in the Caribbean
- **Professor Soyibo Adedamola** (University of the West Indies), Challenges and Successes in the Region regarding Kidney Disease

LIVE Q&A*

11.45 – 12.15 KIDNEY CARE: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES IN USA: QUALITY, SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY OF ACCESS

*Chairs: **Dr Neil Powe** (San Francisco General Hospital)*

- **Associate Professor Susanne B. Nicholas** (University of California), Current State Funding, Care and Access to Kidney Services
- **Dr Glenda Roberts** (University of Washington), Patient Perspectives and KHI

LIVE Q&A*

12.15 – 12.45 ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS IN CKD CARE IN NORTH AMERICA

*Chair: **Professor Vivekanand Jha**, ISN President*

- **Assistant Professor Shuchi Anand** (Stanford University), CKDu Global Trends and in North America
- **Professor John Gill** (University of British Columbia), Initiatives to Improve Access to Transplantation in North America: Comparisons and Contrasts

LIVE Q&A*

12.45 – 13:25 COVID-19 AND KIDNEY CARE: WHAT HAPPENED TO WHO, WHERE

*Chair: **Professor Myles Wolf** (Duke University School of Medicine) **and Dr Samaya Anumudu** (Baylor College of Medicine)*

- **Dr Deborah Zimmerman** (Riverside Hospital), Observations and Insights from Canada
- **Dr Kyaw Hoe** (University of the West Indies), Observations and Insights from Jamaica
- **Professor Jai Radhakrishnan** (Columbia University), Observations and Insights from USA

LIVE Q&A*

13.25 – 13.40 CLOSING REMARKS & NEXT STEPS: TURNING RECOMMENDATIONS INTO REALITY

- **Professor Richard Horton** (The Lancet): Summary of the Challenges and Opportunities in North American and Caribbean and Global Implications
- **Professor Vivekanand Jha** (ISN President): Closing remarks

*moderated by session Chair(s)