Early stages of kidney disease often go unrecognized as many people do not present with symptoms. Completing the recommended screenings and tests provide opportunities for early detection and treatment to prevent or delay the progression of CKD. Fewer than half of people with diabetes receive both recommended estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) and urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio (uACR) screenings.

The WCHQ Chronic Kidney Disease Advisory Group supports efforts toward early detection and treatment of chronic kidney disease (CKD) in patients with diabetes or hypertension. WCHQ appreciates the support of Bayer in our CKD improvement work.

AGENDA

11:30 AM  Welcome and introduction to WCHQ CKD Initiative
Gabrielle Rude, PhD
WCHQ President and CEO

11:35 AM  Improving the Care of Patients with CKD Through Data-Informed Improvement and the Development and Release of Two New WCHQ CKD Measures

WCHQ CKD Advisory Group Co-Chairs:
Sarang Baman, MD
Medical Director of Population Health & Risk
Advocate Aurora Health

Chitra Bhosekar, MD
Nephrologist
Bellin Health

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12:00 PM  Quality, Value and Outcomes in Kidney Care  
Dan Wilson, MD  
Senior Medical Director, Cardiorenal Strategist  
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Holly Kramer, MD, MPH  
Professor of Public Health Sciences and Medicine,  
Division of Nephrology and Hypertension  
Loyola University Chicago

12:50  Question and Answer

1 PM  Adjourn

About Our Speakers

Sarang Baman, MD  
Medical Director of Population Health & Risk  
Advocate Aurora Health

Dr. Sarang Baman specializes in family medicine with over 20 years of experience. Board certified in Family Medicine, Clinical Lipidology, as well as Post-Acute and Long-Term Care, he has practiced in a variety of settings & facilities over the years but has always focused on quality care.

He is passionate about patient care and believes that empowering patients to understand their health is critical to the patient’s overall well-being. He has also spent the last two decades working in various capacities on quality improvement and now on patient safety.

Over the last few years, he has taken this approach towards the management of CKD in primary care. In that capacity, Dr. Baman been integral in developing a couple of CME webinars on the topic of CKD in Primary Care that focused on process improvement and optimal primary care for this population.

Dr. Baman received his medical degree from Rush Medical College and his residency in family practice was at Columbia Hospital.

Chitra Bhosekar, MD  
Nephrologist  
Bellin Health

Dr. Chitra Bhosekar is a Clinical Nephrologist and the Service Line Lead for Nephrology at Bellin Health System. She is a results driven, forward thinking physician-professional with solid clinical, management and analytical skills. Dr. Bhosekar is Board certified in Internal Medicine and Nephrology. Prior to her nephrology career, she worked as an Internist for a decade at the Froedtert and Medical College of Wisconsin. She has held numerous leadership roles including Director of Incentive Program for Physicians and medical director of the clinical service unit for Internal Medicine.

Improving Clinical Quality has been a recurrent theme connecting all her prior experience. In her current role, she has worked extensively with other clinical services to improve the quality of care provided to patients. She has
worked to create team-based care for nephrology and currently has many projects aligning services across multiple specialties.

Dr. Bhosekar received her medical education at Grant Medical College in Mumbai, India, and her residency was at Presence Resurrection Medical Center. She completed a fellowship in nephrology at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Holly Kramer, MD, MPH  
Professor of Public Health Sciences and Medicine, Division of Nephrology and Hypertension  
Loyola University Chicago

Holly Kramer, MD, MPH, received her medical degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine. After completing residency and being a Chief Resident at Emory University, she traveled to Boston for a nephrology fellowship at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women’s Hospital combined program. Dr. Kramer was an American Kidney Fund Clinical Scientist research award winner and recipient of a Young Investigator Award from the National Kidney Foundation. Since completion of Nephrology fellowship in 2002, Dr. Kramer has been jointly appointed to the Department of Medicine, Division of Nephrology and Hypertension, and Department of Public Health Sciences at the Loyola University Chicago. As an investigator, her research has focused on risk factors for kidney disease progression including obesity, hypertension and nutrition. She has been site investigator for several clinical trials including the Systolic Blood Pressure Intervention Trial. Dr. Kramer was President of the National Kidney Foundation from 2018-2020 and is an advocate for kidney disease prevention and research.

Daniel J. Wilson MD  
Senior Medical Director, Cardiorenal Strategist  
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Dan Wilson, MD, received his Doctor of Medicine at Rush Medical University and completed postgraduate training in internal medicine, hypertension and nephrology, and a renal research fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He has held academic and clinical appointments at Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Bowman Gray School of Medicine -- Wake Forest University, and at the Mayo Clinic -- Mayo Medical School. Dr. Wilson’s research interests have included chronic kidney disease, hypertensive emergencies and urgencies, resistant hypertension, and drug-related nephrotoxicity.

Dr. Wilson has participated in academic programs at the Cleveland Clinic, Mayo Clinic, and the University of Minnesota. He has continued to be involved in clinical research on cardiorenal disease and hypertension. Dr. Wilson is board certified in Internal Medicine and Nephrology. He is a member of multiple medical societies and is currently a fellow in the American College of Physicians, and the American College of Chest Physicians.

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