**36th Symposium on Pediatric Dialysis**
**47th Annual Dialysis Conference**
**February 25-February 28, 2027**
**Kansas City, Missouri**

**Thursday, February 25, 2027**

**Pediatric Nursing "Meet and Greet"**
**12:00- 12:25pm**
**Moderators: Brandy Begin, BSN, MBA, RN, CNN; Jessica Geer, MSN, C-PNP, CNN-NP, RN; Dani Jackson, NP**
*Meet and network with other nurses and advanced practice providers working with children with kidney disease.*

**Pediatric Dietitian "Meet and Greet"**
**12:00- 12:25pm**
**Moderators: Kirsten McFadyen, RD; Nonnie Polderman, RD**
*Meet and network with other dietitians working with children with kidney disease.*

**12:25pm: Welcome – Steven Alexander, MD**

**Session 1: Fundamentals and Advances in Dialysis for Children, Part 1**
**12:30 pm- 2:30 pm**
**Moderators: Bradley Warady, MD; Jessica Geer MSN, C-PNP, CNN-NP, RN**
12:30 Physiology of Blood Purification – Jordan Symons, MD
1:00 Peritoneal Dialysis Prescription and Adequacy Monitoring -Annabelle Chua, MD
1:30 Hemodialysis Prescription and Adequacy Monitoring -Cherry Mammen, MD
2:00 Cardiovascular Complications -Franz Schaefer, MD

2:30-3:00 pm Break

**Session 2: Fundamentals and Advances in Dialysis for Children, Part 2**
**3:00 pm- 5:00 pm**
**Moderators: Steve Alexander, MD; Brandy Begin, BSN, MBA, RN, CNN**
3:00 Pediatric Dialysis Nutrition Guidelines – Kirsten McFadyen, RD
3:30 Growth and Growth Hormone Therapy- Melissa Muff-Luett, MD
4:00 Management of Bone Disease in Children on Dialysis: The Basics – Rukshana Shroff, MD
4:30 Renal Anemia: The Basics – Meredith Atkinson, MD

**Session 3: Nursing Breakout 1**
**5:15- 6:00 pm**
**Moderator: Jessica Geer, MSN, C-PNP, CNN-NP, RN**
Nursing Interventions for Clinical Problems: Troubleshooting Issues on Dialysis
PD - Brandy Begin, BSN, MBA, RN, CNN
HD- Tess King, RN

**Friday, February 26, 2026**

**General Session - Awards and Keynote Presentations**
**8:00-10:00am**

**10:00am Break**

**Session 4: Pediatric Keynote and Best Abstracts**
**10:30am-12:00pm**
**Moderators: Bradley Warady, MD; Jessica Geer, MSN, C-PNP, CNN-NP, RN**
10:30 **Pediatric Keynote:**
The Future of Kidney Replacement Therapy: What Will Dialysis Look Like in 2035? – Joanne Bargman, MD
11:15 Best Abstract 1
11:30 Best Abstract 2
11:45 Best Abstract 3
12:00 Lunch

**Session 5: Symposium on Access**
**2:00-4:00pm**
**Moderators: Bradley Warady, MD; Dani Jackson, NP**
2:00 HD Access Complications and Consideration – Alicia Neu, MD
2:30 PD Access Complications and Considerations - Melissa Muff-Luett, MD
3:00 Infectious Complications (PD and HD) – Rebecca Same, MD
3:45 Discussion

**Session 6: Pediatric Dietitian Breakout 1**
**2:00- 4:00pm**
**Moderators: Kirsten McFadyen, RD; Nonnie Polderman, RD**
2:00 AI in Pediatric Renal Nutrition: Opportunities, Limitations & Risks -Elizabeth Leung, RD
3:00 Clinical Conundrums: Let's Talk

**Faculty Guided Tours of the Pediatric Posters**
**4:30-6:00pm**
*Pediatric faculty will lead small group tours of the pediatric posters with the hopes of engaging interaction with the poster presenters. Everyone is welcome! Details surrounding the group designation will be provided earlier in the day during the conference.*

**Saturday, February 27, 2026**

**Session 7: Hot Topics**
**8:00-10:00am**
**Moderators: Franz Schaffer, MD and Alicia Neu, MD**
8:00 Volume Management in Children on Dialysis - Rukshana Shroff, MD
8:40 Transplanting the Un-transplantable: An Update on Desensitization -Paul Grimm, MD
9:05 Cystinosis: Is There a Cure with Gene Therapy - Paul Grimm, MD
9:30 DISOTS – Dual Immune/Solid Organ Transplantation - Paul Grimm, MD

**Session 8: Pediatric Dietitian Breakout 2 (Hot Topics)**
**8:00- 10:00 am**
**Moderators: Kirsten McFadyen, RD; Nonnie Polderman, RD**

8:00 Primary Hyperoxaluria and Cystinuria: Translating Treatment into Nutrition Care – Julie Gardner, MS, RD, CNSC

8:45 Emerging Topics: Feeding the Complex Patient: Nutrition Considerations in Combined Kidney and Liver Failure – **Jessica Tower**, MS, RD, CSR, LD, CCTD; **Kelly Dunlap**, MS, RD, CSP, CSOWN, LD

10:00 Break

**Session 9: Fellows Case Conference: Stump the Consultants**
**10:30 am- 12:00 pm**
**Moderator: John Mahan, MD**
**Consultants:** Rukshana Shroff, MD; Jordan Symons, MD; Cherry Mammen, MD; Paul Grimm, MD; Annabelle Chua, MD

10:30 Case 1
11:00 Case 2
11:30 Case 3

**Session 10: Nursing Breakout 2**
**10:30 am-12:00 pm**
**Moderator: Brandy Begin, BSN, MBA, RN, CNN**

10:30 Caring for the Complex Patient with Growing Case Management Needs: How to Leverage Your Resources - Dani Jackson, NP

11:15 Discussing Sensitive Topics with Your Dialysis Patients- Navigating Difficult Conversations - Cortney Zimmerman, PhD

12:00 Lunch Break

**Session 11: Ethical Situations in the Dialysis Unit- Case Based**
**2:00 – 4:00pm**
**Moderators: Cherry Mammen, MD; Dani Jackson, NP**
**Speaker:** Aviva Goldberg, MD

- Keeping a Patient Alive to be a Donor
- Vaccines and Transplant
- Just Because We Can, Does It Mean We Should?

**Session 12: Fundamentals for Families**
**4:30-6:00pm**
**Moderators: Bradley Warady, MD; Jessica Geer, MSN, C-PNP, CNN-NP, RN**
**Speakers**: Danica and Mitchell Stewart

*Learn from patients and families as we hear their experiences and ways the medical team can improve care. This informal session brings great discussion surrounding the lived experience of patients/families on dialysis*

6:00pm Adjourn

**Sunday, February 28, 2026**

**Session 13: Billing Round Table**
**8:00-10:00am**
**Moderator: Alicia Neu, MD**
**Speaker:** Eileen Brewer, MD
*Join Dr. Eileen Brewer in an open, collaborative forum. This round table will focus on practical strategies for optimizing reimbursement, navigating evolving coding guidelines, and overcoming common administrative hurdles in dialysis care delivery.*

**Session 14: Nursing Breakout 3 - From Exhaustion to Empowerment: Addressing Burnout in Pediatric Dialysis Care**
**Moderator: Jessica Geer, MSN, C-PNP, CNN-NP, RN**
**Speaker:** Sabra Boyd, MSW. LCSW, LSCSW
*Burnout remains a significant challenge for nurses working in pediatric dialysis, where the emotional and clinical demands of caring for children with chronic kidney disease can be intense. In this session, Sabra Boyd, MSW, LCSW, LSCSW, Senior Director, Center for Wellbeing will explore the causes and impact of burnout, discuss strategies to build resilience and well-being, and share practical approaches for fostering a supportive work environment. Attendees will gain insights into promoting personal wellness, strengthening team culture, and empowering nurses to thrive while delivering exceptional patient care.*

**Session 15: Advancing Pediatric Dialysis Care: The Role of the APP**
**9:30-10:00 am**
**Moderator: Bradley Warady, MD**
**Speaker:** Kathleen Mallett, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, CNN-NP, FNKF
*Explore the vital role of the Advanced Practice Provider (APP) in the management of pediatric dialysis patients. Discuss how APPs collaborate with nephrologists, nurses, dietitians, social workers, and pharmacists to coordinate care, manage dialysis-related complications, and support patients and families.*

**Session 16: Pediatric Dietitian Breakout 3**
**8:00-10:00 am**
**Moderators: Kirsten McFadyen, RD; Nonnie Polderman, RD**
8:00 When Enteral Feeds Become the Diet: What Are We Missing? Jessica Tower, MS, RD, CSR, LD
9:00 Putting the Pieces Together: A Complex Pediatric Renal Case – Julie Gardner, MS, RD, CNSC

**Session 17: A Bone to Pick: Tackling Bone Health in Pediatric Kidney Disease**
**10:30am -12:00pm**

**Moderators: Cherry Mammen, MD and Nonnie Polderman, RD**
**Speakers:** John Mahan, MD; Annabella Chua, MD; Valerie Smith, PharmD, BCPS, DPLA; Elizabeth Leung, RD
*This multidisciplinary session explores the complex management of bone health in pediatric patients with kidney disease, bringing together pediatric nephrology, pharmacy, and dietary experts to address mineral and bone disorders*.

**12:00 Meeting Concludes**