



KIDNEY TRANSPLANT EDUCATION for Dialysis Social Workers

3-PART PROGRAM



OVERVIEW

This FREE education program equips dialysis social workers with knowledge of the kidney transplant process, enabling them to educate patients, make confident referrals, and support psychosocial needs.

OBJECTIVES

- 1** Educate participants on the kidney transplant process, including evaluation, listing, and benefits.
- 2** Explain organ donation and allocation policies to support optimal transplant outcomes.
- 3** Address psychosocial challenges and disparities affecting transplant access.
- 4** Strengthen collaboration between dialysis providers and transplant centers to improve patient support.



SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

Session 1: May 28, 2026 | 3PM - 5PM EDT

Introduction to Kidney Transplantation & Organ Donation and Allocation



Nay Seif, MD
Nephrologist, Assistant Professor of
Clinical Medicine
Penn Medicine



John Clarke
Transplant Information Center
Gift of Life Donor Program

Session 2: June 11, 2026 | 3PM - 5PM EDT

Psychosocial Barriers to Kidney Transplant & Reducing Disparities in Access to Kidney Transplant



Jill Knolle, LCSW, MPH, CCTSW,
DSW Student
Transplant Social Worker
Lehigh Valley Health Network



Avrum Gillespie, MD
Division of Nephrology, Hypertension, and
Kidney Transplantation
Temple Health

Session 3: June 25, 2026 | 3PM - 5PM EDT

Building Relationships with Transplant Centers & Dialysis Network National Updates



Sharon Franceschini
Outreach and Marketing Coordinator
ChristianaCare Kidney



Tricia Phulchand, BSN, RN
Regional Data Manager
Quality Insights, ESRD Networks 3

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: SESSION 1

Introduction to Kidney Transplantation, Organ Donation & Allocation

MAY 28, 2026 | 3PM - 5PM EDT

The Kidney Process

NAY SEIF, MD

Nephrologist, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine | Penn Medicine

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Understand the clinical transplant evaluation process for ESRD patients
- 2 Identify clinical needs and listing expectations for patients once listed
- 3 Understand the medical benefits of a kidney transplant vs. long-term dialysis

Deceased Organ Donation and Allocation

JOHN CLARKE

Transplant Information Center | Gift of Life Donor Program

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Describe an Organ Procurement Organization and their role in the donation and transplant process
- 2 Understand the U.S. wait list system
- 3 Review kidney allocation policies and communication with transplant centers pre-organ recovery to ensure optimal transplant outcomes

Psychosocial Barriers to Kidney Transplant

JUNE 11, 2026 | 3PM - 5PM EDT

Psychosocial Barriers to Listing and Recovery

JILL KNOLLE, LCSW, MPH, CCTSW

Transplant Social Worker | Lehigh Valley Health Network

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Describe multidisciplinary transplant team members and their roles
- 2 Understand psychosocial transplant assessment for kidney transplant listing
- 3 Understand transplant listing psychosocial barriers and expectations
- 4 Review resources and support programs that assist addressing psychosocial barriers
- 5 Understand barriers to finding living donors and review national resources and protections available to living donors

Reducing Disparities in Access to Kidney Transplantation

Avrum Gillespie, MD

Nephrologist, Professor of Medicine | Temple Health

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Identify disparities in kidney transplantation
- 2 Identify barriers that cause these disparities
- 3 Identify solutions to overcome and remove these barriers

Dialysis Network National Updates and Building Relationships with Transplant Centers

JUNE 25, 2026 | 3PM - 5PM EDT

BRIDGING THE GAP: Building Relationships with Your Transplant Centers

Sharon Franceschini

Kidney Outreach and Marketing Coordinator | ChristianaCare

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Discuss how to develop & maintain relationships with transplant centers
- 2 Develop effective strategies to educate patients about kidney transplantation to improve patient listings

Dialysis Network National Updates

Tricia Phulchand, BSN, RN

Regional Data Manager | Quality Insights, ESRD Networks 3

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Discuss and demonstrate sources available to track patient status and transplant center performance rankings
- 2 Provide overview of new payment incentive model that may lead to more transplants being performed locally

This program is Approved by the National Association of Social Workers (Approval # 886593858-3358) for 6 continuing education contact hours.

Gift of Life Howie's House is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #SW-0868.

YOU MUST ATTEND ALL THREE LIVE SESSIONS TO RECEIVE CEUS.

Please submit questions to tgiordano@donors1.org

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REGISTRATION

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Registration is open from April 15 to May 28, 2026.

Registration is limited to 1,500 participants.

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