



2017 Speakers' Bios

Ali Zentner, MD, FRCPC, DipABOM

Dr. Ali Zentner received her undergraduate medical degree from McMaster University and completed her Internal Medicine Residency with an extra year of Cardiology training at the University of Calgary. She is a Diplomat of the American Board of Obesity Medicine. Dr. Zentner is also the Medical Director of the Live Well Medical and Exercise Clinics in the Lower Mainland, the Medical Director of the Vancouver Island Bariatric Program, the medical correspondent to Global National News, and the author of *The Weight Loss Prescription: A Doctor's Guide to Permanent Weight Reduction and Better Health for Life* (Penguin Canada, 2013). A strong advocate for lifestyle intervention in the treatment of diabetes and hypertension, Dr. Zentner is a passionate speaker in the field of cardiometabolic disease prevention.

Bonnie Futros, RN

Bonnie Futros is currently working as the Clinical Resource Nurse for the Peritoneal Dialysis Unit at St. Boniface Hospital in Manitoba, Canada. She has worked in peritoneal dialysis for three years. Previous to her current position she worked in hemodialysis at St. Boniface for two years.

Gaylene Hargrove, BSc, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Gaylene Hargrove completed her Nephrology Fellowship training at the University of Calgary in 1998. She has been working as a clinical nephrologist in Victoria since 1999, with special interests in peritoneal dialysis and palliative renal care. She has served as the medical lead for the South Island PD program for over 10 years, and is the current chair for the BCPRA Palliative Care Committee. Dr. Hargrove also has a teaching appointment as Clinical Assistant Professor, UBC faculty of Medicine.

Jeffrey Perl, MD, SM, FRCPC

Dr. Jeffrey Perl graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto in 2003. He completed his post-graduate training at The University of Toronto in both Internal Medicine and Nephrology in 2008. In 2010, he completed his Masters of Science in Clinical Epidemiology from The Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Perl is currently a staff nephrologist at St Michael's Hospital in Toronto and Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. In 2016 he was awarded The John Maher Young Investigator Award by the International Society of Peritoneal Dialysis. His primary research interests and clinical practice are focused on improving the survival and quality of life for patients on peritoneal dialysis. Dr. Perl is a primary investigator in The Peritoneal Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study (PDOPPS).

John Crabtree, MD

Dr. John Crabtree is a general surgeon who currently serves as Visiting Clinical Faculty at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. His clinical research interest focuses on issues related to peritoneal dialysis access. He pioneered modifications and enhancements to the laparoscopic placement of peritoneal dialysis catheters resulting in greatly improved catheter outcomes for PD patients. Dr. Crabtree has authored numerous articles covering dialysis catheters, implantation techniques, and resolution of dialysis access complications. Dr. Crabtree is also the Chairperson for PD University for Surgeons in North America, part of a global education effort sponsored by the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis. He is the Activity Director involved in implementing ISPD-sponsored surgeon education programs in Europe.

Judy Shiau, MD, FRCPC, DipABOM

Dr. Judy Shiao is a General Internist specialized in bariatric medicine, Assistant Professor and Bariatric Medicine Fellowship Program Director at University of Ottawa. As the founder of LEAF Weight Management Clinic (www.leafwmc.com), a bariatric community-based academic and research centre, her interests are program development for populations with special bariatric needs.

Mauro Verrelli, MD, MHA, FRCPC, FACP, FASN

Dr. Mauro Verrelli is Medical Director of the Manitoba Renal Program, and Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Manitoba. He completed a Master of Health Administration at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy and has a special interest in all aspects of peritoneal dialysis and health policy, particularly as it pertains to delivery of renal care.

Neil Thompson, MSW, RSW

Neil Thompson is a Social Worker with the Southern Alberta Renal Program. In addition to a full case load of patients in three Calgary units, he acts in the capacity of Clinical Lead for Social Work. He is a member of the Social Work Provincial Practice Council with Alberta Health Services and also serves as Co-Chair on the Calgary Zone Social Work Professional Practice Council within AHS. Neil is a member of the Core Committee for the Kidney Health Strategic Clinical Network (SCN). He is also the past President of the Canadian Association of Nephrology Social Workers (CANSW) and continues to serve on its Executive as Treasurer. Neil is also a member of the Discipline Committee with the Alberta College of Social Workers.

Rupinder Sandhu, RN, BN, CNEPHC

Rupinder Sandhu has had the privilege to work in BC and Manitoba as a registered nurse, and has worked with the following renal replacement therapies: PD, HD (in-center and community) and Nocturnal Independent Home Hemodialysis. She volunteers for CNA to mentor nurses to prepare for their cNephC designations (national specialty exam in nephrology nursing). Additionally, she has worked as the Transition Coordinator for the Manitoba Renal Program, which has provided her with regional insight on the renal program. She currently works as a continuing education instructor for the renal program at St Boniface General Hospital, the largest PD unit in Manitoba. She enjoys supporting and mentoring her colleagues with a focus on improving patient care.

Sara Davison, MD, MSc, FRCPC

Dr. Sara Davison is a professor, bioethicist, and health outcomes researcher at the University of Alberta, as well as a nephrologist and internationally recognized leader in Kidney Supportive/Palliative Care. Her program of research focuses on the delivery of innovative, quality supportive care for patients with advanced kidney failure.

Sheryl Zelenitsky, BSc(Pharm), PharmD

Dr. Sheryl Zelenitsky is a Professor of Pharmacy at the University of Manitoba and holds a nil salary appointment at the St. Boniface Hospital. Her research program focuses on optimal antimicrobial use in the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases in high-risk patients such as the critically ill, those undergoing surgery or requiring dialysis.

Tammy Rizmayer, Social Worker

Tammy Rizmayer is the Renal Social Worker for Northern Health working with KCC, Hemodialysis, Peritoneal Dialysis, and Post-transplant individuals throughout Northern Health.