

**35th Symposium on Pediatric Dialysis
46th Annual Dialysis Conference
February 26-March 1, 2026
Kansas City, Missouri**

Thursday, February 26, 2026

Pediatric Nursing “Meet and Greet”

12:00- 12:50pm

Moderators: Brandy Begin, BSN, MBA, RN, CNN; Jessica Geer, MSN, CPNP-PC, CNN-NP, RN; Amy Nau MBA, MSN, RN, CNN, NE-BC; Katie Plomaritas, BSN, RN

Meet and network with other nurses and advanced practice providers working with children with kidney disease.

Pediatric Nutrition “Meet and Greet”

12:00- 12:50pm

Moderators: Kirsten McFadyen, RD; Nonnie Polderman, BSc, RD

Meet and network with other dietitians working with children with kidney disease.

12:55pm: Welcome – Steven Alexander, MD

Session 1: Fundamentals and Advances in Dialysis for Children, Part 1

1:00pm–3:00pm

Moderators: Bradley Warady, MD; Jessica Geer, MSN, CPNP-PC, CNN-NP, RN

1:00 Physiology of Blood Purification– Jordan Symons, MD

1:40 Peritoneal Dialysis Prescription and Adequacy Monitoring - Annabelle Chua, MD

2:20 Hemodialysis Prescription and Adequacy Monitoring - Cherry Mammen, MD

3:00-3:30 pm Break

Session 2: Fellows Case Conference: Stump the Consultants

3:30-5:00pm

Moderator: John Mahan, MD

Consultants: Jordan Symons, MD; Cherry Mammen, MD; Rukshana Shroff, MD; Annabelle Chua, MD

5:00pm Adjourn

Friday, February 27, 2026

Session 3: General Session - Awards and Keynote Presentations

8:00-10:00am

8:30 Welcome – Ramesh Khanna, Anjay Rastogi, Richard Barohn

8:45 Award Presentations (include pediatric abstract awards)

Keynote Presentations

9:00 Rising Tides or Perfect Storm? Critical Lessons from the ETC Model for the Future of Dialysis Care
- **Suzanne Watnick, MD**

9:30 Home Again: The Resurgence of Peritoneal Dialysis -**Joanne Bargman, MD**

10:00am **Break**

Session 4: Fundamentals and Advances in Dialysis for Children, Part 2

10:30am-12:00pm

Moderators: Steven Alexander, MD; Nonnie Polderman, BSc, RD

10:30 Pediatric Dialysis Nutrition Guidelines-Kirsten McFadyen, RD

11:00 Growth and Growth Hormone Therapy-Melissa Muff-Luett, MD

11:30 Management of Bone Disease in Children on Dialysis: The Basics – Rukshana Shroff, MD

12:00 Lunch

Session 5: Nursing Breakout 1

12:15- 1:45 pm

Moderator: Katie Plomaritas, BSN, RN

12:15 Fundamentals of PD Access -Brandy Begin, BSN, MBA, RN, CNN

12:35 Fundamentals of HD Access- Jessica Geer, MSN, CPNP-PC, CNN-NP, RN

1:00 Perspectives on Treatment Modality Selection - Kathleen Mallett, FNP-C, CNN-NP, FNKF

1:30 Questions and Discussion

Session 6: Nutrition Breakout 1

12:15- 1:45pm

Moderator: Nonnie Polderman, BSc, RD

New to pediatric nephrology? This session provides an overview of key professional, clinical and patient resources to support your development and build confidence in practice.

12:15 From Tools to Practice: Resources for the Pediatric Renal RD: Nonnie Polderman, BSc, RD

1:00 Case Study: Nutrition for a Child on Dialysis – Janelle Hanick, RDN, LD

Session 7: Fundamentals and Advances in Dialysis for Children, Part 3

2:00-4:00pm

Moderators: Alicia Neu, MD; Amy Nau, MBA, MSN, RN, CNN, NE-BC

2:00 Cardiovascular Complications – Franz Schaefer, MD

2:40 Renal Anemia: The Basics- Bradley Warady, MD

3:20 Major Infectious Complications-Rebecca Same, MD

4:00 Break

Session 8: Nutrition Breakout 2

2:00-4:00 pm

Moderator: Kirsten McFadyen, RD

An evidence-based exploration into practical strategies and tools that are shaping the future of pediatric renal nutrition.

2:00 Updates from the Pediatric Renal Nutrition Taskforce: Nonnie Polderman, RD

3:00 Protein Intake and PRAL: Striking a Balance: Jessica Tower, MS, RD, LD

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.

6:00 Adjourn

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Session 9: Hot Topics

8:00-10:00am

Moderator: Franz Schaefer, MD; Katie Plomaritas, BSN, RN

8:00 Hemodiafiltration Is the Chronic Hemodialysis Modality of Choice for Pediatric Patients: An Update
- Rukshana Shroff, MD

8:30 Epoprostenal: The Return of the Prostacyclins –Ayse Akcan-Arikan, MD

9:00 The Selective Cytophoretic Device (SCD) – David Humes, MD

9:30 Home Hemodialysis for Children in North America...Where Has It gone? Jessica Geer, MSN, CPNP-PC, CNN-NP, RN

10:00 Break

Session: 10: Nutrition Breakout 3

8:00-10:00pm

Moderators: Kirsten McFadyen, RD & Nonnie Polderman, RD

New Frontiers in Weight Management: How Emerging Therapies are Reshaping Nephrology Practice -
Jessica Tower, MS, RD, LD; Tyson Moore, MSN, ARPN, FNP-C, CPN, CNN-NP

This dynamic session explores the impact of modern weight management strategies on pediatric dialysis through current evidence, practical cases and implications for changing clinical practice.

Session 11: Pediatric Keynote and Best Abstracts

10:30am-12:00pm

Moderators: Bradley Warady, MD; Jessica Geer, MSN, CPNP-PC, CNN-NP, RN

10:30 Pediatric Keynote: *From Nephrologist to CEO: Why Complexity Has Always Been the Job*
Alexandro Quiroga, MD; CEO, Children's Mercy Kansas City

11:15 Best Abstracts

12:00 Lunch Break

12:00-2:00 Lunch

Session 12: Nursing Breakout 2

12:15-1:45pm

Moderator: Katie Plomaritas, BSN, RN

12:15 Utilization of Dialysis Technicians in the Pediatric Unit -Amy Nau, MBA, MSN, RN, CNN, NE-BC

12:45 Epidemiology of Catheter Infections in Dialysis Patients - Rebecca Same, MD
1:30 Discussion

Session 13: Nutrition Breakout 4

12:30 to 1:45 pm

Moderator: Nonnie Polderman, RD

Healthy Guts: Fiber in Practice – Past, Present and Future: Janelle Hanick, RDN, LD

Join us for a practical look at how fiber's role in gut health has shifted over time and what new evidence means for future clinical practice.

Session 14: Initial Dialysis for Neonates Weighing <3kg: Should it be PD or HD?

2:00 – 4:00pm

Moderators: Bradley Warady, MD; Alicia Neu, MD

- Hemodialysis Therapies (Carpe, Aqua, CKRT) Are the Best Way to Manage These Babies Until They Reach 3-4kg - Ayse Akcan-Arikan, MD
- Peritoneal Dialysis (manual, low volume) Is the Best Way to Manage These Babies - Melissa Muff-Luett, MD

4:00 Break

Session 15: Fundamentals for Families

4:30-6:00pm

Moderators: Bradley Warady, MD; Jessica Geer, MSN, CPNP-PC, CNN-NP, RN

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, March 1, 2026

Session 16: Symposium: Promoting Emotional Health and Well-Being of Youth with Advanced CKD

8:00-10:00am

Moderators: Rebecca Johnson, PhD, ABPP

- 8:00 Overview of Educational and Vocational Outcomes for Youth with ESKD – Rebecca Johnson, PhD, ABPP
- 8:15 Attendance and Access to Education: The Forgotten Social Determinants of Pediatric Health- Amanda Deacy, PhD
- 9:00 Quality of Life and Emotional Health of Pediatric Hemodialysis Patients – Paige Seegan, PhD
- 9:45 Discussion

Session 17: Symposium: United for Better Outcomes: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Tackling Fluid Overload in Pediatric Dialysis

10:30am -12:00pm

Moderator: Cherry Mammen, MD, (confirmed) & Nonnie Polderman, RD

Panelists: Jennifer Spies, MSN, RN, CPN; Kirsten McFadyen, RD; Brad Wardy, MD; Jessica Greer, MSN, C-PNP, CNN, RN

Join an interactive multidisciplinary session exploring real-world challenges of fluid overload in pediatric dialysis. Through case-based discussion, diverse clinical perspectives, and live audience engagement, we will uncover practical strategies that drive better outcomes for children on PD and HD.

12:00 Meeting Concludes