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2026 PENN KIDNEY TRANSPLANT SYMPOSIUM

CME/CE-ACCREDITED CONFERENCE

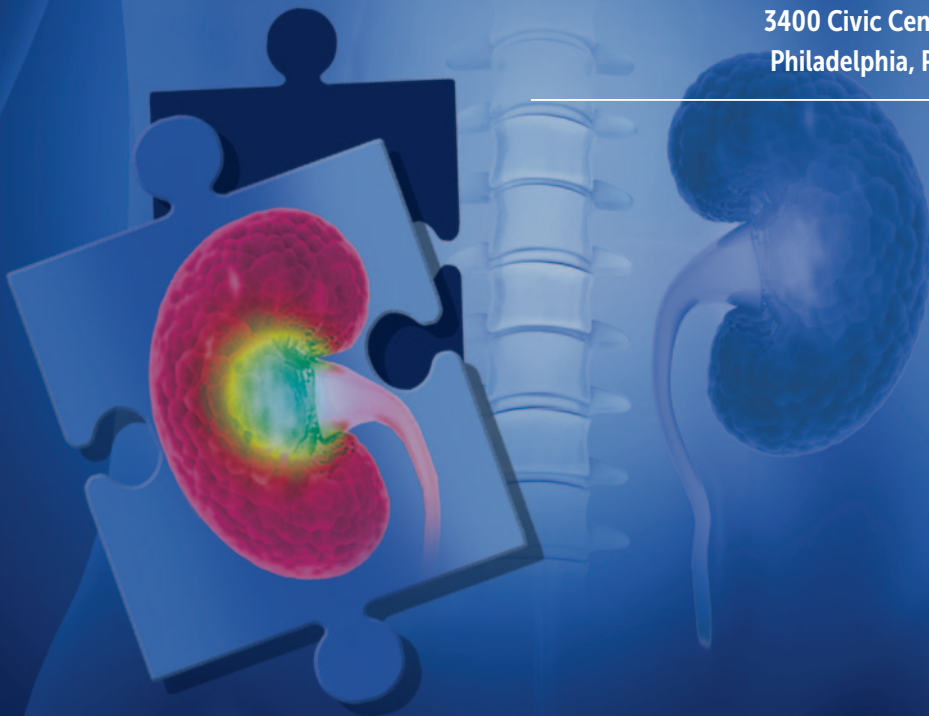
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

REGISTRATION • 8:00 - 8:30 AM

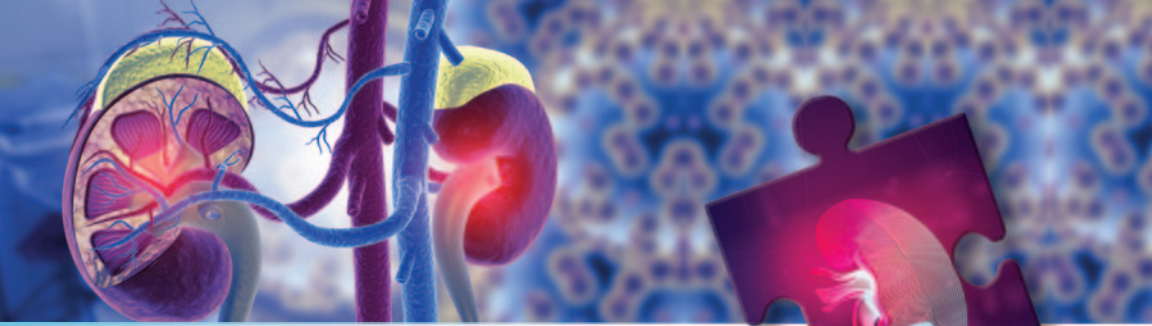
PROGRAM • 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

IN-PERSON MEETING LOCATION

Arthur H. Rubenstein Auditorium at the
Smilow Center for Translational Research
3400 Civic Center Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19104



<https://upenn.cloud-cme.com/KidneyTransplantSymposium2026>



PROGRAM OVERVIEW & TARGET AUDIENCE

The *2026 Penn Kidney Transplant Symposium* provides an overview kidney transplantation and instruction on the kidney transplant referral and evaluation processes as well as more advanced topics such as living donor kidney transplantation, socio-economic impacts on kidney transplantation and new electronic tools for kidney transplant patients.

This program is intended for nephrology nurses, renal social workers and dialysis unit technicians as well as general nephrologists and advanced practice providers.. It will address the latest updates in kidney transplantation across the spectrum of care: from kidney transplant candidate referral to wait-listing, transplantation and post-transplant care. A combination of case presentations and lectures will be used to provide an academically sound and clinically relevant review.

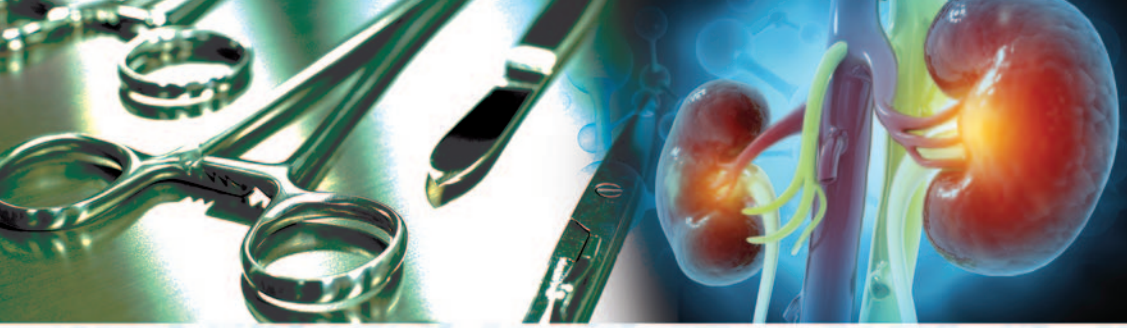
LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon conclusion of this educational activity, the participant will be better able to:

- Review the benefits and risks of kidney transplantation
- Examine the living kidney donation evaluation process.
- Discuss the role of the NJ State Transplant Designee.
- Describe new electronic tools for kidney transplant candidates.
- Discuss the components of the kidney transplant referral and evaluation process
- Explain the post-transplant shared-care model.
- Describe essential elements of a kidney transplant mentor program.
- Review the impact of socio-economic status on patients pre and post-kidney transplantation.
- Identify appropriate multi-listing strategies and understand the impact of current allocation policies.
- Describe the kidney transplant surgical process.

HOSTING DEPARTMENT

2026 Penn Kidney Transplant Symposium is hosted by the Penn Transplant Institute.



ACCREDITATION



In support of improving patient care, Penn Medicine is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (APE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

DESIGNATION OF CREDIT

Physicians: Penn Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 6.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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Nurses: This program provides 6.0 NCPD hours

American Board for Transplant Certification: As a designated Approved Provider by the American Board for Transplant Certification (ABTC), Penn Transplant Institute grants up to 6.0 *Category 1 Continuing Education Points* for Transplant Certification (CEPTC) for this offering. Approval TBD.

Association of Social Work Boards: As a Jointly Accredited Organization, Penn Medicine is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved under this program. Regulatory boards are Revised January 2025 the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. Social workers completing this course receive **6.0** general continuing education credits.

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*ABTC and Dialysis Center Technician attendees will receive their certificates directly from the respective organizations.



LIVE AND VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS

2026 Penn Kidney Transplant Symposium will be held Tuesday, September 29, 2026, by in-person and live-stream virtual attendance. The in-person and virtual presentations will follow the scheduled agenda in real time (EDT).

IN-PERSON – MEETING LOCATION

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Directions to Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine/Smilow Center for Translational

Research: The Arthur H. Rubenstein Auditorium at the Smilow Center for Translational Research is located on floor 1 of the Perelman Center for Academic Medicine, 3400 Civic Center Blvd., Philadelphia, PA. Please visit <http://www.upenn.edu/services/transportation> for transportation options and directions.

Parking: available Monday-Friday at the 3600 Civic Center Parking Garage. Parking is approximately \$20 per day.

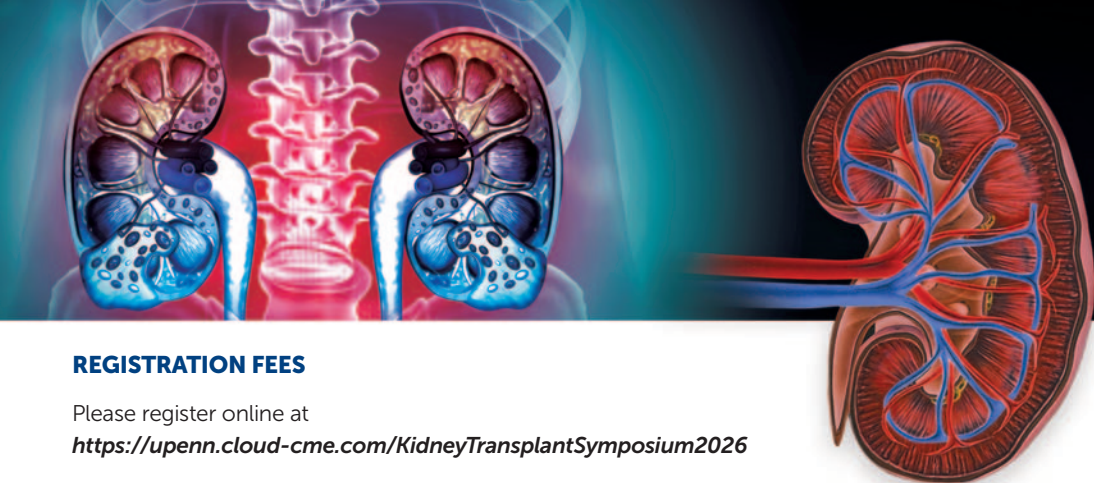
Overnight Accommodation within Walking Distance:

The Study at University City Hotel
20 South 33rd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
215-387-1400

There is no room block or discounted rate available and rooms are subject to availability.

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REGISTRATION FEES

Please register online at

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In-person and Virtual Registration Fees

There is no fee to attend, but preregistration is required.

All pre-registered, **in-person** attendees will receive access to the conference, program handout, continental breakfast, lunch and breaks. Registration also includes access to view the presentations online for one year. Please be sure to register in advance.

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AGENDA | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

- 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM In-Person Registration/Breakfast
- 8:15 AM – 8:30 AM Sign into the Virtual Platform (Virtual Attendees Only)
- 8:30 AM – 8:35 AM **Introduction**
Denny DuPont, BA, BS
- 8:35 AM – 9:15 AM **Overview of Kidney Transplant**
Roy Bloom, MD
- 9:15 AM – 9:45 AM **Living Donor Evaluation: What Listed Patients Need to Know**
Marguerite Cass, BSN, RN, CCTN
- 9:45 AM – 9:55 AM **Kidney Patient Highlight Video**
- 9:55 AM – 10:10 AM Break
- 10:10 AM – 10:40 AM **The Role of the Transplant Designee**
Elizabeth Nuschke, RD
- 10:40 AM – 11:10 AM **What's New in Electronic Tools for Kidney Transplant Patients**
Renee Westmoreland, DNP, CRNP
- 11:10 AM – 11:45 PM **The Kidney Transplant Referral & Evaluation Process**
Melissa Parsonson, BSN, RN
Courtney Byrne, MSW, LCSW
- 11:45 AM – 12:15 PM Lunch
- 12:15 PM – 12:45 PM **Post Transplant Medications**
Alyssa Gagliano, PharmD
- 12:45 PM – 1:15 PM **Understanding the Post Transplant Care Model**
Wanda Gbemudu, MBA, BSN, RN
- 1:15 PM – 1:25 PM **Living Donor Highlight Video**
- 1:40 PM – 2:10 PM **Understanding the Post Transplant Care Model**
Sarah DiPadova, MSN, CRNP
Mati McIntyre, LMSW
Emily Patrick, MSW, LCSW
- 2:10 PM – 2:40 PM **Socio-Economic Status and Kidney Transplant Candidacy**
Renee Maggiano, MSW
Grace Vyletel, MSW, LSW
- 2:40 PM – 3:00 PM **Understanding Multi-Listing & Allocation**
Vishnu Potluri, MD, MPH
- 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM **Surgical Overview of Kidney Transplantation**
Ron Parsons, MD
- 3:30 PM **Closing Remarks**
Denny DuPont, BA, BS

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