Patient Advocate with Personal Experience to Speak on Dialysis

Amanda Grandinetti, MPH

Ms. Grandinetti experienced focal segmental glomerulosclerosis as a child and then kidney failure as a young adult. She underwent hemodialysis before receiving a kidney transplant from a friend in 2013, which was unsuccessful after 3 weeks. She then underwent peritoneal dialysis while pursuing her master’s degree. In 2014, she received her second transplant from another friend, and has since maintained kidney function.

Ms. Grandinetti currently serves on the board of directors of the Kidney Health Initiative and previously served as chair and vice chair of the Kidney Health Initiative Patient and Family Partnership Council.

She has extensive experience in both nonprofit and industry settings, collaborating with pharmaceutical companies, such as the former Goldfinch Bio, AstraZeneca, and ProKidney, to integrate patient-reported outcome measures into device and drug development.

Ms. Grandinetti has also participated in technical expert panels led by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and has been a peer reviewer for the U.S. Department of Defense medical research programs.

Her diverse background in evidence-based research and clinical quality provides her with a unique perspective in her kidney advocacy efforts.

She received a BS in psychology and a master’s degree in public health from Elmhurst University in Illinois. She is pursuing a doctorate in health sciences from Northern Illinois University with her dissertation focused on patient-reported outcome measures.

Organ Rejection to Be Subject of Murphy Lectureship

Flavio Vincenti, MD

A leader in kidney and pancreas transplantation for almost 50 years, Flavio Vincenti, MD, will provide fresh insights in the Barbara T. Murphy, MD BAO BCh, Endowed Lectureship on Saturday, November 4, in a talk titled “Novel Therapeutic Targets to Control Humoral Responses in Desensitization and ABMR.” The lecture will be presented during a session titled “New Look at Antibody-Mediated Rejection.”

Dr. Vincenti is professor of clinical medicine at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF).

He has published more than 250 peer-reviewed publications and has been a principal investigator of trials supported by the National Institutes of Health, the Immune Tolerance Network, the UCSF Innovation Ventures Philanthropy Fund (InVent Fund), and industry. His research interests focus on novel biologics, desensitization with novel drugs, and recurrent focal segmental glomerulosclerosis. He has written a series of articles on the complications of transplants and has been a leading investigator on the use of anti-interleukin 2 receptor monoclonal antibodies and costimulation blockade. He is a proponent of minimizing immunosuppressive drugs after transplantation.

Dr. Vincenti has been an active member of the American Society of Transplantation (AST), serving as president and on its board of directors and helped establish its Clinical Trials Committee and expanded the collaboration of AST with international transplant societies.

He previously served as associate editor of CJASN and the American Journal of Transplantation and on the editorial board of Transplantation and the American Journal of Kidney Disease.

Dr. Vincenti received a lifetime achievement award from the AST and was honored by the National Kidney Foundation of Northern California for his contributions to transplantation and treatment of kidney failure.

He completed his medical training, internship, and residency at the American University of Beirut Medical Center in Lebanon. He then did a nephrology fellowship at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA. He came to UCSF for a transplant nephrology fellowship and has been on the staff of the kidney transplant service at UCSF since 1976.

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