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This dynamic educational program will address current issues and trends in nephrology practice and the care of individuals with kidney disease.

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Saturday
September 27, 2025

Empowering Kidney Care:
A One-Day Conference
with Nurse-Physician Partners



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This year's program includes *Empowering Kidney Care: A One-Day Conference with Nurse-Physician Partners in Collaboration with the American Society of Nephrology* on Saturday, September 27. This special program is included with full conference registration.

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At the American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA), we are committed to health access for all individuals and the core values that support this which are foundational to our culture. We strive to create an environment where all individuals are respected, valued, and empowered, and where our practices are both equitable and inclusive. By embracing and celebrating our differences, ANNA fosters a sense of belonging that unites individuals from all backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. This inclusive climate strengthens our community and supports the advancement of ANNA's mission and vision.

# Thursday, September 25

7:30 am - 9:00 am

101 Breakfast / Product Theater

Pending corporate support

9:15 am - 9:30 am

Welcome and Introductions

9:30 am - 10:30 am **OPENING SESSION** 

111 Explore Dialysis Evolution

1.0 CH

Amanda Rivenbark, BSN, RN Nancy Colobong Smith, MN, ARNP, ANP-BC, CNN, FANNA

Dialysis has come a long way since its invention in the 1940s. Newer dialysis machines are more compact, userfriendly, and efficient, and provide better monitoring. Modern dialyzer membranes are designed to remove larger molecules more effectively, enhance toxin clearance, and reduce inflammation, leading to better overall patient outcomes. There also have been improvements in vascular access management, medications for patients with kidney disease, and a push to make hemodialysis more accessible for patients to perform at home. Hemodiafiltration (HDF) is a renal replacement therapy that combines both hemodialysis and hemofiltration. A large amount of fluid is removed via HDF, and smaller waste molecules are cleared via hemodialysis, allowing for a more thorough cleaning of the blood. HDF mimics more of the kidney's natural filtration process. Research has shown that HDF may be associated with improved long-term outcomes.

10:30 am - 10:45 am

**Presentation of Daisy Award for Health Equity** 

11:00 am - 12:15 pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS (121-123)** 

# 121 Nurturing your Kidneys: The Power of Plant-Based Diets 1.25 CH

Maureen Craig, DNP, RN, DipACLM, CNN, APHN-BC

This session will discuss the advantages of plant-based diets for individuals with chronic kidney disease, particularly those who also have inflammatory co-morbid conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, and autoimmune diseases. The speaker also will share results of a comprehensive literature review on plant-based diets.

# 122 Optimizing Transplant Processes: A New Era in Organ Donation and Transplant Practice 1.25 CH

Geraldine Zingraf, DNP, MBA, RN, CNN, CCTC This session will cover the latest advancements in organ allocation policy focusing on optimizing transplant outcomes. Oversight of organ allocation, involvement of stakeholders, and recent updates in solid organ transplantation will be discussed. Key topics will include modernization of organ allocation systems to improve fairness, efficiency, and overall transplant success rates.

# 123 Guiding Excellence: Nephrology Nurse Preceptor Leadership

1.25 CH

Beth Ulrich, EdD, RN, FACHE, FANNA, FAONL, FAAN

This session will take a deep dive into "Guiding Excellence: Nephrology Nurse Preceptor Leadership," a program designed to empower experienced nephrology nurses in their role as mentors and preceptors. This initiative focuses on developing leadership skills to support the training and professional growth of nurses in the field of nephrology.

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm131 Lunch / Product TheaterPending corporate support



# Thursday, September 25

2:15 pm - 3:30 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS (141-143)

# 141 Lupus Nephritis: Changes and Updates in Evidence-Based Practice 1.25 CH

Mary Schira, PhD, RN

This session will explore the evidence-based practice (EBP) related to lupus nephritis (LN), a severe manifestation of systemic lupus erythematosus that can lead to significant kidney damage. Recent advances in research and EBP have greatly improved the understanding and management of LN.

# Moving Beyond One-Size-Fits-All: A Deep Dive into Dialysis Prescriptions, Fluid Management, and Dry Weight Targets 1.25 CH, Rx

Louisa Freiberger, RN, CDN

This session will explore personalized approaches to dialysis care, moving beyond a one-size-fits-all model. It will focus on tailoring dialysis prescriptions, fluid management, and dry weight targets based on individual patient factors. Best practices for calculating dry weight will be discussed alongside case studies to illustrate real-world applications. A patient-centered approach to dialysis will be emphasized, aiming to improve outcomes by considering each patient's unique needs and circumstances.

# 143 Launching Confidence and Competence: Utilizing ANNA Competencies for New Nephrology Nurses 1.25 CH

Glenda Robertson, MA, RN

This session will focus on supporting new nephrology nurses by utilizing ANNA competencies. It will highlight the importance of learner competency assessment that are recognized by national nursing organizations. These assessments measure a new nurse's knowledge, skills, and values against established national standards. The goal is to identify areas for further learning, helping new nephrology nurses build confidence and competence as they grow in their roles.

3:45 pm - 5:00 pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS (151-153)** 

# 151 Solving the CKD-MBD Puzzle: Targeted Therapies and Pharmacologic Innovations 1.25 CH, Rx

Leah Foster Smith, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, CNN-NP, FNKF, FANNA, FAANP

This session will explore the pathophysiology and implications of chronic kidney disease (CKD)-mineral bone disease (MBD), including current treatment guidelines and pharmacological interventions and innovations.

# 152 Turning the Tide: Managing Acute Kidney Injury on Home Dialysis 1.25 CH

Alicia Zerkle, BS, RN

This session will provide an overview of managing acute kidney injury (AKI) in patients on home dialysis. Key strategies for successfully caring for these patients, including accurate assessment and monitoring of kidney function, will be shared. The session also will address challenges associated with caring for patients with AKI on home dialysis and offer insights into overcoming these hurdles to improve patient outcomes.

# 153 Considerations for Providing Inclusive Care to LGBTQ Nephrology Patients: Addressing Unique Health Needs and Challenges 1.25 CH

Shannon Whittington, DNP, MSN, CCM LGBTQ+ Health Certified

This session will focus on providing inclusive care to LGBTQ nephrology patients, highlighting their unique health needs and challenges. The importance of cultural competency and sensitivity in nephrology care, barriers to access. and opportunities for improving care will be explored. Mental health and emotional support for LGBTQ patients also will be discussed, emphasizing the need for a holistic approach to care that respects patients' identities and fosters a supportive environment.

# Friday, September 26

7:30 am - 9:00 am

## 201 Breakfast / Product Theater

Pending corporate support

9:15 am - 10:30 am **GENERAL SESSION** 

## 211 Foundations of Leadership in Nephrology Nursing: A Guide for the Novice Nurse Leader 1 25 CH

Judy Kauffman, DNP, MSN, RN, CNN

This session is designed to equip novice nurse leaders in nephrology with the essential skills, strategies, and tools needed to succeed in their leadership roles. Focusing on both general leadership principles and nephrology-specific challenges, this session will provide valuable insights for navigating the complexities of the field.

> 10:45 am - 12:00 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS (221-223)

# 221 Decoding Diabetic Kidney Disease: Pharmacologic Strategies and Innovations in Management

1.25 CH, Rx

Wendy Wright, DNP, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, FNAP

This session will provide healthcare professionals with a comprehensive understanding of the pathophysiology, current therapeutic strategies, and emerging pharmacologic innovations in the management of diabetic kidney disease (DKD), enabling them to optimize patient outcomes and prevent disease progression.

# 222 From Metrics to Mastery: A Practical Guide for Nephrology Nurses Implementing Value-Based Care Initiatives

Angie Kurosaka, DNP, RN, CNN, CCM, NEA-BC, FANNA

This session will highlight the critical role of nephrology nurses in achieving value-based care goals, emphasizing how quality metrics drive improved patient outcomes and organizational success. How frontline staff, especially in dialysis units and office locations, can focus on practical, actionable steps also will be discussed.

# 223 An Overview of Pediatric Dialysis: Challenges and Considerations for Pediatric Patients 1.25 CH, Rx

Alicia Zerkle, BS, RN

This session will provide an overview of pediatric dialysis, focusing on unique challenges and considerations when treating pediatric patients. Specific factors in pediatric dialysis prescriptions and products as well as necessary adjustments for medication dosing in children will be covered. The session also will address special concerns that arise when pediatric patients are cared for in adult dialysis units, emphasizing the need for tailored approaches to ensure optimal outcomes for young patients.

12:15 pm - 2:00 pm

### 231 Lunch / Product Theater

Pending corporate support

2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

### **GENERAL SESSION**

# 241 Unified Care for Complex Conditions: Proactive Support for Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease and Serious Mental Illness 1.25 CH

Debra Hain, PhD, APRN, AGPCNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, CNN-NP, FAAN, FAANP, FNKF

This session will focus on the impact of chronic kidney disease and serious mental illness (SMI) along with assessment strategies, strategies for early identification, and interventions to reduce barriers to quality mental health and nephrology care. Advanced practice nurses and registered nurses will benefit from this presentation by enhancing their knowledge and assessment skills to identify SMI and develop person-centered strategies to improve patient and system level outcomes.

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

## 251 Exhibits Open / Reception

Meet with industry representatives and view displays of state-of-the-art technology, products, and services. Beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Empowering Kidney Care: A One-Day Conference with Nurse-Physician Partners

# Saturday, September 27

# A Day of Collaboration with the American Society of Nephrology

Note: All event times are Eastern Time Zone

in Collaboration with

7:30 am - 8:30 am

### **Exhibits Open / Breakfast**

8:30 am - 8:45 am

#### Welcome and Introductions

8:45 am - 10:00 am **GENERAL SESSION** 

# 301 Current State of Xenotransplantation 1.25 CH, Rx



Robert Montgomery Robert Montgomery, MD, DPhil, FACS
This session will focus on xenotransplantation, the transplantation of organs or tissues from one species to another, such as from pigs to humans. The exciting potential of this approach in addressing the organ shortage crisis as well as the complex challenges it brings will be explored.

10:15 am - 11:30 am

## **CONCURRENT SESSIONS (311-314)**

## 311 Home Dialysis 1.25 CH

Graham Abra, MD Frank Liu, MD Louisa Freiberger, RN, CDN Lucy Todd, MSN, ACNP, CNNe, FANNA

An interactive panel discussion will focus on how innovative solutions as well as best practices can enhance patient care, improve outcomes, and reduce healthcare burden, while also fostering a collaborative approach between nurses and physicians.

# 312 Transition Back to Dialysis after Transplant 1.25 CH

Nicole Ali, MD Michelle Josephson, MD Courtney Blocker, MSN, APRN, FNP-C Tifanny Johnson, AAS Amy Woodard, BSN, RN, CNN, CCTC

An interactive panel discussion will address how to transition a patient back to dialysis after a failed transplant, focusing on best practices that emphasize a collaborative, patient-centered approach.

# 313 Quality and Safety 1.25 CH

Michael Kraus, MD Naveed Masani, MD, FACP, FASN Jennifer Payton, MHCA, BSN, RN, CNN, FANNA Jennifer Vavrinchik, MSN, RN, CNN

An interactive panel discussion will focus on quality and safety in dialysis, focusing on best practices that cover a range of important topics aimed at improving patient outcomes and minimizing risks.

# 314 Conservative Kidney Management 1.25 CH

Teresa Liccardi, MD
Catalina Sanchez-Hansen, MD
Christine Corbett, DNP, CNP, FNP-BC, CNN-NP,
ACHPN, FNKF, FANNA
Kate Sciacca, AGACNP-BC

An interactive panel discussion will focus on best practices between nurses and physicians and highlight a patient-centered approach for individuals who are not candidates for dialysis or transplant. Emphasis will be on managing chronic kidney disease with the goal of managing symptoms, improving quality of life, and minimizing complications.

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

## **Exhibits Open / Lunch**

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm GENERAL SESSION

# 321 Lessons Learned: Enhancing Kidney Care Through Nurse-Physician Collaboration 1.5 CH

Prabir Roy-Chaudhry MD, PhD, FASN Faith Lynch, DNP, RN, CNN, NEA-BC, AMB-BC, FANNA

This interactive session will focus on how effective teamwork and discussion between nurses and physicians can improve patient outcomes in kidney care. Highlights will include the importance of collaboration, benefits of a multidisciplinary approach, and lessons learned from real-world experiences discussed in the previous breakout sessions on topics such as home dialysis, transition from transplant, quality and safety in dialysis, and conservative kidney care management.

# Saturday, September 27

3:15 pm - 4:30 pm GENERAL SESSION

331 Kidney Policy in 2025: Challenges and Opportunities from Capitol Hill to the Care Team

1.25 CH

Facilitator: Michele Kimball, ANNA Executive

Director

Facilitator: Tod Ibrahim, ASN Executive Vice President

Additional faculty to be announced

An expert panel with government relations representatives from the American Nephrology Nurses Association, American Society of Nephrology, Renal Physicians Association, and National Kidney Foundation will explore the most pressing federal policy issues impacting kidney care today – from legislative and regulatory changes to workforce challenges and funding priorities. Panelists will provide insider perspectives on what's happening on Capitol Hill and in the Administration, how policy decisions are shaping clinical practice, and opportunities for collective advocacy within the kidney care community to drive meaningful change in 2026 and beyond.

4:45 pm - 5:45 pm

341 Wine and Cheese Reception



# Sunday, September 28

8:00 am - 9:00 am

#### **General Session**

401 From Stress to Strength: Resilience Tools for Equitable Care

1.0 CH

Mignon Breaux Early, MSN, BSN

Discover how to transform daily stressors into opportunities for growth and advocacy in nephrology nursing. This workshop provides practical tools—including resilience mapping, silver lining thinking, and action planning—to help you navigate policy shifts, support diverse patients, and maintain your well-being while advancing health equity.

9:15 am - 10:30 am

## **General Session**

# 411 ANNA Advocacy and Health Policy Update 1.25 CH

Donna Bednarski, MSN, RN, ANP-BC, CNN, CNP, FANNA

Donna Painter, MS, RN, CNN, FANNA Jim Twaddell, MA, BS

This session will provide an update on health policies that affect nephrology nursing. Health policy experts will discuss legislative and regulatory policies that can significantly impact nursing practice, education, and patient care in the field of kidney disease. Session participants will gain valuable insights into important developments that are crucial for the nursing profession in kidney care and the overall well-being of patients.

10:45 am - 11:45 am

## **Closing Session**

# 421 Lived Experience and Disaster Preparedness 1.0 CH

Bob Loeper, MBA, PMP Strait Gaston, BS, ADN



Bob Loeper



Strait Gaston

This session will focus on the experiences of nephrology nurses and their patients in the aftermath of a disaster. Natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, or floods, can compromise dialysis centers and healthcare services, making it difficult for patients to access dialysis, leading to delays, and possibly preventing patients from receiving life-saving treatments. It is essential for dialysis patients and healthcare systems to prepare for disasters since preparation helps ensure continuity of care and minimize the impact on those who rely on these treatments. To reduce risks during disasters, nephrology nurses must take

proactive steps before they occur and be ready to respond

7 during and after the events.

# **On-Demand Sessions**

On-demand sessions will be available for additional contact hour credit via the ANNA Online Library. On-demand session content is included with full conference registration; full conference registrants also may redeem up to 6.0 contact hours for on-demand sessions. The planned on-demand sessions for the conference are listed below. (Note: Contact hours are to be determined.)

# OD1 Good Care Starts with Self-Care: Harnessing Nutrition and Lifestyle Strategies to Perform Better In and Out of Work

Maiya Slusser-Hogan, MS, RND, CDN, CNSC

In today's fast-paced world, the foundation of personal and professional success lies in the quality of care we provide to ourselves. This session will explore the essential relationship among nutrition, lifestyle choices, and holistic health outcomes, emphasizing that self-care is not just a personal responsibility but a vital component of overall performance. Participants will gain valuable insights into how small changes in their nutrition and lifestyle can lead to substantial improvements in their health, productivity, and overall quality of life – at work and beyond. Embrace the journey of self-care to unlock your full potential!

# OD2 Provider Presence: Enhancing Shared Decision-Making in Treatment Modality Selection

Jacque Cady, APRN, FNP-C, CNN-NP

In this session, nephrology nurses will be better equipped to provide patient-centered care that respects individual preferences, enhances patient understanding of treatment options, and ultimately leads to improved patient satisfaction and adherence to chosen treatment modalities.

# OD3 From Cannulation to Complications: Comprehensive Vascular Access Care in Dialysis

Katerina Jones, DNP, APRN, ANP-C, CNN-NP

This session will cover the fundamentals of vascular access care in dialysis, focusing on mastering cannulation techniques and best practices. It will provide guidance on recognizing and managing common vascular access complications, while also emphasizing the importance of patient education and engagement.

# **OD5** Giving Care in Acute Care Dialysis

Jean Colaneri, ACNP-BC, CNN

This session will explore the regulatory differences between acute and chronic dialysis units, helping to distinguish between the types of patients treated in each setting. It will define various models of care delivery for patients receiving continuous kidney replacement therapy and discuss the importance of adopting evidence-based practices to prevent central line-associated bloodstream infections.

## OD6 Unlocking the Potential of CKD Modules: Education for Every Role in Nephrology

Lesley Dinwiddie, MSN, FNP, CNN

Celess Tyrell

This session will walk through the ANNA CKD Modules and discuss the importance of the modules as valuable educational tools, not just for nurses caring for nephrology patients in other settings but for all nephrology nurses, nursing students, and patients and their families. Together, we will unlock the potential of the CKD Education Modules for every role in nephrology.

#### **OD7** Clinical Applications of APOL1-Mediated Kidney Disease

Barry Freedman, MD, FACP

This session will explore the familial aggregation of kidney disease among African Americans, emphasizing the APOL1 gene's critical role in chronic kidney disease. Participants will learn about the prevalence of high-risk APOL1 genotypes in this population, the impact of APOL1 genotyping on kidney transplantation, and the current clinical trial of therapies targeting the APOL1 gene.

# **Invited Faculty**

**Graham Abra, MD,** Clinical Associate Professor, Stanford University, Redwood City, CA (Session 311)

Nicole Ali, MD, Medical Director Kidney and Pancreas Transplant, NYU Langone Health, New Hyde Park, NY (Session 312)

Donna Bednarski, MSN, RN, ANP-BC, CNN, CNP, FANNA, Nurse Practitioner Dialysis Access, Detroit Medical Center, Canton, MI (Session 411)

Courtney Blocker, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, Advanced Practitioner, Metrolina Nephrology Associates, PA, Charlotte, NC (Session 312)

**Jacque Cady, APRN, FNP-C, CNN-NP**, Nephrology Associates of Toledo, Perrysburg, OH (Session OD02)

**Jean Colaneri, ACNP-BC, CNN,** Retired Acute Care Dialysis Nurse Clinician, Former Kidney Transplant Nurse Practitioner, Troy, NY (Session OD05)

Christine Corbett, DNP, CNP, FNP-BC, CNN-NP, ACHPN, FNKF, FANNA, Executive Director, Coalition for Supportive Care of Kidney Patients; Assistant Research Professor; Nurse Practitioner Kidney Palliative Care, George Washington University, La Luz, NM (Session 314)

Maureen Craig, DNP, RN, DipACLM, CNN, APHN-BC, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Mindfulness and Yoga Instructor, Board Certified in Lifestyle Medicine, UC Davis Health, Carmichael, CA (Session 121)

**Lesley Dinwiddie, MSN, FNP, CNN,** Retired, Cary, NC (Session OD06)

Mignon Breaux Early, MSN, BSN, Consultant, MBE Consulting, Greer, SC (Session 401)

**Barry Freedman, MD, FACP,** John Felts Professor & Chief, Section on Nephrology, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC (Session OD07)

Louisa Freiberger, RN, CDN, Area Manager of Education, FKC Alaska JV Clinics, Big Lake, AK (Sessions 142, 311)

Strait Gaston, BS, ADN, Regional Vice President Western North Carolina Region, Fresenius Kidney Care, Lancaster, SC (Session 421)

Debra Hain, PhD, APRN, AGPCNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, CNN-NP, FAAN, FAANP, FNKF, Professor, Graduate Co-Coordinator AGNP Concentration/Nurse Practitioner, CKD Clinic, H.O.P.E. Mental Healthcare, LLC, Florida Atlantic University, Herriman, UT (Session 241)

**Tod Ibrahim,** Executive Vice President, American Society of Nephrology, Washington, DC (Session 331)

**Tiffany Johnson, AAS,** Clinical Manager, Liberty Adminstrative Service, Anchorage, AK (Session 312)

**Katerina Jones, DNP, APRN, ANP-C, CNN-NP,** Nephrology Nurse Practitioner, Metrolina Nephrology Associates, Cramerton, NC (Session OD03)

**Michelle Josephson, MD,** Professor of Medicine and Surgery, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (Session 312)

Judy Kauffman, DNP, MSN, RN, CNN, Director Cellular Therapy and Stem Cell Transplant; Director, Cancer Center Quality Program, University of Virginia Health, Verona, VA (Session 211)

**Michele Kimball,** Executive Director, American Nephrology Nurses Association, Pitman, NJ (Session 331)

**Michael Kraus, MD,** Chief Medical Director, Indiana Donor Network, Indianapolis, IN (Session 313)

Angie Kurosaka, DNP, RN, CNN, CCM, NEA-BC, FANNA, CEO, Black Hill Clinical Consulting Group LLC, Columbiana, AL (Session 222)

**Teresa Liccardi, MD,** Nephrologist, Teresa Liccardi, MC, PLCC (DBA SWFL Kidney Care), Naples, FL (Session 314)

Frank Liu, MD, Nephrologist, Director of HHD, Rogosin Institute, New York, NY (Session 311)

**Bob Loeper, MBA, PMP,** VP Business Continuity, Fresenius Kidney Care, Tampa, FL (Session 421)

Faith Lynch, DNP RN CNN NEA-BC AMB-BC FANNA, Regional Senior Director of Nursing, Dialysis Operations, NYU Langone Health, Commack, NY (Session 321)

Naveed Masani, MD, FACP, FASN, Medical Director, Dialysis Services, NYU Langone Hospital, Mineola, NY (Session 313)

**Robert Montgomery, MD, DPhil, FACS,** Chair, Department of Surgery and NYU Langone Transplant Institute, NYU Langone Hospital, New York, NY (Session 301)

**Donna Painter, MS, RN, CNN, FANNA,** Nurse Surveyor, National Dialysis Accreditation Commission, Corsicana, TX (Session 411)

Jennifer Payton, MHCA, BSN, RN, CNN, FANNA, Chief Compliance Officer, National Dialysis Accreditation Commission, Goose Creek, SC (Session 313)

Amanda Rivenbark, BSN, RN, Senior Director, Clinical Services Initiatives, Fresenius Kidney Care, Rose Hill, NC (Session 111)

**Glenda Robertson, MA, RN,** Manager, Learning Design and Development, DaVita Kidney Care, Broomfield, CO (Session 143)

**Prabir Roy-Chaudhury, MD, PhD, FASN,** President, American Society of Nephrology; Professor of Medicine, University of North Carolina Kidney Center, Chapel Hill, NC (Session 321)

Catalina Sanchez-Hansen, MD, Nephrologist, Dallas Nephrology Associates, Dallas, TX (Session 314)

Mary Schira, PhD, RN, Retired, Mansfield, TX (Session 141)

**Kate Sciacca, AGACNP-BC,** Kidney Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA (Session 314)

Maiya Slusser-Hogan, MS, RND, CDN, CNSC, Manager, Clinical Education and Research, Patient Care America, Seattle, WA (Session OD01)

Nancy Colobong Smith, MN, ARNP, ANP-BC, CNN, FANNA, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Renal, Dialysis & Transplant, University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA (Session 111)

Leah Foster Smith, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, CNN-NP, FNKF, FANNA, FAANP, Director of Advanced Practice Providers / Chief Education Officer, Metrolina Nephrology Associates / Interactive Nephrology, Mooresville, NC (Session 151)

Lucy Todd, MSN, ACNP-BC, CNNe, FANNA, Senior Principal Medical Liaison, Retired, Asheville, NC (Session 311)

**Jim Twaddell, MA, BS,** Senior Policy Advisor, Venable, LLP, Washington, DC (Session 411)

**Celess Tyrell,** Director of Online Learning and Innovation, Anthony J. Jannetti, Pitman, NJ (Session OD06)

**Beth Ulrich, EdD, RN, FACHE, FANNA, FAONL, FAAN,** Editor-in-Chief, *Nephrology Nursing Journal*; Professor, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston School of Nursing, Pearland, TX (Session 123)

Jennifer Vavrinchik, MSN, RN CNN, Chief Operating Officer, National Dialysis Accreditation Commission, Naples, FL (Session 313)

Shannon Whittington, DNP, MSN, CCM LGBTQ+ Health Certified, Virtual Speaker & Author, Whittington Consulting, New Rochelle, NY (Session 153)

**Amy Woodard, BSN, RN, CNN, CCTC,** Transplant Education Coordinator, University of North Carolina Hospitals, Apex, NC (Session 312)

Wendy Wright, DNP, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, FNAP, Adult/Family Nurse Practitioner; Owner, Wright & Associates Family Healthcare, Wright & Associates Family Healthcare, Bedford, NH (Session 221)

**Alicia Zerkle, BS, RN,** Senior Manager, Clinical Methods System, Fresenius Medical Care, Pegram, TN (Sessions 152, 223)

**Geraldine Zingraf, DNP, MBA, RN, CNN, CCTC,** Kidney Transplant Program Administrator, Edward J. Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, Franklin Park, IL (Session 122)

# **General Information**

HOTEL

## Registration

Register at annaurse.org/summit25.

In-person and livestream options are available. Livestream sessions are to be determined and will be announced closer to the conference date.

All conference communications will be sent via email. Please provide your email address when registering to ensure you receive your registration confirmation and other conference communications.

All in-person pre-registrations must be received with payment by September 15, 2025. In-person registrations received after this date will be processed onsite.

### **Deals and Discounts**

- Register by August 10 for early bird rates.
- **ANNA Members** save \$150 on registration.
- Register for the conference and join ANNA or renew your ANNA membership – for one low rate. Regular registration fees include a 1-year ANNA membership. (International registrants who register at the Regular rate receive a virtual international membership.)

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Cancellations must be requested in writing. A \$50 administrative fee will be assessed on all written cancellations received prior to August 25, 2025. No refunds will be issued after this date. Membership dues are nonrefundable.

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### **Questions?**

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# **Hotel & Travel Information**

### **Hotel Reservations**

The Le Méridien Sheraton Charlotte is the official hotel for the conference.

### Le Méridien Sheraton Charlotte

555 South McDowell Street, Charlotte, NC 28204 Check in: 4:00 pm ~ Check out: 11:00 am \$229 single/double, \$239 triple + tax (currently 15.25%)

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- Online at annanurse.org/summit25 (under "Hotel & Travel")
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The discounted conference rate is available until August 28, 2025, or until the room block is full. Reservations received after this date are subject to space and rate availability. (Taxes subject to change.)

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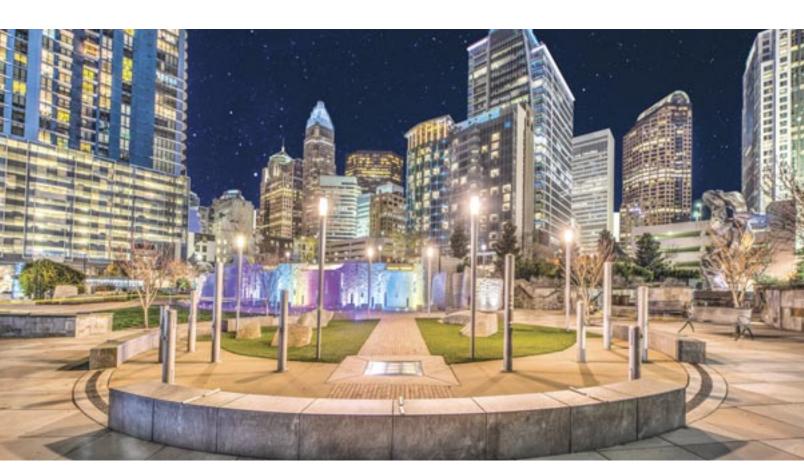
The Charlotte Douglas International Airport is 7 miles from the Le Méridien Sheraton Charlotte. Approximate taxicab fare one way is \$32. (Rates subject to change.)

### Weather

The weather in Charlotte in September has highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s. Please pack a sweater or light jacket (as conference room temperatures may vary) and comfortable walking shoes for your meeting activities.

## **Experience Charlotte**

The Le Méridien Charlotte is within walking distance of several museums, including the Museum of Illusions Charlotte and Bechtler Museum of Modern Art. For sightseeing ideas, visit www.charlottesgotalot.com.



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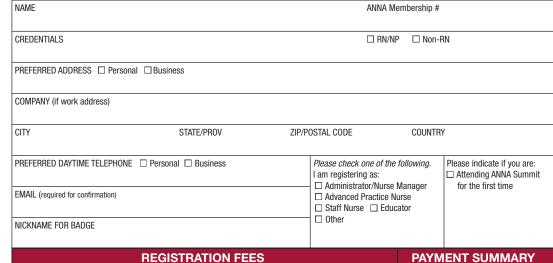
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## **TOTAL DUE**

All in-person pre-registrations must be received with payment by September 15, 2025. In-person registrations received after this date will be processed onsite.

#### Session Choices (to be completed ONLY if you are attending the in-person conference) Thursday (9/25) Friday (9/26) Saturday (9/27) Sunday (9/28) 7:30am 7:30am 8:45am 8:00am □ 101 Breakfast/Program □ 201 Breakfast/Program ☐ 301 General Session ☐ 401 General Session (pending) (pending) 10:15am 9:15am 9:30am 9:15am □ 311 □ 313 □ 411 General Session ☐ 111 General Session ☐ 211 General Session □ 312 □ 314 10:45am 11:00am 10:45am 1:30pm ☐ 421 General Session □ 121 □ 122 □ 123 □ 221 □ 222 □ 223 ☐ 321 General Session 12:30pm 12:15pm 3:15pm If any special disability □ 131 Lunch/Program ☐ 231 Lunch/Program (pending) ☐ 331 General Session or meal arrangements (pending) are needed, please 2:15pm 4:45pm attach a note of 2:15pm ☐ 241 General Session □ 341 Wine & Cheese explanation. □ 141 □ 142 □ 143

	<b>3:45pm</b> □ 151 □ 152 □ 153	4:00 pm ☐ 251 Exhibits/Reception				
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