

Welcome to our July Webinar on

The Nuts and Bolts of Becoming a Transplant Patient

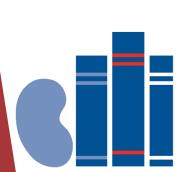
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Next webinar: August 16<sup>th</sup> by Dr. Michael Kraus, nephrologist, and Vanessa Evans, patient. Learn about treatment options and if home dialysis is a choice for you.

#### Reminder

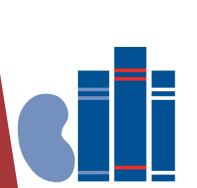
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#### Dr. Keith Melancon

- Director of the George Washington
   Transplant Institute
- Professor of Surgery: Specialties include kidney, pancreas and liver transplantation as well as laparoscopic kidney donor nephrectomy
- Research interests: Increasing access to health care for minority patients, particularly for organ transplantation
- Advocate to improve outcomes for the hardest to transplant patients







## TRANSPLANT 101

#### Dr. Joseph Keith Melancon

Chief – Transplant Institute and
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Medical Director – GW Ron and Joy Paul
Kidney Center

### What is the most common cause of kidney disease?

- Stab injury
- Diabetes/ High Blood Sugar
- Hypertension/ High Blood Pressure
- Infection
- Congenital problems

# Which of the following contributes to the greatest possibility of developing kidney disease?

- Epigenetics
- Ethnicity
- Drugs
- Old age

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- Medication
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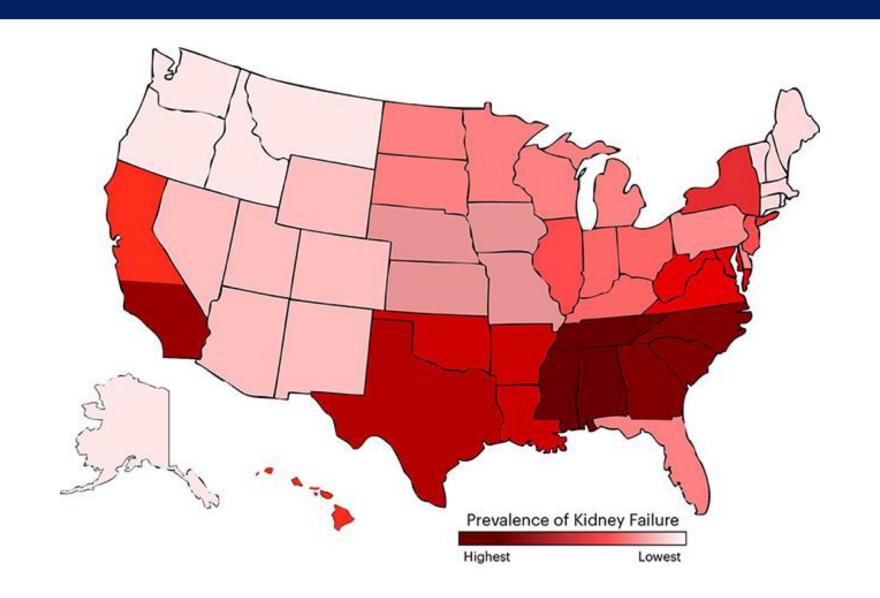
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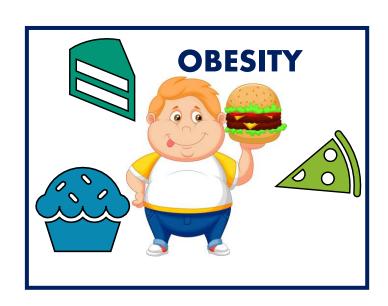
## Disease Atlas: ESRD Prevalence



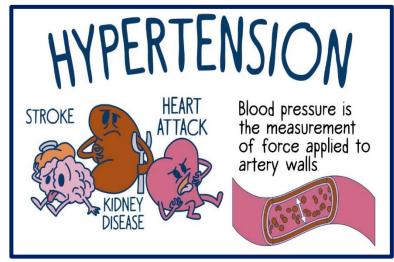
## What are the most important causes of kidney disease?

- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Obesity

Combination increases chances of ESRD





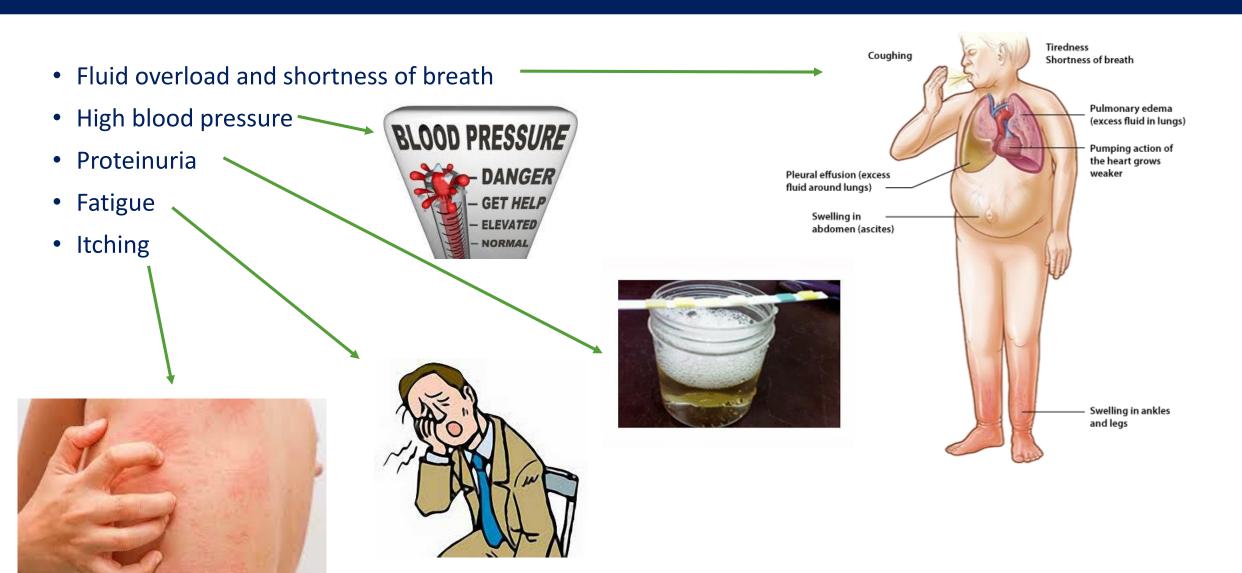


### Genetics versus Epigenetics

 Which one do you think contributes to predisposing a person to having a higher risk of kidney disease?

 What can you do to prevent the occurrence or the progression of this disease? Methyl Group Chromatin Epigenetic Factor Histone **Histone Tails** Chromoson

### What are the symptoms of kidney disease?



### What is end stage renal disease?

- There are 5 stages of kidney disease
- Stages 1, 2, and 3 are reversible
- Stages 4 and 5 are irreversible



## Just the Facts... Please

- Currently over 110,000 people awaiting kidney transplant in the U.S.
- Transplants 2017 (in the US)
  - 14,215 (01/01/2017 to 09/30/2017)

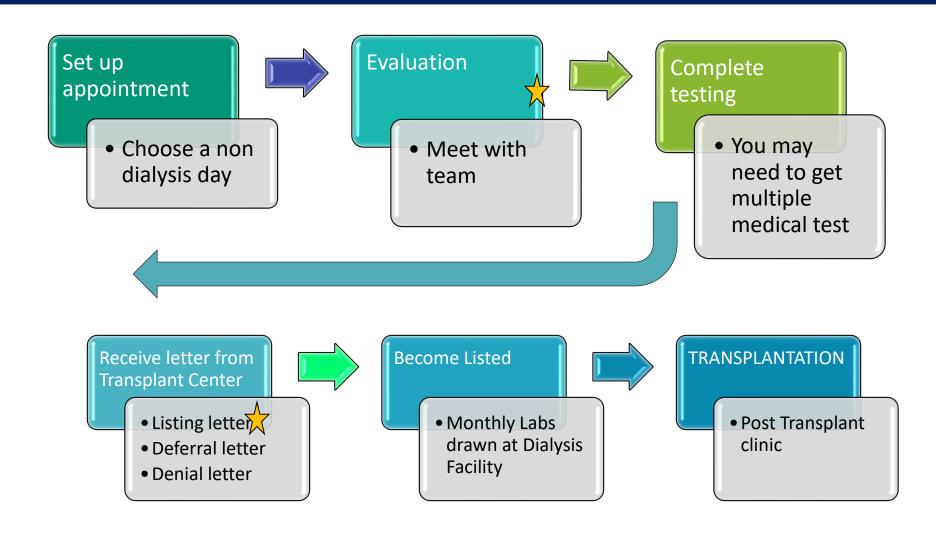
- Number of kidneys discarded in 2017
  - 3,464

## What you can gain?



- Live a longer life
- Eat regular diet
- Freedom to travel easily
- Ability to become pregnant
- Lifestyle free of dialysis
- Physically active
- Return to work

## The Path to transplantation





## Transplant Evaluation

- Patients are referred for Transplant Evaluation by their doctor, dialysis center, or self referral.
- The evaluation:
  - Looks to see if you are healthy enough to receive a new kidney.
  - Educates you on kidney transplantation.
  - Learn about the options of a living or deceased donor kidney transplant.
  - Identify possible live donors.

## Who is on your Transplant Team?

- Transplant Surgeon
- Transplant Nephrologist
- Pre-Transplant Nurse Coordinator
- Finanical Coordinator
- Social Worker
- Dietitian
- Post transplant Nurse
- Your current dialysis team



#### What is meant when someone is deferred or denied?

#### **Deferred**

- Additional testing
- Weight loss
- Cancer Recovery
- Smoking Cessation
- Active Infection/Wound healing
- Blood Glucose control
- Non adherence
- Active substance abuse
- Untreated psychiatric illness

#### **Denied**

- Active cancer
- High surgical risk: CVD, Pulm HTN, uncontrolled DM, requires home oxygen.
- Non adherence to treatment: medications, diet, dialysis schedule
- Active substance abuse: Drugs, Alcohol, or Smoking
- Untreated psychiatric illness
- Mental incapacity
- Obesity: with weight loss you can get on the list
- LACK OF SOCIAL SUPPORT

## While on the List

- You can be on a different list in a different region because they are getting different kidney offers.
- Wait times vary by region, blood type, and antibody levels.
- Average wait time in Washington, DC 5 years.
- You continue to have dialysis and are encouraged to maintain healthy lifestyle during the waiting period.
- You will have monthly labs to monitor your antibodies these most likely will be taken at your dialysis center.
- You will be re-evaluated yearly while you are waiting.
- You may get called for a transplant several times before actually receiving an organ.

## There is a new way of listing

#### The NEW Kidney Allocation System

They way people are placed on the list

• In November 2014 the rules changed for who is at the top of the list

- Old way listing date
- New way date of start of dialysis, sensitivity, or if not on dialysis eGFR <20%</li>

## Were the goals of KAS met?

- Longevity matching Improved
- Access for highly sensitized patients Improved
- Fairness by including dialysis time to waiting time Accomplished
- Facilitating placement of high KDPI (>85%) by regional matching In process
- Increase transplants for B recipients using non-A1 (A2) donor kidneys Small numbers
- No decrease in transplant numbers or compromise for vulnerable populations

## Who Matches the Kidney to the Recipient?

### **United Network for Organ Sharing**

- A private, nonprofit organization that coordinates the nation's organ transplant system under contract with the federal government.
- Matching Organs
   UNOS maintains a centralized computer network, UNet, which links all possible organs with transplant centers and recipients



## Post Transplant

 The post transplant period requires close monitoring of the kidney function, early signs of rejection, adjustments of the various medications

• You will see your Transplant Team A LOT ©



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Home Dialysis - Is It Right for You?

August 16, 2018
2:00 PM Eastern

Learn from a nephrologist about treatment options, more frequent dialysis, questions to ask your doctor and hear a patient's dialysis story