



2018 Slate

Medical Review Board

There is one Nephrologist position open for election to the Medical Review Board. There are TWO nominees, their information is listed below. On the ballot, you may select ONE of these candidates.

Position	Candidate Name	Facility	Affiliation	Personal Statement
Nephrologist (1 Position Open)	Rakhi Khanna, DO*	FKC Waukegan Harbor and FKC Gurnee	FMC	<p>It's been a great experience to work with the Network on various projects such as improving home therapies, infection control depression screening involuntary discharge, and transplantation to name a few.</p> <p>I would like to continue to work with the Network on challenges facing our patients such as access to care and delivery of care. My goal is to connect our patients with the Network for support and improve quality of life on dialysis.</p>
Nephrologist (1 Position Open)	Kalyani Perumal, MD	John Stroger Hospital	Cook County Health System	<p>I am Kalyani Perumal, Board certified in Internal Medicine and Nephrology, currently practicing as Senior Attending Nephrologist and Medical Director – System wide Dialysis services at Cook County Health System. I completed my residency in Internal Medicine at John H Stroger Hospital (JSH) in 2000 and continued as Attending in Internal Medicine for few years in the same hospital. I joined renal fellowship at University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) in 2004. During my fellowship, I had the opportunity to serve very distinct populations at all three institutions- JSH, Jesse Brown VA hospital and UIC. All through my training, I encountered very</p>

				<p>diverse group of patients with unique clinical and social situations that closely interplayed with clinical decision making and post hospital care. I continued as Assistant Professor and Director of Dialysis in the Division of Nephrology at UIC for 3 years. I then moved to JSH as System Director of Dialysis Services within Cook County Health System (CCHHS). In this role, I frequently encounter patients who experience significant hurdles, both clinically and socially when transitioning to dialysis therapy. I deal with patients who have faced economic crisis, gaps in insurance coverage and policy changes which greatly impact their health and access to care. In order to meet the demands of increasing dialysis population, I have streamlined the entire dialysis operations at JSH to facilitate organized and efficient patient care delivery at our busy dialysis unit. I pioneered Dialysis EMR project at my hospital to make provider documentation and billing completely paperless. I started CRRT program in my hospital to better serve critically ill patients in ICU and now in the process of expanding Dialysis services at other hospitals within CCHHS. Comprehensive, integrative care is the cornerstone of management of this chronic disease and holistic approach is needed to improve outcomes in these patients. This certainly includes addressing various psychosocial issues and empowering the patient to become active participant in their health care. I have keen interest in planning innovative strategies to deal with this growing epidemic and currently working on introduction of complimentary therapies in the management of kidney disease at our hospital. I completed Master program in Translational and Clinical Research at UIC. This gave me an opportunity to participate in many multicenter studies in collaboration with University Of Michigan, Ann Arbor. This experience helped me develop and implement multiple quality improvement projects in our dialysis unit to achieve highest standards of care. This has resulted in outstanding performance of our unit in IDPH and</p>
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				<p>JCAHO surveys for the past 9 years.</p> <p>Like many of us, I firmly believe in prevention rather than cure. I am very determined about raising awareness and early screening for kidney disease in local communities to reduce the burden of this epidemic. I had proposed to NKF of Illinois to screen college students for common diseases- hypertension and diabetes for early detection and prevention of chronic disease which resulted in screening at many city colleges. I strongly believe in 'Life Goes On". My mother was an organ donor and my nephew was an organ recipient. I am a spokesperson for organ donation at our hospital and also conduct donor drives at my hospital and various other organizations. I believe, my vast experience as Physician, Director, and strong advocate for organ donation allows me to bring unique insight and holistic approach to this multifaceted problem. I am eager to take on this role as member of Medical Review Board in the Renal Network and contribute to achieve best outcomes in this population. I am confident that my passion and drive for innovation in delivering patient care will assist the Renal Network Board to achieve the highest standards in the management of kidney disease including dialysis.</p>
* Denotes Incumbent				