



50 Proud Years of Patient Education:

50 Years of Saving Lives, 50 Years of Saving Livelihoods

Friday, October 3, 2025

Time	Room	Event	Session Title	Moderator	Speaker(s)
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Inspire Ballroom Foyer	Registration Center <i>Proudly sponsored by Hansa Biopharma.</i>			
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Inspire C-F	Exhibit Hall Open *Continental breakfast provided for in-person attendees <i>Breakfast is proudly sponsored by Apellis.</i>	Visit this year’s Sponsors & Exhibitors! Network with fellow meeting attendees!		

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Inspire AB	Welcome & President's Address	Welcome to the AAKP 50th Annual National Patient Meeting		Diana Clynes, AAKP Executive Director (<i>Florida</i>) Edward V. Hickey, III, USMC Veteran, AAKP President; Chair, AAKP Veterans Health Initiative; caregiver; current chronic kidney disease patient (<i>Virginia</i>)
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.		General Session	Hot Topic: Artificial Intelligence in Nephrology: Promises and Pitfalls	Edward V. Hickey, III , USMC Veteran, AAKP President; Chair, AAKP Veterans Health Initiative; caregiver; current chronic kidney disease patient (<i>Virginia</i>)	Speaker(s) • Michael Hoffmann, MD; Director of the Office of GastroRenal, OB/GYN, General Hospital and Urology Devices with the Office of Product Evaluation and Quality (OPEQ) in FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) (<i>Maryland</i>) • Amy D. Waterman, PhD, FAST; Deborah C. and Clifton B. Phillips Centennial Chair, Clinical Research in Transplant Medicine, J.C. Walter Jr. Transplant Center; Professor of Outcomes Research in Surgery, Academic Institute; Director, Patient Engagement, Department of Surgery, Center for Health Data Science and Analytics, Houston Methodist, Weil Cornell Medical College (<i>Texas</i>)

Wellness Break					
10:50 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.	Inspire AB	General Session	Hot Topic: Putting Patients First – Shared Decision Making in Clinical Practice	Diana Clynes, AAKP Executive Director (Florida)	Speaker(s) • Christopher G. Kelly, MEd; Engage2Activate, LLC (New York) • Janice P. Lea, MD, MSc, FASN; Master Clinician and Professor of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine; Chief Medical Director, Emory Dialysis; AAKP National Board of Director (Georgia) • Lisa Custer, AAKP Ambassador, current home hemodialysis patient (Oregon)
Wellness Break					
11:40 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.	Inspire AB	General Session	Hot Topic: Protecting Your Health and Livelihood: Infection Prevention – Reducing Risk in Everyday Life <i>This session is proudly sponsored by CorMedix.</i>	Erin Kahle, MPA, CNP, AAKP Deputy Director (North Carolina)	Speaker(s) • Irfan Agha, MD, MRCP; President, Dallas Renal Group (Texas) • Rohan Paul, MBBs, Transplant Nephrologist, Division of Nephrology, Washington University in St. Louis (Missouri)
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Inspire C-F	Exhibit Hall Open *Boxed lunch provided for in-person attendees <i>Lunch is proudly sponsored by Bayer.</i>	Visit this year’s Sponsors & Exhibitors! Network with fellow meeting attendees!		
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1:35 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	Inspire AB	General Session	Under the Dome: Protecting Patient Choice and Access to Innovation	Edward V. Hickey, III, USMC Veteran, AAKP President; Chair, AAKP Veterans Health Initiative; caregiver; current chronic kidney disease patient (<i>Virginia</i>)	Speaker(s) • Ankur Shah, MD; Associate Chief for Research and Nephrology Fellowship Training Program, Division of Kidney Disease and Hypertension, Warren Alpert Medical School, Brown University (<i>Rhode Island</i>) • Adam Wilk, PhD, Associate Professor of Surgery, Indiana University School of Medicine; Investigator, Center for Health Services Research, Regenstrief Institute (<i>Indiana</i>)
Wellness Break					
2:30 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	Inspire AB	Breakout Session A	Disease Management: Navigating Dual Healthcare Systems – VA and Civilian Kidney Care	Candie Gagne, AAKP National Board of Director and Ambassador, U.S. Navy Veteran, current kidney transplant recipient (<i>Pennsylvania</i>)	Speaker(s) • Michael Wayne Holliday, Jr., MD, PhD, FASN; Assistant Professor of Medicine/Nephrology, Baylor College of Medicine; Staff Nephrologist, Renal Clinics Chief, Nephrology Fellowship Site Director; VA CSP-2008 Local Co- Investigator, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Staff Nephrologist, Harris Health System (<i>Texas</i>)

Wellness Break					
3:20 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Inspire AB	Breakout Session A	Disease Management: Choosing or Changing Dialysis Therapies	Jerome Bailey, AAKP Director of Patient Engagement and Advocacy (<i>Florida</i>)	Speaker Samaya J. Anumudu, MD; Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Nephrology Section, Baylor College of Medicine (<i>Texas</i>)
3:20 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Innovate B	Breakout Session B	Innovation and Research: Cardiovascular-Kidney- Metabolic Health: The Relationship between Diet, Microbiota, Health, Disease, and Longevity	David Rodriguez, AAKP National Board of Director and Ambassador, current kidney and liver transplant recipient (<i>Texas</i>)	Speaker Richard Johnson, MD, FACP; Emeritus Professor of Medicine, University of Colorado (<i>Colorado</i>)
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Inspire Ballroom Foyer	50 th Anniversary Celebration!	Join us as we celebrate the Golden Anniversary of AAKP's National Patient Meeting!		
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Inspire C-F	Welcome Reception / Exhibit Hall Open *Refreshments provided for in-person attendees <i>The Welcome Reception is proudly sponsored by Amgen.</i>	Visit this year's Sponsors & Exhibitors! Network with fellow meeting attendees!		
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Engage	AAKP Board of Directors Meeting <i>*Private event</i>			

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Time	Room	Event	Session Title	Moderator	Speaker(s)
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Inspire Ballroom Foyer	Registration Center <i>Proudly sponsored by Hansa Biopharma.</i>			
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Inspire C-F	Exhibit Hall Open *Continental breakfast provided for in-person attendees <i>Breakfast is proudly sponsored by Sanofi.</i>	Visit this year's Sponsors & Exhibitors! Network with fellow meeting attendees!		
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Inspire AB	Welcome & President's Address	Welcome to the AAKP 50th Annual National Patient Meeting		Diana Clynes , AAKP Executive Director (<i>Florida</i>) Edward V. Hickey, III , USMC Veteran, AAKP President; Chair, AAKP Veterans Health Initiative; caregiver; current chronic kidney disease patient (<i>Virginia</i>)
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.		General Session	Hot Topic: Challenges and Opportunities in Xenotransplantation		Speaker(s) Elisa J. Gordon, PhD, MPH, Professor, Department of Surgery, and Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society, Vanderbilt University Medical Center (<i>Tennessee</i>) Mike Curtis, PhD; President and CEO, eGenesis (<i>Massachusetts</i>)

					• Leigh Peterson, PhD; Executive Vice President of Product Development & Xenotransplantation, United Therapeutics Corporation (<i>Maryland</i>)
Wellness Break					
10:50 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.	Inspire AB	General Session	Hot Topic: Fuel Your Kidneys – The Power of Nutrition *Live Cooking Demo!	David Rodriguez, AAKP National Board of Director and Ambassador, current kidney and liver transplant recipient (<i>Texas</i>)	Speaker(s) • Annamarie Rodriguez, MS, RDN, LD, DipACLM, FAND; Nutrition Directions LLC, Dietitian/Nutrition Consultant (<i>Wisconsin</i>) • Oliver “Chef O” Hale, AAKP National Board of Director and Ambassador, current kidney transplant recipient (<i>Michigan</i>)
Wellness Break					
11:40 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.	Inspire AB	General Session	Hot Topic: Precision Medicine in Nephrology – Tailoring Treatment for CKD	Edward V. Hickey, III, USMC Veteran, AAKP President; Chair, AAKP Veterans Health Initiative; caregiver; current chronic kidney disease patient (<i>Virginia</i>)	Speaker(s) • Robert A. Star, MD; Director, Division of Kidney, Urologic, & Hematologic Diseases; Section Chief, Renal Diagnostics & Therapeutics Unit, Kidney Diseases Branch; National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), National Institutes of Health (NIH) (<i>Maryland</i>) • Kumar Sharma, MD, Hillis Endowed Distinguished Chair in Medicine; Director, Center for

					Precision Medicine; Chief, Division of Nephrology; Vice Chair, Dept. of Medicine, University of Texas Health San Antonio (<i>Texas</i>) • Anand Srivastava, MD, MPH; Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Nephrology, University of Illinois Chicago (<i>Illinois</i>)
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Inspire C-F	Exhibit Hall Open *Boxed lunch provided for in-person attendees <i>Lunch is proudly sponsored by Bayer.</i>	Visit this year's Sponsors & Exhibitors! Network with fellow meeting attendees!		
Wellness Break					
1:35 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	Inspire AB	General Session	Hot Topic: The Hidden Burden – Understanding Anemia Across the Disease Spectrum	Edward V. Hickey, III, USMC Veteran, AAKP President; Chair, AAKP Veterans Health Initiative; caregiver; current chronic kidney disease patient (<i>Virginia</i>)	Speaker(s): • Todd Minga, MD, Vice President, Clinical Development and Medical Affairs, Akebia Therapeutics (<i>Massachusetts</i>)
Wellness Break					
2:30 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	Inspire AB	Breakout Session A	Innovation and Research: Ready for Research – Preparing for Clinical Trial Participation <i>This session is proudly sponsored by Bayer.</i>	Diana Clynes, AAKP Executive Director (<i>Florida</i>)	Speaker • Cory Potts, Pharmaceutical Research Consultant, PCR Consultants LLC (<i>Texas</i>) • Christine Hernandez, RN, BSN, AAKP National Board of Director and

					Ambassador, current hemodialysis patient (<i>Illinois</i>)
2:30 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	Innovate B	Breakout Session B	Disease Management: Living with a Rare Kidney Disease	Candie Gagne , AAKP National Board of Director and Ambassador, U.S. Navy Veteran, current kidney transplant recipient (<i>Pennsylvania</i>)	Speaker • Dawn Jacob Laney, MS, CGC, CCRC; Associate Professor/Genetic Counselor; Director, Emory Genetic Clinical Trial Center, LSDC Program Leader (<i>Georgia</i>) • Lisa Parcell, Deputy Director, Rare Kidney Disease Foundation (<i>TBD</i>)
Wellness Break					
3:20 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Inspire AB	Breakout Session A	Innovation and Research: Next Generation Dialysis Technology	Precious McCowan, PhD ; AAKP Ambassador, current kidney transplant recipient (<i>Texas</i>)	Speaker • Janice P. Lea, MD, MSc, FASN; Master Clinician and Professor of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine; Chief Medical Director, Emory Dialysis; AAKP National Board of Director (<i>Georgia</i>)
3:20 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Innovate B	Breakout Session B	Disease Management: Ten Things Caregivers Need to Know When a Loved One is Diagnosed	Timmy Nelson , AAKP National Board of Director and Ambassador, current kidney transplant recipient (<i>Pennsylvania</i>)	Speaker(s) • Dawn Bates, AAKP Ambassador, care partner (<i>Iowa</i>) • Ashley Martin, AAKP Ambassador, care partner (<i>Ohio</i>) • Roberta “Bobbie” Reed, AAKP Ambassador, care partner (<i>Pennsylvania</i>)

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Inspire C-F	Exhibit Hall Open	Visit this year’s Sponsors & Exhibitors! Network with fellow meeting attendees!		
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. <i>(Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)</i>	Inspire AB	AAKP Annual Awards Banquet (in-person only)	Join us for an evening of food, fun, and friendship as we recognize AAKP’s 2025 award honorees!		

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Time	Room	Event	Activity
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Inspire Ballroom Foyer	Registration Center <i>Proudly sponsored by Hansa Biopharma.</i>	
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Inspire C-F	AAKP’s Sunday Farewell *Continental breakfast provided for in-person attendees	<u>Join us for our National Patient Meeting “Sunday Farewell!”</u> Don’t miss your final opportunity to visit our 2025 exhibitors and network with fellow meeting attendees. Leave your mark on this event by signing our “50th Anniversary” poster board and share your feedback with us! AAKP will also be raffling off some great prizes! (Attendees <u>must</u> be present to win!)

****Agenda may be subject to change.***

*****Session start times may be approximate and are reflective of United States Central Time zone (CT).***