PROGRAM SYLLABUS

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW/STATEMENT OF NEED

The Potomac Center for Medical Education (PCME) and Rockpointe welcome you to Best Practices in Care to Improve Outcomes for Transplant Recipients, a CME/CE-certified Grand Rounds activity designed to give medical professionals the latest news and information on the management of transplant patients.

In 2016, there were more than 30,000 transplants in the US. Despite favorable short-term outcomes and advances in surgical and medical care of solid-organ transplant recipients, long-term graft survival and patient survival have not improved during the past 2 decades. Immunosuppressive regimens are the cornerstone of treatment to maintain graft survival. Recent focus has been on improving the balance of over- and under-immunosuppression; however, it is also critical to ensure best-practice regimen design, ongoing monitoring, and adjustments to ensure optimal patient outcomes.

Best Practices in Care to Improve Outcomes for Transplant Recipients will explore the recent focus on quality improvement in transplant centers and best-practice strategies to improve the quality of patient care and outcomes. These strategies include active participation in registries, such as the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR), and utilization of biomarkers to identify graft rejection early and break down patient barriers to optimal adherence after transplantation.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity is intended for community internal medicine physicians, nephrologists, and members of the transplant team, including transplant physicians, surgeons, nurses, nurse coordinators, social workers, and pharmacists.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

This program is designed to address ACGME and IOM competencies, including delivering patient-centered care, practicing evidence-based medicine, and focusing on quality improvement.

At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to demonstrate the ability to:

- Describe strategies to leverage center-specific data and best practices from transplant quality-improvement initiatives to improve processes of care
- Discuss the importance of regular monitoring strategies that can allow early identification of graft rejection and allow for appropriate changes in immunosuppressant regimen
- Identify patient barriers to adherence to improve implementation of strategies to engage patients and maximize adherence after transplantation

SPECIAL SERVICES

Event staff will be glad to assist you with any special needs.
PHYSICIAN ACCREDITATION

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the Potomac Center for Medical Education and Rockpointe. The Potomac Center for Medical Education is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

For information about the accreditation of this program, please email: contact@potomacme.org.

PHYSICIAN CREDIT DESIGNATION

The Potomac Center for Medical Education designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

NURSING CONTINUING EDUCATION

Global Education Group is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s COA.

This educational activity for 1.0 contact hours is provided by Global Education Group. Nurses should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

There is no fee to participate in this educational activity.

FEE AND RECEIVING CME/CE CREDIT

There is no fee for this educational activity. To receive CME/CE credit the participant must:

- Participate in this one-hour-long program;
- Sign in on the sheet provided by the host coordinator;
- Complete the evaluation forms;
- Return the evaluation forms to the host coordinator.

OUTLINE

- Welcome and Introductions
- Transplant Registries: Healthy Competition and Sharing Best Practices
- Proactive Approaches to Identify and Manage Long-term Graft Rejection
- Multidisciplinary Strategies to Engage Patients and Improve Adherence
- Q&A Session and Activity Roundup
DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

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Disclosures will be made known to the participants prior to the activity.

The content of this activity was vetted by an external reviewer to assure objectivity and that the activity is free of commercial bias.

DISCLOSURES

Steering Committee

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Dr. Bloom is an active member of several professional societies. He has served on several American Society of Nephrology (ASN) and American Society of Transplantation (AST) Committees related to patient care, education, and practice improvement. He presently serves on the ASN Public Policy Board. He has been a member of Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) and Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative (KDOQI) Work Groups for management of hepatitis C virus, as well as for kidney recipient care.

Dr. Bloom currently co-chairs the AST/ASN Transplant Course at the Annual Kidney Week and is a member of the Program Committee of the AST/ASN Transplant Nephrology Core Curriculum. He has co-authored more than 160 publications. He is currently an Associate Editor for the American Journal of Kidney Diseases. In addition to overseeing a robust transplant clinical trials program, his research interests include viral infections in kidney transplantation, as well as clinical immunosuppression studies and post-transplant outcomes.
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His clinical interests include improving options for highly sensitized patients through desensitization and kidney paired donation (KPD). One of his main research interests is developing proteogenomic biomarkers for use in transplantation.

He is actively involved in policy development and recently completed a term as the Chair of the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) Kidney Transplant Committee. That Committee developed a new national allocation policy for deceased donor kidney allocation. He has also served as the Chair of the Kidney Paired Donation Workgroup for UNOS and is the Vice Chair of the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) at UNOS. He is past Chair of the American Society of Transplantation (AST) Kidney and Pancreas Community of Practice.