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Nephrologists for Equitable Kidney Care

Ensuring Equitable Access to Optimal Kidney Care



NEKC

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Vision and Mission

Vision

- Ensure equitable access to optimal kidney care.
- Promote professional excellence for nephrologists championing health equity.

Mission

- Advocate for optimal kidney care, especially focusing on marginalized and underserved communities.
- Promote policies benefiting patients.
- Support the professional development of nephrologists dedicated to health equity.



About NEKC (1)

Who We Are

- NEKC is a collaborative network focused on reducing disparities in kidney care, particularly in underserved communities.
- We provide a platform for nephrologists, healthcare professionals, and advocates to share insights, best practices, and innovative solutions for better kidney health outcomes.

Who Is Involved

- NEKC includes diverse nephrologists from academia, public health, and policy sectors, working under the umbrella of the National Minority Quality Forum (NMQF).
- We are growing our membership and plan to collaborate with other kidney-focused organizations to amplify our impact.
- Our members are deeply committed to health equity and aim to make a significant difference in the lives of those disproportionately affected by kidney disease.



About NEKC (2)

The Gap We Aim to Fill

- While there are several kidney-focused organizations doing exceptional work, NEKC is uniquely positioned to address specific gaps that are often overlooked.

Health Equity Focus

- NEKC is dedicated exclusively to the intersection of **kidney care** and **health equity**. We focus on the social drivers of health and the systemic barriers that contribute to disparities in kidney care, particularly among minority and underserved populations.

Collaboration Across Sectors

- We foster collaboration not just within the nephrology community, but across multiple sectors, including public policy, community health, and patient advocacy. This multidisciplinary approach allows us to tackle complex issues from various angles.



About NEKC (3)

Data Driven Advocacy

- NEKC leverages data and research to inform our initiatives and advocacy efforts. We provide our members with access to the NMQF Kidney Disease Index, customized reports, and insights that help identify and address inequities in kidney care.

Professional Networking

- We offer unique opportunities for professional networking events and through webinars and educational sessions.



NEKC's Core Values

Equity
Commitment to advancing health equity and addressing disparities.

Excellence
Strive for professional and organizational excellence.

Collaboration
Foster partnerships and collaborations for greater impact.

Integrity
Uphold the highest standards of ethics and accountability.



Advocacy

Actively advocate for policies that support underserved kidney patients and nephrologists.

Goals

- Establish NEKC as a recognized legal entity.
- Foster a collaborative and support environment.
- Share data-driven and evidence based best practices.
- Promote health equity through advocacy and public policy initiatives.
- Enhance professional development through education and networking.



Key Organizations Involved:

- **American Kidney Fund:**
 - They have expressed interest in lending their voice to the movement.
 - We are coordinating efforts for future collaborations.
- **GlomCon:**
 - GlomCon has agreed to collaborate, and we are exploring further opportunities for joint initiatives.
- **Renal Physicians Association (RPA):**
 - RPA is on board with our efforts and is considering how they can best support the Kidney Patient Act.
- **American Society of Nephrology (ASN):**
 - ASN has shown interest, and we are in discussions to formalize their involvement in our advocacy efforts.

Strategic Objectives:

1. **Optimal Kidney Care Advocacy**
2. **Professional Development**
3. **Data-Driven Decision Making**
4. **Collaborative Partnerships**

Leadership Structure :

- **Co-Chairs:** Current: Dr. Sandra Gadson and Dr. Randall Maxey
- **Executive Team:** Steering committee guiding strategy
- **Advisory Board:** Experts in nephrology, data science, and advocacy

Short-Term Goals (Year 1)

1. Grow Membership to 50 Nephrologists and allies
2. Host 4 Meetings (Webinars and In-person)
3. Publish a Manuscript
4. Advocate for Kidney Patient Act

Impact of NEKC

NEKC will shape a healthcare system that provides equitable and optimal care for minoritized communities. Through research, advocacy, and education, NEKC will push for systemic changes that improve patient outcomes.

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Thank you!

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Background Slides on NMQF

VISION

To achieve a just and fair healthcare system that ensures equitable access to optimal care.

Founded in 1998, National Minority Quality Forum (NMQF) is a United States-based, health care research, education and advocacy organization whose mission is to reduce patient risk and advance health equity by assuring optimal care for all.



National Minority Quality Forum Internal Centers

- **Offices of the President**
 - Administrative Services and Operations
 - Office of Grants Management
- **The Center for Health Information Strategy and Services**
 - Our private cloud data warehouse, consisting of 5 billion patient records, advances health equity through evidence-based, data-driven methods.
- **The Center for Clinical and Social Research**
 - Advances equitable healthcare through rigorous scientific exploration, enabling data-driven generation of deep insights on the intersection between clinical and social determinants of health.
- **The Center for Professional and Strategic Alliances**
 - Serve as a hub for professional groups, fostering collaboration, knowledge sharing, and joint initiatives to tackle health disparities.
- **The Center For Sustainable Health care Quality and Equity**
 - Promotes healthy communities by working with health systems, faith leaders, barbers/stylists and pharmacists to deliver community interventions.
- **The Center for Public Policy**
 - Provides leadership to advance changes to policies that impact the health of minoritized populations.
- **The Center for Communications and Public Affairs**
 - Promotes health equity through patient education, health communication, health advocacy, stakeholder partnerships, coalition building and community events that educate on a variety of health topics.



The Center for Professional and Strategic Alliances

VISION

To be the leading hub for professional collaboration and innovation, driving optimal healthcare solutions and advancing health equity.

MISSION

To serve as a central hub for professional groups, fostering collaboration, knowledge sharing, and joint initiatives that leverage data-driven insights and innovative strategies to tackle health disparities.



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