



## Core Concepts in Kidney Research

**Mondays, 12:00-1:00 pm CST**  
**KAUL - 270 (Finley Conference Center)**

### 2024 Theme: *Novel Directions in Kidney Research*

May 6, 2024

#### ***"Big Data in Kidney Research"***

**Girish N. Nadkarni, MD, MPH**

Irene and Dr. Arthur M. Fishberg Professor of Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai  
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And

**Javier Neyra, MD, MSCS, FASN**

Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Nephrology, UAB

May 13, 2024

#### ***"Global Kidney Health Research"***

**Valerie Luyckx, MBBCh, MSc, PhD**

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Associate Scientist Renal Division, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School

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And

**Erica Bjornstad, MD**

Assistant Professor, Pediatric Nephrology, UAB

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May 20, 2024

#### ***"Precision Medicine in Nephrology"***

**Tarek M. Ashkar (El-Achkar), MD**

Terence P. Kahn Professor of Nephrology, Indiana University  
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And

**Nita Limdi, PharmD, PhD, MSPH**

Professor of Medicine, Ray L. Watts, M.D.- Heersink Endowed Chair in Neurology  
Associate Director of Precision Medicine Institute, UAB

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May 27, 2024

#### ***Memorial Day [NO CONFERENCE]***

June 3, 2024

#### ***Introduction of the PROMoTE, KURE, and O'Brien Summer Scholars***

#### ***"Now is the Best Time to be Focusing on Kidney Research"***

**Anupam Agarwal, MD**

Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean, Heersink School of Medicine, UAB

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June 10, 2024

#### ***"AI in nephrology"***

**Azra Bihorac, MD, MS, FCCM, FASN**

Senior Associate Dean for Research Affairs; Professor of Medicine, Surgery and Anesthesiology; Director, Intelligent Clinical Care Center, University Of Florida College Of Medicine

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And

**Rubin Pillay, MD, PhD**

Executive Director, UAB Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation

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June 17, 2024

#### ***"Nephrogenetics"***

**Krzysztof Kiryluk, MD**

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And

**Marguerite Ryan Irvin, PhD, MS**

Professor, Assistant Dean of Research, School of Public Health, Epidemiology, UAB

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June 24, 2024

#### ***"Health Equity in Nephrology"***

**Ebele Umeukeje, MD, MPH**

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And

**Orlando Gutiérrez, MD**

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