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KidneyCure at Kidney Week

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Spotlight: Inaugural Garabed Eknoyan Endowed Lectureship

The American Society of Nephrology (ASN) and KidneyCure are pleased to host the inaugural Garabed Eknoyan Endowed Lectureship during ASN Kidney Week 2021, made possible with generous support from ASN Past President Wadi N. Suki, MD. Named in honor of Garabed Eknoyan, MD—an esteemed researcher, educator, and clinician—the lecture will be delivered annually at ASN Kidney Week on a topic related to advances in clinical care of patients with chronic kidney disease or end-stage kidney disease on dialysis.

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Garabed Eknoyan, MD

For more information, including a Q&A with Wadi N. Suki, MD, on his motivations for establishing the lectureship, click [here](#).

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KidneyCure at ASN Kidney Week 2021

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*Grant recipient award year listed in parentheses.

Kidney Week Education Committee Members

The Kidney Week Education Committee plans the program content including educational sessions, educational symposia, and abstracts.

S. Ananth Karumanchi, MD – Co-Chair (2002)
Vivek Bhalla, MD, FASN (2010)
Tammy M. Brady, MD, PhD (2008)
Kirk N. Campbell, MD, FASN (2014)
Kerri L. Cavanaugh, MD, MPH (2011)
Anna Greka, MD, PhD (2011)
Rasheeda Hall, MD, MBS, MHS (2015)
Pinelopi P. Kapitsinou, MD (2013)
Timmy C. Lee, MD, MPH, FASN (2014)
Youhua Liu, PhD, FASN (1996)
Matt G. Sampson, MD (2015)

Early Programs

Each program addresses a specific topic in nephrology and requires separate registration.

Javier A. Neyra, MD, MS, FASN (2014)

- Session Speaker: *Diagnosis and Management of Dysnatremias in the ICU: A Case-Based Approach* as part of [Critical Care Nephrology: 2021 Update](#) Early Program (On-Demand, available starting October 25 at 9:00 AM PDT)

Snežana Petrović, MD, PhD, FASN (2004)

- Session Speaker: *Anion-Gap Metabolic Acidosis and Hyperchloremic Acidosis of Kidney Origin during Acid-Base, Fluid, and Electrolyte Balance Disorders: Challenging Issues for Clinicians* Early Program (On-Demand, available starting October 25 at 9:00 AM PDT)

Annual Meeting Sessions

Sessions will be presented virtually through on-demand, live-streamed, and simulive (pre-recorded presentations with a live Q&A) formats.

Massimo Attanasio, MD (2010)

- Session Speaker: *Innate Immunity and Tubular Cell Senescence After Kidney Injury* as part of [Cellular Senescence, Premature Aging, and CKD](#) (On-Demand, November 5, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT)

Justin Miles Belcher, MD, PhD (2012)

- Session Speaker: *Biomarkers in Cirrhosis-Associated AKI: Exploring the Etiology* as part of [Biomarkers, Schmiomarkers: Where's the Beef?](#) (Live-Stream, November 6, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM PDT)

Vivek Bhalla, MD, FASN (2010)

- Session Speaker: *Diuretic-Induced Tubular Remodeling in the Proximal and Distal Nephron* as part of [Home Improvement: Novel Mechanisms of Nephron Remodeling](#) (Live-Stream, November 5, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM PDT)

Jie Cui, MD (2013)

- Moderator: [Improving Vascular Access Medicine: Following the Science](#) (Live-Stream, November 5, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM PDT)

Zheng Dong, PhD, FASN (2001)

- Session Speaker: *Autophagy in AKI* as part of [Cell Death and Clearance in AKI](#) (Live-Stream, November 7, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT)

Paul E. Drawz, MD, MS (2015)

- Session Speaker: *Using Telemedicine for Hypertension Management* as part of [Taking Control: Innovations in Hypertension Management](#) (Live-Stream, November 6, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM PDT)

Samira S. Farouk, MD, MS, FASN (2020)

- Session Speaker: *International Medical Graduates in Academia and Private Practice* as part of [Developing a Workforce So That We Can Retire One Day](#) (On-Demand, November 6, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT)

Sarah Faubel, MD (2008)

- Moderator: [Extracorporeal Blood Purification in Special Situations](#) (On-Demand, November 5, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT)

Benjamin S. Freedman, PhD (2016)

- Session Speaker: *Organoids for the Study of Genetic Kidney Diseases* as part of [From the Lab to the Clinic: iPSC-Derived Organoids and Therapeutic Discovery](#) (On-Demand, November 4, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

Charles Ginsberg, MD (2017)

- Moderator: [Uncovering a Molecular Basis for CKD-MBD](#) (Live-Stream, November 5, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM PDT)

Tamara Isakova, MD (2013)

- Session Speaker: *Controversies in Treating CKD-MBD* as part of [Emerging Treatment Paradigms for CKD-MBD](#) (On-Demand, November 5, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM PDT)

Kaice A. LaFavers, PhD, MPH (2018)

- Moderator: [AKI: Novel Mechanisms and Targets of Injury](#) (Simulive, November 5, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM PDT)

Timmy C. Lee, MD, MPH, FASN (2014)

- Moderator: [Improving Vascular Access Medicine: Following the Science](#) (Live-Stream, November 5, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM PDT)

Jonathan S. Maltzman, MD, PhD, FASN (2007)

- Session Speaker: *Development of Anti-HLA Antibodies in the Setting of SARS-CoV-2 Infection* as part of [COVID-19 in Hemodialysis and Kidney Transplant Patients: From Basic to Translational Science](#) (On-Demand, November 4, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT)
- Moderator: [One Cell at a Time: Application of Single-Cell RNA Sequencing in Kidney Transplantation](#) (Live-Stream, November 4, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM PDT)

Roy O. Mathew, MD, FASN (2000)

- Session Speaker: *Hyperlipidemia in Dialysis: Treat or Don't Treat?* as part of [Management of Traditional Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Patients with ESKD](#) (Live-Stream, November 4, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM PDT)

Tanecia Mitchell, PhD (2021)

- Session Speaker: *Inherent Renal Mechanisms Regulating Crystal Solubility and Clearance from Tubular Fluid* as part of [Mechanistic Insight and Pathologic Consequences of Crystalluria](#) (On-Demand, November 6, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT)

Javier A. Neyra, MD, MS, FASN (2014)

- Session Speaker: [AKI!Now: Pursuing Improved Care Through Science and a Clinical Connection](#) (Live-Stream, November 6, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM PDT)

Samir M. Parikh, MD, FASN (2008)

- Moderator: [Metabolic \(In\)competence in AKI](#) (On-Demand, November 6, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT)
- Session Speaker: *Kidney360: New Insights in Management of AKI* as part of [Best of ASN Journals: JASN, CJASN, and Kidney360](#) (Live-Stream, November 5, 2:00 PM – 04:00 PM PDT)

Farzana Perwad, MD (2012)

- Session Speaker: *Molecular Insight into Disorders of Phosphate Metabolism* as part of [Uncovering a Molecular Basis for CKD-MBD](#) (Live-Stream, November 5, 10:30 AM PDT – 12:30 PM PDT)

Aaron J. Polichnowski, PhD (2017)

- Session Speaker: *SS.BN1 Modulates Renal Vascular Function and Salt* as part of [The Pressure Is On: Update on Mechanisms of Salt-Sensitive Hypertension](#) (On-Demand, November 5, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT)

Jennifer L. Pluznick, PhD (2013)

- Session Speaker: *Microbiome in Hypertension* as part of [From Biomarkers to Bioactivity: Metabolites and Metabolomes in Kidney Diseases](#) (On-Demand, November 4, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT)

Susan E. Quaggin, MD, FASN (1999)

- Session Speaker: *ASN President's Address* during the [Joint ASN-NAM Plenary: ASN President's Address, COVID-19 Panel](#) (Live-Stream, November 4, 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM PDT)

Reena Rao, PhD (2007)

- Session Speaker: *Contribution of Myofibroblasts to Cyst Growth and PKD Progression* as part of [Role of the Cyst Microenvironment in the Origins and Progression of ADPKD](#) (Live-Stream, November 5, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM PDT)
- Moderator: [Cell Death and Clearance in AKI](#) (Live-Stream, November 7, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT)

Aylin Rodan, MD, PhD (2013)

- Moderator: [Determinants of Renal Transport: Beyond the Usual Suspects](#) (Live-Stream, November 6, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM PDT)

Nikolaos Skartsis, MD, PhD (2017)

- Moderator: [Tolerance and Kidney Transplantation: Where do we stand?](#) (Live-Stream November 7, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT)

Alexander Staruschenko, PhD (2008)

- Moderator: [From Biomarkers to Bioactivity: Metabolites and Metabolomes in Kidney Diseases](#) (On-Demand, November 4, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT)

Roderick J. Tan, MD, PhD (2018)

- Session Speaker: *NRF2 and Glomerular Disease: Friend or Foe?* as part of [What to Target: Insights into the Pathogenesis of Glomerular Disease](#) (On-Demand, November 6, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT)

Sri Lekha Tummalapalli, MD, MBA, FASN (2019)

- Moderator: [Findings from Landmark Trials, Other Kidney Trials, and Observational Studies](#) (Simulive, November 5, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM PDT)
- Session Speaker: *Measuring Quality in Kidney Diseases* as part of [Strategies for Effective Kidney Disease Population Health Management](#) (Live-Stream, November 6, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM PDT)

Ting Yang, MD, PhD (2020)

- Moderator: [Neural Control of Kidneys and Bladder Function](#) (On-Demand, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT)

Oral Abstracts

Sessions will be presented virtually through the simulive format (pre-recorded presentations with a live Q&A).

David J. Askenazi, MD, MS, FASN (2011)

- *Urinary VEGF As a Prognostic Biomarker of CKD in Premature Infants with Lung Disease* as part of [Assessing Disease Risk in Children: A Developmental Perspective](#) (Simulive, November 6, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM PDT)

Dhruvi P. Chen, MD (2010)

- *Association Of HLA-DPB1*04:01 And Maintenance of Remission in ANCA Associated Vasculitis* as part of [Glomerular Diseases: Antibodies, Complement, and Inflammatory Mediators](#) (Simulive, November 5, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM PDT)

Yijiang Chen (2019)

- *Computationally Extracted Peritubular Capillary Shape is Associated with Progression in Glomerular Diseases* as part of [Glomerular Diseases: Trials, Prognostic Markers, and Podocyte Biology](#) (Simulive, November 6, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM PDT)

Enrico Cocchi, MD (2021)

- *Genetic Findings in COVID-19-Positive Patients from a Cohort of Kidney and Liver Patients at Columbia University* as part of [COVID-19 and Kidney Diseases: From Bedside to Bench](#) (Simulive, November 6, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM PDT)

Benjamin S. Freedman, PhD (2016)

- *Read-Through Therapeutics Reduce Cystogenesis in a Novel Cohort of CRISPR Base Edited ADPKD Organoids* as part of [Genetic Kidney Diseases: Research and New Hope](#) (Simulive, November 4, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM PDT)
- *Selective Tropism of SARS-CoV-2 in Genome-Edited Kidney Organoids Reveals Nephropathic and Therapeutic Effects* as part of [COVID-19 and Kidney Diseases: From Bedside to Bench](#) (Simulive, November 6, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM PDT)

Mark R. Hanudel, MD, MS, FASN (2020)

- *Anemia, Iron Deficiency, and FGF-23 in CKiD Study* as part of [Assessing Disease Risk in Children: A Developmental Perspective](#) (Simulive, November 6, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM PDT)

David E. Leaf, MD, FASN (2018)

- *Acute Kidney Injury in Patients Treated with Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors* as part of [AKI: Pathways, Predictors, and Prevention](#) (Simulive, November 4, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM PDT)

Sian Piret, PhD (2020)

- *Loss of Proximal Tubular Krüppel-Like Factor 15 in Kidney Injury Is Detrimental Through Suppression of Fatty Acid Oxidation* as part of [AKI: Repair, Stay Put, or Transition to CKD](#) (Simulive, November 6, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM PDT)

Nabin Poudel, PhD (2019)

- *Proximal Tubule Pannexin 1 Channel Regulates Mitochondrial Function and Cell Death During AKI* as part of [AKI: Novel Mechanisms and Targets of Injury](#) (Simulive November 5, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM PDT)

Syedmohammadebrahim Tahaei, PhD (2019)

- *Dietary Anion Prioritizes Pendrin Activation over Aldosterone* as part of [Fluid, Electrolyte, and Acid-Base Disorders: Basic and Clinical Research](#) (Simulive, November 4, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM PDT)

Posters

Posters will be available for viewing on-demand on Thursday, November 4 at 10:00 AM PDT through Friday, January 7, 2022. Click [here](#) to access the e-posters when available.

David J. Askenazi, MD, MS, FASN (2011)

- *Identifying Factors Associated with Clinically Adjudicated Drug-Induced Acute Kidney Injury in Children* (PO0182)
- *Urine Biomarkers of Acute Kidney Injury in Extremely Low Gestational Age Neonates: A Case-Control Study* (PO0190)

Fabian Bock, MD (2021)

- *Rac1 Promotes Kidney Collecting Duct Integrity by Limiting Actomyosin Activity* (PO0609)

Dhruti P. Chen, MD (2010)

- *APOL1 High-Risk Genotype Is Associated with Worse Renal Outcomes in Black Patients with Membranous Nephropathy* (PO1543)

Ying Maggie Chen, MD, PhD, FASN (2013)

- *Ultrabright Plasmonic-Fluor Nanolabel-Enabled Detection of a Urinary ER Stress Biomarker in Autosomal Dominant Tubulointerstitial Kidney Disease* (PO1351)
- *Genetic Testing in Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS): Tale of Three Stories* (PO1336)

Irene Chernova, MD, PhD (2020)

- *Intrarenal B Cells in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Upregulate Na⁺-K⁺-ATPase to Facilitate Survival in a High-Sodium Environment* (PO1428)

Amanda J. Clark, MD (2021)

- *De Novo NAD⁺ Biosynthesis May Promote AKI Resistance* (PO0355)

Enrico Cocchi, MD (2021)

- *Analysis of Somatic Mosaic Mutations in Nephropathy-Associated Genes Reveal Candidate Disease-Causing Mutations in Previously Germline-Negative Cases* (PO1267)
- *Genetics Analysis of IgA Nephropathy-Discordant Monozygotic Twins* (PO1334)

Michael David Donnan, MD, FASN (2020)

- *Mechanisms of VEGFR3 Signaling in Glomerular Development* (PO0614)

Silvia Ferrè, PhD (2014)

- *A National Registry for People with All Stages of Kidney Disease: The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) Patient Network* (INFO17)

Alexander H. Flannery, PharmD, PhD (2020)

- *Serum Renin and Major Adverse Kidney Events in Critically Ill Patients: A Multicenter Prospective Study* (PO0243)

Mary H. Foster, MD (2007)

- *Environmental Factors Influence Site and Magnitude of MPO and DNA Autoimmunity in BXSB Murine Lupus* (PO1429)
- *Preexisting Autoimmune Dysregulation Unmasks a Role for Silica Dust Exposure in Nephrotropic Autoantibody Production* (PO1477)

Benjamin S. Freedman, PhD (2016)

- *An Off-the-Shelf CRISPR Gene Therapy Approach in Human Kidney Organoids* (PO1325)

Charles Ginsberg, MD (2017)

- *The Vitamin D Metabolite Ratio May Serve as an Important Biomarker of Vitamin D Status in Patients Undergoing Therapeutic Plasma Exchange* (PO0571)
- *Circadian Changes in Serum Phosphate Among Patients with End-Stage Kidney Disease on Hemodialysis* (PO0538)

Sarah C. Huen, MD, PhD (2016)

- *The Role of Renal Hmgcs2 in Fasting and Bacterial Inflammation* (PO0373)

Eirini Kefalogianni, PhD (2021)

- *TNF Drives AKI-to-CKD Transition Downstream of Proximal Tubule EGFR* (PO0438)

Matthew B. Lanktree, MD, PhD (2017)

- *High-Throughput Analysis of Changes in Protein Biomarkers During Hemodialysis* (PO0931)
- *Clonal Hematopoiesis of Indeterminate Potential is Associated with a Relative Decline in Kidney Function and Anemia in a Cohort of Patients with Advanced Chronic Kidney Disease* (PO1899)

David E. Leaf, MD, FASN (2018)

- *Recovery from AKI Requiring Kidney Replacement Therapy in Critically Ill Patients with COVID-19* (PO0024)

Seolhyun Lee, MD (2020)

- *Increasing the Clearance of Protein-Bound Uremic Solutes by Introducing an Activated Carbon Block into the Dialysate Stream* (PO0925)

Eugene Lin, MD, MS, FASN (2021)

- *The Impact of Seasonality on Crash Starts and Home Dialysis Use* (PO0957)

Amar J. Majmundar, MD, PhD (2018 & 2020)

- *Discovery of Podocyte-Specific Interaction Partners of the NS-Associated Protein NOS1AP* (PO1338)

Elinor Mannon (2021)

- *Metabolic Acidosis Does Not Impair Insulin Sensitivity in Rats with CKD* (PO0725)
- *Renal Mass Reduction Enhances the Blood Glucose Response to Exogenous Insulin in Rats* (PO0728)

Jeremiah Martino, PhD (2007)

- *Pleiotropy of Congenital Anomalies of Kidney and Urinary Tract (CAKUT) Phenotypes in Human 16p11.2 Microdeletion Syndrome Is Recapitulated in Mouse Models of Tbx6 Deletion* (PO1346)

Alla Mitrofanova, PhD (2021)

- *Activation of STING Causes Proteinuria in Mice and Contributes to Diabetic Kidney Disease* (PO0651)

Naoka Murakami, MD, PhD, FASN (2019)

- *Kidney Palliative Care in Transplant Recipients with a Failing Allograft* (PO1381)

Daniel P. Murphy, MD, MS (2014)

- *Risk for AKI in the Outpatient Setting* (PO0174)

Meghan Pearl, MD (2018)

- *Inflammatory Profile Associated with Non-HLA Antibodies to G-Protein Coupled Receptors in Pediatric Kidney Transplant Recipients* (PO2182)

Sian Piret, PhD (2020)

- *Circulating Endotoxin Levels Correlate with Kidney and Mortality Outcomes in Critically Ill Patients* (PO0203)

Nabin Poudel, PhD (2019)

- *Endothelial and Not Proximal Tubule Epithelial Pannexin 1 Plays a Critical Role in Fibrosis Progression After AKI* (PO0399)

Ghazal Z. Quinn, MD (2021)

- *Baseline Characteristics of Proliferative Glomerulonephritis with Monoclonal Immunoglobulin Deposits in the International Kidney Registry Consortium (K-REG)* (PO1548)
- *T Lymphocytes in Human Hypertension* (PO1835)

Reena Rao, PhD (2007)

- *The Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor Nintedanib Ameliorates Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease* (PO1199)

Hila Milo Rasouly, PhD (2016)

- *Excess Burden of Rare Coding Variants in Mutation Intolerant Genes in Patients with Kidney Malformations* (PO1347)
- *Level of Confidence, Knowledge, and Literacy in Genetics Among US Nephrologists* (PO1062)

John David Spencer, MD, FASN (2017)

- *Insulin Receptor Signaling Is Necessary for NF κ B-Activated Host Defense Responses in Murine Intercalated Cells* (PO0689)
- *Diuretic Use, Comorbidity, and Length of Stay in Pediatric AKI* (PO1952)
- *The Association of Diuretic Therapy with Fluid Balance and AKI in Hospitalized Preterm Neonates* (PO1953)
- *Intercalated Cells Activate Innate Immune Defenses in Response to Uropathogenic Escherichia coli* (PO1986)

Alexander Staruschenko, PhD (2008)

- *The Role of Ketogenic Diet on the Development of Salt-Sensitive Hypertension* (PO1823)
- *Kidney Function and Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System in Hypouricemia* (PO2519)

Roderick J. Tan, MD, PhD (2018)

- *Deletion of MCP-1 in Podocytes Does Not Protect Against Glomerular Injury* (PO1709)

Dan Wang, PhD (2021)

- *Effects of Enzymatic Cross-Linking and Increased Stiffness on Glomerular Basement Membrane and Podocyte Function* (PO1399)

Yan Xie (2020)

- *Burdens of AKI and CKD Among COVID-19 Survivors* (PO0019)

Other

Samira S. Farouk, MD, MS, FASN (2020)

- Leading *Case-Based Debates* as part of the Kidney STARS program

Elinor Mannon (2021)

- Organizing Committee: Basic Research Forum for Emerging Kidney Scientists (<https://www.earlycareerkidney.org/>)

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Garabed Eknoyan, MD

The lectureship was made possible with generous support from ASN Past President Wadi N. Suki, MD. In the following Q&A, Dr. Suki shares more about his history with ASN and his motivations for establishing the lectureship in Dr. Eknoyan's honor.

How did you first get involved with ASN and KidneyCure?

WADI N. SUKI, MD: I attended the very first ASN meeting in Los Angeles and have attended all meetings but one since. I missed the 2017 meeting because I had broken my left arm a couple of days before and had to miss the very meeting presided over by one of my past trainees (Dr. Eleanor Lederer). I have been very active in ASN, including heading ASN's first Nephrology Manpower Study for which effort I was awarded the ASN President's Medal. I was elected to the ASN Council in 1991 and served as President from 1997 to 1998. I have remained involved in ASN, including serving on the Training Program Directors' Committee, and have long supported the foundation.



Wadi N. Suki, MD

What inspired you to make the donation in honor of Dr. Eknoyan to establish the lectureship?

DR. SUKI: It was my wish to endow an annual lectureship at ASN's Kidney Week in honor of my dear friend and colleague, Dr. Garabed Eknoyan, Distinguished Emeritus Professor of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. His scholarly contributions are evident, as is the major impact he had on clinical nephrology.

Dr. Eknoyan was the main architect of the first evidence-based and expert-generated clinical practice guidelines in nephrology. He first addressed quality of care and outcomes in dialysis with the Dialysis Outcomes Quality Initiative (DOQI) from 1995 to 2000. He followed this with clinical practice guidelines for all aspects of kidney disease care, the Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative (KDOQI) from 2000 to 2005. This model of identifying the best demonstrated clinical practices won general acceptance and has been subsequently adopted by the international nephrology community, resulting in what is now

widely known as Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO). Another notable contribution by Dr. Eknoyan was his role as Chairman of the Steering Committee of the NIH/NIDDK-sponsored study on Reduction in Mortality and Morbidity Among Hemodialysis Patients Trial (MMHD), the Hemodialysis (HEMO) Study (1992-2002).

What are some other causes and organizations you support?

DR. SUKI: My wife and I support a long list of charitable organizations, cultural endeavors, and medical institutions. Among these are Meals on Wheels, Houston Food Bank, Salvation Army, Houston Grand Opera, Houston Ballet, Santa Fe Opera Company, Houston Museum of Fine Arts, The American University of Beirut and the School of Medicine, the Houston Methodist Hospital Foundation, and the Houston Methodist Hospital J.C. Walter Transplant Center.

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