

BEAT-CKD Annual Research Forum

03-04 August 2020

via zoom webinar

Introduction

Time and Date: Monday 03rd August 2020 and Tuesday 04th August 2020

Venue: zoom webinar or Auditorium, South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI), Adelaide, SA

Cost:

- The forum is free to attend.

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beat-ckd-annual-research-forum-tickets-111085192802>

Outline

The BEAT-CKD annual research forum/workshops are for patients, family members, caregivers, clinicians, and researchers with an interest in conducting and implementing research to improve outcomes for people with chronic kidney disease. This open forum provides a unique opportunity to hear and discuss innovative methods, high-priority research projects, and to meet potential collaborators.

This forum will be facilitated by the BEAT-CKD “pillars”:

- Australasian Kidney Trials Network (AKTN)
- Australia and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant Registry (ANZDATA)
- Kidney Health Australia – Caring for Australasians with Renal Impairment (KHA-CARI) Guidelines
- Cochrane Kidney and Transplant

Who can attend?

This forum is open to all health professionals working in the area of kidney disease – including nephrologists, nurses, dietitians, social workers, psychologists, physiotherapists and other disciplines - with a research interest in patients with kidney disease. This meeting is also open to patients with chronic kidney disease, family members, consumer representatives, caregivers, policy makers and industry.

The workshops are open to anyone interested in research, and are applicable to most research areas.

Meeting Objectives

The goals of the forum are:

- To present and build on the BEAT-CKD projects and achievements
- To build capacity in current and future clinical and population health research applied to chronic kidney disease
- To share future projects and collaborations arising from the BEAT-CKD program
- To develop a shared research agenda among all relevant stakeholders, especially among patients and their caregivers



DAY ONE: MONDAY 03 RD AUGUST 2020	
Time	Session
10.00 am	Welcome to Country Ms Kelli Owen
10.10 am	SESSION 1: THE BEAT-CKD JOURNEY Chair: Prof Stephen McDonald Plenary: Collaborations within the BEAT-CKD pillars-what have we learnt? -20 min + 5 min Q Prof Jonathan Craig Highlights and top achievements chosen by each pillar-15 min + 5 min Q each <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANZDATA (Prof Stephen McDonald) • CARI (Dr Martin Howell) • Cochrane (Prof Jonathan Craig) • AKTN (Prof Carmel Hawley and Prof David Johnson) End of session discussion
Lunch 12.00 pm to 2.00 pm	
2.00 pm	SESSION 2: THE FUTURE OF BEAT-CKD Chair: Prof Allison Tong, A/Prof Germaine Wong and A/Prof Phil Clayton Early career researchers 3-min thesis project summaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection complications following kidney transplantation- Dr Samuel Chan • Decision Making in Renal Transplantation: An Applied Bioethics Approach- Dr Alison Weightman • Decision making in kidney transplantation- Dr Georgina Irish • Factors affecting access to the waiting list and transplantation among the Indigenous Australians- Dr Namrata Khanal • The benefits and burdens of kidney transplantation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people- Dr Samantha Bateman • The impact of sex differences on health outcomes in kidney transplantation for children and adolescents with chronic kidney disease using the ANZDATA Registry- Dr Rowena Lalji • Investigating the relationship between socioeconomic status and health across the life-course and among people with chronic kidney disease- Ms Anita van Zwieten • Improving Access to Kidney Replacement Therapy for Rural Australians with Chronic Kidney Disease- Ms Nicole Scholes-Robertson Mid-career researchers 10-minute project summaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth rates in women receiving kidney replacement therapy: Analysis of multi-jurisdictional data linkage study- Dr Erandi Hewawasam • Heat maps and hot spots: Spatial analysis of end-stage kidney disease incidence- Dr Dominic Keuskamp • Trends in joint replacement for dialysis and transplant patients: data linkage study- Dr Chris Davies • Life course impact of CKD starting during childhood or young adulthood-Dr Anna Francis • Strategies to improve vascular access outcomes for patients on haemodialysis- Dr Andrea Viecelli
4.00 pm	Close of Day 1

DAY TWO: TUESDAY 04TH AUGUST 2020

Time	Session
10.00 am	SESSION 3: CHANGING THE WORLD FROM A CONSUMER PERSPECTIVE Chairs: Dr Shyamsundar Muthuramalingam and Ms Nicole Scholes-Robertson Plenary: Consumer Input for National Initiatives in Kidney Health – 20 min + 5 min Q <i>A/Prof Shilpa Jesudason</i> Consumer representation in research and registries: A reflection of the UK journey- 15 min <i>Ms Fiona Loud</i> Changes in consumer engagement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people- 15 min + 5 min Q <i>Ms Kelli Owen</i> Overview of BEAT-CKD consumer engagement- 15 min + 5 min Q <i>Ms Nicole Scholes-Robertson</i> Consumers who have been embedded in BEAT-CKD tell their story- 10 min + 2 min Q each <i>Dr Shyamsundar Muthuramalingam</i> <i>Dr Charmaine Green</i> <i>Ms Chandana Guha</i> End of session discussion
	Lunch 12.00 pm to 2.00 pm
2.00 pm	SESSION 4: Looking forward-what's happening in BEAT-CKD now? Chairs: Prof Jonathan Craig Successes and growth of investigator grants arising from BEAT-CKD-10 min + 5 min Q Improving outcomes that matter to patients on haemodialysis <i>Dr Andrea Viecelli</i> The implementation and evaluation of living evidence in the management of kidney disease <i>Dr David Tunnicliffe</i> Panel discussion Increasing global equity in access to end-stage kidney disease care through better peritoneal dialysis affordability, practice, quality and outcomes <i>Prof David Johnson</i> Bridging the gap: using data science to transform care and health outcomes in kidney transplant recipients. <i>A/Prof Germaine Wong</i> Partnering with patients to transform practice and policy for improved patient-centred outcomes in chronic kidney disease <i>Prof Allison Tong</i> Building on Registry data to improve dialysis and kidney transplantation <i>Prof Stephen McDonald</i> Panel discussion Moderated discussion: Wrapping up/What's next? How should BEAT-CKD relate to the world? Aim is to discuss what BEAT-CKD should look like going forward- 30-40 min <i>Prof Jonathan Craig, Prof Carmel Hawley, A/Prof Phil Clayton, A/Prof Yeoung Jee Cho, Ms Nicole Scholes-Robertson</i>
4:00 pm	Main Forum Close

Speaker and Chair Biographies



Dr Samantha Bateman is a nephrologist at the Central and Northern Adelaide Renal and Transplantation Service and a PhD student at the University of Adelaide. She is funded through an NMHRC post-graduate scholarship with a RACP Award for Excellence.



A/Prof Yeoungjee Cho is a consultant nephrologist from Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane, Australia and Senior Lecturer at the School of Medicine, the University of Queensland. She is a clinical trialist and current Chair of the Peritoneal Dialysis working group of the Australasian Kidney Trials Network. Her research focus is in clinical trials, meta-analyses and epidemiology, registry analyses in peritoneal dialysis and qualitative research. She is a project coordinator for the Standardised Outcomes in Nephrology – Polycystic Kidney Disease (SONG-PKD) and a member of steering group committee for SONG – Peritoneal Dialysis (SONG-PD). She has completed her PhD on peritoneal dialysis in 2015 and has published over 80 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals. She is an associate editor of the Peritoneal dialysis international. She is a current recipient of the National Health and Medical Research Council early career fellowship (2017-2020).



Dr Samuel Chan graduated from The University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery and completed his fellowship in Nephrology with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. He is currently a Staff Specialist within the Metro South Integrated Nephrology and Transplant Services and is completing a PhD with the Australasian Kidney Trials Network focusing on kidney transplant associated infectious diseases. Dr Chan's PhD is supported by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Postgraduate Scholarship, and was also awarded the Sir Gustav Nossal NHMRC Research Excellence Award in 2019. In addition to his clinical and research commitments, Dr Chan works as a Senior Lecturer within the Faculty of Medicine where he leads the nephrology curriculum within Phase 1, and also co-ordinates the Phase 2 Medicine Rotation.



A/Prof Philip Clayton is a Senior Consultant Nephrologist at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and Deputy Executive Officer of the Australia and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant (ANZDATA) Registry. His research interests include donor and recipient selection and outcomes, deceased donor kidney allocation, acute rejection, post-transplant diabetes mellitus and recurrent renal disease.



Prof Jonathan C. Craig (MBChB, DCH, MMed (Clin Epi), FRACP, PhD) is Vice-President and Executive Dean of the College of Medicine and Public Health at Flinders University. He is a paediatric nephrologist/clinical epidemiologist, with research focussed on improving the health of people with chronic kidney disease, children, and the health and well-being of Indigenous people. His awards include International Distinguished Medal of the National (US) Kidney Foundation (2010), and TJ Neale Award for Outstanding Contribution to Nephrological Science. He is the Coordinating Editor of the Cochrane Kidney and Transplant Group and President of the Australia-New Zealand Society of Nephrology. He is a member of the NHMRC Advisory Group on the Synthesis and Translation of Research Evidence, NHMRC Health Translation Advisory Committee, a member of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee, the Medicare Services Advisory Committee, and the Life Savings Drug Program Expert Panel. He is a past Chair of the Steering Group of Cochrane, is a past member of the Expert Advisory Group for the Structural Review of NHMRC's Grant Program, past non-executive board member of Kidney Health Australia and past member of the WHO expert review panel for global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property.



Dr Christopher Davies is the Lead Biostatistician at the Australia and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant Registry (ANZDATA) within the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute. At ANZDATA, Christopher provides statistical support for the generation of regular reports and the extraction of data for custom external requests. Christopher also conducts analyses for ANZDATA research projects and in collaboration with those in the nephrology community. Chris completed a PhD in Statistics at the University of Adelaide, focusing on group-based trajectory modelling. His research interests include methods for comparing centres, and for longitudinal data.



Dr Anna Francis is a paediatric nephrologist and clinical researcher at Queensland Children's Hospital, Australia. She completed her PhD in 2019 at the University of Sydney on the topic of "Long-Term Outcomes of Chronic Kidney Disease in Childhood and Adolescence". In 2017, Dr Francis was awarded a Churchill Fellowship, travelling to Germany, England and Harvard to explore transition programs to adult care for young kidney transplant recipients. In 2019 she became a Kidney International Editorial Fellow. Her key research interest is to develop a program of work that addresses the evidence gaps in children with chronic kidney disease.



Dr Charmaine Green is the Manager at PKD Australia and works to support the foundation in their primary objectives to connect, support, educate and advocate for Australians and their families affected by PKD. Diagnosed with ADPKD at the age of 7, Charmaine brings her personal experience living with kidney disease to motivate and inform her work at PKD Australia and participate as a consumer partner in research, serving as a member of the BEAT-CKD Consumer Advisory Board.



Chandana Guha is a consumer representative and research assistant with the Centre for Kidney Research, Sydney School of Public Health. As a trained statistician she began her career at the UNSW teaching undergraduates and postgraduates in the department of economics. When her daughter was diagnosed with kidney disease and received a transplant at the age of 11 years, Chandana changed focus and joined Transplant Australia to develop an online patient support resource for transplant recipients on post-transplant care. This comprehensive resource called "Living with your Transplant" is aimed at patients, carers and anyone interested in navigating life after a solid organ transplant. Keenly interested in patient-centric kidney research she currently works on the NAVKIDS2 program - a study on the effectiveness of a patient navigator in supporting children diagnosed with kidney disease and their families. She is also a steering group member of the Standardised Outcomes in Nephrology (SONG-GN) initiative, which aims to develop core outcomes for people living with glomerular disease. Chandana is passionate about raising awareness around organ donation and educating patients on post-transplant care.



Prof Carmel Hawley (M.Med Sci (Medical Statistics), FRACP, MB BS (Hons) is a physician researcher and Clinical Trialist. Her current Clinical roles include Staff Nephrologist, Department of Nephrology; Director of Nephrology; and Clinical Director of Haemodialysis Services at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane. Professor Hawley is the current Chair of the Executive Operations Secretariat for the Australasian Kidney Trials Network (AKTN). She has been a lead investigator in numerous investigator-initiated and industry trials and is a key member of several national and international collaborations including Co-Chair, ANZSN Research Advisory Committee; Scientific Advisory Board, Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation; and Committee member of PAH Research Committee. Her past roles include Member of Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation of the Australian & New Zealand Society of Nephrology (ANZSN); Member, Advisory Board, Canadian Trials Network; Member and Inaugural Chair of the Home Dialysis Advisory Committee; Member, Scientific Committee, International Quotidian Registry; and Regional Examiner for the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP). She is currently an editorial reviewer for *Nephrology*, and a reviewer for *ANZ Journal of Medicine*, *Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation*, *Medical Journal of Australia*, and *Haemodialysis International*. Professor Hawley has had a 20 year involvement in clinical trials and has expertise in clinical trial methodology, design, conduct, implementation and analysis. Professor Hawley has a substantial track record in supervising and mentoring the next generation of clinical researchers, and is regularly involved in teaching epidemiology, biostatistics and clinical trial design at both state and national levels. She has published over 400 peer-reviewed journal articles, as well as numerous review articles, book chapters, letters and case reports. She has been an invited presenter and lecturer at more than 160 state, national and international events in the scientific community, and has been the recipient of upwards of \$47,800,000 in research grant funding, including \$42,000,000 from the National Health and Medical Research Council's grant program. In recognition of her significant contribution to the field of research, in 2018 Professor Hawley was awarded Kidney Health Australia's highest accolade, the Kincaid-Smith medal.



Dr Erandi Hewawasam (PhD, BMedSci (Hon)) is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Australia and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant Registry (ANZDATA) within the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI). She is currently working on the registry's research project – parenthood in patients receiving dialysis or kidney transplantation, including perinatal risk and outcomes using population-based data linkage. Her research interests include maternal and fetal outcomes in pregnancies complicated by kidney disease.



Dr Martin Howell is a Research Fellow in Health Economics in the Sydney School of Public Health at the University of Sydney and the Centre for Kidney Research at The Children's Hospital Westmead. His research focuses on applied health economics research predominantly in the areas of assessment of preferences using discrete choice (DCE) methods to address complex health research questions, and conduct of trial based economic evaluations in the area of nephrology. His PhD project involved the application of a type of DCE known as a Best Worst Scaling survey (BWS) to elicit kidney transplant patient preferences for outcomes after transplantation. Other areas of expertise, include the development of clinical practice guidelines, having worked with the KHA-CARI clinical practice guidelines group since 2008. Prior to 2008, Dr Howell had a long career as a soil and environmental scientist.



Dr Georgina L Irish is an Australian Nephrologist who works at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. She undertook her training at The Royal Adelaide Hospital and Flinders Medical centre before moving to Oxford in the United Kingdom. She is undertaking her Masters of Clinical Epidemiology through the University of Sydney. Georgina's commenced her PhD in 2020 on Decision making in Kidney transplantation. She will be using epidemiological registry data to help inform decisions around kidney transplantation, and create decision aids to make these data available to the patient and clinician at the point of care.



A/Prof Shilpa Jesudason (MBBS, PhD, FRACP; née Prasad) is a Staff Specialist Nephrologist and Chair of the Clinical Research Group at the Royal Adelaide Hospital's Central Northern Adelaide Renal and Transplant Service (CNARTS) and Associate Professor, University of Adelaide. A/Prof Jesudason leads the multidisciplinary CNARTS Clinical Research Group which has a focus on the transition to dialysis; psychological and symptom burden; kidney care for Indigenous patients. She established the first Obstetric Nephrology Service in SA in 2012 and leads research projects investigating parenthood pathways and outcomes for women and men with kidney disease. She is a researcher with BEAT-CKD including projects with the ANZDATA registry. A/Prof Jesudason is the National Clinical Director of Kidney Health Australia (KHA), the peak education, advocacy and support organisation for people affected by kidney disease. She co-leads programs addressing kidney disease early detection and care in Australia, including the Commonwealth National Strategic Action Plan for Kidney Disease, launched in March 2020.



Prof David Johnson PSM MBBS (Hons, Univ Medal) (Qld), PhD (Syd), DMed(Res), FASN, FAHMS, FRACP is currently Director of the Metro South Integrated Nephrology and Transplant Service (MINTS) and Medical Director of the Queensland Kidney Transplant Service at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, Australia. He is President of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis (ISPD) and is Co-Chair of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) Global Kidney Health Atlas Project. He has published over 930 original manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, presented over 500 abstracts at national and international scientific meetings, led numerous large multi-centre randomised trials (including CKD-FIX, IDEAL, HONEYPOT, HERO, TEACH-PD and balANZ), and received numerous national and international awards for his contributions to nephrology.



Dr Dominic Keuskamp is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the Australia & New Zealand Dialysis & Transplant Registry (ANZDATA). He works across a number of data linkage projects investigating population-level predictors and outcomes of kidney disease. His research also includes applications of spatial analysis to investigations of kidney disease.



Dr Namrata Khanal is a nephrologist working at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. She is currently completing her PhD at the University of Adelaide.



Dr Rowena Lalji is a paediatric nephrologist and clinician researcher working between the Queensland Children's Hospital and the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane, Australia who completed her paediatric nephrology fellowship in 2018. Rowena has trained and worked across multiple sites including QCH, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children (London) and Starship Hospital (Auckland). She is currently completing her PhD.



Fiona Loud is the Policy Director of Kidney Care UK, working with policymakers and others in campaigning for the organ donation opt-out law, improving access to transplantation and patient choice. Previously Director of the Kidney Alliance, she co-authored the review of kidney care, *Kidney Health: Delivering Excellence*. She works with many groups to improve care standards for kidney patients, such as dialysis choice or patient transport. She set up and chairs the UK Renal Registry patient council and been a member of many NICE kidney guideline groups. She is lay chair of Watford hospital organ donation committee and vice chair of her local kidney patient association at the Lister hospital. Fiona spent 5 years on dialysis after her kidneys failed, before a transplant from her husband in 2006. She is a Fellow of the British Renal Society and was one of the Health Service Journal Top 50 patient leaders. Her Lancet profile:

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Prof Stephen McDonald is the Director of Dialysis and a Senior Staff Nephrologist at The Central Northern Renal and Transplantation Service (based at the Royal Adelaide Hospital), and Clinical Director of Renal Services for the Country Health region of SA Health. He is Executive Officer of the Australia and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant Registry, and holds academic status as Clinical Professor in the Department of Medicine of the University of Adelaide, and Principal Research Fellow in the SA Health and Medical Research Institute. Following clinical training in nephrology at various hospitals in Adelaide, he moved to the world of epidemiological research at Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin in 1998. There he examined relationships between early kidney and cardiovascular disease and markers of inflammation and nutrition among remote Aboriginal communities. He also spent time as a general physician to a number of remote Aboriginal communities. Later he returned to Adelaide to a post-doctoral position in the ANZDATA Registry, and ultimately staff nephrologist post with the Dept. of Nephrology & Transplantation Service at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital and then the amalgamated Central Northern Adelaide Renal and Transplantation Service at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. He retains a substantial interest in non-metropolitan renal services in his role as Clinical Director for Renal Services for County Health SA. As a clinician, his practice includes care for in- and out-patients with all types of kidney disease including acute and chronic kidney disease, people receiving all forms of dialysis and those with kidney transplants. Current interests centre around use of Registry based data (including Registry-based clinical trials), consumer engagement, and improving access to transplantation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



Dr Shyamsundar Muthuramalingam (Shyam) has recently commenced as the Project Officer for Consumer Engagement at the Australia and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant Registry (ANZDATA), based at SAHMRI in Adelaide, South Australia. Shyam received his Masters in Nanotechnology in 2011 and PhD in the area of surface chemistry in 2017 at Flinders University. In 2011, Shyam was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease and he eventually started haemodialysis. He received his transplant in 2016 and has since devoted his time and effort to advancing consumer participation in kidney research. He is a part of the National Kidney Consumer Council at Kidney Health Australia (KHA) and regularly participates in the consumer engagement activities of KHA. Over the last eighteen months, Shyam has been profoundly involved with BEAT-CKD projects at ANZDATA in a voluntary capacity. He has helped produce consumer specific ANZDATA reports in plain language, disseminate research information to consumers and been involved in workshops to educate others about involving consumers in research. He has recently started as a Project Officer to lead the ANZDATA's Registry's consumer-related activities and continue BEAT-CKD's consumer engagement work in 2020 and beyond.



Kelli Owen is a Kurna, Narungga & Ngarrindjeri woman and mother of five. She is the Community Engagement Coordinator for the National Indigenous Kidney Transplantation Taskforce (NIKTT) and is responsible for leading several community-focused initiatives. These include: establishment of Indigenous Reference Groups in five transplant units across Australia; development of a national educational directory capturing tailored resources for Indigenous kidney transplant candidates and their families; and management of the NIKTT's National Indigenous Kidney Community Panel, which offers an outlet for members to share their stories and provide feedback on the NIKTT's current projects and future directions. In addition, Kelli is a member of South Australia's AKtion (Aboriginal Kidney Care Together - Improving Outcomes Now) team, which aims to identify and respond to the needs of Aboriginal Kidney patients and their families. Kelli's contribution to the NIKTT and AKtion is enhanced by her lived experience of kidney disease. After undergoing several years of peritoneal & haemodialysis treatment, Kelli received a donated kidney in May 2016. Her firsthand knowledge of the kidney transplant journey, coupled with her Bachelor of Education and Master of Indigenous Language degrees, underpin her engagement with Indigenous communities and help to facilitate positive relationships between health professionals, patients and their families.



Nicole Scholes-Robertson is a patient partner, physiotherapist, and a PhD candidate at the Sydney School of Public Health, The University of Sydney. In 2014, Nicki commenced dialysis and was fortunate to receive a living donor kidney transplant from her brother. Nicki commenced a PhD through the University of Sydney in 2019 with a research focus on access to dialysis and transplantation services for rural and remote patients in Australia and was awarded a NHMRC postgraduate scholarship for this work beginning 2020. Nicki has given several invited presentations, including at the Global Health Policy Forum at The World Congress of Nephrology on "Quality, Sustainability and Equity of Care: a patient's perspective." Nicki is also a co-chair of the BEAT-CKD Consumer Advisory Board and is a Steering Group member of the Standardised Outcomes in Nephrology (SONG-GN) initiative, which aims to develop core outcomes for people living with glomerular disease. Nicki has been chosen as Volunteer of the Year - Individual Award in the 2019 HNE Health Excellence Awards. Nicki lives in Armidale NSW and loves to grow roses in her spare time.



Prof Allison Tong is a Principal Research Fellow at the Sydney School of Public Health, The University of Sydney. She has experience in using applied qualitative research methods to the area of chronic disease; to inform practice and policy for improved patient-centred outcomes. Allison has a particular interest and experience involving patients in research, particularly in research priority setting and the development of core outcomes for research. She co-founded and is on the Executive Committee of the global Standardised Outcomes in Nephrology (SONG) Initiative, which aims to establish consensus-based core outcomes across the spectrum of chronic kidney disease (www.songinitiative.org). She also founded the Patient-centred Research (PACER) Network (www.pacernetwork.org) Allison developed the consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative health research (COREQ), and the enhancing transparency in reporting the synthesis of qualitative health research [ENTREQ]; which are both endorsed as key reporting guidelines by leading journals and by the international EQUATOR Network for promoting the transparency of health research. She has taught qualitative health research methods internationally for government and university institutions including Stanford University, Mayo Clinic, and The University of Calgary.



Dr David Tunnicliffe is a post-doc (2nd-year post PhD) researcher based at the Centre for Kidney Research, Sydney School of Public Health, The University of Sydney. He has expertise in evidence synthesis and has leadership roles in kidney clinical practice guidelines (CARI Guidelines) and evidence synthesis organisations (Cochrane Kidney and Transplant). Cochrane Kidney and Transplant in partnership with KDIGO has undertaken the evidence review for kidney disease international guidelines. He was recently awarded an NHMRC investigator grant (EL1) that aims to bridge the chasm between the vast scientific literature in kidney disease and the implementation of evidence into practice to ensure the delivery of high-value care that will lead to improved patient outcomes.



Dr Andrea Viecelli is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Queensland and nephrologist at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane, Australia. She is a clinical trialist of the Australasian Kidney Trials Network and Investigator of the SWIFT study aimed to improve the quality of life in patients on haemodialysis. As Investigator of the SONG initiative, she establishes core outcome measures for kidney research. Her research focus is in clinical trials and qualitative research in patient-important outcomes.



Dr Alison Weightman is a South Australian nephrologist with an interest in Bioethics and Kidney Transplantation. She is based at SAHMRI but also works part time at Flinders Medical Centre. She has recently commenced her PhD on Decision-Making in Transplantation where she will be combining ethical analysis with qualitative methodologies.



A/Prof Germaine Wong is a transplant nephrologist at Westmead Hospital, Sydney with special interests in transplantation and clinical epidemiology. She is also NHMRC Career Development Research Fellow and Principal Research Fellow at the School of Public Health, University of Sydney. Her main area of research interests include: transplant epidemiology, cancer and chronic kidney disease, life-course epidemiology, social ethics in organ donation and allocation, decision analytical modelling, health economics, population health research, and quality of life studies in patients kidney transplants.



Anita Van Zwieten is a Lecturer at the Sydney School of Public Health, University of Sydney. Her PhD is currently under examination (submitted in May 2020), and was completed through the Centre for Kidney Research at Westmead and Sydney School of Public Health. Her PhD research focused on understanding the relationship between socioeconomic status and health across the life-course and among people with chronic kidney disease. She has previous experience in public health and psychology research, research ethics, and teaching epidemiology and research methods to postgraduate students. In her current role, she teaches and coordinates units in the Master of Public Health program and is continuing her research on understanding socioeconomic inequalities in health from a life-course perspective.