



CAND 2026 National Virtual Conference

Program Outline

Monday, February 23rd: 11am-1pm EST

Session 1 (11:00-12:00): Dr. Sean Wharton, MD, FRCPC; PharmD, Assistant Professor University of Toronto; Adjunct Professor McMaster University, York University, Wharton Medical Clinic

“Advances in Obesity Medicine – focus on CKD”

Session 2 (12:00-13:00): Stella Paterakis, RD, CDE; Bariatric Surgery Program, University Health Network

“Optimizing Outcomes in Bariatric Surgery: Assessment, Nutrition and Aftercare.”

Tuesday, February 24th: 11am-1pm EST

Session 1 (11:00-12:00): Dr. Kathleen Hill Gallant, PhD, RD; Associate Professor, Department of Food Science and Nutrition, University of Minnesota

“Bone mineral metabolism in chronic kidney disease.”

Session 2 (12:00-13:00): Dr. Hanne Skou Jorgensen, MD, PhD; Staff specialist in Nephrology, Aarhus University Hospital, Aarhus, Denmark; Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Medicine, Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark; Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Medicine, Aalborg University, Aalborg, Denmark

“Should we supplement vitamin D in CKD?”

Wednesday, February 25th: 11am-1pm EST

Session 1 (11:00-12:00): Ann MacGillivray, RD, CNSC, MSc; Parenteral Nutrition Program, University Health Network

“Intra-dialytic Parenteral Nutrition: A Practical Approach.”

Session 2 (12:00-13:00): Dr. Sylvain Charlebois; Professor; Senior Director, Agri-Food Analytics Lab, Dalhousie University, Canada

“Feeding a Nation: Understanding Food Challenges and How We Can All Stay Resilient.”

Thursday, February 26th: 11am-1pm EST

Session 1 (11:00-12:00): Dr. Stephanie Thompson, MD, PhD, FRCPC; Associate Professor, University of Alberta, Staff Physician, Alberta Health Services

“Moving the Needle: Implementing and Sustaining Exercise Programs in Hemodialysis Care”

Session 2 (12:00-13:00): Melanie Betz, MS, RD, CSR, LDN, FNKF, FAND; Founder & CEO, The Kidney Dietitian

“What all RDNs need to know about Kidney Stones”

Friday, February 27th: 11am-1pm EST

Session 1 (11:00-12:00): Quality Improvement (QI) SESSIONS

QI Session 1: *Carnitine in Pediatric Dialysis* (Laura Quenneville, BSc, RD)

QI Session 2: *Diabetes and CKD* (Anneli Kaethler, RD, MSc)

QI Session 3: *Gut Microbiota and CKD* (Dani Renouf, RD, MSc, CDE)

Session 2 (12:00-1:00): CAND Annual General Meeting (all membership)



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