

Do You Know the Real Cause of Your Kidney Disease?

Why It Is Important You Know and How to Find Out

Session Time	March 20 th , 2023 from 7:00 PM ET – 8:00 PM ET
Session Description	While there are 37 million people in the United States living with kidney disease, many are never told the true cause of their kidney disease. The panelists will discuss why it is critical for you and your doctor to know the cause of your kidney disease, as it impacts treatment decisions for both the individual and healthcare provider. This panel will also discuss genetic testing: its value, the pros and cons and resources that can guide people living with kidney disease through the process.
Key Learning Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss the prevalence of unknown causes of kidney disease and explain the impact of understanding the causes of kidney disease 2. Provide an overview of genetic testing available and share current challenges in accessing testing 3. Inform the kidney community about existing resources to learn more about genetic testing and causes of kidney disease

Moderator: Jemetra Collins, Director of Professional Education, American Kidney Fund

Speakers:

- Orlando Gutierrez, MD, Professor and Director, Division of Nephrology, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Holly Bode, Vice President of Government Affairs, American Kidney Fund
- Kevin Schnurr, Associate Director, Alport Syndrome Foundation

Takeaway Resources:

- ✓ [AKF – Unknown Causes of Kidney Disease Project](#)
- ✓ [AKF – Patient Access Initiative](#)

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