

2025 University of Michigan George O'Brien Kidney Center Annual Retreat

Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 8:00 AM to 12:45 PM

Hybrid Event!

Medical Science Building I, Auditorium #5330

Livestreamed via ZOOM

Schedule

8:00am – 8:10am Welcome and introductory remarks

Subramaniam Pennathur M.D.

Norman Radin Professor and Chief, Division of Nephrology
Director, Michigan O'Brien Kidney Translational Research Center,
Professor, Departments of Medicine and Molecular and Integrative
Physiology

Markus Bitzer M.D., Professor, Director-Enrichment Program,
Michigan O'Brien Kidney Translational Research Center, University of
Michigan

8:10am–8:50am Orlando Martí Gutiérrez, M.D., MMSc, Professor and Director, Division
of Nephrology, Department of Medicine – The University of Alabama
at Birmingham

Presenting: *"Biomarkers of kidney tubular health: a window into
resilience and long-term outcomes"*

8:50am - 9:30am Stephanie Wengert Watts, PhD FAHA, Professor, Department of
Pharmacology and Toxicology, Michigan State University

Presenting: *"Chemerin as a link between obesity and hypertension:
Residency in the Vessel."*

9:30am-10:00am Abhijit Naik, MBBS, MPH, Clinical Associate Professor of Internal
Medicine, Division of Nephrology, The University of Michigan

Presenting: *"The Growth Hormone-IGF-1 axis is a risk factor for Long-
Term Kidney Allograft Failure."*

10:00am-10:15am

Short Break!

10:15am-10:45am

Laura Mariani, M.D., MSCE, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Assistant Clerkship Director and Associate Fellowship Director, Division of Nephrology, Director of the Resource Development Core, Michigan O'Brien Kidney Translational Research Center, The University of Michigan

Presenting: *"Surrogate outcomes for rare disease clinical trials."*

10:45am – 11:15am

Julie Wright, M.D., Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Assistant Chair for the Department of Internal Medicine, The University of Michigan.

Presenting: *"Tackling the epidemic of CKD at the interface of patients and communities"*

11:15am – 11:45am

Students involved in CKD MYVOICE survey

11:45am – 12:00pm

Closing Remarks by Markus Bitzer M.D., Professor, Dept of Internal Medicine – Nephrology, University of Michigan

12:00pm – 12:45 pm

Virtual posters from summer program students