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# UCSF Kidney Transplant Symposium 2026

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## FRIDAY - APRIL 10, 2026

12:00-1:00 PM Registration/Check-in

1:00-1:15 PM Welcome and Opening Remarks

### Puneet Sood, MD

*Overview of the day's objectives, thematic focus, and UCSF's priorities to advance patient outcomes and innovation in kidney transplantation.*

1:15-1:45 PM State of Kidney Transplantation at UCSF

### Chris Freise, MD

*Review of transplant outcomes, shifting clinical challenges, expanding programmatic initiatives, and new operational models shaping UCSF's trajectory.*

1:45-2:15 PM "Will You Accept This Organ?" — Allocation Decisions Through Case Review  
Garrett Roll, MD

*Case-based review highlighting organ acceptance practices, evolving allocation frameworks, ethical considerations, and patient-centered decision drivers.*

2:15-2:40 PM Belatacept in Kidney Transplantation

### Amarpali Brar, MD

*Update on belatacept-based immunosuppression, including de novo use, conversion strategies, and outcome data emerging from UCSF clinical pathways.*

2:40-2:50 PM Break

2:50-3:15 PM Frontiers in Xenotransplantation

### Chuck Rickert, MD

*Latest translational breakthroughs in xenograft science, immunologic barriers, and clinical readiness milestones toward future adoption.*

3:15-3:40 PM Innovative Approaches for Improving Outcomes in Highly Sensitized Patients  
Raj Rajalingam, PhD

*Deep dive into practical implementation of virtual crossmatching, eplet-based compatibility analysis, targeted desensitization, and institutional outcome trends.*

3:40-4:05 PM Rapidly Evolving Strategies for Beta Cell Replacement in Diabetes  
Peter Stock, MD

*Comparative insights into pancreas transplantation vs. next-generation cellular platforms, including immune interventions and stem cell-derived  $\beta$  cell therapies.*

4:05-4:20 PM Break

4:20-4:50 PM Clinical Trials at UCSF: Expanding the Frontiers of Immunosuppression  
Flavio Vincenti, MD & Puneet Sood, MD

- New immunosuppressive targets
- ABMR prevention and intervention strategies
- Optimization of delayed graft function
- Personalized desensitization approaches

4:50-5:15 PM Updates in Kidney Living Donation

### Deborah Adey, MD

*Innovations in donor selection, pathways to expand kidney donation volume, and new data guiding long-term stewardship of living donors.*

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## 5:15–5:45 PM Transplant Moonshots and Emerging Frontiers Jay Gardner, MD

*Program highlights include:*

- APC-based tolerance engineering
- Hypoimmune islet transplantation platforms
- CAR-T-based donor-specific tolerance induction
- Normothermic organ perfusion development
- Next-generation cryopreservation technologies

## 6:00 PM Adjournment & Evening Reception

*Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and dinner will be served.*

## 7:00 PM Dinner

## SATURDAY - April 11, 2026

## 7:45–8:30 AM Breakfast served

## Case-Based Symposium: Transforming Clinical Outcomes Through Precision Approaches

### 8:30–9:00 AM Recurrence of Plasma Cell Disorders Post-Transplant

*Allison Webber, MD & Pathology Faculty*

### 9:00–9:30 AM Atypical HUS/C3G Recurrence—Genetics and Targeted Therapeutics

*Pascale Khairallah, MD & Pathology Faculty*

### 9:30–10:00 AM Donor-Derived Fabry Disease: Diagnostic and Management Implications

*Puneet Sood, MD & Pathology Faculty*

## 10:00–10:15 AM Break

### 10:15–10:45 AM Recurrent IgA Nephropathy: Novel Therapeutic Options

*Justin Oveyssi, MD & Pathology Faculty*

### 10:45–11:15 AM Pediatric Transplantation: Evolving Case Experience

*Pediatric Nephrology & Pediatric Pathology Faculty*

## 11:15 AM Adjourn