

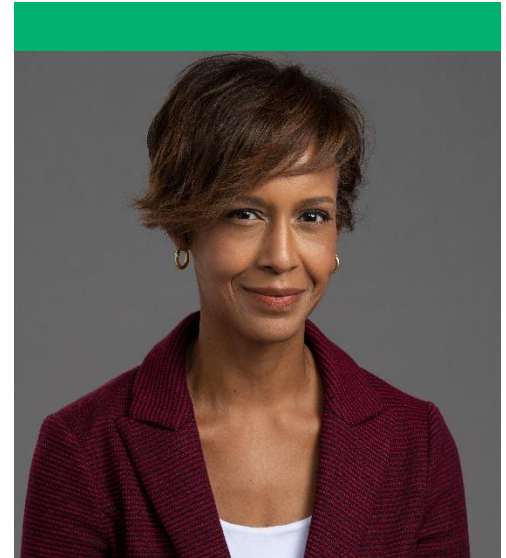


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The Muehrcke Family Professor of Nephrology

Advancement of Medicine

In 2025, I continued to serve as interim chair of the Rush Department of Internal Medicine and as the chief of the Rush Division of Nephrology. I also continued to oversee our interventional nephrology program, focused on the planning and maintenance of dialysis vascular access for patients with kidney diseases.



My ongoing professional mission combines my clinical work in interventional nephrology with clinical and translational research in hemodialysis vascular access. **Your generosity bolsters my research, clinical and academic efforts focused on the pathogenesis and treatment of dialysis vascular access dysfunction.** This year, I served in leadership and speaking roles at a variety of local and international scientific and educational programs, including the American Society of Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology, the National Kidney Foundation, and the American Society of Nephrology. In 2025, I spoke at eight national and international meetings, served as treasurer of the Vascular Access Society of the Americas, co-directed two national and one international dialysis access symposia, and presented grand rounds at the University of Washington in Seattle and Rush University Medical Center.

I remained actively engaged in trainee and community education. I continue to host the Chicago Dialysis Access Club, composed of practitioners dedicated to improving dialysis vascular access care for patients in Chicago. Twice a year, I invite and host nationally known speakers at our Symposium Dinner. During the dinner, physicians, nurses and trainees from over 15 Chicago hospitals shared and discussed clinical cases while receiving updates on trends in dialysis access care and new technologies.

I also serve as the national principal investigator for the Ellipsys Vascular Access System post-market surveillance study, and I am a member of the stakeholder panel for the University of North



Carolina, Chapel Hill THRIVE clinical trial, which aims to evaluate the impact of various education strategies for the creation of vascular access in advanced kidney disease.

Clinical

Rush's Division of Nephrology has two full-time general nephrologists and a nurse practitioner. Despite some delays related to space allocation, we are moving ahead with the Rush peritoneal (at-home) dialysis program, and **endowed funds will support startup costs for clinic staffing**. This program is an important option for patients as they transition to renal replacement therapy, for the education of renal fellows, and for faculty and trainee research.

Education and Community Outreach

As part of a continuing effort to strengthen the Rush Nephrology Fellowship, these endowment monies support educational time for private practice nephrologists to provide hands-on teaching to fellows in the 2025-2026 academic year. We will determine whether to use additional funding from this source in the next academic year. In addition, your generosity continues to support community kidney disease screening programs in conjunction with the National Kidney Foundation, enabling us to identify kidney disease earlier in our community and halt disease progression.

Research

Thanks to your generous support, I have continued to support research in nephrology at Rush. Funds from my professorship have provided early-career faculty start-up support as part of newly awarded National Institutes of Health R01 grants and supported postdoctoral researchers in the basic science lab. Funds from the endowment continue to support our basic science lecture series.

Select Invited Presentations

- Grand Rounds, Rush Medical College: "Dialysis Access Demystified: A Guide for the Non-Nephrologist," Chicago, 2025.
- Paris Vascular Insights Annual Meeting: "Endovascular AVF's: Elegant Technology, Failed Experiment," Paris, 2025.
- National Kidney Foundation Annual Scientific Meeting: "The Future of EndoAVF," Boston, 2025.
- Controversies in Dialysis Access Annual Meeting: "Avoiding Emergencies in the Dialysis Unit," Boston, 2025.



- Vascular Access Society Annual Scientific Meeting: “A Case of Complicated Dialysis Access,” Padova, Italy, 2025.
- American Society of Nephrology Scientific Meeting: “Technologies for Hemodialysis Vascular Access Management,” Houston, 2025.

Publication Highlights- Abbreviated

- Management of Vascular Access Inflow-Outflow Imbalance: A Bimodal Approach. *J Vasc Access*. 2025.
- *Rutherford's Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapy*, 11th edition, Chapter 173: Hemodialysis Access: Failing and Thrombosed. 2025.

The Year Ahead: 2026 and Beyond

I will continue to support and mentor our trainees and faculty in their respective clinical and research efforts. Your support will fund training, teaching, and research within the division and establish the Rush peritoneal (at-home) dialysis program. This program will provide outstanding, individualized care to our kidney patients.

With Gratitude

Thank you. Your support enables me to undertake multiple activities that advance education, research and outreach in nephrology at Rush, in the broader Chicago community and around the U.S.