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**Transforming Care: Treatment Quality  
Improvement in Kidney Disease and Beyond**  
27 March, Rīga Stradiņš University Auditorium #3

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### Keynote speakers



**Prof. Kitty Jager**  
Amsterdam University  
Medical Center, Netherlands



**Assoc. Prof. Vianda Stel**  
Amsterdam University  
Medical Center, Netherlands



**Prof. Alberto Ortiz**  
Autonomous University of  
Madrid, Spain

**Session I: Advancing Kidney Disease Management Through Data and Demographics**  
Chair: Asst. Prof. Kārlis Rācenis (Latvia), Assoc. Prof. Ieva Ziediņa (Latvia)

9:00–9:30 **Kidney Disease in Aging Societies**  
Kitty J. Jager, Netherlands

9:30–10:00 **Registries and the Cause of Kidney Failure**  
Alberto Ortiz Arduan, Spain

10:00–10:30 **How Do International Renal Registry Comparisons Move the Renal Community Forward?**  
Vianda S. Stel, Netherlands

10:30–11:00 Break

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Assoc. Prof. Sabine Leh  
University of Bergen, Norway

**Session II: Enhancing Kidney Care in Latvia: Data-Driven Insights and Future Directions**  
Chair: Prof. Kitty J. Jager (Netherlands), Prof. Aivars Pētersons (Latvia)

11:00–  
11:15 **Kidney Registry in Latvia – Current Status and Future Perspectives**  
Viktorija Kuzema, Latvia

11:15–  
11:30 **Kidney Replacement Therapy in Latvia: Five-Year Analysis of Demographics, Trends, and Regional Disparities**  
Anna Proskurina, Latvia

11:30–  
11:45 **Peritoneal Dialysis Trends in Latvia**  
Ilze Puide, Latvia

11:45–  
12:00 **Improving the Effectiveness of Chronic Kidney Replacement Therapy in Latvia: A Quality and Cost Framework Based on the Latvian Kidney Disease Registry**  
Kārlis Rāčenis, Latvia

12:00–  
12:20 **Harnessing Data Standardisation for Success in Value-Based Programmes**  
Daiga Behmane, Latvia

12:30–  
13:30 Break

**Session III: Trends and Innovations in Renal Disease Management**  
Chair: Assoc. Prof. Vianda S. Stel (Netherlands), Assoc. Prof. Viktorija Kuzema (Latvia)

13:30–  
13:50 **Renal Replacement Therapy Changes During 10-Year Period in Lithuania**  
Edita Žiginskienė, Lithuania

13:50–  
14:10 **Results of Epidemiological Studies on Acute and Chronic Kidney Disease in Estonia**  
Mai Rosenberg, Estonia

14:10–  
14:40 **From Codes to Computation: The Norwegian Renal Registry, Structured Reporting, and the Potential of Digital Pathology in Kidney Biopsies**  
Sabine Leh, Norway

14:40–  
15:00 **IgA Nephropathy and Beyond: Biopsy-Driven Insights into Glomerulopathies at Vilnius University Hospital**  
Aistė Račaitė, Lithuania

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15:30 Break

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**Session IV: IgA Nephropathy Unveiled: Disease Mechanisms and Perspectives**  
Chair: Assoc. Prof. Sabine Leh (Norway), Asst. Ilze Puide (Latvia)

15:30– 15:45	<b>Trends of Biopsy Data and Prevalence of Kidney Diseases at Pauls Stradiņš Clinical university Hospital</b> Gatis Saknītis, Latvia
15:40– 16:05	<b>Are There Specific Changes in Microbial Composition in Patients with Immunoglobulin a Nephropathy?</b> Anna Popova, Latvia
16:05– 16:30	<b>GdIgA+B Cell Differentiation in IgA Nephropathy</b> Kristīne Oļeiņika, Latvia
16:30– 16:50	<b>Risk Factors for IgA Nephropathy Progression: Insights Beyond Galactose-Deficient IgA1 Levels</b> Mikus Saulīte, Latvia
16:50– 17:00	Discussion, closing remarks



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