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Dr. Sandra Amaral is the Director of the Pediatric Kidney Transplant Program at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She graduated from the Medical College of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann University School of Medicine. She completed Pediatrics residency at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and a fellowship in Pediatric Nephrology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Harriet Lane Kidney Center. She also holds a Masters of Health Science degree in Biostatistics and Clinical Epidemiology from the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Amaral also serves as an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Nephrology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and a Senior Scholar in the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Amaral's clinical and research career is focused in kidney transplantation with particular interests in 1) reducing racial disparities in access to transplant for children and adults and 2) improving the transition of adolescents and young adults from the pediatric to adult health care settings, including finding ways to overcome barriers to adolescent medication nonadherence. She has published numerous peer-reviewed articles and book chapters related to these topics. She runs an adolescent-focused kidney transplant transition clinic at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to help patients develop their healthcare self-management skills.

Dr. Amaral is also a strong public health advocate. In addition to her role on the Advisory Board of the Dialysis Patient Citizens, she currently serves on the Patient Affairs Committee of the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) as well as on the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology Public Policy Committee, the American Society of Nephrology Quality Metrics Task Force Committee and the American Society of Transplantation Pediatric Community of Practice Executive Committee.

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