



SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS

Sara Baird Amodio, MSW, EdD • VF Board of Directors, Longmont, Colorado

Dr. Amodio has experience as an educational administrator, educational psychologist, and a private consultant for international non-governmental organizations. She holds an MSW from Stockholm University in Sweden, with an emphasis on organizational development and administration. Her Doctorate in Education from Regent University specialized in assessment, programming and evaluation, and curriculum development. Sara was diagnosed with EGPA (formerly Churg-Strauss Syndrome) in 2015.

Amy M. Archer, MD, PhD • Vasculitis Clinic Director, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois

After completing her internal medicine residency at Washington University Medical Center in St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. Archer went to Northwestern University for her rheumatology fellowship and then became an Assistant Professor in the Division of Rheumatology. She currently leads the Vasculitis Clinical Research Consortium Genetic Repository — a study being conducted to identify genes that increase the risk of developing vasculitis. Its purpose is to collect clinical data and genetic information (DNA) on patients with vasculitis, determine genetic markers that increase the risk of developing vasculitis, and discover genetic markers linked with certain symptoms of vasculitis.

Katrina Bargender • Young Adult Patient Advocate, Caledonia, Wisconsin

Diagnosed with Takayasu's arteritis in March 2016, Katrina Bargender attended the 2017 International Vasculitis Symposium in Chicago, which was the turning point in her vasculitis battle. Meeting other young people with vasculitis was a great inspiration, and at this year's symposium, Katrina is helping lead sessions for the younger attendees on Creativity and Arts Therapy for ages 13-35, Navigating High School, and Connecting with Other Young Adults.

Ed Becker • Director of Marketing & Communications, Vasculitis Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri

Ed Becker has been involved with the Vasculitis Foundation since 2002. He served on the Education and Awareness Committee and later on the VF Board of Directors before becoming the Director of Marketing & Communications in 2016. Ed is the writer and editor of the monthly VF E-News and the bimonthly newsletter, available in print and electronic format. In 1999, after his mother passed away from polyarteritis nodosa (PAN), he created and led the PAN Support Network, a patient advocacy group with more than 600 members worldwide.

Elizabeth J. Brant, MD • Assistant Professor of Medicine, Geisel School of Medicine, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, New Hampshire

Dr. Brant earned her medical degree at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. She completed a residency in internal medicine at Tulane University Hospital and Clinic in New Orleans,

and was a Vasculitis Foundation fellow. Dr. Brant also completed a nephrology fellowship at the University of North Carolina Medical Center, Chapel Hill. Her specialty is in nephrology.

Samantha Burke • Young Adult Patient Advocate, Parlow, Virginia

Samantha Burke is a graphic designer currently based in Virginia and a former employee of the US Army. She holds a fine arts degree from the Savannah College of Art and Design. Sam was diagnosed with CNS vasculitis by a neurologist at Johns Hopkins University in 2015. She has since become an active member of the Vasculitis Foundation Young Adult community.

Meaghan Carpenter • Young Adult Patient Advocate, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Diagnosed with EGPA (formerly Churg-Strauss Syndrome) as a freshman in high school, Meaghan Carpenter has since gained a Master's Degree in Information Science, and works with the VF as a volunteer and area contact. When she's not talking to new patients or working, she loves to read, write, play video games, and spend time with friends and family.

Sharon Chung, MD, MAS • Director, University of California - San Francisco (UCSF) Vasculitis Clinic

Dr. Chung is Director of the Vasculitis Clinic and Associate Professor of Medicine at UCSF. She specializes in autoimmune diseases, particularly systemic vasculitides, a group of rare autoimmune disorders that affect multiple organ systems and involve blood vessel inflammation. In her research, Dr. Chung studies genetic factors associated with the development and progression of vasculitis and other autoimmune diseases.

Suzanne DePaolis • President, VF Board of Directors, Los Gatos, California

Suzanne DePaolis' passion for education led her through a career in teaching, but a diagnosis of EGPA (formerly Churg-Strauss Syndrome) abruptly changed that life path. She found herself in a position to channel her teaching to directly help other patients understand and manage their illness. Serving on the VF Board of Directors allows her to share the patient perspective and needs to the organization.

Anisha B. Dua, MD, MPH • Assistant Program Director, Department of Medicine-Rheumatology, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois

Dr. Dua joined Northwestern University in March 2019 and is the Director of the Fellowship Program and Associate Professor of Medicine in the Department of Rheumatology. She sees patients at the university's vasculitis clinic on the main campus in Hyde Park as well as in downtown Chicago. She has a special interest in teaching patients, medical students, and residents about achieving optimal management of autoimmune rheumatic conditions.

James A. Garrity, MD • Head and Neck Cancer Center, Ophthalmology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

After earning his medical degree at the University of Minnesota, Dr. Garrity completed a flexible internship and neurosurgery rotation internship at the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minnesota. He was a resident in ophthalmology at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. Dr. Garrity was also a neuro-ophthalmology and orbital surgery fellow at Allegheny General Hospital, University of Pittsburgh. He has won numerous awards and is a current member of several professional associations.

Jennifer Gordon, PhD • Associate Professor, Neuroscience and Center for Neurovirology, Temple University, Lewis Katz School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dr. Gordon earned her PhD in Molecular Pathobiology from Drexel (MCP Hahnemann) School of Medicine, and completed her postdoctoral fellowship in Molecular Neurovirology at Temple University, Philadelphia. Her research is focused on developing experimental animal models of neurological disorders including demyelination, neurodegeneration, and brain tumors. A primary focus in Dr. Gordon's lab is the characterization of a Pur-alpha knockout mouse model, which displays defects in neuronal development and differentiation.

Peter C. Grayson, MD, MSc • Head, Vasculitis Translational Research Program; Associate Director NIAMS Fellowship Program, Systemic Autoimmunity Branch, Bethesda, Maryland

Dr. Grayson is the founder and principal investigator of the Vasculitis Translational Research Program, established in 2013, and is Associate Director of the National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) Fellowship Program, systemic autoimmunity branch. He serves as the representative to a major international collaboration to develop novel diagnostic and updated classification criteria in several forms of systemic vasculitis. His research focus includes biomarker discovery through gene expression profiling and other genomic techniques, disease classification, clinical epidemiology and immunology, and clinical trials in vasculitis.

Whitney Apple Haskett • Communications & Event Coordinator, Vasculitis Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri

Whitney Apple Haskett has been with the Vasculitis Foundation since April 2018. She has a Bachelor's of Science in Management and Marketing from Park University. She oversees the VF's public outreach events and efforts, including coordinating social media and website updates. She has created the VF's regional conference flyers, graphics, and promotions for local events, and designed new content for Vasculitis Awareness Month and Giving Tuesday.

Karen Hirsch • Past-President, VF Board of Directors, Glenview, Illinois

Karen Hirsch joined the VF Board of Directors in 2012 after a family member was diagnosed with GPA (formerly Wegener's granulomatosis). She served on the Marketing and Awareness Committee and in 2013 created the annual V-RED Award, which recognizes early diagnosis of vasculitis in the VF patient community. She is co-organizer of the annual Chicago Rally in the Alley, which raised over \$160,000 in five years. Karen also serves on the board of the Daughters of Ayacucho Education Foundation and the Skin of Steel Foundation where she focuses on Strategic Planning and Social Media.

Brandon Hudgins, MS • Exercise Science, Jamestown, North Carolina

Three years ago, professional runner Brandon Hudgins beat the challenges of his GPA (formerly Wegener's granulomatosis) to qualify for the 2016 Olympic Trials in the 1500 meter run. Although he didn't make the Olympic team, Brandon hasn't lost his determination (he is the 448th person to run a sub-4-minute mile) and is now looking toward the 2020 Olympic Games. Brandon leads the Victory over Vasculitis Campaign, an international awareness effort to motivate patients to set goals, become more active, and not let a diagnosis of vasculitis stop them from living life to the fullest.

Aamir Hussain, MD, MAPP, Resident Physician • Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Dr. Hussain received his Master of Public Policy degree and medical degree from the University of Chicago. He is currently a resident physician at Georgetown University, Washington, DC. Dr. Hussain writes frequently about health policy and the intersections between health care and spirituality. He has given lectures around the US on these topics and his writings have been featured in medical journals and several online outlets.

Brenda James, MEd • Patient Advocate, Stafford, Virginia

Brenda James has a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Masters of Education in Instructional Design and Technology. She has taught sixth grade US History for 10 years to students with designations of Special Education (both IPE and 504 students in Inclusion settings), Gifted, English Language Learners, and general education. She and her husband, Victor, both volunteer as "Faces of Vasculitis."

Victor James • VF Board of Directors, Stafford, Virginia

Victor James joined the Board in October 2018. He had an Allstate Insurance Agency for 34 years in Stafford, Virginia, before selling the business and retiring in April 2018. Victor and his wife, Brenda, both volunteer as "Faces of Vasculitis" and have shared the story of his diagnosis and the impact that it had on both of their lives through his Extraordinary Patient video. He is always on the lookout for opportunities to share the knowledge he has learned from the VF and how it has positively impacted his life. Victor is also active on several social media groups and is always happy to talk and mentor other patients.

Tanaz A. Kermani, MD • Director of the Vasculitis Program, University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA)

Dr. Kermani joined the UCLA Health's Division of Rheumatology in 2012 and sees patients with all rheumatological diagnoses. She has a special interest and expertise in vasculitis with a focus in vascular ultrasound for evaluation of patients with suspected giant cell arteritis. Dr. Kermani is an active member of the vasculitis research community, with multiple ongoing national and international collaborations with vasculitis patient advocates and medical experts. She has published several vasculitis research studies.

Matthew J. Koster, MD • Internist, Rheumatologist, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

Dr. Koster is a rheumatologist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of complex rheumatic diseases. His clinical and research interests include vasculitis, periaortic inflammation and retroperitoneal fibrosis. He earned his medical degree and completed his residency at Loyola University Chicago's Stritch School of Medicine, where he also became chief medical resident. Dr. Koster achieved his fellowship training through the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine's Rheumatology Fellowship Program.

Joyce A. Kullman • Executive Director, Vasculitis Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri

Joyce Kullman began volunteering with the Vasculitis Foundation (then the Wegener's Granulomatosis Support Group) in 1995, and became Executive Director in 2002. She serves on the Steering Committee of the Vasculitis Clinical Research Consortium. Her responsibilities include strategic planning, project development and implementation, patient recruitment and engagement, and cross-

disciplinary and trans-Atlantic collaborations. Joyce also serves on the Vasculitis Patient-Powered Research Network Steering Committee, which provides the opportunity for patients with vasculitis to fully participate in all aspects of research, from study design through distribution of the data results.

Carol A. Langford, MD, MHS, FACP • Director, Center for Vasculitis Care and Research, Department of Rheumatic and Immunologic Diseases, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio

Dr. Langford is currently an Associate Professor of Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve. Her work focuses on patient care and research in vasculitic disease, including GPA (formerly Wegener's granulomatosis), giant cell arteritis, Takayasu's arteritis, polyarteritis nodosa, microscopic polyangiitis, EGPA (formerly Churg-Strauss Syndrome), and other forms of vasculitis. Dr. Langford is a member of the Vasculitis Clinical Research Consortium Steering Committee and is active as a principal investigator on many clinical trials.

Julie McGregor, MD • Integrative Medical Clinic, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dr. McGregor worked at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill hospital for 12 years. That experience included a vasculitis and glomerulonephritis fellowship at UNC Kidney Center. She was also on the faculty at UNC's School of Medicine for five years. Dr. McGregor has had training in integrative medicine at the University of Arizona and has participated in complementary and alternative medicine, and mind-body skills training, while at UNC. She has extensive clinical and research experience in autoimmune diseases, such as lupus and vasculitis.

Peter A. Merkel, MD, MPH • Chief, Division of Rheumatology, Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dr. Merkel is the principal investigator of the Vasculitis Clinical Research Consortium and the co-principal investigator of the Vasculitis Patient-Powered Research Network. He is an internationally recognized leader in clinical research and care in vasculitis and is the principal investigator on multiple NIH, FDA, and PCORI research grants that focus on clinical and translational investigation in vasculitis.

Shannon Morgan • Patient Support Coordinator, Vasculitis Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri

Shannon Morgan has been with the Vasculitis Foundation since 2002. She coordinates the day-to-day patient support for the organization and works closely with newly diagnosed patients and their family members to ensure they receive the information and assistance they require. Shannon also keeps in touch with the VF's more "experienced" patients to make sure they have the most up-to-date information on treatments, and educational opportunities such as the VF's online webinars, conferences, symposia, and chapter events.

Don Nagle • Treasurer, VF Board of Directors, Glen Rock, New Jersey

Fifteen years ago, at the age of 19, Don Nagle's daughter, Sarah, was diagnosed with vasculitis. Today, she continues to manage her illness and live a relatively normal life with her family. Don credits the VF with being an invaluable source of information and support. "The VF exposed us to vasculitis experts, and to other patients," said Don. "They gave us hope to manage her illness. I joined the Board because I believe in how the VF improves patient lives." He's excited to bring his knowledge of nonprofits, as well as his financial experience, to help the VF fulfill its mission.

Erin K. O'Brien, MD • Division Chair, Rhinology, Department of Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)/Head and Neck Surgery, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

Dr. O'Brien is a fellowship-trained rhinologist with a specialty interest in chronic rhinosinusitis, nasal polyps, aspirin-exacerbated respiratory disease (nasal polyps, asthma, aspirin sensitivity), benign sinus tumors, cerebrospinal fluid leaks in the nose, and skull base surgery. In addition to her clinical interests, she is also active in research and education, and provides mentorship to medical students and residents.

Kathleen M. O'Neil, MD • Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Indiana University School of Medicine

Dr. O'Neil heads the division of Pediatric Rheumatology and is Associate Director of the Pediatric Rheumatology Fellowship at IUPUI and Riley Hospital for Children. Her clinical interests include all pediatric rheumatic conditions, especially severe multisystem disorders (SLE, juvenile dermatomyositis, vasculitis, sclerodermas and autoinflammatory diseases). She participates in multi-center research including the Pediatric Rheumatology Collaborative Study Group and Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance (CARRA). She was a founding member of CARRA.

Pamela Pekerman • Vice President of Resource Development, VF Board of Directors, Scarsdale, New York

Pamela Pekerman's father, Ilya, passed away from GPA (formerly Wegener's granulomatosis) in December 2009 and Pamela, her mother, Malvina, and sister, Michelle, established the Ilya Pekerman Research Fund in his memory. Pamela organizes the annual Shop-4-Vasculitis fundraiser to benefit the VF. She has spent over a decade in the media industry, particularly in broadcasting, and aims to help the VF land more exposure by increasing awareness and education about vasculitis. "I have a passion to ensure that everyone has access to knowledgeable doctors and proper medical care for their vasculitis disease," said Pamela.

Will Pendergraft, MD • Autoimmune Disease Expert, Integrative Medical Clinic of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Dr. Pendergraft spent five years as an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the UNC Kidney Center where he received various teaching awards, and led numerous clinical and translational trials in lupus nephritis and vasculitis. He also co-founded The Integrative Medical Clinic of North Carolina in 2018 with Dr. Julie McGregor. Dr. Pendergraft conducts translational and clinical research to cure autoimmune disease and prevent relapse, with a special emphasis on systemic diseases that affect the immune system.

Rennie Rhee, MD • Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine/Rheumatology, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dr. Rhee earned her medical degree from New York University (NYU) School of Medicine, completed her residency at NYU Langone Medical Center and then a fellowship at Penn Medicine. Her research expertise includes vasculitis, microbiome, clinical, and translational research, as well as epidemiology, connective tissue disease-associated pulmonary hypertension. Dr. Rhee has co-authored numerous articles that have been published in a variety of medical journals.

Allison (Lint) Ross • Secretary, VF Board of Directors, Kansas City, Missouri

Allison (Lint) Ross is a professional musician in Kansas City. A native of Ohio, Allison studied at the Oberlin Conservatory and performed with multiple symphony orchestras. She spent five years

freelancing for local Broadway shows such as “Fiddler on the Roof.” In addition to performing, she enjoys teaching private string instruction and two music history courses at Fort Hays State University, Kansas. In 2011, Allison embarked on a mission to bring rare disease awareness to all 50 states through her nonprofit organization, Violin for Vasculitis.

Sebastian E. Sattui, MD • Rheumatologist, Hospital for Special Surgery, New York City

Dr. Sattui received his medical degree from Cayetano Heredia University in Lima, Peru. He completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Alabama Medical Center. He is a rheumatology and advanced rheumatology fellow at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York. In addition, Dr. Sattui was the recipient of the 2019 Vasculitis Clinical Research Consortium-Vasculitis Foundation Fellowship. His clinical specialties include arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma, systemic lupus erythematosus, polymyalgia rheumatic, vasculitis and other rheumatic diseases of the joints, soft tissue, and connective tissue.

Haley Schmidt • Co-Chair, East Central Minnesota VF Support Group, Pine City, Minnesota

Haley Schmidt has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Family Studies, from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy from St. Catherine University in St. Paul. In August 2019, upon graduation and certification, she looks forward to joining a specialty cancer care team at a Minnesota hospital. Haley became involved with the Vasculitis Foundation after her mother, Kami Schmidt, was diagnosed with microscopic polyangiitis. In 2012, they worked together to establish the East Central Minnesota Vasculitis Support Group.

Kami Schmidt • Co-Chair, East Central Minnesota VF Support Group, Pine City, Minnesota

Kami Schmidt works in the manufacturing industry as a production planner for one of the top plastic injection molders in North America. After years of living with a multitude of symptoms, and nearly losing her life to organ failure, Kami was diagnosed with microscopic polyangiitis in 2009. She said if she survived, she wanted to do something to help alleviate the fear and isolation associated with diagnosis. In 2012, Kami and her daughter, Haley Schmidt, started the East Central Minnesota Vasculitis Support Group.

Brent A. Senior, MD, FACS, FARS • Chief, Division of Rhinology, Allergy, and Endoscopic Skull Base Surgery, University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill

Dr. Senior is Vice Chairman of Clinical Affairs in the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery at the University of North Carolina (UNC) School of Medicine. He is also a Nathaniel and Sheila Harris Distinguished Professor, Division of Neurosurgery at UNC. His clinical specialties include endoscopic minimally invasive management of sinusitis, cerebrospinal fluid rhinorrhea, and tumors of the anterior skull base; surgical management of sleep apnea and snoring; and allergy.

Samir Shaikh • Deputy Director, Patient Affairs Staff, Office of the Commissioner, US Food and Drug Administration, Silver Spring, Maryland

Samir Shaikh earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Chicago and his MBA from Johns Hopkins University. He serves as the Deputy Director for the Patient Affairs Staff (PAS) in the Office of the Commissioner for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). PAS leads and enhances patient

engagement activities across the medical product centers, facilitating dialogue and collaboration between patients, their advocates, and the FDA to incorporate patient perspective into regulatory decision making.

Ulrich Specks, MD • Chair, Division of Pulmonology and Critical Care, Mayo Clinic Rochester; and Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine & Sciences, Rochester, Minnesota

Dr. Specks is Chair of the Division of Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine and has had a long-standing interest in ANCA-associated vasculitis. These diseases have been the focus of his clinical activities as well as widely published research. He's made substantial contributions to the understanding of the pathogenesis of ANCA-associated vasculitis, the refinement of ANCA test methodologies, and our understanding of optimal clinical applications of ANCA testing. Dr. Specks is an expert for respiratory manifestations of vasculitis and has had a keen interest in novel therapies for ANCA-associated vasculitis. He introduced rituximab to the treatment of ANCA-associated vasculitis and was co-principal investigator of the Rituximab for ANCA-associated Vasculitis (RAVE) trial.

Jason M. Springer, MD • Director, University of Kansas Vasculitis Clinic, Kansas City, Kansas

Dr. Springer's family member was diagnosed with vasculitis before he started medical school. He subsequently completed his residency with Dr. Curry Koenig at the University of Utah, which led to his clinical interest in vasculitis. Dr. Springer completed a fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic in general rheumatology, as well as a vasculitis fellowship. He joined the University of Kansas Medical Center six years ago to start the Vasculitis Center, and partners with the Missouri/Kansas Vasculitis Foundation chapter to host quarterly educational meetings. Dr. Springer is also Assistant Professor in Allergy, Clinical Immunology, and Rheumatology at the university's medical center.

Kate Tierney • Young Adult Patient Advocate, Holyoke, Massachusetts

Kate Tierney was diagnosed with EGPA (formerly Churg-Strauss Syndrome) in 2000, at the age of 16. She has now been battling the disease for over half of her life. Kate has made it a personal mission to help patients and friends get through the painful struggles she learned to conquer. Whether mentoring young adults, providing support to newly diagnosed patients, or attending symposiums, Kate is an active member of the entire vasculitis community, and very proud to be a part of it.

Jennifer Trofe-Clark, PharmD, FAST, FCCP, BCPS • Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine, Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dr. Trofe-Clark's specialty is transplant surgery. She is the transplant pharmacist as part of Penn Medicine's Transplant Institute — the only transplant center in the region and one of a select group of programs in the nation to receive a Silver Level Award by the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Carla Ulbrich • Comical Singer-Songwriter, Somerset, New Jersey

Carla Ulbrich has a love for the absurdities of ordinary life, a somewhat twisted viewpoint, and a way with words. Her songs cover topics from the mundane to insane. Her six CDs have been aired on the BBC, "The Dr. Demento Show," and Sirius XM Radio. She appeared in "Sharknado 2" (as a human) and once opened for Twiggy the Water-Skiing Squirrel. Carla has been performing since

the late '90s, playing in venues from the Clothing Optional Folk Festival to the Bluebird Cafe. She appeared as a musical guest on the television shows, "The Revolution" and "Up All Night with Rhonda."

Linda Wagner-Weiner, MD, MS • Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Chicago Medicine

Dr. Wagner-Weiner is an expert in the field of pediatric rheumatology. She specializes in diagnosing and managing systemic lupus erythematosus, childhood arthritis, musculoskeletal pain, vasculitis, dermatomyositis, and scleroderma to provide patients with a better quality of life. Dr. Wagner-Weiner also is an active clinical researcher who has been a lead investigator on long-term studies supported by leading organizations, such as the National Institutes of Health, the Arthritis Foundation, and the Lupus Foundation of America.

Sara Jane Ward, PhD • Assistant Professor, Pharmacology, Lewis Katz School of Medicine, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dr. Ward earned her doctoral degree in neuroscience at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Her research focuses on the behavioral pharmacological effects of the cannabinoid, serotonin, and opioid receptor systems on neuropathic pain and neuroprotection, learning and memory, and addiction. This research makes use of rodent models of peripheral and central nerve injury, substance abuse, and cognition to explore the pharmacotherapeutic potential of cannabinoid, serotonergic, and opioidergic compounds alone and in combination on these behavioral endpoints.

Kenneth J. Warrington, MD • Consultant & Chair, Division of Rheumatology, Department of Internal Medicine; and Director, Vasculitis Subspecialty Group, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

Dr. Warrington's clinical focus includes expertise in evaluation and management of all forms of vasculitis (e.g., giant cell arteritis, Takayasu's arteritis, ANCA-associated vasculitis); complex coordination of care with other specialists focusing on the care of patients with vasculitis, and promoting each patient's understanding of disease and empowering patients to become partners in managing their health. He also holds the academic rank of Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science.

Beth Westbrook • Director of Development, Vasculitis Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri

After nearly 20 years working in the oncology field, Beth Westbrook joined the Vasculitis Foundation as the Director of Development in the summer of 2018. She is a passionate patient advocate and dedicated fundraiser. Over the years, she has testified before Congress and worked on black-tie galas widely attended by Members of Congress, ambassadors, health care influencers, and successful business people. Beth also serves on two advisory committees for the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Family and Youth Partnership, plus the Section on Palliative and Hospice Care.

David A. Wetter, MD • Dermatologist, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

Clinical and research interests of Dr. Wetter include autoimmune connective tissue diseases and rheumatologic skin diseases, medical dermatology, hospital dermatology, cutaneous manifestations of systemic disease, and use of systemic medications to treat dermatologic disease. His focus areas: cutaneous vasculitis; pyoderma gangrenosum; erythema multiforme; treatment-refractory cutaneous

lupus; life-threatening drug eruptions, including Stevens-Johnson syndrome and acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis; and paradoxical autoimmune side effects of tumor necrosis factor-alpha inhibitors, including psoriasis, lupus, and vasculitis.

Ben Wilson • Young Adult Patient Advocate, Columbia, Missouri

Ben Wilson is a sports broadcaster originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who is currently based in Columbia, Missouri. He does play-by-play for several regional networks, including Fox Sports Midwest and SEC Network (Southeastern Conference). Ben was diagnosed with EGPA (formerly Churg-Strauss Syndrome) in 2014, just before beginning his senior year at the University of Missouri. He started working with the Vasculitis Foundation in 2017 as a youth ambassador and currently helps with development of the VF's Young Adult community.

Kalen Young, MA • Director of Research Affairs, Vasculitis Patient-Powered Research Network (VPPRN), Vasculitis Foundation

Kalen Young has served the VPPRN since 2014, first as the Network Manager and now as Director of Research Affairs. She strongly believes in the mission and capabilities of the VPPRN and affirms the idea that research about disease prevention and treatment needs to be relevant to patients to achieve maximum benefit. She has employed her professional knowledge to help develop Network-wide policies and procedures and has maintained direct oversight of all day-to-day project activities. Kalen also serves as a liaison between the VPPRN and the Vasculitis Clinical Research Consortium as well as the VF Research Committee.

Ladan Zand, MD • Departments of Nephrology and Hypertension, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

Dr. Zand completed her medical degree, internal medicine residency, and fellowship through the Division of Nephrology & Hypertension at Toronto University, Faculty of Medicine. She was also a nephrology fellow at the Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education. Her clinical interests include glomerulonephritis, acute interstitial nephritis, and urinary microvesicles in diabetes mellitus type 2 glomerulonephritis.