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The Rogosin Institute Participates in White House Organ Summit

The Rogosin Institute was one of only three nonprofit dialysis providers selected to participate in the White House Organ Summit on increasing organ donation of all types including that of kidneys. The White House convened this Summit, in collaboration with its Office of Science and Technology Policy and National Economic Council, to announce new actions and commitments being taken by a broad range of health care providers and other organizations working to improve the availability of organs for people on the transplant lists. For our patients, increasing access to kidney transplants means better health and quality of life, while also reducing individual and national health care costs.

Rogosin was selected to participate based on both the specific ideas we had submitted on how to increase transplantation through community outreach at the local level and because of our active membership in the National Kidney Care Alliance. Dr. David Serur, Medical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation, represented Rogosin. Over 130 people representing different 40 organizations participated with him.

Rogosin’s Action Commitment:

1. Launch a program promoting kidney transplantation through culturally-specific grassroots education and mobilization in high disease-burden areas of Brooklyn, New York, this summer using 100 community volunteers.

2. Convene a national roundtable in the fall of 2016 and hosted by Rogosin’s Center for Health Action and Policy to generate pilot projects to expand access to transplant that will be tested in each of Rogosin's eight centers and in the communities of its national partners. Results from both programs will be disseminated nationally.

Overall goals: Contribute to a 30 percent increase in patient kidney transplants at NewYork Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Kidney & Pancreas Transplant Program in cooperation with The Rogosin Institute over the next 12 months and create a replicable outreach model that not only advances transplantation, but also serves to reduce healthcare disparities with regard to transplantation opportunities.

Click here to view the official White House Document listing all the organizations and their commitments. Rogosin is cited on page 15.