

# Symposium: "CKD in the Era of Precision Medicine: Translating Science into Patient Care"

## Speakers Biography



### Fernando Macário, MD

#### Chief Medical Officer – Global Patient Care M42

Dr. Fernando Macário is the Chief Medical Officer of M42's Global Patient Care platform.

Dr. Macário is a nephrology physician with more than 35 years of experience in kidney transplantation, dialysis, and clinical governance.

He has held national and international leadership positions, including the role of Chief Medical Officer of Diaverum until 2024. He is currently Group Chief Medical Officer at M42, where he leads clinical strategy and digital health transformation.

He completed the Managing Health Care Delivery executive training program at Harvard Business School Executive Education, is the author of several scientific publications, and has been a member of the European Board of Transplantation Medicine, President of the Portuguese Transplantation Society, and is an Honorary Member of the same.



### Rui Alves Filipe, MD

#### Country Medical Director – Diaverum Portugal

Dr. Rui Filipe is the Country Medical Director for Diaverum Portugal, a nephrologist with more than 20 years of experience in dialysis and vascular access. His career includes leadership roles within Portugal's Regional Health Unit, where he served as Deputy Clinical Director, Director of Medical Internships, and Organ Procurement Coordinator.

Dr. Rui Filipe has also led dialysis centers for NephroCare and co-founded a private dialysis unit, shaping clinical strategy and patient management. Until early 2025, Dr. Rui Filipe served as Vice President of the Portuguese Industry Association of Dialysis Centres and remains an active member of national nephrology and transplantation societies



### Luísa Lobato, MD, PhD

#### Director of the Department of Nephrology of CHUdSA

Prof Luísa Lobato is senior nephrologist at Centro Hospitalar Universitário de Santo António (CHUdSA) and full professor of Nephrology at Instituto de Ciências Biomédicas Abel Salazar/School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (ICBAS), University of Porto (UP), Portugal.

She obtained her MD degree at ICBAS/UP and, in 2004 she earned the PhD in Medical Sciences from the same faculty assigning her studies in hereditary ATTR amyloidosis.

She is Director of the Department of Nephrology of CHUdSA, senior clinician expert of the European Rare Kidney Disease Reference Network (ERKNet), and coordinates the kidney outpatient clinic of Unidade Corino de Andrade, the unit dedicated to hereditary amyloidosis. She is researcher at the Unit for Multidisciplinary Research In Biomedicine/UMIB, first (2007-2017) as principal investigator of Nephrology, Dialysis & Transplantation (NDT) research group and after 2018 as its Vice Coordinator; since 2022 she is also researcher at the Lab for Integrative and Translational Research in Population Health, UP.

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### Vidya Velagapudi, PhD

**Senior Vice President, Precision Medicine & Academy of Education and Research – Corporate Medical Office M42**

Prof. Vidya Velagapudi leads Precision Medicine and the Academy of Education and Research at M42's Corporate Medical Office.

With more than two decades of cross-sector experience across academia, pharma, and healthtech, she brings deep expertise in metabolic disorders, biomarker discovery, and translational science.

Prof. Vidya has received numerous awards and grants and has authored over 75 publications in leading international journals. She is also an expert evaluator for the European Commission and other funding bodies, regularly contributing to global conversations on biomedical innovation



### Carla Santos, MD, PhD

**Vice President, Clinical Strategy and Innovation – Corporate Medical Office M42**

Prof. Dr. Carla Santos is a nephrologist and lead the Clinical Strategy and Innovation at M 42 's Corporate Medical Office.

She holds master's degrees in Molecular Biology and Evidence Based Medicine, a PhD in Medicine and is an auxiliary professor of Physiology in Faculty of Medicine in University of Porto, since 2001. In 2019 finished a post-graduation Course in Management and Direction of Health Services in the Porto Business School. Had a role as a clinical researcher in more than ten studies, won several prizes and is author of more than 20 papers in international scientific periodicals.

She is a long time collaborator with Diaverum, serving as Corporate Medical Director since 2020. Since 2025, Prof. Carla is responsible, as part of the M42 Corporate Medical Office, for clinical strategy and innovation. Plays a key role in developing integrated, sustainable, and cost effective programs for managing complex chronic conditions across M42 network. Her work emphasizes evidence based practice, multidisciplinary collaboration, and the advancement of patient centered care models.



### Eliana Santos, MSc

**Health Science Analyst Corporate Medical Office M42**

Eliana Silva is Health Science Analyst at M42 's Corporate Medical Office.

She holds a nursing degree and worked for three years in a hemodialysis clinic in Aveiro. Later, completed a Master's degree in Medical Informatics and a specialization in Statistics Applied to Health Currently are pursuing a PhD in Health Data Science in the Faculty of Medicine in University of Porto.

Since the end of 2021, working as a Health Science Analyst at Diaverum, and since 2025 with the Corporate Medical Team at M42, responsible for analyzing and interpreting medical performance and clinical outcomes to support governance, quality improvement, strategic decision making, KPI development, and collaborative research across the organization.