

# Speaker's Profile

## -Sylvia Ramirez-

<b>Speaker's Name</b>	Sylvia Ramirez	<b>Country</b>	USA	
<b>Organization</b>	Arbor Research Collaborative for Health	<b>Department</b>	Global Research and Development	
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children's Hospital of Boston, Harvard Medical School</li> <li>- Univ. of Chicago Graduate School of Business</li> <li>- Harvard School of Public Health</li> </ul>			
<b>Experience</b>	<p>Present: Vice President, Global Research and Development at Arbor Research Collaborative for Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Principal Investigator, for several high health policy research projects with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), USA</li> <li>- Trainee, Harvard Medical School</li> <li>- Masters in Public Health, Harvard Medical School of Public Health</li> <li>- Assistant Professor, National Univ. of Singapore's Pediatric Transplant and Nephrology program; While on faculty, she developed a nationwide kidney disease screening program for the pediatric population, which evolved to become a program of the country's Ministry of Health</li> <li>- Chief, Prevention of the National Kidney Foundation Singapore; upon recognizing significant shortcomings in the Singapore health systems to deal with patients with chronic disease, particularly diabetes and hypertension, she developed and implemented a comprehensive approach to the prevention of kidney and related diseases</li> </ul>			
<b>Main Specific Publication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ramirez SP, Albert JM, Blayney MJ, Tentori F, Goodkin DA, Wolfe RA, Young EW, Bailie GR, Pisoni RL, Port FK. Rosiglitazone is associated with mortality in chronic hemodialysis patients. <i>J Am Soc Nephrol</i> 2009 May; 20(5): 1094-101.</li> <li>- Tentori F, Elder SJ, Thumma J, Pisoni RL, Bommer J, Fissell RB, Fukuhara S, Jadoul M, Keen ML, Saran R, Ramirez SPB, Robinson BM. Physical Exercise Among Participants in the Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study (DOPPS): Correlates and Associated Outcomes. <i>Nephrol Dial Transplant</i>, in press.</li> <li>- Lopes AA, Bragg-Gresham JL, Ramirez SP, et al. Prescription of anti hypertensive agents to haemodialysis patients: time trends and associations with patient characteristics, country and survival in the DOPPS. <i>Nephrol Dial Transplant</i> 2009 Sept;24(9):2809-2816</li> <li>- Ramirez SP, Albert JM, Blayney MJ, Tentori F, Goodkin DA, Wolfe RA, Young EW, Bailie GR, Pisoni RL, Port FK. Rosiglitazone is associated with mortality in chronic hemodialysis patients. <i>J Am Soc Nephrol</i> 2009 May; 20(5): 1094-101.</li> </ul>			
<b>Summary</b>	<p>Dr. Sylvia Ramirez is now the Vice President of Global Research and Development at Arbor Research Collaborative for Health, which is based in Ann Arbor, Michigan and is a co-investigator for the Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Pattern or DOPPS study. In addition, Dr. Ramirez Principal Investigator for several high health policy research projects with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), in the USA, on areas such as the ESRD Quality Measures Project, the Quality Incentive Payment Demonstration and the Disease Management Demonstration Evaluation.</p>			

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