



NMHM Lecture Series

The Body's Keepers: A Social History of Kidney Failure and Its Treatments

A Lecture by Dr. Paul L. Kimmel

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 2 p.m.

The kidneys are extraordinary organs, yet many of us know little about them until they stop working. Join nephrologist Paul Kimmel, M.D., who will take us on an eye-opening journey through the history of kidney failure, dialysis, and transplantation, explaining the development of treatments, technologies, and medical practices that have advanced the care of patients suffering from debilitating kidney disease and offering an understanding of the challenges that remain.

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