

If you are living with kidney disease, these resources will help you learn more about your condition as well as the care and assistance programs available to you. Some resources are only available through the Internet.

American Association of Kidney Patients

AAKP is a kidney organization run by kidney patients. It has many brochures, newsletters, and resources to help people with chronic kidney disease (CKD) manage their lives. Patients can learn about educational programs, events, and policy briefs.

(800) 749-2257

www.aakp.org

American Kidney Fund

AKF is the #1 source for financial assistance to kidney patients. AKF provides free pharmacy products as well as grants to help patients with costs not covered by other sources. AKF also provides education and outreach to people who are at risk for kidney disease.

(866) 300-2900

www.kidneyfund.org

AV Fistula First

Sponsored by CMS, this website is devoted to everything about AV fistulas. It has information for both patients and professionals.

www.fistulafirst.org

Dialysis Facility Compare

Sponsored by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), this website allows patients to find and compare information about dialysis facilities in every state. Patients can search for facilities by name, city or state. Medicare's coverage for dialysis is also discussed.

www.medicare.gov/Dialysis/Home.asp

Dialysis Patient Citizens

DPC is an independent dialysis patient organization. It is dedicated to improving dialysis patients' quality of life. DPC advocates for dialysis and pre-dialysis patients and promotes favorable public policy. It works to improve the partnership between patients and caregivers.

(866) 877-4242

www.dialysispatients.org

Home Dialysis Central

This website helps you to find home dialysis centers near you. The site provides education about the types of home dialysis, updates on technology and equipment, and discussion boards to help you connect with other dialysis patients.

(608) 833-8033

www.homedialysis.org

Kidney Patient News

The site offers information and resources for kidney patients and their families, including treatment options and vascular access types, diet and nutrition, and emergency and disaster preparation.

(317) 257-8265

www.kidneypatientnews.org

Kidney School

Kidney School is an interactive, web-based learning program. It was designed to help people understand kidney disease and its treatment, adjust to kidney disease, make good medical choices and live as fully as possible. Click on the table of contents to pick the topics that most interest you.

www.kidneyschool.org

Life Options Rehabilitation Program

Life Options provides free fact sheets, videos and booklets to help people live long and well with kidney disease. The site includes many resources about vocational rehabilitation.

(800) 468-7777

www.lifeoptions.org

National Kidney Disease Education Program

This site includes many resources about kidney disease and testing. Educational materials can be downloaded or ordered directly.

(866) 454-3639

www.nkdep.nih.gov

National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Clearinghouse

This organization provides detailed information about CKD and treatment options, including home dialysis and kidney transplantation. The site also includes the NIDDK reference collection, a database of health education materials for patients and providers.

(800) 891-5390

www.kidney.niddk.nih.gov

The National Kidney Foundation, Inc.

NKF has many educational resources about CKD and urinary tract diseases. The foundation's website provides kidney patients with access to the latest news, events and advocacy efforts.

(800) 622-9010

www.kidney.org

Renal Support Network

RSN is a nonprofit, patient-focused, patient-run organization that provides non-medical services to those affected by CKD and strives to motivate and assist patients in developing their personal coping skills, special talents, and employability by educating and empowering them (and family members) to take control of the course and management of their disease. RSN helps people with kidney disease become self-sufficient thru education, advocacy, and hope for a better tomorrow.

(800) 579-1970 – HOPEline, for peer support and info.

(866) 903-1728

www.rsnhope.org

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