

Kidney Disease

The kidneys are two bean-shaped organs. Each kidney is about the size of a fist. Your kidneys filter extra water and wastes out of your blood and make urine. Kidney disease means your kidneys are damaged and can't filter blood the way they should.

You are at greater risk for kidney disease if you have diabetes or high blood pressure. If you experience kidney failure, treatments include kidney transplant or dialysis. Other kidney problems include acute kidney injury, kidney cysts, kidney stones, and kidney infections.



Your Kidneys & How They Work

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Understanding Your Kidneys & CKD

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Common questions and brief answers about the kidneys, chronic kidney disease, and how to reduce your risk. [↗](#)

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- [Growth Failure in Children with Chronic Kidney Disease](#)
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- [Nutrition for Chronic Kidney Disease in Children](#)
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- [Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome in Children](#)
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Chronic Kidney Disease

- [Anemia in CKD](#)
- [Causes of CKD](#)
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Kidney Failure

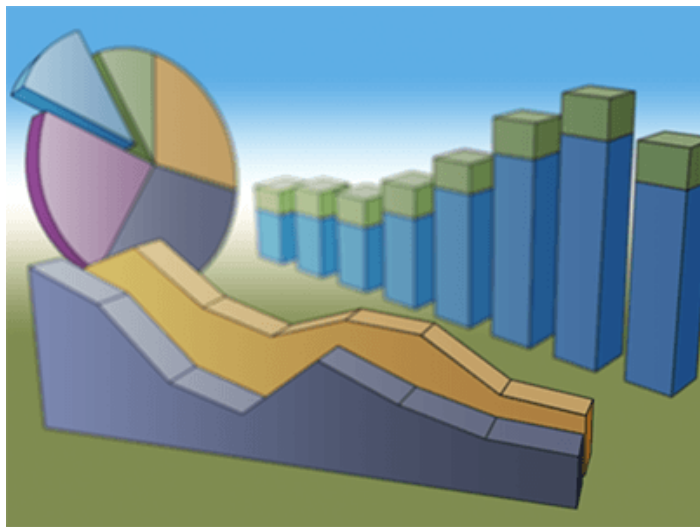
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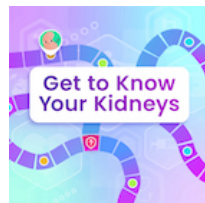
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- Glomerular Disease
- Anti-GBM (Goodpasture's) Disease
- IgA Nephropathy
- IgA Vasculitis
- Kidney Infection (Pyelonephritis)
- Kidney Stones
- Lupus Nephritis
- Medullary Sponge Kidney
- Multicystic Dysplastic Kidney
- Nephrotic Syndrome in Adults
- Pain Medicine & Kidney Damage
- Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD)
- Renal Artery Stenosis
- Renal Tubular Acidosis
- Simple Kidney Cysts
- Solitary or Single-functioning Kidney
- Your Kidneys & How They Work
- Your Urinary Tract & How It Works

Statistics

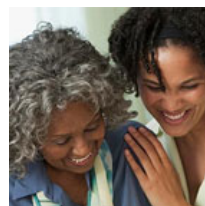


Statistics for Kidney Disease in the United States

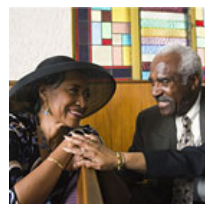
Community Health & Outreach



National Kidney Month



Family Reunion Kidney Health Guide



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More Community Health Resources [➤](#)

Kidney Disease for Health Professionals

- Identify & Manage Patients
- Laboratory Evaluation

Clinical Trials



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Research Discoveries & News

- [Genomic variants that increase risk of kidney disease are found in nearly one-third of West Africans](#) [NIH](#) ↗
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- [Alternatives to Race-Based Kidney Function Calculations](#)
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