

About the American Society of Nephrology

The American Society of Nephrology (ASN) represents physicians who specialize in kidney disease and is leading efforts to improve research and education. Kidney disease is serious, harmful and far more common than people think. Up to 20 million people in the U.S. have some form of kidney disease – that is one in every nine adult Americans.

The American Society of Nephrology (ASN) is the world's largest organization dedicated to the study and practice of nephrology – the branch of internal medicine devoted to studying kidney function and diseases of the kidney. Its membership includes 11,000 physicians, basic scientists and clinical scientists from academia, private practice and industry.

The ASN and its members are committed to improving the care of people with kidney disease by advancing the scientific knowledge and clinical practice of nephrology through research, professional education and advocacy. The organization's initiatives include:

- Furthering the medical community's scientific knowledge of kidney disease, its causes and its consequences;
- Advocating for kidney disease research to identify improved treatments, early diagnostic indicators and potential preventive therapies;
- Research grant support for young clinical investigators; and
- Public Advocacy on kidney-related public policy issues.

Ongoing Research Initiatives

The ASN has been providing funding for clinical and basic science research for more than a decade in an effort to save lives and reduce the tremendous personal and economic consequences of kidney disease. Areas of active kidney disease research funded by the ASN include:

- Improving care for patients with chronic kidney disease;
- Improving care for patients with end stage renal disease;
- The connection between kidney disease and diabetes, high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease; and
- Racial and ethnic disparities in the incidence and outcomes of kidney disease.

Education

The ASN hosts the largest scientific gathering of kidney disease experts worldwide, with more than 13,000 scientists and clinicians attending its annual meeting. The ASN publishes *the Journal of the American Society of Nephrology (JASN)*, the premiere journal of scientific findings in kidney disease, the *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology (CJASN)*, and *NephSAP*, the *Nephrology Self-Assessment Program*. As part of its mission to advance the scientific knowledge and clinical practice of nephrology, the ASN also develops and sponsors multiple ongoing educational programs for physicians, trainees and investigators.

Advocacy for Increased Kidney Disease Research

In 2006, the Society established the ASN Public Policy Board in order to better inform Congress and federal agencies about nephrology, with the overriding goal of improving the quality of care for all kidney disease patients.

For more information about the ASN or kidney disease, visit www.asn-online.org or call 202-659-0599.

