



## About the American Society of Nephrology

The American Society of Nephrology (ASN) represents physicians who specialize in kidney disease and is leading efforts to provide expert care to patients, perform cutting-edge medical research, and train the next generation of kidney experts. Kidney disease is serious, harmful and far more common than people think. Up to 26 million people in the U.S. have some form of kidney disease – that is one in every nine adult Americans.

## Leading the fight against kidney disease

Founded in 1966, the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) is the world's largest professional society devoted to the study of kidney disease. Comprised of 11,000 physicians and scientists, ASN continues to promote expert patient care, advance medical research, and educate the renal community.

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.
- Providing research funding to support the next generation of investigators.
- Supporting federal and non-governmental programs that enhance physicians' ability to provide high-quality, affordable health care.
- Contributing actively on kidney care and patient reforms in any health care reform legislation.

## Giving back to the nephrology community

ASN has provided 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 Society 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.
- Racial and ethnic disparities in the incidence and outcomes of kidney disease.

## Providing exceptional educational programming to enhance continuing medical education

ASN hosts the largest scientific gathering of kidney disease experts worldwide, with more than 14,000 scientists and clinicians attending its annual meeting. 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, ASN also develops and sponsors multiple ongoing educational programs for physicians, trainees, and investigators.

## Advocating for high-quality patient care, cutting-edge research, and enhanced medical training

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

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