



21ST CENTURY CURES

Accelerating Innovation and Delivering Cures

ASN supports **bipartisan, bicameral** efforts to accelerate the **discovery, development, and delivery** of promising new treatments to **patients**. The society stands ready to collaborate with Congress in crafting legislation that will help achieve this important objective.

Policies that foster innovation will help maintain America's role as the **global leader** in biomedical research, and will **spark innovation** in kidney care and in other conditions where patients have seen only incremental improvements in available therapies in decades

Numerous opportunities exist to facilitate the discovery, development, and delivery of innovative therapeutics and technologies, including:

Patient-focused drug development

- No one understands a particular condition or disease better than patients living with it. Meaningfully incorporating patient experience data into the regulatory decision-making process, such as patient assessments of desired benefits and tolerable risks associated with new treatments, is an important objective for increasing available therapies.

Expansion of telehealth in the Medicare program

- Telehealth has an enormous potential to facilitate better access to care and holds great promise for reducing costs and improving the health and quality of life for patients nationwide. ASN supports expanding telehealth access, and urges rigorous testing to ensure that various programs or pilots achieve the intended goals.

Supporting promising young researchers

- Helping emerging scientists enter medical research is vital for the development and discovery of future cures. Ensuring NIH can support young investigators and their promising grant proposals will protect the pipeline of innovation for patients and maintain America's global preeminence in biomedical research.