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Kidney Research is Underfunded Compared to the Cost of Care

Investments in kidney research are needed to improve patients' lives and ultimately cure kidney disease for the more than **20 million affected Americans**.

Please **replace sequestration** with a balanced approach to deficit reduction and **support**:

- ✓ **At least** \$32 billion for NIH overall and \$2.066 for NIDDK in FY2016
 - ✓ **An additional** \$1.5 billion (\$150 million per year over 10 years) for NIDDK kidney research to improve care and reduce cost
- In 1972, Congress made a commitment to treat all Americans with kidney failure through the Medicare End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Program—the only health entitlement program that provides coverage **regardless of age or disability**.
 - Research leading to better therapies for slowing the progression of kidney disease and making dialysis more efficient would yield **significant federal savings**.
 - Despite the burden of kidney disease, NIH investments in kidney research (\$585 million) = **less than 1%** of Medicare costs for kidney care (\$80 billion).¹

NIH Research Funding by Disease²

Disease (Prevalence)	2014 Budget	NIH Spending per Patient
HIV/AIDS (1 million)	\$2,978,000,000	\$2,978
Cancer (14 million)	\$7,957,000,000	\$568
Heart Disease (27 million)	\$1,645,000,000	\$61
Kidney Disease (20 million)	\$585,000,000	\$29

¹ http://report.nih.gov/categorical_spending.aspx and <http://www.usrds.org/adr.aspx>

² http://report.nih.gov/categorical_spending.aspx