

Top Ten ASN Advocacy Victories in 2015

1. ASN Advocacy | Giving voice to the kidney community www.asn-online.org/advocacy/OrganizedKidneyCommunityAdvocacyDay2015 Led advocates from 16 kidney and transplant groups who conducted more than 100 Congressional meetings advocating for legislation to improve your patients' access to transplantation and increase your research funding.
2. Fixed Medicare Physician Reimbursement Collaborated with other health professional organizations to convince Congress to replace the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate with a payment system that reflects your time and value.
3. Achieved Home Dialysis Telehealth Option Secured Medicare enactment of ASN's recommendation to allow you to provide care to your home dialysis patients via telehealth.
4. Shaped Medicare Telehealth Parity Act Worked with Congress in crafting legislation to expand telehealth options that advance your patients' safety and access to care.
5. Implemented ASN Patient Care Advocacy Strategic Plan Developed strategy for advancing policies to improve your patients' access to transplantation, expand telehealth, reduce health disparities, and reinforce the nephrology care team's role in delivering your patients the highest quality care.
6. Fought for CKD Improvement in Research and Treatment Act Advocated for vital legislation that will strengthen research funding, assess gaps in transplant access, and identify strategies to reduce kidney health disparities.
7. Secured Congressional Report on Kidney Investment Obtained a Congressional request for a report on the adequacy of federal investments in kidney research versus prevalence and cost of care that will highlight the need for more kidney research.
8. Advanced Kidney Research in VA Million Veterans Program Ensured that the Million Veterans Program provides grants for genetic kidney research, increasing the understanding of how to treat and prevent kidney disease and helping to develop new therapeutic tools for your patients.
9. Bolstered NIH Review Expertise Nominated nearly 200 experts to serve as NIH kidney grant application peer reviewers, ensuring the most qualified evaluations of your research proposals.
10. Guided NIH Strategic Plan Urged NIH to allocate funding based on disease burden, opportunities for improving public health, and federal cost of care in its new strategic plan, paving the way for more kidney research.