



2020 has seen a lot of important progress on many key kidney policy priorities. The National Kidney Foundation has been at the forefront of these efforts, fighting to increase awareness, prevention, and early treatment of chronic kidney disease (CKD); expand treatment options for dialysis patients; expand access to transplantation; and protect kidney patients from the ravages of COVID-19.



## 2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

**1** Advancing the **Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act of 2019**, including a successful hearing and vote in the House Energy and Commerce Committee and a preliminary cost-estimate by the Congressional Budget Office.



**2** Finalizing of the **ESRD Treatment Choices (ETC) model** demonstration project and the **Kidney Care Choices** model, initiatives aimed at slowing the progression of chronic kidney disease, promoting better access to home dialysis, and increasing the number of patients receiving transplants.



**3** Passing the **Living Donor Protection Act** in three states and advancing other state and local level initiatives to incentivize living donation.



**4** Launching the **Coalition for Kidney Health**, a multi-stakeholder group of partners working to transform the landscape of chronic kidney disease (CKD).

**5** Hosting more than 200 meetings with Members of Congress during our inaugural **Virtual Kidney Patient Summit**.

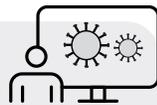


**6** Protecting kidney patients during the pandemic by expanding access to personal protective equipment, telehealth services, 90-day drug supplies, non-emergency transportation, and other services.



**7** Convincing the federal government to designate kidney transplants and vascular access procedures as **“essential surgeries”** during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**8** Hosting two **Congressional briefings** to educate Members of Congress and their staffs on the impact of kidney disease and COVID-19 on African-American and Hispanic communities, as well as eight briefings co-hosted with state legislators about the impact of COVID-19 on kidney patients.



**9** Collecting more than 10,000 signatures on a petition to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, urging him to **protect kidney patients** as the country “re-opened” from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**10** Ensuring that **kidney patients’ needs are incorporated into the national strategy** for testing and distributing COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics.

