



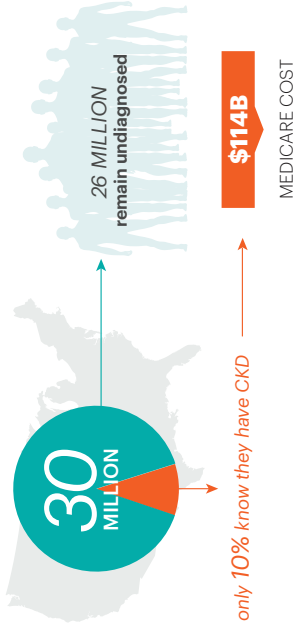
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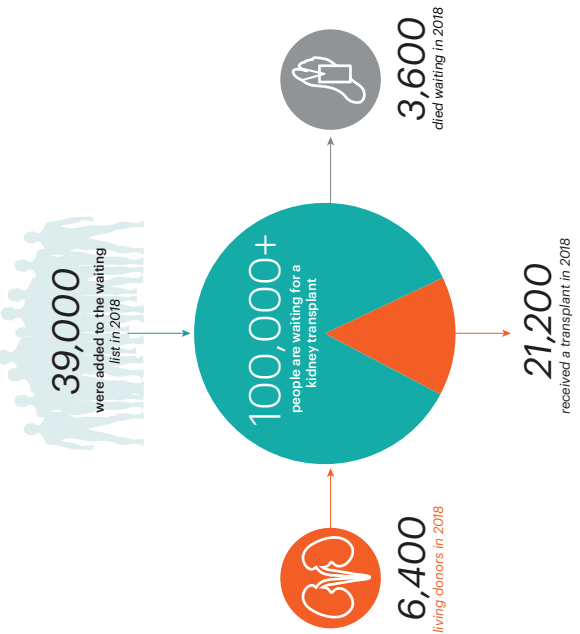
CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE A NATIONAL HEALTH CARE PRIORITY

AMERICAN ADULTS WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD)



KIDNEY WAITING LIST FACTS

The optimal treatment for most patients with kidney failure is transplantation. And, studies show that the best-functioning, longest-lasting type of transplant comes from a living donor. But the number of kidneys falls far too short of the need. In the U.S.:



Fueled by passion and urgency, NKF is a lifeline for all people affected by kidney disease. As pioneers of scientific research and innovation, NKF focuses on the whole patient through the lens of kidney health. Relentless in our work, we enhance lives through action, education and accelerating change.

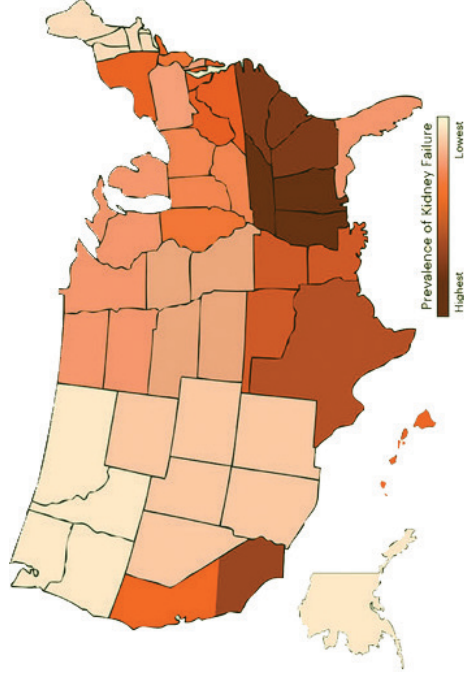
KIDNEY DISEASE IN ALABAMA

Medicare patients with CKD diagnosed	92,680
Medicare patients on dialysis	8,457
Kidney transplants performed since 1988	8,398
Patients on the transplant waitlist.....	1,833
Transplants in 2018	247
Patients who died while on waitlist in 2018	130

Average Cost to Medicare

Dialysis patient	\$89,367
Transplant after first year	\$34,752
Immunosuppressant medications	\$2,303
Kidney disease test.....	\$80-\$143

KIDNEY FAILURE IN THE US



Sources of Facts and Statistics: Organ Procurement and Transplant Network (OPTN) (2018), United States Renal Data System (USRDS) (2018).

HOW CAN CONGRESS HELP FIGHT KIDNEY DISEASE?

Living Donor Protection Act (S. 511/H.R. 1224)

Co-sponsor legislation that would prohibit discrimination in life, disability, or long-term care insurance for living donors. The bill also adds living organ donation to the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

Extending Medicare coverage for Immunosuppressive Medication

Transplant recipients need these drugs to maintain their kidney and lower risk of rejection. Medicare covers immunosuppressants for only 36 months post-transplant, leaving many recipients struggling to find affordable coverage. Extending Medicare coverage for immunosuppressive medications indefinitely ensures patients have access to these lifesaving medications.

Appropriations

Increase funding in Fiscal Year 2020 for: CDC's Division of Diabetes Translation's (DDT) CKD Surveillance Project; the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Division of Transplantation and Bureau of Primary Care; the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK); and KidneyX, the Kidney Innovation Accelerator.

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