

# Join Patient Organizations

## Organizations That Can Help

There are a number of patient organizations, such as Dialysis Patient Citizens (DPC), to help those living with chronic kidney disease (CKD).

### Dialysis Patient Citizens

As a patient-led nationwide organization, DPC's mission is to improve dialysis patients' quality of life by developing awareness of dialysis issues, advocating for dialysis patients, improving the partnership between patients and caregivers, and promoting favorable public policy. Visit [www.dialysispatients.org](http://www.dialysispatients.org) <sup>[1]</sup> or call 1-866-877-4242 for more information.

Here are other groups and organizations you may be able to get involved with:

- American Association of Kidney Patients at [www.aakp.org](http://www.aakp.org) <sup>[2]</sup> or 1-800-749-2257
- Renal Support Network at [www.rsnhope.org](http://www.rsnhope.org) <sup>[3]</sup> or 1-866-903-1728
- The American Kidney Fund at [www.kidneyfund.org](http://www.kidneyfund.org) <sup>[4]</sup> or 1-800-638-8299
- National Kidney Foundation at [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org) <sup>[5]</sup> or 1-800-622-9010
- National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases at [www2.niddk.nih.gov](http://www2.niddk.nih.gov) <sup>[6]</sup> or 301-496-3583
- Renal Physicians Association. Keeping Kidney Patients Safe at [www.kidneypatientsafety.org](http://www.kidneypatientsafety.org) <sup>[7]</sup> or 1-301-468-3515
- The National Forum of End Stage Renal Disease Networks at [www.esrdnetworks.org](http://www.esrdnetworks.org) <sup>[8]</sup> or 1-804-418-7990

These are just a few organizations that offer information, education, and support. Be sure to share this information with your family and friends, and even at the dialysis clinic.

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