

If you are living with kidney disease, these resources will help you learn more about your condition as well as the care and assistance programs available to you. Some resources are only available through the Internet.

### American Association of Kidney Patients

AAKP is a kidney organization run by kidney patients. It has many brochures, newsletters, and resources to help people with chronic kidney disease (CKD) manage their lives. Patients can learn about educational programs, events, and policy briefs.

**(800) 749-2257**

**[www.aakp.org](http://www.aakp.org)**

### American Kidney Fund

AKF is the #1 source for financial assistance to kidney patients. AKF provides free pharmacy products as well as grants to help patients with costs not covered by other sources. AKF also provides education and outreach to people who are at risk for kidney disease.

**(866) 300-2900**

**[www.kidneyfund.org](http://www.kidneyfund.org)**

### AV Fistula First

Sponsored by CMS, this website is devoted to everything about AV fistulas. It has information for both patients and professionals.

**[www.fistulafirst.org](http://www.fistulafirst.org)**

### Dialysis Facility Compare

Sponsored by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), this website allows patients to find and compare information about dialysis facilities in every state. Patients can search for facilities by name, city or state. Medicare's coverage for dialysis is also discussed.

**[www.medicare.gov/Dialysis/Home.asp](http://www.medicare.gov/Dialysis/Home.asp)**

### Dialysis Patient Citizens

DPC is an independent, dialysis patient organization. It is dedicated to improving dialysis patients' quality of life. DPC advocates for dialysis and pre-dialysis patients and promotes favorable public policy. It works to improve the partnership between patients and caregivers.

**(866) 877-4242**

**[www.dialysispatients.org](http://www.dialysispatients.org)**

### Home Dialysis Central

This website helps you to find home dialysis centers near you. The site provides education about the types of home dialysis, updates on technology and equipment, and discussion boards to help you connect with other dialysis patients.

**(608) 833-8033**

**Kidney Patient News**

[www.homedialysis.org](http://www.homedialysis.org)

The site offers information and resources for kidney patients and their families, including treatment options and vascular access types, diet and nutrition, and emergency and disaster preparation.

**(317) 257-8265**

[www.kidneypatientnews.org](http://www.kidneypatientnews.org)

**Kidney School**

Kidney School is an interactive, web-based learning program. It was designed to help people understand kidney disease and its treatment, adjust to kidney disease, make good medical choices and live as fully as possible. Click on the table of contents to pick the topics that most interest you.

[www.kidneyschool.org](http://www.kidneyschool.org)

**Life Options Rehabilitation Program**

Life Options provides free fact sheets, videos and booklets to help people live long and well with kidney disease. The site includes many resources about vocational rehabilitation.

**(800) 468-7777**

[www.lifeoptions.org](http://www.lifeoptions.org)

**National Kidney Disease Education Program**

This site includes many resources about kidney disease and testing. Educational materials can be downloaded or ordered directly.

**(866) 454-3639**

[www.nkdep.nih.gov](http://www.nkdep.nih.gov)

**National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Clearinghouse**

This organization provides detailed information about CKD and treatment options, including home dialysis and kidney transplantation. The site also includes the NIDDK reference collection, a database of health education materials for patients and providers.

**(800) 891-5390**

[www.kidney.niddk.nih.gov](http://www.kidney.niddk.nih.gov)

**The National Kidney Foundation, Inc.**

Through its more than 50 offices nationwide, the NKF provides vital patient and community services to empower those with kidney disease so they can make key decisions and take control of their own health care. Local support groups, counseling, financial assistance, newsletters and online patient communities are some of the ways the NKF stands side by side with patients and families. The NKF is dedicated to preventing kidney and urinary tract diseases, improving the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation.

**(800) 622-9010**

[www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org)

**Renal Support Network**

RSN is a nonprofit, patient-focused, patient-run organization that provides non-medical services to those affected by CKD and strives to motivate and assist patients in developing their

personal coping skills, special talents, and employability by educating and empowering them (and family members) to take control of the course and management of their disease. RSN helps people with kidney disease become self-sufficient thru education, advocacy, and hope for a better tomorrow.

**(800) 579-1970 – HOPEline**, for peer support and info.

**(866) 903-1728**

**[www.rsnhope.org](http://www.rsnhope.org)**

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