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American Association of Kidney Patients

Mission Statement

As the oldest and largest, independent kidney patient organization in the U.S. – AAKP is dedicated to improving the lives and long-term outcomes of kidney patients through education, advocacy, patient engagement and the fostering of patient communities. AAKP fights for early disease detection and the appropriate diagnosis of rare / genetic conditions; increased kidney transplantation and pre-emptive transplantation; full patient choice of either in-center or home dialysis; protection of the patient / physician relationship; promotion of research and innovation including artificial implantable and wearable kidneys; and the elimination of barriers for patient access to available treatment options.

At AAKP we....

1. **Educate:** patients & caregivers on important issues so patients can better understand their condition and make informed decisions on their care options which align with their lives aspirations. AAKP is a recognized leader for patient-centered education – continually developing high quality, professionally written, edited and reviewed material.
2. **Advocate:** for policies that improve treatment and extend life for kidney disease patients – always defending patient choice. AAKP has been the independent patient voice – advocating for improved access to high-quality healthcare through regulatory and legislative reform at the Federal level. The Association’s work has improved long-term outcomes in both quality of health and the ability for patients and family members affected by kidney diseases to lead a more productive and meaningful life.
3. **Define:** “patient engagement” as a substantive tool to impact policy & health outcomes.
Community: AAKP is leading the effort to bring kidney patients together to promote community, conversations and to seek out services that help maximize patients’ everyday lives.