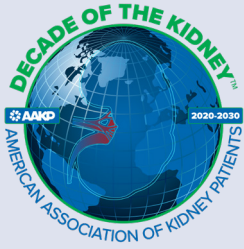


2024 Highlights: A Look Back At The Year's Accomplishments

Founded in 1969, AAKP is the largest independent, patient-led kidney patient organization in the U.S. AAKP is leading the way nationally and internationally through AAKP Global™ in elevating the patient VOICE, defending patient CHOICE, and disrupting status quo kidney care!

Growing Strategic Impact



AAKP continues to drive change! Decade of the Kidney™

AAKP unveiled the Decade of the Kidney™ in 2019 to unite advocates worldwide behind greater care choice and innovation, including artificial wearable and implantable kidneys and xenotransplantation. To date, strategic partnerships with five international kidney patient organizations have been announced, the European Parliament formally adopted this initiative during their 2022 Kidney Forum, the World Health Organization, with AAKP aid, launched its new global framework on kidney disease, and AAKP has reached more than 100 countries with its Global Summit on Kidney Disease Innovations!

www.decadeofthekidney.org

Veterans Health Initiative

For the second year, AAKP continued its partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, aimed at improving health outcomes for military members and Veterans. AAKP awarded its Patient Engagement and Advocacy Award to the VHA Kidney Medicine Program for excellence in kidney care and is represented on four VA-funded kidney research studies. <https://bit.ly/AAKPVHI>



Changing America's Dialogue on Kidney Issues

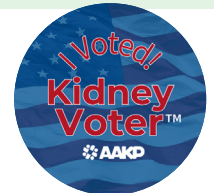


Government Determinants of Health (GDoH)

If federal agencies lose clear focus on the unmet needs of kidney patients, and either knowingly or inadvertently make decisions that jeopardize care choice and patient outcomes, that is a Government Determinant of Health (GDoH). This year, AAKP highlighted GDoH impacts on new transplant drug development at FDA; disruptions in patient access to surveillance blood tests for transplant recipients at CMS, and the critical need for appropriate and timely reimbursement for new infection prevention drugs at CMS. In 2025, AAKP will expand its review of GDoH impacts across federal agencies and call for greater transparency, more patient engagement, and a greater commitment to true, patient-centered medicine in all federal decisions impacting kidney health!

AAKP KidneyVoter™ National Voter Registration Campaign

Since 2018, AAKP has managed the **largest non-partisan voter registration** drive in the kidney community. AAKP educates and activates patients to exercise their right to vote: <https://bit.ly/AAKPVotes>. This election year, AAKP launched its "50 States in 50 Days" campaign to drive voter registration. AAKP achieved its goal of 500,000 voters in 2024 representing all 50 states! #KidneyVoter #IAmAKidneyVoter



AAKP Action Center Makes BIG Impact

AAKP engaged an unprecedented number of kidney patients, family members, healthcare professionals, and others of goodwill on important issues that matter to the kidney community. Through letter campaigns and petitions, the Action Center makes sure your VOICE is heard by elected and appointed leaders across America. <https://bit.ly/AAKPTakeAction>

AAKP Center for Patient Engagement and Advocacy



Patient Voice Patient Choice™ Initiative

AAKP defines high-quality kidney care as timely **patient access**, without interference, to innovations that help prevent and treat diseases and empower patients to remain healthy, independent, and better able to pursue their aspirations. www.patientvoicepatientchoice.org

AAKP Ambassador Initiative Expanding

Over 200 Ambassadors (National and Global). Our most engaged volunteers! Program expanding to include more **Veterans and Military Families!** <https://bit.ly/AAKPAmbassadors>





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AAKP Center for Patient Research and Education

Signature Events



The largest patient-led international summit on kidney disease research and innovations.

- 100+ countries reached
- 14 sessions
- 50+ patient expert, government, medical, and industry speakers

Watch OnDemand:

<https://bit.ly/GlobalSummitSessions2024>

Check out what was trending @ [#GlobalKidney2024](#)

6th Annual Global Summit on Kidney Disease Innovation



Largest virtual and in-person gathering of kidney patients in the U.S.

- 50 countries reached
- 18 sessions
- 40+ patient expert, government, medical, and industry speakers

Watch OnDemand:

<https://bit.ly/AAKPNPMOnDemand24>

Check out what was trending @ [#KidneyPatients24](#)

49th Annual National Patient Meeting



7th Annual Policy Summit

The only patient-led event focused on policy and legislative efforts designed to expand patient choice, remove artificial barriers to patient access, and accelerate innovation in kidney care.

- 7 sessions
- 17 patient expert, government, medical, and industry speakers

Watch OnDemand:

<https://bit.ly/AAKPPolicySummit2024OnDemand>

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Policy Roundtable

This year's roundtable highlighted the critical need for kidney disease screening, accelerating the innovation of the next generation of patient-centered medicine, and more intelligent and common-sense alignments of policy, law, regulation, and payment to achieve America's consensus priorities in kidney care.

Watch OnDemand:

<https://bit.ly/AAKPPolicyRoundtable2024>

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Research

Kidney Patients Impact Research & Development

AAKP's research capabilities have grown rapidly. The Association has a sophisticated database and expansive social media channels which allow AAKP to better connect and learn from its constituents. In turn, AAKP provides education to patients and care partners on what it means to be involved in research initiatives as well as opportunities to get involved. From online surveys, interviews, focus groups, clinical trial awareness campaigns, and more, AAKP inserts patient insights and preferences into research to help inform innovation, advance care, and make a meaningful impact to improve lives. This means AAKP members are helping shape future policies and discoveries that characterize kidney care! Read how AAKP was recognized with the 2024 Reuters Pharma Award on "Driving Health Equity."

<https://bit.ly/AAKPRutersAward>.

Education

NEW AAKP Awareness Campaigns

In 2024, AAKP announced April 5 as National Phosphorus Day through its "The Hidden 'P' in Kidney Disease" campaign and launched its "Every Patient Safe" campaign, which focuses on the unique risks and unmet safety needs of America's highly vulnerable kidney patients and kidney transplant recipients.

Visit to learn more:

<https://bit.ly/TheHiddenPinKidneyDisease>

<https://bit.ly/EveryPatientSafe>

HealthLine Webinars

AAKP hosted over a dozen educational and Innovator webinars!

<https://bit.ly/HealthLineOnDemand2024>



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