



2025 Highlights: A Look Back At The Year's Accomplishments

AAKP is leading the way nationally and internationally, elevating the patient's VOICE, defending patient CHOICE, and challenging status quo kidney care!



35.5M

Americans have chronic kidney disease (CKD)



50+ Years

of serving the needs of kidney patients



1M +

reached each year



100+ Countries

reached through our programs

GROWING STRATEGIC IMPACT

AAKP continues to drive change!

Decade of the Kidney™

Now at the mid-point of the Decade of the Kidney™, AAKP's global movement—launched in 2019—continues to unite advocates worldwide behind greater care choice and innovation, including early screening and disease identification, increased utilization of home dialysis therapies, and advancements in transplantation, including artificial wearable and implantable kidneys and advances in xenotransplantation. Since its launch, AAKP has established strategic partnerships with international kidney patient organizations, inspired the European Parliament's formal adoption of this initiative in 2022, and supported creation of the World Health Organization's (WHO) global framework on kidney disease, which led the WHO to formally make kidney disease a global health priority in May 2025.

www.decadeofthekidney.org



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). In 2025, AAKP expanded its review of GDoH impacts across federal agencies and called 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

KidneyVoters™ are a powerful micro-constituency whose unified voice drives meaningful policy change and compels leaders to prioritize kidney health. <https://bit.ly/AAKPVotes>

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>



Veterans Health Initiative

For the third year, AAKP continued its partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, aimed at improving health outcomes for military members and Veterans.

AAKP continues to drive improvements in kidney care for military members and Veterans nationwide. <https://bit.ly/AAKPVHI>

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 transplant ready, independent, and better able to pursue their aspirations. www.patientvoicepatientchoice.org



AAKP Ambassador Initiative Expanding

National, Global, and Veteran and Military Family AAKP Ambassadors represent our most engaged volunteers! Learn more at

<https://bit.ly/AAKPAmbassadors>



AAKP CENTER FOR PATIENT RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

SIGNATURE EVENTS



7th Annual Global Summit on Kidney Disease Innovations

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 @ [##GlobalKidney2025](#)



8th 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
- 20 patient expert, government, medical, and industry speakers

Watch OnDemand:

<https://bit.ly/2025AAKPPolicySummit>

Check out what was trending @ [#AAKPSummit25](#)



50th Annual National Patient Meeting

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

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

Watch OnDemand:

<https://bit.ly/AAKPNPMOnDemand25>

Check out what was trending @ [#KidneyPatients25](#)



All Kidney Policy is Local™

This year, AAKP took advocacy to the next level with our All Kidney Policy is Local™ campaign! Your stories about unmet patient needs and the impacts of federal policy decisions helped educate Congressional leaders this summer.

Watch patient stories:

<https://bit.ly/AllKidneyPolicyIsLocal>

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

RESEARCH

Kidney Patients Impact Research & Development

AAKP's research capabilities have grown rapidly. The Association has a sophisticated database and expansive social media channels that 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!



EDUCATION

AAKP Awareness Campaigns

AAKP's national awareness day campaigns continued to gain momentum in 2025, reaching millions of patients, families, and professionals with timely, life-saving information. Through targeted digital outreach, expert-driven content, and patient-centered messaging, these campaigns elevated the understanding of high-risk conditions and empowered individuals to take charge of their kidney health.

Visit to learn more:

www.areyouok.org

<https://bit.ly/TheHiddenPinKidneyDisease>

<https://bit.ly/StopTheItch>

<https://bit.ly/EveryPatientSafe>



HealthLine Webinars

AAKP hosted over a dozen educational and Innovator webinars!

<https://bit.ly/HealthLineOnDemand2025>