



# Who has Kidney Disease

## TODAY IS WORLD KIDNEY DAY.

Kidney disease affects 20 million Americans alone. And with the increasing prevalence of diabetes, obesity, and unmanaged high blood pressure among Americans — three conditions leading to kidney disease — it is accurate to say we have an epidemic. And kidney disease affects all people of all ages and walks of life.

Many of these disease conditions can be managed, but people must be tested first. Kidney disease is often regarded as a silent disease, since thousands of people learn about their affliction once their kidneys fail.

Kidney Care Partners (KCP), an alliance of patient advocates, dialysis professionals, care providers and manufacturers working together to improve quality of care for individuals with Chronic Kidney Disease,



urges all Americans to get tested so that they might be aware of their potential kidney disease condition.

KCP also supports the bipartisan legislation — Kidney Care Quality and Education Act (S. 691 and H.R.1193) — which is regarded as one of the most progressive pieces of Medicare legislation today. This unique legislation invests in prevention and awareness activities, and creates a three-year Continuous Quality Improvement Initiative.

In recognition of this important day, the kidney community urges our elected officials to sign onto this important legislation and take a stand for the millions of Americans with kidney disease, and the hundreds of thousands of Americans with kidney failure.

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