

PATIENTS MUST BE INVOLVED IN KIDNEY HEALTH POLICY

We strongly believe that our Manifesto will have a huge impact on the quality of health care received by all kidney patients and their families living across Europe.

Better information and resources for kidney patients to be effective partners in determine their care.

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EKPF MANIFESTO

The European Kidney Patients Federation represents over 75 million of people with kidney health conditions across Europe

PATIENT VOICE



RAISE AWARENESS OF KIDNEY DISEASE

Kidney disease is a silent killer, prevention and early detection are crucial in general population, so we need to address CKD in EU policy, promoting knowledge and healthy habits through educational programs.



INCREASE ACCESS TO TRANSPLANTATION

Promoting access to kidney transplant in all countries, reducing the waiting list and overcoming living and deceased donations barriers with solidarity.



CHOICE OF TREATMENT

Information of all possible kidney replacement therapies, including conservative management. Shared decision making ensures kidney patients are choosing freely the best option of treatment for their lives.

PATIENT ENGAGEMENT

Patient engagement involves encouraging kidney patients in their own care. It combines patient knowledge, skills, ability, and willingness to manage their treatments and medication.

- **SELF-CARING AND EMPOWERMENT**

The key to empower people is education, so we need to promote access in all countries to reliable sources of information about kidney disease, healthy habits and best practices.

- **SOCIAL IMPERATIVES AND PROTECTION**

Improving and increasing social services. Inclusive approach for kidney recipients and living donors, with social protection in any KRT. Ensure equitable access to any KRT.

- **RESEARCH INVOLVEMENT**

Introducing renal research in EU priorities, demanding kidney patient perspective in research and clinical trials.

*Person-Centred
Kidney
Care*

PATIENT SAFETY



COVID-19

Kidney patients in dialysis and using immunosuppression should be regarded as a high-risk group. Many of them are elderly and have impaired kidney function and other co-morbidities that increase the risk of adverse outcome of COVID-19 infection.



ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE (AMR)

AMR is an increasingly serious public threat, risking the effective protection and treatment of infections. Appropriate use and abuse of anti-infectives by kidney patients requires concerted efforts by us.



HOME THERAPIES

Across the world, the COVID-19 pandemic has made clear the urgency of ensuring equitable access to home dialysis so that kidney patients can stay safe at home.

PATIENT AUTONOMY



UNIVERSAL ACCESS

Kidney Replacements Therapies (KRT) universal coverage for all kidney patients. Adequate reimbursement policies and strategies must cover all KRT.



MOBILITY

Facilitate mobility of people with kidney disease across Europe in any KRT, even in dialysis and/or waiting list for kidney transplant. Holiday dialysis programs should allow kidney patients free movement in and out Europe area.



EMPLOYMENT

Working is profoundly important to many people who have kidney failure. It can help them to have a feeling of value to society and themselves. Facilitate access to employment in any stage of kidney disease and kidney transplant.

*Preserving
Kidney Patients'
Dignity*