Kidney Care: A National Overview

More than 1 in 10 Americans suffer from some form of kidney disease, the 9th leading cause of death in the United States.

Each year, more than 115,000 Americans are diagnosed with kidney failure (or end-stage renal disease) – an irreversible condition that is fatal without a kidney transplant or life-saving dialysis treatments.

More than 400,000 Americans are living with kidney failure, and the numbers are expected to increase.

More than 5,855 dialysis centers provide treatments nationally.

85 percent of dialysis patients rely on Medicare to fund their treatments.

Because transplants are limited to the small number of available kidneys, most individuals with kidney failure depend on life-sustaining dialysis treatments to survive. Ensuring quality dialysis care remains available is essential to the nation’s patient population.

Kidney disease affects African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and anyone with a family history of Chronic Kidney Disease disproportionately. African Americans constitute nearly one out of every three dialysis patients.

South Dakota Facts:

770 Number of Individuals in South Dakota on Dialysis

19 Number of Dialysis Centers in South Dakota


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