

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.



West Virginia Facts:

337 Number of Individuals in West Virginia on Dialysis¹

8 Number of Dialysis Centers in West Virginia²

¹The American Nephrology Nurses' Association. <http://www.annanurse.org/advocacy/state-health-policy/state-fact-sheets> ²www.Medicare.gov, Dialysis Facility Compare, 2013.