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DIALYSIS PATIENT CITIZENS

Americans Living with Kidney Disease

WHAT IS KIDNEY DISEASE

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) occurs when kidneys are damaged and are less efficient at doing their job. The disease is called a "silent killer" because there are few symptoms, and by the time people realize they have a problem, much damage has already been done. There are a variety of reasons why individuals end-up with CKD. Recent studies have found that more than 1 in 5 dialysis patients have genetic diseases that cause their organs to fail.

MORE THAN 1 IN 10 AMERICANS SUFFER FROM SOME FORM OF KIDNEY DISEASE

It is the 9th leading cause of death in the United States. Each year, more than 117,000 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.

7,783

PATIENTS ON DIALYSIS

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 7,783 patients in MISSISSIPPI who depend on life-sustaining but challenging dialysis treatments to survive.

There are 97 dialysis clinics across Mississippi that treat people with kidney failure every day, performing the essential treatment that replaces the function of the kidney.

WHAT ABOUT TRANSPLANTS?

Transplants are limited to the small number of available kidneys, and many people with kidney failure wait for years before a kidney is made available to them for a transplant.

In Mississippi there are 461 people with kidney failure who are currently waiting for a transplant.

There are 2,252 people in Mississippi who have already received a transplant.

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