Directory of Kidney and Urologic Diseases Organizations

This directory lists Government agencies and professional and voluntary associations that provide information and resources related to kidney and urologic diseases. Some of these organizations offer educational materials and other services to patients and the general public, while others primarily serve health care providers.

NIDDK-funded George M. O’Brien Kidney and Urologic Research Centers

George M. O’Brien Kidney Center at Yale
Peter Aronson, M.D., Director
Yale School of Medicine
P.O. Box 208029
1 Gilbert Street, TAC S255
New Haven, CT 06520–8029
Phone: 203–785–4184
Fax: 203–785–7068
Email: peter.aronson@yale.edu
Internet: http://obriencenter.yale.edu

George M. O’Brien Urology Research Center at the University of Pennsylvania
Samuel K. Chacko, D.V.M., Ph.D., Director
University of Pennsylvania
Glenolden Research Laboratory
500 South Ridgeway Avenue
Glenolden, PA 19036–2307
Phone: 267–350–9603
Fax: 267–350–9610
Email: chackosk@mail.med.upenn.edu
Internet:
www.uphs.upenn.edu/surgery/Research/urology/Chacko/george_obrien_program.html
Mayo Clinic O’Brien Urology Research Center
John C. Lieske, M.D., Director
Mayo Clinic
200 First Street SW
Rochester, MN 55905
Phone: 507–266–7960
Fax: 507–266–9315
Email: Lieske.John@mayo.edu
Internet: www.mayo.edu/research/labs/nephrolithiasis/overview

Pittsburgh Center for Kidney Research
Thomas, Kleyman, M.D., Director
Email: kleyman@pitt.edu
Internet: www.kidneycenter.pitt.edu/index.html

UAB–UCSD O’Brien Core Center for Acute Kidney Injury
Anupam Agarwal, M.D., Director
University of Alabama/University of California at San Diego
Phone: 205–996–6670
Email: agarwal@uab.edu
Internet: www.uab.edu/medicine/obriencenter/

NIDDK-funded Research Centers of Excellence in Pediatric Nephrology

Center of Excellence in Pediatric Nephrology at the Medical College of Wisconsin
Ellis D. Avner, M.D., Director
Children's Hospital Health System
8701 Watertown Plank Road
Milwaukee, WI 53226
Phone: 414–955–2573
Fax: 414–955–6329
Email: eavner@mcw.edu
Internet: www.chw.org/research
Government Agencies and Professional and Voluntary Organizations

Alport Syndrome Foundation (ASF)

1608 East Briarwood Terrace  
Phoenix, AZ 85048–9414  
Phone/Fax: 480–800–3510  
Email: info@alportsyndrome.org  
Internet: www.alportsyndrome.org

*Mission*: To educate and support patients and families that have been affected by Alport syndrome with the goal of funding research to find more effective treatment protocols and a cure.

*Services provided:*

- Patient registry
- Resources
- Support groups

American Association of Clinical Urologists (AACU)

Two Woodfield Lake  
1100 East Woodfield Road, Suite 350  
Schaumburg, IL 60173  
Phone: 847–517–1050  
Fax: 847–517–7229  
Email: info@aacuweb.org  
Internet: www.aacuweb.org

*Mission*: To promote and preserve the professional autonomy and financial viability of our members and to inform members of the issues affecting their practice and profession, and then to work directly to influence the resolutions of these issues.

*Services provided:*

- Advocacy and public policy
- Educational meetings and events for health care providers
American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons (AAGUS)

Loyola University Medical Center
Department of Urology
Fahey Building 54, Room 267
2160 South First Avenue
Maywood, IL 60153
Phone: 708–216–5100
Fax: 708–216–8991
Email: jsofia@lumc.edu
Internet: www.aagus.org

Mission: To promote the study of diseases of the genitourinary system.

Services provided:

Educational meetings and events for health care providers

American Association of Kidney Patients (AAKP)

2701 North Rocky Point Drive, Suite 150
Tampa, FL 33607
Phone: 1–800–749–2257 or 813–636–8100
Fax: 813–636–8122
Email: info@aakp.org
Internet: www.aakp.org

Mission: To improve the quality of life for kidney patients through education, advocacy, and fostering patient communities.

Services provided:

Advocacy and public policy
Educational programs and events for health care providers
Publications for patients
Resources
Support groups

American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT)

1444 I Street NW, Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20005
Phone: 202–449–1099
Fax: 202–216–9646
Email: info@aasect.org
Internet: www.aasect.org
**Mission**: To promote sexual health by developing and advancing the fields of sexual therapy, counseling, and education.

**Services provided:**

Continuing education  
Publications for patients  
Resources

**American Board of Urology (ABU)**

Gerald H. Jordan, M.D.  
Executive Secretary  
American Board of Urology  
600 Peter Jefferson Parkway, Suite 150  
Charlottesville, VA 22911  
Phone: 434–979–0059  
Fax: 434–979–0266  
Email: denise@abu.org  
Internet: www.abu.org

**Mission**: To ensure high-quality, safe, efficient, and ethical practice of urology by establishing and maintaining standards of certification for urologists.

**Services provided:**

Certification activities  
Publications for health care providers

**American Kidney Fund (AKF)**

11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300  
Rockville, MD 20852  
Phone: 1–800–638–8299  
Internet: www.kidneyfund.org

**Mission**: To fight kidney disease through direct financial support to patients in need, health education, and prevention efforts.

**Services provided:**

Advocacy and public policy  
Continuing medical education (CME)  
Free kidney health screenings  
Publications for patients  
Resources
American Nephrology Nurses’ Association (ANNA)

East Holly Avenue, Box 56
Pitman, NJ 08071–0056
Phone: 1–888–600–2662 or 856–256–2320
Fax: 856–589–7463
Email: anna@ajj.com
Internet: www.annanurse.org

Mission: To promote excellence in and appreciation of nephrology nursing in order to make a positive difference for people with kidney disease.

Services provided:

Advocacy and public policy
Certification activities
Chapter locator
Continued nurses education (CNE)
Educational programs and events for health care providers
Publications for health care providers and patients

American Prostate Society

10 East Lee Street, Suite 1504
Baltimore, MD 21202
Phone: 1–877–850–3735 or 410–837–3735 (Tuesday and Friday only)
Fax: 410–837–8510
Email: info@americanprostatesociety.com
Internet: www.americanprostatesociety.com

Mission: To increase knowledge of all three prostate diseases plus erectile dysfunction through quarterly newsletters and responding to individual questions or requests for help.

Services provided:

Resources

American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI)

15000 Commerce Parkway, Suite C
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054
Phone: 856–638–0428
Fax: 856–439–0525
Email: info@ashi-hla.org
Internet: www.ashi-hla.org
**Mission:** To advance the science, education, and application of immunogenetics and transplant immunology.

**Services provided:**
- Accreditation activities
- Certification activities
- Continuing education activities
- Educational programs and events for health care providers
- Publications for health care providers

**American Society of Nephrology (ASN)**

1510 H Street NW, Suite 800  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
Phone: 202–640–4660  
Fax: 202–637–9793  
Email: email@asn-online.org  
Internet: www.asn-online.org

**Mission:** To lead the fight against kidney disease by educating health professionals, sharing new knowledge, advancing research, and advocating the highest quality care for patients.

**Services provided:**
- Advocacy and public policy
- Continuing medical education (CME)
- Educational programs and events for health care providers
- Publications for health care providers
- Research

**American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN)**

3400 Research Forest Drive, Suite B–7  
The Woodlands, TX 77381  
Phone: 281–419–0052  
Fax: 281–419–0082  
Email: info@aspneph.com  
Internet: www.aspneph.com

**Mission:** To promote optimal care for children with kidney disease through advocacy, education, and research; and to disseminate advances in clinical practice and scientific investigation.

**Services provided:**
- Advocacy and public policy
- Educational programs and events for health care providers
American Society of Transplantation (AST)
15000 Commerce Parkway, Suite C
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054
Phone: 856–439–9986
Fax: 856–439–9982
Email: info@myAST.org
Internet: www.myast.org

Mission: To advance the field of transplantation and improve patient care by promoting research, education, advocacy, and organ donation.

Services provided:
Advocacy and public policy
Educational programs and events for health care providers
Publications for health care providers and patients

American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS)
2461 South Clark Street, Suite 640
Arlington, VA 22202
Phone: 703–414–7870
Fax: 703–414–7874
Email: asts@asts.org
Internet: www.asts.org

Mission: To foster and advance the practice and science of transplantation for the benefit of patients and society; guide those who make the policy decisions that influence the practice and science of transplantation; increase organ donation; define and promote training and the career-long education of transplant surgeons, scientists, and physicians; and advance the professional development and careers of transplant surgeons, scientists, and physicians.

Services provided:
Advocacy and public policy
Continuing medical education (CME)
Educational programs and events for health care providers
Publications for health care providers and patients

American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS)
2025 M Street NW, Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20036
Phone: 202–367–1167
Fax: 202–367–2167
Email: info@augs.org
Internet: www.augs.org
**Mission:** To promote the highest quality patient care through excellence in education, research, and advocacy.

**Services provided:**

Advocacy and public policy
Educational programs and events for health care providers
Publications for health care providers and patients

**American Urological Association (AUA)**

1000 Corporate Boulevard
Linthicum, MD 21090
Phone: 1–866–RING–AUA (1–866–746–4282) or 410–689–3700
Fax: 410–689–3800
Email: aua@auanet.org
Internet: www.auanet.org

**Mission:** To promote the highest standards of urological clinical care through education, research, and the formulation of health care policy.

**Services provided:**

Advocacy and public policy
Clinical guidelines and policy statements
Continued medical education (CME)
Educational programs and events for health care providers
Publications for health care providers and patients

**Amyloidosis Foundation, Inc.**

7151 North Main Street, Suite 2
Clarkston, MI 48346
Email: info@amyloidosis.org
Internet: www.amyloidosis.org

**Mission:** To increase education and awareness of amyloidosis within the community, leading to earlier diagnosis and improved treatment.

**Services provided:**

Patient information and publications
Educational meetings and events for health care providers
Research
Resources
Amyloidosis Support Groups, Inc.

232 Orchard Drive
Wood Dale, IL 60191
Phone: 1–866–404–7539 or 847–350–7540
630–350–7539 (evening)
Fax: 847–350–0577
Email: muriel@finkelsupply.com or mangelamy@yahoo.com
Internet: www.amyloidosisupport.com

**Mission:** To provide peer group support to patients, caregivers, families, and friends of those touched by amyloidosis.

**Services provided:**
Patient information and publications
Resources
Support

ASAIO (Formerly the American Society for Artificial Internal Organs)

7700 Congress Avenue, Suite 3107
Boca Raton, FL 33487–1356
Phone: 561–999–8969
Fax: 561–999–8972
Email: info@asaio.com
Internet: www.asaio.com

**Mission:** To advance the research, development, and medical application of bionic technologies.

**Services provided:**
Educational programs and events for health care providers
Resources

Autosomal Recessive Polycystic Kidney Disease & Congenital Hepatic Fibrosis (ARPKD/CHF) Alliance

P.O. Box 70
Kirkwood, PA 17536
Phone: 1–800–708–8892 or 717–529–5555
Fax: 1–800–807–9110
Email: info@arpkdchf.org
Internet: www.arpkdchf.org

**Mission:** To educate, advocate, support, and advance research specific to ARPKD/CHF and improve the lives of those affected.
Services provided:
Publications for health care providers and patients
Public service announcements (PSAs)
Support groups

Cystinuria Support Network
Internet: www.cystinuria.com

Mission: To support persons with cystinuria and their families, friends, and caregivers.

Services provided:
Resources

Endourological Society
4100 Duff Place, Lower Level
Seaford, NY 11783
Phone: 516–520–1224
Fax: 516–520–1225
Email: michelelij@aol.com
Internet: www.endourology.org

Mission: To facilitate scientific dialogue among endourologists worldwide in the form of annual meetings, circulation of scientific literature, and surgical skill training courses/hands on laboratory sessions.

Services provided:
Educational programs and events for health care providers
Publications for health care providers and patients

Fistula First Breakthrough Initiative
IPRO ESRD Network Coordinating Center
1979 Marcus Avenue, Suite 105
Lake Success, NY 11042
Phone: 516–209–5306
Fax: 516–326–7805
Email: FFBI@ncc.esrd.net
Internet: www.fistulafirst.org

Mission: To improve the survival and quality of life of hemodialysis patients by optimizing vascular access selection—which for most patients will be an AV fistula—to lower infection, hospitalization, and mortality rates while preserving vital Medicare resources.
Services provided:

Resources

Hereditary Nephritis Foundation (HNF)

Internet: www.cc.utah.edu/~cla6202/HNF.htm

Mission: To promote research into the causes of and cures for hereditary nephritis and to provide up-to-date general information about Alport syndrome and related conditions to patients, families, and physicians.

Services provided:

Resources

IgA Nephropathy Foundation of America

P.O. Box 1322
Wall Township, NJ 07719
Phone: 732–770–7377
Email: info@iganephropathy.org
Internet: www.iganephropathy.org

Mission: To eradicate IgA nephropathy while also addressing the many problems faced by the patients and their families.

Services provided:

Resources

IgA Nephropathy Support Network

89 Ashfield Road
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
Phone: 413–625–9339
Internet: www.igansupport.org

Mission: To assist patients with IgA nephropathy and their families, serve as a clearinghouse for dissemination of information about IgA nephropathy, and promote research for a possible cure.

Services provided:

Resources
International Pediatric Nephrology Association (IPNA)

10833 Le Conte Avenue, A2–383 MDCC
Los Angeles, CA 90095–1752
Phone: 310–694–8250
Fax: 310–694–3552
Email: suzanne@ipna-online.org
Internet: www.ipna-online.org

Mission: To disseminate knowledge about kidney diseases in children in the areas where care is needed most.

Services provided:

Educational programs and events for health care providers
Publications for health care providers

International Society of Nephrology (ISN)

340 North Avenue, 3rd Floor
Cranford, NJ 07016–2496
Phone: 567–248–9703
Fax: 908–272–7101
Internet: www.theisn.org

Mission: To advance the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of kidney diseases in the developing and developed world.

Services provided:

Continuing medical education (CME)
Educational programs and events for health care providers
Publications for health care providers

International Transplant Nurses Society (ITNS)

8735 West Higgins Road, Suite 300
Chicago, IL 60631
Phone: 847–375–6340
Fax: 847–375–6341
Email: info@itns.org
Internet: www.itns.org

Mission: To promote excellence in transplant clinical nursing through the provision of educational and professional growth opportunities, interdisciplinary networking and collaborative activities, and nursing research.
Services provided:

Educational programs and events for health care providers
Publications for health care providers and patients

Interstitial Cystitis Association (ICA)

1760 Old Meadow Road, Suite 500
McLean, VA 22102
Phone: 703–442–2070
Fax: 703–506–3266
Email: icamail@ichelp.org
Internet: www.ichelp.org

Mission: To promote early diagnosis and optimal care with dignity for people affected by IC.

Services provided:

Educational programs and events for health care providers
Publications for health care providers and patients

Kidney & Urology Foundation of America

2 West 47th Street, Suite 401
New York NY 10036
Phone: 1–800–633–6628 or 212–629–9770
Fax: 212–629–5652
Internet: www.kidneyurology.org

Mission: To provide care and support of patients, address the concerns of those at risk, educate the community and medical professionals, develop methods of prevention, and improve treatment options.

Services provided:

Resources

Kidney Cancer Association (KCA)

P.O. Box 96503 #38269
Washington, D.C. 20090–6503
Phone: 1–800–850–9132 or 847–332–1051 (international)
Fax: 847–332–2978
Email: office@kidneycancer.org
Internet: www.kidneycancer.org
**Mission:** To fund, promote, and collaborate with the National Cancer Institute, American Society for Clinical Oncology, American Urological Association, and other institutions on research projects to educate families and physicians, and serve as an advocate on behalf of patients at the state and federal levels.

**Services provided:**

Educational programs and events for health care providers  
Publications for health care providers and patients  
Support group locator

**Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO)**

Email: KDIGOcommunications@kdigo.org  
Internet: www.kdigo.org

**Mission:** To improve the care and outcomes of kidney disease patients worldwide through promoting coordination, collaboration, and integration of initiatives to develop and implement clinical practice guidelines.

**Services provided:**

Clinical practice guidelines  
Publications for health care providers  
Resources

**Medical Education Institute, Inc. (MEI)**

414 D’Onofrio Drive, Suite 200  
Madison, WI 53719  
Phone: 1–800–468–7777 or 608–833–8033  
Fax: 608–833–8366  

**Mission:** To help people with chronic diseases learn to manage and improve their health.

**Services provided:**

Continuing medical education (CME)  
Publications for health care providers and patients
NATCO (Formerly the North American Transplant Coordinators Organization)

P.O. Box 15384
Lenexa, KS 66285–5384
Phone: 913–895–4612
Fax: 913–895–4652
Email: natco-info@goAMP.com
Internet: www.natco1.org

Mission: To support, develop, and advance the knowledge and practice of its members and to influence the effectiveness, quality, and integrity of donation and transplantation.

Services provided:
Advocacy and public policy
Certification activities
Continuing education activities
Educational programs, meetings, and events for health care providers
Publications for health care providers

National Association for Continence (NAFC)

P.O. Box 1019
Charleston, SC 29402–1019
Phone: 1–800–BLADDER (1–800–252–3337) or 843–377–0900
Fax: 843–377–0905
Email: memberservices@nafc.org
Internet: www.nafc.org

Mission: To improve the quality of life of people with incontinence, voiding dysfunction, and related pelvic floor disorders, and to be the leading source for public education and advocacy about the causes, prevention, diagnosis, treatments, and management alternatives for incontinence.

Services provided:
Educational programs and events for health care providers
Information for the media
Publications for health care providers and patients
Support groups

National Association of Nephrology Technicians/Technologists (NANT)

11 West Monument Avenue
Dayton, OH 45402
Fax: 937–586–3699
Internet: www.dialysistech.net
**Mission:** To promote the highest quality of care for chronic kidney disease patients through education and professionalism.

**Services provided:**

Educational programs and events for health care providers
Publications for health care providers

**National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP)**

1 Diabetes Way
Bethesda, MD 20814–9692
Phone: 1–888–693–NDEP (1–888–693–6337)
TTY: 1–866–569–1162
Fax: 703–738–4929
Email: ndep@mail.nih.gov
Internet: www.ndep.nih.gov or www.yourdiabetesinfo.org

**Mission:** To improve the treatment and outcomes for people with diabetes, to promote early diagnosis, and to prevent or delay the onset of diabetes.

**Services provided:**

Community outreach programs
Information for the media
Publications for health care providers and patients
Public service campaign materials

**National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC)**

1 Information Way
Bethesda, MD 20892–3560
Phone: 1–800–860–8747
TTY: 1–866–569–1162
Fax: 703–738–4929
Email: ndic@info.niddk.nih.gov
Internet: www.diabetes.niddk.nih.gov

**Mission:** To increase knowledge and understanding about diabetes among patients, health care professionals, and the general public. To carry out this mission, the NDIC works closely with the NIDDK's Diabetes Research Centers; the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP); professional, patient, and voluntary associations; Government agencies; and state health departments to identify and respond to informational needs about diabetes and its management.

**Services provided:**

Publications for health care providers and patients
Resources
National Foundation for Transplants (NFT)

5350 Poplar Avenue, Suite 430
Memphis, TN 38119
Phone: 1–800–489–3863 or 901–684–1697
Fax: 901–684–1128
Email: info@transplants.org
Internet: www.transplants.org

Mission: To empower patients to create futures with hope.

Services provided:

Publications for health care providers and patients
Resources

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization/Caring Connections

1731 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone: 1–800–658–8898 or 703–837–1500
Fax: 703–837–1233
Email: caringinfo@nhpco.org
Internet: www.caringinfo.org
www.nhpco.org

Mission: To lead and mobilize social change for improved care at the end of life.

Services provided:

Advocacy
Continuing education
Information for the media
Resources

National Kidney Disease Education Program (NKDEP)

3 Kidney Information Way
Bethesda, MD 20892
Phone: 1–866–4–KIDNEY (1–866–454–3639)
TTY: 1–866–569–1162
Fax: 301–402–8182
Email: nkdep@info.niddk.nih.gov
Internet: www.nkdep.nih.gov
**Mission:** To reduce the morbidity and mortality caused by kidney disease and its complications and to raise awareness of the seriousness of kidney disease, the importance of testing those at high risk—those with diabetes, high blood pressure, or a family history of kidney failure—and the availability of treatment to prevent or slow kidney failure.

**Services provided:**

Information for the media
Publications for patients, health care providers, and laboratory professionals

**National Kidney Foundation (NKF)**

30 East 33rd Street
New York, NY 10016–5337
Phone: 1–800–622–9010 or 212–889–2210
Fax: 212–689–9261
Internet: www.kidney.org

**Mission:** To prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases, improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by kidney disease, and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation.

**Services provided:**

Advocacy and public policy
Continuing medical education (CME)
Educational programs and events for health care providers
Publications for patients, health care providers, and laboratory professionals
Public service announcements (PSAs)
Publications for patients, health care providers, and laboratory professionals

**National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)**

55 Kenosia Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810
Phone: 1–800–999–6673 or 203–744–0100
Fax: 203–798–2291
Internet: www.rarediseases.org

**Mission:** To help people with rare “orphan” diseases and assist the organizations that serve them. The NORD is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through education, advocacy, research, and service programs.
Services provided:

Advocacy and public policy
Publications for health care providers and patients
Rare disease database

NDI Foundation (Formerly the Nephrogenic Diabetes Insipidus Foundation)

Main Street
P.O. Box 1390
Eastsound, WA 98245
Phone: 1–888–376–6343
Fax: 1–888–376–6356
Email: info@ndif.org
Internet: www.ndif.org

Mission: To support education, research, treatment, and a cure for NDI and to create a communication channel to serve the entire NDI community: patients and their families, researchers, physicians, and other health care providers.

Services provided:

Resources

The NephCure Foundation

15 Waterloo Avenue
Berwyn, PA 19312
Phone: 1–866–NephCure (1–866–637–4287)
Email: info@nephcure.org
Internet: www.nephcure.org

Mission: To support research seeking the cause of the potentially debilitating kidney diseases nephrotic syndrome and focal segmental glomerulosclerosis, improve treatment, and find a cure.

Services provided:

Educational programs and events for health care providers
Support groups

Oxalosis and Hyperoxaluria Foundation (OHF)

201 East 19th Street, Suite 12E
New York, NY 10003
Phone: 1–800–OHF–8699 (1–800–643–8699) or 212–777–0470
Fax: 212–777–0471
Internet: www.ohf.org
**Mission:** To promote research to find a cure for oxalosis, primary hyperoxaluria, and related stone diseases and improve the care and treatment of those they affect.

**Services provided:**

Advocacy and public policy  
Resources

**PKD Foundation**

8330 Ward Parkway, Suite 510  
Kansas City, MO 64114  
Phone: 1–800–PKD–CURE (1–800–753–2873) or 816–931–2600  
Fax: 816–931–8655  
Email: pkdcure@pkdcure.org  
Internet: www.pkdcure.org

**Mission:** To promote programs of research, advocacy, education, support, and awareness in order to discover treatments and a cure for polycystic kidney disease and improve the lives of all it affects.

**Services provided:**

Advocacy and public policy  
Educational programs and events for health care providers  
Publications for patients

**The Prostatitis Foundation**

1063 30th Street  
Smithshire, IL 61478  
Phone: 1–888–891–4200 or 309–325–7184  
Fax: 309–325–7189  
Internet: www.prostatitis.org

**Mission:** To provide support to men with prostatitis and to push for prostatitis research funding.

**Services provided:**

Support groups
Renal Physicians Association (RPA)

1700 Rockville Pike, Suite 220
Rockville, MD 20852
Phone: 301–468–3515
Fax: 301–468–3511
Email: rpa@renalmd.org
Internet: www.renalmd.org

Mission: To represent and serve the interests of nephrology practitioners in their pursuit and delivery of quality renal health care.

Services provided:

- Advocacy and public policy
- Educational programs and events for health care providers
- Publications for health care providers

Renal Support Network (RSN)

1311 North Maryland Avenue
Glendale, CA 91207
Phone: 1–866–903–1728 or 818–543–0896
Fax: 818–244–9540
Internet: www.rsnhope.org

Mission: To help patients develop their personal coping skills, special talents, and employability by educating and empowering them—and their family members—to take control of the course and management of the disease and to provide lawmakers and policymakers with the patients’ perspective on the needs and capabilities of people with chronic kidney disease.

Services provided:

- Advocacy and public policy
- Information for the media
- Publications for patients
- Resources
- Support groups

The Simon Foundation for Continence

P.O. Box 815
Wilmette, IL 60091
Phone: 1–800–23–SIMON (1–800–237–4666) or 847–864–3913
Fax: 847–864–9758
Email: info@simonfoundation.org
Internet: www.simonfoundation.org
Mission: To bring the topic of incontinence out into the open, remove the stigma surrounding incontinence, and provide help and hope to people with incontinence, their families, and the health care professionals who provide patient care.

Services provided:

Educational programs and events for health care providers
Publications for health care providers and patients

Society of Government Service Urologists (SGSU)

1950 Old Tustin Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92705
Phone: 714–550–9155
Fax: 714–550–9234
Email: info@govurology.org
Internet: www.sgsu.org

Mission: To represent and educate urologists employed in federal service, mainly by hosting the James C. Kimbrough Urological Seminar, an annual educational meeting.

Services provided:

Educational programs and events for health care providers

Society of University Urologists (SUU)

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Mission: To promote high standards in the urology field by acting as a forum for the interchange of ideas and materials relative to university urology educational programs and by fostering a balance of all phases of academic work in urology.

Services provided:

Continuing medical education (CME)
Society of Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine & Urogenital Reconstruction (SUFU)

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**Mission:** To improve the art and science of urology through basic and applied clinical research in urodynamics and neurourology, voiding function and dysfunction, female urology and pelvic floor dysfunction, and to disseminate and teach these concepts; and to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and communication and promotion of the development of young scientists, and the development of scientific, educational, and professional activities through publications, meetings, and original activities to assist in the establishment of standards of care.

**Services provided:**

- Educational programs and events for health care providers
- Publications for health care providers
- Resources

Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates (SUNA)

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Internet: www.suna.org

**Mission:** To enrich the professional lives of our members and improve the health of our patients and their families through education, research, and evidence-based clinical practice.

**Services provided:**

- Certification activities
- Continued nurses education (CNE)
- Educational programs and events for health care providers
- Publications for health care providers and patients
The Transplantation Society (TTS)

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Mission: To provide the focus for global leadership in transplantation through the development of the science and clinical practice, scientific communication, continuing education, and guidance on ethical practice.

Services provided:

Continuing medical education (CME)
Educational programs and events for health care providers
Publications for health care providers

Transplant Recipients International Organization (TRIO)

2100 M Street NW, Suite 170–353
Washington, D.C. 20037–1233
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Internet: www.trioweb.org

Mission: To improve the quality of lives touched by the miracle of transplantation through support, advocacy, education, and awareness.

Services provided:

Publications for health care providers and patients

United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS)

P.O. Box 2484
Richmond, VA 23218
Phone: 1–888–894–6361 or 804–782–4800
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Internet: www.unos.org

Mission: To advance organ availability and transplantation by uniting and supporting its communities for the benefit of patients through education, technology, and policy development.
**Services provided:**

National transplant waiting list
Publications for health care providers and patients

**United Ostomy Associations of America, Inc. (UOAA)**

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**Mission:** To improve the quality of life of people who have, or will have, an intestinal or urinary diversion; to provide information, advocacy, and service to, and for, its affiliated support groups, their members, and the intestinal/urinary diversion community at large.

**Services provided:**

Advocacy and public policy
Educational programs and events for health care providers
Support group locator

**Urology Care Foundation (Formerly the American Urological Association Foundation)**

1000 Corporate Boulevard
Linthicum, MD 21090
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Fax: 410–689–3998
Email: info@urologycarefoundation.org
Internet: www.UrologyHealth.org

**Mission:** To support urology research and provide patients, healthcare professionals, and caregivers with accurate and up-to-date educational materials about urologic problems.

**Services provided:**

Advocacy and public policy
Publications for health care providers and patients
Research
Resources
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