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WORLD KIDNEY DAY RESULTS


Important Events

- Empire State Building lit up in Orange on March 12, 2015 to celebrate World Kidney Day
- Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro was lit up for World Kidney Day
- Parliamentary breakfast and roundtable at Parliament House in Canberra, Australia for World Kidney Day
- Pan-American Health Organisation & SLANH organised a webinar as part of their activities on World Kidney Day

Drink a Glass of Water

Drink a Glass of Water was the 2015 campaign call-to-action, encouraging people to take a picture of themselves and sharing it on social media to help draw attention to the issue.
FIRST NATIONAL CONGRESS OF KIDNEY DISEASE ORGANIZATIONS


Last August 19 was held in Mexico City the First National Congress of Kidney Disease Organizations with the participation of 20 leading organizations and patients in Mexico working for the rights of patients with Chronic Kidney Disease. The meeting was organized under the leadership of Mr. Carlos Castro, Chair of Fundación Ale (ALE Association). The opening ceremony was attended by Mexican authorities and by our President Dr. Guillermo Garcia Garcia.

The event aimed to create a space for dialogue for the exchange of information and experiences of organizations and patients, and to allow several experts to provide tools and knowledge to strengthen the daily work of the institutions with lectures and workshops, in topics such as:

- The role of the physician and the patient in the treatment of kidney disease.
- The National Health Care Coverage for kidney disease and transplantation in Mexico.
- What is a professional organization and why is it important.
- Overview of the ER and patient empowerment as agent for change.
- Key messages and communications strategies with decision makers.

At the end of the conference, the participating organizations signed the National Commitment of Civil Society Organizations for Renal Health, through which they pledged to work in partnership with The Mexican Federation of Patients and Renal Transplant, A.C. (FEMETRE) to give greater visibility to the needs of Mexican patients with kidney disease and to influence public policies to ensure timely and comprehensive medical care.

KH4L – KIDNEY HEALTH FOR LIFE

CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE MULTINATIONAL INVENTORY

Source: The International Society of Nephrology

http://www.theisn.org/all-articles/560-kidney-health-for-life-kh4l?showall=1&limitstart=

Kidney Health for Life (KH4L) is an international multistakeholder initiative with administrative support from the International Society of Nephrology (ISN). The overarching goal of the KH4L initiative is to work collaboratively with existing organizations and programs to promote early detection and effective treatment of chronic kidney disease (CKD).

The KH4L strategic objectives are:

- To develop a systematic international inventory to evaluate present status, gaps and inequalities in care for CKD patients – with an emphasis on early detection and management – and to recommend ways to address gaps and inequalities in care.
- To comprehensively describe models for effective CKD care, based on the results of the inventory.
- To disseminate best practices to promote and facilitate improvement in national healthcare systems with regard to CKD care.
- To guide national strategic initiatives for optimal care of CKD patients.

Secondary objectives:

- Engage major stakeholders (World Health Organization, United Nations, European Union, World Bank) to increase the profile of CKD among the NCDs as a leading public health issue.
- Define the information structures that a global CKD care surveillance network would need in order to optimize health and outcomes for patients anywhere in the world who have or are at risk of developing CKD.

First, the inventory provides an overview of existing CKD care policy and context in the healthcare system, with a description and evaluation of relevant policies, financing, structures, guidelines and care initiatives across the countries studied. Second, it provides an overview of how CKD care is organized in individual countries and a description of CKD burden between selected countries, focusing on elements that are most relevant to service delivery and policy. Third, it provides a synthesis and comparative analysis of the information from the individual countries. Fourth, it makes recommendations to policymakers, practitioners, and researchers about the optimal organization and delivery of CKD care.

CLICK HERE to download the KH4L – Chronic Kidney Disease Multinational Inventory.
NKF AND NSAID ALLIANCE DECLARES NSAID AWARENESS WEEK, AUGUST 24-28

Source: National Kidney Foundation


The Alliance for Rational Use of NSAIDs, a public health coalition dedicated to the safe and appropriate use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), has declared NSAID Awareness Week for August 24 – 28. During NSAID Awareness Week, the Alliance and the National Kidney Foundation will raise awareness about these drugs and how to use them safely through educational content published across its various media platforms.

“The purpose of NSAID Awareness Week is to promote the appropriate use of these drugs and impress upon the public that this is an urgent and underappreciated public health issue,” said executive director Jennifer Wagner, LPN.

According to the National Kidney Foundation, NSAIDs should not be used if there is decreased kidney function, because they reduce the blood flow to the kidneys. Also, long term NSAID use with higher doses may harm normal kidneys. Kidney disease caused by NSAID use is preventable. It is important to realize that, while helpful, these medicines are not completely without risk, and they should be used carefully.

GLOBAL FACTS: ABOUT KIDNEY DISEASE


- 10% of the population worldwide is affected by chronic kidney disease (CKD), and millions die each year because they do not have access to affordable treatment.
- According the 2010 Global Burden of Disease study, chronic kidney disease was ranked 27th in the list of causes of total number of deaths worldwide in 1990, but rose to 18th in 2010. This degree of movement up the list was second only to that for HIV and AIDS.
- Over 2 million people worldwide currently receive treatment with dialysis or a kidney transplant to stay alive, yet this number may only represent 10% of people who actually need treatment to live.
- Of the 2 million people who receive treatment for kidney failure, the majority are treated in only five countries – the United States, Japan, Germany, Brazil, and Italy. These five countries represent only 12% of the world population. Only 20% are treated in about 100 developing countries that make up over 50% of the world population.
- More than 80% of all patients who receive treatment for kidney failure are in affluent countries with universal access to health care and large elderly populations.
- It is estimated that number of cases of kidney failure will increase disproportionately in developing countries, such as China and India, where the number of elderly people are increasing.
- In middle-income countries, treatment with dialysis or kidney transplantation creates a huge financial burden for the majority of the people who need it. In another 112 countries, many people cannot afford treatment at all, resulting in the death of over 1 million people annually from untreated kidney failure.
- In people aged 65 through 74 worldwide, it is estimated that one in five men, and one in four women, have CKD.