

ASN's Saving Kidney, Hearts, and Lives initiative is focused on defining the role of nephrologists in delivering holistic care for patients with CKM syndrome. This includes identifying and addressing systems-level barriers and promoting the implementation of new therapies. ASN is a collaborator for the American Heart Association's (AHA) Cardiovascular, Kidney, and Metabolic Health (CKMH) 4-year initiative.



Goals

- **Advance** Patient care to improve and save lives
- **Bolster** The nephrology workforce
- **Strengthen** Research across the continuum
- **Monitor** Lexicon, messaging, and communications to increase awareness of kidney health
- **"STAND"**: Supporting policy and advocacy to start earlier to prevent, diagnose, and treat kidney diseases

Steering Committee

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Kidney Health Guidance

- CKM Syndrome Across the Spectrum of Kidney Diseases
 - Editorial Independence from Saving Kidneys, Hearts, and Lives
 - Mid-2026 Publication

Activities in 2026

Advance the SKHL Learning Collaborative

- Virtual conferences in March and September 2026 to connect 2025 workshop participants and share progress on commitments
- Support Workgroups for:
 - Communication, Messaging, and CKM Education
 - Risk Stratification and Coordination of Care
 - Research Priorities and Implementation Science
- Launch online ASN Community for CKM

Promote SKHL to the Kidney Community

- #Love Your Kidneys: Public awareness campaign pilot (February through March 12, 2026)
- Submit public comments on the AHA draft standards for CKM Center Certification (March 2026)
- Nephrology and the Paradigm of Cardiovascular-Kidney-Metabolic Health: Saving Kidneys, Hearts, and Lives - Report of ASN Initiative (forthcoming)
- ASN Executive Vice President's Editorial on Saving Kidneys, Hearts, and Lives: CKM Syndrome, a New Superspecialty, and the Love Your Kidneys! campaign (Kidney News, February 2026)
- Early Program slated for ASN Kidney Week 2026
- CJASN: CV-Kidney themed special collection (late 2026)

Lead the ASN-ERA-ISN Task Force

- Support the WHO Resolution for kidney disease with a global health economic model
- Expand efforts to study the cost savings of screening, diagnosis, and treatment worldwide
- Define a model using global estimates of CKD to articulate the cost savings of the preferred goal of 65% of CKD patients on kidney protecting therapies
- Assess and develop a model that promotes the value of improved uptake of RASI + SGLT2i to individuals, health care systems, and society

