

In 1969, a group of six patients developed what remains the only national organization directed by patients, for patients. AAKP was created by patients who had never met before, until they were brought together by one factor, kidney failure and the need for the then experimental process of dialysis. Twice a week, they met at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn and while hooked up to primitive dialysis machines for 12 to 18 hours at a time they brainstormed, researched and eventually formed AAKP. Today, AAKP has grown into a nationally recognized patient organization that remains dedicated to providing patients with the education and knowledge necessary to ensure quality of life and quality of health. AAKP is recognized as an IRS registered 501(c)(3) organization.

As a member, you belong to a distinguished group of individuals who are dedicated to effecting positive changes in the lives of kidney patients nationwide.

3 Easy Ways to begin your AAKP Membership

Web site: Want to start your AAKP membership now? Visit the Membership section of our Web site, www.aakp.org, to join instantly.



Mail: Complete the attached membership application and mail it with payment to the address below.



Phone: Have more questions about becoming a member? Give us a call at **(800) 749-AAKP**, we would love to hear from you!



Please allow 4-6 weeks to receive your New or Renewing membership packet.

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Tampa, FL 33607
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The Voice of All Kidney Patients™

Membership



The American Association of Kidney Patients is a national non-profit organization reaching more than 1 million individuals affected by kidney disease annually. With a Board of Directors comprising a minimum of 50% patients, AAKP is proud to be a patient-directed organization.

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Our Mission

AAKP exists to serve the needs, interests and welfare of all kidney patients and their families. Its mission is to improve the lives of fellow kidney patients and their families by helping them deal with the physical, emotional and social impact of kidney disease.

Our Vision

To accomplish our goals, AAKP engages in a variety of educational and supportive programs designed to:

- assist patients both to learn more about their disease and to become active participants in planning and managing their treatment.
- improve patients' understanding of and access to rehabilitation.
- work together for the improvement of public programs that help kidney patients meet their financial and personal needs.
- reflect the views and concerns of patients and public policy makers and others in the renal community.
- provide a lifeline for patients in need of emotional support and reassurance that only other patients can provide.

Becoming an AAKP member demonstrates your support and commitment to AAKP and the kidney patient population we serve.

Benefits of Membership

- A membership welcome packet filled with your very own AAKP Member ID card and some of our most popular publications.
- Automatic subscriptions to AAKP's magazines: *aakpRENALIFE* (published six times a year) and *Kidney Beginnings: The Magazine* (published five times a year).
- Access to **AAKP My Health™**, a free online resource tool that allows patients to become more proactive in managing their healthcare by keeping a thorough record of their medical history.
- Free optional subscriptions to AAKP's five electronic newsletters.
- Automatic membership in the AAKP Chapter in your local area (where available).
- Advanced updates of upcoming programs and events, such as our popular Annual Convention - the largest national meeting where kidney patients can interact on a person-to-person basis with fellow patients and healthcare professionals.
- Updates and information regarding public policy and affairs affecting kidney patients.
- Assurance that your voice is being represented by an organization that mirrors your interests and concerns by defending and protecting such resources as the Medicare ESRD program.



Membership Application

Please complete the application below and return to:

**American Association of Kidney Patients
Membership Department
3505 E. Frontage Rd.
Suite 315
Tampa, FL 33607**

- I would like to begin my AAKP membership now.
- I am not interested in membership at this time, but please send me a complimentary packet of information.
- I am already a member of AAKP but would like to make a donation of \$_____.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Our membership categories are listed below. Please choose the category that is right for you and begin your AAKP membership today.

Membership Categories

- Patient/Family Member: \$25/annually
- Professional Member: \$45/annually
- Physician Member: \$100/annually
- Institutional Member: \$200/annually
- Life Member: \$1,000* (a one-time donation)
*or four payments of \$250 every six months.

Payment Method

- Check
- Visa MasterCard AMEX Discover

Account Number: _____

3 or 4-digit security code: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

*Thank you for your support of the
American Association of Kidney Patients.*

