



Chronic Kidney Disease in Ontario

- 700,000 adults in Ontario are living with early chronic kidney disease. The loss of kidney function often starts slowly and silently. Through screening, identification and management, most of these individuals can mitigate the additional damage to their kidneys.
- 12,400 Ontarians with advanced chronic kidney disease require dialysis.
- An additional 13,300 Ontarians have advanced chronic kidney disease requiring pre-dialysis care.
- Over 9,000 Ontarians are living with a functioning kidney transplant.
- There is no cure for kidney disease.
- 76% of those on dialysis have their treatments in facility (often a hospital setting); 24% dialyze at home.
- There are 27 Regional Renal Programs in Ontario, and 105 dialysis facilities.
- 1 in 3 Indigenous persons has kidney disease. Compared with other Canadians, first Nations, Inuit, Metis, and urban Indigenous people are more than three times as likely to need treatment for end-stage kidney disease. On average, they must travel 4 times the distance to receive treatments.
- The black population is disproportionately impacted by CKD. They have a 35 per cent higher rate of being on dialysis compared to the rest of the population in Ontario, representing 5.5% of Ontario's population and 7.5% of the population on dialysis.

Organ Donation in Ontario

- Kidney transplantation provides the best long-term outcomes for patients with end-stage kidney disease.
- Approximately 6% of those on dialysis are on the waiting list for a transplant.
- There are 1004 people in Ontario waiting for a kidney or kidney pancreas transplant (as of February 13, 2025).
- There were 737 kidney transplants performed in 2024. Of the 737 kidney and kidney/pancreas transplants performed in Ontario in 2024, 28% were from living donors.
- The median wait time to receive a kidney from a deceased donor in Ontario is 4 years.
- The five-year survival rate for adults with transplanted kidneys is 89% from living donors and 81% from deceased donors.
- There are transplant centres in the following communities: Hamilton, Kingston, London, Ottawa and Toronto.
- Currently 4.7 million Ontarians or 35% of the eligible population, have registered to be a donor for organ and tissue donation.

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