

Taking Action on Chronic Kidney Disease in Canada

THE NEED FOR A NATIONAL STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK



Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) is an unrecognized public health crisis.

1 in 10

Canadians have kidney disease, with undiagnosed prevalence likely much higher

6.2M+

Canadians are projected to have CKD by 2050

11th

Leading cause of death in Canada

\$40B+

Annual health care costs related to CKD

Kidney disease prevalence is expected to grow as key risk factors - diabetes, hypertension, and obesity - continue to increase, compounded by a lack of awareness, limited prevention strategies, and missed opportunities for early detection and intervention.

The Human Impact of CKD in Canada

There is no cure for kidney disease, but early detection and intervention slows progression and saves lives.



Over **49,000** Canadians are living with kidney failure.



42% of patients are under 65.

71% of Canadians waiting for an organ transplant are waiting for a kidney.

A costly & growing challenge



The financial burden of CKD is expected to increase by **1.5 times by 2050**.

We need to act now.

Chronic Kidney Disease affects over **4 million** Canadians.

By comparison, roughly **3.7 million** Canadians are living with diabetes.

And yet, the **Public Health Agency of Canada does not currently recognize Kidney Disease as a Chronic Disease**.

The Kidney Foundation of Canada has developed a **broad-based public health framework** to bring attention to disparities in awareness, barriers in accessing care, prevention, diagnosis, and early intervention for CKD, and address gaps in access to treatment across Canada.

The Kidney Foundation will be launching this Framework in March of 2026.

Upon its launch, The Kidney Foundation will be **calling on the Government of Canada to adopt the National Chronic Kidney Disease Framework** to take action to confront this growing national health crisis.

National Strategic Priorities:

1. **Prioritize Prevention, Early Detection, and Timely Intervention**
2. **Ensure Equitable Access to Kidney Care for All Canadians**
3. **Advance Research & Data for Better Kidney Health**

Our Call to Action

We are looking for champions to:

1. **Write a letter** to the Hon. Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health, highlighting that Canada needs a national chronic kidney disease framework.
2. **Write a letter** to the Public Health Agency of Canada, to call for the inclusion of Chronic Kidney Disease as part of Canada's national chronic disease surveillance system.
3. **Sponsor a petition** to call on the Government of Canada to ensure Canada has a national CKD framework in place.
4. **Put forward a Private Members' Motion** calling on the Government of Canada to ensure Canada has a national CKD framework.



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