The Kidney Foundation of Western New York

The Kidney Foundation of WNY is dedicated to increasing community awareness of kidney disease and other related diseases while educating and improving the lives of those we serve.

In the community, the foundation works to:
- raise awareness of kidney disease;
- increase knowledge of risk factors, and;
- provide information on prevention and treatment.

For people with kidney disease, we:
- provide support and advocacy;
- offer information on health care options, and;
- assist with emergency financial, nutritional or transportation needs.

Our service area includes Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming counties.

Kidney Disease

An estimated 15% of US adults have Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). Most people with kidney damage or mildly reduced kidney function are not aware of having CKD. Early identification and treatment may keep CKD from getting worse and may prevent additional health problems.

Adults with diabetes, high blood pressure, or both have a higher risk of developing chronic kidney disease. Other risk factors for CKD may include:
- heart disease
- obesity
- lupus
- family history
- age
- high cholesterol

Kidney failure is the final stage of CKD, when the kidneys stop working completely. The only treatments for a person with kidney failure are dialysis or a kidney transplant.

Meeting New Needs

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Kidney Foundation of WNY has worked to address new needs and priorities in our community. We distributed thousands of cloth masks to dialysis centers for the use of patients and families, and provided hand sanitizer when it was in short supply.

The foundation has expanded support programs for providing nutritional supplements, rides to medical treatment, assistance with medication costs and other urgent patient needs.

We’re also offering new online educational programs for patients and for medical professionals.

Learn more at www.kfwny.org, call 716-529-4390 or follow us online at Facebook.com/KFWNY.