

ANNA Supports Increased Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Funding of Federal Biomedical Research and Patient Safety Programs

The American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) is a nonprofit organization representing registered nurses and other healthcare professionals at all levels of practice. ANNA members work in settings such as chronic kidney disease management, peritoneal dialysis, hemodialysis, continuous renal replacement therapy, transplantation, industry, and government/regulatory agencies.

Key Biomedical Research and Patient Safety Programs

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK): The mission of NIDDK is to conduct and support medical research, research training, and disseminate science-based information on diabetes, endocrine and metabolic diseases, digestive diseases, nutritional disorders, obesity, and kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases, along with population health research to improve people's health and quality of life. ANNA supports the highest possible funding for NIDDK in FY 2026.

The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR): NINR focuses its research on reducing burdensome chronic illness, improving end of life care, and promoting patient-centered care across the lifespan. Nurse researchers and scientists are essential to developing new evidence-based care practices for all patients. Through increased investments in NINR, the institute can continue its vital work at the forefront of disease prevention, patient care, and recovery. ANNA supports the Nursing Community Coalition's request of \$210 million for NINR in FY 2026.

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ): AHRQ funds critical research that generates data to monitor the health care landscape. AHRQ's research helps ensure that the pipeline of new medical findings reach health care providers and provides them with necessary tools and training to care for patients. ANNA supports the Friends of AHRQ's request of \$500 million for AHRQ in FY 2026.

KidneyX is a public-private partnership between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) tasked with accelerating innovation in preventing, diagnosing, and treating kidney diseases. KidneyX has provides awards for innovations including the artificial kidney and xenotransplant. **ANNA supports \$25 million in FY 2026 funding for KidneyX.**