

## ANNA Supports Increased Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Funding of Federal Biomedical Research and Patient Safety Programs

The American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) is a nonprofit organization with a membership of more than 6,000 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.

ANNA is a strong supporter of several biomedical research programs at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other federal government agencies working to prevent chronic kidney disease, facilitate the development of new treatment methods and improve patient safety.

## **Key Biomedical Research and Patient Safety Programs**

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK): The mission of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) is to support and conduct research to combat diabetes and other endocrine and metabolic diseases; liver and other digestive diseases; nutritional disorders; obesity; and kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases. NIDDK's research mission includes some of the most common, chronic, and costly diseases and conditions affecting the health and quality of life of Americans. ANNA supports the highest possible funding for NIDDK in FY 2025.

The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR): As one of the 27 Institutes and Centers at the National Institutes of Health, NINR's research is aimed at reducing the impact of social determinants of health and creating a more equitable healthcare system by promoting patient-centered care across the life continuum. The translational research by our nation's nurses and scientists is essential to developing new evidence-based practices to care for all patients. Through increased investments in NINR, they will be able to continue their 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 2025.

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ): The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) supports research to improve healthcare quality, reduce costs, advance patient safety, decrease medical errors, and broaden access to essential services. As the lead federal agency for funding health services research (HSR) and primary care research (PCR), AHRQ is the bridge between cures and care, and ensures that Americans get the best health care at the best value. ANNA supports the Friends of AHRQ's request of \$500 million for AHRQ in FY 2025.

**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 provided 75 awards across 6 prize competitions for innovations including the artificial kidney and xenotransplant. **ANNA supports \$25 million in FY 2025 funding for KidneyX.** 

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