

# Who We Are

For more than 30 years, the KCA has stood for excellence in research and education as well as the thoughtful, patient-driven services we extend to the patients and caregivers who have placed their trust in us.

We are more committed than ever to being a global community dedicated to supporting and empowering patients and caregivers and leading change through education, research, and advocacy.



## Get Involved



### DONATE

100% of every donation goes directly to research and support. Donate at [kidneycancer.org/give](https://kidneycancer.org/give) or text “KCA” at 773-299-1051.



### FUNDRAISE

Start your own fundraiser to benefit kidney cancer! Visit [kidneycancer.org](https://kidneycancer.org) or email [fundraise@kidneycancer.org](mailto:fundraise@kidneycancer.org) to get started.



### ORANGE UP!

Become a KCA Ambassador! KCA Ambassadors are passionate about kidney cancer and sharing their passion with others. Take the pledge: [kidneycancer.org/kca-ambassadors](https://kidneycancer.org/kca-ambassadors).

## Contact Us

### GENERAL OR DONATION INQUIRIES

+1-800-850-9132

[office@kidneycancer.org](mailto:office@kidneycancer.org)

### PATIENT NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

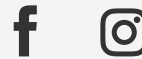
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[patients@kidneycancer.org](mailto:patients@kidneycancer.org)

### FOLLOW ALONG

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### MORE ONLINE RESOURCES

[kidneycancer.org](https://kidneycancer.org)

### MAILING ADDRESS

9450 SW Gemini Drive #38269  
Beaverton, OR 97008-7105

### HEADQUARTERS

Houston, TX



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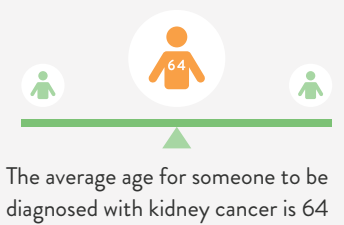
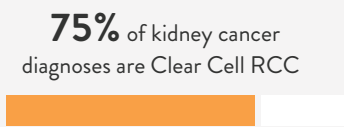
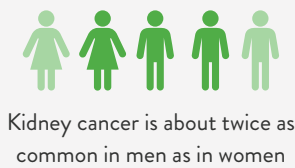
# Strong Alone. Unstoppable Together.®



[KIDNEYCANCER.ORG](https://KIDNEYCANCER.ORG)

# Fast Facts

About Kidney Cancer



- SYMPTOMS**
- Blood in the urine
  - Abdominal mass
  - Back or flank pain
  - Low blood count (anemia)

- RISK FACTORS**
- Smoking
  - Obesity
  - High blood pressure
  - Family history
  - Genetics
  - Gender
  - Race

**558,023 PEOPLE** are living with kidney and renal pelvis cancer in the US

The medical term for kidney cancer is **RENAL CELL CARCINOMA (RCC)**

**TYPES OF RCC**  
Clear Cell, Papillary, Chromophobe, Wilms Tumor (pediatric kidney cancer), and Renal Medullary Carcinoma

**76,080** estimated new cases of kidney cancer this year

Kidney cancer is more common in **African Americans** and **American Indian/Alaska Natives**



**13,780** estimated deaths from kidney cancer this year

Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) 18 registries, National Cancer Institute, 2010-2016  
Key Statistics about Kidney Cancer, American Cancer Society, 2021

# How We Help

Support and Empower • Educate • Research • Advocate

## SUPPORT AND EMPOWER

We are dedicated to patients and caregivers, providing information, guidance, and support resources to all communities.

### Patient Navigator Program

Receive one-on-one support with our Patient Liaison including help finding a specialist, questions during treatment, local support services, financial information, and more information about a diagnosis.

### Just Diagnosed Toolkit

For newly diagnosed patients, our Just Diagnosed Toolkit is a step-by-step guide and includes a list of questions to ask your doctors.

Access more resources online to support and empower you and your family.

Contact the Patient Liaison for 1-on-1 support or request a printed version of the Just Diagnosed Toolkit.  
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## EDUCATION

As the first and largest kidney cancer advocacy group, the KCA is the only organization to promote scientific advances and education globally. The KCA provides opportunities for healthcare professionals through:

### Symposiums

European International Kidney Cancer Symposium (EIKCS) – *Spring*  
International Kidney Cancer Symposium (IKCS) – *Fall*

### Continuing Medical Education (CME) programming

Free accredited sessions for healthcare professionals to further their kidney cancer education and clinical knowledge.

### Mentorship Program

Leading kidney cancer specialists are paired with promising physicians to expose them to research and clinical practice and contribute to their success.

Register for a symposium at [kcameetings.org](http://kcameetings.org) and access our CME programs at [kidneycancer.org](http://kidneycancer.org).

## RESEARCH

Funding research has been a pillar of the KCA's mission since the organization's inception. The KCA funds **\$1.375 million** in research grants annually.

- Advanced Discovery Award (ADA)**  
Two \$500,000 grants awarded to scientist/clinician teams proposing new research that will make an immediate impact in kidney cancer.
- Young Investigator Award (YIA)**  
Four \$75,000 grants awarded to promising researchers planning to pursue an investigative career in kidney cancer.
- Psychosocial Focus Award**  
One \$75,000 grant awarded to researchers investigating the psychosocial issues facing people impacted by kidney cancer.

Apply or read about our funded research at [kidneycancer.org/research](http://kidneycancer.org/research).

## ADVOCATE

The KCA is active in legislative advocacy efforts, specifically by encouraging individuals to contact their congressional leaders through our letter-writing campaigns. Through our online advocacy portal, individuals write their representatives and the House Committee on Appropriations to advocate for more government-funded research.

As part of the Defense Health Research Consortium, we work to protect and enrich government funding for medical research programs. Government funding for kidney cancer has grown steadily from \$10 million in 2016 to \$50 million in 2021.

To join our advocacy efforts or to write your congressperson, visit [kidneycancer.org/advocate](http://kidneycancer.org/advocate).