

Keeping the Focus on Kidney Health

American Society of Nephrology President Shares the Latest on Kidney Care, Research, and Focus on Early Detection and Treatment



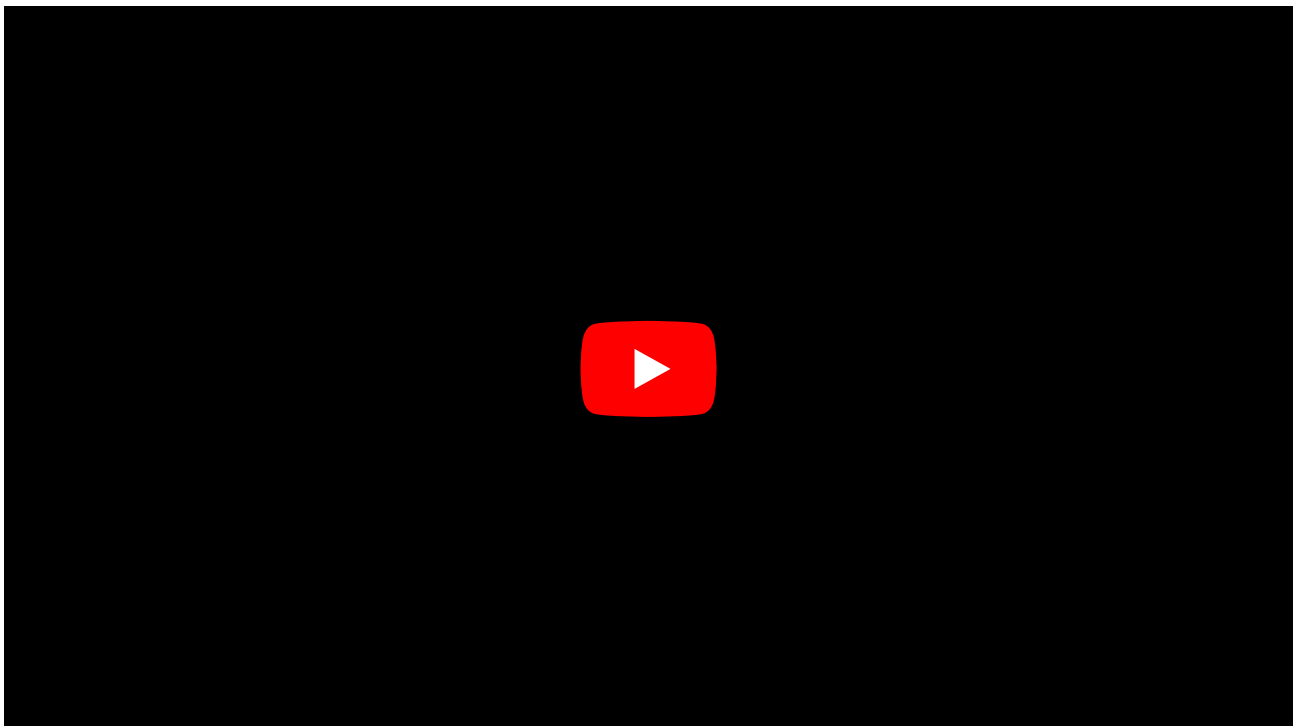
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The holiday season is underway, and families and friends are gathering together, it is the perfect opportunity to discuss kidney health and create a plan of action. Recently, Susan Quaggin, MD, FASN, President of the American Society of Nephrology (ASN), participated in a nationwide satellite media and radio tour to discuss kidney health and the importance of prevention and early detection.

A video accompanying this announcement is available at:

<https://youtu.be/i5yowghTq0E>



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More than 37 million Americans suffer from chronic kidney conditions and acute diseases that impact virtually every aspect of their lives as well as their families and communities. Kidney diseases are the ninth leading cause of death in the United States, yet 90% of people with kidney diseases are unaware that they are affected.

- **Prevention and early detection** is key to preventing kidney failure

 - o Those that have a family history of **kidney disease, diabetes, obesity, or other health issues** are at a higher risk of kidney diseases.

- Older adults, people with lower incomes, and people who are Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Native/Indigenous American, Native Alaskan, Asian, and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander are also **most at risk** for kidney diseases and kidney failure.

- The American Society of Nephrology is **committed to serving ALL people affected** by kidney diseases and kidney failure, including our most vulnerable populations.

Dialysis, a therapy for those with kidney failure, has a 5-year mortality rate, which is worse than nearly all forms of cancer and requires billions of dollars annually to manage and treat. Research shows that **improved treatments** to slow or stop the progression of kidney diseases are critically important.

We're United 4 Kidney Health is an awareness-building initiative led by ASN

and has identified four priorities to move the nation forward from kidney diseases and failure to kidney health:

1. INTERVENE EARLIER to prevent, diagnose, coordinate care, and educate.
2. TRANSFORM TRANSPLANT and increase access to donor kidneys.
3. ACCELERATE INNOVATION and expand patient choice.
4. ACHIEVE EQUITY and eliminate disparities.

For more information, visit www.asn-online.org.

About Dr. Quaggin

Susan E. Quaggin, MD, FASN, is the President of the American Society of Nephrology. She hails from Canada and a graduate of the University of Toronto where she completed her residency and served as chief medical resident for the University's St. Michael's Hospital. She completed her nephrology fellowship at the University of Toronto and Yale University, where she also undertook research and post-doctoral training. Currently the

Charles Horace Mayo Professor of Medicine, Dr. Quaggin is Chief of Nephrology/Hypertension and Director of the Feinberg Cardiovascular and Renal Research Institute at Northwestern University. In addition to her position as President of ASN, Dr. Quaggin has served in many roles at the American Society of Nephrology including: Associate and Deputy Editor for the Journal of the American Society of Nephrology, Chair of Kidney Week's Program Committee (2013), cabinet member for the ASN Foundation for Kidney Research's Securing the Future Campaign, council liaison for the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and for the Innovation and Discovery Task Force, membership on the Public Policy Board, Education Committee, and Young Investigator Award Selection Committee, the Grants Review Committee, Chair of the Awards Committee and Chair of the Diabetic Kidney Disease Collaborative (DKD-C) Task Force.

About ASN

Since 1966, ASN has been leading the fight to prevent, treat, and cure kidney diseases throughout the world by educating health professionals and scientists, advancing research and innovation, communicating new knowledge and advocating for the highest quality care for patients. ASN has more than 20,000 members representing 132 countries. For more information, visit www.asn-online.org and follow us on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, **LinkedIn**, and **Instagram**.

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