



Promoting and sustaining the vital research activities of the NIDDK

The Friends of NIDDK was established in 2013 with the vision of uniting organizations to speak with one voice about the important research being conducted by the Institute and to ensure that these critical dollars continue to increase in future years. The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), the fifth largest institute at the National Institutes of Health, conducts and supports medical research and research training on diabetes and other endocrine and metabolic diseases; digestive diseases, nutritional disorders, and obesity; and kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases.

The Friends of NIDDK support increased funding for the Institute and are committed to and amplifying efforts to promote the Institute's numerous benefits to policymakers and other key stakeholders. While many organizations have done excellent work independently to support increased federal appropriations funding for NIDDK, working collaboratively can draw even greater public support and heightened Congressional attention to the Institute.

The Friends of NIDDK want to educate Members of Congress, particularly the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, about the scientific advances made through the Institute's ongoing research and the critical importance of increased federal funding for future scientific initiatives. In just the short time since its inception, several national and local organizations have joined the Friends of NIDDK to rally their support of the Institute's activities. Friends of NIDDK will use this momentum to organize several upcoming activities, including:

- A meeting with the Director of NIDDK to stay informed about their cutting-edge research.
- The group will advocate in support of annual federal appropriations funding for NIDDK before the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education.
- Friends of NIDDK members will educate Members of Congress and their staff about the breadth of research being done by NIDDK and its impact on our nation's health.
- The Friends of NIDDK will meet in-person or via conference several times a year to discuss objectives and plan activities.

For more information and to get involved, please contact Jim Twaddell at Jim.Twaddell@dbr.com.

Membership Organizations

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Alagille Syndrome Alliance (ALGSA)
Alpha-1 Foundation
American Association for the Study of
Liver Diseases (AASLD)
American Association of Clinical
Endocrinologists (AAACE)
American Association of Kidney
Patients (AAKP)
American Diabetes Association
American Gastroenterological
Association
American Kidney Fund (AKF)
American Pancreatic Association
American Society for Bone and Mineral
Research (ASBMR)
American Society for Gastrointestinal
Endoscopy (ASGE)
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pediatric
Nephrology
American Society of Hematology (ASH)
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Transplantation
(AST)
American Urogynecologic Society
(AUGS)
American Urological Association
Cooley's Anemia Foundation
CSA Foundation - A World Celiac
Community
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Food Allergy Research & Education
Hepatitis B Foundation
International Foundation for Functional
Gastrointestinal Disorders (IFFGD)
Interstitial Cystitis Association
JDRF (formerly Juvenile Diabetes
Research Foundation)
Men's Health Network
Montana Celiac Society
National Certification Board for
Diabetes Educators
National Foundation for Celiac
Awareness (NFCA)
National Kidney Foundation
NephCure Kidney International
North American Society for Pediatric
Gastroenterology, Hepatology and
Nutrition (NASPGHAN)
Oley Foundation
Organic Acidemia Association (OAA)
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing
Society (PENS)
PKD Foundation
Renal Physicians Association
Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and
Associates (SNGA)
The District Policy Group
The Endocrine Society (TES)
The IGA Nephropathy Foundation of
America
The Obesity Society
The Pituitary Society
The Simon Foundation