



You don't have to be a government guru to educate your elected officials about PKD and secure increased funding for critical research. Simply join the PKD Foundation's grassroots advocacy program.

## Advocate for PKD

We'll provide you with the training and tools you need to help accelerate the discovery of treatments and a cure for millions worldwide.

## Communicating with You – Our Advocates

To be effective advocates, we must be educated advocates. That's why we created the PKD Advocacy Network – to communicate with you about important legislative issues impacting you and your loved ones. By joining the PKD Advocacy Network, you'll receive notification of important legislative issues that need your immediate action on Capitol Hill. You'll also receive our monthly e-newsletter, PKD Champion Connection, providing you with important legislative updates, advocacy tips and training resources and information about how your advocacy efforts help bring us closer to a cure for PKD.

## United on the Hill

One of the most important ways you can effect change for those with PKD is by joining us in Washington, D.C., for United on the Hill, the PKD Foundation's annual legislative and grassroots conference. Each year, after participating in advocacy training, we spend a day on Capitol Hill meeting with members of Congress, raising awareness of PKD and the need for additional research and discussing our legislative goals.

## Advocating Locally

You don't have to travel far from home to make your voice heard. During the traditional Congressional August Recess break, PKD advocates across the country volunteer to meet with senators and representatives in their district and state offices. These meetings are excellent opportunities to discuss key legislative issues and raise awareness of PKD.

## Legislative Issues Impacting You

Each year, the PKD Foundation works with patients and medical professionals to outline an agenda of issues and goals we'd like to accomplish. Typically, our agenda focuses on three key areas:

### Enhancing Biomedical Research

Such as advocating for increased federal government investment in PKD research, and supporting federal government agencies that invest in basic, translational and regulatory research for advancing PKD therapies.

### Supporting PKD patients

Such as cultivating support for legislation that will increase the time period for which Medicare covers immunosuppressive drugs, help increase organ donation or advance the development of PKD therapies.

### Increasing Education and Awareness

Such as working on legislation that officially designates PKD Awareness Week and engaging with the Congressional Kidney Caucus.

## Become a PKD Advocate

Contact Kimberly Cantor, Director of Government Relations, or visit the PKD Advocacy homepage for more information.

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