

IgA Nephropathy Patient Support Groups: Providing Assistance & Community

Patient advocacy groups

The following are nonprofit groups that support people affected by kidney diseases, including immunoglobulin A (IgA) nephropathy.

Learn more by visiting their websites linked below.

[American Association of Kidney Patients \(AAKP\)](#)

Independent voice of kidney patients since 1969: improving their lives through education, advocacy, engagement, and the fostering of patient communities.
<https://aakp.org>



[American Kidney Fund \(AKF\)](#)

Nonprofit organization working on behalf of Americans living with kidney disease, from prevention through post-transplant living.
<https://www.kidneyfund.org>



[IgA Nephropathy Foundation of America](#)

Nonprofit public health organization committed to research for a cure, public education, and patient service.
<https://www.igan.org>



[National Kidney Foundation \(NKF\)](#)

American foundation focused on the whole patient through the lens of kidney health.
<https://www.kidney.org>



[National Organization for Rare Disorders \(NORD\)](#)

Patient advocacy organization dedicated to individuals with rare diseases, including IgA nephropathy.
<https://rarediseases.org>



[NephCure Kidney International](#)

US-based nonprofit organization providing education and support to improve the lives of those affected by rare forms of Nephrotic Syndrome.
<https://nephcure.org>



[Renal Support Network \(RSN\)](#)

Patient-created, US-based nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering people who have kidney disease.
<https://www.rsnhope.org>



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Patient portrayal.





Community Support Groups

Connecting with other people living with rare kidney disease can help you in your own journey with IgA nephropathy. These groups offer a platform for patients with similar experiences.



Remember: These groups are for personal support and encouragement. Consult your doctor for medical advice.

General kidney disease support groups

NephCure Patient Connections

Includes virtual support groups, patient connections, support programs, and other useful information.
<https://nephcure.org/connect>

NKF Peers

Peer mentoring program in which patients with kidney disease are connected via phone with trained mentors who have been there themselves. Sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation.
<https://www.kidney.org/peers>

Renal Support Groups List

Independently run and unaffiliated support groups listed by state. List maintained by the American Association of Kidney Patients.
<https://aakp.org/center-for-patient-engagement-and-advocacy/support-groups>

RSN Online Kidney Disease Support Groups

Zoom support meetings structured around various fun activities and interests. Sponsored by the Renal Support Network.
<https://www.rsnhope.org/rsn-events/rsn-zoom-room-meetings>

Virtual Support Groups List

Independently run and unaffiliated virtual support groups. List maintained by the American Association of Kidney Patients.
<https://aakp.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Support-Groups-Virtual.pdf>

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IgA nephropathy-specific online groups

IgA Nephropathy Foundation

Learn more about IgA nephropathy and find helpful resources.

<https://igan.org>

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General kidney patient social groups

You can find more support groups for people living with chronic kidney conditions like IgA nephropathy on Facebook. These social media groups can provide opportunities for people living with kidney disease to share their experiences.

For more helpful resources, go to KidneyHope.com