

Attract and Train Enough Kidney Disease Doctors to Provide Adequate Care

The number of Americans with kidney disease is on the rise, and there may not be enough nephrologists to treat these patients.

- More than **26 million** Americans—or 1 in 9—have kidney disease.
- Kidney disease affects nearly **5 times** as many Medicare patients 65 and older now than in 1995, almost 8% of that population.
- Fewer medical students are entering nephrology.

America needs to train enough nephrologists to prevent and treat kidney disease.

ASN urges you to help prevent a kidney doctor shortage:

- Understand that fewer US medical graduates are selecting nephrology as a career.
- Address barriers for doctors seeking visas whose expertise would benefit patients with kidney disease.
- Avoid changing support of graduate medical education that could exacerbate this crisis.

Average annual number of new nephrologists needed vs. number certified annually (2000-2009)

