# Know how to MANAGE YOUR KIDNEY DISEASE

More than **808,000** Americans have kidney failure.<sup>1</sup>

And, **Z IN 3** of them are caused by diabetes or high blood pressure.<sup>2</sup>



If you have kidney disease, special moments in life are still possible if you know how to slow down your kidney disease.

Knowing the **STEPS** you can to take to protect your kidneys from kidney failure

will help you live vour best life.



- 1. https://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/health-statistics/ kidney-disease
- 2. https://www.cdc.gov/kidneydisease/publications-resources/ annual-report/ckd-related-health-problems.html

Know more about managing kidney disease at KidneyFund.org/Know-Your-Kidneys





# Here are **FIVE** things you should **KNOW**:



### Know what kidney disease progression means.

In kidney disease, progression is not a good thing, because it only refers to kidney disease getting worse.

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#### Know the stages of kidney disease.

There are 5 stages of kidney disease referring to how much damage there is to the kidneys and how well they are working.

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# Know how well your kidneys are working.

Basic urine and blood tests tell your doctor how well your kidneys are working and the stage of your kidney disease.

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#### Know about treatments for kidney disease with diabetes.

There are new medicines that can help slow down and prevent kidney failure for people with diabetes.

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# Know how to talk to your doctor.

Your care team can support you in keeping your kidney disease from getting worse.