

Recognizing the need for continuous innovative advancements in the treatment of kidney diseases, the Kidney Health Initiative (KHI) was created in September 2012. KHI is a public-private partnership between the American Society for Nephrology (ASN) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) focused on promoting development of safe and effective therapies for kidney disease. KHI leadership established an initiative on Developing a Roadmap for Innovative Approaches to Renal Replacement Therapy (RRT) to foster a new, multidisciplinary approach to advancing solutions that can improve the lives of millions of kidney patients with end stage renal disease (ESRD).

In October 2018, KHI issued the **Technology Roadmap for Innovative Approaches to Renal Replacement Therapy** which outlines the desired future state of improved patient quality of life that innovative RRT solutions aim to achieve. The Roadmap also laid out the technical and market challenges that must be overcome, the overarching solution strategies, and the high-priority research activities with the greatest potential to focus the efforts of the industry and drive the field forward.

Efforts to guide a clearer pathway to product development and commercialization should facilitate more widespread availability, adoption, and patient access to innovative RRT solutions. The roadmap included supporting activities to facilitate the coordinated effort between regulators and the nephrology community in order to streamline product development throughout its life cycle.

The goal of this resource guide is to increase the awareness and understanding of:

- FDA Centers and the products they review; and
- communication mechanisms that enable developers to obtain advice from the FDA; and
- available programs intended to facilitate development and review of eligible RRT products.

The information below is simplified and intended to provide a basis for engaging with FDA for further discussions. It should not be used to make a final decision about the regulatory status, classification and/or pathway.

For additional information, please refer to:

- [FDA Website](#)
- [Laws that are enforced by the FDA](#)
- [Code of Federal Regulations](#)



