

Kidney Health Initiative (KHI) Patient and Family Partnership Council (PFPC) 2026 Call for Applications

The Kidney Health Initiative (KHI) is calling for applications to serve on the KHI Patient and Family Partnership Council (PFPC).

Established in 2012 as a public-private partnership among ASN and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), KHI serves as a pre-competitive consortium that brings together patients, health professionals, industry representatives, researchers, dialysis providers, and government agencies to advance innovations in the treatment of kidney diseases.

Patients and their care partners are at the heart of the KHI mission. The PFPC works with the KHI Board of Directors and staff to provide guidance and recommendations on project proposals and strategic initiatives. The PFPC ensures that patient perspectives and lived experiences are authentically represented and meaningfully integrated.

Appointments are for a **three-year term** beginning **January 1, 2027**, with the possibility of one **two-year renewal**.

Responsibilities:

The PFPC is charged with driving patient-centered innovation in every stage of the development of biologics, devices, and drugs by:

- Assisting with the development of strategic priorities and goals to help federal liaisons, KHI members and patients drive patient-centered innovation.
- Providing patients and care partners an equal and fair representation in product development conversations by developing and leveraging educational and training tools.
- Contributing to and leading patient-centered projects and initiatives.
- Advising on project proposals and recommending patient and care partner representation for KHI workgroups and projects.

The PFPC's 2027 priorities include demonstrating meaningful patient and care partner engagement to industry partners, applying their insights into the development of new therapies and advancing pathways for development of new kidney transplant therapeutics.

PFPC members are also expected to:

- Participate in monthly virtual meetings and attend events held in conjunction with KHI activities.
- Serve on KHI project workgroups and PFPC-led projects.
- Represent the PFPC at relevant events, when appropriate.
- Review documents and contribute to project development as needed.

Participation:

The PFPC is committed to representing a range of experiences within the kidney community. Applications are encouraged from:

- Kidney transplant recipients
- Individuals on dialysis (in-center hemodialysis, home hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis)
- People living with chronic kidney disease (CKD) not requiring dialysis
- Individuals with rare kidney diseases
- Caregivers and care partners

Seats are not assigned to advocacy organizations; composition is guided by the balance of individual experiences. Please note that this is a volunteer role, and no financial compensation is provided.

Application Requirements:

Applicants must submit the following application package to khi@asn-online.org by **Monday, August 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. EDT**. Please contact KHI at the same email if you do not receive confirmation of receipt.

- Full name and contact information
- CV, including any relevant publications, abstracts, presentations, speaking engagements, honors or awards, or other examples of recognition within the kidney community.
- A statement (maximum 400 words) explaining your interest in serving on the PFPC.
- A statement (maximum 400 words) outlining how you will contribute to the PFPC.
- A description (maximum 400 words) of specific issues or challenges related to the development of biomedical products for people with kidney diseases, based on your experience and your perspective on potential solutions.
- A statement confirming your availability to actively participate in PFPC activities.
- At least one professional reference or letter of support dated within the past five years.

Following submission, applicants will be asked to complete a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form, in accordance with ASN's [Conflict of Interest Initiative](#). Selected candidates will be invited to a virtual interview. Final decisions will be announced by December 2026.

For questions or additional information, please contact: **khi@asn-online.org**