ANNA Supports Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Funding of Federal Biomedical Research and Patient Safety Programs

The American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) is a nonprofit organization with a membership of over 8,500 registered nurses and other health care professionals at all levels of practice. ANNA members work in settings such as chronic kidney disease management, peritoneal dialysis, hemodialysis, continuous renal replacement therapy, transplantation, industry, and government/regulatory agencies.

ANNA is a strong supporter of several biomedical research programs at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other federal government agencies working to prevent chronic kidney disease, facilitate the development of new treatment methods, and improve patient safety. The following are ANNA’s FY 2022 federal biomedical research funding requests:

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) mission is to conduct and support medical research, research training, and to disseminate science-based information on diabetes and other endocrine and metabolic diseases; digestive diseases, nutritional disorders, and obesity; and kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases, along with population health research to improve people’s health and quality of life. ANNA supports the Friends of NIDDK request $2.289 billion in FY 2022.

The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) focuses their research on reducing burdensome chronic illness, improving end of life care, and promoting patient-centered care across the life continuum. Nurse researchers and scientists are essential to developing new evidence-based practices to care for all patients. Through increased investments in NINR, they will be able to continue their vital work at the forefront of disease prevention, patient care, and recovery. ANNA supports the Nursing Community Coalition’s request of $193 million for NINR in FY 2022.

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) funds the research that generates data to monitor the health care landscape. AHRQ’s research helps ensure the pipeline of new medical findings reaches health care providers and provides them with the tools and training they need to use those findings every day to care for patients. ANNA supports the Friends of AHRQ request of no less than $500 million in funding for the AHRQ in FY 2022.

KidneyX, is a public-private partnership to accelerate innovation in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of kidney diseases. Since its establishment in 2018, KidneyX has provided funding to nearly 50 innovators across 3 prize competitions for solutions ranging from implantable dialysis devices to new technologies that can exponentially decrease infections during dialysis. ANNA supports the kidney community’s request of $25 million in funding for KidneyX in FY 2022.

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