



ANNA Supports Increased Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Funding of Federal Biomedical Research and Patient Safety Programs

The American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) is a nonprofit organization with a membership of more than 6,000 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.

Key Biomedical Research and Patient Safety Programs

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases' (NIDDK) mission is to conduct and support medical research, research training, and disseminate science-based information on diabetes, endocrine and metabolic diseases, digestive diseases, nutritional disorders, obesity, and kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases, along with population health research to improve people's health and quality of life. NIDDK is the fifth largest institute at NIH. ANNA supports the Friends of NIDDK's request of no less than \$168 million over the FY 2023 level of funding for NIDDK in FY 2024.

The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) focuses its research on reducing burdensome chronic illness, improving end of life care, and promoting patient-centered care across the lifespan. Nurse researchers and scientists are essential to developing new evidence-based care practices for all patients. Through increased investments in NINR, the institute can continue its vital work at the forefront of disease prevention, patient care, and recovery. ANNA supports the Nursing Community Coalition's request of no less than \$210 million for NINR in FY 2024.

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) funds critical research that generates data to monitor the health care landscape. AHRQ's research helps ensure that the pipeline of new medical findings reach health care providers and provides them with necessary tools and training to use them every day to care for patients. ANNA supports the Friends of AHRQ's request of no less than \$500 million for AHRQ in FY 2024.

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 67 innovators across 5 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 no less than \$25 million for KidneyX in FY 2024.

If you have additional questions about these issues, please contact ANNA's Washington representative Jim Twaddell (202-344-4358, jwtwaddell@venable.com).