

## Kidney Care: A National Overview

More than **1 in 10** Americans suffer from some form of kidney disease, the **9th** leading cause of death in the United States.

Each year, more than **115,000** Americans are diagnosed with kidney failure (or end-stage renal disease) – an irreversible condition that is fatal without a kidney transplant or life-saving dialysis treatments.

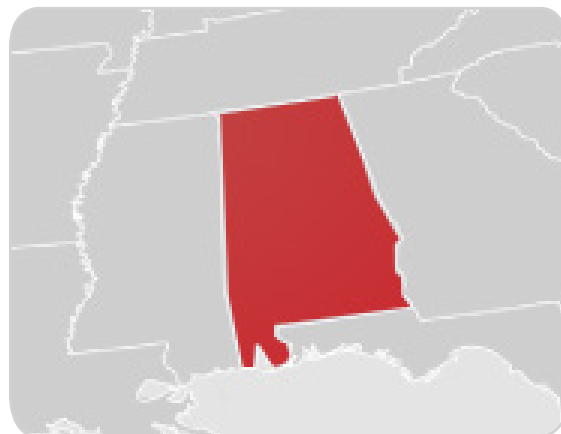
More than **400,000** Americans are living with kidney failure, and the numbers are expected to increase.

More than **5,855** dialysis centers provide treatments nationally.

**85 percent** of dialysis patients rely on Medicare to fund their treatments.

Because transplants are limited to the small number of available kidneys, most individuals with kidney failure depend on life-sustaining dialysis treatments to survive. Ensuring quality dialysis care remains available is essential to the nation's patient population.

Kidney disease affects African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and anyone with a family history of Chronic Kidney Disease disproportionately. African Americans constitute nearly one out of every three dialysis patients.



### Alabama Facts:

**7,976** Number of Individuals  
in Alabama on Dialysis<sup>1</sup>

**142** Number of Dialysis  
Centers in Alabama<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The American Nephrology Nurses' Association. <http://www.annanurse.org/advocacy/state-health-policy/state-fact-sheets> <sup>2</sup>[www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov), Dialysis Facility Compare, 2013.