

Cordially Invites You to a Congressional Breakfast Briefing: "Women and Kidney Disease"

March 8, 2018 • 10:00-11:00 am • Capitol Visitors Center, Room HVC 200

In honor of World Kidney Day and International Women's Day—March 8—the American Kidney Fund would like to invite you to a briefing entitled "Women and Kidney Disease." We are honored to have Congresswoman Suzan DelBene, the co-chair of the Congressional Kidney Caucus and a member of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, attend and provide opening remarks.

This year's theme of World Kidney Day is "Kidneys & Women's Health." Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a worldwide public health problem and can lead to kidney failure and premature death. CKD affects approximately 195 million women around the world and is among the top 20 causes of death.

We are excited to have this opportunity to focus on the importance of women's kidney health and its impact on all aspects of a woman's life—as mothers and daughters, wives, caregivers, workers and members of the community.

Women are more likely to donate a kidney, but less likely to actually receive one. Pregnant women who have CKD are at increased risk for negative outcomes for the mother and the baby; those with advanced CKD have high rates of hypertensive disorders and preterm births. Women with CKD may have reduced fertility but conception and a healthy birth is possible. Pregnancy and dialysis also presents unique challenges, as intensive (daily or nearly daily) dialysis treatment improves outcomes for a healthy birth, therefore requiring special dialysis programs for pregnant women.

Women are also more likely to be caregivers for their family members, and this is certainly true for women who have family members with kidney disease. Caregiving has its own burdens and challenges as many women have to juggle work and caring for children and other family members.

The briefing will touch on each of these issues. You will hear from a nephrologist who will talk about her research on pregnancy and dialysis, women who had kidney disease during pregnancy, a wife who donated her kidney to her husband, and a multi-generational family dealing with kidney failure and dialysis.

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

*LaVarne Burton, President and CEO,
American Kidney Fund*

Women and Kidney Disease: An Overview

*Congresswoman Suzan DelBene, Co-Chair,
Congressional Kidney Caucus*

Pregnancy and Kidney Disease

*Research by AKF Clinical Scientist in
Nephrology fellow Jessica Tangren, M.D.*

Women and Kidney Disease: A Personal Perspective

*Moderated by Holly Bode, Vice President of
Government Affairs, American Kidney Fund*

Pregnancy and Kidney Disease

*Angela Lattimore, Seneca, South Carolina
Angeles Herrera, San Francisco, California*

Caregiving and Kidney Disease

*Heather Winfree, Knoxville, Tennessee
Ann Baker and Melissia Baker,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

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