

Raising Awareness to Improve Prevention for Manitobans with Chronic Kidney Disease

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Manitoba has the highest rate of kidney disease in Canada. It is estimated that over 100,000 Manitobans have some degree of chronic kidney disease (CKD).

The Project is established to improve awareness and access to optimal CKD prevention strategies in Manitoba through collaboration, education and sustainable partnerships. Key project components include:

Awareness

Patients that are diagnosed in early stage CKD and make healthy choices can delay or avoid dialysis. The project will develop and deliver CKD educational materials for clinicians and the general public and launch a multifaceted branding campaign for CKD awareness in Manitoba.

Referral

To promote the receipt of timely and appropriate referrals, the project will develop a revised CKD referral process and guidelines in collaboration with Primary Care practitioners.

Screening

At risk individuals require regular testing to reduce the progression of kidney disease and ultimately reduce the need for dialysis. The project will implement the use of estimated glomerular filtration rate testing (eGFR).

- Serum creatinine measurement alone may not provide an accurate measure of kidney function. The National Kidney Foundation's Kidney Disease Outcome Quality Initiative recommended that clinical laboratories should provide an estimate of GFR with the results of serum creatinine concentration.
- Diagnostic Services of Manitoba is engaged in readiness preparations with Manitoba's laboratories.