



## **ANNA Supports Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Funding for 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 2020 federal biomedical research funding requests:

- **The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)** is the fifth largest institute at the NIH. It supports basic and clinical research on kidney development and disease, including the causes of kidney disease and its progression to End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). **ANNA supports the Friends of NIDDK funding request of \$2.165 billion for NIDDK.**
- **The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)** conducts clinical and basic research and research training encompassing health promotion, disease prevention, quality of life, health disparities, and end of life care. NINR seeks to expand nursing science by integrating biological and behavioral sciences, applying new technologies to address research questions, improving research methods, and developing scientists of the future. **ANNA supports the Nursing Community Coalition's request of \$173 million for NINR.**
- **The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality** 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 in the care of patients. **ANNA supports the Friends of AHRQ request of \$460 million in funding for AHRQ.**
- **KidneyX** is a public-private partnership designed to facilitate research and development into alternative methods of diagnosing, preventing, and treating kidney disease. The KidneyX program conducts research intended to provide renal failure patients with more treatment options. **ANNA supports the kidney community's request of \$25 million for KidneyX.**

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