



# WHO KIDNEY HEALTH RESOLUTION

## A framework for implementation

### KIDNEY HEALTH MATTERS



**850 million people** worldwide live with kidney disease



CKD is projected to become the **5th leading cause of death** by 2050



The **2025 WHO kidney health resolution** calls on countries to strengthen prevention, early detection, and disease management

Countries are encouraged to embed kidney health into:

- Primary care
- NCD strategies
- Universal Health Coverage



### 5 STEPS GOVERNMENTS CAN TAKE



#### 1. ESTABLISH

Appoint a kidney health focal point and convene a national steering group



#### 2. ASSESS

Assess kidney disease burden, service capacity, gaps, and inequities



#### 3. PLAN

Develop a time-bound national kidney health plan integrated with NCD and UHC strategies



#### 4. IMPLEMENT

Strengthen primary care and improve access to early detection, referral, and treatment



#### 5. MEASURE

Track progress, improve quality, and scale access sustainably over time

### START WHERE YOU ARE



- Strengthen prevention and early detection
- Integrate kidney health into primary care and NCD strategies
- Build integrated care pathways and referral systems
- Expand access to specialist care and kidney replacement therapy
- Monitor progress and improve quality over time

### READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP?



Scan to access *The Lancet* paper and use the framework to support national implementation.



Use it to guide next steps on governance, planning, early detection, service delivery, financing, workforce, and monitoring.



Implementing the commitments of the World Health Assembly kidney health resolution: a key opportunity to improve health for millions. *The Lancet*, May 2026; 407, 2461-2472, written by an international group of ISN experts



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Abbreviations: NCD = noncommunicable diseases; UHC = universal health coverage.



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