

About KIN



Kidney Information Network

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'This is my lifeline... you can look at someone else's feelings, read their things on KIN, and if you want to know medical things, diet things everything is in one place' -Patient

KIN 'enabled me to form friendships and receive support... The Facebook group and website made me feel 'useful' again by being able to share knowledge and offer advice.' -Patient

'You know all these people, a bit of empathy and a bit of banter and that it is good' -Patient

Through KIN, patients can access Q&As, patient blogs, clinician-approved advice, recipes, and find a community to help with self-management.

Visit kidneyinfonet.org for more information!

How does KIN benefit me as a **person with CKD**?

- ✓ Share local information and resources
- ✓ Peer support and carer support
- ✓ Provides information that may help you manage your CKD better
- ✓ Q&As with clinicians and real-time patient experience blogs
- ✓ Kidney-friendly recipes
- ✓ Engage with best practice
- ✓ Ask questions you might be uncomfortable asking your doctor

We are launching a KIN in your area soon!



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KIN 'has been a fantastic advance in enabling communication with renal patients across Greater Manchester. It has provided an invaluable forum in which patients can express their views, learn what others are thinking, and to gain advice on how to deal with issues.

*-Prof. Philip Kalra,
consultant nephrologist*

- **Security processes ensure confidentiality and correct medical advice**
- **We can arrange staff training on staying safe when using digital media**
- **Contributions happen during your existing shifts**
- **Sites are moderated to ensure positive experiences**

How does KIN benefit my **clinical practice**?

- ✓ Helps to support patients' health needs and psychosocial needs
- ✓ Get patients' views and preferences to improve your local service
- ✓ Enables effective and timely communication with patients
- ✓ Foster self-management
- ✓ Develop and grow your service
- ✓ Connect with carers

View our research publications about KIN:

*JMIR Formative
Research Journal
Paper*



*Participating in
CaMKIN : Impact
on Patients report*



*Book Chapter in
Information Systems:
Process and Practice*



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