

BEAT-CKD Consumer Advisory Board Expression of Interest for Membership

Do you want kidney disease research to be meaningful to patients and their caregivers?

We need patients and caregivers to give advice and feedback about patient-centred research on the prevention, treatment, and care of people with chronic kidney disease by joining the BEAT-CKD Consumer Advisory Board.

What is BEAT-CKD?

BEAT CKD is funded by the Australian Government and was formed to improve the lives of children and adults living with chronic kidney disease by bringing together

- The Australian and New Zealand Dialysis & Transplant Registry (ANZDATA).
- The Australasian Kidney Trials Network (AKTN).
- Cochrane Kidney and Transplant (CKT).
- Kidney Health Australia – Caring for Australasians with Renal Impairment (KHA-CARI) guideline group.

BEAT-CKD covers all aspects of kidney disease, from early stages, to dialysis, and kidney transplants.

Why be a member of the BEAT-CKD Consumer Advisory Board?

Researchers must address the needs and priorities of patients. This can only be done by involving patients in all aspects of their research including:

- Deciding what to do
- How and where it should be done
- How to communicate findings
- How to transfer findings to preventing kidney disease and caring for patients

The BEAT-CKD Consumer Advisory Board will play a vital role in making this happen.

What is the purpose of the BEAT Consumer Advisory Board?

- Provide direction to BEAT-CKD on the needs and priorities of patients and their caregivers
- Work with BEAT-CKD to review research activities
- Identify, promote and implement effective ways for patients to be involved in research

Who should apply?

BEAT-CKD needs patients and caregivers living across Australia, who want to make a difference to research and:

- Have direct experience and an active interest in chronic kidney disease
- Have good communication skills
- Are interested in being involved in the planning, doing and implementing of research

What does it involve?

There will be four meetings a year. Three by video conferencing and one face to face. In between meetings you may be asked to contribute to tasks such as, reviewing research proposals, setting research priorities and developing ways to educate and involve patients in research. Membership is voluntary, however expenses associated with meetings and other tasks will be covered.

This is an opportunity to contribute to research to ensure that research:

- On the care of patients with kidney disease is meaningful
- Is done in a way that is appropriate and acceptable to patients and caregivers
- Findings are communicated to and used by patients, caregivers and the general public.

How do I apply? Please complete the form at <http://beatckd.org/consumeradvisoryboard/> by **30th April 2018**.