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# Research

Developing new treatments and a cure for polycystic kidney disease (PKD) requires sustained investment, scientific innovation, patient participation, and collaboration across the research and healthcare communities. To accelerate progress toward its mission of ending PKD, the PKD Foundation leads several strategic programs designed to support every stage of the research and drug development process — from basic scientific discovery to clinical trials and regulatory approval.

## Grants and Fellowships

The PKD Foundation operates a robust research funding program that advances scientific discovery in both autosomal recessive PKD (ARPKD) and autosomal dominant PKD (ADPKD).

Through its research grants, fellowships, and Young Investigator Awards, the PKD Foundation supports innovative science while building the next generation of PKD researchers. These programs help generate new discoveries, encourage early-career scientists to enter the field, and provide critical seed funding that can lead to larger federally or commercially funded research support.

## ACT Alerts

The Accelerating Clinical Trials (ACT) Alerts program helps connect individuals living with ADPKD and ARPKD to clinical research opportunities. Through email notifications, patients can learn about studies and clinical trials for which they may qualify. ACT Alerts help accelerate patient recruitment for research studies, reducing delays and helping promising therapies move through the development process more quickly.

## PKD Foundation Centers of Excellence

The PKD Foundation established the Centers of Excellence and Partner Clinic program to improve access to specialized PKD care across the United States.

This network connects patients with expert PKD clinicians and multidisciplinary care teams experienced in diagnosing, monitoring, and treating PKD. By promoting high standards of care and collaboration among specialists, the program helps improve patient outcomes and supports clinical research efforts nationwide.

*See reverse for more information.*

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## ADPKD Registry

Created and managed by the PKD Foundation, the ADPKD Registry is a patient-powered research platform that allows individuals living with ADPKD to contribute real-world health information and insights about their disease experience.

Participants may choose to securely link their de-identified electronic health records to the Registry, enabling personalized clinical trial matching and helping researchers better understand disease progression. By improving trial recruitment and generating valuable research data, the Registry helps accelerate the development of new therapies.

## PKD Outcomes Consortium (PKDOC)

The PKD Outcomes Consortium (PKDOC), co-founded by the PKD Foundation and the Critical Path Institute, brings together PKD clinicians, researchers, pharmaceutical companies, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to streamline the development and approval of new PKD therapies.

PKDOC works to improve and standardize the tools and clinical endpoints used in PKD drug development. By creating more efficient pathways for regulatory approval, PKDOC helps reduce the time, cost, and complexity associated with bringing new treatments to patients.

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