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U.S. government invests < 1% of Medicare kidney care costs in kidney research



- **GAO: More spent on kidney failure in Medicare than on *entire* NIH**
- **Greater research investment needed to reduce costs, improve outcomes**

Key Takeaways from GAO report data:

- ✓ NIH investments equal **<1% of the cost of care¹**
- ✓ **\$103 billion**
All Medicare kidney patient costs²
- ✓ **\$32.8 billion**
Medicare kidney failure patient costs¹
- ✓ **\$564 million**
NIH investments in kidney research¹

Solution: Greater investment in kidney research

- ✓ **Special Kidney Program for NIDDK: \$150 million/year for 10 years**
- ✓ New funding **\$2.165 billion for NIDDK**
in FY2018
- ✓ **\$2 billion increase for NIH**
over FY17

Investment Deficit in Kidney Research is Evident

GAO Report: Disease Prevalence vs. NIH Research Investments

Disease	Disease Prevalence	2015 Budget	NIH Spending Per Patient
HIV/AIDS	1.2 million	\$3,000,100,000	\$2,500.08
Cancer	14.5 million	\$5,389,000,000	\$371.66
Heart Disease	27.6 million	\$3,679,000,000 ⁴	\$133.30
Kidney Disease	40 million	\$564,000,000⁴	\$13.94

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1.] USRDS 2016.

2.] Government Accountability Office, January 18, 2017. "Kidney Disease Research Funding and Priority Setting."