

Who We Are

Fighting CKD Is In Our Genes

Founded in 1982, our parent organization, the PKD Foundation, a 501(c) (3) 509 (a)(1) public charity located in Kansas City, Missouri, is an internationally recognized leader in the fight against chronic kidney disease, focused on the leading genetic cause, polycystic kidney disease (PKD). Through community development and engagement, advocacy and awareness, the PKD Foundation has combined the passion of the 12.5 million people affected by PKD with hundreds of organizations worldwide to create a powerful force dedicated to research in PKD. In 2008, the PKD Foundation organized KidneyWise in response to the growing need of more than 50 million Americans affected by CKD for the same innovative approach to catalyzing the “crowd” to prevent CKD.

Key Staff Leadership

Dan Larson: As President and CEO of the PKD Foundation since 1993, Mr. Larson is a recognized leader in the chronic kidney disease arena. From Washington, D.C. to the halls of academia to the philanthropic community, he has been instrumental in developing a worldwide network focused on PKD. Dan serves on numerous boards and steering committees, including the National Institutes of Diabetes and Digestive Kidney Diseases (part of the NIH); the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF); World Kidney Day; and others.

Leigh Reynolds: As Executive Director of KidneyWise, Ms. Reynolds brings more than a decade of proven executive experience from both the PKD Foundation and the National MS Society. Her Healthsourcing® work in gathering, structuring and leading nationwide networks of volunteers, professionals and partner organizations to address common health goals in both chronic kidney disease and multiple sclerosis has led to the implementation of scalable and effective solutions centered on empowering people and communities to take on the many issues they are confronted with in their battle against disease.

Advisory Panel

The KidneyWise Advisory Panel is made up of leading experts from various fields that have a stake in the CKD Chain. For a current list of Advisors, please visit www.kidneywise.org.



The Advisory Panel plays the central role in KidneyWise’s ability to fulfill our role as coordinator and catalyst.