

Newsletter

Kidney Health for All

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" **Bridge the knowledge gap to better kidney care**" is this year's theme for World Kidney Day.

This is a significantly call out to everyone to bridge the knowledge gap to better kidney care.

In the spirit of this year's theme let's explain a short summary of what we need to know about the kidney.

- It is the organ in the body that helps us excrete waste products from our bodies through urination.
- The kidney has other functions such as aiding in the production of red blood cells, produces active form of vitamin D, produces hormones that regulates blood pressure etc.
- In order to find out if your kidneys are properly functioning a kidney function test is recommended.

WHAT DOES A KIDNEY FUNCTION TEST?

- It is a blood and urine test done to monitor the excretory function of the kidneys.
 - Damaged kidneys can prevent filtering the waste properly, leaving it to remain in the body and causing dangerous symptoms.

WHY SHOULD IT BE DONE?

- Regular testing may help identify issues such as Kidney Disease in very early stages, making it possible to halt the progress of the disease.
It also helps to check for complications of diseases affecting the kidney like in diabetes nephropathy.

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR KIDNEY?

1. Stay hydrated.
2. Do not use NSAIDs frequently (Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs)
3. Avoid Herbal medications/concussions



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to better kidney care.**

Read more: World Kidney Day is a joint initiative of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations – World Kidney Alliance (IFKF WKA). https://www.worldkidneyday.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/WKD22_Press-Release_English-1.pdf

