### Know the connection between

# DIABETES and KIDNEY DISEASE

## If you have diabetes, you are at risk for kidney disease.



### Diabetes is also the #1 cause of kidney failure.



Every 24 hours, **160 PEOPLE** with diabetes begin treatment for kidney failure.<sup>1</sup>

#### Causes of kidney failure:



Diabetes







All other causes combined<sup>2</sup>

#### What is diabetic kidney disease?



Diabetic kidney disease happens when high blood sugar damages your kidneys.



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Once your kidneys have been damaged by diabetes, they cannot be cured.



If the damage is caught early, medicines and lifestyle changes can often keep it from getting worse.



You cannot feel diabetic kidney disease. The only way to know is to be tested.

#### Know how to prevent diabetic kidney disease or keep it from getting worse.





Know more about the connection between diabetes and kidney disease at **KidneyFund.org/KnowYourKidneys**