

PATIENT WEBSITE

Visit our patient website



<https://patients.erknet.org>

for patients



Find your Doctor

For each rare kidney disease renowned ERKNet experts are listed with contact information.



Find your Centre

The patient website shows an interactive map to find an ERKNet expert centre in your country.



Find your Disease

The patient website provides information documents (brochures, websites, patient communities) on many rare kidney diseases in most European languages.



Find Patient Journeys

Experience reports from patients with rare kidney diseases to guide other patients through the different steps of the diagnosis and disease management.



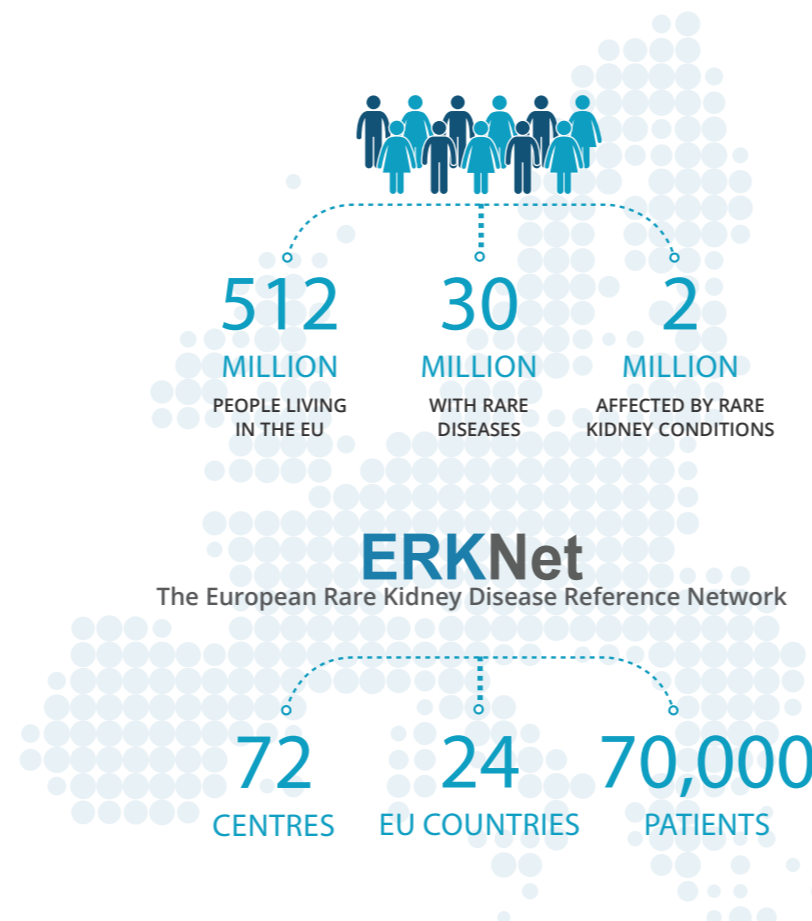
Find your Patient Community

The patient website provides links to different patient organisations and communities in different countries to connect between patients.



Find more information here

Visit <https://patients.erknet.org> or scan the QR code



CONTACTS

Network Coordinator:

Prof. Franz Schaefer
Heidelberg University Hospital
Im Neuenheimer Feld 130.3
D-69120 Heidelberg

Tel: +49 (0)6221/56-34191

Email: contact@erknet.org

Patient Advocate:

Susana Carvajal Arjona, Uwe Korst

Patient Engagement Manager:

Vera Cornelius-Lambert

Email: patients@erknet.org

Visit our website and subscribe to our newsletter at www.erknet.org

Follow us on Twitter: [@EuRefNetwork](https://twitter.com/EuRefNetwork)

Photocredits © stock.adobe.com/elenvd



INFORMATION
FOR PATIENTS



Co-funded by
the European Union



WHAT ARE EUROPEAN REFERENCE NETWORKS?

The European Reference Networks are virtual networks that unite healthcare providers with top expertise for the management of rare diseases across Europe.

The 24 networks aim to generate and disseminate knowledge on rare and complex diseases, and to provide the best possible care to patients in all European countries.

WHAT IS ERKNet?

ERKNet is the European Reference Network for Rare Kidney Diseases. It is formed by expert centres throughout Europe that provide healthcare to more than 70,000 patients with rare diseases of the kidneys. ERKNet provides expertise on more than 300 individual kidney diseases.

ACTIVITIES OF ERKNet



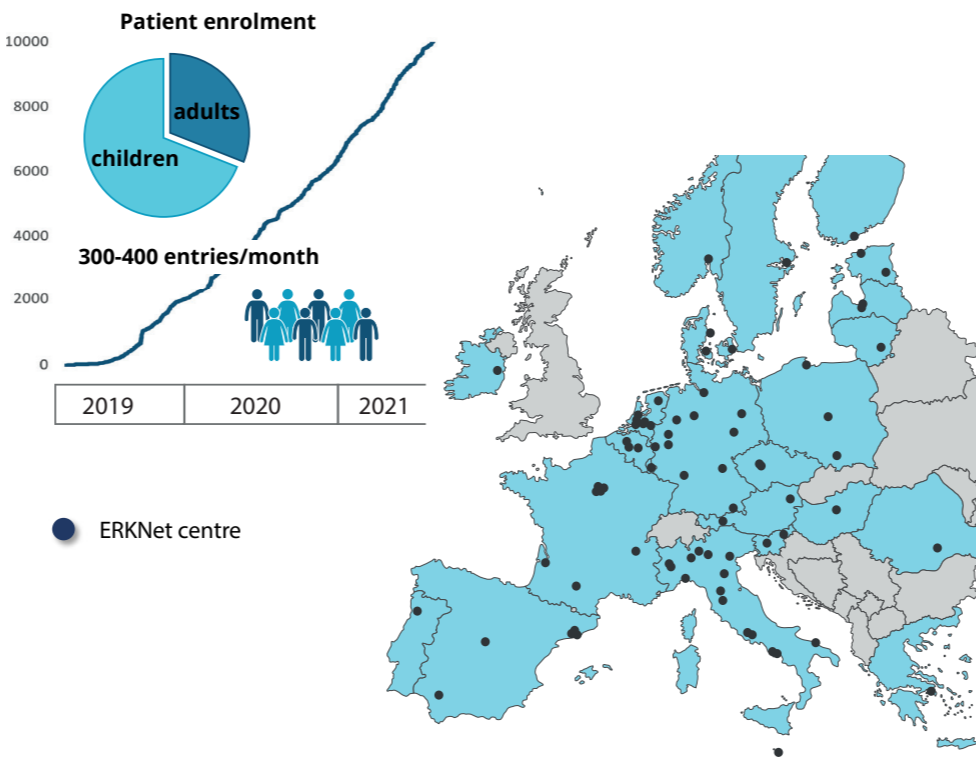
THE EUROPEAN RARE KIDNEY DISEASE REGISTRY

ERKReg is the first and largest Europe-wide registry for all rare kidney diseases.

ERKReg collects prospective information from all patients with rare kidney diseases within the network who agree to have their de-identified data recorded.

The registry helps clinicians, researchers and pharmaceutical industry to generate more knowledge about rare kidney diseases and focus their research and drug development to improve the quality of life of our patients. The registry also aims to help patient organizations, health authorities and policy makers in optimizing the support for patients with rare kidney disorders.

ERKReg is currently receiving patient data from more than 70 hospitals in 24 countries.



AIMS OF THE REGISTRY

- Demographic Analysis**
The ERKReg registry collects data from 24 countries and allows to analyse the frequency and characteristics of more than 300 rare kidney diseases in different regions of Europe.
- Natural Disease History**
Patient information is collected once a year by the medical teams to follow the clinical course over time. This will help to identify risk factors for complications and disease progression.
- New Therapies**
ERKReg data facilitates multicentre research projects to explore novel treatment strategies and new drugs that can improve the patient's wellbeing and quality of life.
The registry allows to find patients with a particular disease for which a new treatment is being developed. The registry team brokers the matching of patients with upcoming clinical trial opportunities.
In this way, the registry supports the rapid access of our patients to new therapies.
- Benchmarking**
The expert centres participating in ERKReg continuously follow the performance of their patient management according to key quality indicators of diagnostic and therapeutic interventions.
ERKReg provides performance statistics for each centre and the entire registry. This allows the centres to compare the quality of their management with that of the overall ERKNet community.
In this way, we support the excellence and continuous improvement of care in all ERKNet centres throughout Europe.

