

BECOME A DPC PATIENT AMBASSADOR

APPLY NOW FOR AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN AMERICA'S
LARGEST DIALYSIS PATIENT ORGANIZATION!

WHAT IS A PATIENT AMBASSADOR?

A Patient Ambassador is a dialysis or pre-dialysis **patient or family member** who **volunteers** to represent DPC by being a leader in their community and local dialysis facility. One of your primary responsibilities will be to provide dialysis patients with the education, access and confidence to be their own advocates.

WHY SHOULD I BE A PATIENT AMBASSADOR?

You can **make a significant difference in the lives of all dialysis patients** by representing DPC and ensuring that your voice and the voices of other pre-dialysis and dialysis patients are heard!

WHAT IS DPC?

With more than 22,000 dialysis and pre-dialysis patients making up our membership, DPC is working to improve the quality of life for all dialysis patients through education and advocacy. We are a nationwide, non-profit, patient-led organization with membership open to all dialysis and pre-dialysis patients and their families. Our policies and our mission are guided solely by our membership.

WHAT THE EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A PATIENT AMBASSADOR?

DPC provides all the training, tools, materials and support you need to:

- Build a Relationship with your Legislators
 - Invite your members of Congress and/or district staff to visit your dialysis facility
 - Respond to DPC Action Alerts and distribute them to other patients and families
 - Contact your Members' Washington offices at least three times per year



DIALYSIS PATIENT CITIZENS

Improving Life Through Empowerment

- Educate Fellow Patients and Members of your Community
 - Distribute articles and other educational materials to the patients in your clinic and be prepared to answer **non-medical** questions
 - Educate your community on kidney disease
- Recruit new DPC members and mobilize patients to advocate for their care
 - Recruit at least 5 new DPC members each year
 - Recruit at least 10 other patient and/or family member supporters who will respond to DPC Action Alerts

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A PATIENT AMBASSADOR?

- Recognition as a leader in your community
- Potential to visit Washington, D.C. for *Washington DpC* Advocacy Days (all expenses covered by DPC)
- Potential visits to your state house to participate in State Advocacy Days (all expenses covered by DPC)
- Monthly educational and strategy conference calls, including insider's reports on political and legislative developments in our nation's capitol and opportunities to share best practices with fellow Ambassadors

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must be current dialysis patients, pre-dialysis patients or family members, interested in acting on behalf of dialysis and pre-dialysis patients to improve the quality of life for all patients. Experience/strength in advocacy, public speaking and good writing skills are desirable. Applicants must also be supportive of DPC's Mission and Charter (*see enclosed*).

INTERESTED?

Please complete the attached application

Questions? Call toll free 866.877.4242 and speak to Tonya Salstrom

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DPC is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization governed by dialysis patients.

PATIENT AMBASSADOR Application

Name:

Email Address:

Street Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Phone #(s) where we can reach you:

Dialysis Center Name and Address:

Dialysis Modality:

Dialysis Days/Times:

If Working: Full Time? Part Time? Days and Hours:

Willing/able to travel by plane? Yes No

On a **separate page(s)**, please give detailed descriptions of each of the following, **OR** attach a current resume or *curriculum vitae*:

1. Educational background
2. Political/advocacy/public speaking experience:
3. Writing experience:
4. Kidney care community involvement (*examples: ESRD network volunteer, or member of other kidney organizations*)
5. Other interests or outside activities
6. Why you would like to be a PATIENT AMBASSADOR.

**Please mail your completed application to DPC:
900 7th Street NW, Suite 670, Washington, D.C. 2001
or fax it to us at 1.888.423.5002.**

Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing. We will contact you by phone to schedule an interview.