

THE KEOP FILTER

KEOP Community Partners 2006-2007:

- Anson NAACP
- Anson, Edgecombe, and Montgomery Health Departments
- Edgecombe Community College
- Edgecombe NAACP
- Grace Missionary Baptist Fellowship
- Montgomery Community College
- Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
- South Piedmont Community College

The UNCKC Mobile Unit is on its way!!!

The 34 foot mobile unit is currently being built and will be ready to hit the road by September 2007. The unit was funded, in part, by a grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust and will contain laboratory space, lavatories, and an examination room that will allow the KEOP to conduct screenings in a wide variety of settings.



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UNCKC PROMOTES EXPANDED OUTREACH EFFORTS FOR THE STATE

Dr. Ronald Falk, Donna Harward and Caroline Jennette traveled to Capitol Hill on March 7th to speak with members of the North Carolina delegation about a federal earmark to expand the Kidney Educational Outreach Program's (KEOP) outreach activities. This new program would be called the Kidney Care Prevention Program (KCPP) and would comprise:

Statewide Screenings for CKD

Three mobile outreach units, one for the eastern, central and western areas of North Carolina, will 1) provide immediate intervention and disease management, 2) identify and screen North Carolinians at risk for developing chronic kidney disease. Each unit, comprising a fully-equipped examination room, laboratory and lavatory facilities, will ensure that screenings can be conducted in North Carolina's remote, rural communities as well as its cities and suburbs.

Sustained Monitoring and Improved Management of CKD

A certificate program in chronic kidney disease management, designed in conjunction with the division of allied health programs of the North Carolina Community College System, and offered as part of their allied health curricula, will ensure that selected graduates of allied health programs across North Carolina are skilled in case management of citizens at risk for developing chronic kidney disease.

They spoke with staff for Representatives in 8 of our 13 districts and staff members for Senators Burr and Dole. For more information and to stay updated on the progress of the KCPP, please check www.unckidneycenter.org/kcpp or call Caroline Jennette at 919-966-2561 ext.301.

THE KEOP GEARS UP FOR MARTIN, CASWELL, AND BERTIE COUNTIES

After holding twelve focus groups, screening almost 800 community members, and implementing a media campaign in Anson, Montgomery, and Edgecombe Counties, the UNCKC's Kidney Education Outreach Program is ready to hit the road again and start outreach activities in Martin, Caswell, and Bertie Counties. All three counties have high rates of end-stage kidney disease (ESKD), which requires dialysis or kidney transplant.

In each county, the KEOP will:

- Form partnerships with the local community college, local churches, and other lay leaders in the community;
- Survey local primary care physicians;
- Conduct focus groups to assess knowledge of kidney disease, barriers to health care, and community input on screenings/receiving health information;
- Conduct free, medical screenings for community members with a clinician on hand to review results onsite and educational materials to take home;
- Create sustainable educational activities for citizens to better understand risk factors and remember to ask "Hey Doc, How Are My Kidneys?"

There are 17 initial counties chosen based on high rates of end stage kidney disease and high numbers of citizens at risk for kidney disease. For more information, please contact Donna Harward, Director of Education, at 919-966-2561 ext.300 or 1-800-259-2230.

The UNC KEOP is here to help you! Please contact Caroline Jennette, Legislative Liaison, if you would like more information about kidney disease, the KEOP, or the UNC Kidney Center in general.

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Fast Facts:

- Kidneys remove fluid and wastes from the body, release hormones to help regulate blood pressure, and help balance the body's electrolytes.
- North Carolina ranks 9th in the nation for statewide prevalence of end-stage kidney disease (ESKD), which requires dialysis or transplant.
- Approximately 900,000 (11%) of North Carolinians have chronic kidney disease (CKD).
- 3 risk factors for kidney disease are: diabetes, high blood pressure, and family history of kidney disease.
- The good news: Early detection of kidney disease can prevent the progression to End Stage Kidney Disease (ESKD).

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Screenings:

- April 21st, Montgomery County , 10am-2pm
- June 11th, Montgomery County

Outreach:

- September 15th, 1st Annual Golf Tournament, Reidsville, NC
- June 1st, Chapel Hill, Booth at Nurses Conference: "ESRD: A health Care Crisis"
- April 17th, Montgomery County senior Health Day
- April 28th, Mount Zion Association's Spring Conference

2ND ANNUAL KIDNEY KARE RUN A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Saturday, March 24th, over 300 people participated in the 2nd Annual Kidney Kare 5k Run/Walk in Carrboro, NC. The UNCKC Raised over \$9,000 to benefit the Kidney Education Outreach Program (KEOP).

This race was sponsored, in part, with help from Amgen, Fleet Feet Sports, Abbott Labs, Genzyme, UNC Wellness Centers, Roche, Astellas, the Open Eye Café, and the American Association of Nephrology Nurses.



Overall winner, William Bunch, as he crosses the finish line.

