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# End-stage renal disease (ESRD)

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC)

## Definitions

### Kidney

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Total and permanent **kidney failure**. When the **kidneys** fail, the body retains fluid. Harmful wastes build up. A person with ESRD needs treatment to replace the work of the failed kidneys.