Minorities, Seniors and Kidney Disease

African Americans are 3 times more likely and Hispanics are 1.5 times more likely to have kidney failure when compared to White Americans.



1 in 3 African Americans has high blood pressure.

1 in 4 Hispanics has high blood pressure.





It is estimated that more than 50% of seniors, age 75 and older, are believed to have kidney disease.

HEALTH RELATED CONSEQUENCES OF KIDNEY DISEASE

Heart failure due to low potassium levels



Swelling of arms and legs



Excess fluid in lungs



Brittle or weakened bones throughout body



More likely to get infections due to weakened immune system



The most <u>effective</u> way to reduce your chance of Kidney Disease is to **prevent and treat risk factors** ——associated with the disease.

- 1. Diabetes
- 2. High Blood Pressure
- 3. Cardiovascular Disease