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NAACP Hosts Indianapolis Kidney Disease Town Hall This Thursday

INDIANAPOLIS -- Thirty-two percent of Americans with kidney failure are African Americans — a rate more than double their numbers in the national population, according to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

The African-American community is invited to learn about kidney disease and better treatment options at an Indianapolis Kidney Disease Town Hall sponsored by the Greater Indianapolis NAACP Branch 3053.

Indianapolis Kidney Disease Town Hall

Thursday, March 29, 2018

6-7:30 pm

Julia Carson Center, [300 E Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr, Indianapolis](#)

Kidney expert Dr. Michael Kraus will discuss how kidney disease affects our community at the NAACP Town Hall, part of the NAACP Dialysis Health Imperative for Access, Choice and Equity (ACE).

Dr. Kraus is the Service Line Chief for IU Health Physicians Kidney Diseases and Clinical Chief of Nephrology at Indiana University School of Medicine. He also serves as the chief medical officer of IU Health Adult Dialysis Services and Medical Director of IU Health Home Dialysis Program. He is well published and an internationally recognized speaker.

Dr. Kraus is a leader in the field of Short Daily Home Hemodialysis. Most recently, Dr. Kraus was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana as well as the Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest award presented to a citizen of Indiana. He received his medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine and has been in practice for more than 20 years.

The Dialysis Health Imperative for Access, Choice and Equity is designed to inform African Americans about dialysis options available for those living with kidney disease and how to access the best services locally to meet health needs.

The project is a national initiative of the NAACP and the Alliance for Home Dialysis.

For those unable to attend on March 29, please attend the Indianapolis NAACP April monthly membership meeting, where we will share information about kidney disease and access to quality care options.