

## Press Release

### In memory of Tina Turner, ambassador, advocate and inspiration for people living with kidney disease.

*Friday 26 May, 2023.* Tina Turner, legendary musician and patient advocate, dies aged 83.

Tina Turner, died peacefully on Wednesday 24 May 2023, at the age of 83 in her home in Kusunacht near Zurich, Switzerland, after a long illness.

In recent years, Tina spoke openly about her health challenges, promoting the importance of looking after your kidneys. She was a valuable ambassador for the [‘Show Your Kidneys Love’](#) awareness campaign, launched in March this year, whereby she shared her experiences of high blood pressure, dialysis and kidney transplantation.

The campaign, jointly led by the ERA along with the European Kidney Health Alliance, the Dutch Kidney Foundation, the European Kidney Patients’ Federation, the European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care Association and the International Society of Nephrology, aimed to raise awareness of the causes, prevention options, and diagnostics of chronic kidney disease.

Tina was a prominent supporter of the campaign and played a pivotal role in raising awareness of the need for greater education about the importance of appropriate management of hypertension. We are extremely grateful for the support Tina provided for the campaign and hope that she will be a source of inspiration for future initiatives to drive further understanding around this important topic.

Christoph Wanner, ERA President, comments:

*“Our deepest sympathy goes to all of Tina’s family and friends at this sad time. She will be profoundly missed by those who knew her as well as members of the kidney disease community and her millions of fans. In memory of Tina, I would like to personally thank her family for the support and reassurance that she provided to those people living with chronic kidney disease.*

*We are all extremely proud of our recent work to raise awareness of kidney health and our achievements would not have been possible without Tina or the galvanizing support from all those within the European Kidney Health Alliance.”*

## About ERA

With more than 16,000 active members, the ERA is one of the biggest nephrology associations worldwide leading European nephrology, and one of the most important European Medical Associations. It organizes annual congresses and other educational and scientific activities. ERA also collects data and performs epidemiological studies through its Registry. The Society supports fellowships and educational/research projects through its committees and working groups. Its publications are NDT, CKJ (Open Access journal), and the online educational portal NEP.

Website: [www.era-online.org](http://www.era-online.org)

## About EKHA

EKHA is a non-profit association created in 2007 to propose solutions for the challenges of Chronic Kidney Disease in Europe. It advocates for effective prevention and a more efficient care pathway intended to facilitate the provision of appropriate and affordable treatment to all Europeans equally, while promoting the highest quality of care. EKHA works on the principle that the issue of kidney health and disease must be considered at European level and that both the European Commission and European Parliament have vital roles to play in assisting national governments with these challenges. Besides the ERA, the European Kidney Patients' Federation, the European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care Association, the Dutch Kidney Foundation and the International Society of Nephrology are members of the Board of Directors. Over 29 organisations from across Europe are currently affiliated members of EKHA.

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