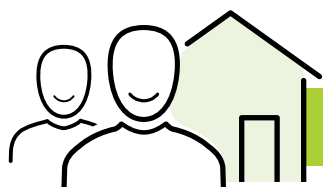


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## Resources for coping with and adjusting to dialysis

In this document, you will find an overview of existing resources to support you in coping with and adjusting to dialysis. Many different types of resources are listed, and we hope one or more will fit your needs. Many, but not all, of the resources listed are for Albertans on dialysis.

We encourage you to see what is a good fit for you. In addition to using these resources, we encourage you to talk with your healthcare providers.



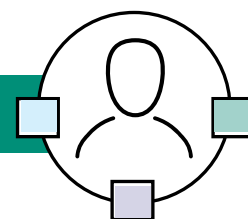
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In the resources listed below, we have added internet links that you can click to read more about the information and services on their websites. Please note that most of the services listed in this document are free or covered under Alberta Health Services for people living in Alberta, Canada. The links were last verified in February 2022.

# Information on Mental Health

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### INFORMATION ON MENTAL HEALTH

Resources that help explain what mental wellness and illnesses are, how to manage them, and where to find further help.

#### Information on Mental Wellness for People Living with Dialysis or Kidney Disease

Name of information resource	Brief description of resource	How can you access the information?
PsychoNephrology	Learn about kidney disease and how it affects people.	Go online: <a href="https://psychonephrology.com">https://psychonephrology.com</a>

#### General Information on Depression/Anxiety

Name of information resource	Brief description of resource	How can you access the information?
My Health Alberta - Mental and Behavioural Health	Learn about topics, such as depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety, panic attacks, panic disorder, schizophrenia.	Go online: <a href="https://myhealth.alberta.ca/health/pages/conditions.aspx?Hwid=center1028">https://myhealth.alberta.ca/health/pages/conditions.aspx?Hwid=center1028</a>
The Antidepressant Skills Workbook	Explains how you can manage low mood. Available in English, French, Chinese, Punjabi, Vietnamese, Farsi.	Go online: <a href="https://psychhealthandsafety.org/asw">https://psychhealthandsafety.org/asw</a>

#### General Mental Health Information

Name of information resource	Brief description of resource	How can you access the information?
Regional Support for Mental Health	Find help in Alberta health zones.	Go online: <a href="https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/amh/Page14063.aspx">https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/amh/Page14063.aspx</a>
My Mental Health	Provides “Mental Health First Aid” to people in crisis.	Go online: <a href="https://www.mymentalhealth.ca/">https://www.mymentalhealth.ca/</a>
Métis Nation of Alberta	Assists people to find low cost services to promote wellness.	Go online: <a href="https://albertametis.com/programs-services/health/community-wellness/wellness-program/">https://albertametis.com/programs-services/health/community-wellness/wellness-program/</a>
211 - Alberta’s Navigation Service	Helps you find programs that promote well-being.	Go online: <a href="https://www.ab.211.ca/">https://www.ab.211.ca/</a> You can call, text or chat 24/7
Multicultural Mental Health Resource Centre	Provides multilingual information and culturally-appropriate mental health services. Available in English and French.	Go online: <a href="https://multiculturalmentalhealth.ca/clinical-tools/children-youth-guidelines/">https://multiculturalmentalhealth.ca/clinical-tools/children-youth-guidelines/</a> Available via Zoom ONLY due to COVID.
North Simcoe Muskoka Self-Management Program	For individuals older than the age of 18 who are living with a long-term health condition.	Go online: <a href="https://www.nsmselfmanagement.ca/workshops-for-people-with-health-conditions">https://www.nsmselfmanagement.ca/workshops-for-people-with-health-conditions</a>

# Resources for your Self-care

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### RESOURCES FOR YOUR SELF-CARE

Websites, books, workbooks, and apps that provide resources for self-care and ways to increase mental wellness. Some are specific to kidney disease, depression, and anxiety.

#### Resources Specifically for People Living with Kidney Disease

Name of resource	Brief description of resource	How can you access the resource?
<b>PsychoNephrology</b>	Shows you how to cope with challenges to your well-being (e.g. keep a diary, practice mindfulness, etc.).	Go online: <a href="https://psychonephrology.com">https://psychonephrology.com</a>
<b>Positive Coping with Health Conditions</b>	This workbook helps people to deal with health problems.	Go online: <a href="https://psychhealthandsafety.org/pcwhc">https://psychhealthandsafety.org/pcwhc</a>
<b>Medical Education Institute</b>	Helps you learn how to adjust to dialysis and live well.	Go online: <a href="https://www.kidneyschool.org/m05/">https://www.kidneyschool.org/m05/</a>
<b>Living with Reduced Kidney Function</b>	Teaches you how to live well with reduced kidney function (See CH. 6).	Go online: <a href="https://kidney.ca/Support/Resources/Living-with-Reduced-Kidney-Function">https://kidney.ca/Support/Resources/Living-with-Reduced-Kidney-Function</a>
<b>Living with Kidney Failure</b>	Helps you learn how to live well with kidney failure (See CH. 8).	Go online: <a href="https://kidney.ca/Support/Resources/Living-With-Kidney-Failure">https://kidney.ca/Support/Resources/Living-With-Kidney-Failure</a>

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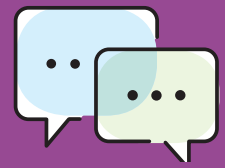


### Resources for Depression/Anxiety

Name of resource	Brief description of resource	How can you access the resource?
<b>Anxiety Canada App MindShift™</b>	The app helps you to relax and deal with anxiety.	Go online: <a href="https://www.anxietycanada.com/resources/mindshift-cbt/">https://www.anxietycanada.com/resources/mindshift-cbt/</a>
<b>Anxiety Canada My Anxiety Plan (MAP)</b>	Provides guidance to deal with anxiety.	Go online: <a href="https://maps.anxietycanada.com/en/courses/my-anxiety-plan-map-for-adults/">https://maps.anxietycanada.com/en/courses/my-anxiety-plan-map-for-adults/</a>
<b>MacAnxiety Research Centre Health Apps</b>	Suggests a list of apps for coping with anxiety and low moods.	Go online: <a href="https://www.macanxiety.com/anxiety-apps/">https://www.macanxiety.com/anxiety-apps/</a>  Please note that these apps are not a substitute for treatment by a mental health professional.
<b>Coping with Suicidal Thoughts</b>	Helps you deal with thoughts of harming yourself.	Go online: <a href="https://d3mh72llnfrpe6.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/26212058/cwst.pdf">https://d3mh72llnfrpe6.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/26212058/cwst.pdf</a>
<b>Antidepressant Skills Workbook</b>	The book shows you how to train your mind to prevent low moods.	Go online: <a href="https://psychhealthandsafety.org/asw/">https://psychhealthandsafety.org/asw/</a>
<b>Change your Thinking - Overcome Stress, Anxiety, and Depression, and Improve your Life with CBT</b>	This book (3rd Edition; 2013) helps you stay positive and prevent low moods.	Go online: <a href="https://www.amazon.ca/Change-Your-Thinking-Overcome-Depression/dp/1600940528">https://www.amazon.ca/Change-Your-Thinking-Overcome-Depression/dp/1600940528</a>
<b>E-couch Social Anxiety Program</b>	Teaches about anxiety and how it can be managed.	Go online: <a href="https://ecouch.com.au/">https://ecouch.com.au/</a>  Clients will have to register and purchase online.
<b>Moodgym Self-care Workbook</b>	Learn to deal with anxiety and low moods.	Go online: <a href="https://moodgym.com.au/">https://moodgym.com.au/</a>
<b>MoodFx - Depression and Anxiety Resources</b>	Helps you deal with anxiety and low moods.	Go online: <a href="https://www.moodfx.ca/">https://www.moodfx.ca/</a>  You will need to schedule an appointment.
<b>Bridge the gapp</b>	Bridge the gapp Adult is an on-line resource designed to support mental wellness.	Go online: <a href="https://www.bridgethegapp.ca/">https://www.bridgethegapp.ca/</a>

# In-person & Live Online Services

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### IN-PERSON & LIVE ONLINE SERVICES

In-person and online support (live or in real-time) from healthcare professionals and support groups to improve mental wellness for people living with dialysis.

#### Peer Support Groups

Name of service	Brief description of service	How can you access the service?
<b>Kidney Connect</b> (Online Support Group)	Online Support Group: Talk to people living with kidney disease and learn about how they deal with the disease.	Go online: <a href="https://kidney.ning.com/">https://kidney.ning.com/</a>
<b>Kidney Foundation of Canada</b> - Northern Alberta, Territories, and Southern Alberta Branch	Online Support Groups: Allows people living with kidney disease to talk to others in ways that help reduce stress.	Go online: <a href="https://kidney.ca/Support/Peer-Support/Online-Support-Groups">https://kidney.ca/Support/Peer-Support/Online-Support-Groups</a>  To request peer-support, please use the link: <a href="http://ca.surveygizmo.com/s3/50003556/Peer-Support-Request-Form">http://ca.surveygizmo.com/s3/50003556/Peer-Support-Request-Form</a>  or call: 1-866-390-PEER (7337)
<b>Togetherall</b> (Online Support Network)	Online Support Network: Supports people living with kidney disease to talk to peers and improve their well-being.	Go online: <a href="https://togetherall.com/en-ca/">https://togetherall.com/en-ca/</a>
<b>Wellness Network</b>	Peer Navigators: Uses the help of peers to assist people to search for services they need.	Go online: <a href="https://wellnessnetworkedmonton.com/peer-navigators/">https://wellnessnetworkedmonton.com/peer-navigators/</a>  or call: (780) 699-3253

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### In-person Services Provided by Healthcare Professionals

Name of service	Brief description of service	How can you access the service?
<b>Sage Seniors Association (Edmonton)</b>	Free Drop-In Counselling: Gives free one-time counseling to people. Walk-ins are accepted.	Go online: <a href="https://www.mysage.ca/help/">https://www.mysage.ca/help/</a>  or call: (780) 423-5510  Unfortunately, the service is currently not available because of COVID-19. Check website for updates.
<b>EaseCare - Mental Health Matters</b>	Free services: Helps people access the services they need to improve their well-being. Trained doctors attend to people from their homes.	Go online: <a href="https://www.easecare.ca/">https://www.easecare.ca/</a>  or call: (587) 338-8442
<b>Addiction and Mental Health Services</b>	Mental Health Case Management: provides short- and long-term services for people who need to see the psychiatric care team.	Go online: <a href="https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/findhealth/Service.aspx?id=6810&amp;serviceAtFacilityID=1047134">https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/findhealth/Service.aspx?id=6810&amp;serviceAtFacilityID=1047134</a>  or call: 1-877-303-2642
<b>AHS Primary Care Network, Community Addiction and Mental Health</b>	Centralized access: Helps people in rural areas quickly access the best service for them.	For initial contact call: (403) 340-5466  Go online: <a href="https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/FindHealth/Search.aspx">https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/FindHealth/Search.aspx</a>
<b>Access 24/7 - One Door YEG (Edmonton)</b>	Mental Health services: Offers face-to-face assessment and help for people in crisis.	Go online: <a href="https://mentalhealthfoundation.ca/onedooryeg/resources/">https://mentalhealthfoundation.ca/onedooryeg/resources/</a>  or call: (780) 424-2424

# Crisis Lines

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### CRISIS LINES

#### Online and telephone resources for care across Alberta

Name of crisis line	Brief description of resource/ service	How can you access the helpline, crisis line or on-line chat?
<b>Suicide Hotlines</b>	Helplines for clients with thoughts of harming themselves.	Call: (780)-482-4357 (HELP) or 1-877-303-2642 (toll free) or 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433) or 811 (to find advice)
<b>Hope for Wellness</b>	Helpline and chat for people who want to access support quickly. The program was designed for people from First Nations. Available in English, French, Cree, Ojibway, and Inuktitut.	Go online: <a href="https://www.hopeforwellness.ca/">https://www.hopeforwellness.ca/</a> or call: 1-855-242-3310
<b>Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Edmonton Region</b>	Helpline and online chat support for people in crisis and living in Edmonton & Northern Alberta.	Go online to crisis chat support: <a href="https://edmonton.cmha.ca/programs-services/online-crisis-chat/">https://edmonton.cmha.ca/programs-services/online-crisis-chat/</a> Call: 1-800-232-7288 (24 hours) or (780) 482-4357 (HELP)
<b>Distress and Suicide Prevention Line of Southwestern Alberta</b>	Helpline for people in crisis living in Chinook health region & South Calgary region.	Call (24 hours): 1-888-787-2880 (toll free) or (403) 327-7905
<b>Distress Centre Calgary</b>	Helpline and online chat support for people in crisis living in Calgary and surrounding areas.	Go online to crisis chat support: <a href="http://www.distresscentre.com">www.distresscentre.com</a> Call: (403) 266-4357 (24 hours)
<b>Some Other Solutions Society for Crisis Prevention</b>	Helpline for people in crisis living in Fort McMurray & Northeastern Alberta.	Call: 1-800-565-3801 (24 hours) or (780) 743-4357
<b>St. Paul and District Crisis Association</b>	Helpline for people in crisis living in Alberta & Northeastern Saskatchewan.	Call (24 hours): 1-800-263-3045 (toll free) or (780) 645-5195
<b>Wheatland Shelter Society</b>	Helpline for people in crisis and living in Strathmore and surrounding area.	Call (24 hours): 1-877-934-6634 or (403) 934-6634

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<b>Trans persons</b>	24/7 peer-support hotline: They provide support for those struggling with gender identity and thoughts of self-harm.	Call: 1-877-330-6366  Crisis support is available 24/7, counseling hours are subject to volunteer availability.
<b>Dr. Margaret Savage Crisis Centre</b>	Helpline for people in crisis living in Lakeland Region.	Call the crisis line: 1-866-594-0533 (24 hours) or (780) 594-3353

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