

## **Joint Collaborative project with National Kidney Foundation and the International Society of Renal Nutrition and Metabolism**

February 13, 2015 marked the first orientation call of the long awaited Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Guideline project. This effort is a landmark guideline project for the Academy as it marks the first time we have collaborated with the National Kidney Foundation and the International Society of Renal Nutrition and Metabolism. The collaborative nature of this project results in equal numbers of physicians (Nephrologists in this case) and RDNs working in alignment within three workgroups covering macronutrients, micronutrients and electrolytes. The groups will review evidence and develop guideline statements for comprehensive Evidence Based Practice Nutrition Guidelines covering patients with CKD stages 1-5D (dialysis). Further, there is a strong international presence (about 1/3 of the 3 workgroups are from outside the USA) from both the RDNs and the MDs within the workgroups. The guidelines are expected to be completed in late 2016 or early 2017 and will be jointly published by both the Academy and the National Kidney Foundation. This important project is funded by the Academy's Research, International and Scientific Affairs department, the Renal Dietitians Dietetic Practice Group of the Academy, and the National Kidney Foundation.