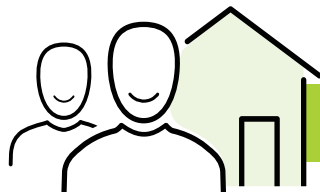


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Resources for coping with and adjusting to dialysis

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 Nunavut residents 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.



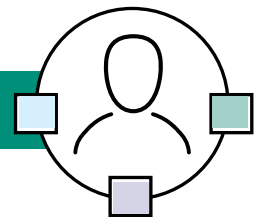
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In the resources listed below, we have added internet links that you can click to read more about the information and services on their websites. Please note that most of the services listed in this document are free or covered for people living in Nunavut, Canada. These documents were created to serve as an inventory of resources intended for online use. The links were last verified in August 2025.

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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?
American Kidney Fund	Learn about the impact kidney disease has on maintaining your mental health.	Click here to access
Kidney Foundation	Watch a webinar about living with chronic kidney disease and its impact on mental health.	Click here to access
Kidney Foundation	Access videos for strategies to coping with kidney disease.	Click here to access
Kidney Info Portal	Access a portal with various resources available for kidney patients.	Click here to access
Kidney Wellness Toolkit	A webinar on building a wellness toolkit for living with chronic kidney disease.	Click here to access
Kidney Research UK	Learn about kidney disease and hear from lived experiences on how to manage it.	Click here to access
Life Options	Learn about kidney disease, how to live with it, and ways to feel your best.	Click here to access
Mental Health – BC Renal	Find information specific to kidney disease/ chronic illness on anxiety, coping with grief and loss, anger, stress, and depression.	Click here to access
My Kidneys My Health	Discover information and tips on how to live with CKD.	Click here to access
National Kidney Foundation	Information on numerous kidney-related topics. Learn about social determinants, living with the disease, and more.	Click here to access
PsychoNephrology	Learn about kidney disease and how it affects mental health.	Click here to access

General Information on Depression/Anxiety

Name of information resource	Brief description of resource	How can you access the information?
Anxiety & Depression Association of America	Learn about depression and ways to manage depression and anxiety.	Click to learn about depression Click to learn about depression tips Click to learn about anxiety tips
Canadian Psychological Association	Find information and facts about depression.	Click here to access
Depression, anxiety, & stress test	Read articles that provide information on depression, anxiety, and stress.	Click to learn about depression Click to learn about anxiety Click to learn about stress

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Depression Hurts	Discover the potential signs of depression from a holistic approach. Available in English, French, Chinese (simplified), and Punjabi.	Click here to access
Depression in Older Adults - You are Not Alone!	Learn about depression in older adults: common symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment.	Click here to access
eMentalHealth	Find information about depression and anxiety. Learn about symptoms, types, coping strategies, and more.	Click to learn about depression Click to learn about anxiety
FamilyDoctor	Find out what depression means and its symptoms, causes, diagnosis, treatment, and more.	Click here to access
HeadsUpGuys	Find information and resources uniquely for men regarding mental health and preventing and managing depression.	Click here to access
Informed Choices About Depression	Provides general information about depression and depression treatment.	Click here to access
Mayoclinic	Get an overview of depression and more about the disorder.	Click here to access
MedlinePlus	Find numerous pieces of information and topics related to depression.	Click here to access
Mood Disorders Society of Canada	Find support resources and links for depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety, building resilience.	Click here to access
Students Against Depression	Find information and resources for depression, anxiety, trouble sleeping or concentrating, and suicide.	Click here to access
The LifeLine Canada Foundation	Find information relating to depression and anxiety.	Click to learn about depression Click to learn about anxiety

General Mental Health Information

Name of information resource	Brief description of resource	How can you access the information?
eMentalHealth	Learn about common mental health topics such as stress, sleep, self-compassion, and self-harm.	Click to learn about stress Click to learn about sleep Click to learn about self-compassion Click to learn about self-harm
Government of Canada – Mental health counselling benefits for First Nations and Inuit	Find information about receiving free counselling services from the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) program. For First Nations and Inuit people.	Click here to access
Government of Canada	Find information on what mental health is and why it is important.	Click here to access
Government of Canada	Services and general information related to mental health, contributed by the Public Health Agency of Canada and Health Canada.	Click here to access

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Hong Fook Mental Health Association	Read information about anxiety, depression, stress, emotions, and health in English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, and Vietnamese.	Click here to access
Mental Health Commission of Canada	Discover some common myths and misconceptions regarding mental health and mental health care.	Click here to access
Multicultural Mental Health	Find mental health resources and information in over 25 languages.	Click here to access
My Mental Health	Learn about Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) and how to aid people in crisis.	Click here to access
Thinking About Suicide?	Find information on suicide and reminders for those who may be experiencing suicidal thoughts.	Click here to access
Well Central	Take courses on managing mental wellness.	Click here to access

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.

Self-care tools specifically for People Living with Dialysis or Kidney Disease

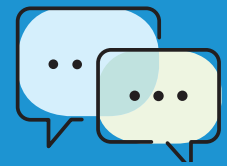
Name of resource	Brief description of resource	How can you access the information?
Davita Kidney Care	Learn about kidney disease, how to manage the disease, and find diet and nutrition tips.	Click here to access
Kidney Community Kitchen	Find recipes and information on how to manage a renal diet.	Click here to access
Kidney Foundation of Canada	Information and tools to help manage kidney health. Read about how to stay active while managing and living with kidney disease, browse webinars on various kidney health topics, or review handbooks about living with kidney disease.	Click here for active living tips Click here for kidney webinars Click for the (“Living with Kidney Failure”) handbook Click here for the (“Living with Reduced Kidney Function”) handbook
Kidney School	Discover learning modules and audiobooks about kidney and kidney disease.	Click here to access
Kidney Wellness Hub	Free online wellness resource hub for kidney patients. Includes resources on staying active, eating well, mental wellbeing, and socially connecting.	Click here to access
PKD Foundation of Canada	Find information on diet, nutrition, and also webinars, specifically for polycystic kidney disease (PKD).	Click here to access

Resources for Depression/Anxiety

Name of resource	Brief description of resource	How can you access the information?
Antidepressant Skills Workbook	Self-care workbook to help you manage low mood. Workbook available in English, French, Chinese, Farsi, Punjabi, and Vietnamese. Audio available for download in English and French.	Click here to access
Centre for Clinical Interventions	Find workbooks, information, and worksheets for both Depression and Anxiety	Click here for depression work material Click here for anxiety work material
Depression Quest	An interactive game where you play a character with depression. Meant to help show/ inform yourself and others that you are not alone and of the different options you can take.	Click here to access
Depression, anxiety, & stress test	Find techniques to manage depression, anxiety, and stress.	Click here for depression techniques Click here for anxiety techniques Click here for stress techniques
eMentalHealth	Learn about what panic attacks are, why they happen, and tips to address them.	Click here to access

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Kidney Foundation of Canada	A self-care fact sheet that provides ways to manage and cope with depression.	Click here to access
Not Just Talk	Find easy-to-read guides and audio recordings for both depression and anxiety.	Click here to access

General Mental Health/Wellness Tools

Name of resource	Brief description of resource	How can you access the information?
Black Mental Health Canada	Find free workshops and events that discuss mental health for the black communities in Canada.	Click here to access
Breathr App	Provides easy and fun ways to practice mindfulness along with interesting facts about the benefits of mindfulness.	Available on App Store and Google Play. Click here for more information
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health	20-minute course on mental health and depression. Learn about the basic definitions and key messages.	Click here for the mental health course Click here for the depression course
CMHA National	Take this stress questionnaire to see how elevated your stress might be.	Click here to access
Community Course: Making it Matter with Micro-Interventions	Free 2-hour virtual course on coping skills and how you can support yourself through difficult times.	Click here for more information and to enroll
Embrace Life Council	Access mental health and wellness resources, including pamphlets with community resources for different regions in NU and a colouring book to encourage mindfulness and relaxation.	Click here to access community resource pamphlets Click here to access the colouring book
eMentalHealth	Screening tools for self-compassion, happiness, anxiety, and depression. Should not be used as a substitute for a professional opinion.	Click here for the self-compassion tool Click here for the happiness tool Click here for the anxiety tool Click here for the depression tool
eMentalHealth	Learn about therapeutic tapping, bilateral music, grounding strategies, dialectical behavioral therapy, and about happiness. Different methods for self-care improvement.	Click here to learn about therapeutic tapping Click here to learn about bilateral music for anxiety Click to learn about Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Click to learn about happiness strategies Click to learn about grounding strategies
eMentalHealth	A safety plan that contains a series of questions to help ground yourself and to stay safe.	Click here to access
Getting Better My Way	A free self-management tool. Answer a series of questions to help create your plan.	Click here to access
How to manage and reduce stress – Mental Health Foundation	Information about stress and tips on how to manage it.	Click here to access

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InsightTimer	A wellness tool that promotes and provides free guided meditation.	Available on App Store and Google Play. Click here for web access
Meditations – Chris Germer	Download meditation audio files or written meditation instruction PDF files intended to promote mindful self-compassion.	Click here to access
Mental Healthy - F.i.T.	Access films, programs and tips to find the benefits of fostering mental wellness and also the danger signs.	Click here to access
MindBeacon	Find 3 tips on learning to deal with uncertainty as well as 5 tips to help with regulating your mood.	Click here for uncertainty tips Click here for mood regulation tips
Mindfulness Exercises	Find free courses, audio, worksheets, and videos about mindfulness and how it can help strengthen oneself.	Click here to access
Mindshift CBT App	Learn how to relax, be mindful, and cope with anxiety using strategies based on cognitive behavioural therapy.	Available on App Store and Google Play. Click here for more information
Mind Your Mind	Access mental health tips, interactive tools, and shared stories and experiences.	Click here for tips Click here for interactive tools Click here for stories and experiences
My Tools – Suicide.ca	Discover tools to take care of your mental health. Tools for taking action, calming down, and more.	Click here to access
National Institutes of Health	Utilize the emotional wellness toolkit to help manage emotions, reduce stress, and cope with loss. Also information on sleep and mindfulness.	Click here to access
North Simcoe Muskoka Self-Management Program	Free 6-week self-management workshops to help those living with health conditions. Offered in English and French.	Click here to access
Now Matters Now	Video-based website sharing the stories of others and how they survived difficult experiences. Also includes mental health worksheets, safety plans, and other tips and tools.	Click here to access
PsychHealthandSafety	Self-care workbook that can help you learn to cope with health problems.	Click here to access
Safety Plan Guide	Safety plan workbook to help you manage suicidal thoughts and urges.	Click here to access
Self-Compassion	Self-compassion website that provides information on how to get started and some guided meditations.	Click here to access
Sunlife	Provides information on meditation and gratitude journals. Discover why both are beneficial for self-care and mental health.	Click to learn about meditation Click to learn about gratitude journals

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The LifeLine Canada Foundation	Learn about coping and what unhealthy and healthy coping looks like.	Click here to access
Youth Mental Health Canada	YMHC provides compassion and messages of support. You can subscribe for daily compassionate messages or you can sign up to get a compassion card.	Click here for compassion cards Click here for daily compassion messages

In-person & Live Online Services

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IN-PERSON & LIVE ONLINE SERVICES

Peer support groups, volunteer provided services, healthcare professional services, and referral services.

Peer Support Groups

Name of Resource	Brief description of resource	How can you access the information?
Kidney Foundation of Canada	Request individualized peer support or access online and in-person support and engagement groups. Speak with trained volunteers who have similar life experiences about what to expect when coping and learning to live with a kidney disease diagnosis.	Click here for more information

Services Provided by Trained Volunteers

Name of Resource	Brief description of resource	How can you access the information?
7 Cups	Free 24/7 listening and support chat.	Click here to register and for more information
Cambridge Bay	Access wellness services such as healing programs, women's support groups, suicide prevention, and agency referrals.	Click here for more information
Canadian Red Cross	Program matching adults with a trained listener for regular check-ins, emotional support, and suggestions for other well-being strategies and resources. Register by phone (available from 9am to 5pm weekdays) or online.	Call: 1 833 979-9779 Click here to register and for more information
Certified Listeners Society	Free emotional support chat service. Fill out your age, gender, urgency, and email address to request a chat. 12PM to 3AM EST.	Click here to register and for more information
Elders Support Phone Line	Get peer-to-peer support and counselling for unilingual (Inuktitut-speaking) Elders. Monday to Friday from 8:30AM to 12:00PM. Leave a message after hours.	Call: 1 866 684-5056 Click here for more information
Naseeha	A Muslim mental health helpline. Provides confidential, spiritual, and culturally competent support.	Call or text: 1 866 627-3342 Click here for more information
Nisa Helpline	Helpline for Muslim women. Provides emotional and mental health support. 10AM - 10PM EST. Also provides 3 free counseling services.	Call: 1 888 315-6472 Click here for more information

Services Provided by Healthcare Professionals

Name of resource	Brief description of resource	How can you access the information?
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BounceBack	Services include a trained coach who can provide up to six sessions and access to self-help materials such as workbooks, activities, and videos.	Click here to register and for more information
Government of Nunavut	List of mental health services in Nunavut, including individual/family counselling, self-care assistance, Healing by Talking Program, and cultural wellness & healing.	Click here to access

Referral Services

Name of resource	Brief description of resource	How can you access the information?
211	Information and referral service for social and community services. Support available in multiple languages. Available 24/7	Call: 211 Click here to for more information
Can-Emerg	Access a directory of supports available to people in Nunavut.	Click here to access

Regional and Crisis Resources

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REGIONAL AND CRISIS RESOURCES

Find provincial wide crisis lines and regional lines.

National Resources (Nationwide)

Name of resource	Brief description of resource	How can you access the information?
Canadian Counselling Center	Access phone numbers you can call when you need immediate support or are in crisis.	Click here to access
Government of Canada	Access mental health resources for First Nations and Inuit communities.	Click here to access
Government of Canada	A guide to province specific resources, and resources that are available nationally.	Click here to access
Hope for Wellness Helpline	National phone or online chat available 24/7 to all Indigenous Peoples across Canada. Available in English and French. Support in Cree, Ojibway, and Inuktitut available by request.	Call: 1 855 242-3310 Click here for online chat and for more information
talk suicide Canada	Bilingual crisis and suicide intervention services. Phone line available 24/7. Text line available from 4pm to midnight Eastern time (ET).	Call: 988 Text: 988 Click here for more information

Provincial Resources (Province Wide)

Name of resource	Brief description of resource	How can you access the information?
Government of Nunavut	Access mental health supports and resources.	Click here to access
Kamatsiaqtut Nunavut Helpline	24/7, free, confidential, and anonymous helpline. Call to be connected with trained volunteers and receive support.	Call: 867 979-3333 (local Nunavut number) 1 800 265-3333 (toll free outside of Iqaluit and residents of Nunavumiut) Click here for more information
PSAC North	Access a list of phone numbers to call, including Indigenous specific supports	Click here to access

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