



**Precious McCowan, MS, PhD Candidate
Kidney Transplant Patient Advocate**

Precious McCowan is a two-time kidney transplant recipient from Dallas, Texas. She was diagnosed with kidney disease in 2010, receiving her first kidney and pancreas transplant the same year. The kidney failed after seven months. Precious received in-center hemodialysis for eight years, during which time she started her patient advocacy journey.

Her advocacy work includes:

- Dialysis Facility Patient Representative
- Chair of, End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network 14 of Texas Patient Advisory Council
- Member of ESRD Network 14 Medical Review Board
- Subject Matter Expert for ESRD National Patient and Family Engagement Learning and Action Network
- Member of, The Forum of ESRD Networks
- Peer Mentor for the National Kidney Foundation
- Public Policy Committee member, National Kidney Foundation
- Kidney Committee Patient Representative for the National Quality Forum
- Kidney Committee Patient Representative for United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS)
- Member of the American Society of Nephrology, Kidney Week Education Committee

Precious earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice in 2005 and a Master of Science in Human Behavior in 2018 while on dialysis. Precious received a second transplant in April 2019, and she diligently advocates for improved patient and family engagement, health literacy, and health equity.

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