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The Unicode Consortium
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Dear Unicode Consortium:

On behalf of the American Society for Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology (ASDIN), I am writing to recommend the creation of a kidney emoji to help represent the more than 850,000,000 individuals worldwide—including more than 37,000,000 in the United States—with kidney diseases.

Emojis are already a significant part of mainstream dialogue. There are more than 3,000 emojis in the Unicode Consortium, providing an icon for most every day items. However, only three medically and anatomically accurate emojis exist, representing the brain, heart, and lungs. No emoji exists for kidneys despite their vital role in health and overall well-being.

A kidney emoji would simplify communications for health care professionals and patients and the general public, as well. With the current increase in the use of telehealth, emojis are more important than ever.

ASDIN is very supportive of this initiative and is available to dialogue with you or be involved in this effort in any way. Please feel free to reach out to me through our office or directly at akagarwalmd@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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