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American Kidney Fund Partners with American Medical Technologists to Fight Kidney Disease Across the Nation

Chicago (Aug. 28, 2014) – Today, the American Kidney Fund (AKF) announced a national partnership with American Medical Technologists (AMT) in an effort to increase awareness of chronic kidney disease, a common and often preventable condition affecting 31 million Americans.

AMT has partnered with AKF to foster and promote collaborative work focusing on the role of allied health professionals in the prevention and treatment of chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease. Throughout the partnership, AMT will help raise awareness of kidney disease through professional and public education and communications. AMT will also raise funds to support the American Kidney Fund’s programs and services.

“We are pleased to join forces with American Medical Technologists, an outstanding organization of health professionals across the country, to raise awareness of kidney disease across the nation,” said LaVarne A. Burton, president and chief executive officer of the American Kidney Fund. “Strong partners like AMT really help to expand our reach into communities where people are at increased risk for kidney disease.”

The partnership announcement took place during AKF’s Chicago Kidney Action Day, the first joint effort between the organizations. Members of AMT’s Illinois State Society promoted the event to Chicago residents and also volunteered to assist AKF staff and other health professionals with health screenings and education. The partnership will include similar efforts in other Kidney Action Day locations in the future.

“AMT is excited to join the American Kidney Fund, the leader in education and outreach to Americans at risk for kidney disease, to fight this devastating condition,” said Christopher Damon, executive director of American Medical Technologists. “As an organization of health professionals on the front lines, we know the toll that kidney disease is taking on our nation and we are dedicated to the fight against kidney disease.”

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About the American Kidney Fund
The American Kidney Fund fights kidney disease through direct financial support to patients in need, health education and prevention efforts. It leads the nation in charitable assistance to dialysis patients. Last year, more than 87,000 people—1 out of every 5 U.S. dialysis patients—received assistance from the American Kidney Fund for health insurance premiums and other treatment-related expenses. The American Kidney Fund reaches millions of people annually through its national campaign, Pair Up: Join the Fight to Prevent Kidney Disease; free kidney health screenings; health education materials and courses; online outreach, and a toll-free health information HelpLine (866-300-2900). For more information, visit www.kidneyfund.org.

About the American Medical Technologists
American Medical Technologists is a nationally and internationally recognized certification agency for allied health professionals. In existence since 1939, AMT is also a membership association, providing continuing education and other services to over 60,000 members. AMT is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) for all its competency-based examinations. For more information, visit www.americanmedtech.org