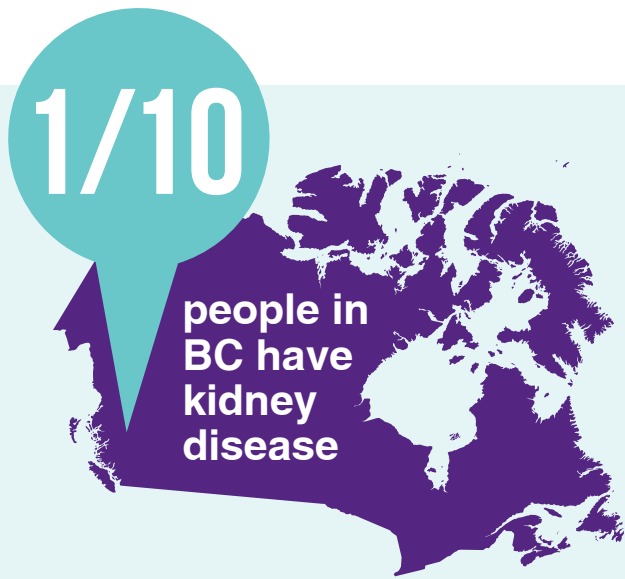
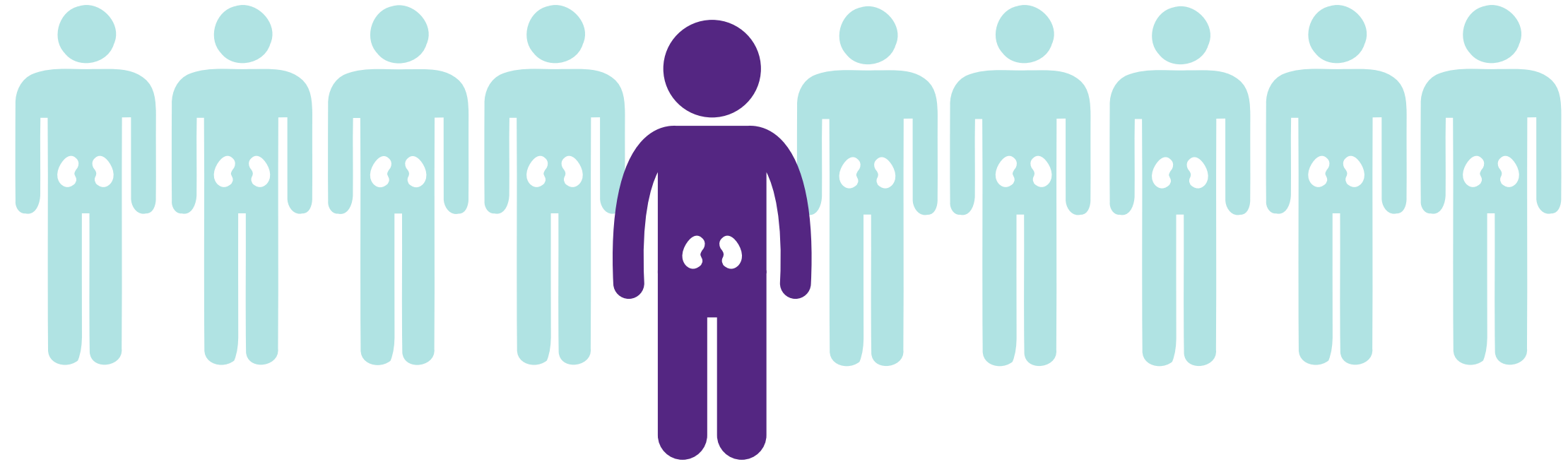




# MYTH: KIDNEY DISEASE IS A RARE CONDITION.

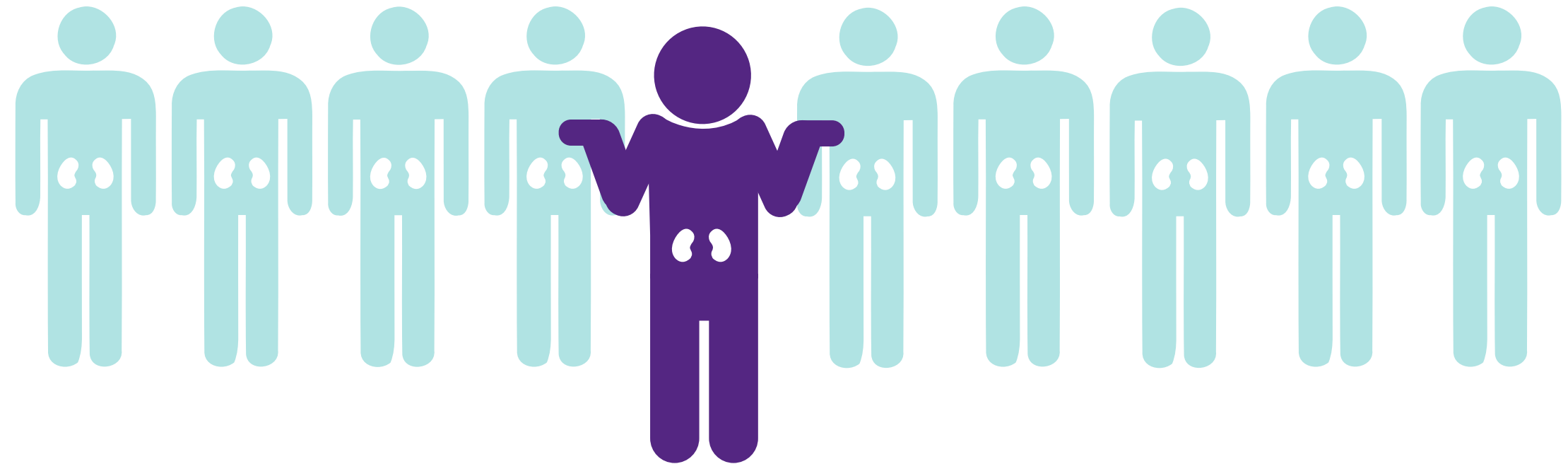


## REALITY:

One in ten Canadians has some degree of kidney disease, and it's one of the fastest growing illnesses in BC.



# MYTH: THERE'S NO WAY TO PREVENT KIDNEY DISEASE.



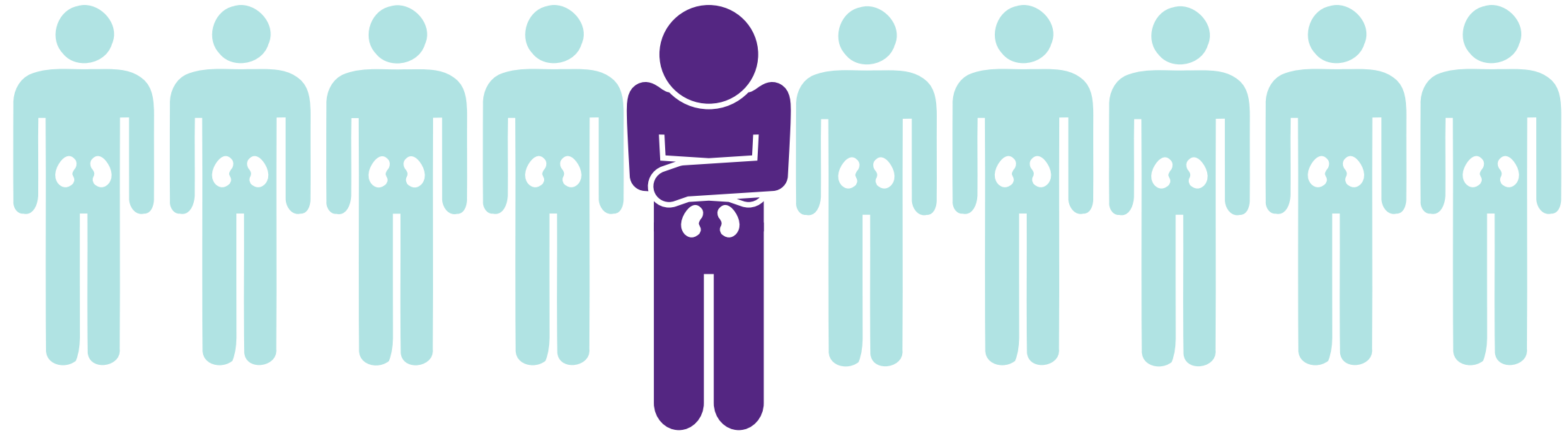
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people in BC have kidney disease

## REALITY:

Kidney disease involves genetic and lifestyle factors, including high blood pressure and heart disease. You can reduce your risk through a healthy diet and regular exercise.



# MYTH: IF YOU HAVE KIDNEY DISEASE, YOU'LL KNOW IT.



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## REALITY:

Kidney disease is a “silent” disease, with virtually no symptoms in its early stages. A person can lose more than 50% of their kidney function before symptoms appear, and some symptoms - tiredness and appetite loss - can be mistaken for something less serious.



# MYTH: THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO IF YOU ARE DIAGNOSED WITH KIDNEY DISEASE.



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## REALITY:

If diagnosed early, many people are able to slow the course of the disease with the support of their kidney care team. This includes taking medication, eating a healthy diet and getting regular exercise.