

Progression of Chronic Kidney Disease: Drivers of Disease and Opportunities for Earlier Diagnosis and Intervention



Burden of Chronic Kidney Disease in the US



\$72 billion

Approximately **1 in 7** adults in the US are living with CKD^{1,*}



Overall life expectancy was shortened by 6 years with early CKD and by 16 years with CKD and comorbid T2D³

Progressive Nature of Chronic Kidney Disease

CKD expenditure represents 25% of overall

spending for Medicare patients^{2,†}



Progression of CKD Increases the Risk for Adverse Outcomes⁶









Older adults with CKD are **6-fold more likely** to die from CV causes than develop ESKD^{7,#}

D eGFR and ACR are strong and independent predictors of CV mortality^{8,11}

*Prevalence of CKD in US adults using NHANES 2013-2016 data. CKD may be overestimated as persistence of albuminuria or creatinine was not accounted for based on KDIGO recommendations. 'Based on 2017 data. 'This data comes from a retrospective, observational cohort study (N=29,303) using administrative data in the Henry Ford Health System (HFHS). Outcomes for CKD progression included progression to a higher stage of CKD based on eGFR and ESRD, defined as a composite outcome of CKD stage 5 (eGFR <15 mL/min), renal transplant or dialysis. ¹N=1,120,295. ⁴Cardiovascular event was defined as hospitalization for coronary heart disease, heart failure, ischemic stroke, and peripheral arterial disease. ⁴Based on a cohort study including 1268 participants 65 years and older with eGFR <60. ¹n=24,777, 15 studies; 1879 cases of CV mortality.

ACR = albumin-to-creatinine ratio; CKD = chronic kidney disease; CV = cardiovascular; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESKD = end-stage kidney disease; GFR = glomerular filtration rate; T2D = type 2 diabetes; US = United States

Importance of Screening and Monitoring

CKD is classified based on GFR category and albuminuria category⁴



Monitoring of CKD Should Intensify as Renal Function Declines⁴

Recommended frequency of monitoring[¶]

(number of times per year) by GFR and albuminuria category

			Persistent albuminuria categories		
			A1	A2	A3
			<30 mg/g <3 mg/mmol	30-300 mg/g 3-30 mg/mmol	>300 mg/g >30 mg/mmol
(mL/min/1./3m²)	G1	>90	1/year if CKD 1/year	1/vear	2/year
	G2	60-89		iryeai	
	G3a	45-59	1/year	2/year	3/year
	G3b	30-44	2/year	3/year	
	G4	15-29	3/year		4+/year
	G5	<15	4+/year		
			KDIGO recommends referral to a nephrologist for advanced CKD		

Diagnosis of CKD in Patients with T2D Needs Improvement¹

GFR categories

Only 1 in 10 adults with CKD are aware of their diagnosis

*Does not fulfill the criteria for CKD in the absence of evidence of kidney damage. *Relative to young adult level. *Including nephrotic syndrome (albumin excretion usually >2200 mg/24 hours [UACR >2220 mg/g; >220 mg/mmol]). *Patients were classified as fast progressors if they lost >4 mL/min/1.73 m² per year in eGFR in a large cohort of patients with mild-moderate CKD. *green = low risk (if no other markers of kidney disease, no CKD); yellow = moderately increased risk; orange = high risk; red = very high risk.

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Diabetes is the leading cause of ESKD²

Diabetes as a Driver of Chronic Kidney Disease



In Patients with T2D, Early Stages of CKD are Most Prevalent¹³



Long-term Progression of Kidney Disease in Patients with T2D



*Age-standardized US prevalence of CKD by cause in 2016. ¹Distribution of markers of CKD in NHANES participants with diabetes in 2013–2016. CKD defined as UACR \geq 30 mg/g or eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m². ¹In addition, UACR \geq 30 mg/g. ⁵Defined as urinary albumin concentration \geq 50 mg/L. ⁴The UKPDS enrolled patients with newly diagnosed T2D. ⁴Defined as a urinary albumin concentration \geq 300 mg/L. ^{**}Data from 9.5 years of median follow-up in 3682 participants (48% with diabetes) of the Chronic Renal Insufficiency Cohort study utilizing mixed model estimates of time spent in each CKD stage prior to progression or death in patients with A1c \geq 7.5% compared to patients.

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In patients with T2D, CKD stages 1–3b combined are

10x more prevalent

than stage 4–5 combined¹³

In newly diagnosed patients with T2D...

38% Developed albuminuria§

Developed eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m² (CKD stage 3–5)

over a median of **15 years**¹⁴

Current Approaches to Management

Targets for Therapeutic Intervention in CKD



Optimal Risk Factor Management Does Not Eliminate Risk of Diabetic Nephropathy^{21,22,†}





Conventional and intensive management based on treatment goals for BP, HbA1c, and cholesterol in the 1999 Steno-2 trial over a mean follow up of 3.8 years.

Potential Impact of Early Intervention to Maintain Renal Function²³



Guidelines Recommend Routine Screening for CKD in Patients with Cardiorenal-metabolic Disease

KDIGO^{4,24}

Regular testing of high-risk groups (including those with T2D, HTN, CVD) can give early indication of kidney damage. A team-based and integrated approach to manage these patients should focus on regular assessment, control of multiple risk factors, and self-management to protect kidney function and reduce risk of complications.

ADA⁹

Annually assess urinary albumin and eGFR in patients with T2D.

*This is not an exhaustive list of treatable risk factors. Diabetic nephropathy was defined as a urinary albumin excretion of more than 300 mg/24 hours in at least one of the two-yearly examinations. **ADA** = American Diabetes Association; **ASCVD** = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; **BP** = blood pressure; **CKD** = chronic kidney disease; **CVD** = cardiovascular disease; **eGFR** = estimated glomerular filtration rate; **HbA1c** = hemoglobin A1c; **HTN** = hypertension; **KDIGO** = Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes; **T2D** = type 2 diabetes

Summary



Burden of CKD is Significant

- 1 in 7 adults in the US is living with CKD, and increases in the prevalence of CKD risk factors are anticipated to increase the burden of ESKD^{1,25}
- Progressive deteriorations in renal function increase the risk of adverse outcomes, such as risk of hospitalizations, CV events, mortality, and healthcare costs^{2,10}
- CKD significantly shortens life span which is further reduced with comorbid T2D³



Screen, Diagnose, and Manage Early

Several guidelines recommend to regularly screen patients at increased risk^{4,9}

- Roughly 10% of patients with CKD and T2D receive a diagnosis²⁶
- In patients with T2D, earlier stages (1–3) of CKD are more common than late stages¹³
- 35 45% of patients with CKD (stages 2 4) will progress to a worse stage of kidney disease within 5 years⁵



Monitor Renal Function

Engage patients in risk factor reduction and use multifactorial interventions to tailor treatment regimens to the individual

- KDIGO recommends routine CKD monitoring with increasing frequency as renal function declines⁴
- · Lower eGFR and higher albuminuria are independently associated with increased adverse CV outcomes and premature death, which is worse in patients with T2D²⁷

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