

Southwark PLT March 2023

CKD Management in Primary Care (Adults)

Agenda

13:00 – 13:10	Introduction and CKD Quiz	CESEL
13:10 – 13:30	CKD: the forgotten risk factor for CVD	Dr Kate Bramham
13:30 – 13:40	Southwark CKD data	CESEL
13:40 – 14:20	Case Studies + CESEL CKD guide	CESEL and Dr Kate Bramham
14:20 – 14:30	Q&A	All

- ✓ Slides will be shared
- ✓ Please answer questions at menti.com (code above)
- ✓ Questions will be collated and answered either in real time in the chat, or at the end in Q&A session
- ✓ Practice support around CKD is available through CESEL and your facilitators

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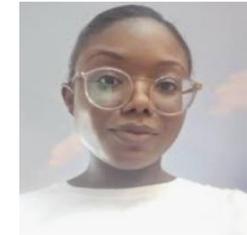
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POP QUIZ

How much do you already know about CKD?

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Why is CKD important?

Dr Kate Bramham- Consultant Nephrologist, Kings College Hospital



Learning Objectives

-  Understand the role of CKD as a major contributing factor to CVD risk
-  Update on NICE recommended treatments for prevention of CVD and renal disease progression in CKD
-  Discuss strategies to embed new treatments into clinical care



CVD Prevention in Primary Care

CVD prevention is a national priority

“Cardiovascular disease causes a quarter of all deaths in the UK and is the largest cause of premature mortality in deprived areas.

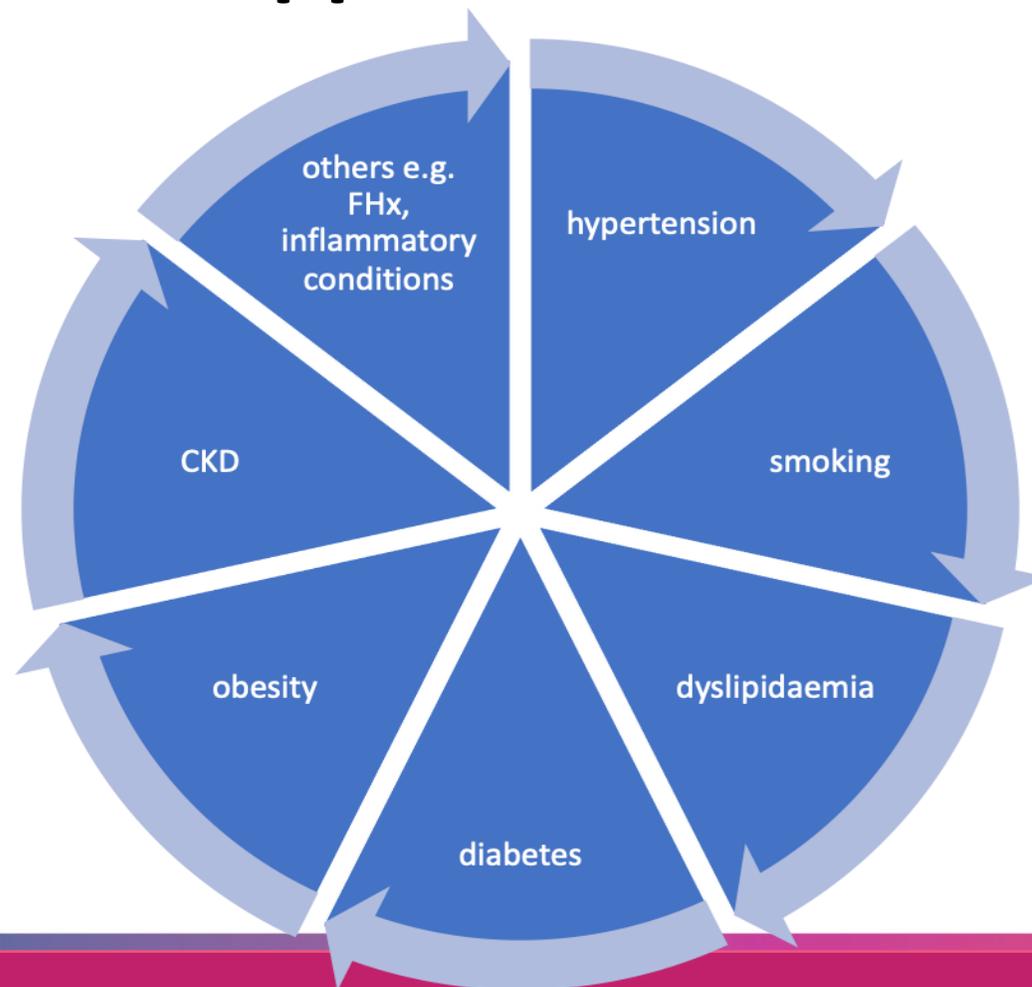
This is the single biggest area where the NHS can save lives over the next 10 years.”

Ambition: To Prevent 150,000 strokes, heart attacks and cases of dementia in 10 years

National CVDPREVENT audit introduced in 2021 – to identify variation, trends, and opportunities in the prevention and management of CVD conditions.



CKD is a relatively unrecognised risk factor – with previously limited opportunities to modify



What is Chronic Kidney Disease? (CKD)

‘The presence of **kidney damage**, mainly **albuminuria**, and/or decreased kidney function (estimated glomerular filtration rate [eGFR] **<60 mL/min/1.73 m²**) for at least 3 months (Levey and Coresh, 2012)’

eGFR Calculated by CKD-EPI equation

Albuminuria not proteinuria testing

Recent Key Changes:

No longer use ethnicity Correction for eGFR Calculation (NICE CKD Guidelines 2021)

Classification of chronic kidney disease using GFR and ACR categories

GFR and ACR categories and risk of adverse outcomes			ACR categories (mg/mmol), description and range		
			<3 Normal to mildly increased	3–30 Moderately increased	>30 Severely increased
			A1	A2	A3
GFR categories (mL/min/1.73 m ²), description and range	≥90 Normal and high	G1	No CKD in the absence of markers of kidney damage		
	60–89 Mild reduction related to normal range for a young adult	G2			
	45–59 Mild–moderate reduction	G3a ¹			
	30–44 Moderate–severe reduction	G3b			
	15–29 Severe reduction	G4			
	<15 Kidney failure	G5			

↑ Increasing risk

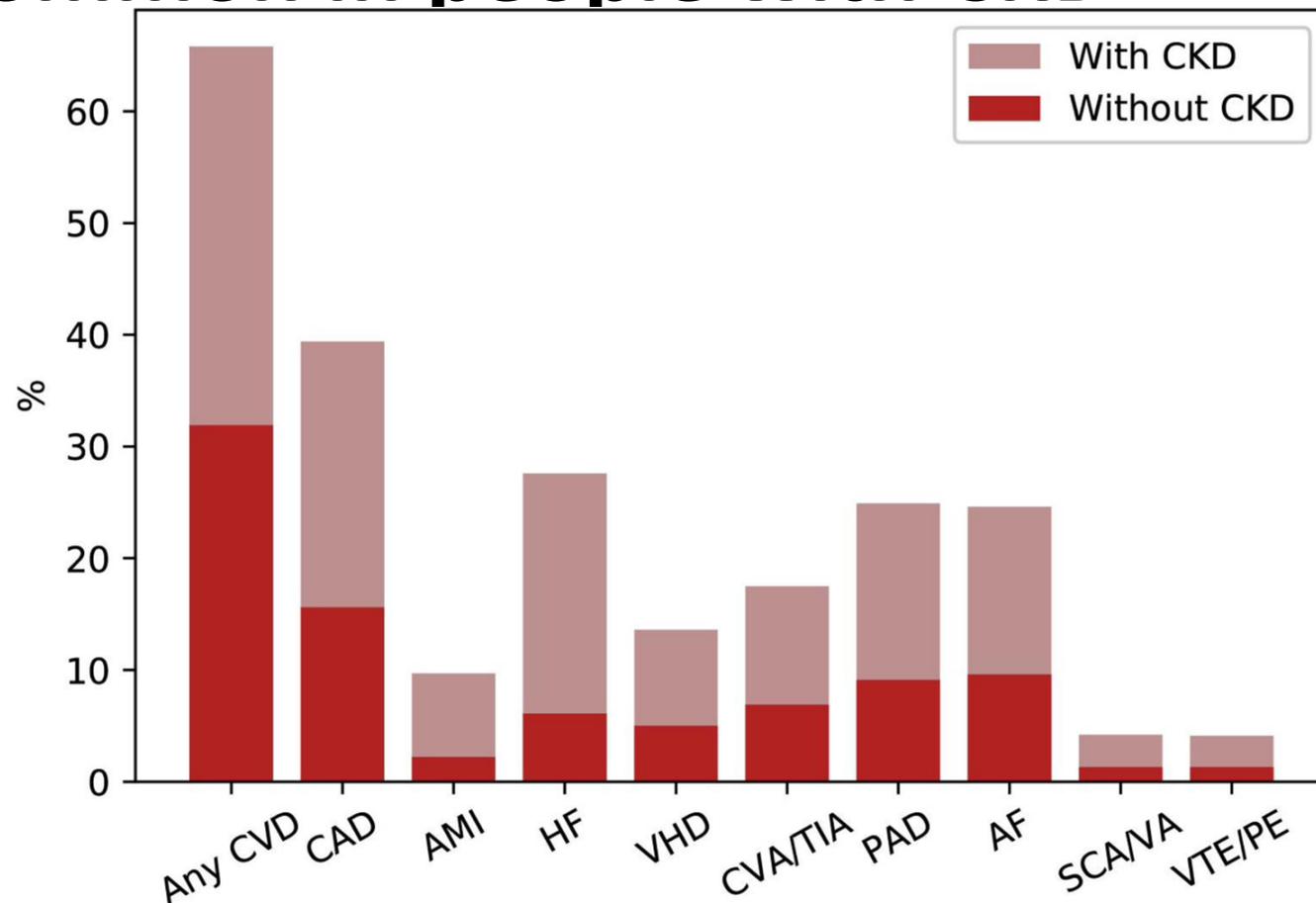
→ Increasing risk



Why is CKD a risk factor for CVD?



All forms of Cardiovascular Disease are more common in people with CKD



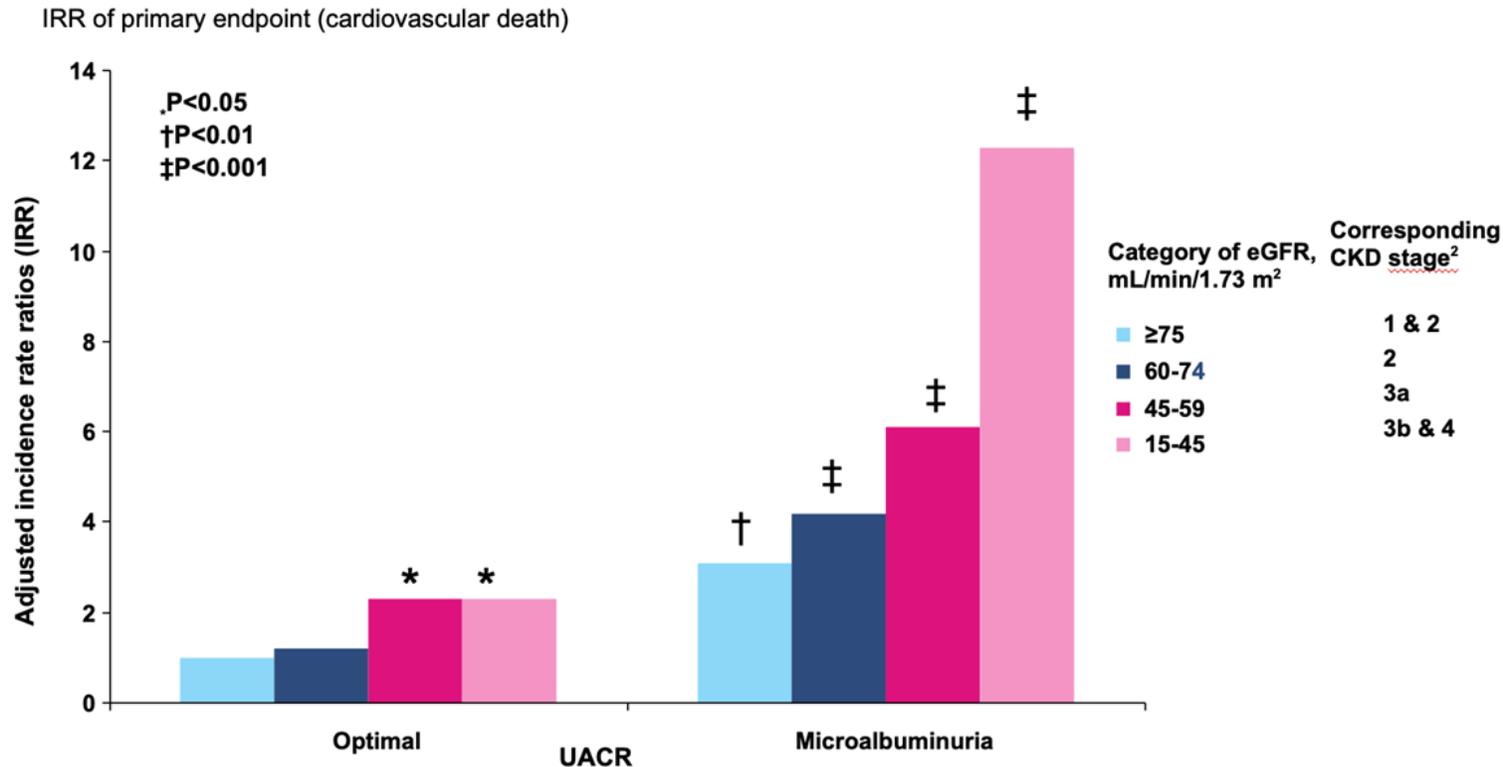
Prevalence of common cardiovascular diseases in patients with or without CKD in United States (2015)

Derived from Provenzano et al 2019

<https://doi.org/10.3389/fcell.2019.00314>

AF, atrial fibrillation; AMI, acute myocardial infarction; CAD, coronary artery disease; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CVA/TIA, cerebrovascular accident/transient ischemic attack; CVD, cardiovascular disease; HF, heart failure; PAD, peripheral arterial disease; SCA/VA, sudden cardiac arrest and ventricular arrhythmias; VHD, valvular heart disease; VTE/PE, venous thromboembolism and pulmonary embolism

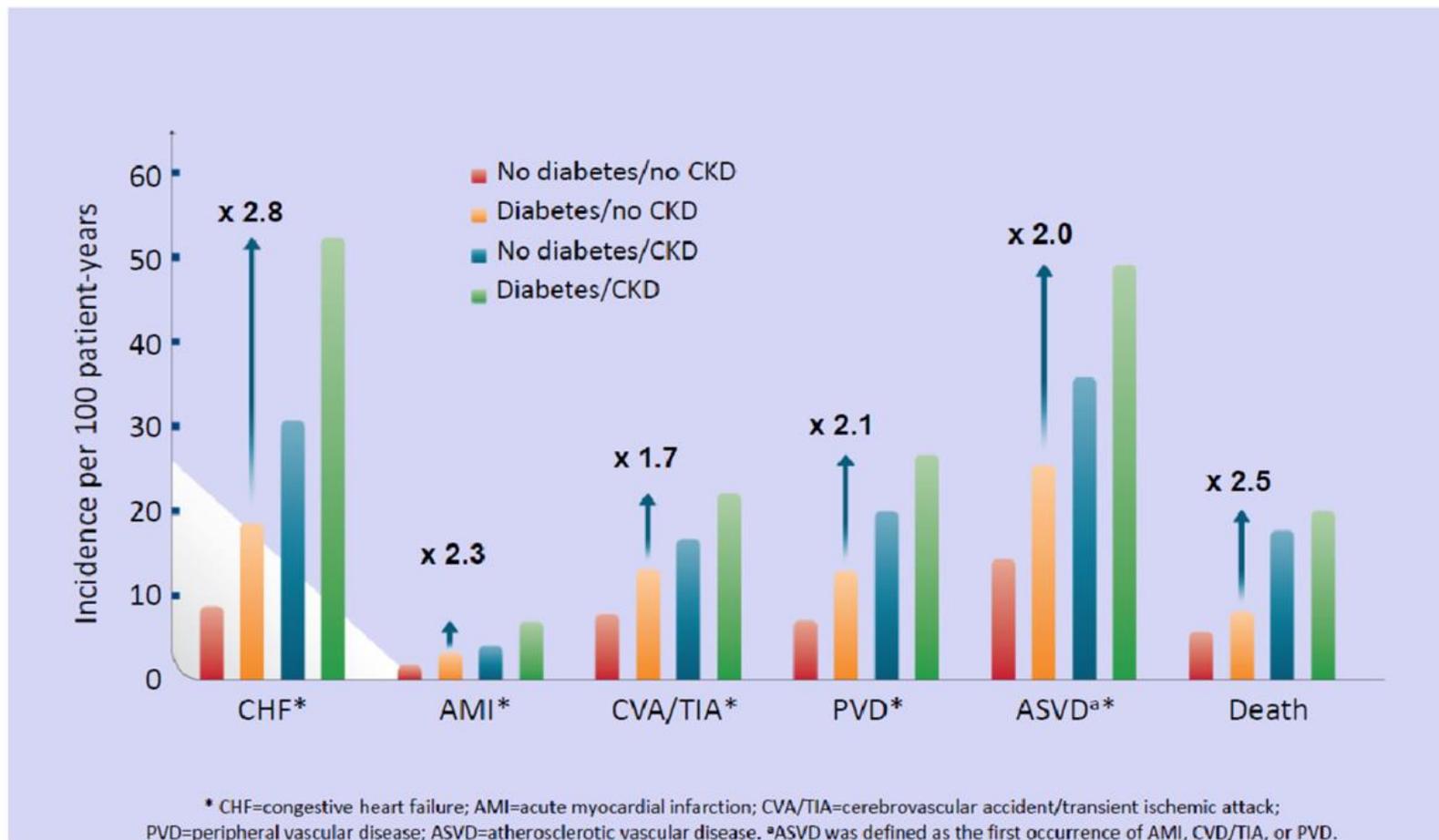
AND with microalbuminuria – risk is intensified



Microalbuminuria with eGFR >75 mls/min/1.73m² is associated with higher risk of cardiovascular death than CKD Stage 4 without albuminuria

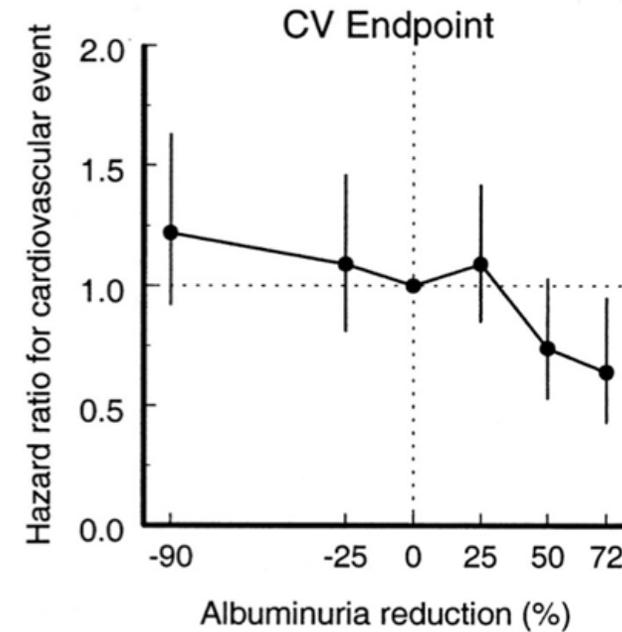
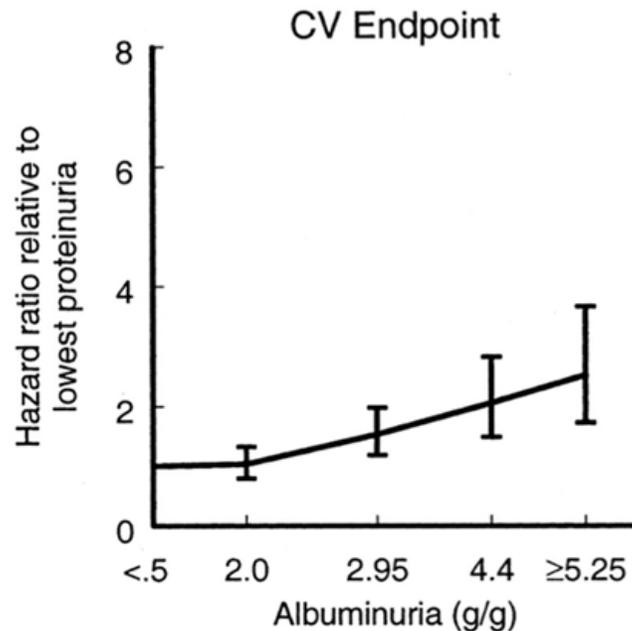
1. Adapted from Hallan et al. *Archives Internal Medicine* 2007 167;22;2490-2496
 2. NICE Management of CKD: NICE

CKD is a 'stronger' risk factor for ALL cardiovascular events than Diabetes



Foley RN, et. al. Am. Soc. Nephrol. 2005

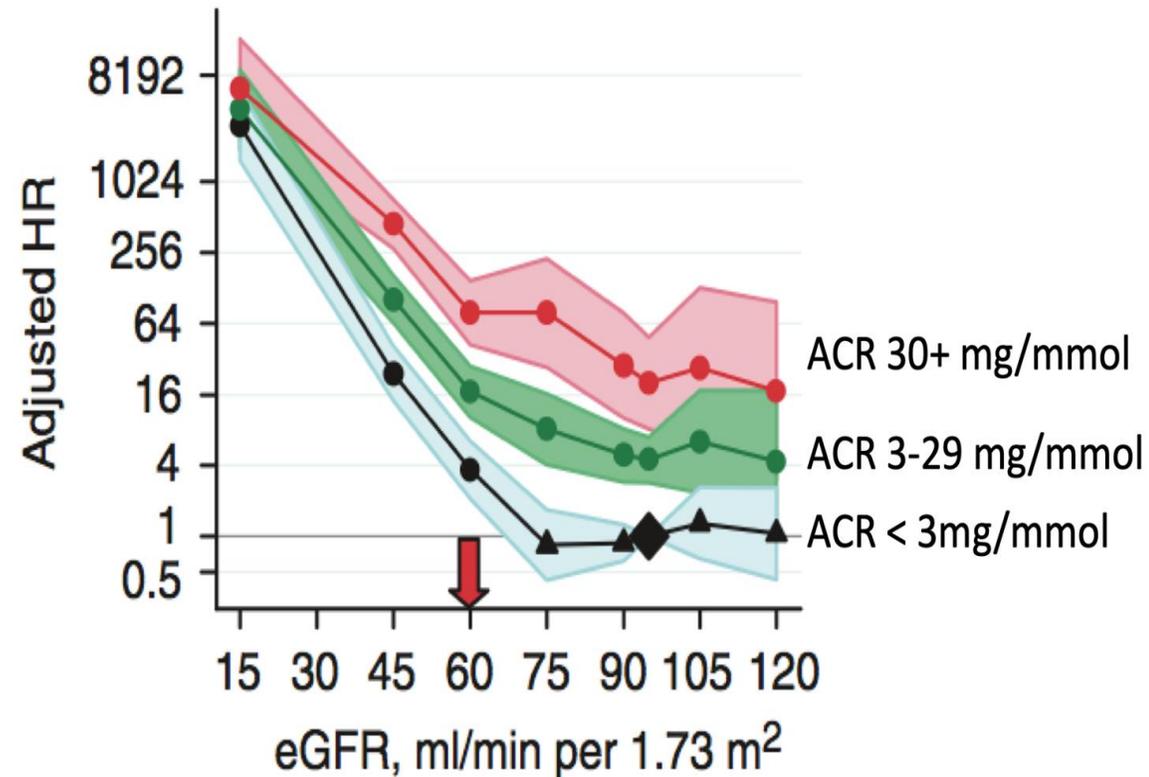
Cardiovascular events are more common with albuminuria and less likely to occur if albuminuria is reduced



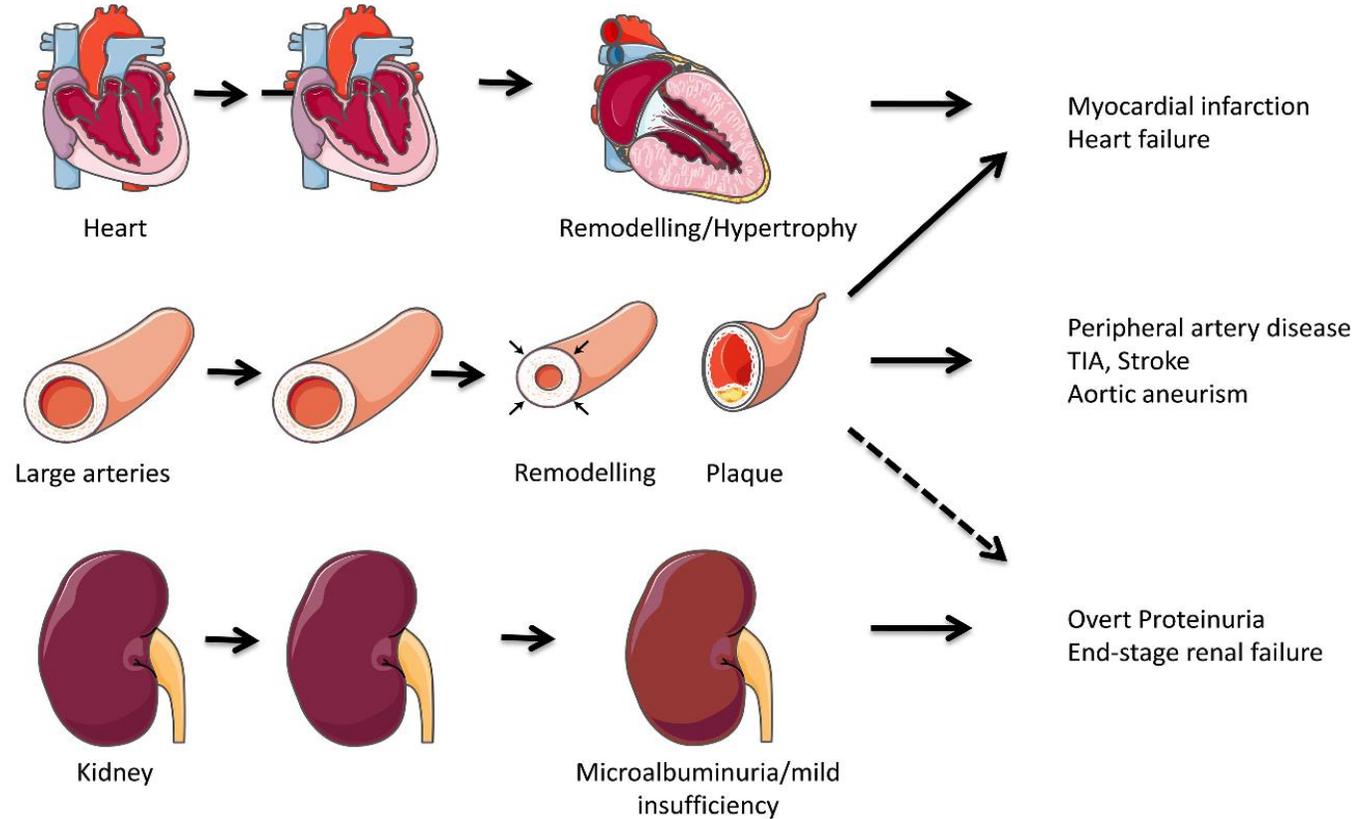
Post hoc analysis of 'RENAAL' trial (1513 patients with diabetic nephropathy – Losartan v placebo) de Zeeuw et al
Circulation 2004 DOI: 10.1161/01.CIR.0000139860.33974.28



Albuminuria is a also risk factor for End Stage Kidney Disease (ESKD)



Albuminuria is an early marker of cardiovascular disease



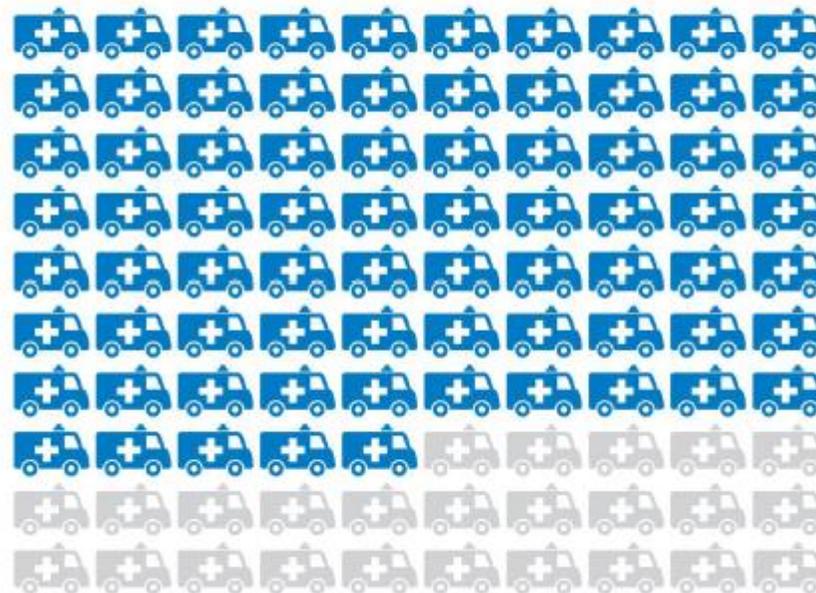
CKD is associated with unplanned admissions

With CKD **Stage 3:**

36 unplanned admissions annually

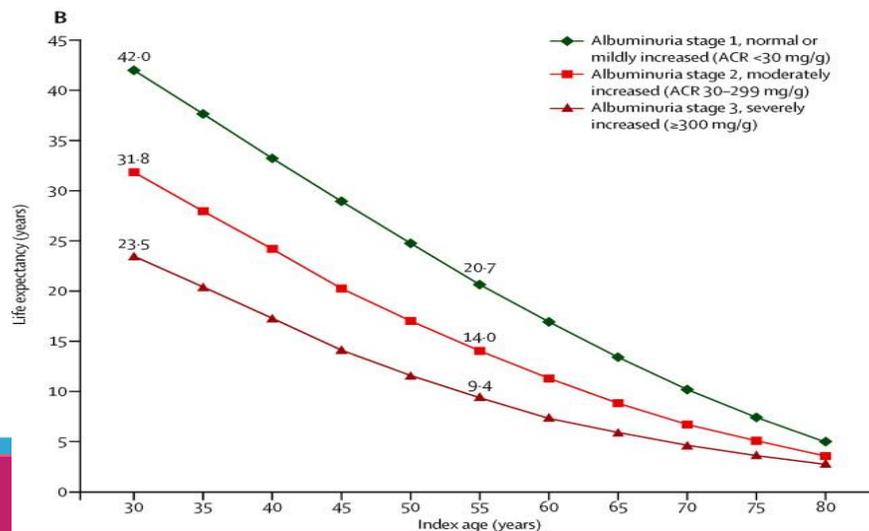
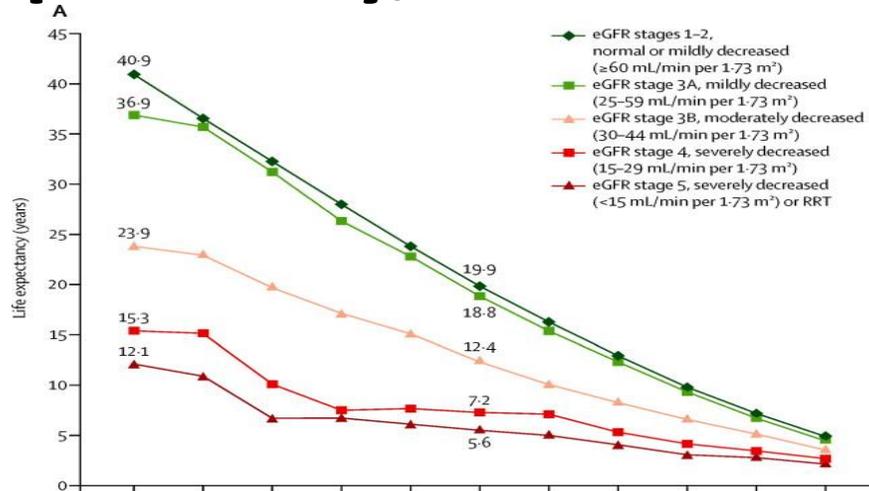
With CKD **Stage 4:**

75 unplanned admissions annually



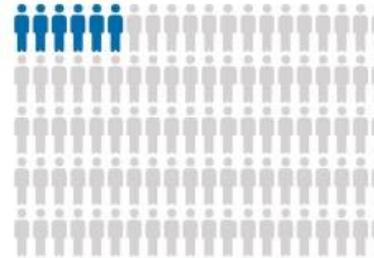
Findings for every
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CKD is also associated with reduced life expectancy, even at early stages

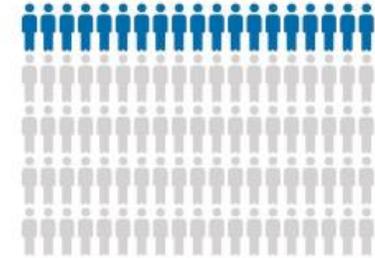


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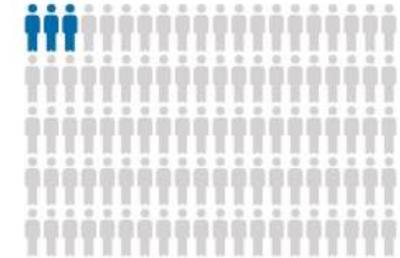
With CKD **Stage 3**:
6 patients
die annually



With CKD **Stage 4**:
19 patients
die annually



With **other renal codes**:
3 patients
die annually



National Chronic Kidney Disease Audit // National Report: Part 2 December 2017.
<https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/media/9951..>

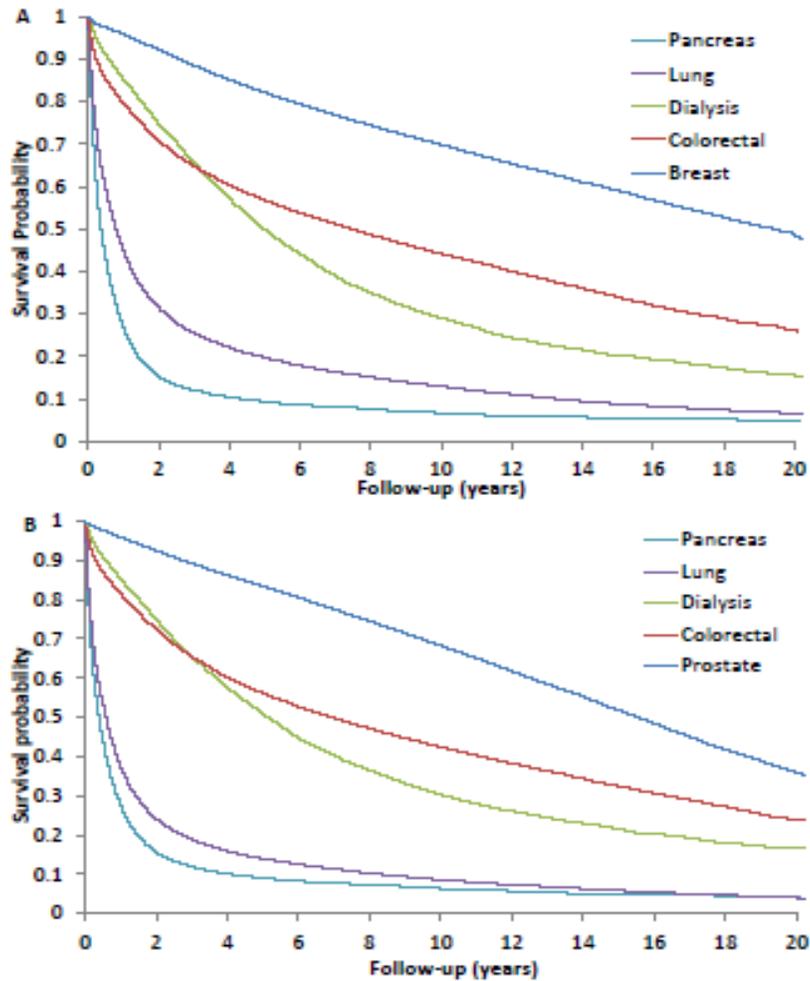


Figure 1. Survival probabilities for all-cause mortality in (A) female maintenance dialysis patients and patients with cancer (log-rank $P < 0.001$) and (B) male maintenance dialysis patients and patients with cancer (log-rank $P < 0.001$).

End Stage Kidney Disease has worse survival rates than colorectal and breast cancer

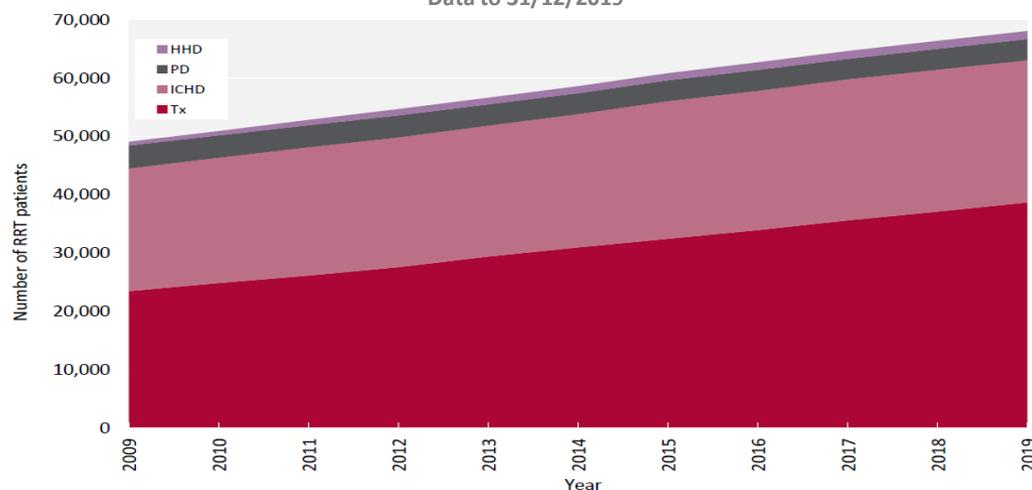
BIG PROBLEM #1

CKD Epidemic



- Global prevalence of CKD has risen by 87% between 1990–2016
- Estimated further increase of 17% in prevalence of CKD by 2030
- 2020 (3.63 million) 2030 (4.38 million) (Xie et al., 2018)
- Including 34% of CKD cases which are undiagnosed
- Higher rates of CKD in under-served communities – likely to widen health inequalities

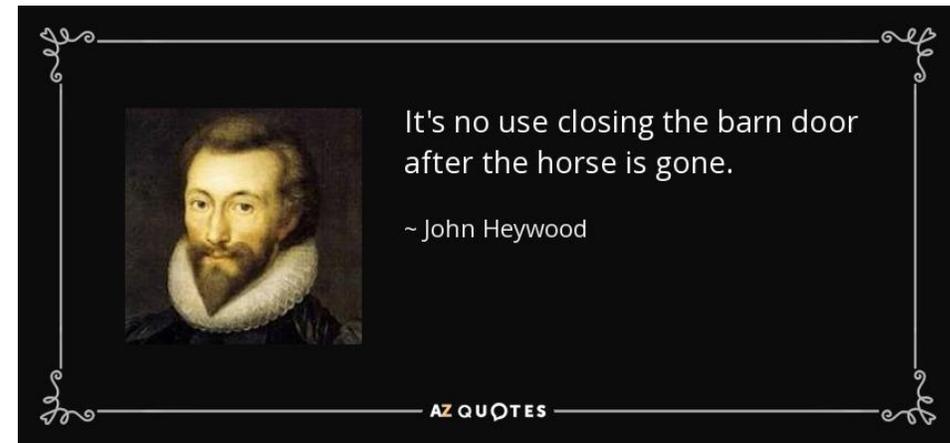
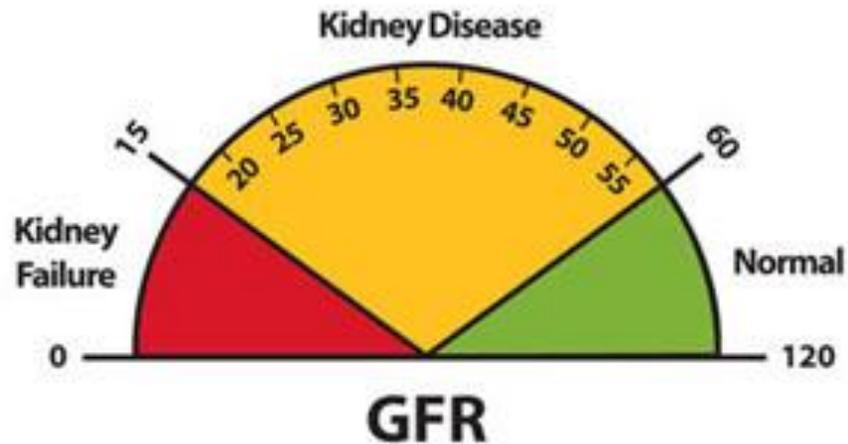
UK Renal Registry 23rd Annual Report
Data to 31/12/2019



BIG PROBLEM #2

Nephrology services focus on advanced disease

- NICE recommendations for referral to nephrology services GFR $<30\text{mls/min}/1.73\text{m}^2$



Missed opportunities for management of CKD progression / CVD prevention



Early CKD identification and management in primary care

Identification

- CKD Coding for identified CKD
- Case finding for unidentified CKD

Management

- Education – Cardiovascular health / lifestyle / modifiable risk-factors
- Optimisation – **‘Three steps in three months’**
 - Maximum Renin Angiotensinogen Aldosterone inhibition
 - Sodium Glucose Transporter-2 inhibitor
 - Blood Pressure Optimisation

Why Code for CKD?

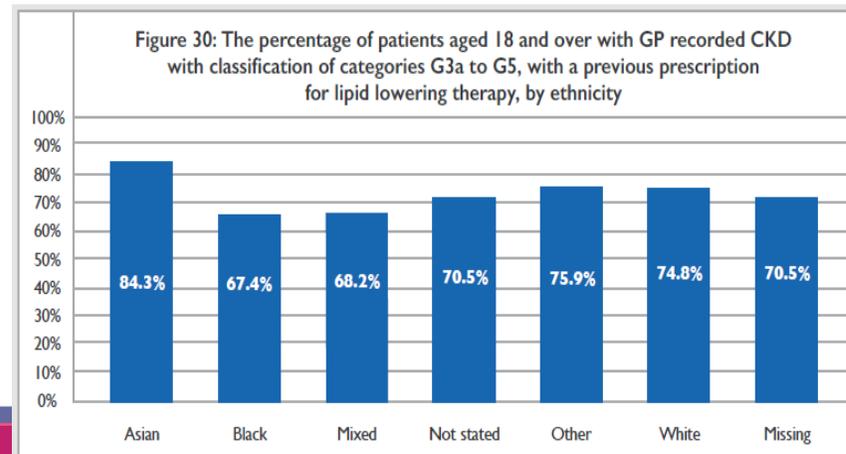
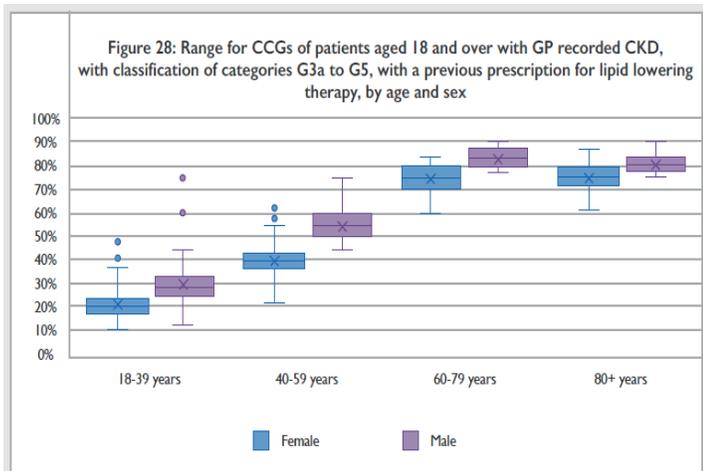
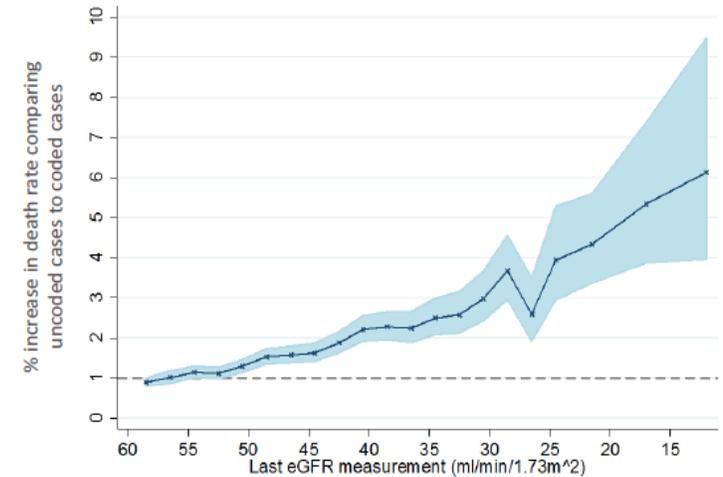
Uncoded patients with CKD have worse outcomes than coded patients (CKD audit, 2017)

- x2 mortality
- higher admissions

Coding facilitates audit of care through CKDPrevent

e.g. Proportion of patients with CKD Stage 3-5 prescribed lipid lowering therapy

Comparison of death rates between uncoded and coded patients with biochemical CKD stages 3-5





Evidence for prevention of progression of CKD with BP control and RAAS-i

Annals of Internal Medicine

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A Randomized Controlled Trial

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JAMA. 2001;285(21):2719-2728. doi:10.1001/jama.285.21.2719

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The effects of lowering LDL cholesterol with simvastatin plus ezetimibe in patients with chronic kidney disease (Study of Heart and Renal Protection): a randomised placebo-controlled trial

Prof Colin Baigent, FRCP, Martin J Landray, FRCP, Christina Reith, MRCGP, Jonathan Emberson, PhD, David C Wheeler, FRCP, Charles Tomson, DM, et al. Show all authors Show footnotes

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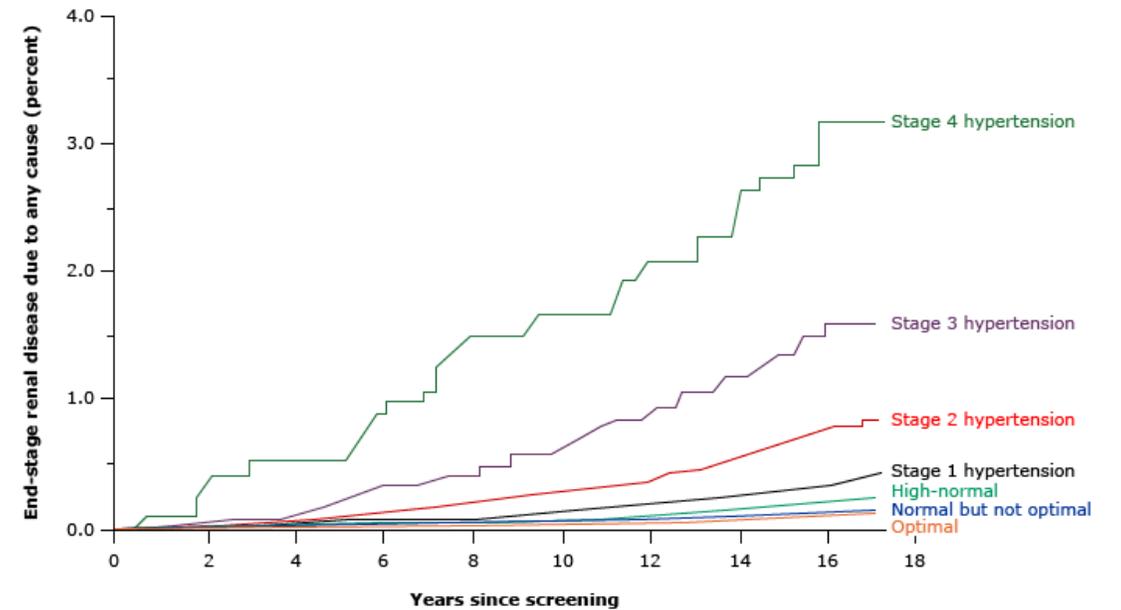
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Randomised placebo-controlled trial of effect of ramipril on decline in glomerular filtration rate and risk of terminal renal failure in proteinuric, non-diabetic nephropathy

The GISEN Group (Gruppo Italiano di Studi Epidemiologici in Nefrologia)*

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Relation between hypertension and development of ESRD





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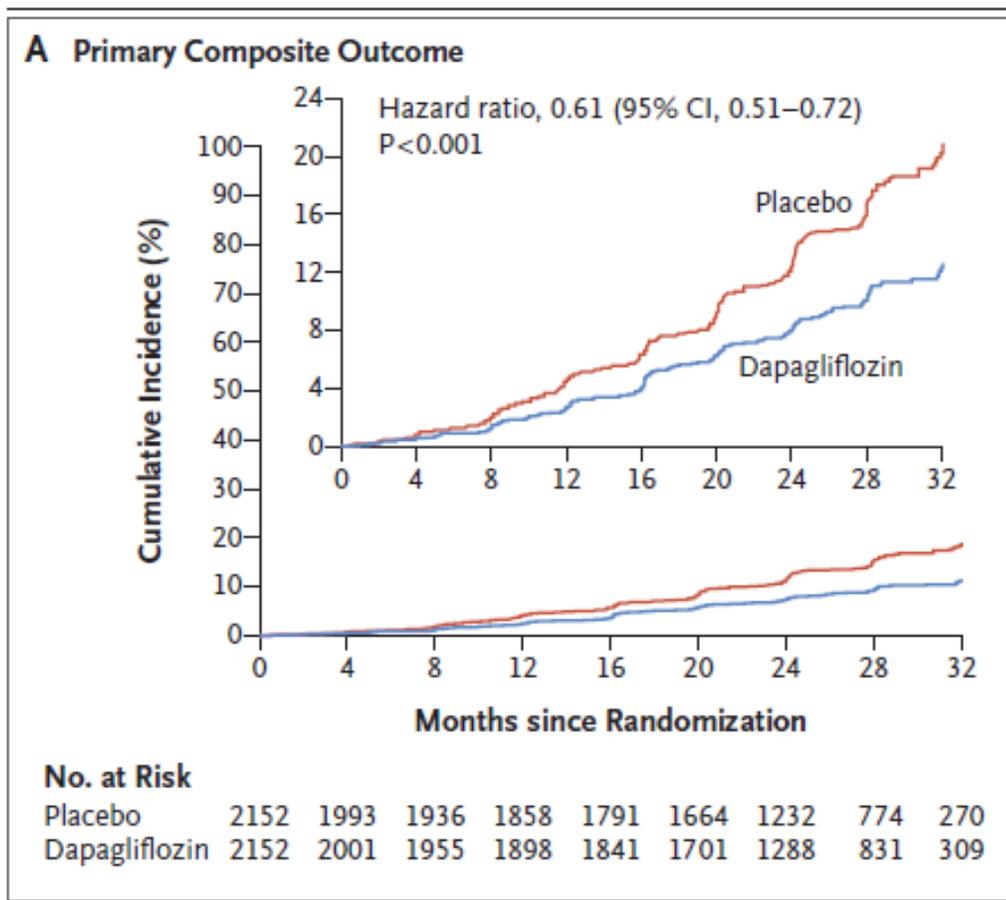
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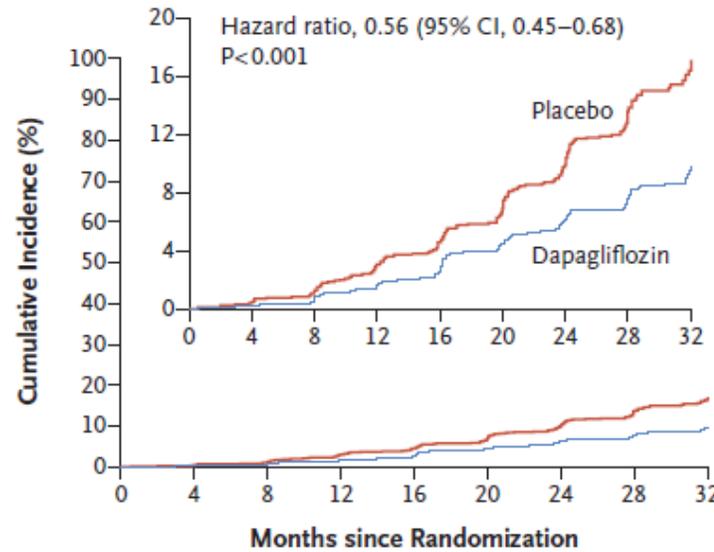
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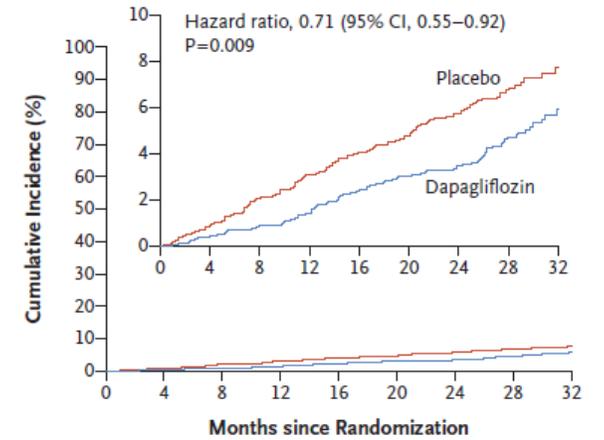
B Renal-Specific Composite Outcome



No. at Risk

Placebo	2152	1993	1936	1858	1791	1664	1232	774	270
Dapagliflozin	2152	2001	1955	1898	1841	1701	1288	831	309

C Composite of Death from Cardiovascular Causes or Hospitalization for Heart Failure

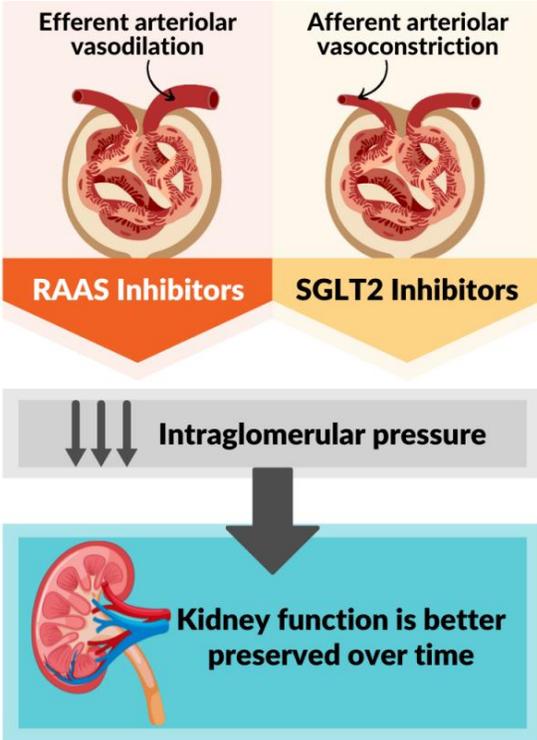


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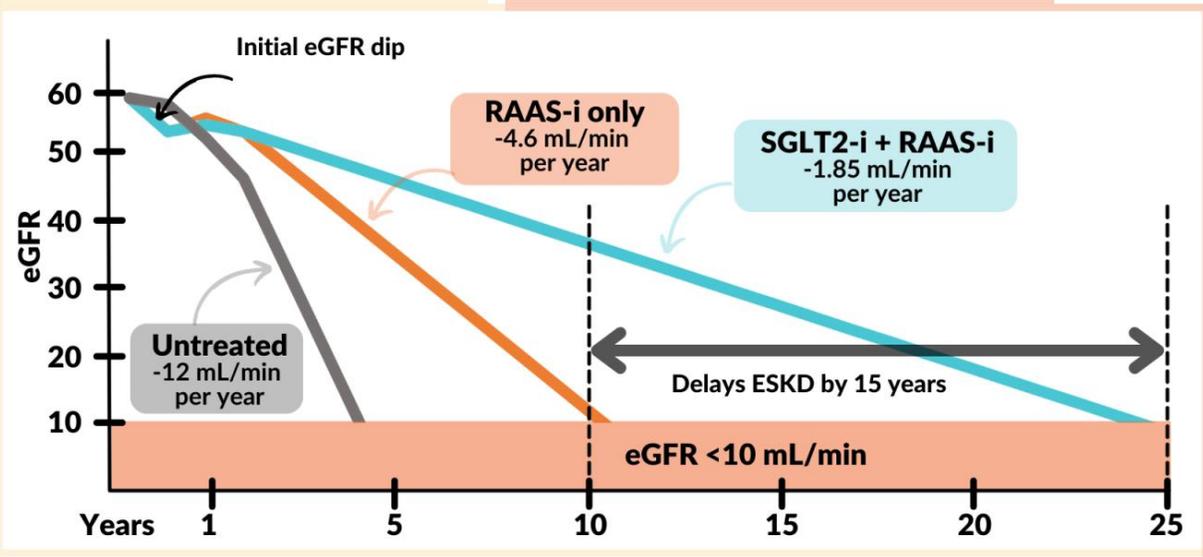
One small dip in eGFR - One Big Leap for Kidney Protection

One Small Dip in eGFR, One Big Leap for Kidney Protection



↑
Creatinine and cystatin-C commonly rise during initiation of RAAS inhibitors or SGLT2 inhibitors

RAAS-i only	SGLT-i + RAAS-i
Faster eGFR decline ESKD in 10 years	Slower GFR decline ESKD in 25 years



Conclusion: Both RAAS inhibitors & SGLT2 inhibitors reduce intraglomerular pressure. This reduces pressure within the glomerulus and kidney function is better preserved over time, as shown in numerous trials. Indices of glomerular filtration rise when initiating these drugs. It is important to be aware that these drugs are expected to reduce glomerular filtration rate (GFR): it is a sign that they are protecting the kidney.

Reference: Meraz-Munoz et al. *eGFR decline after SGLT2 inhibitor initiation: the tortoise and the hare reimagined.* 2021. 10.34067/KID.0001172021

Visual Abstract by Carlo Trinidad, MD

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Summary of key learning points

-  CKD is associated with high rates of CVD, hospital admissions and mortality
-  Prevention of CKD progression can reduce CVD, End Stage Kidney Disease and mortality
-  Coding improves outcomes and facilitates audit
-  Both ACR and eGFR testing are important for early identification
-  Three actions in three months: RAAS-i, SGLT-2i, Optimise BP.

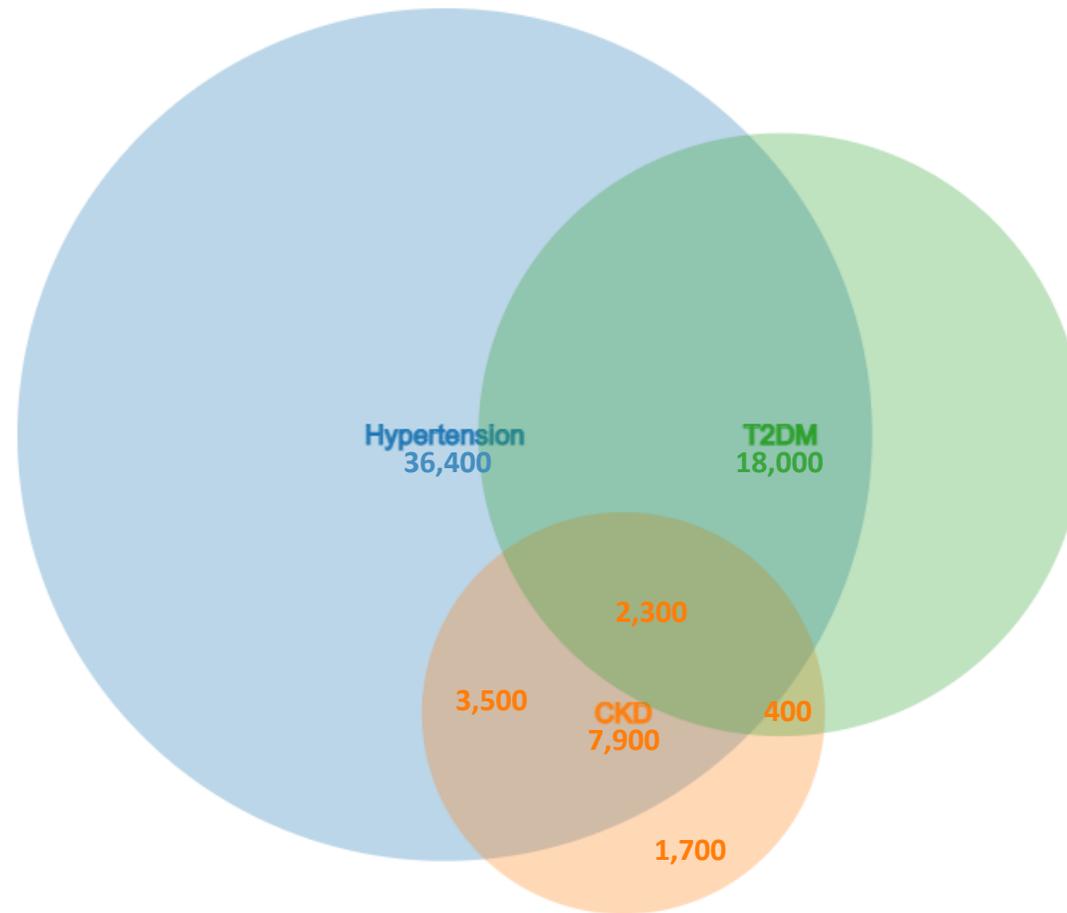
Local CKD Data

Why focus on CKD?

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CKD is an important condition and co-morbidity

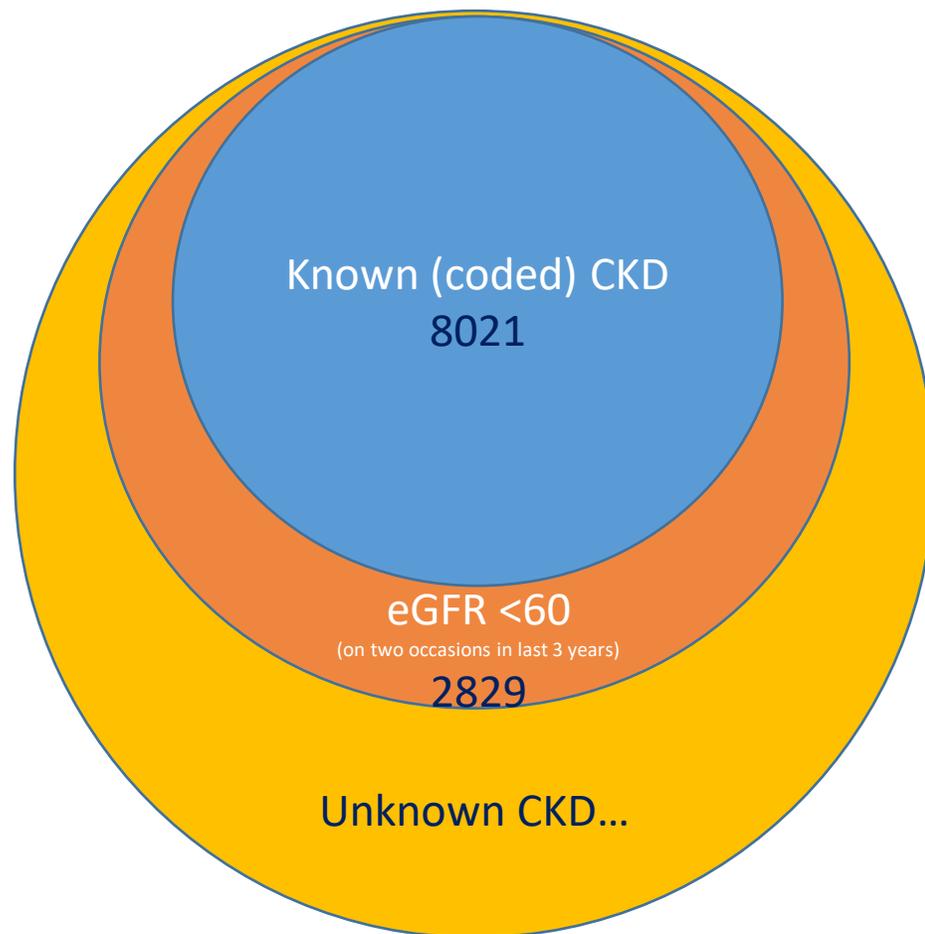


DETECT: Diagnosing more CKD

CKD registers in SEL are half their expected size

Patients who have CKD but are not coded, have **double** the mortality rate and **double** the risk of being prescribed nephrotoxic drugs compared to correctly coded patients

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Your practice's CKD data

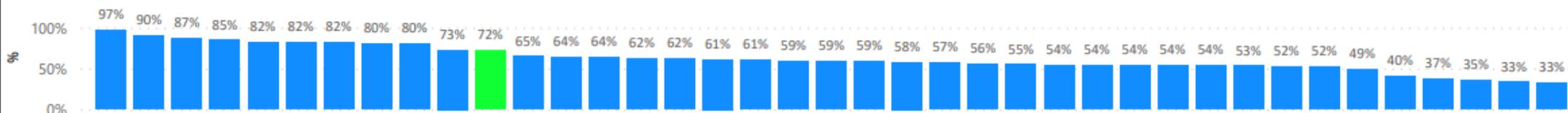
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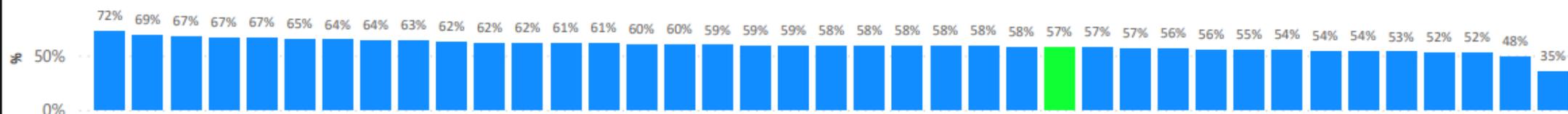
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HT register with ACR in the last 5 years

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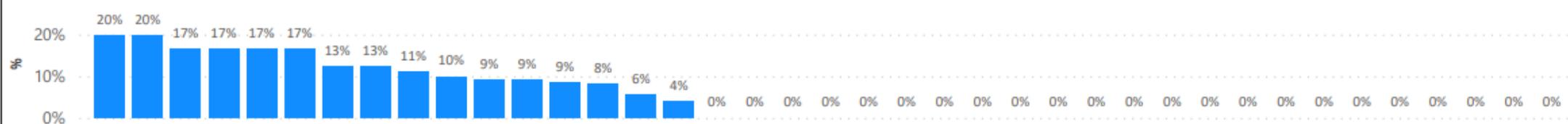
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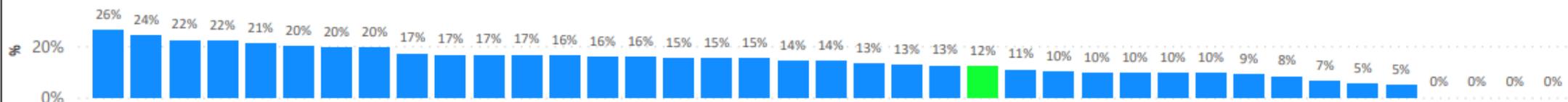


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CKD with DM2 with ACR > 3 on SGLT2i



PROTECT: Improving CKD management

- 2/3 of patients with CKD in SEL have not had Urine ACR checked in the past year
- 1/3 of patients with CKD who have proteinuria are not on an ACE-I/ARB
- 1/3 of patients with CKD have uncontrolled blood pressure
- 1/3 of patients with CKD and Diabetes have uncontrolled HbA1c
- 2/5 of patients with CKD are not on lipid lowering therapy

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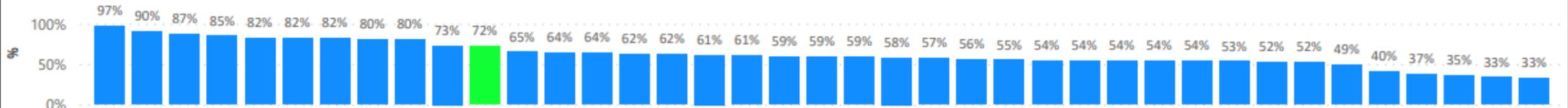
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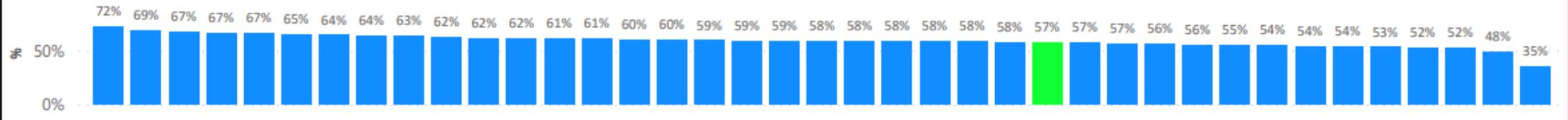
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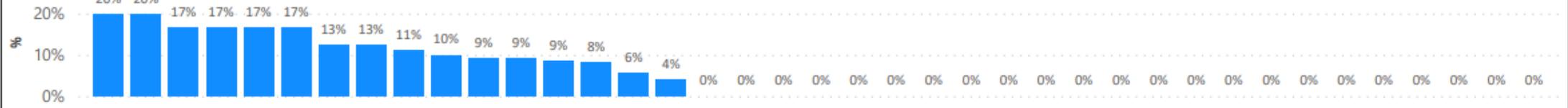
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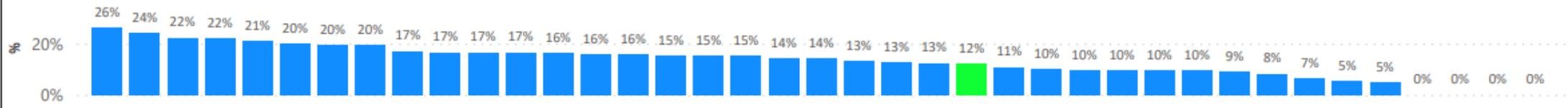


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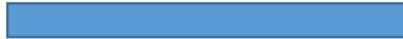


Your practice's CKD data

How well is your practice finding and managing patients with CKD? These graphs show your practice (green bar) and gives the spread of all practices in the borough. The final two graphs cover new NICE TA 775 which advises starting SGLT2is in some patients with CKD and proteinuria, so we wouldn't expect these percentages to be high yet. March's CKD PLT will cover this data and all you need to know about CKD for Primary Care.

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The newly published CESEL CKD guide can be found here: https://selondonccg.nhs.uk/covid_19/clinical-effectiveness-sel/



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- Clinical Effectiveness So
- Covid-19
- EMIS Test
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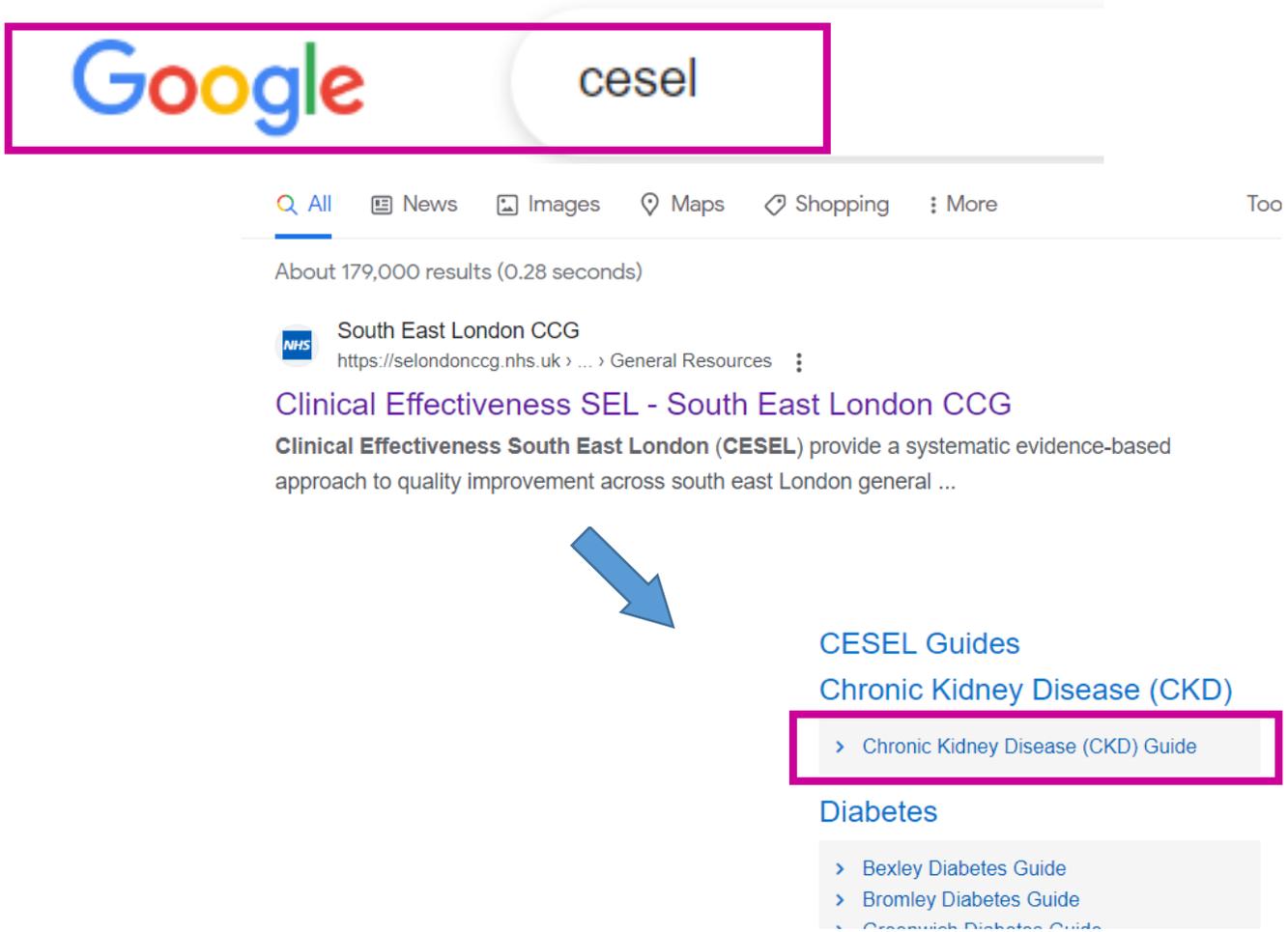
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South East London CKD Guide

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CESEL CKD Guide



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Case studies

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Mrs Jones

Routine GP appointment

- Age 62 Black Caribbean
- Mrs Jones wants to discuss her blood pressure

PMH

Hypertension
Knee osteoarthritis

Medications

Naproxen prn
Omeprazole
Amlodipine

Social history

Non smoker
Minimal alcohol

Investigations (12 months ago)

eGFR 59
Creatinine 78
BP 145/80

Mentimeter question

You suspect Mrs Jones may have CKD. Which investigations should you consider to see how her kidneys are functioning?

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Patients who need a Kidney Health Check

All patients at risk of CKD

Especially diabetes and hypertension

New eGFR <60 ml/min

Exclude AKI

Dipstick: Incidental proteinuria

Dipstick: Incidental haematuria

Exclude UTI and malignancy

Previous AKI

Require Kidney Health Check:
 annually for 3 years

Check urine ACR

<3 mg/mmol

Check eGFR

≥60 ml/min

Repeat Kidney Health Check - frequency according to comorbidity

<60 ml/min

Confirm with repeat eGFR in 3 months

Stage and code CKD

3-70 mg/mmol

Confirm with repeat urine ACR (ideally early morning sample)

Diagnose CKD

Check eGFR for staging (if not already known)

Consider using Kidney Failure Risk equation

>70 mg/mmol

Significant proteinuria, no repeat needed
 If >250 mg/mmol consider nephrotic syndrome and refer to renal

Lifestyle Advice

Explain CKD diagnosis prognosis and management

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CKD investigations^{9,10}

	Urine ACR	eGFR	HbA1c/Lipids	Urine dipstick	BP	Ultrasound (US)	FBC/ Bone Profile/Vit D/PTH
For diagnosis	YES	YES					
To investigate causes and assess risk factors			YES	YES	YES	CONSIDER - see below	
To include in annual review	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		CONSIDER - see below

Notes on the investigations	<p>If urine ACR result:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between 3-70mg/mmol repeat sample to confirm. An early morning sample is ideal but not essential. >70mg/mmol - no repeat needed. The patient has CKD. <p>Albuminuria is an early and key marker of glomerular damage.</p> <p>Factors that may transiently affect ACR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Menstruation Strenuous exercise Genital discharge UTI (rarely - always recheck when infection resolved) 	<p>Do not adjust for ethnicity</p> <p>Interpret eGFRs as a trend over time</p> <p>eGFR may be less reliable in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AKI Pregnancy Malnutrition Protein supplementation Eating meat 12h before the test High muscle mass Oedematous states, muscle wasting disorders, those with amputation <p>If eGFR is >90ml/min/1.73m², use an increase in serum creatinine concentration of >20% to infer significant reduction in kidney function.</p> <p>Creatinine clearance should be used in patients >75 years and those with a BMI <18 or >40.</p>	<p>Statins are recommended for all patients with CKD - no need for QRISK.</p> <p>HbA1c and lipid blood tests help to assess cardiovascular risk factors which could contribute to CKD progression.</p> <p>If HbA1c or Lipids are raised see relevant section in CESEL Diabetes guides.</p> <p>Atorvastatin is first line.</p> <p>SEL Lipid Management contains more detailed advice.</p>	<p>Incidental haematuria on urine dipstick must be followed up.</p> <p>Non-visible haematuria (NVH) or microscopic haematuria is commonly caused by UTI, renal calculi, prostatic disease, menstrual contamination, renal tract trauma (e.g. catheterisation), post-surgical or urinary tumours (<5%).²⁵</p> <p>Visible haematuria (VH) or macroscopic haematuria is commonly caused by UTI, renal calculi, prostatic disease, menstrual contamination, renal tract trauma (e.g. catheterisation), post-surgical or urinary tumours (<5%).²⁵</p> <p>See haematuria outline for further advice, investigations and referrals.</p> <p>Incidental proteinuria-check Urine ACR</p>	<p>NICE targets:</p> <p>If ACR <70mg/mmol 120-139/90mmHg</p> <p>If ACR ≥70mg/mmol or co-existent diabetes 120-129/80mmHg</p> <p>Maintaining BP within target range reduces the progression of CKD and reduces the risk of CVD and mortality.</p> <p>CESEL Hypertension guides</p>	<p>Offer renal tract US in patients with any of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accelerated progression of CKD VH/persistent NVH Symptoms of urinary tract obstruction Family history of Polycystic Kidney Disease (PCKD) eGFR <30 ml/min/1.73m² 	<p>Check FBC regularly in patients with eGFR <45ml/min/1.73m² or if symptomatic. If renal anaemia is suspected then refer to specialist (exclude iron deficiency anaemia first).</p> <p>Calcium/Phosphate/Vit D/PTH should be monitored if eGFR <30ml/min/1.73m² or if bone disease is suspected.</p> <p>NICE guidance on frequency of monitoring</p>
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Mrs Jones

Repeat investigations (previous results in brackets)

- BMI 32
- Blood pressure 152/90 (145/80)
- Total cholesterol 4.8
- eGFR 57 (59)
- HbA1c 43
- Urine ACR 2.3

Mentimeter question

You review Mrs Jones results.

Does she have CKD?

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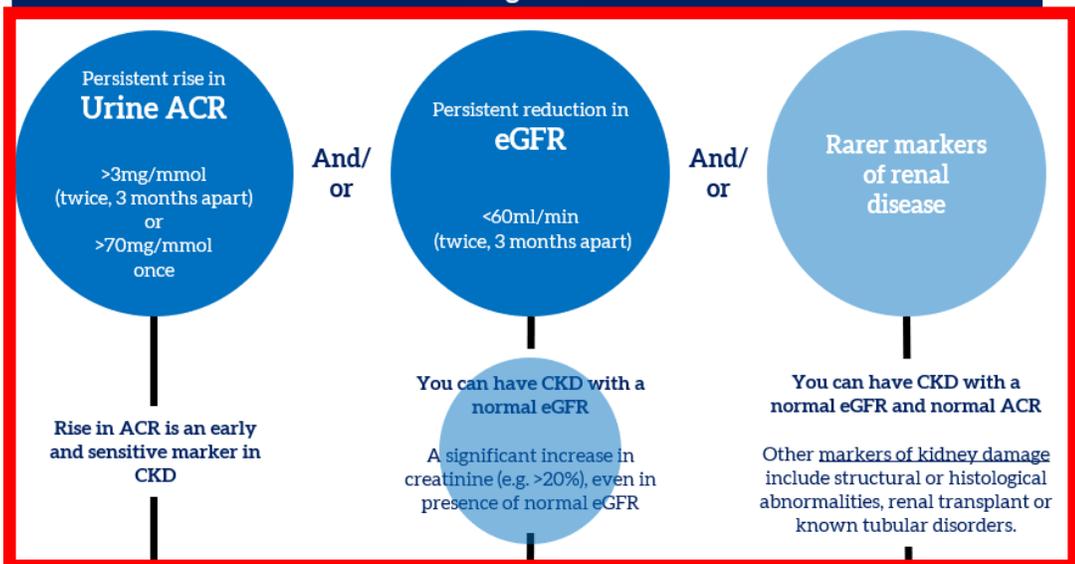
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What is CKD?

Definition

Abnormalities of kidney structure or function present for >3 months with associated health implications^{8,9}

Diagnosis⁹



Diagnose and code CKD

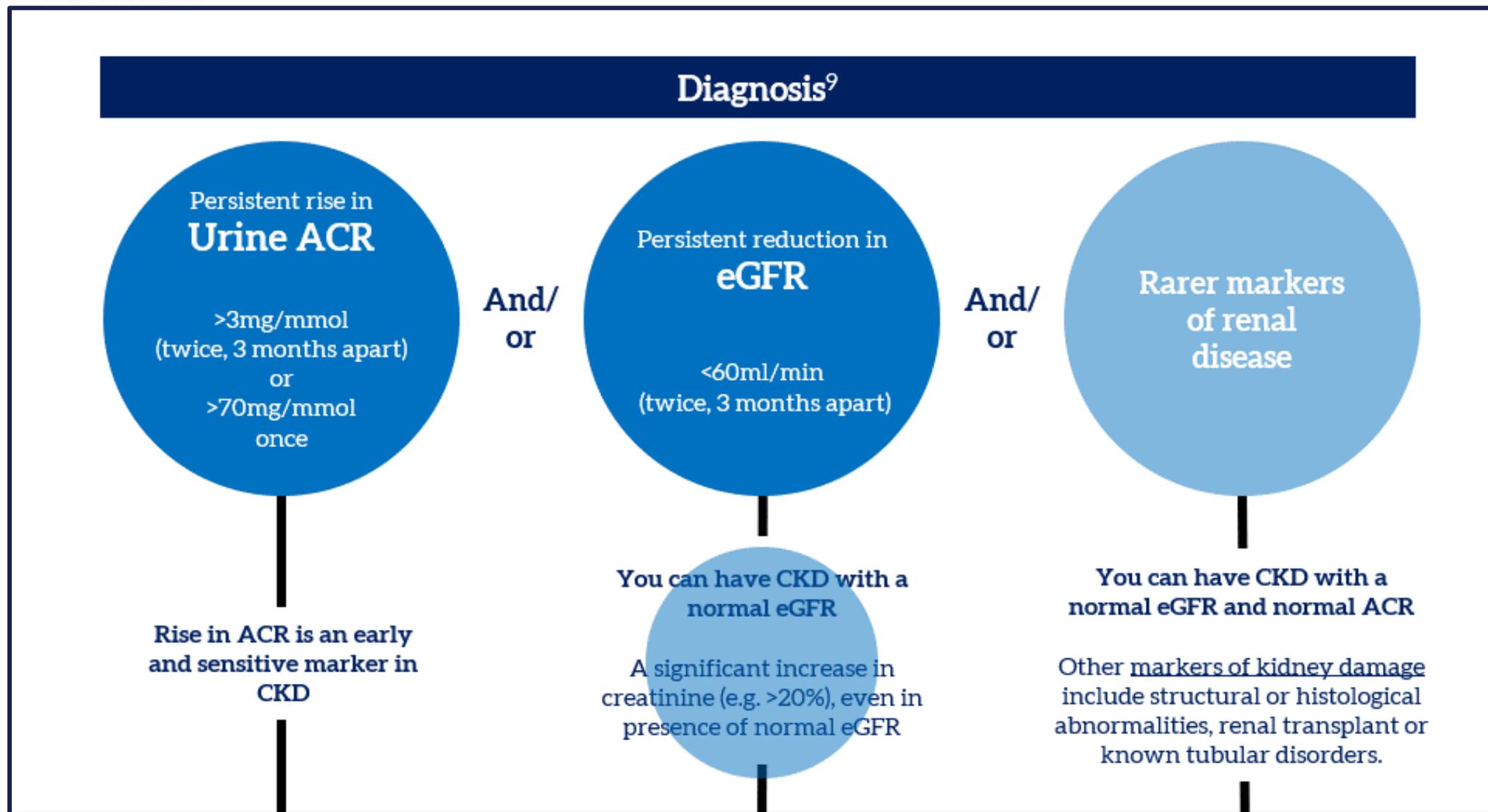
Identify cause to guide treatment

- Potential causes include:**
- Cardiovascular disease
 - HTN
 - DM
 - Increasing age
 - Medications (NSAIDs, lithium, ciclosporin, tacrolimus)
 - Glomerulonephritis
 - Renal artery stenosis
 - ADPKD

Patients at risk of CKD^{9,10}

All these patients should be offered a Kidney Health Check





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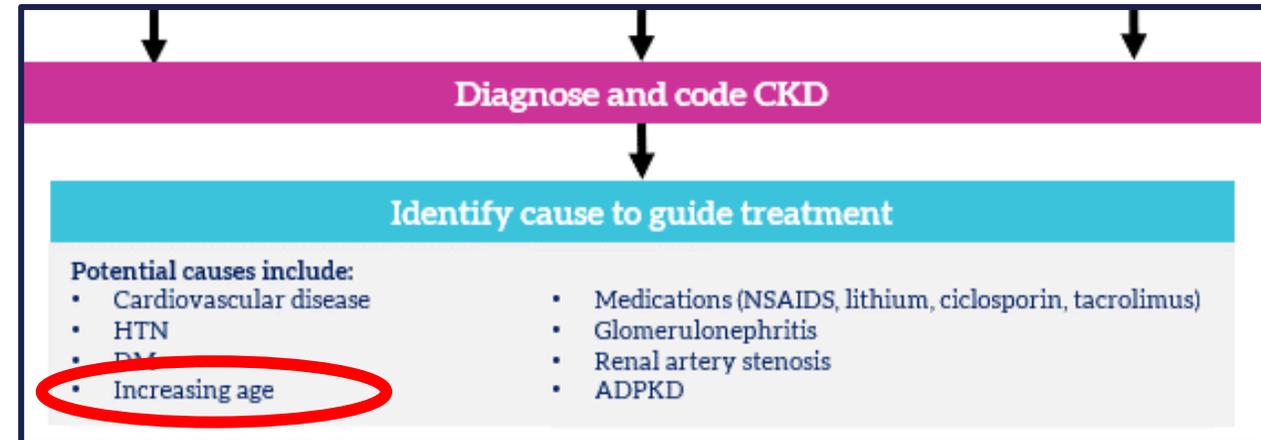
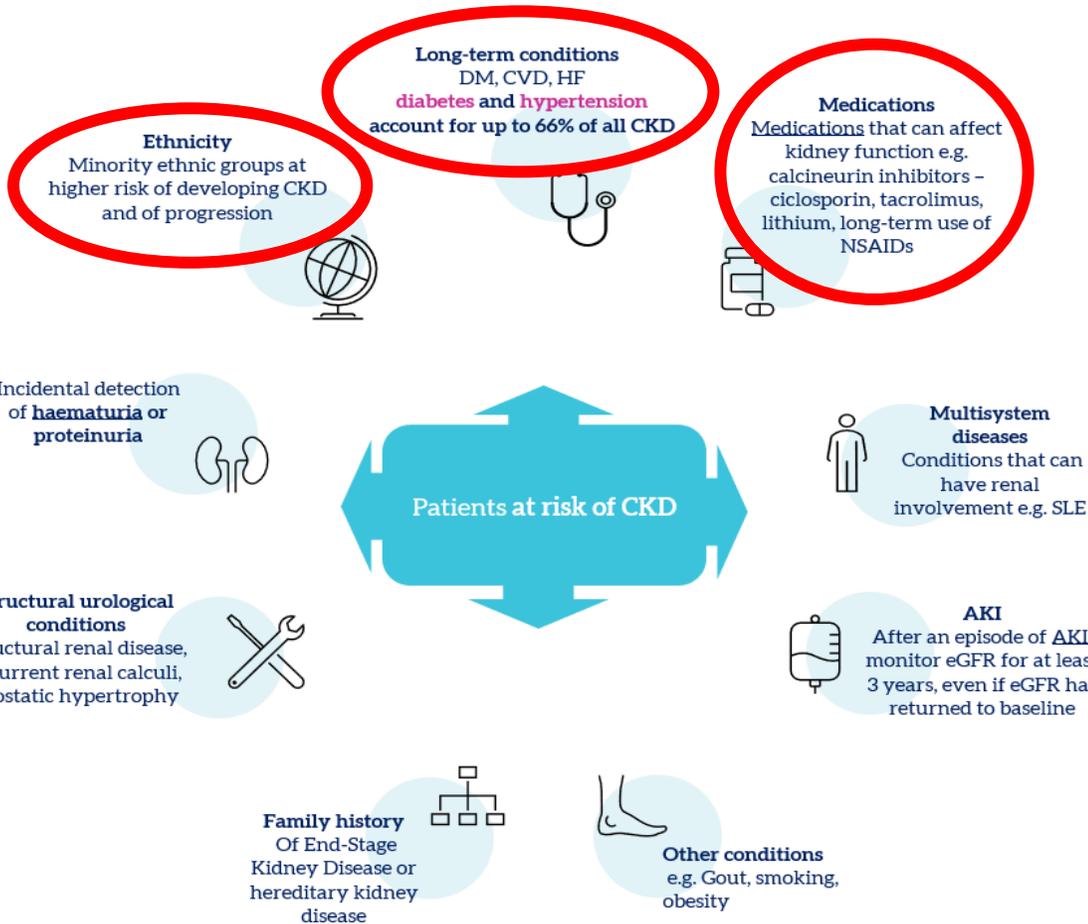
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Mrs Jones

You call Mrs Jones 1 week later to discuss the results of her investigations.

She says:

I don't like the sound of chronic kidney disease Doc...

Does that mean I will need dialysis?

Do I need to see a specialist now?

Is there anything I can do to stop it?

Mentimeter question

How often does Mrs Jones need to have her renal function monitored each year?

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- C. 2
- D. 3
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CKD: Staging, coding and what to tell newly diagnosed patients^{8,9}

Why stage CKD?

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Staging helps inform:

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4. Management - targets and choice of medications

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KIDNEY FAILURE RISK CALCULATION

If you don't have the information required below talk to your doctor.

Age (Yrs)

62

Sex

Female

eGFR (ML/Min/1.73M2)

57

Urine Albumin: Creatinine Ratio Units

2.3

mg/mmol

SUBMIT

Patient risk of progression to kidney failure requiring dialysis or transplant:

AT 2 YEARS

AT 5 YEARS

<0.1 %

0.2 %

Mentimeter question

What are the next most important steps to manage her CKD (choose one or more)?

- 1) Code CKD
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- 3) Offer lifestyle advice
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Vaccines

Flu
Pneumococcal (5 yearly)
Covid



Comorbidities

Stress the importance of managing especially DM, HTN and cholesterol
Remind them of the importance of regular reviews

Hypertension Targets

ACR<70	Systolic 120-139	Diastolic <90
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ACR>70	Systolic 120-129	Diastolic <80
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Nephrotoxic drugs

Consider stopping:

- All NSAIDs (including topical)
- Aminoglycosides
- Bisphosphonates
- Calcineurin inhibitors (ciclosporin, tacrolimus)
- Diuretics
- Lithium
- Mesalazine



Over the counter (OTC) drugs

Educate about OTC **avoidance of NSAIDs**, herbal remedies and use protein supplements with caution



Sick day rules

Sick day guidance in CKD is nuanced, as stopping or reducing medications may do more harm than good.^{12,16,26}

Patients should seek medical advice in the event of acute illness

(e.g. diarrhoea or vomiting; fever, sweats or shaking) to discuss temporarily stopping medications that may increase the risk of AKI. Decisions should be carefully made on an individualised basis.

Common medications to consider pausing:

Diuretics (if dehydrated): ACE-I/ARBs; Metformin; NSAIDs; SGLT2i

Restart medicines as soon as well and eating normally. **It is important to restart medications after acute illness.**



AKI

Counsel about AKI risk and symptoms (reduced urine output, appetite loss, nausea, vomiting, shortness of breath, oedema)

See for more details on assessment

Medical

Patient advice

Patient education is integral to the management of CKD^{9,-13,22}

Lifestyle



Smoking

Support cessation
Major additive CVD risk factor



Education

Provide sources of support



Mental Health

Screen for depression or anxiety
Consider local IAPTs for Long Term Conditions



Weight

Advise patients to maintain a healthy weight
Obesity increases risk of declining eGFR
Signpost to local resources



Exercise

Regular exercise- aim for >150mins/ week



Diet

Healthy diet for CKD
Reduce salt to less than 6g/day (one teaspoon)
Do not offer low protein diets.
Alcohol within healthy limits



Mr Smith

Annual CKD review

- Age 70 White British
- Mr Smith has **CKD stage 3b A2**
- He feels well

PMH

- T2DM
- BMI 34

Medications

- Bisoprolol 5mg
- Metformin 1g BD
- Atorvastatin 20mg
- Ramipril 2.5mg

Investigations (12 months ago)

eGFR 32
Creatinine 144
BP 128/80
Urine ACR 6.2 (3 years ago)

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Notes on the investigations	Urine ACR	eGFR	HbA1c/Lipids	Urine dipstick	BP	Ultrasound (US)	FBC/ Bone Profile/Vit D/PTH
<p>Notes on the investigations</p>	<p>If urine ACR result:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between 3-70mg/mmol repeat sample to confirm. An early morning sample is ideal but not essential. >70mg/mmol - no repeat needed. The patient has CKD. <p>Albuminuria is an early and key marker of glomerular damage.</p> <p>Factors that may transiently affect ACR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Menstruation Strenuous exercise Genital discharge UTI (rarely - always recheck when infection resolved) 	<p>Do not adjust for ethnicity</p> <p>Interpret eGFRs as a trend over time</p> <p>eGFR may be less reliable in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AKI Pregnancy Malnutrition Protein supplementation Eating meat 12h before the test High muscle mass Oedematous states, muscle wasting disorders, those with amputation <p>If eGFR is >90ml/min/1.73m², use an increase in serum creatinine concentration of >20% to infer significant reduction in kidney function.</p> <p>Creatinine clearance should be used in patients >75 years and those with a BMI <18 or >40.</p>	<p>Statins are recommended for all patients with CKD - no need for QRISK.</p> <p>HbA1c and lipid blood tests help to assess cardiovascular risk factors which could contribute to CKD progression.</p> <p>If HbA1c or Lipids are raised see relevant section in CESEL Diabetes guides.</p> <p>Atorvastatin is first line.</p> <p>SEL Lipid Management contains more detailed advice.</p>	<p>Incidental haematuria on urine dipstick must be followed up.</p> <p>Non-visible haematuria (NVH) or microscopic haematuria is when there is at least 1+ of blood on dipstick.</p> <p>Visible haematuria (VH) or macroscopic haematuria is commonly caused by UTI, renal calculi, prostatic disease, menstrual contamination, renal tract trauma (e.g. catheterisation), post-surgical or urinary tumours (<5%).²⁵</p> <p>See haematuria outline for further advice, investigations and referrals.</p> <p>Incidental proteinuria-check Urine ACR</p>	<p>NICE targets:</p> <p>If ACR <70mg/mmol 120-139/90mmHg</p> <p>If ACR ≥70mg/mmol or co-existent diabetes 120-129/80mmHg</p> <p>Maintaining BP within target range reduces the progression of CKD and reduces the risk of CVD and mortality.</p> <p>CESEL Hypertension guides</p>	<p>Offer renal tract US in patients with any of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accelerated progression of CKD VH/persistent NVH Symptoms of urinary tract obstruction Family history of Polycystic Kidney Disease (PCKD) eGFR <30 ml/min/1.73m² 	<p>Check FBC regularly in patients with eGFR <45ml/min/1.73m² or if symptomatic. If renal anaemia is suspected then refer to specialist (exclude iron deficiency anaemia first).</p> <p>Calcium/Phosphate/Vit D/PTH should be monitored if eGFR <30ml/min/1.73m² or if bone disease is suspected.</p> <p>NICE guidance on frequency of monitoring</p>



Mr Smith

Repeat investigations (results 12 months ago in brackets)

- eGFR 33 (32)
- Creatine 149 (144)
- Potassium 5.3
- HbA1c 52
- Urine ACR 7.5 (6.2)
- BP 129/75 (128/80)
- Urine dipstick – NAD

Mentimeter question

What are the next most important steps to manage his CKD (choose one or more)?

- 1) Refer to renal
- 2) Repeat U&Es
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- 4) Consider stopping bisoprolol
- 5) Check Ramipril is at maximum tolerated dose
- 6) Consider starting SGLT-2i
- 7) Increase atorvastatin dose
- 8) Stop or reduce Furosemide
- 9) Lifestyle advice (stop smoking, reduce salt intake, reduce ETOH)

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CKD management outline^{9,15-19}

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This management should be part of a shared decision making process

Minimise Cardiovascular risk factors

Lifestyle advice

Patient education is integral to management of CKD

AND

Optimise BP control

If on ACE-I/ARB titrate to maximum licensed tolerated dose.
Reduce other antihypertensives if needed

AND

Offer and optimise lipid control

Offer a statin to all CKD patients (unless contraindicated). Offer even if Qrisk <10%
Atorvastatin 20mg is first line

AND

Optimise DM control

See [CESEL Diabetes guide](#) for guidance

CKD without Type 2 Diabetes

Check urine ACR

ACR <22.6 mg/mmol

Lifestyle/ BP/ Lipid control as above

ACR ≥ 22.6 mg/mmol

Offer ACE-I/ARB

Offer ACE-I/ARB, irrespective of co-morbid hypertension (unless contraindicated)
Titrate to maximum licensed tolerated dose (reduce other antihypertensives if needed)

Offer dapagliflozin

Once ACE-I/ARB at maximum tolerated dose: Offer dapagliflozin
eGFR: only start if between 25 - 75ml/min, if eGFR <25 ml/min discuss with renal team
If patient is already on SGLT2i for **heart failure**: continue current SGLT2i

As of January 2023, dapagliflozin is the only licensed SGLT2i for CKD (without T2DM)

See [Preferred Medication](#) for further details on prescribing

CKD with Type 2 Diabetes

Check urine ACR

ACR <3 mg/mmol

Standard Diabetes management

ACR ≥3 mg/mmol

Offer ACE-I/ARB

Offer ACE-I/ARB, irrespective of co-morbid hypertension (unless contraindicated)
Titrate to maximum licensed tolerated dose (reduce other antihypertensives if needed)

Offer SGLT2i

Not already on SGLT2i
Use Dapagliflozin or Canagliflozin

Already on SGLT2i:
Continue current SGLT2i

Once ACE-I/ARB at maximum tolerated dose: Offer SGLT2i
eGFR: SGLT2is have different eGFR cut offs (see [CESEL Diabetes](#))

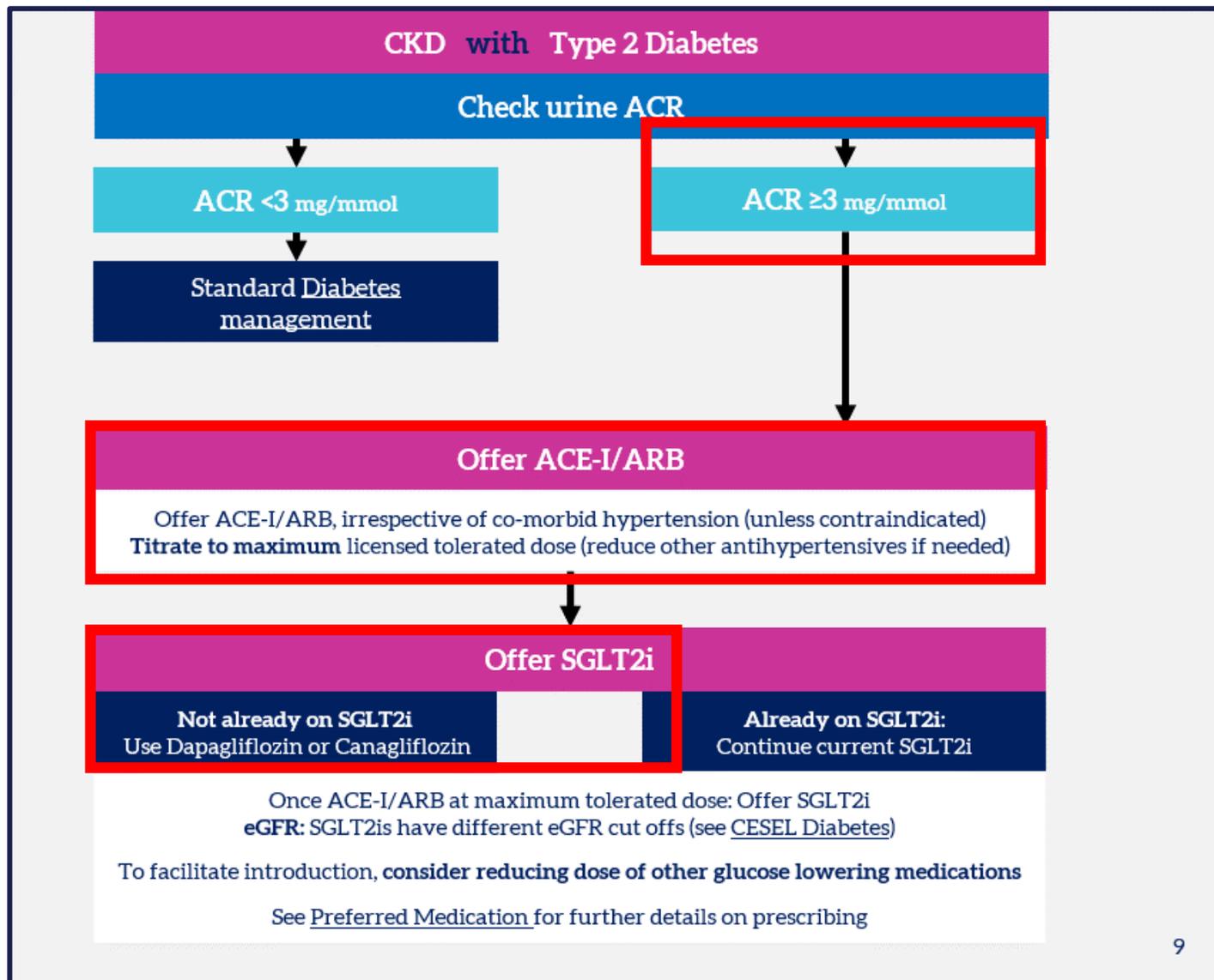
To facilitate introduction, **consider reducing dose of other glucose lowering medications**

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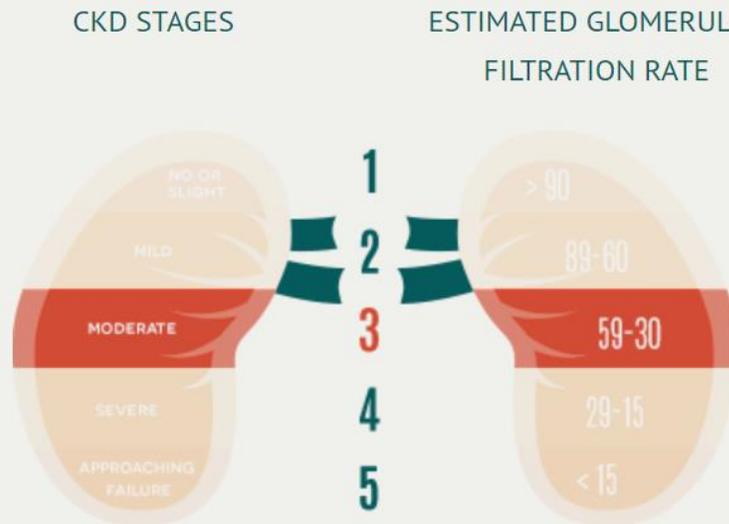


This page on preferred medicines in CKD contains concise information on starting doses, cautions and side effects

	Drug	Starting dose	Daily Range	Notes (This information is not exhaustive, please refer to the SEL Joint Medicines Formulary for further details and the BNF for additional information especially titration increments/cautions/contra-indications). SEL IMOC guidance for the management of BP, T2DM and lipids can be accessed here.
ACE-I	Ramipril	5mg OD (or 2.5mg OD if 5mg clinically inappropriate**) (1.25mg OD in frail/elderly or CrCl <30ml/min)	1.25mg-10mg OD (max 5mg if CrCl <60ml/min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For people of Black African or African-Caribbean family origin, use ARB instead of ACE-I (as increased risk of angioedema with ACE-I) Check base line U&Es and renal profile (Na/K/Cr/eGFR). Hyperkalemia may occur, therefore close monitoring of serum potassium is required. If serum potassium is greater than 5mmol/L do not start treatment with an ACE-I/ARB and seek renal advice
	Lisinopril	10mg OD 2.5mg -5mg OD if CrCl <30ml/min	2.5mg-80mg OD (20mg for HTN maintenance)	
ARBs	Losartan	50mg OD (25mg OD in frail/ elderly or those taking diuretics)	25mg-100mg OD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple drug interactions refer to BNF before initiating treatment- avoid grapefruit juice Advise patient to visit GP if they experience unexplained muscle pains Refer to SEL IMOC Guidelines on Lipid Management if Atorvastatin contraindicated or not tolerated.
	Candesartan	8mg OD (4mg OD in frail/ elderly or those taking diuretics)	4mg-32mg OD	
Statin	Atorvastatin	20mg OD	20-80mg OD	
SGLT2i	Dapagliflozin	10mg OD	10mg OD	<p>For full information please see SEL Guide for Prescribing SGLT2i in HbA1c Management in Adults with T2DM and CESEL Diabetes Guide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dapagliflozin can be taken orally, once daily, at any time of day, with or without food. Canagliflozin can be taken orally, once daily, preferably before breakfast Contraindications: Hypersensitivity to the active substance or excipients and DKA. Refer to the SPC and BNF Use with caution in patients for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whom SGLT2i induced drop in blood pressure could pose a risk (SPC) BMI <25 (<23 in South Asian people) People diagnosed with, or at risk of frailty DKA- review DKA risk factors and address modifiable risk factors. Note DKA can occur with normal glucose levels with SGLT2i (euglycemic ketoacidosis) MHRA/CHM advice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SGLT2i: Risk of diabetic ketoacidosis (April 2016), increased risk of lower-limb amputation (mainly toes) (March 2017), Fournier's gangrene (necrotising fasciitis of the genitalia or perineum) (Feb 2019), and monitor ketones in blood during treatment interruption for surgical procedures or acute serious medical illness (March 2020) Common side effects: Increased risk of UTI and genital infections. For full side effect profile refer to the BNF, and SPC Interactions: Multiple drug interactions, with risk of hypotension and hypoglycaemia. Refer to BNF before initiating treatment, currently no severe interactions identified Hepatic impairment: Use dapagliflozin with caution in severe impairment. Canagliflozin is not recommended for patients with severe hepatic impairment (BNF) Renal impairment: Dapagliflozin: eGFR <15ml/min- do not initiate. eGFR <25ml/min- seek specialist advice (BNF). Canagliflozin: Do not initiate if eGFR < 30ml/min Pregnancy and breastfeeding: Avoid- toxicity reported in animal studies (BNF) Sick day rules for T2DM: Please refer to Trend T2DM sick day rules
	Canagliflozin	100mg OD	100mg - 300mg OD (max 100 mg once daily when eGFR less than 60ml/min)	

STAGE 3

MODERATE DECREASE IN FUNCTION



Patient risk of progression to kidney failure requiring dialysis or transplant:

AT 2 YEARS

1.3 %

AT 5 YEARS

4.5 %

NICE Referral Criteria:

Taking into account the individual's wishes and other health conditions, considering referral to a hospital kidney doctor if:

- 5-year KFRE predicted risk over 5% risk KFRE

Consider **urgent** renal referral (or discussion)

ACR >250 mg/mmol- consider nephrotic syndrome

eGFR < 15 ml/min (G5)

AKI (without an obvious cause manageable in primary care)

Multisystem disease suspected with evidence of renal involvement

Hypertension accelerated/ malignant

Severe hyperkalaemia > 6.5 mmol/l

Consider routine renal referral

ACR >30 mg/mmol with haematuria (follow [haematuria outline](#) in addition)

>70 mg/mmol (unless known to be caused by diabetes and already appropriately treated)

eGFR 15-29 ml/min, (G4) particularly if new

ACE-I/ARB induced fall in eGFR > 25%, or >30% rise in creatinine

Accelerated progression of CKD (eGFR 30-59 ml/min):

- Persistent decrease in eGFR of ≥25% and a change in CKD category within 12 months
- Or a persistent decrease in eGFR of 15ml/min within 12 months

Normal eGFR but evidence of kidney disease (e.g. genetic diagnosis, associated urinary abnormalities) or rapidly progressive renal impairment

Uncontrolled BP >150/90 mmHg on 4 agents at therapeutic doses

Unexplained anaemia - Hb <110 g/L or symptomatic

Renal bone disease suspected - abnormal potassium, calcium or phosphate

Non-visible haematuria unexplained (not meeting 2WW criteria or negative urological investigations)

5-year risk of needing renal replacement therapy > 5% (measured using the [4-variable Kidney Failure Risk Equation](#))

Rare or genetic causes of CKD (known or suspected)

Consider Advice & Guidance or Consultant Connect

Unclear cause of CKD

Difficulty interpreting investigations

Renal Advice and Referrals

All **urgent referrals** should be discussed with the renal registrar on-call

- Guy's: 07789 505 184 (Direct) / 0207 188 3026 (via Switchboard) for renal SPR on call
- King's: 0203 299 9000 and ask for Bleep 622 or Renal SPR on call
- UHL: does not accept urgent referrals

Consultant connect GSTT/KCH- Renal Medicine, UHL- Ambulatory Care

Non-urgent advice: eRS 'Advice & Guidance' or Refer to the following clinics via eRS

GSTT

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

Nephrology - GSTT

General Nephrology and Renal Medicine - UHL

KCH

Nephrology clinic - Queen Elizabeth Woolwich

Nephrology CAS - Renal KCH

Nephrology CAS - Renal PRUH

Referral form (on DXS): 'SEL Nephrology and CKD Referral Form Final

Bromley: use Referrals Optimisation Protocol: Nephrology/referrals

For Diabetes team contact information see [CESEL guides](#). For Heart failure contacts see local resources.

When to refer to Urology

Urology 2ww criteria (see [haematuria section](#) and [NICE NG12](#))

Obstructive uropathy/renal outflow obstruction - Should usually be referred to urology unless urgent medical intervention is needed for the metabolic effects of renal failure e.g. hyperkalaemia, symptomatic uraemia or fluid overload

Dialysis information

List of dialysis units at GSTT [Kidney dialysis - Dialysis units | Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust \(guysandstthomas.nhs.uk\)](#)

List of dialysis units at KCH [Renal - King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust \(kch.nhs.uk\)](#)



Mr Smith

You see Mr Smith a few weeks later

- He is now on the maximum dose of Ramipril he can tolerate 7.5mg and his U&Es are stable
- He has been started on dapagliflozin 10mg and has no side effects
- **Is there anything else that should be done as part of the annual review?**

CKD management at practice level

The following tasks may be done by administrators, social prescribers, care co-ordinators, HCAs, nurses, pharmacists, physician associates or GPs – depending on practice pathways and staff availability
Contact CESEL team for advice and information on searches and quality improvement support

Tasks		Tools/support
1. Maintaining the CKD register (prevalence improvement)	Unknown CKD Patients at risk of CKD without a recent Urine ACR/ eGFR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMIS searches e.g. QOF/Ardens
	Uncoded CKD Ensure CKD is coded [Coding TBC]	
	How to get renal profile and Urine ACR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During consultations Send text with request Medication reviews/note on prescription Secondary care resources: Cerner, clinic letters
	How to get BP readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HBPM: AccuRx florey, eConsult hypertension review Secondary care sources: Cerner, London Care Record, clinic letters Hypertension Check Service by Community Pharmacy
2. Call/Recall	Prioritise high risk patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMIS searches e.g. Ardens Text messaging service e.g. AccuRx, Mjog, iPLATO Patient letters Telephone call
	Pre-patient review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange bloods (renal profile, lipids + HbA1c to assess for CVD risk factors, FBC for renal anaemia and bone profile/Vit D/PTH for renal metabolic disease – depending on CKD stage or clinical suspicion) Arrange urine ACR Arrange BP measurement and pulse check (in practice/machine at home/pharmacy) Book appointment for annual review 	
3. QOF CKD review (at least annually)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History: patient concerns Review investigations: BP*, blood and urine results. Urine dipstick to check for haematuria, if present follow pathway Ensure correct CKD stage is coded Discuss risk-reduction and offer lifestyle advice: BMI*, smoking*, alcohol*, diet, activity. Advise on increased risk of AKI if unwell Mind and body: consider screening for mental health conditions* Medications review: concerns, side-effects, adherence. Identify potential nephrotoxic drugs and adjust doses of medications according to renal profile. Caution use of NSAIDs. Ensure medications are appropriately reconciled and titrated after hospital admissions. Immunisations: ensure up to date with influenza, pneumococcal (5 yearly) and Covid 19 Refer to secondary care if eGFR<30 mL/min/1.73 m² or accelerated CKD progression Check for other long-term conditions e.g. diabetes and hypertension <p>* These indicators make up the Vital5 which are key factors to improve individual and population health outcomes.</p>	<p>In practice consultations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> F2F or remote consultation using a CKD template e.g. Ardens Structured medication review with pharmacist <p>Out of practice consultations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home visiting team Out of hours primary care services Secondary care
	Follow-up The frequency of monitoring depends on their CKD stage.	Set up recall with EMIS template or text messaging service

**3. QOF CKD review
(at least annually)**

- **History:** patient concerns
 - **Review investigations:** BP*, blood and urine results. Urine dipstick to check for haematuria, if present follow pathway
 - **Ensure correct CKD stage is coded**
 - **Discuss risk-reduction and offer lifestyle advice:** BMI*, smoking*, alcohol*, diet, activity. Advise on increased risk of AKI if unwell
 - **Mind and body:** consider screening for mental health conditions*
 - **Medications review:** concerns, side-effects, adherence. Identify potential nephrotoxic drugs and adjust doses of medications according to renal profile. Caution use of NSAIDs. Ensure medications are appropriately reconciled and titrated after hospital admissions.
 - **Immunisations:** ensure up to date with influenza, pneumococcal (5 yearly) and Covid 19
 - **Refer to secondary care if** eGFR<30 mL/min/1.73 m² or accelerated CKD progression
 - Check for other long-term conditions e.g. diabetes and hypertension
- * These indicators make up the **Vital 5** which are key factors to improve individual and population health outcomes.

Follow-up

The frequency of monitoring depends on their CKD stage.

Update CKD Code
On EMIS



Mental Health Screening



Immunisations



Reinforce Patient education:

- Sick day rules
- Lifestyle advice
- OTC medication education
- Signpost patient support



Key messages

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

A guide for South East London Primary Care (Adult)

Key messages

1. Check urinary ACR (albumin : creatinine ratio) in all patients at risk of CKD
2. Manage risk factors for patients with CKD: optimise blood pressure and diabetes control, offer statin
3. Up-titrate ACE inhibitors/ARBs (if indicated) to maximum tolerated dose
4. Offer SGLT2 inhibitors to eligible patients

Always work within your knowledge and competency

Q&A

Thank you very much

- All for attending
- And all who contributed to the CKD guide
- London Kidney Network
- CESEL team
- With special thanks to Dr Kate Bramham

Final comments

[CKD guide is available online](#)

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