

Chronic Kidney Disease

CKD is a stronger risk factor than diabetes for CVS disease & mortality

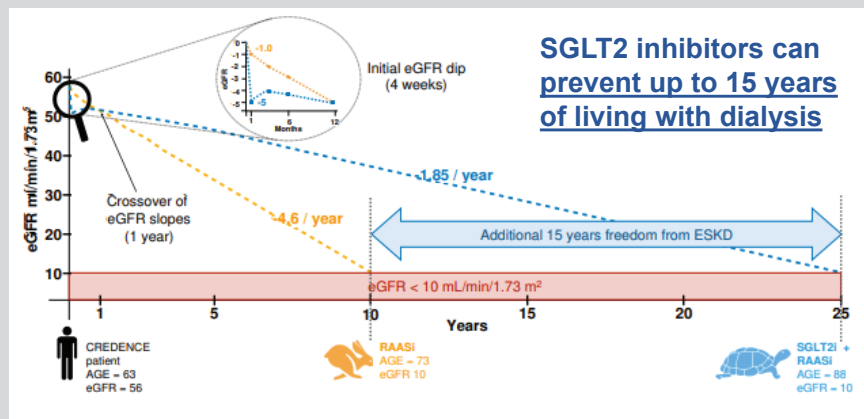
1:10 New Zealanders have CKD
(and <1:6 Pacific Islanders in NZ)

1:25 people have high-risk CKD
i.e. ~200,000 people In New Zealand

CKD diagnosis is missing from long-term condition lists in 75-90% cases

Early CKD is treatable

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People with CKD & **BP <140/90** have an extra **10 years** before dialysis

8 Key elements of CKD management

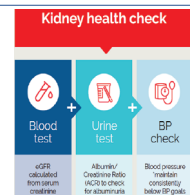
1) Detect 2) Diagnose 3) Record as LTC 4) Assess risk 5) Consider referral 6) Treat 7) Monitor 8) Prevent complications

1) Screen for CKD with CVS risk, diabetes and ACEinh/ARB users

CVS Risk: urine albumin:creatinine ratio advised (PREDICT) & eGFR advised (if eGFR <30 then CVS risk = high)

Diabetes: annual check for urine albumin:creatinine ratio and eGFR

ACEinh/ARB users: NZF -> eGFR & electrolyte check before treatment, when titrating and monitor on therapy

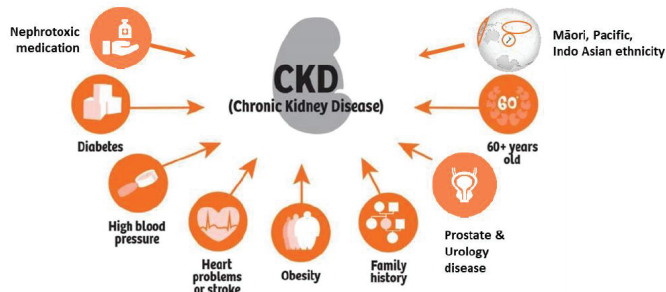


2) Diagnose CKD and then 3) Record CKD in Long Term Conditions List

Chronic Kidney Disease = abnormalities of kidney structure or function, present for >3 months, with implications for health (e.g. low eGFR, high urine ACR, persistent invisible haematuria, structural abnormality e.g. polycystic kidneys)

4) Assess Risk and then 5) Refer according to local guidelines

Consider rate of eGFR decline: >5ml/min/1.73m²/year = rapid = high risk ...and... Consider causes (e.g. vasculitis: high risk)



Kidney Function Stage	GFR (mL/min/1.73m ²)	Albuminuria Stage			Risk
		Normal (urine ACR mg/mmol) Male: <2.5 Female: <3.5	Microalbuminuria (urine ACR mg/mmol) Male: 2.5-25 Female: 3.5-35	Macroalbuminuria (urine ACR mg/mmol) Male: >25 Female: >35	
1	≥90	Not CKD unless haematuria, structural or pathological abnormalities present			low risk
2	60-89				medium risk
3a	45-59				high risk
3b	30-44				very high risk
4	15-29				very high risk
5	<15 or on dialysis				very high risk

6) Treat

- BP to consistently <130/80mmHg
- ACE inhibitors / ARBs
- Empagliflozin / SGLT2 inhibitors (funded for diabetic CKD; evidence also for non-diabetic CKD)
- Glycaemic control
- Lifestyle factors
 - e.g. Reduce dietary salt
 - E.g. Smoking cessation

...all tailored to the individual

7) Monitor (LTC funding)

- "medium risk" CKD at least annually;
- "high risk" CKD at least twice yearly;
- "very high risk" CKD 3, 4 or more times per year
- eGFR decline >5ml/min/1.73m²/year is "rapid progression"
- Consider enrolling in funded, nurse-led long-term conditions management programme

8) Prevent complications

- Assess/manage cardiovascular risk (eGFR <30 = equivalent risk to established cardiovascular disease)
- Vaccinations
- Avoid nephrotoxins e.g. NSAIDs
- "Sick Day Rules" for acute kidney injury (AKI) e.g. swift medical review if intercurrent illness, esp. with dehydration, for kidney health check +/- temporary omit ACEinh / ARB / diuretics until recovered