Guidelines for the Management of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) for Adults

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What is CKD2

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What is CKD?			Who to Test		
CKD is the presence of one of the following for>3 months. Markers of Kidney Damage (one or more) • Albuminuria (UACR ≥3 mg/mmol) confirmed on an early morning urine sample if UACR <70mg/mmol.		 Offer Screening for CKD using eGFR, serum creatinine and Urine Albumin: Creatinine Ratio (UACR) to people with any of the following risk factors: All people living with diabetes at least annually. For those with an eGFR<60ml/min/1.73m2 a UACR should be requested Hypertension-annually as part of hypertensions reviews https://cks.nice.org.uk/topics/hypertension/diagnosis/investigations/ Cardiovascular disease (ischaemic heart disease, chronic heart failure, peripheral arterial disease or cerebral vascular disease) annually as part of routine reviews History of acute kidney injury (monitor yearly for 3 years even if function back to baseline) Structural renal tract disease, recurrent renal calculi or prostatic hypertrophy Multi-system disease e.g., Systemic lupus erythematosus, vasculitis, myeloma Family history of end-stage kidney disease (GFR category G5) or hereditary kidney disease Gout Haematuria /Proteinuria (opportunistic detection) Treated with nephro-toxic agents (NSAIDs, Lithium, Calcineurin inhibitors, Aminosalicylates etc) 			
Every patient at the time of a clinician diagnosing CKD should have a urine dipstick because haematuria raises possibility of systemic renal disease or structural renal abnormalities which needs further assessment. Haematuria 1. Use dipstick reagent strips rather than urine microscopy. 2. Evaluate further if a result of 1+ or more (initially repeat dipstick in 2 weeks) 3. Result is not useful if the person is menstruating if someone has a catheter or has a known infection.	ine Albumin: Creatinine Ratio (UACR) and CKD CR is a useful marker of renal damage and complication risk. firmed (repeated) UACR>3mg/mmol represents proteinuria we ients of CKD regardless of urine dipstick. UACR<3mg/mmol Check eGFR Check eGFR eGFR>60ml/min/1.73m ² or <90 ml/min/1.73m ² and other markers of kidney damage	Diag It is the hich is UACR ((sub mod	nosis e usual method of as clinically significant. R 3-70mg/mmol Confirm with osequent early orning sample) liagnosis – inform pati rces, check eGFR if no g for CKD (detailed G# line and make referra	ssessing proteinuria. A Measure UACR in all UACR>70mg/mmol (No need to repeat the sample)	KFRE (Kidney Failure Risk Equation) The Kidney Failure Risk Equation Image: Second Strain Second Sec

How do we categorise CKD, how often should we test and when should we refer/seek advice?

When reviewing results, place the test results in clinical context including consideration of why the blood tests were taken. If history of acute illness, then assess and manage accordingly. Consider acute kidney injury (AKI) and the possibility of obstruction if rapidly declining eGFR. Think Kidneys https://www.thinkkidneys.nhs.uk/aki/resources/primary-care/, https://www.thinkkidneys.nhs.uk/aki/resources/primary-care/, https://www.thinkkidneys.nhs.uk/aki/resources/primary-care/, https://www.thinkkidneys.nhs.uk/campaign/

Frequency of Monitoring				Urinary Albumin Creatinine Ratio (UACR)			
(number of times per year				normal or mildly increased	moderately increased	severely increased	
snown in table as italicised number)				<30mg/g or <3mg/mmol	30-300mg/g or 3-30mg/mmol	>300mg/g or 30mg/mmol	
				A1	A2	A3	
EGFR	6	normal or	20		1 monitor	2 A&C/Defer	
calegones	GI	mildly	290 60-		1	2	
	G2	decreased	89	1 if CKD	monitor	A&G/Refer	
	G3a	mildly to moderately decreased	45- 59	1 Monitor	2 monitor	3 Refer	
	G3b	moderately decreased	30- 44	2 Monitor	3 monitor	3 Refer	
	G4	severely decreased	15- 29	3 A&G/Refer	<i>3</i> A&G/Refer	4+ Refer	
	G5	kidney failure	<15	4+ Refer	4+ refer	4+ Refer	

A&G = Advice and Guidance or refer NB: G1A1 and G2A1 only classed as CKD if also have additional Markers of Kidney Disease e.g. renal stone disease.

WHEN TO REFER

Where referral required, this should be to renal services if the patient does not have diabetes, or to combined diabetes/renal clinic for patient with diabetes (unless suspected or known non-diabetic kidney disease or eGFR <20ml/min1.73 m2 in which case referral should be to renal service)

Refer adults with CKD for specialist assessment (considering their wishes and comorbidities) if they have any of the following:

• 5-year risk of needing renal replacement therapy of greater than 5% (measured using the 4-variable Kidney Failure Risk Equation)

ACR of 70 mg/mmol or more, unless known to be caused by diabetes and already appropriately treated

- ACR of more than 30 mg/mmol (ACR category A3), together with haematuria
- a sustained decrease in eGFR of 25% or more and a change in eGFR category within 12 months
- a sustained decrease in eGFR of 15 ml/min/1.73 m2 or more per year

• hypertension that remains poorly controlled (above the person's individual target) despite the use of at least 4 antihypertensive medicines at therapeutic doses

• known or suspected rare or genetic causes of CKD

• suspected renal artery stenosis.

•Patients with eGFR <30 ml/min/1.73 m2 will usually require referral; but with eGFR \geq 30 ml/min/1.73 m2 referral will depend on other factors as above.



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3 Step Solutions for the Management of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

(ideally do in every patient with	eGFR<60 or UACR ≥ 3 mg/mmc		
Month 1		Month 2	Month 3
Maximum intensity RAS/ ** RAAS blockade and Optimise Lipids	Start (Refer to <u>'Clinical Pathway for the use of</u>	SGLT-2 inhibitors SGLT-2 inhibitors in CKD and T2DM ' guidance)	Optimise Blood Pressure and Other Cardiovascular Risk Factors
Start ***ACE-inhibitor or ****ARB in the following populations:	Person with Type 2 Diabetes	Person without Type 2 Diabetes	Initiate further blood pressure agents to treat to target
 Adults with hypertension and an ACR>30mg/mmol (category A3 or above) Adults with diabetes and an ACR>3mg/mmol (category A2) Adults without diabetes and ACR>70mg/mmol (also refer to nephrology) Adults without diabetes and ACR>70mg/mmol (also refer to nephrology) Titrate to maximum tolerated licensed dose (<i>NICE, NG203</i>) Ideally do this within one month (see <u>rapid titration protocol for</u> <u>RAAS blockade below</u>) Atorvastatin 20mg once daily should be offered as initial therapy for primary and secondary prevention and national guidelines followed for review and titration. Optimise lipid lowering therapies according to national lipid lowering guidance <u>NHS Accelerated Access</u> <u>Collaborative » Summary of</u> national guidance for lipid <u>management (england.nhs.uk)</u> If the patient is young (below 40 years) and has CKD -Use QRISK®3-lifetime cardiovascular risk calculator: <u>QRISK3-lifetime</u> Stop nephrotoxic medications : Advise against use of NSAID's and diseave themation. 	Start Canagliflozin 100mg once daily ensuring the person has eGFR 30-90ml/min/1.73m ² <u>OR</u> Start Dapagliflozin 10mg once daily ensuring the person has an eGFR 25-75 mL/min/1.73m ² <u>OR</u> Start Empagliflozin 10mg once daily ensuring the person has an eGFR 20-90ml/min/1.73m2 Note that glycaemic benefits will be limited at an eGFR <45ml/min/1.73m ² (<i>NB: Agents are listed in alphabetical rati</i> Follow the guidance in the document 'Clin Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and Type *We would not advocate switching S those on Canagliflozin) we would ad on empagliflozin 25mg once daily sh	Start Dapaqliflozin 10mg once daily ensuring the person has: an eGFR 25-75 mL/min/1.73m2 and UACR of ≥22.6 mg/mmol, excluding people with polycystic kidney disease or on immunological therapy for renal disease who would not be suitable for SGLT2i therapy. Start Empagliflozin 10mg once daily ensuring the person has either: An eGFR 20 ml/min/1.723m² to less than 45ml/min/1.73m² <u>OR</u> An eGFR 45ml/min/1.73m² - 90ml/min/1.73m² and UACR ≥ 22.6mg/mmol. There than preferential order) Dical Pathway for the use of SGLT-2 inhibitors in 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM)' GLT2i's so in those already established (including vise they continue and those already established ould continue unless indicated to drop dose.	 No diabetes or proteinuria- Target <140/90 mmHg UACR < 70mg/mmol: <130/80mmHg UACR>70mg/mmol: Ideally <130-120/80mmHg taking into consideration frailty and co-morbidities. Caution in the elderly/frail – consider reviewing the targets Encourage home monitoring of Blood Pressure (NB targets are 5mmHg lower for HBPM) In those who have had a cardiovascular event, ensure offered aspirin with appropriate gastric protection (in some cases a H2 receptor antagonist may be preferred e.g., if having electrolyte abnormalities or in the instance of acute interstitial nephritis (ANI). Famotidine is the H2 receptor antagonist of choice in this situation). Aspirin may be considered for primary prevention in those at high cardiovascular risk. Initiation should be balanced with consideration of the increased bleeding risk, including thrombocytopathy with low eGFR. In those with established CAD or PAD at high risk of ischaemic events (see NICE) consider 2.5mg bd rivaroxaban alongside aspirin. Only if eGFR>15ml/min.
RAAS inhibitors-Renin-angiotensin-aldos and ARB (e.g. losartan).	sterone system inhibitors, *ACE inhibitors	-Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors **** ARI	B – Angiotensin Receptor Blocker. RAAS inhibitors include ACEI (e.g. ramipril)
Diagnosing and coding CKD early enables	people to access interventions such as Li	festyle advice and pharmacotherapy to reduce the risk of	CKD progressing and of significant cardiovascular complications.

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Lifestyle advice - diet, exercise, weight management, smoking cessation, Vaccination-Flu, Pneumococcal





Finerenone

At month 4 onwards consider Finerenone for people with Type 2 Diabetes and who also has:

stage 3 or 4 CKD (eGFR ≥25-<60 ml/min with albuminuria (UACR ≥3mg/mmol) and

been optimised on standard care (RAAS blockade and SGLT2 inhibitors) unless unsuitable. The starting dose is 10mg once daily. The recommended target dose is 20mg once daily.

Treatment initiation

Start Finerenone 10mg daily		
Finerenone may be considered with additional serum potassium monitoring within the first 4 weeks, based on the patient's co-morbidities and subsequent potassium levels.		
Start 10mg daily		
Do not start Finerenone		
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Refer to <u>APC Finerenone guidelines</u> for further information on treatment initiation, continuation, dose adjustment and monitorina.

Blood Results and Monitoring

ACE inhibitor and ARB

eGFR and Serum Creatinine

Accept a serum creatinine rise < 30% or eGFR fall of < 25% from baseline: after ACEi/ARB initiation or dose increase. Avoid initiating ACEI/ARB and SGLT2 inhibitors together as it can have a cumulative effect of <30%. If renal function deterioration greater than stated above seek nephrologist advice (to exclude possible reno-vascular disease)

STOP ACEi/ARB if changes in creatinine/ eGFR exceed the above and no other causes of deteriorating renal function (e.g., dehydration, use of NSAIDs) is found.

Potassium (K+)

If K⁺ >6.0 mmol/L -would need urgent repeat U&E (please follow local guidance and ideally this would be a same day repeat) and if 6.5 mmol/L or greater or if there are symptoms consistent with hyperkalaemia, you would usually send to A&E for repeat potassium and ECG. If K⁺ >6.0 mmol/L stop ACEi/ARB and start low potassium diet, a recommended patient information can be found: https://www.kidney.org.uk/potassium.

If K+ remains persistently ≥6.0mmol/L and because of this hyperkalaemia people are unable to take an optimised dose of RAAS inhibitor. consider referral for sodium zirconium cyclosilicate (for CKD stage 3b-5, not on dialysis only)

If K⁺ >5.5mmol/ stop MRAs (including Finerenone)

Aim to restart medications once $K^+ \le 5.5$ mmol/L (note lower starting doses with Finerenone below)

If the patient has proteinuria or heart failure with reduced ejection fraction and would benefit from an ACEi/ARB seek nephrologist advice as introduction of furosemide, potassium binders or bicarbonate to facilitate reintroduction of these agents.

Concomitant use of ACEi/ARB with spironolactone and other potassium sparing diuretics requires close monitoring of potassium. The Think Kidneys campaign has a useful guidance which can be found 2020-statement-on-Changes-in-Kidnev-Function-FINAL.pdf (thinkkidnevs.nhs.uk)

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	Urine Albumin measurement						
Category	A1	A2	A3				
ACR	< 3.0	3.0-30	>30	>300 Urgent Clinician <u>Consultation</u> within 48 hours			
		Repeat early morning samp	ole if >3.0 within 3 months				
PCR	<15	15-50	>50-100	>300 Urgent Clinician <u>Consultation</u> <u>within</u> 48 hours			
Urinalysis	Negative to trace	Trace to 1+	2+ or higher				

	BP ta	argets		KEY		
tion and range	61	≥90	≤1	CKD G1A2/ 1Z1N - Commence or titrate ACEi/ARB -If T2DM consider SGLT2i	CKD G1A3/ 1Z1P -Commence or titrate ACEi/ARB Commence Statin - if T2DM consider SGLT2i	CKD GXAX = Ęmjs Code
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GFR categor	G3b	30-44	2 CKD G3bA1/ 1Z1X Commence Statin Commence Empagliflozin	CKD G3bA2/ 121Y Commence Statin - Commence or Titrate ACEI/ARB -Consider SGLT2i Consider Einerenone if T2DM nephropathy	CKD G3bA3/ 1212 -Commence Statin -Commence or titrate ACEI/ARB - Commence SGLT2i Consider Fingtenone if T2DM nephropathy	Moderate risk of progression
	G4	15-29	2 CKD G4A1/ 1Z1a -Commence Statin Commence SGLT2i (GFR ≥20) -Review regular medication	2 CKD G4A2/ 121b -Commence Statin - Commence or titrate ACEi/ARB - Commence SGLT2i_if GFR ≥20 Consider Einerenone if T2DM nephropathy -Review regular medications	CKD G4A3/1Z1c Commence Statin Commence or titrate ACEi/ARB Commence SGLT2i_if GFR ≥20 Consider Finetenone, if T2DM nephropathy Review regular medication	High risk of progression
	G5	<15	4 CKD G5A1/ 1Z1d -Commence Statin -Review regular medications	CKD G5A2/ 1Z1e -Commence Statin - Commence or titrate AC€i/ARB -Review regular medications	CKD G4A3/ 1Z1f -Commence Statin - Commence or titrate ACEi/ARB -Review regular medications	Very High risk of progression
Referral criteria	KFRE >5%	in 5 years	Uncontrolled HTN despite 23 antihypertensives at max doses	Suspected renal artery stenosis	ACR ≥30 + Haematuria (Exclude UTI) ACR ≥70 regardless of eGFR (If not diabetic)	Suspected complication of CKD: E.g. Anaemia, malnutrition

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3 Step Solution for the Management of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

· EARLY diagnosis and identification of patients

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Medicines Optimisation

• TIMELY REFERRAL to secondary care of those at risk of progression to end stage renal disease

Step 1: Early Diagnosis & Identification

Failure to identify and treat CKD doubles mortality

Diagnosing and coding CKD early enables people to access interventions such as lifestyle advice and pharmacotherapy to reduce the risk of CKD progressing and of significant cardiovascular complications

Lifelong monitoring with U&E, eGFR, urine ACR and Blood Pressure in those at risk and with CKD

What is CKD?

GFR<60ml/min/1.73m2 for >3 months OR

Kidney damage defined by: Pathological abnormalities Markers of damage Blood tests Albuminuria (urine albumin to creatinine ratio >3mg/mmol) Haemoproteinuria in absence of UTI Abnormal Imaging studies

Who to test?

- Diabetes
- Hypertension

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 - kidney disease
 - proteinuria
 - Gout

Step 2: Medicines Optimisation

RAASi+ Statin	 •CKD with DM & urine ACR >3mg/mmol or •CKD with hypertension •Titrate to highest tolerated dose •Statin: Atorvastatin 20mg OD for primary and secondary prevention of CVD
SGLT2i	 •T2DM only: Dapagliflozin, Canagliflozin, Empagliflozin, (Ertugliflozin - Offer if eGFR ≥ 60) •T2DM and eGFR 20-89: Dapagliflozin (eGFR range of 20-75), Empagliflozin (eGFR 20-89), Canagliflozin if uACR >30 and consider if uACR 3-30 mg/mmol •CKD Empagliflozin if eGFR ≥ 20 - 44 OR eGFR ≥ 45 and uACR ≥ 22.6, Dapagliflozin if eGFR ≥ 20 - 75 and uACR ≥ 22.6 •Local <u>SGLT2i guidelines</u>
CV risk	 •BP control: if urine ACR <70 aim for clinic BP <140/90, if urine ACR ≥70 aim for clinic BP <130/80 •Consider aspirin
Finerenone	 •CKD due to diabetic nephropathy (T2DM only) and eGFR ≥ 25 and ACR ≥ 3 •Start at 10mg OD and titrate to 20mg OD where possible •Local <u>finerenone guidelines</u> Version 1.0 Adapted from Midlands Kidney Network
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 Acute Kidney Injury Cardiovascular disease · Structural renal tract disease: renal calculi or prostatic hypertrophy Multisystem diseases with potential kidney Systemic lupus erythematosus, inflammatory arthritis, myeloma Family history of stage 5 CKD or hereditary Opportunistic detection of haematuria or

https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng203



Step 3: Timely referral to secondary care of at-risk groups

- KFRE 5 year risk of ESKD >5% (www.kfre.co.uk)
- **Higher levels of proteinuria** (uACR ≥ 70mg/mmol, uPCR ≥ 100mg/mmol) unless known to be due to diabetes and already appropriately treated
- **Proteinuria** (uACR ≥ 30mg/mmol, uPCR ≥ 50mg/mmol) together with **haematuria**
- **Rapid Progression** (eGFR decline> 15 ml/min/1.73 m2 or > 25% decline and progression to next stage in 1 year)
- Hypertension poorly controlled despite the use of at least four antihypertensive drugs at therapeutic doses.
- People with/suspected of having, rare/genetic causes of CKD
- Suspected renal artery stenosis
- CKD heatmap can be found here

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Chronic Kidney Disease In Primary Care

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apart

 $eGFR < 60 ml/min/1.73m^2$

2 consecutive tests at least 3 months

or

AND



Haemoproteinuria

uACR > 3 mg/mmol

or



Abnormal renal scan or biopsy

Definition



Offer **blood and urine** testing for adults with high risk for CKD: diabetes, hypertension, previous AKI, CVD, urinary tract disease, incidental detection of haematuria or proteinuria, family history of renal disease, on nephrotoxic agents



Coding



Code CKD diagnosis on electronic patients' record based on eGFR (G1-5) and urine ACR (A1-3)

or



If ACR < 70 mg/mmol: aim for clinic BP < 140/90 mmHg

Blood pressure

• If ACR \geq 70 mg/mmol: aim for clinic BP < 130/80 mmHg









CKD with T2DM and uACR > 3mg/mmol

• CKD with HTN and uACR > 30mg/mmol





0	ffer SGLT2i if on maximally	tolerated	RASi or	contraindicated	and
•	Not T1DM and no previous	DKA			

Canagliflozin 100mgOD: eGFR ≥30 plus T2DM



Dapagliflozin 10mg OD:

UACR ≥22.6 mg/mmol

- eGFR 20-44ml/min or
- eGFR 45-90 ml/min plus T2DM or UACR ≥22.6 mg/mmol

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Statin

Offer Atorvastatin 20mg OD for primary and secondary prevention of CVD.



Increase the dose if do not achieve > 40% reduction in non-HDL cholesterol and eGFR > 30 ml/min

• eGFR 25-75ml/min plus T2DM or





Stop nephrotoxins









Risk evaluate

Calculate 5-year risk of needing replacement therapy using 4-variable Kidney Failure Risk Equation- www.kfre.co.uk (if eGFR ≤60 ml/min/1.73m²)



Refer for specialist assessment if:

- 5-year KFRE risk > 5%
- uACR ≥ 70 mg/mmol, unless known to be caused by diabetes and already appropriately treated
- uACR > 30 mg/mmol, together with haematuria
- A sustained decrease in eGFR of 25% or more and a change in eGFR category within 12 months

• A sustained decrease in eGFR of 15 m/min/1.73m² or more per year

- Hypertension that remains poorly controlled despite the use of at least 4 antihypertensive medicines **(**
- · Known or suspected rare or genetic cause of CKD · Suspected renal artery stenosis



Finerenone



CKD stage 3 or 4 (with albuminuria) associated with type 2 diabetes

Offer Finerenone* as an add-on if on maximally tolerated RASi and SGLT2 inhibitor, unless unsuitable or contraindicated

NB: * please refer to local NAPC Finerenone prescribing guidelines

Empagliflozin 10mg OD:



Patient Information and Resources

How to Look after your kidneys https://www.kidneycareuk.org/order-or-download-booklets/ckd-health-check-look-after-your-kidneys-and-keep-yourself-well/

Chronic Kidney Disease https://www.kidneycareuk.org/order-or-download-booklets/chronic-kidney-disease/

A healthy diet and lifestyle for kidneys https://www.kidneycareuk.org/order-or-download-booklets/healthy-diet-and-lifestyle-your-kidneys/

Medicines for chronic kidney disease https://www.kidneycareuk.org/order-or-download-booklets/medicines-chronic-kidney-disease/

Medicines for high blood pressure https://www.kidneycareuk.org/order-or-download-booklets/medicines-high-blood-pressure/

Diabetes and kidney disease https://www.kidneycareuk.org/order-or-download-booklets/diabetes-and-kidney-disease/

Kidney Beam: https://kidney.org.uk/kidney-beam • Leicester youtube videos: Your kidneys and how to look after them - public education campaign by NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland – YouTube (How to keep your kidneys healthy | UHL NHS Trust)

Patient Knows Best for results via nhs app

https://ckdexplained.co.uk/

Think Kidneys: https://www.thinkkidneys.nhs.uk/aki/resources/primary-care

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