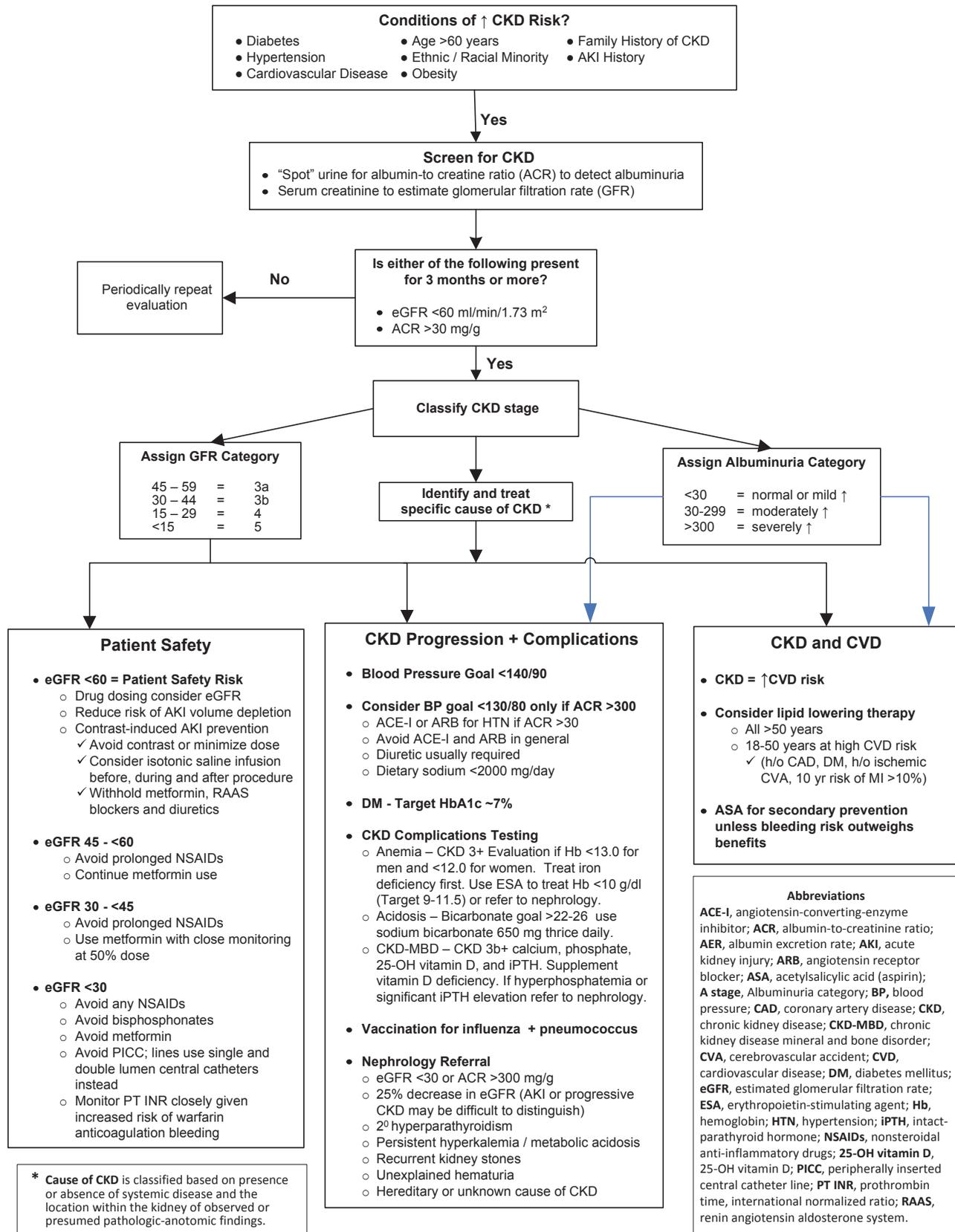


How to Manage Your CKD Patients



How to Evaluate for Chronic Kidney Disease

Know the criteria for chronic kidney disease (CKD).

- Abnormalities of kidney structure or function, present for >3 months, with implications for health
- Either of the following must be present for >3 months:
 - Markers of kidney damage (one or more)
 - GFR <60 ml/min/1.73 m²

Screen for CKD with two simple tests.

- “Spot” urine for albumin-to-creatinine ratio (ACR) to detect albuminuria
- Serum creatinine to estimate glomerular filtration rate (GFR)

What if CKD is detected?

- Classify CKD based on cause, GFR category, and albuminuria category
- Implement a clinical action plan based on patient’s CKD classification (see flip side)
 - Consider co-management with a nephrologist if the clinical action plan cannot be carried out
 - Refer to a nephrologist when GFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m² or ACR >300 mg/g
- Learn more at www.kidney.org/professionals

Why should you classify CKD?

- To have a more precise picture of each patient’s condition
- To guide decisions for testing and treatment
- To evaluate patient’s risk of progression and complications
- Because neither the category of GFR nor the category of albuminuria alone can fully capture prognosis of CKD

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How do you classify CKD?

- Identify cause of CKD*
- Assign GFR category
- Assign albuminuria category

*Cause of CKD is classified based on presence or absence of systemic disease and the location within the kidney of observed or presumed pathologic-anatomic findings.

GFR categories in CKD

| Category | GFR (ml/min/1.73 m ²) | Terms |
|----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| G1 | ≥90 | Normal or high |
| G2 | 60-89 | Mildly decreased* |
| G3a | 45-59 | Mildly to moderately decreased |
| G3b | 30-44 | Moderately to severely decreased |
| G4 | 15-29 | Severely decreased |
| G5 | <15 | Kidney failure |

*Relative to young adult level.

In the absence of evidence of kidney damage, neither GFR category G1 nor G2 fulfill the criteria for CKD.

Albuminuria categories in CKD

| Category | ACR (mg/g) | Terms |
|----------|------------|----------------------------|
| A1 | <30 | Normal to mildly increased |
| A2 | 30-300 | Moderately increased* |
| A3 | >300 | Severely increased† |

*Relative to young adult level. **ACR 30-300 mg/g for >3 months indicates CKD.**

†Including nephrotic syndrome (albumin excretion ACR >2220 mg/g)

Abbreviations

A Stage, albuminuria category; **ACE-I**, angiotensin-converting-enzyme inhibitor; **ACR**, albumin-to-creatinine ratio; **AER**, albumin excretion rate; **AKI**, acute kidney injury; **ARB**, angiotensin receptor blocker; **ASA**, acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin); **CAD**, coronary artery disease; **CKD**, chronic kidney disease; **CKD-MBD**, chronic kidney disease mineral and bone disorder; **CVA**, cerebrovascular accident; **CVD**, cardiovascular disease; **DM**, diabetes mellitus; **GFR**, estimated glomerular filtration rate; **ESA**, erythropoietin-stimulating agent; **G Stage**, GFR category; **Hb**, hemoglobin; **HTN**, hypertension; **iPTH**, intact-parathyroid hormone; **NSAIDs**, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; **PICC**, peripherally inserted central catheter line; **PT INR**, prothrombin time, international normalized ratio; **RAAS**, renin angiotensin aldosterone system.