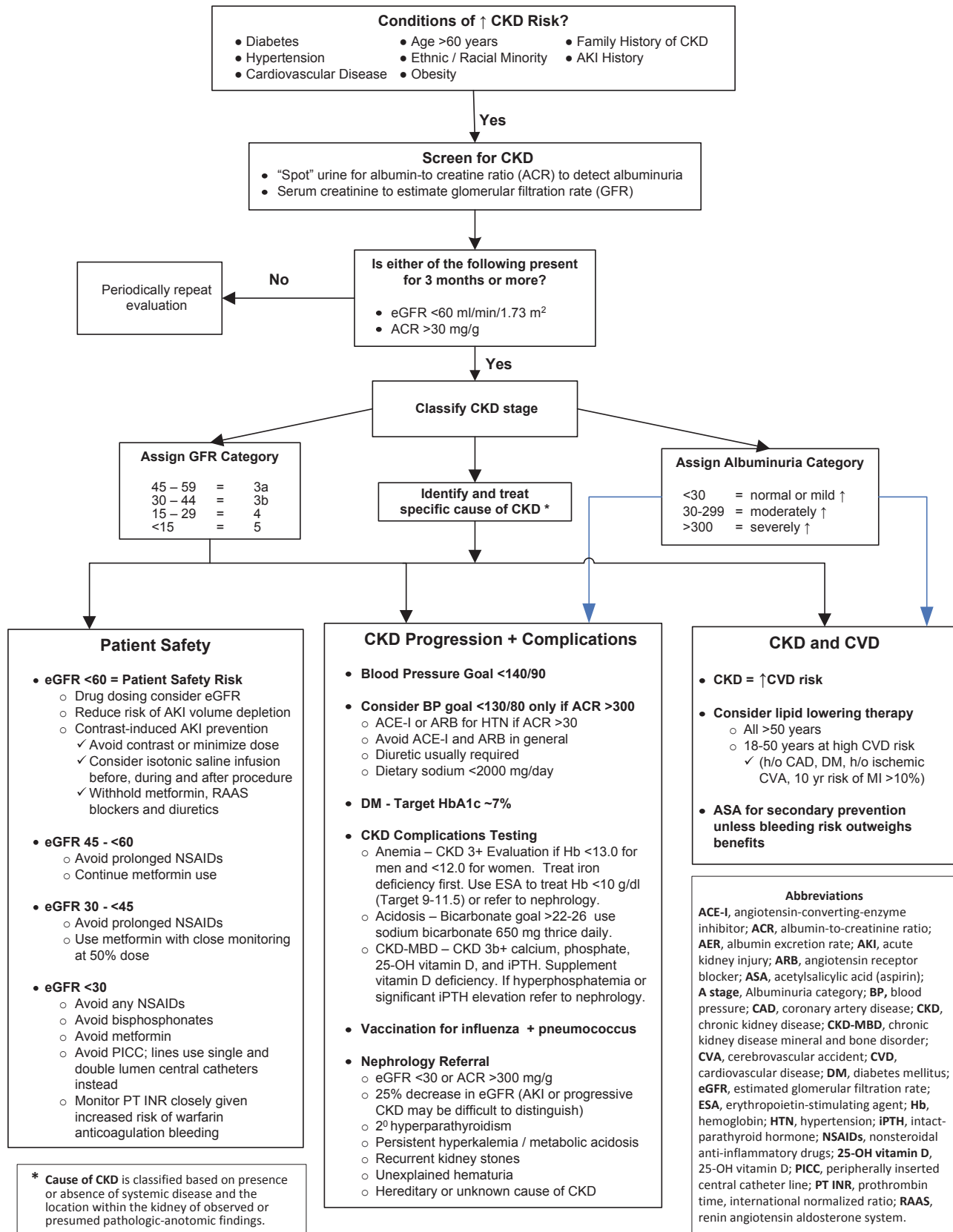


# How to Manage Your CKD Patients



# 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 m<sup>2</sup>

## 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 m<sup>2</sup> or ACR >300 mg/g
- Learn more at [www.kidney.org/professionals](http://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 <sup>2</sup> )	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.