

CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD) ASSOCIATED  
WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES (T2D)

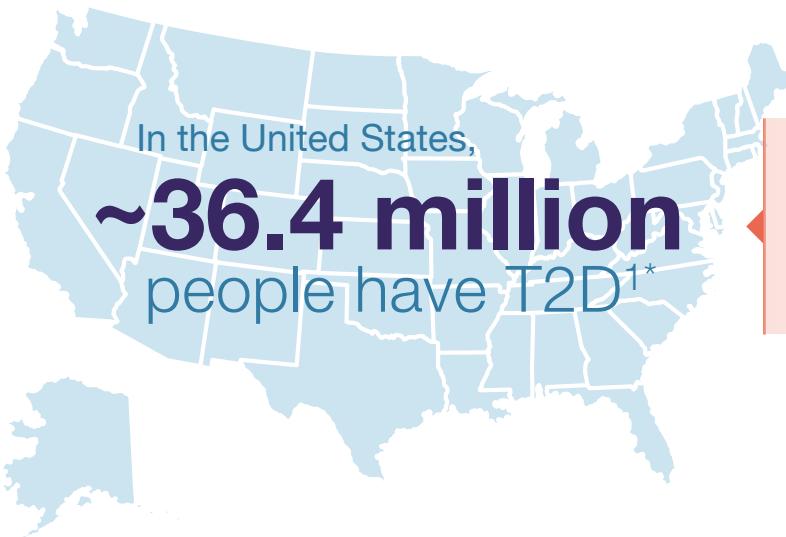
# Improving Management of Kidney and CV Risk Through Appropriate Testing, Diagnosis, and Treatment

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## CKD Associated With T2D Is a Major Population Health Concern



Up to  
**40%**  
of patients  
with T2D  
have CKD<sup>3</sup>

But a vast majority,  
**~90%**  
of patients with diabetes  
and CKD, are  
**unaware of their kidney disease<sup>4†‡</sup>**

\*Data from 2021.

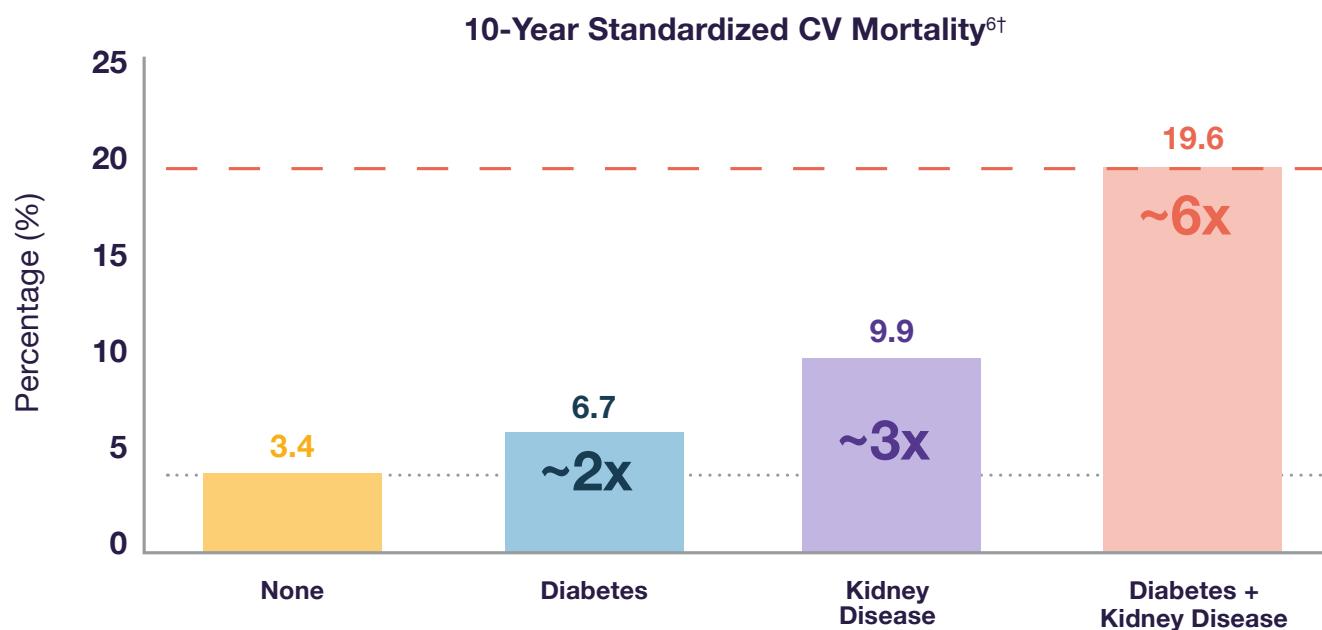
†Data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), 2015-2018 participants.<sup>4</sup>

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CKD, chronic kidney disease; T2D, type 2 diabetes.

# Kidney Disease Approximately Triples the Risk of CV Mortality in Patients With Diabetes

Study results based on NHANES III participant data\* suggested that excess risk for CV mortality among patients with T2D was concentrated in patients with CKD—defined as elevated UACR (albuminuria), impaired eGFR, or both<sup>6</sup>



\*NHANES III was conducted between 1988 and 1994. This study used data from NHANES III participants aged  $\geq 20$  years who had follow-up mortality data through 2006.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>†</sup>N=15,046.

eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; NHANES, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey; UACR, urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio.



# Incidence of Costly CV Events Increases Substantially in Patients With CKD Associated With T2D vs Those With T2D Alone

*Incidence of CV Events*  
in Patients With CKD Associated With T2D vs T2D alone



~2X more

Myocardial infarction (MI) cases<sup>7\*</sup>



~3-6X greater risk of

Hospitalization for heart failure (HHF)<sup>8†</sup>



~3X more

Cardiovascular (CV) deaths<sup>6‡</sup>

*Cost of CV Events*  
in Patients With CKD Associated With T2D (2023 USD)<sup>9-10§</sup>

ANNUALIZED  
MI:  
**\$26,193**

ANNUALIZED  
HHF:  
**\$43,053**

1-MONTH COST  
CV-related death  
**\$17,917**

**Promptly identifying elevated UACR informs evidence-based treatment in patients with T2D and may help to reduce or defer costly complications<sup>11</sup>**

\*As evidenced by a cross-sectional analysis of self-reported patient data collected between 2007 and 2012 from 2,006 patients with type 2 diabetes who completed NHANES.<sup>7</sup>

†Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled SAVOR TIMI 53 trial conducted from 2010-2013 in 16,492 patients with T2D and a glycated hemoglobin (HbA1c) of 6.5%-12.0% within 6 months of randomization and either a history of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) or multiple cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk factors. Baseline UACR was available in 15,760 patients.<sup>8</sup>

‡This study used data from NHANES III participants aged ≥20 years, who participated in a health examination and had available data on medications used, serum creatinine, and urine albumin and creatinine concentrations. Of these, the only participants who were included were those who had follow-up mortality data through 2006 (15,046 of 15,762 of NHANES III participants, 95.5%); 1,430 (9.5%) of the 15,046 participants had T2D.<sup>6</sup>

§Costs inflated to 2023 USD using MCPI from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. MCPI from Half 2 of relevant years used in calculations. Difference of MCPI 2023 (Half 1) and originating MCPI was taken and divided by originating MCPI, and then multiplied by 100 to generate inflation factor percentage. Inflation factor percentage was multiplied by originating cost to generate inflated cost in 2023 USD. Values rounded to nearest dollar.<sup>10</sup>

MCPI, Medical Care Price Index; USD, US dollars.

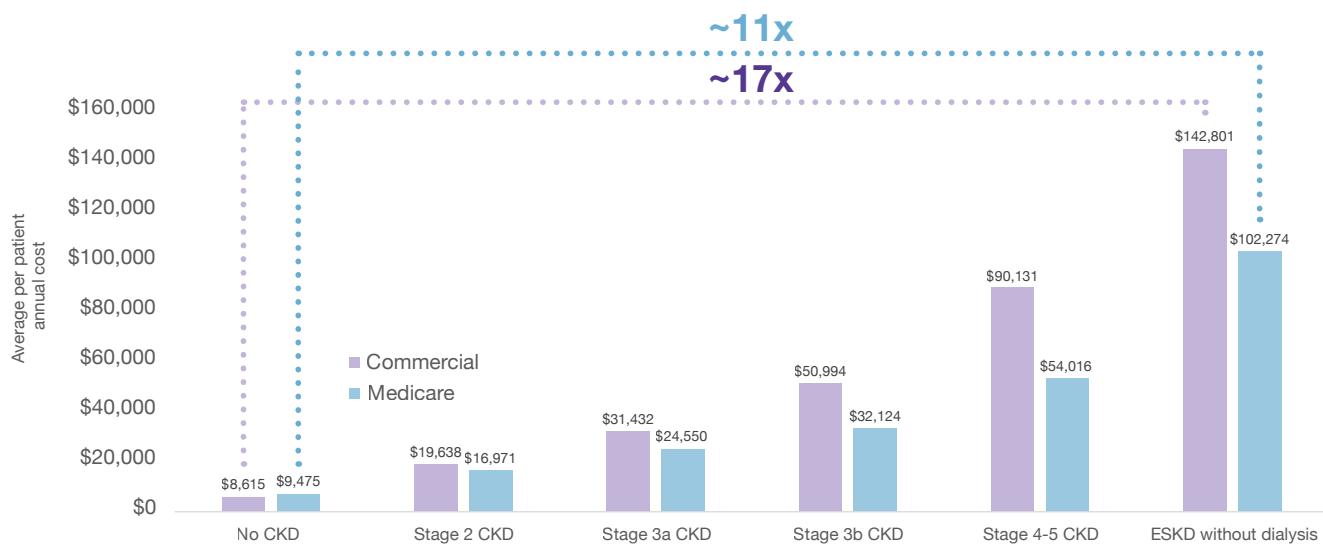


# CKD Progression Exponentially Increases Costs for Commercial and Medicare Patients, Including Those With T2D

## COST OF CARE FOR COMMERCIAL AND MEDICARE PATIENTS<sup>10,12\*</sup>

Diabetes was present in 38% of commercially insured and 42% of Medicare study participants with CKD<sup>12</sup>

Costs shown in 2023 USD<sup>†</sup>



\*Based on a study conducted between 2007 and 2012 that analyzed all-cause, prescription, outpatient, emergency department, and inpatient costs according to CKD stage. Diabetes present in 38% and 42% of commercial and Medicare participants, respectively. Sample sizes (n) for the cohorts in this study are as follows: No CKD (Medicare: 4,586; commercial: 52,175); Stage 2 (Medicare: 43,024; commercial: 28,540); Stage 3a (Medicare: 15,001; commercial: 6,315); Stage 3b (Medicare: 12,651; commercial: 3,963); Stages 4-5 (Medicare: 10,014; commercial: 3,734); end-stage kidney disease without dialysis (Medicare: 1,440; commercial: 1,197).<sup>12</sup>

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ESKD, end-stage kidney disease.

# Most Patients With CKD Associated With T2D Do Not Receive the Appropriate Tests, Specifically UACR

CKD diagnosis in patients with T2D is established by eGFR, an evaluation of kidney function, and UACR, an evaluation of kidney damage, over a 12-month period<sup>13</sup>



Despite guideline recommendations from the ADA, AACE, ESC, and KDIGO to test eGFR and UACR **at least annually** in all patients with T2D<sup>5,14-16</sup>:

eGFR testing rates are  
**>94%**<sup>11††</sup>



HOWEVER

UACR testing rates are only  
**38.7%**<sup>11††</sup>



 Low testing rates indicate failure to achieve quality measures<sup>11,17</sup>

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has developed a Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) measure called KIDNEY HEALTH EVALUATION FOR PATIENTS WITH DIABETES (KED), which **assesses whether patients aged 18 to 85 years with diabetes received annual UACR and eGFR testing.**

\*As evidenced by a retrospective analysis of 101,057 patients with CKD associated with T2D across the US who had data in the Optum Clininformatics database. Investigators sought to evaluate eGFR and UACR testing rates over a 1-year period.<sup>11</sup>

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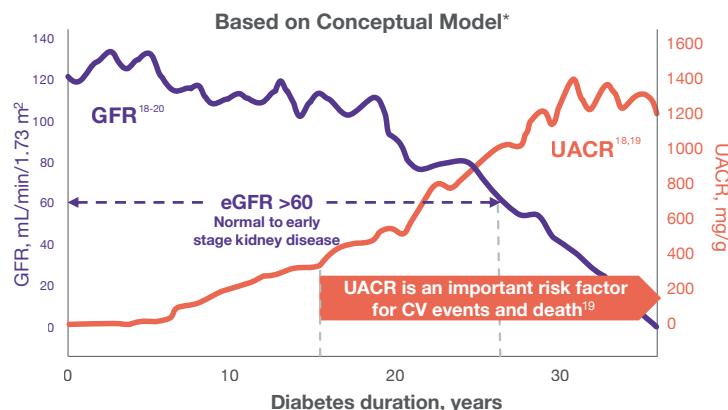
AACE, American Association of Clinical Endocrinology; ADA, American Diabetes Association; ESC, European Society of Cardiology; KDIGO, Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes; T1D, type 1 diabetes.

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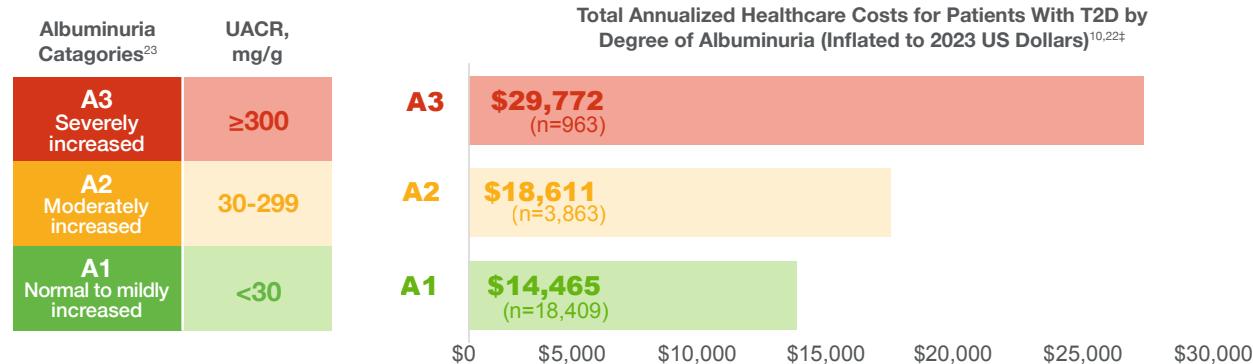
# Albuminuria, Measured Through UACR, Is an Independent Predictor of Poor CV Outcomes and a Major Cost Driver

**Elevated UACR is often the earliest indicator of CKD and associated CV and kidney risk, and can occur years before eGFR decline<sup>18-20</sup>**



Albuminuria has been identified as a contributing factor to rapidly progressing kidney disease (ie, >4 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> eGFR reduction per year) in patients with T2D, with ~25% experiencing rapid progression within just 2 years<sup>21†</sup>

**Healthcare costs increase as albuminuria worsens<sup>22,23</sup>:**



\*Timeline is well characterized for T1D. For T2D, timeline may depart from the illustration due to the variable timing of hyperglycemia onset.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>‡</sup>P<0.0001 for adjusted cost differences.<sup>22</sup>

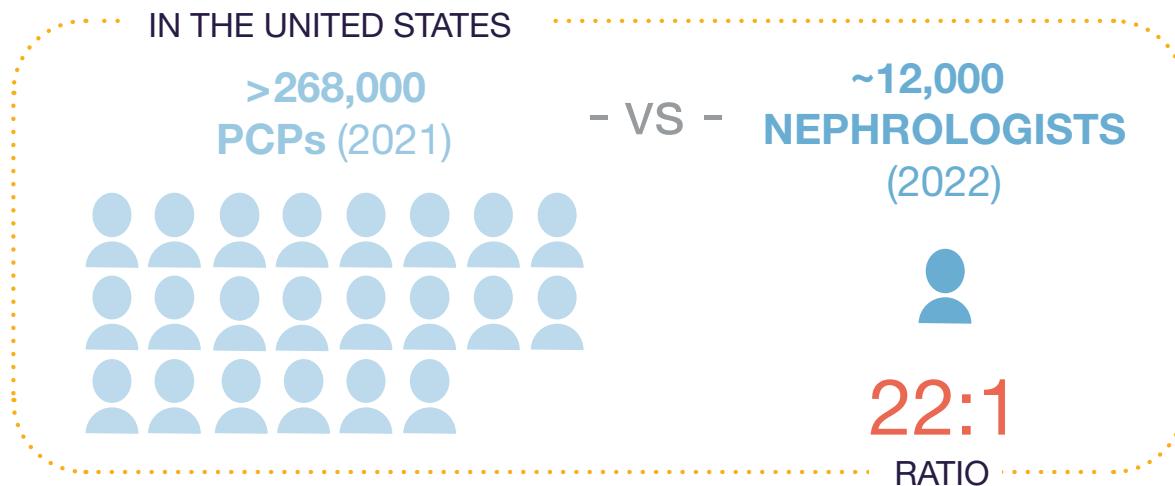
GFR, glomerular filtration rate.

# Early UACR Evaluation by PCPs May Improve CKD Diagnosis, Monitoring, and Treatment

## PCPs are key players in CKD detection and management:

- Patients with T2D and CKD stages 1 to 3 are often evaluated in the primary care setting, but are often not diagnosed or actively managed by PCPs<sup>24-26</sup>
- Activating PCPs to diagnose and treat patients with early stages of CKD may help ensure nephrologists can focus on treating later-stage patients with more acute treatment needs<sup>24,25</sup>
- Incorporating UACR testing into routine PCP examinations of patients with T2D can help improve awareness, diagnosis, and monitoring of CKD—and subsequently guide evidence-based treatment<sup>11,23,27</sup>

## Limited number of nephrologists underscores the need for management of patients with early stage CKD by PCPs<sup>28,29</sup>:



PCP, primary care physician.

# High Costs of Care for Patients With CKD Associated With T2D Emphasizes the Need to Accurately Diagnose and Code Conditions

## LACK OF DIAGNOSIS<sup>30</sup>

Patients may have lab-indicated CKD without corresponding diagnosis codes

**Nearly 75%** of Medicare Advantage patients with lab-indicated CKD did not have a corresponding diagnosis code

## Importance of Coding on Risk Scores

Risk-adjusted scoring represents a plan or health system population's burden of illness (as defined by diagnosis code/stage). In the illustrative examples below, the risk-adjusted scores are based on diagnoses of CKD stage 3 or 4 in non-institutional, non-dual, non-disabled female patients aged 67 years with other common comorbidities<sup>31</sup>

		Patient A (Undiagnosed CKD)	Patient B (Diagnosed CKD Stage 3)	Patient C (Diagnosed CKD Stage 4)
Gender, Age	Female, 67	0.330	0.330	0.330
Conditions	Diabetes with Chronic Complications Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) CKD Stage Diabetes with CHF CHF*Renal <b>Total Raw Risk Score</b>	0.166 0.360 N/A 0.112 N/A <b>0.968</b>	0.166 0.360 0.127 0.112 0.176 <b>1.271</b>	0.166 0.360 0.514 0.112 0.176 <b>1.658</b>
Parameters	Normalization Factor Coding Pattern Differences <b>Final Risk Score</b>	1.015 0.941 <b>0.897</b>	1.015 0.941 <b>1.178</b>	1.015 0.941 <b>1.537</b>

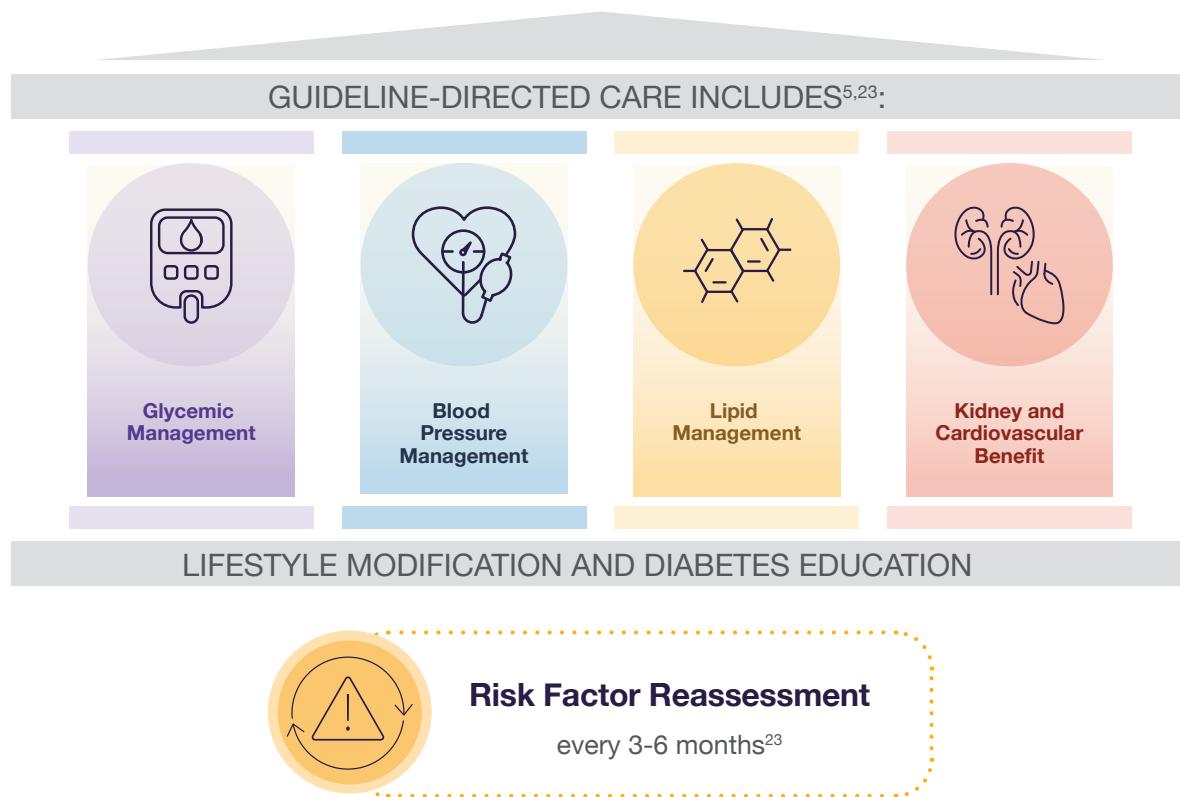
# Guideline-Directed Medical Therapy Is Informed by Comprehensive Kidney Health Evaluation, Including eGFR and UACR

At-risk patients should receive testing, treatment, and referral according to their individual risk<sup>23</sup>

			Albuminuria Categories			Description and Range	
			A1	A2	A3		
<b>ADA-KDIGO Consensus Statement: Risk of Progression, Frequency of Visits, and Referral to Nephrology According to eGFR and UACR<sup>23</sup></b>			Normal to mildly increased	Moderately increased	Severely increased		
$<30 \text{ mg/g}$ $<3 \text{ mg/mmol}$			$<30 \text{ mg/g}$ $<3 \text{ mg/mmol}$	$30-299 \text{ mg/g}$ $3-29 \text{ mg/mmol}$	$\geq300 \text{ mg/g}$ $\geq30 \text{ mg/mmol}$		
<b>GFR Categories</b> $(\text{mL/min}/1.73 \text{ m}^2)$ , Description and Range	G1	Normal or high	>90	Screen 1	Treat 1	Treat and refer 2	Low risk (if no other markers of kidney disease, no CKD)
	G2	Mildly decreased	60-89	Screen 1	Treat 1	Treat and refer 2	
	G3a	Mildly to moderately decreased	45-59	Treat 1	Treat 2	Treat and refer 3	Moderately increased risk
	G3b	Moderately to severely decreased	30-44	Treat 2	Treat and refer 3	Treat and refer 3	
	G4	Severely decreased	15-29	Treat and refer 3	Treat and refer 3	Treat and refer 4+	High risk
	G5	Kidney failure	<15	Treat and refer 4+	Treat and refer 4+	Treat and refer 4+	

Delayed identification of CKD in patients with T2D impedes timely initiation of evidence-based treatment<sup>26</sup>

# Treatment Guidelines for CKD Associated With T2D Focus on Risk Reduction and Semi-Annual Assessment of UACR

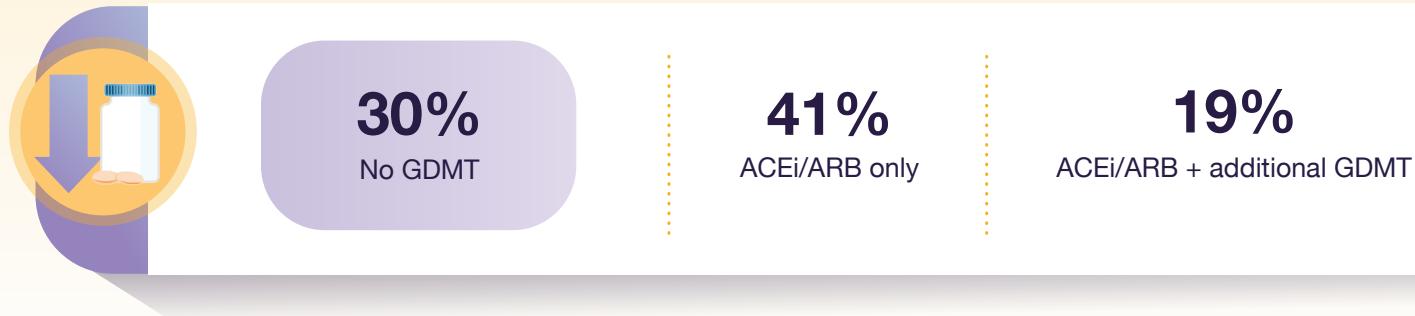


The American Diabetes Association recommends a  $\geq 30\%$  reduction in urinary albumin for patients who have CKD and urinary albumin  $\geq 300 \text{ mg/g}$ .<sup>5</sup> A 30% decrease in albuminuria corresponded to a 27% decrease in CKD progression for patients with UACR  $\geq 30 \text{ mg/g}$ .<sup>32\*</sup>

\*As evidenced by a prediction model analysis that evaluated 6-month change in albuminuria and a composite kidney endpoint (defined as end-stage kidney disease [initiation of chronic treatment with dialysis or kidney transplantation], eGFR  $< 15 \text{ mL/min/1.73 m}^2$ , or doubling of serum creatinine sustained at the subsequent visit) across 41 clinical trials in 22,544 patients with UACR  $\geq 30 \text{ mg/g}$ .<sup>32</sup>

# Guideline-Directed Medical Therapies for CKD Associated With T2D Are Broadly Underutilized

Real-World Utilization of Guideline-Directed Medical Therapies<sup>33\*</sup>



**Clinical practice guidance from the ADA, AACE, ESC, and KDIGO recommend the use of pharmacotherapies to reduce risk** in patients with CKD associated with T2D, although real-world data in diagnosed patients show that use is insufficient and there is unchecked disease progression for patients with CKD associated with T2D<sup>5,11,14-16,23,33</sup>

**An analysis showed that 94% of patients diagnosed with CKD and T2D were not gaining access to more recently approved therapies indicated to reduce risks of renal and cardiovascular outcomes, with the largest obstacle being restrictions in payer coverage<sup>34</sup>**

\*Based on Bayer analysis of patient-level claims data encompassing nearly 3.3 million unique adult patients nationally with a diagnosis of CKD and T2D in calendar year 2022.<sup>33</sup>

ACEi, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; GDMT, guideline-directed medical therapy.

## IN PATIENTS WITH CKD ASSOCIATED WITH T2D

# Improved Testing, Diagnosis, and Use of GDMT May Reduce the Risk of CV Events, CKD Progression, and High Associated Costs



### Improve Testing

UACR is the guideline-preferred method for **albuminuria testing, which is critical to diagnosing CKD**, but is underutilized in patients with T2D<sup>5,11,35</sup>

### Increase Diagnosis

**Disease identification is crucial to guiding appropriate management** of patients with CKD associated with T2D<sup>11,23</sup>



### Use Evidence-Based Treatment

**Guideline-directed medical therapies are vital, but underutilized, drivers of risk reduction**<sup>23,33</sup>



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