

# Diabetes and Chronic Kidney Disease

Why the fuss and what should you know?

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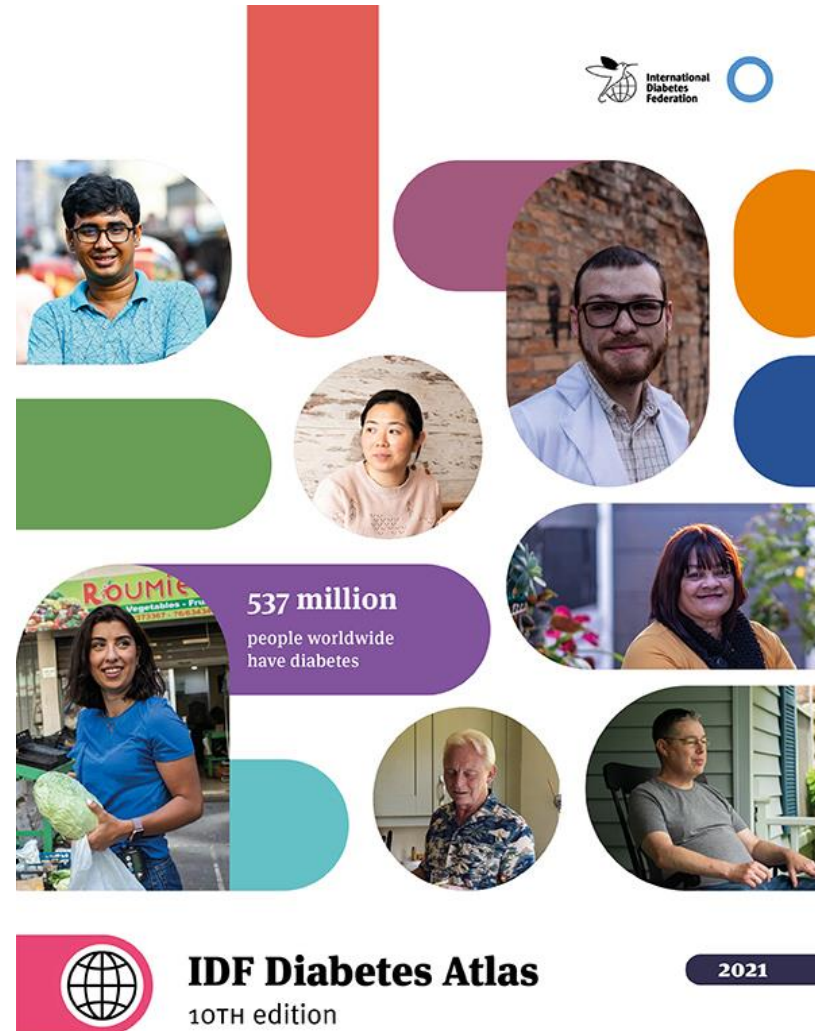
# Overview

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- Diabetes in 2023
- CKD
- Diabetes and CKD
- Screening
- Management
- Take Home Messages




# Diabetes in 2023



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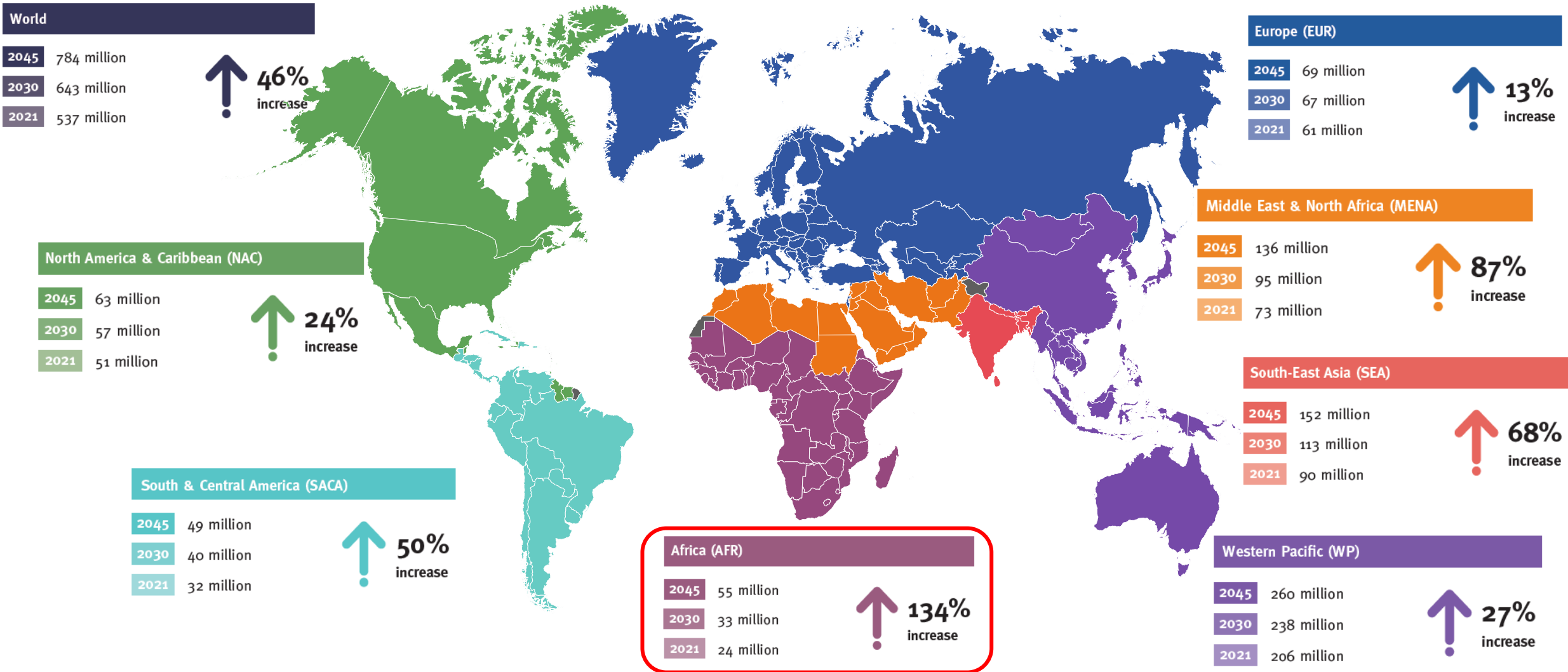
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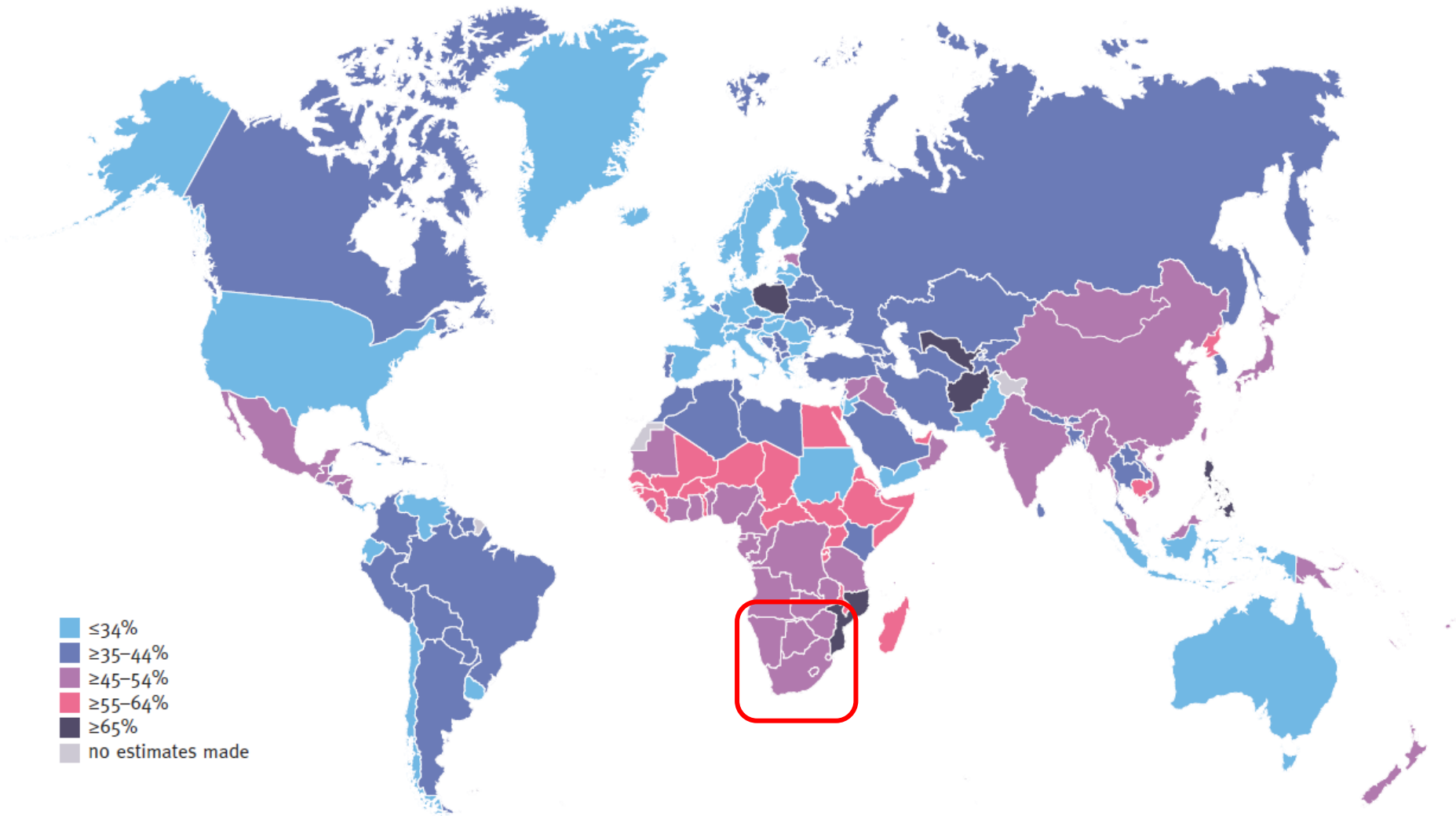
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# Diabetes has reached pandemic proportions

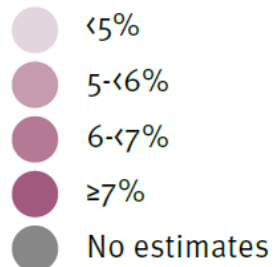
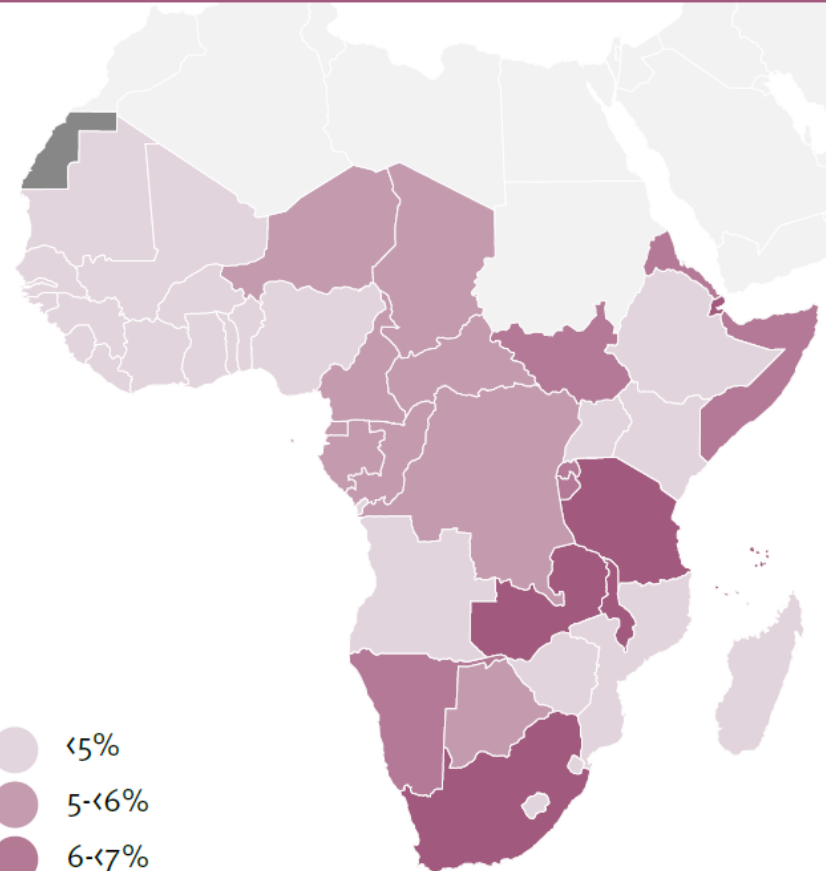


# Many people are unaware of their diagnosis



# Lets look deeper into Africa

Prevalence\* of diabetes (20–79 years),



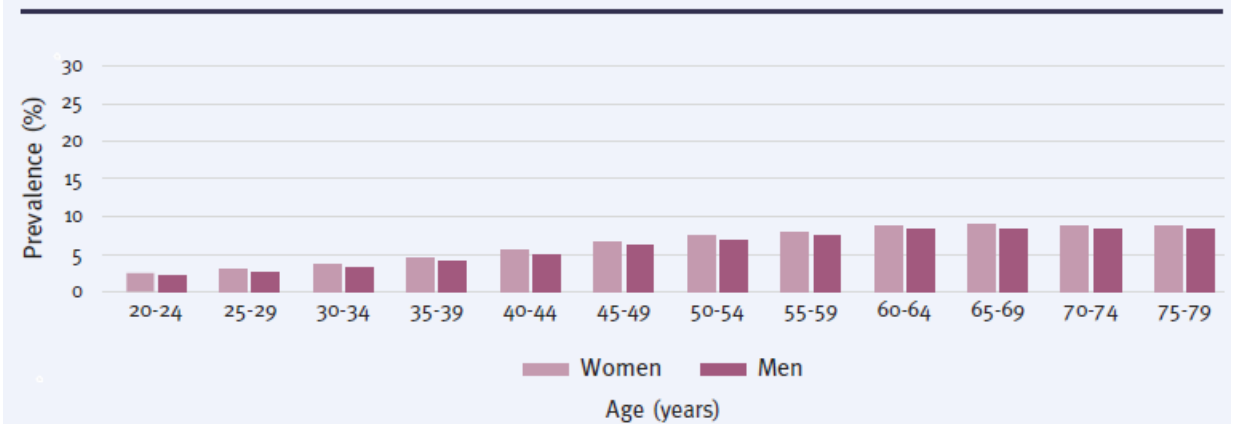
Top 5 countries for number of people with diabetes (20–79 years)

	2011	2021
South Africa	1.9m	4.2m
Nigeria	3.1m	3.6m
United Republic of Tanzania	472,900	2.9m
Ethiopia	1.4m	1.9m
Democratic Republic of the Congo <sup>i</sup>	730,700	1.9m

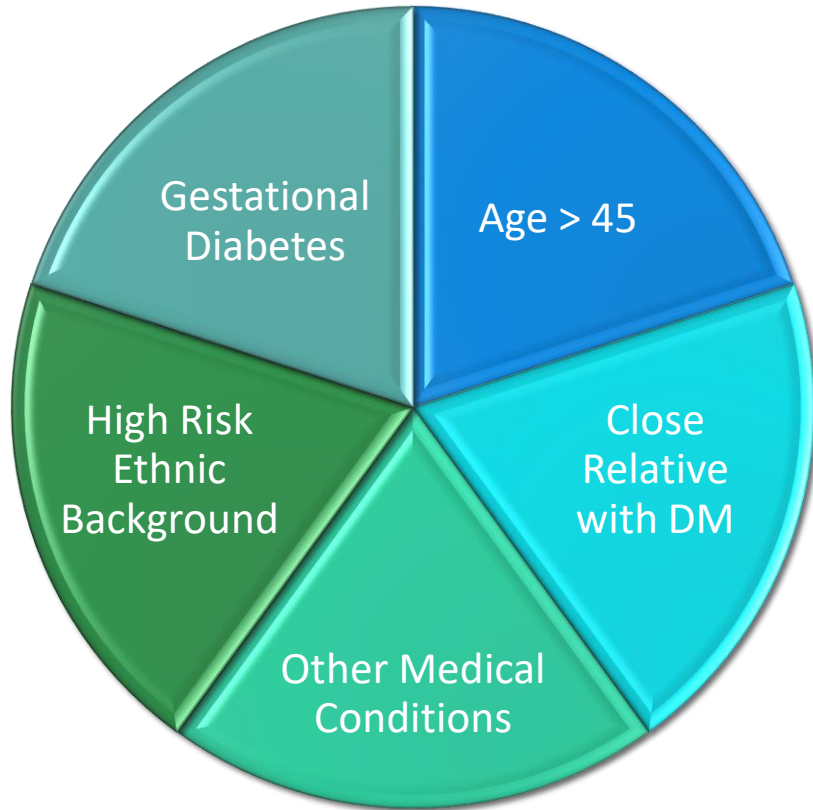
<sup>i</sup> based on extrapolation from similar countries

m=million b = billion

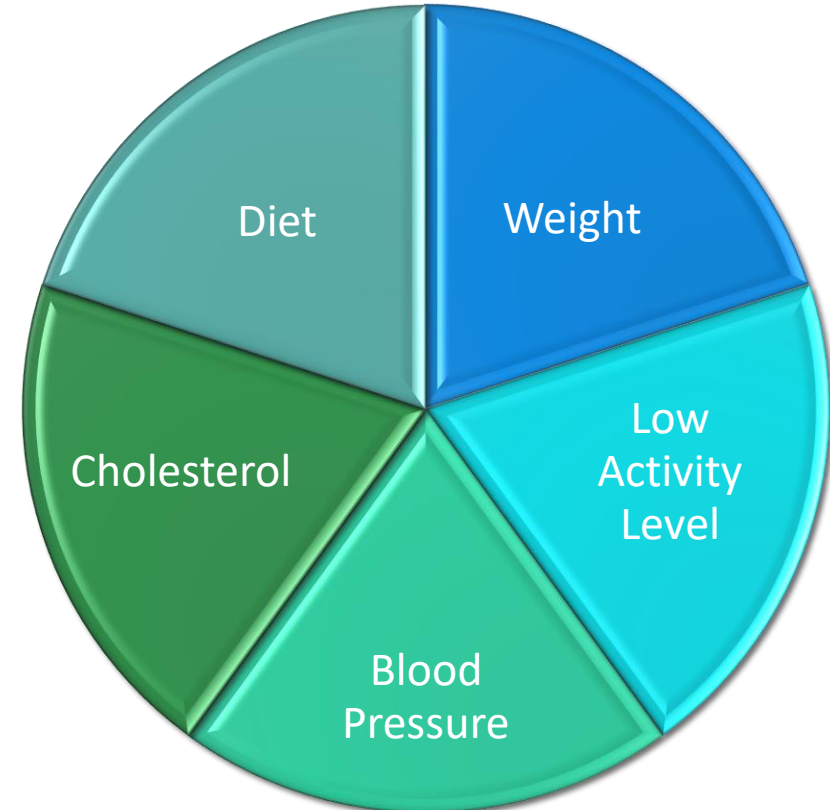
Prevalence of diabetes by age and sex, 2021



# Risk Factors



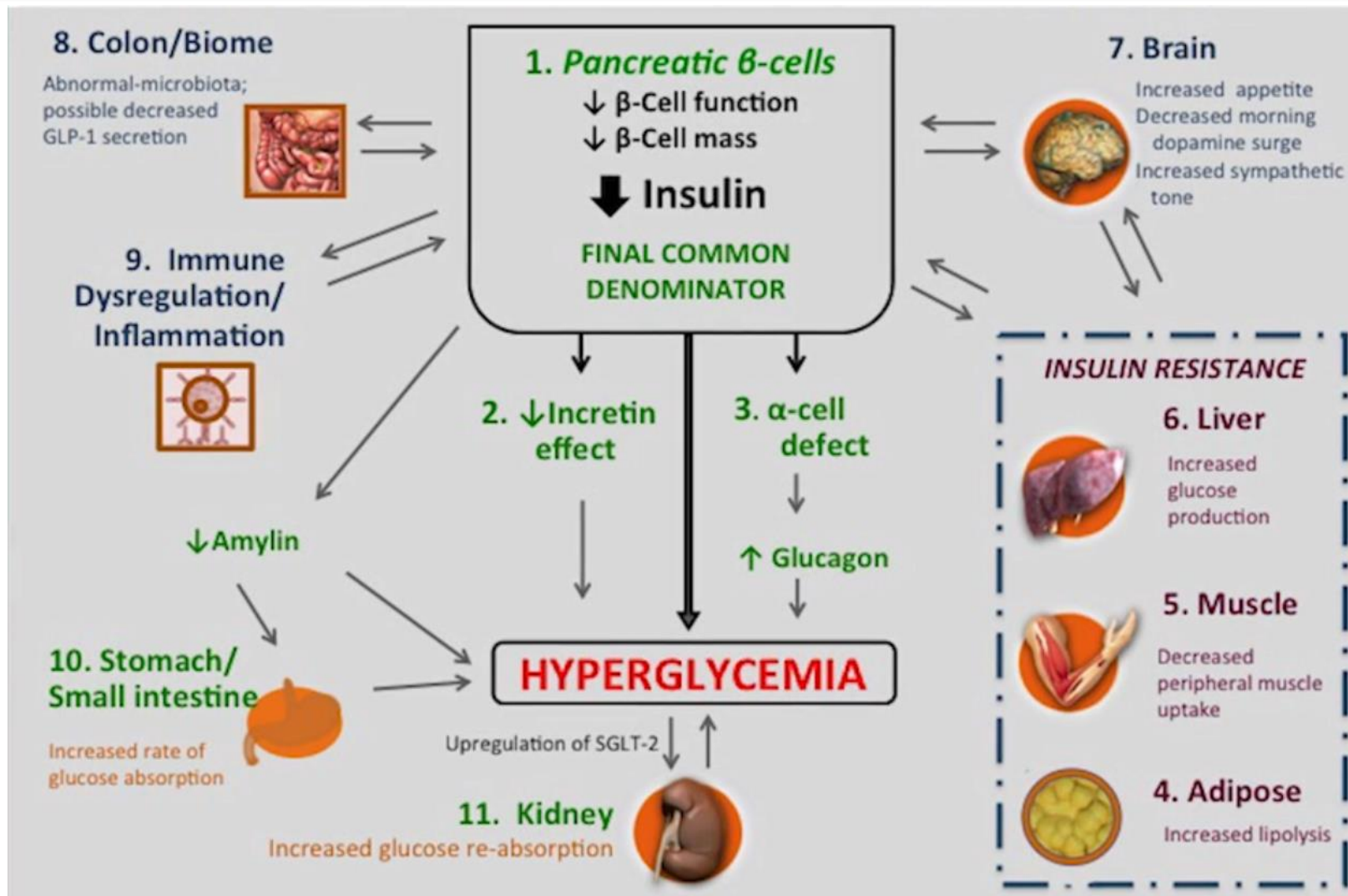
Non Modifiable Risk Factors



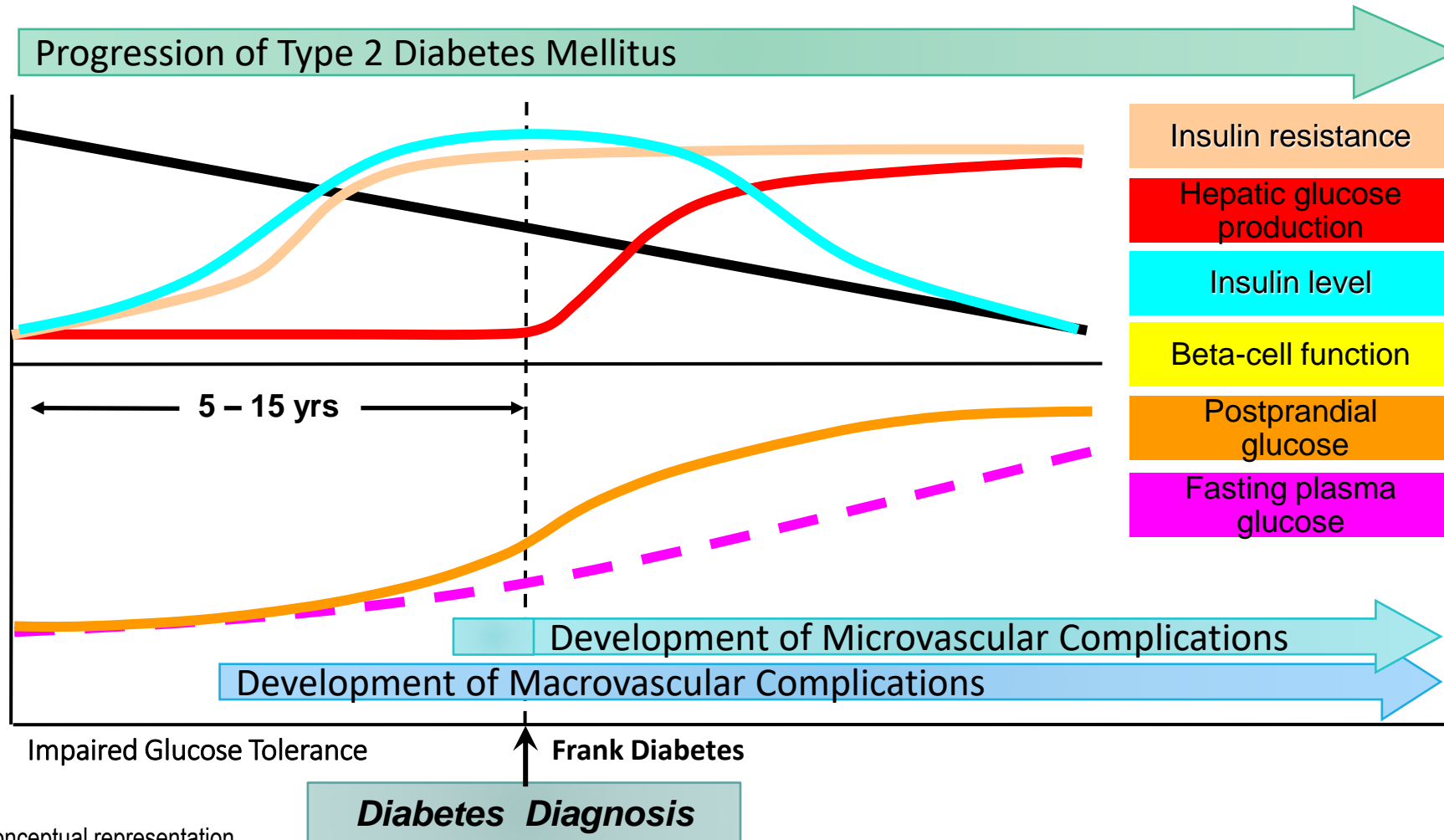
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# Our understanding of Diabetes has improved



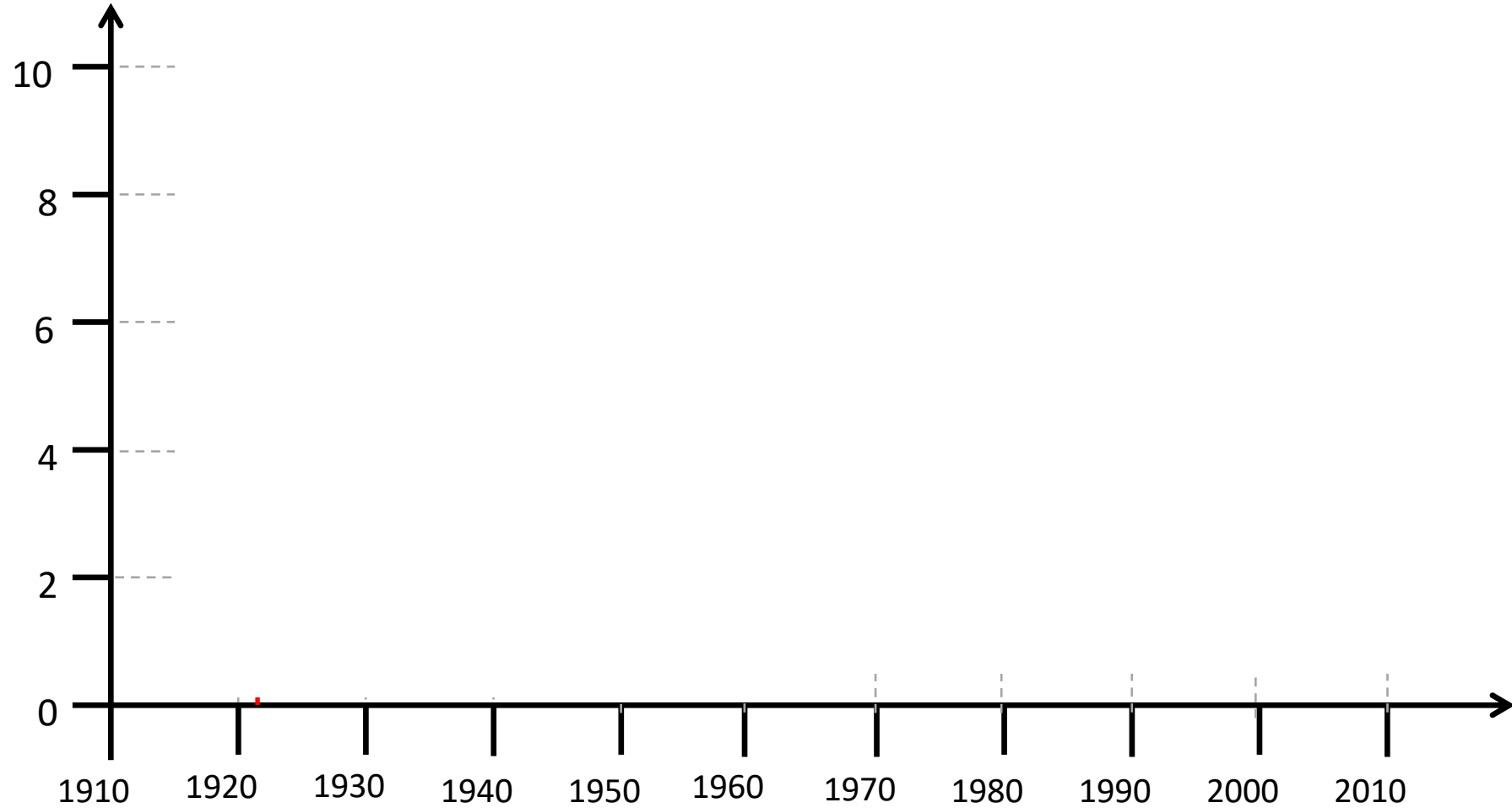
# Natural history of T2DM



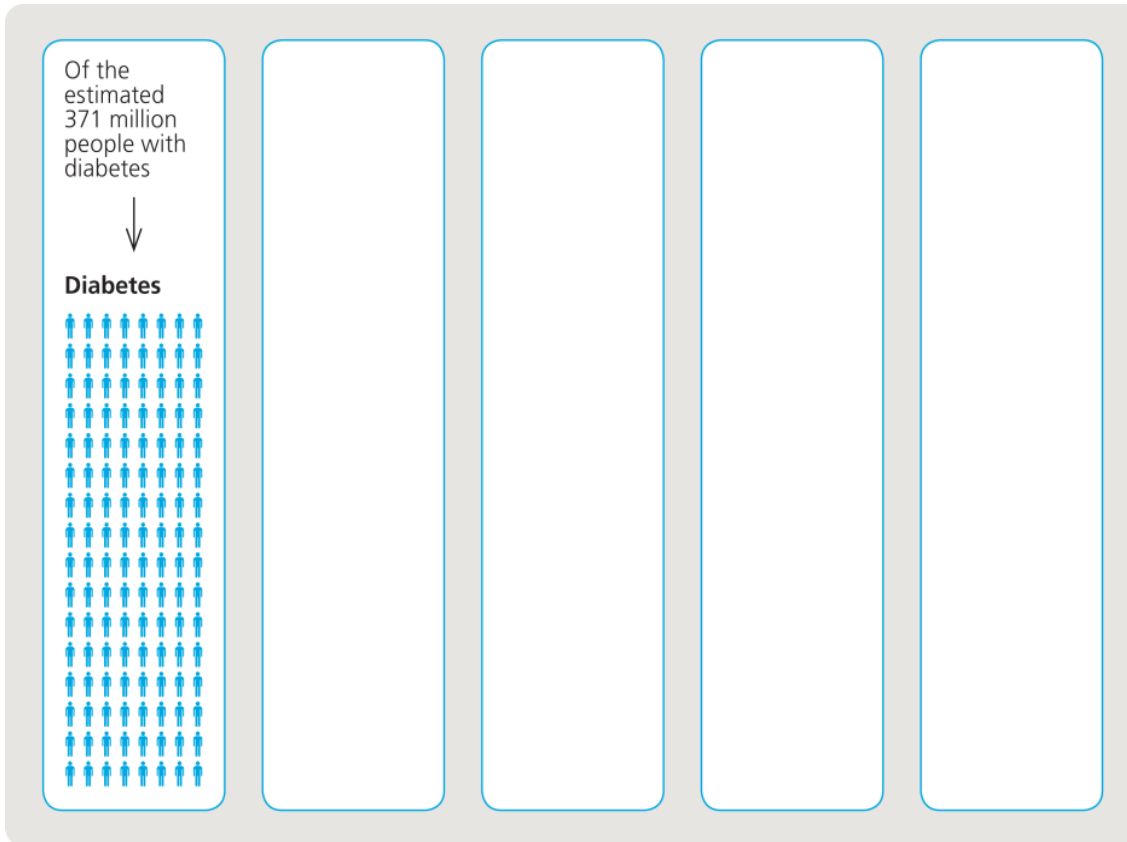
<sup>a</sup>Conceptual representation.

# We now have more treatment options

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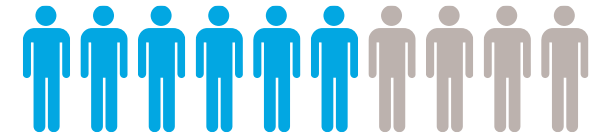
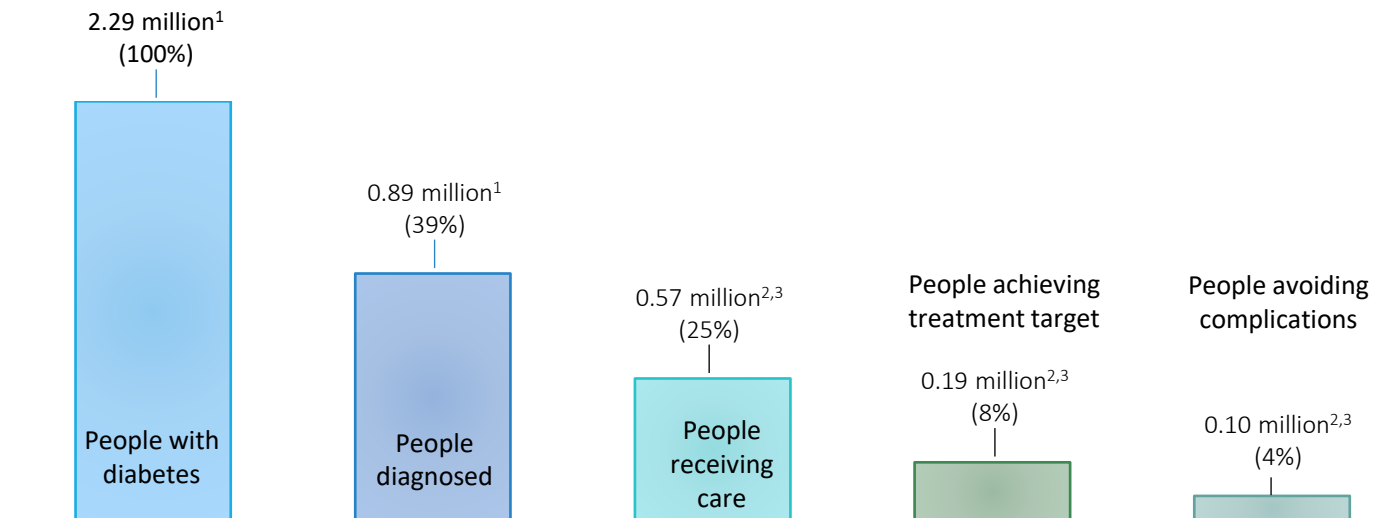
# Rules of Halves



The 'rule of halves' states that only around **6% of people** with diabetes are estimated to achieve well-managed diabetes and desired health outcomes.

*Actual rates of diagnosis treatment, targets and outcomes vary from country to country.<sup>1</sup>*

# Rules of Halves in South Africa



OVER **SIX** OUT OF **TEN**

people with diabetes **do not** know they have diabetes<sup>1</sup>



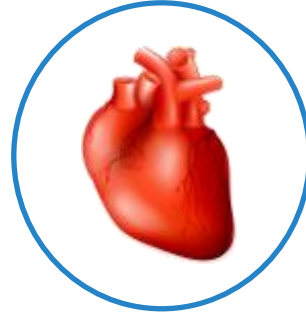
LESS THAN **ONE** IN **TWELVE**

people with diabetes are expected to reach treatment targets<sup>2,3</sup>

Diabetes is responsible for major complications such as stroke, heart attack, blindness, kidney failure and lower limb amputation. The **RULE OF HALVES** outlines five hurdles to overcome to get diabetes successfully under control.

# Complications of Diabetes

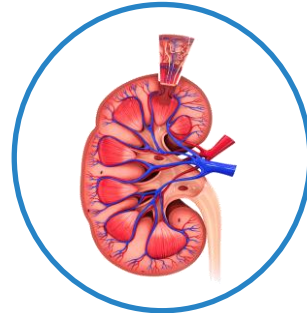
50–80% of people with diabetes die of cardiovascular disease<sup>2</sup>



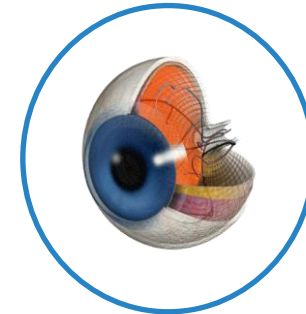
16% of people aged >65 years with diabetes die of stroke<sup>4</sup>



44% of new kidney failure cases are observed in patients with diabetes<sup>3</sup>



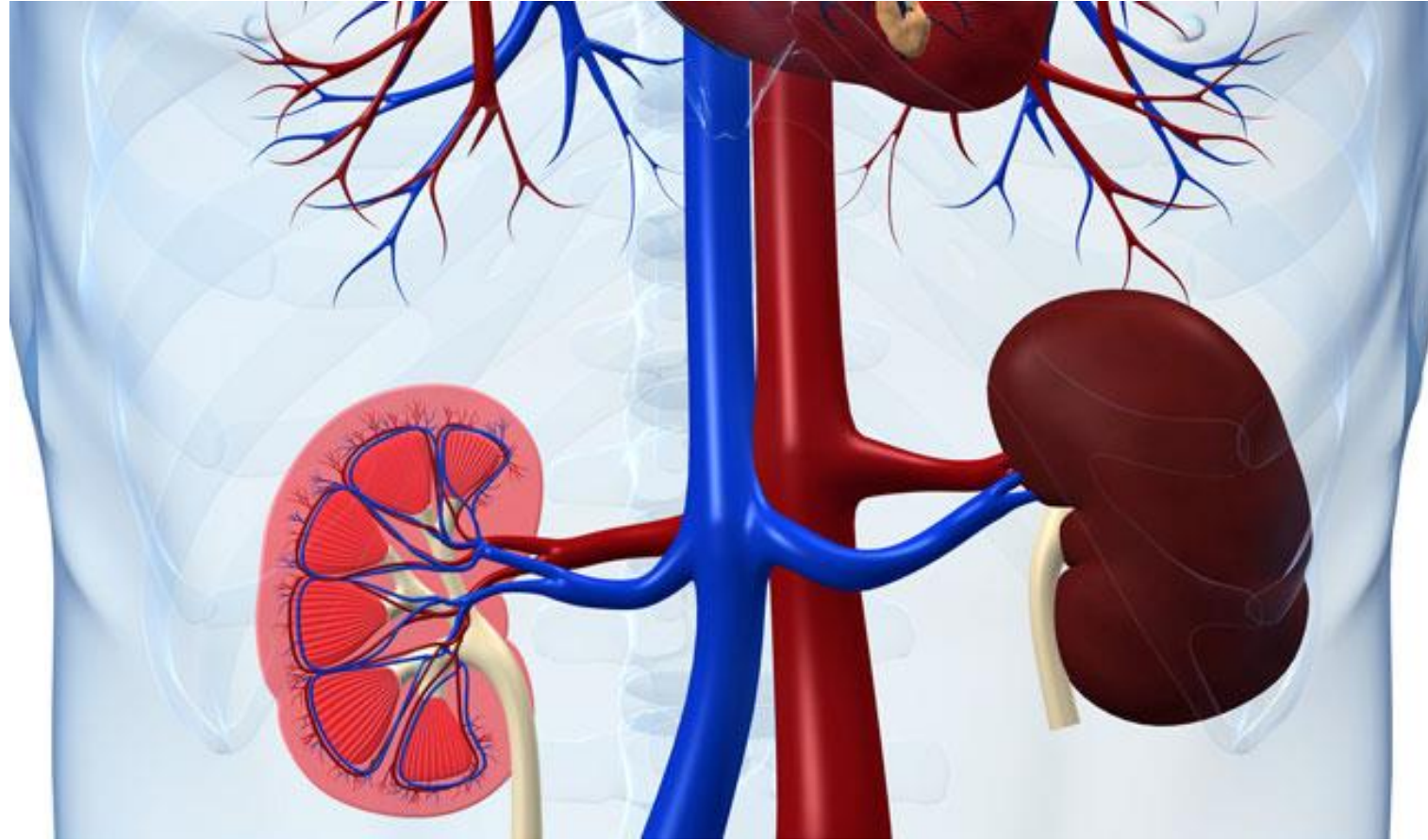
29% of people with diabetes aged ≥40 years have diabetic retinopathy<sup>3</sup>



60% of non-traumatic lower-limb amputations occur in diabetes patients ≥20 years old<sup>3</sup>

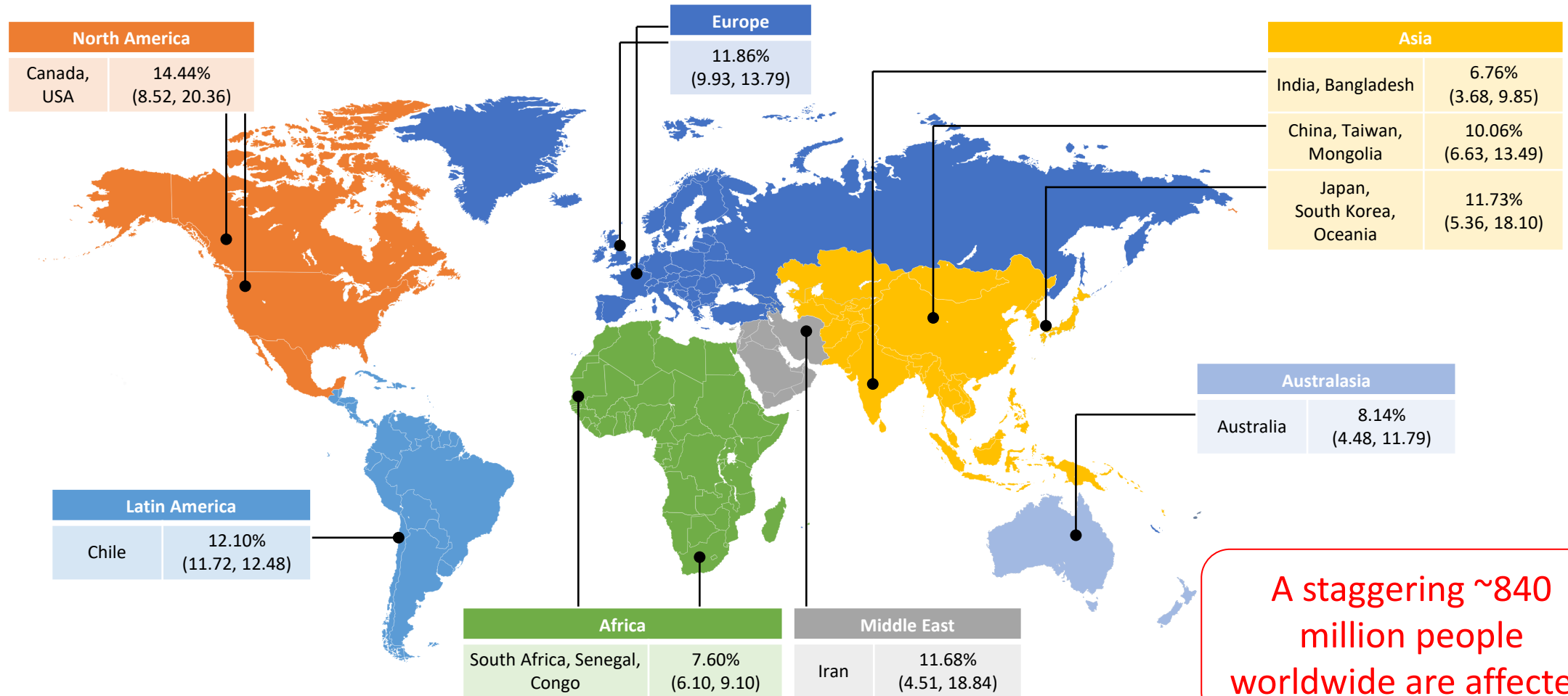


# Chronic Kidney Disease



# Global Prevalence of CKD<sup>1</sup>

Meta-analysis estimating the global prevalence of CKD (stages 3–5)<sup>2,a</sup>



**A staggering ~840 million people worldwide are affected**

<sup>a</sup>Global prevalence reported as percentage with 95% confidence intervals. CKD = chronic kidney

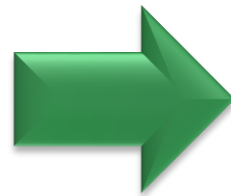


# Chronic Kidney Disease – A silent progressive killer

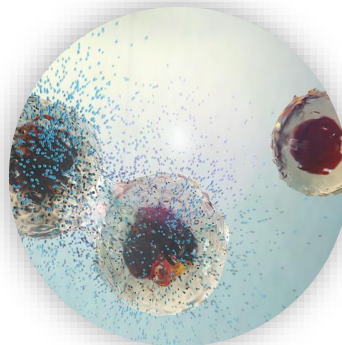
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HAVE CKD<sup>1</sup>



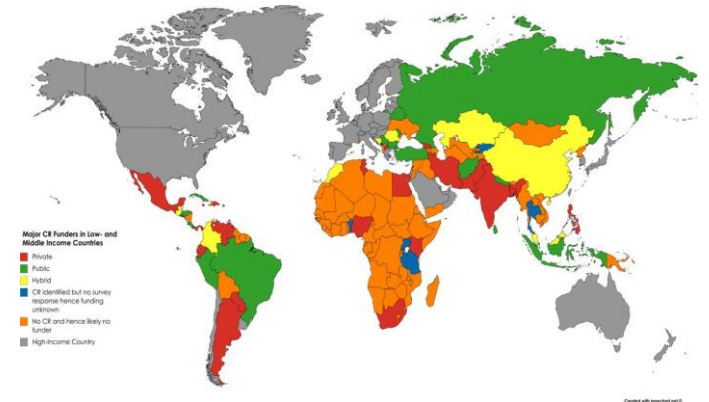
>2.5 MILLION



On RRT, but expected to be  
5.4 M by 2030<sup>2</sup>



Up to 7 MILLION

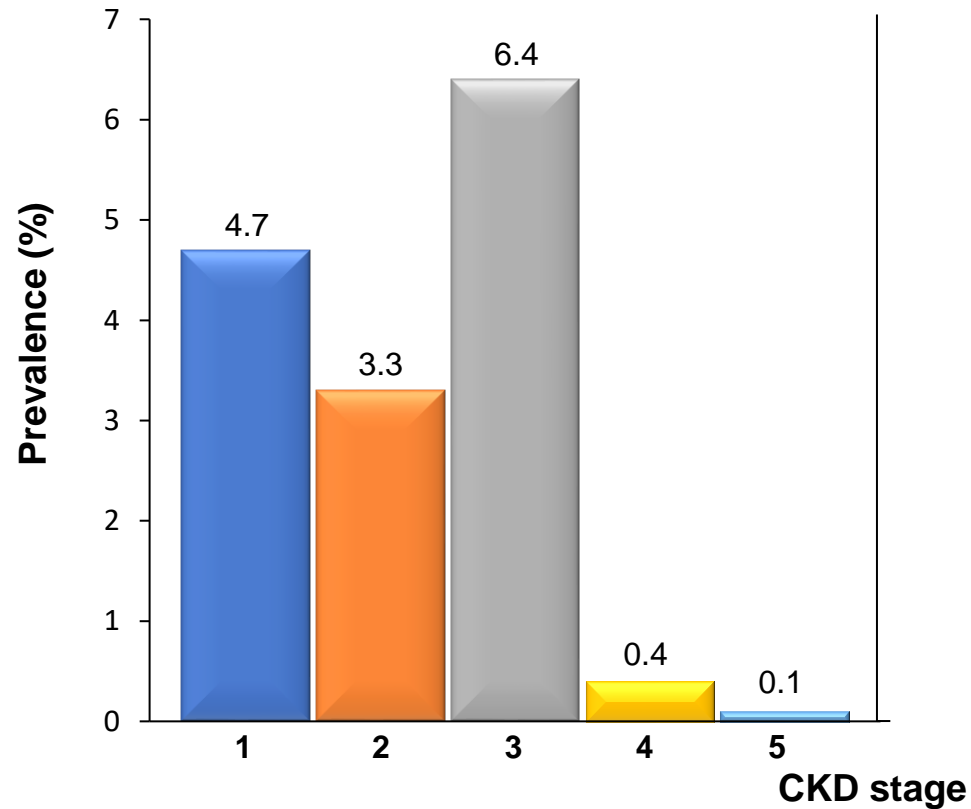


DIED prematurely from  
lack of access to RRT<sup>2</sup>

Chronic Kidney Disease remains UNDERDIAGNOSED.

# Patient awareness of their diagnosis

Prevalence of CKD and CKD awareness  
by CKD stage in the NHANES population (2015–2018)<sup>a</sup>

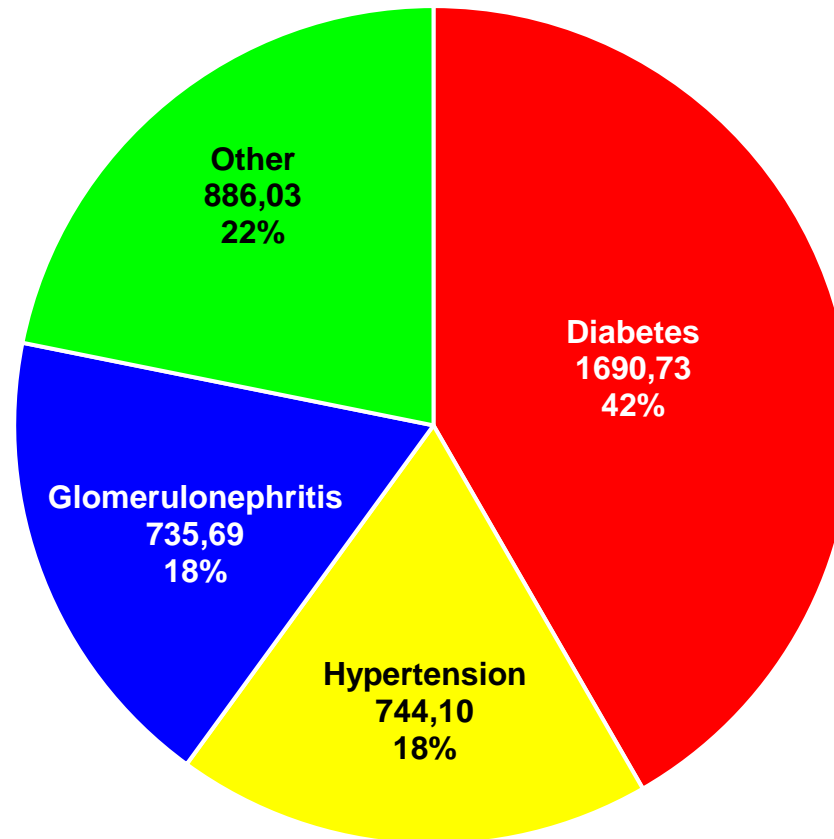


<sup>a</sup>Awareness was assessed as those who reported being told that they had kidney disease.

CKD = chronic kidney disease; NHANES = National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

# Causes of CKD

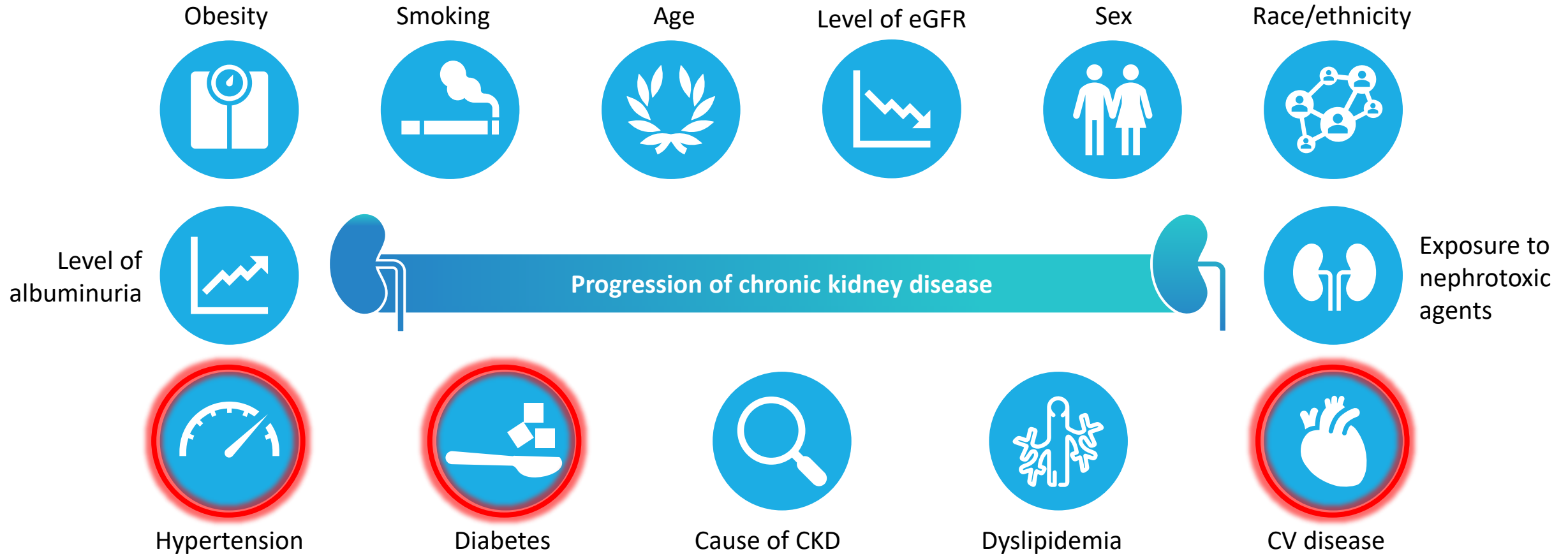
Age-standardized global prevalence rate of CKD  
by cause per 100,000 persons in 2016



Diabetes and hypertension responsible for more than half of all cases

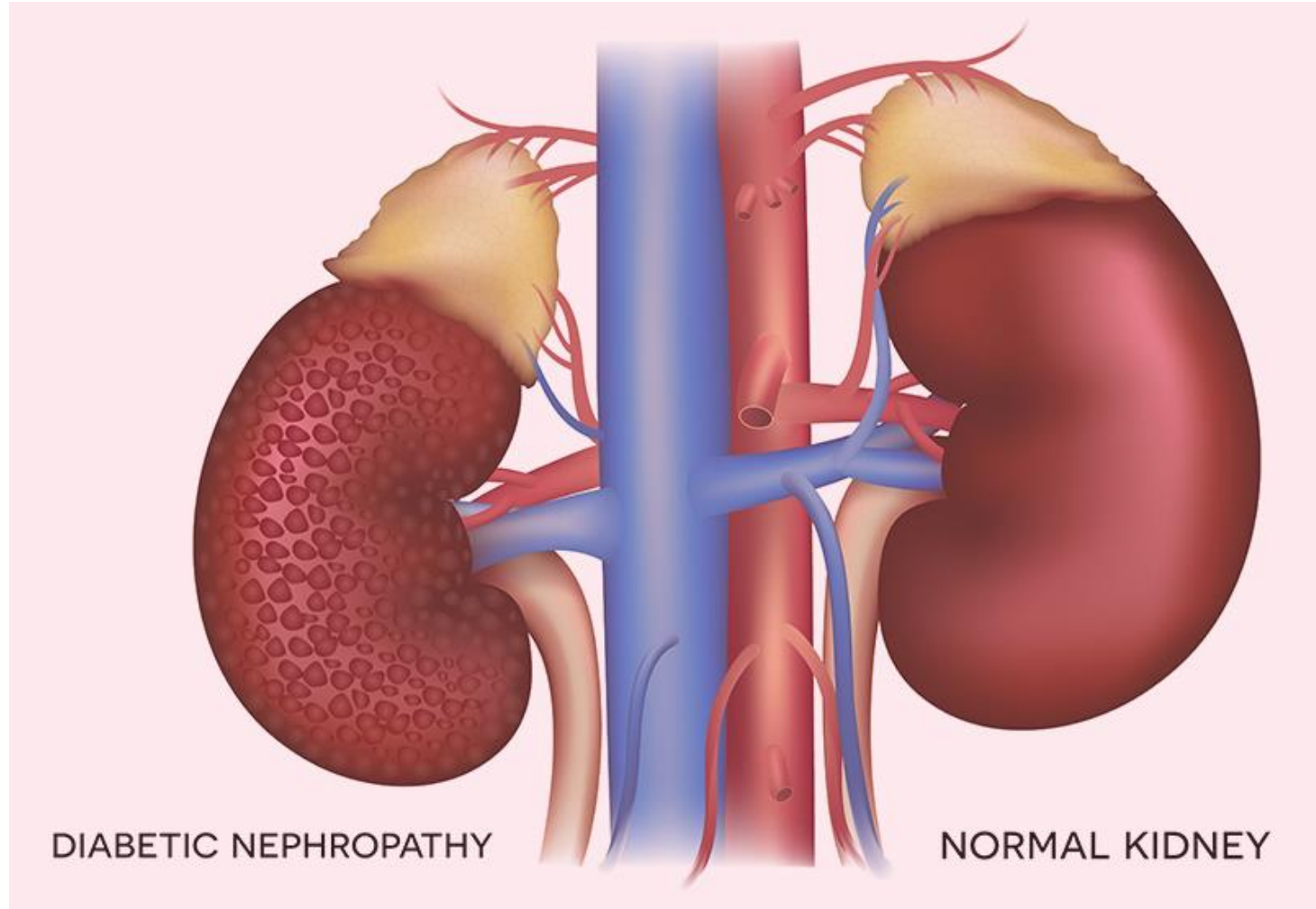
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# Factors affecting progression<sup>1</sup>

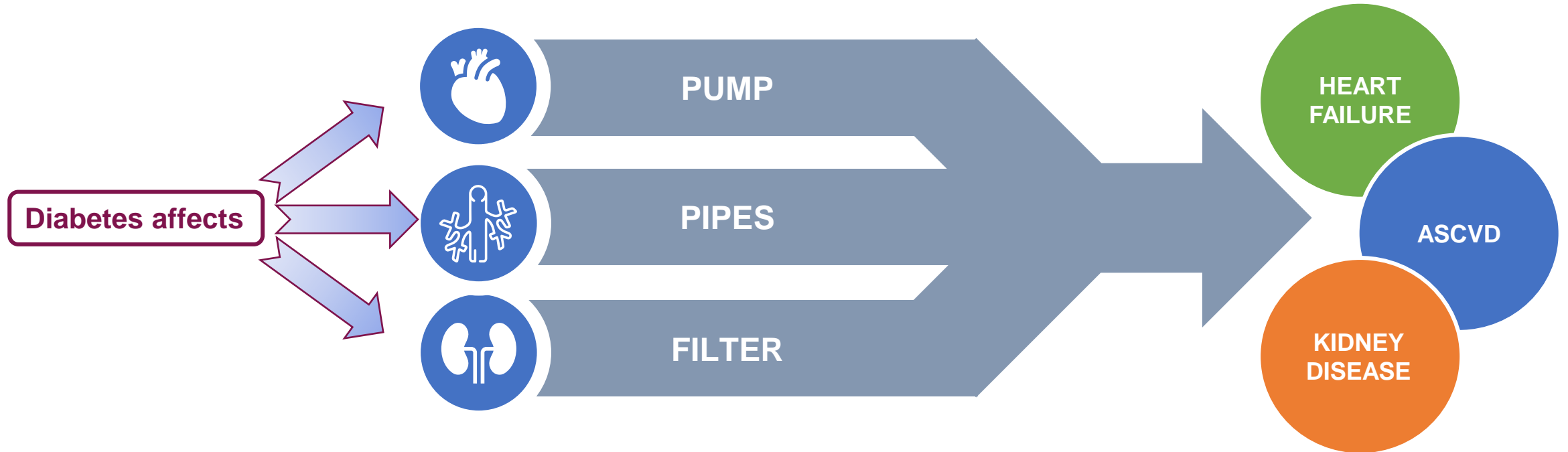


CKD = chronic kidney disease; CV = cardiovascular; CVD = cardiovascular disease; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate.

# Diabetes and CKD



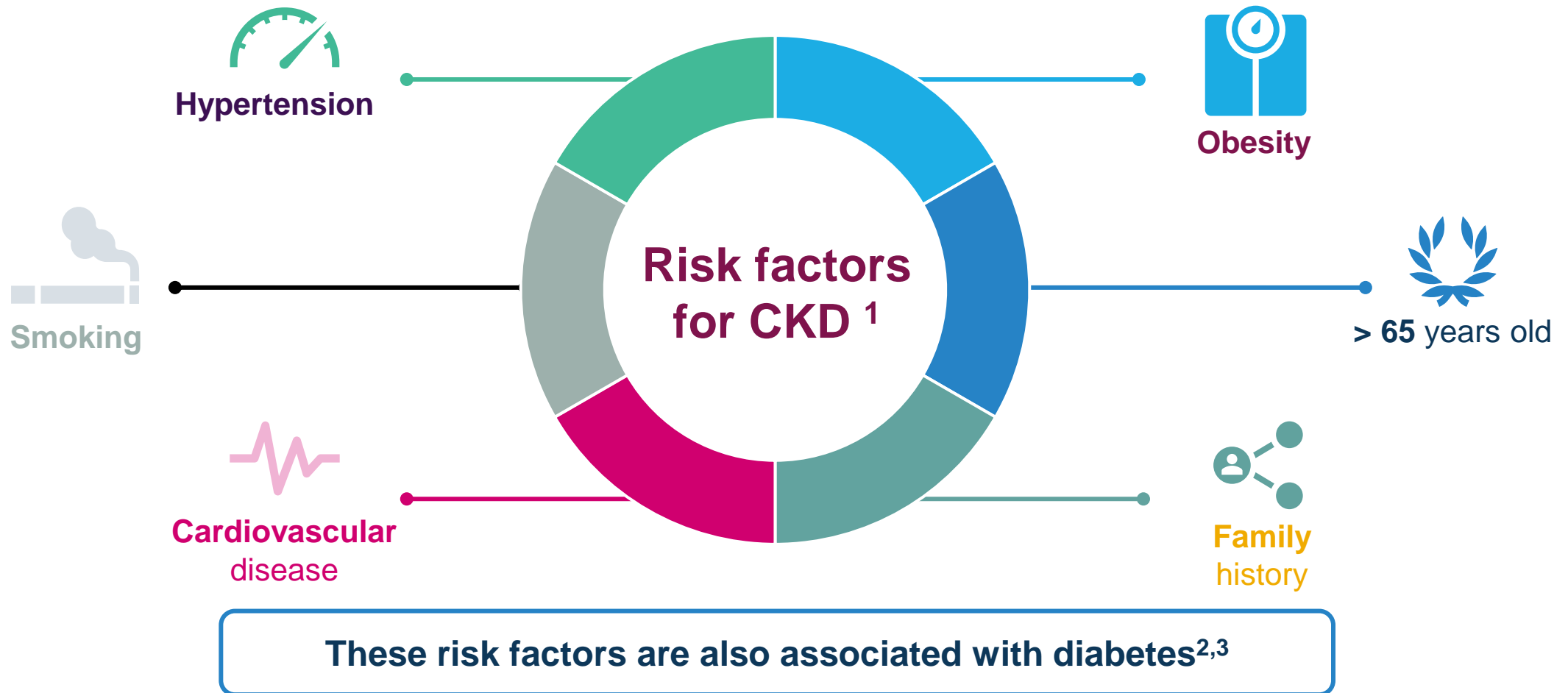
# Consequences of DM



**Diabetes is complex disease involving multiple organ systems**

ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; T2D, type 2 diabetes

# CKD and DM share common risk factors



CKD, chronic kidney disease

# Diabetes is a strong risk factor for CKD

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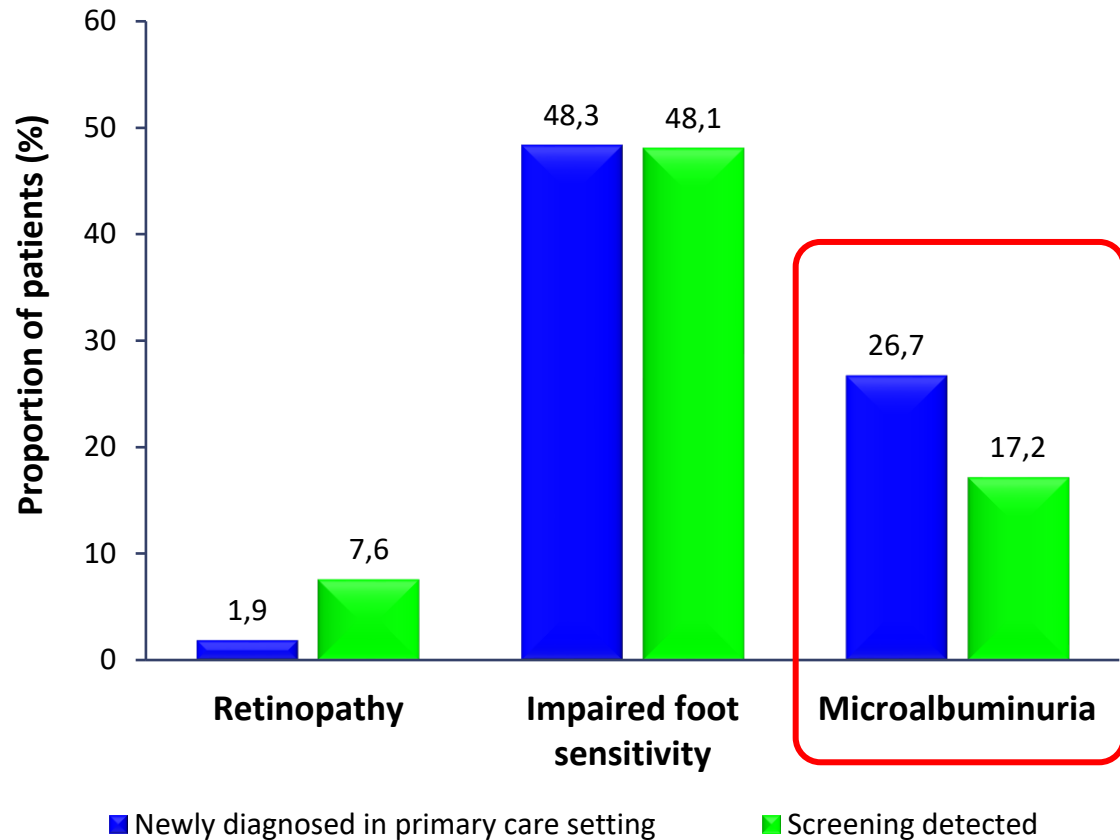
<sup>a</sup>CKD was defined as eGFR of 15–59 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> (stages 3–4); <sup>b</sup>CKD stages were defined as: stage 1, eGFR ≥90 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> and UACR ≥30 mg/g; stage 2, eGFR 60–89 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> and UACR ≥30 mg/g; stage 3a, eGFR 45–59 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; stage 3b, eGFR 30–44 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; stage 4, eGFR 15–29 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; stage 5, eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>.

CKD = chronic kidney disease; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; T2D = type 2 diabetes; UACR = urine albumin:creatinine ratio.



# When does kidney disease occur in T2DM

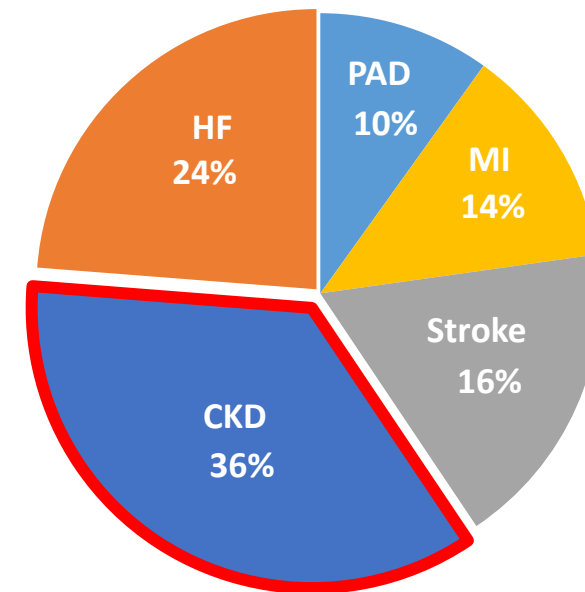
Prevalence of microvascular complications at time of T2DM diagnosis<sup>1</sup>



First comorbidity identified in CV-free patients with T2DM<sup>2</sup>

137,081 patients (18% of total CV-free patient population)<sup>a</sup>

Mean follow-up: 4.5 years



<sup>a</sup>Retrospective analysis of data from >1.1 million patients with T2D including population data from England and the Netherlands, claims data from Germany and Japan, and full population data from Norway and Sweden.

CKD = chronic kidney disease; CV = cardiovascular; HF = heart failure; MI = myocardial infarction; PAD = peripheral artery disease; T2D = type 2 diabetes.

# Nephropathy worsens CV outcome

Ischemic  
nephropathy



1.5×

Greater risk of  
mortality<sup>1,2,a</sup>



47% of patients received an  
ACE inhibitor/ARB<sup>2</sup>

Hypertensive  
nephropathy



>3×

Greater risk of  
CV events and  
mortality<sup>3,b</sup>



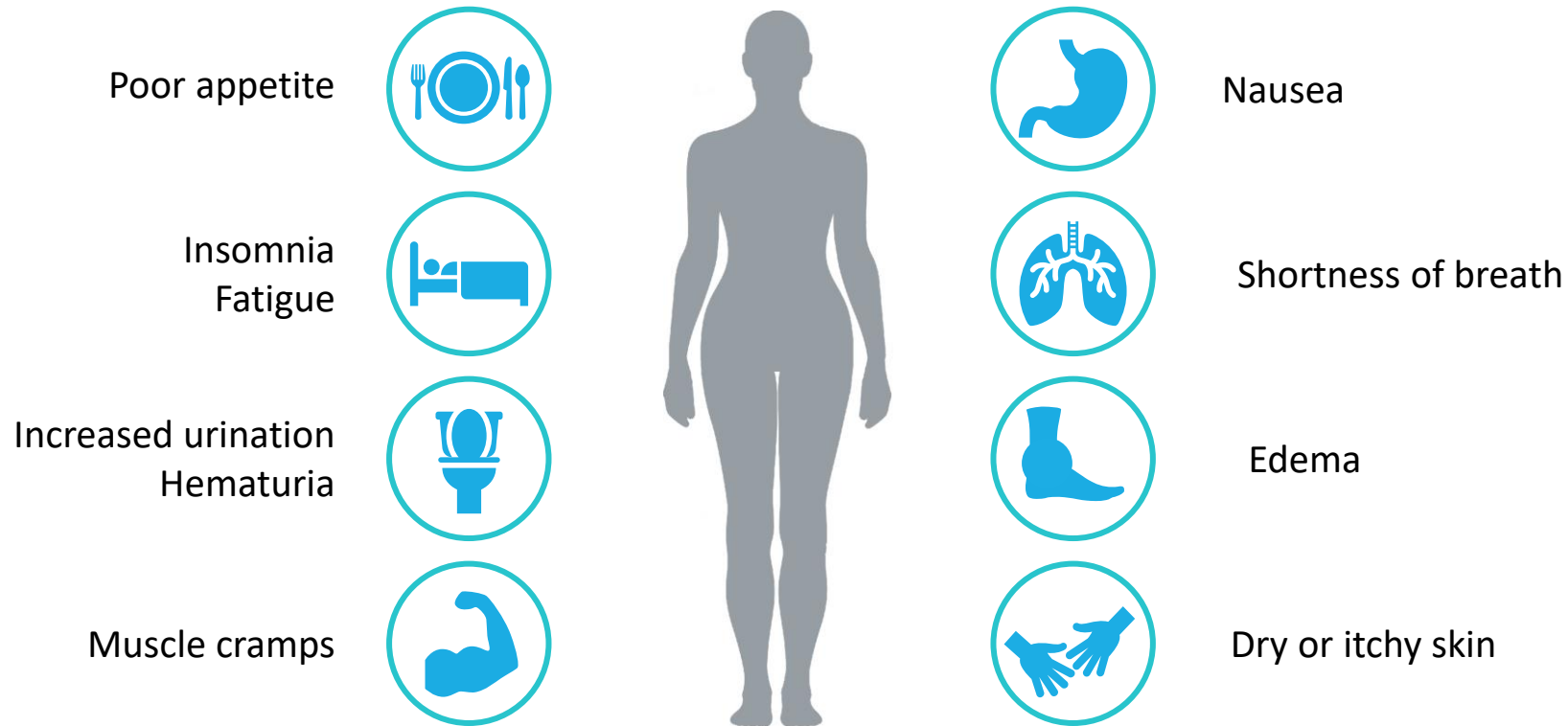
70% of patients received an  
ACE inhibitor/ARB

<sup>a</sup>Multivariate analysis comparing mortality for ARVD (often termed ischemic nephropathy and defined as >50% unilateral stenosis) with other causes of CKD; <sup>b</sup>Compared with primary renal disease defined by primary glomerulonephritis and tubulointerstitial nephritis.

# Screening & Monitoring



# Are there clinical signs?



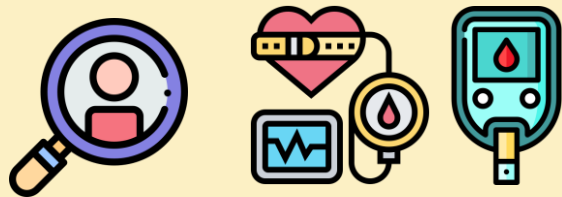
Early CKD can be asymptomatic

**Identifying early stage CKD is often difficult**

CKD = chronic kidney disease.

# Maintain a high index of suspicion

## Determine at-risk individuals and populations



Screen for CKD in individuals with hypertension, diabetes and/or cardiovascular disease

### Consider other factors including

- Demographics, older age, race/ethnicity
- Other systemic diseases that affect kidneys
- Genetic risk factors
- Environmental exposures

**Every patient  
living with  
Diabetes**

# How do we screen?



## Screening and diagnosis of CKD



Environmental exposures

**Measure kidney function**  
Serum creatinine

**Measure kidney injury**  
UACR  
Urine dipstick if UACR not available

# Urine testing - Albuminuria

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- Moderate – old microalbuminuria – 3-30mg/mmol (**30-300mg/day**)
- Severe - > 30mg/mmol (**>300mg/day**)
- Moderate albuminuria has many causes and the link with progressive kidney disease is small (i.e most patients wont get ESRD)
- Moderate albuminuria has many associations
- Repeat if between 3-70mg/mmol
- Morning urine
- ACR preferred to PCR – more sensitive



# Is it diabetic nephropathy?

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Some clues that it may not be diabetic kidney disease

- Proteinuria < 5yrs after onset of diabetes
- Rapid rise in creatinine
- Active urine sediment
- Absent retinopathy in T1DM
- Features of another condition eg SLE , Vasculitis
- Rapid rise in creatinine with ACE inhibitor

Nephrosclerosis – related to age /HT may be indistinguishable

- Smaller kidneys
- Less proteinuria
- Rise in creatinine with ACE/ARB





# How good are we at screening ?

Electronic health records from 39 US healthcare organizations<sup>2</sup>

976,299 patients with eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

**80.7%**

received no UACR testing over three years

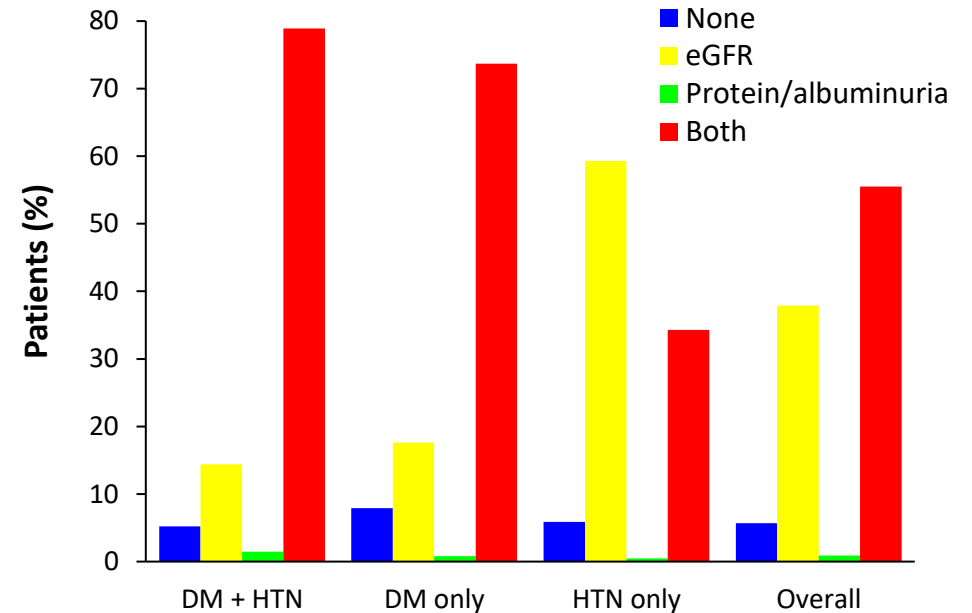
Primary care setting<sup>3</sup>

270,170 patients at risk of CKD due to DM, HTN, or both

Although **93.4%** of patients were tested for eGFR<sup>a</sup>

Only **56.4%** of patients were tested for protein/albuminuria<sup>b</sup>

Percentage of patients that received CKD testing by comorbidities<sup>3</sup>



**Protein/albuminuria testing is lower in patients with hypertension compared with those with diabetes**

<sup>a</sup>Patients tested for eGFR includes those tested for eGFR only and those tested for both eGFR and protein/albuminuria; <sup>b</sup>Patients tested for protein/albuminuria includes those tested for protein/albuminuria only and those tested for both protein/albuminuria and eGFR. CKD = chronic kidney disease; DM = diabetes mellitus; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; HTN = hypertension; UACR = urine albumin:creatinine ratio.

# Kidney Function vs Kidney Damage

Ideal CKD screening should consist of a dual assessment of eGFR and UACR<sup>1</sup>



## Kidney function

- **Decreased eGFR**
  - eGFR  $<60$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> (stage 3a–5)<sup>2</sup>
  - Addition of cystatin C measurement to creatinine measurement may enhance accuracy of eGFR assessment<sup>1</sup>
  - Diagnostic confirmation and staging should ideally include both creatinine and cystatin C for accurate eGFR measurements<sup>1</sup>



## Kidney damage<sup>2</sup>

- **Albuminuria<sup>2</sup>**
  - AER  $\geq 30$  mg/24 h
  - UACR  $\geq 30$  mg/g [ $\geq 3$  mg/mmol]
- Urine sediment abnormalities
- Electrolyte and other abnormalities due to tubular disorders
- Abnormalities detected by histology
- Structural abnormalities detected by imaging
- History of kidney transplantation

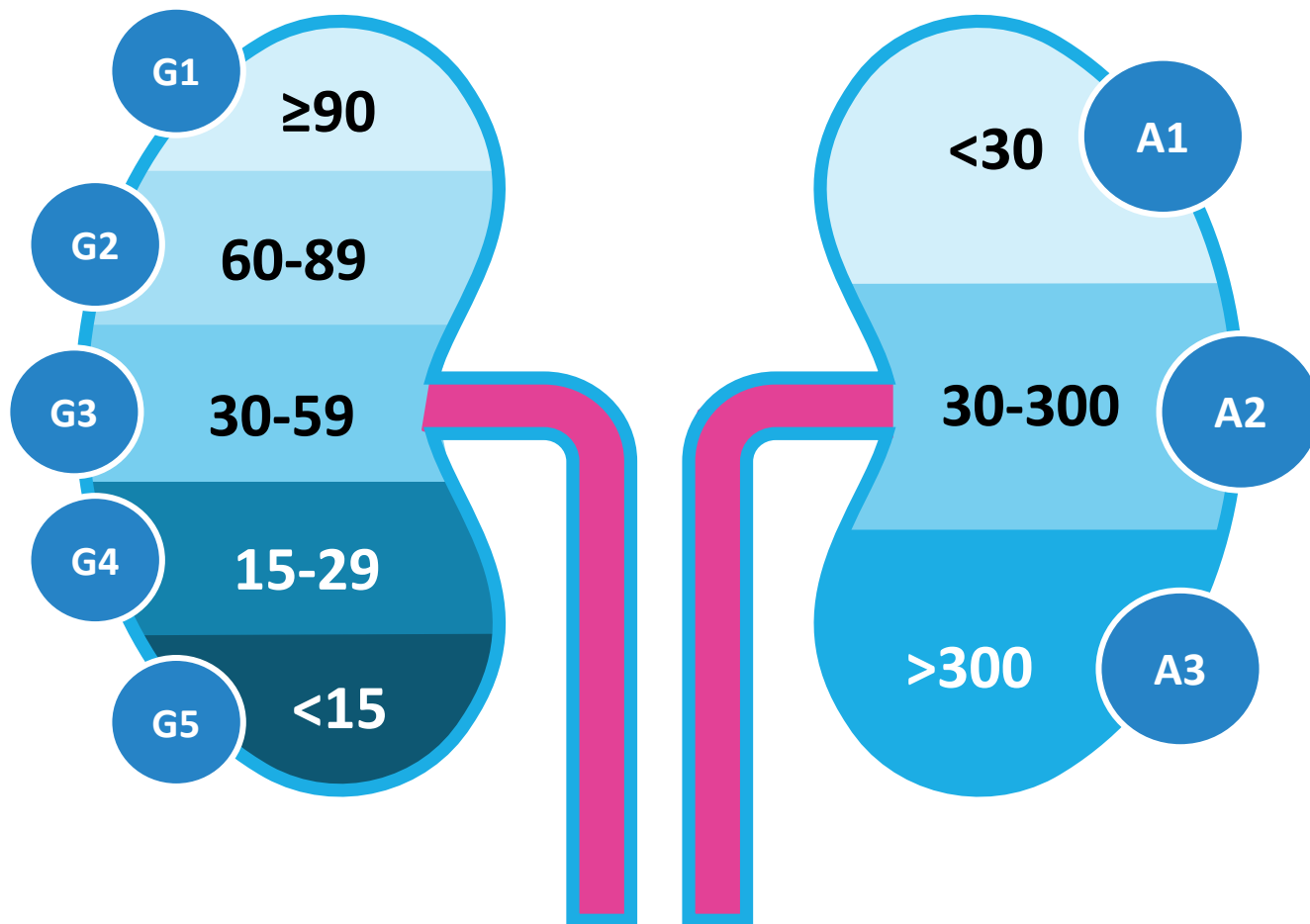
**Diagnosis of CKD requires two abnormal measurements at least 3 months apart**

AER = albumin excretion rate; CKD = chronic kidney disease; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; UACR = urine albumin:creatinine ratio.

# Stages of Kidney Function and Damage

**GFR (mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>)**

**UACR (mg/g)**



CKD is **defined** as abnormalities of kidney structure or function, present for >3 months<sup>1</sup>

CKD is **classified** based on cause, GFR category, and albuminuria category<sup>1</sup>

CKD screening and risk stratification must consist of a **dual** assessment of eGFR and UACR<sup>2</sup>

# How often should you monitor ?

**Recommended frequency of monitoring**  
(number of times per year)  
by GFR and albuminuria category<sup>1</sup>

**Green:** low risk (if no other markers of kidney disease, no CKD)  
**Yellow:** moderately increased risk  
**Orange:** high risk  
**Red:** very high risk

				Persistent albuminuria categories			
				Description and range			
				A1	A2	A3	
				Normal to mildly increased	Moderately increased	Severely increased	
				<30 mg/g <3 mg/mmol	30–300 mg/g 3–30 mg/mmol	>300 mg/g >30 mg/mmol	
GFR categories (mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	Description and range	G1	Normal or high	>90	1 if CKD	1	2
		G2	Mildly decreased	60–89	1 if CKD	1	2
		G3a	Mildly to moderately decreased	45–59	1	2	3
		G3b	Moderately to severely decrease	30–44	2	3	3
		G4	Severely decreased	15–29	3	3	4+
		G5	Kidney failure	<15	4+	4+	4+

Individuals with normal GFR, but with severely increased albuminuria (>300 mg/g), are still at risk for decline in renal function<sup>2</sup>

KDIGO recommends referral to a nephrologist for advanced CKD

Monitoring of CKD should increase as kidney function declines

**CKD screening and risk stratification must consist of a dual assessment of eGFR and UACR<sup>3</sup>**

CKD = chronic kidney disease; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESKD = end-stage kidney disease; GFR = glomerular filtration rate; KDIGO = Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes; UACR = urine albumin:creatinine ratio.

# When should you refer?

## KDIGO 2012 prognosis of CKD by GFR and albuminuria categories

GFR categories (mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ) description and range	G1	Normal or high	≥90
	G2	Mildly decreased	60–89
	G3a	Mildly to moderately decreased	45–59
	G3b	Moderately to severely decreased	30–44
	G4	Severely decreased	15–29
	G5	Kidney failure	<15

Albuminuria categories description and range		
A1	A2	A3
Normal to mildly increased <30 mg/g <3 mg/mmol	Moderately increased 30–300 mg/g 3–30 mg/mmol	Severely increased >300 mg/g >30 mg/mmol
	<b>Monitor</b>	<b>Refer<sup>a</sup></b>
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<sup>a</sup>Referring clinicians may wish to discuss with their nephrology service depending on local arrangements regarding monitoring or referring  
 CKD, chronic kidney disease; GFR, glomerular filtration rate; KDIGO, Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes

# Management of CKD



# Until recently- guidelines to slow progression

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- Address underlying cause
- BP control ( KDIGO SBP 120mmHg)- ACE/ARB especially if proteinuric
- Reduce proteinuria- ACE/ARB
- Control glucose (HbA1c < 7)
- Optimize weight
- Lipid control
- Reduce dietary protein/salt
- Stop smoking
- Avoid nephrotoxins
- *Replace Vit D*



# Comparing Guidelines

## KDIGO<sup>1,2</sup>

- Persons with hypertension, diabetes, or CVD should be screened for CKD
- CKD screening should also be implemented in other high-risk individuals and populations based on comorbidities, environmental exposures, and genetic risk factors
- Initiation, frequency, and cessation of CKD screening should be individualized based on kidney and CV risk profiles and individual preference
- Public health policies should include screening of these high-risk populations

## NICE<sup>3</sup>

- Test for CKD using eGFRcreatinine<sup>a</sup> and ACR in people with:
  - Diabetes
  - Hypertension
  - Acute kidney injury
  - CVD (ischemic heart disease, chronic HF, peripheral or cerebral vascular disease)
  - Structural renal tract disease, recurrent renal calculi, or prostatic hypertrophy
  - Multisystem disease with possible kidney involvement, e.g. systemic lupus erythematosus
  - Family history of ESKD or hereditary kidney disease
  - Opportunistic detection of hematuria

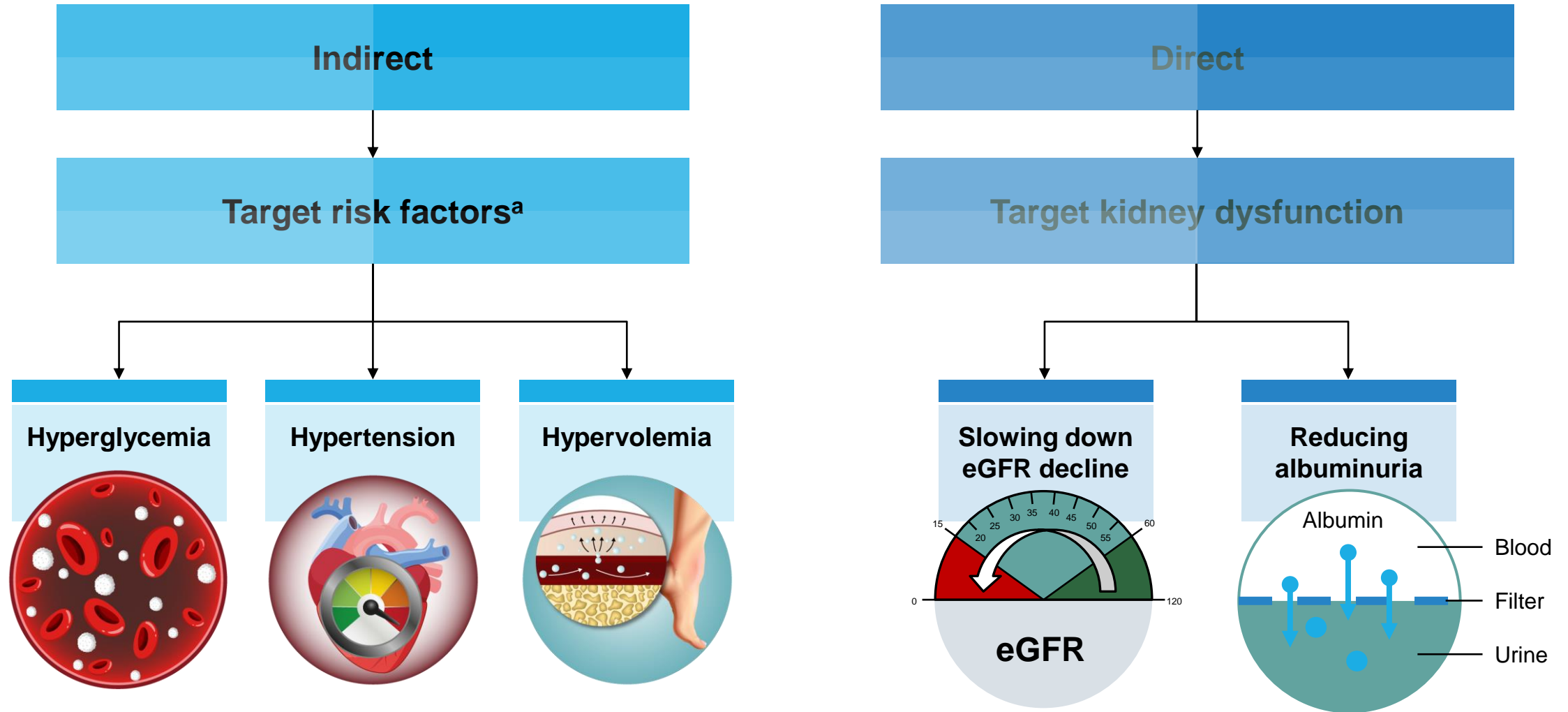
## American Diabetes Association<sup>4</sup>

- At least once yearly, assess urinary albumin (spot urinary ACR) and eGFR in patients with:
  - T1D with duration of ≥5 years
  - T2D
  - Comorbid hypertension

<sup>a</sup>eGFRcreatinine refers to an eGFR calculated using the CKD-EPI creatinine equation, from a patients serum creatinine, age, sex and race.<sup>5</sup> ACR = albumin:creatinine ratio; CKD = chronic kidney disease; CKD-EPI = Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration; CV = cardiovascular; CVD = cardiovascular disease; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESKD = end-stage kidney disease; HF = heart failure; KDIGO = Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes; NICE = UK National Institute for Health and Care Excellence; T1D = type 1 diabetes; T2D = type 2 diabetes.



# Direct vs Indirect Approach



<sup>a</sup>This is not an exhaustive list of treatable risk factors. CKD = chronic kidney disease; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate.

# Lifestyle modifications as per KDIGO

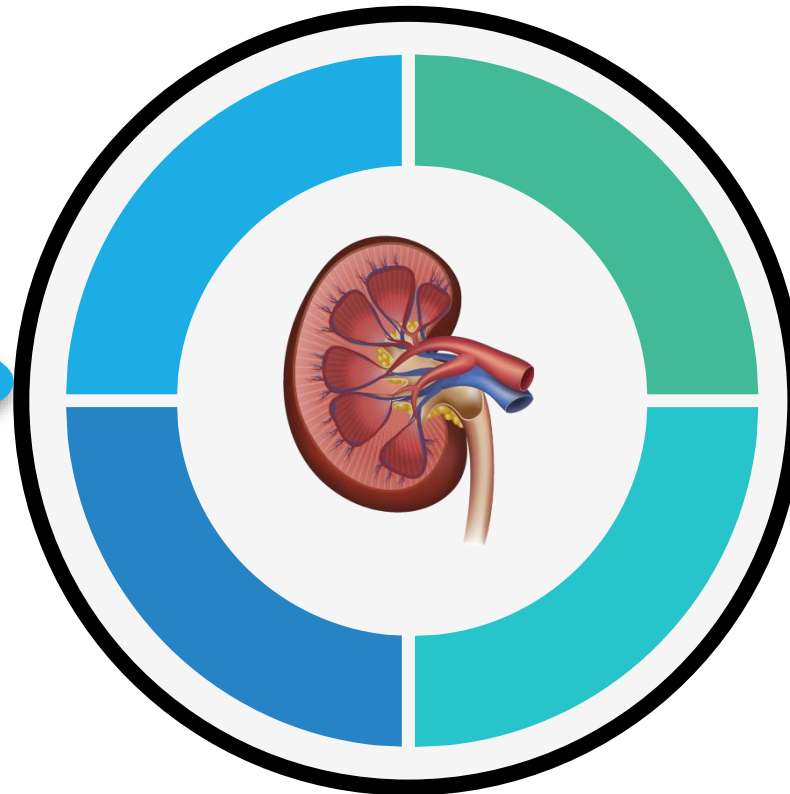
**KDIGO recommend the following lifestyle modifications for those with CKD:**

## Protein intake

- Lower protein intake to 0.8 g/kg/day in adults with diabetes or without diabetes and eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> with appropriate education
- Avoid high protein intake (>1.3 g/kg/day) in adults with CKD at risk of progression

## Salt intake

Lower salt intake to less than 90 mmol (<2 g) per day of sodium (corresponding to 5 g of sodium chloride) in adults, unless contraindicated



## Lifestyle

Should be encouraged to undertake physical activity compatible with cardiovascular health and tolerance (aiming for at least 30 minutes 5 times per week), achieve a healthy weight (BMI 20–25, according to country-specific demographics) and stop smoking

## Additional dietary advice

Should receive dietary advice and information in the context of an education program, tailored to severity of CKD and the need to intervene on salt, phosphate, potassium, and protein intake where indicated

BMI = body mass index; CKD = chronic kidney disease; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; KDIGO = Kidney Disease:

Use of an ACE inhibitor or ARB  
for the treatment of CKD patients (all patients with albuminuria)

When to initiate ACE inhibitor /  
ARB therapy

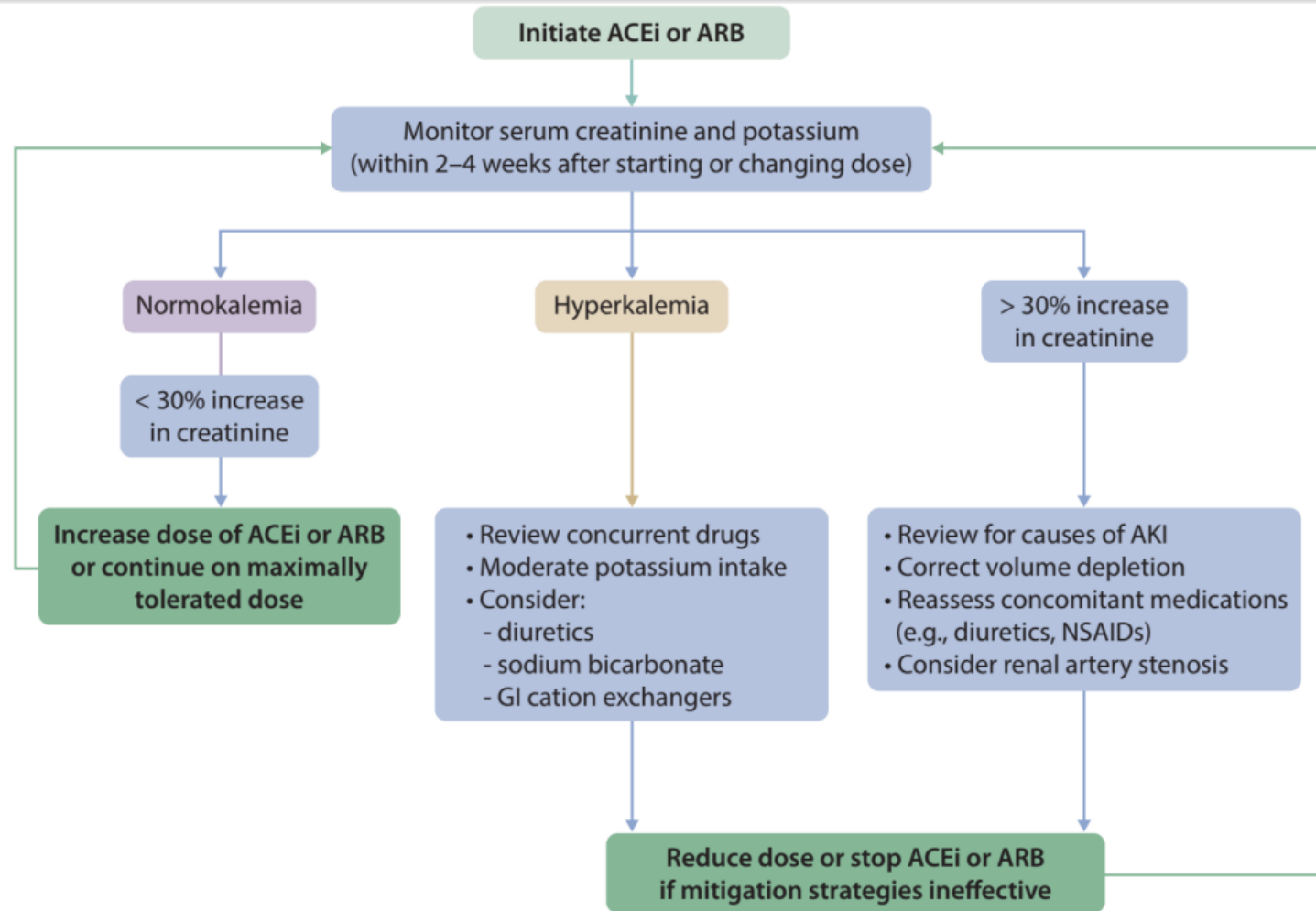
Consider use of an ARB or ACE inhibitor  
in **normotensive patients with diabetes**  
and **albuminuria levels  $\geq 30$  mg/g** who  
are at high risk of DKD or its  
progression<sup>1</sup>

Suggest use of an ARB or ACE inhibitor  
in adults **with diabetes**  
and **CKD with urine albumin excretion**  
**30–300 mg per**  
**24 hours (or equivalent)**<sup>2</sup>

Recommend use of an ARB or ACE  
inhibitor in **adults with or without**  
**diabetes and with CKD and**  
**urine albumin excretion  $>300$  mg per**  
**24 hours (or equivalent)**<sup>2</sup>

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; BP = blood pressure; CKD = chronic kidney disease; DKD = diabetic kidney disease;  
KDIGO = Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes.

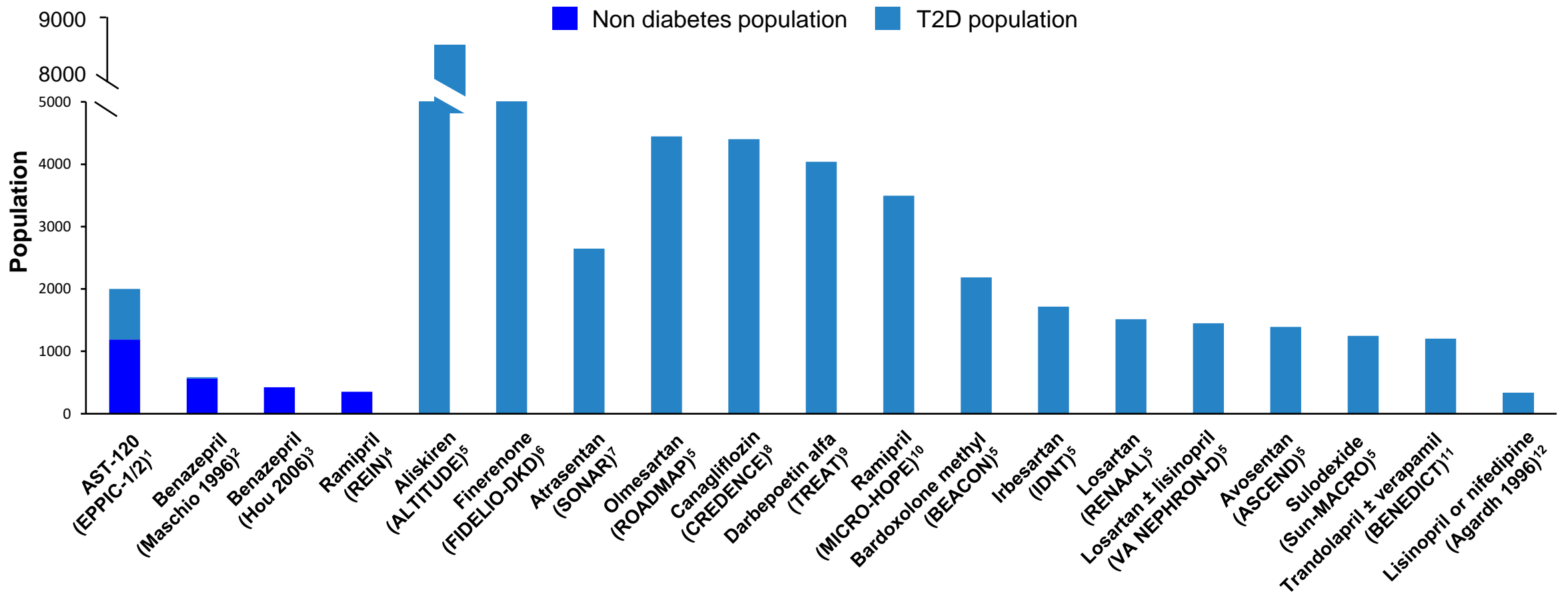
# KDIGO Guidelines – Monitoring on ACE/ARB



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# CKD Clinical Trials

The Vast Majority of Larger-Scale Trials in CKD Have Focused on T2D Populations



CKD = chronic kidney disease; T1D = Type 1 diabetes; T2D = Type 2 diabetes.

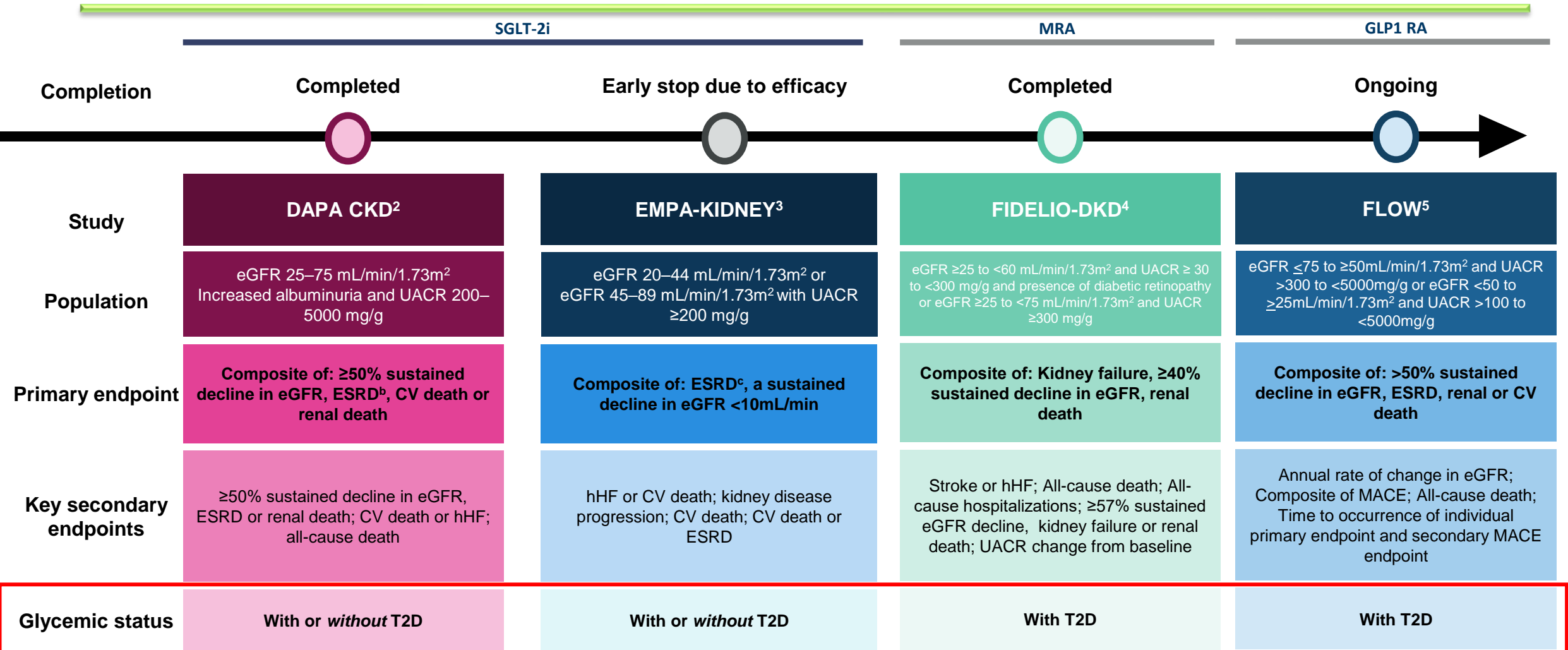
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# Until recently.....

## Therapeutic Innovation to Prevent New Onset or Worsening Renal Function Has Been Limited<sup>1</sup>

Drug/Class	Study Name	Patient Population	Year	Effect on CKD progression
<b>ACEi</b> Ramipril	REIN <sup>2</sup>	Non-DM Nephropathy (eGFR 20-70 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ; UPE >1g/24h)	1997	✓
<b>ARBs</b> Irbesartan Losartan Olmesartan	IDNT <sup>3</sup> RENAAL <sup>4</sup> ROADMAP <sup>5</sup>	T2D; CKD (UPE ≥900mg/24h; SCr 1-3 mg/dL) T2D; CKD (UACR ≥300; SCr 1.3-3 mg/dL) T2D; normoalbuminuria	2001 2001 2011	✓
<b>ACEi/ARB Combo</b> Telmisartan/ramipril Losartan/lisinopril	ONTARGET <sup>6</sup> VA NEPHRON-D <sup>7</sup>	ASCVD or diabetes with end-organ damage T2D; CKD (eGFR ≥30 to <90mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ; UACR ≥300)	2008 2013	⊖
<b>DRI</b> Aliskiren	ALTITUDE <sup>8</sup>	T2D; CKD (eGFR ≥30 and <60mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ) or CVD	2012	⊖
<b>Glycosaminoglycan</b> Sulodexide	Sun MACRO <sup>9,10</sup>	T2D; CKD (UPE >900mg/24h)	2012	⊖
<b>Anti-inflammatory</b> Bardoxolone methyl	BEACON <sup>11</sup>	T2D; CKD (eGFR 15 to <30 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	2013	⊖

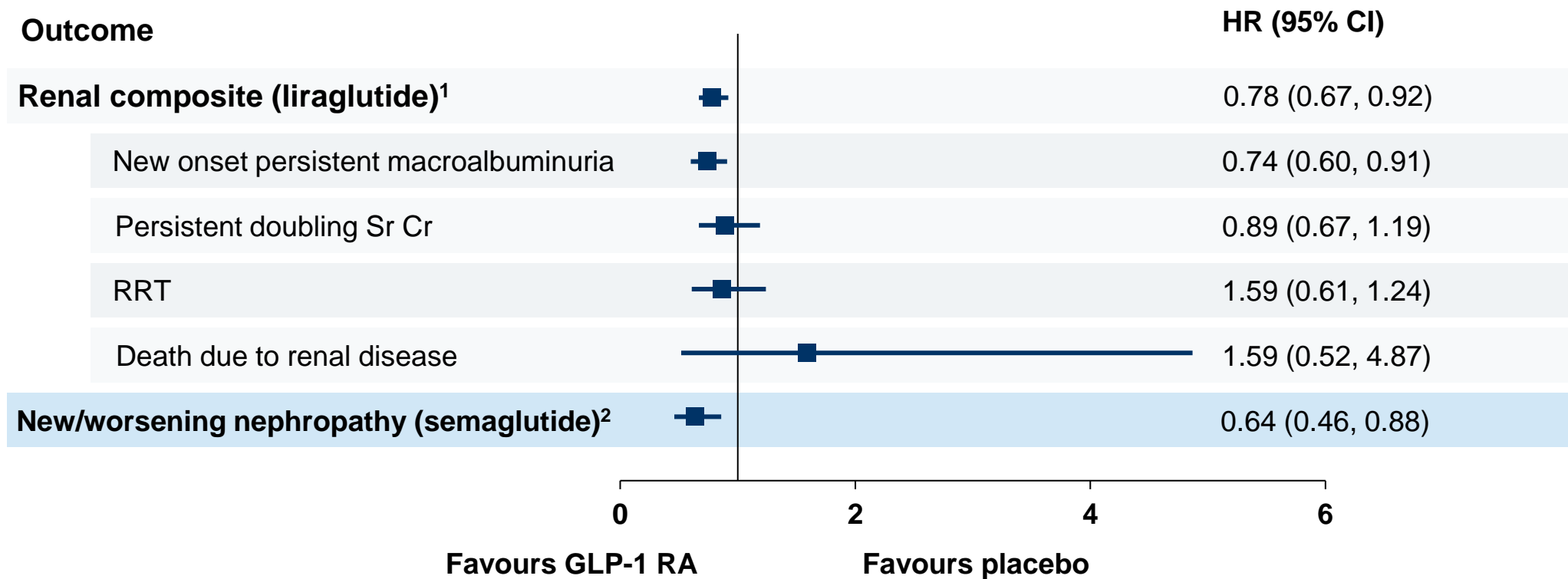
# Have to Look beyond RAASi



<sup>a</sup> ESRD defined as: sustained eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>, initiation of maintenance dialysis for at least 30 days, or renal transplantation; <sup>b</sup> ESRD defined as: sustained eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>, or chronic dialysis treatment or receiving a renal transplant; <sup>c</sup> ESRD defined as: initiation of maintenance dialysis or receipt of a kidney transplant CKD, chronic kidney disease; CV, cardiovascular; dScr, doubling of serum creatinine; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; GLP1 RA, Glucagon-like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonists; ESRD, end-stage renal disease; hHF, hospitalization for heart failure; MACE, major adverse cardiac event; MI, myocardial infarction; MRA, mineralocorticoid antagonist; T2D, Type 2 diabetes; UACR, urine albumin:creatinine ratio

# GLP1-RA and CKD

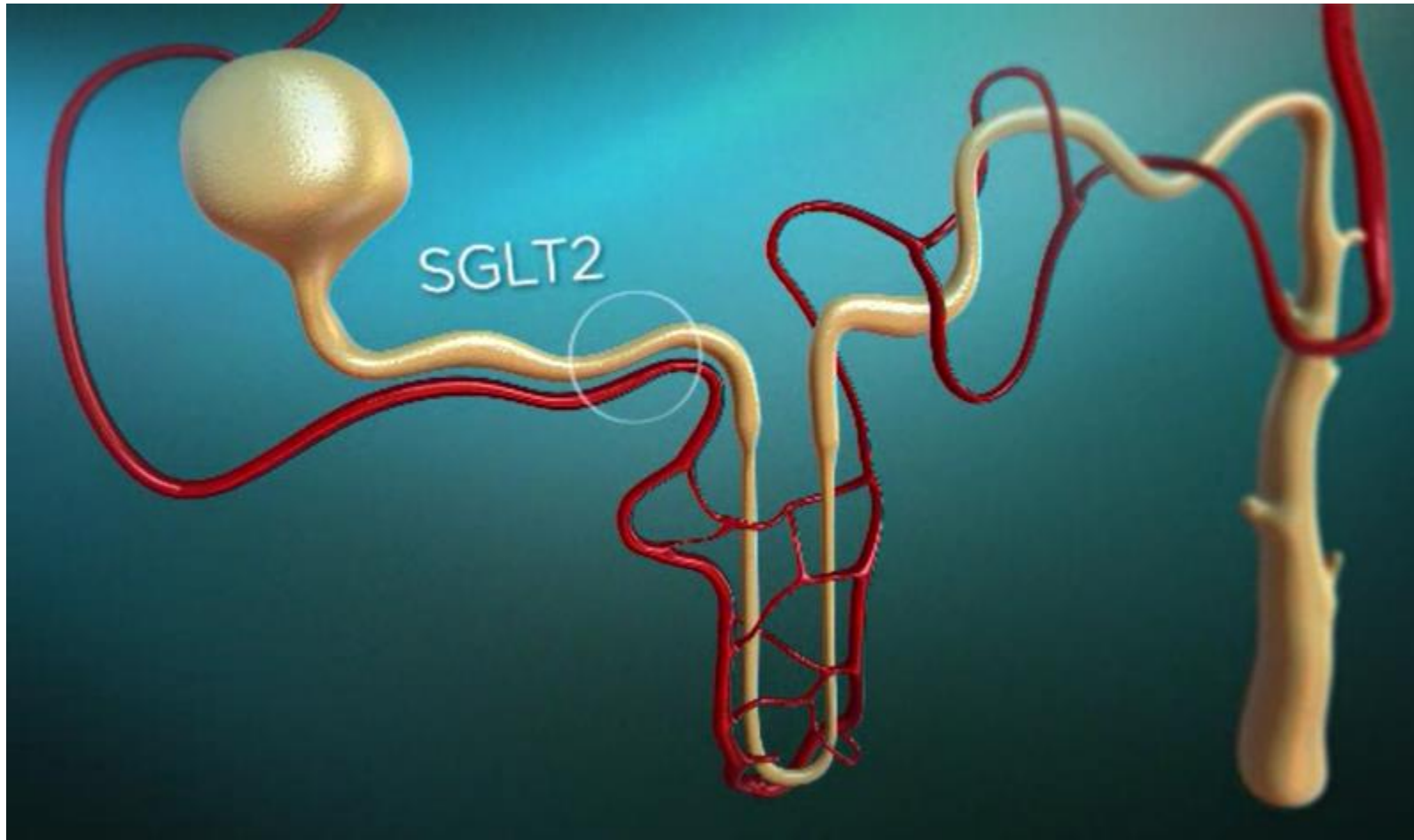
GLP-1 RA impact on renal outcomes due largely to effects on macro-albuminuria



- In LEADER (**liraglutide**) the mean eGFR in the liraglutide arm was 80 mL/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>
- In SUSTAIN-6 (**semaglutide**) ~30% of patients has a eGFR <60 mL/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

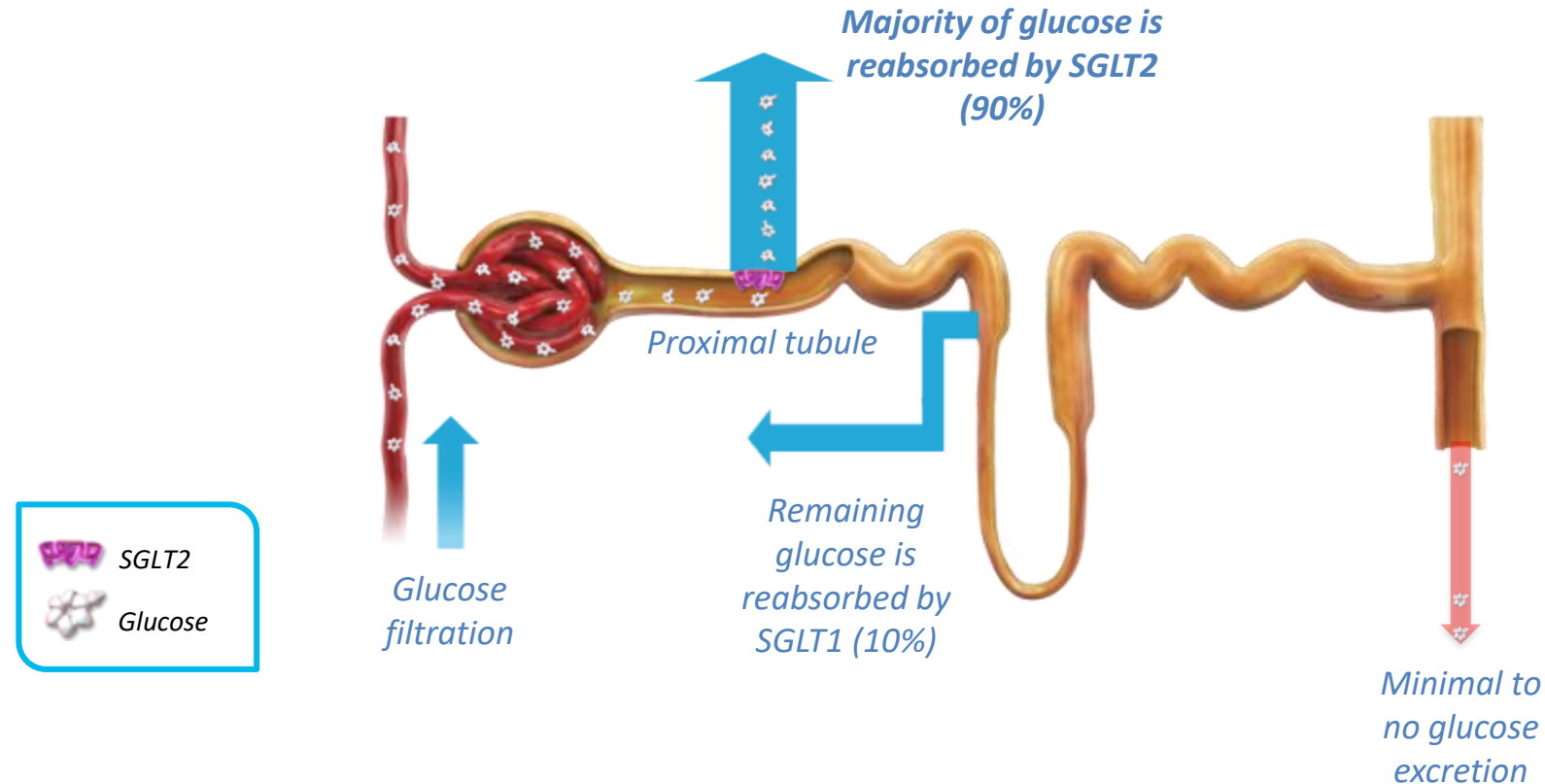


# SGLT2i in CKD



# Normal Glucose Handling in patients with T2DM

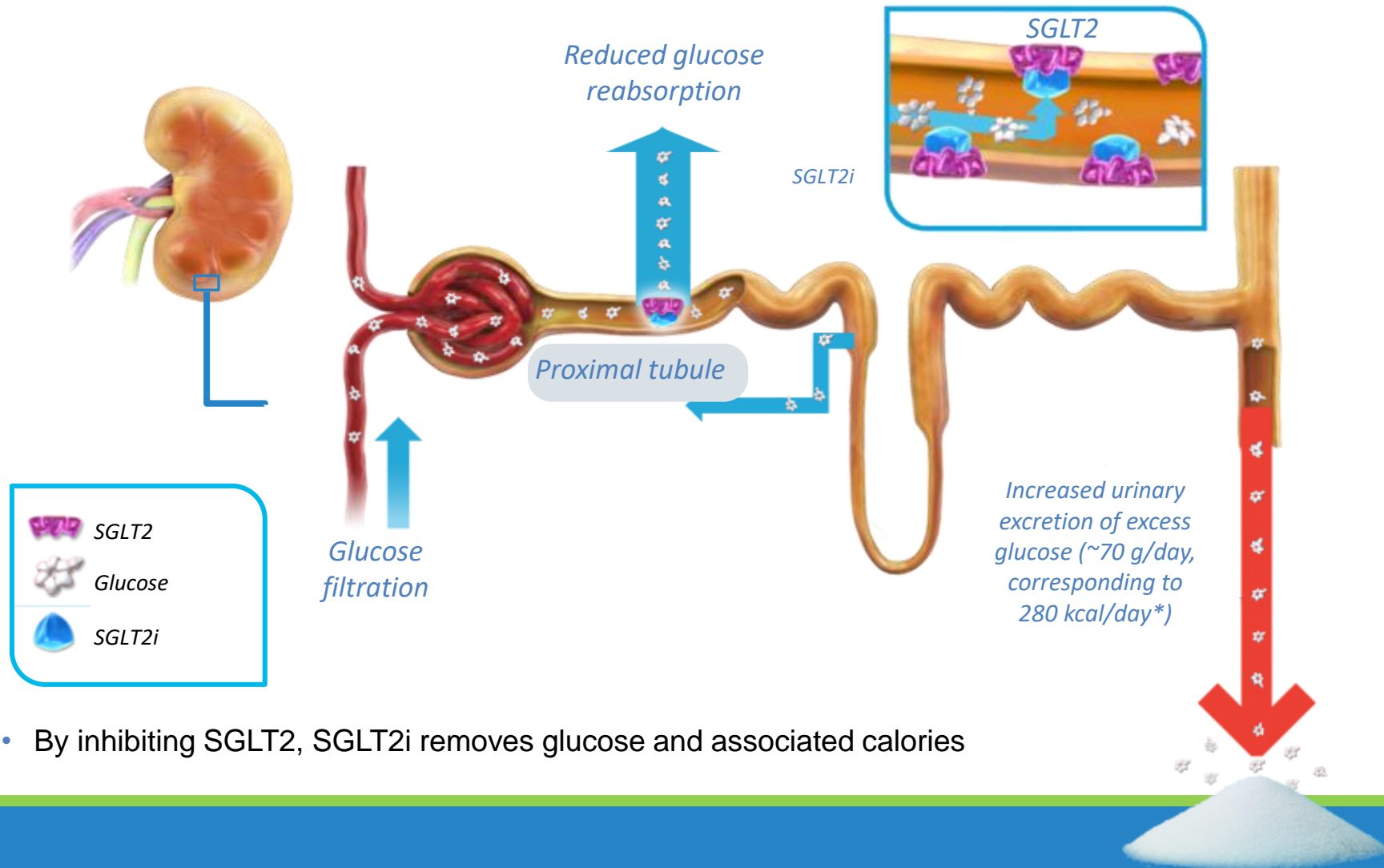
In normal renal glucose handling, 90% of glucose is reabsorbed by SGLT2<sup>1-4</sup>



SGLT, sodium-glucose co-transporter.

# How do SGLT2i work?

Inhibition of SGLT2 removes excess glucose in the urine independently of insulin



# Proposed Reno-protective Pathways

## Change to Haemodynamics

Reduced arterial stiffness<sup>27</sup>  
 Reduced blood pressure<sup>25</sup>

Weight loss<sup>119, 120</sup>  
 ↳ Reduced abdominal and subcutaneous fat<sup>121</sup>  
 ↳ Reduced insulin resistance<sup>122</sup>

## Reduced glucose metabolic flux

Reduced glucose reabsorption and stress of renal tubular cells

- ↳ Restored erythropoietin production<sup>117</sup>
- ↳ Increase in hematocrit concentration<sup>116</sup>
- ↳ Increased oxygen delivery<sup>115</sup>

- Increased glucose excretion
- ↳ Relative glucose deficiency
  - ↳ Lipolysis, fatty acid oxidation, and ketone body formation
  - ↳ Cell metabolism switched towards energy efficient ketone bodies<sup>25, 26</sup>
  - ↳ Ketone bodies inhibit kidney damage mediator mTORC1<sup>118</sup>

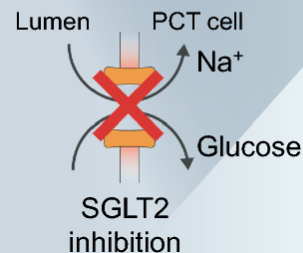
Preserved intravascular volume  
 ↳ Decreased volume overload<sup>113</sup>

Increased tubulo-glomerular feedback  
 Restored adenosine generation

Decreased intraglomerular pressure  
 Decreased glomerular hyperfiltration<sup>112</sup>

## Reduced workload for kidney

## Change to diuresis and natriuresis

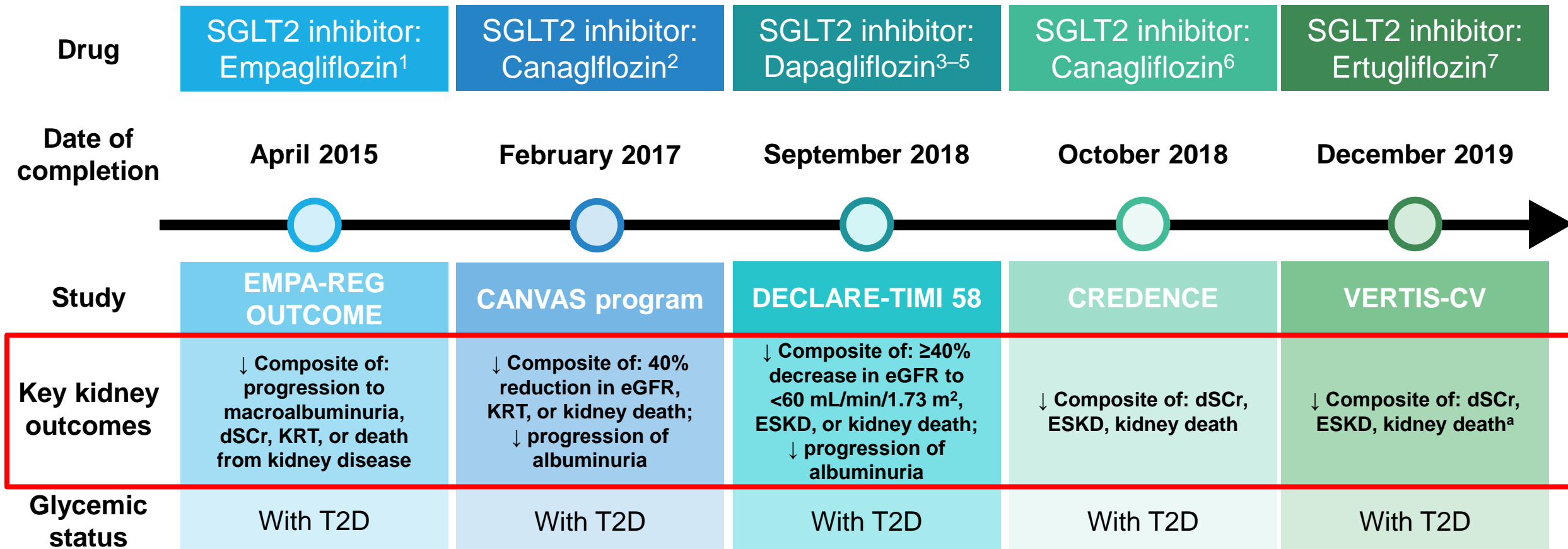


Reduced pro-inflammatory (NF- $\kappa$ B signaling, ICAM-1, MCP-1) and pro-fibrosis pathways (TGF- $\beta$ , CTGF, fibronectin) – experimental models only<sup>119</sup>

↳ Reduced cell toxicity and oxidative stress

## Reduced inflammation

# SGLT2i and CVOT Trials

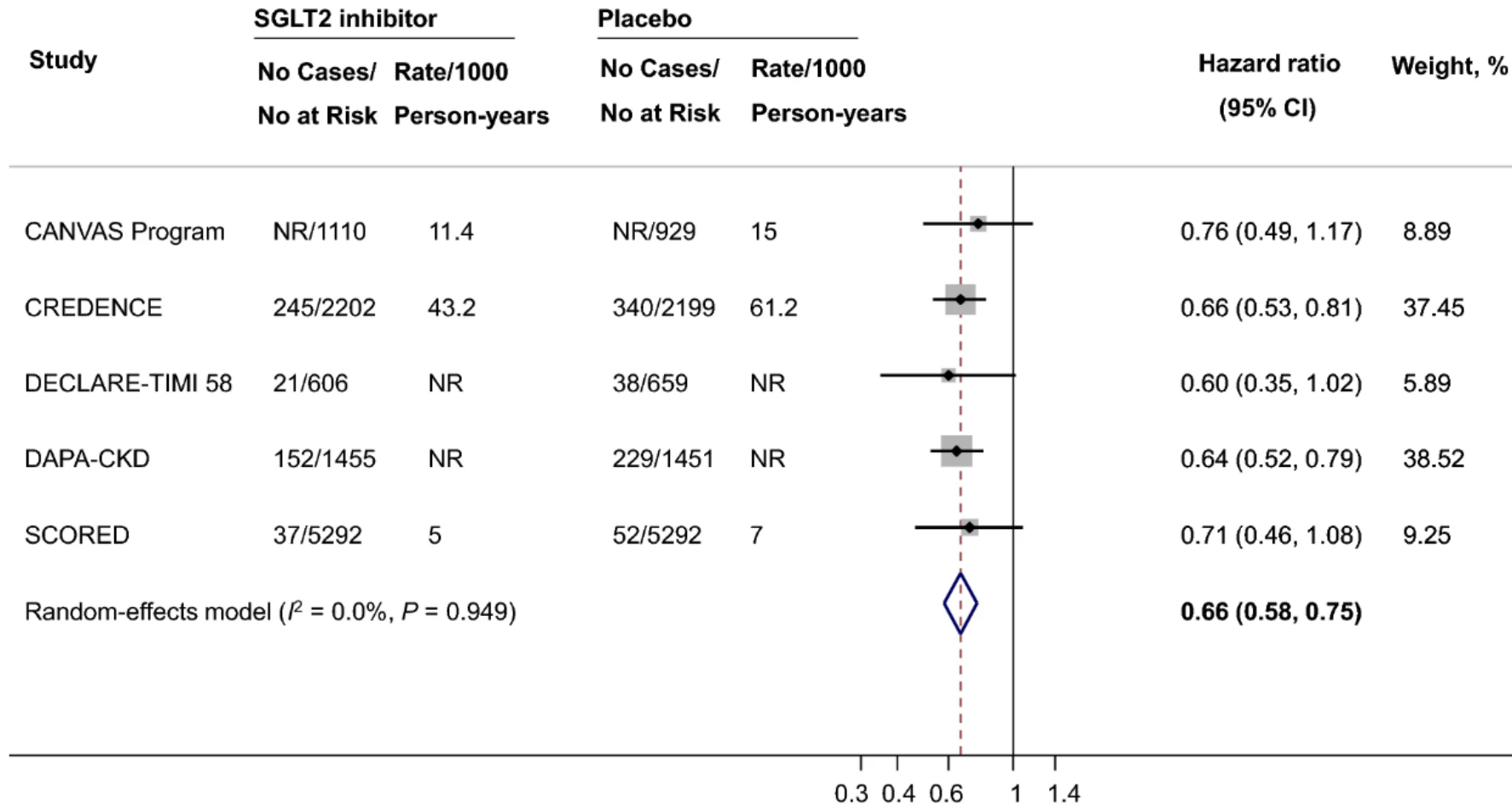


<sup>a</sup>The composite kidney outcome in VERTIS-CV was not considered to be statistically significant ( $P=0.081$ )

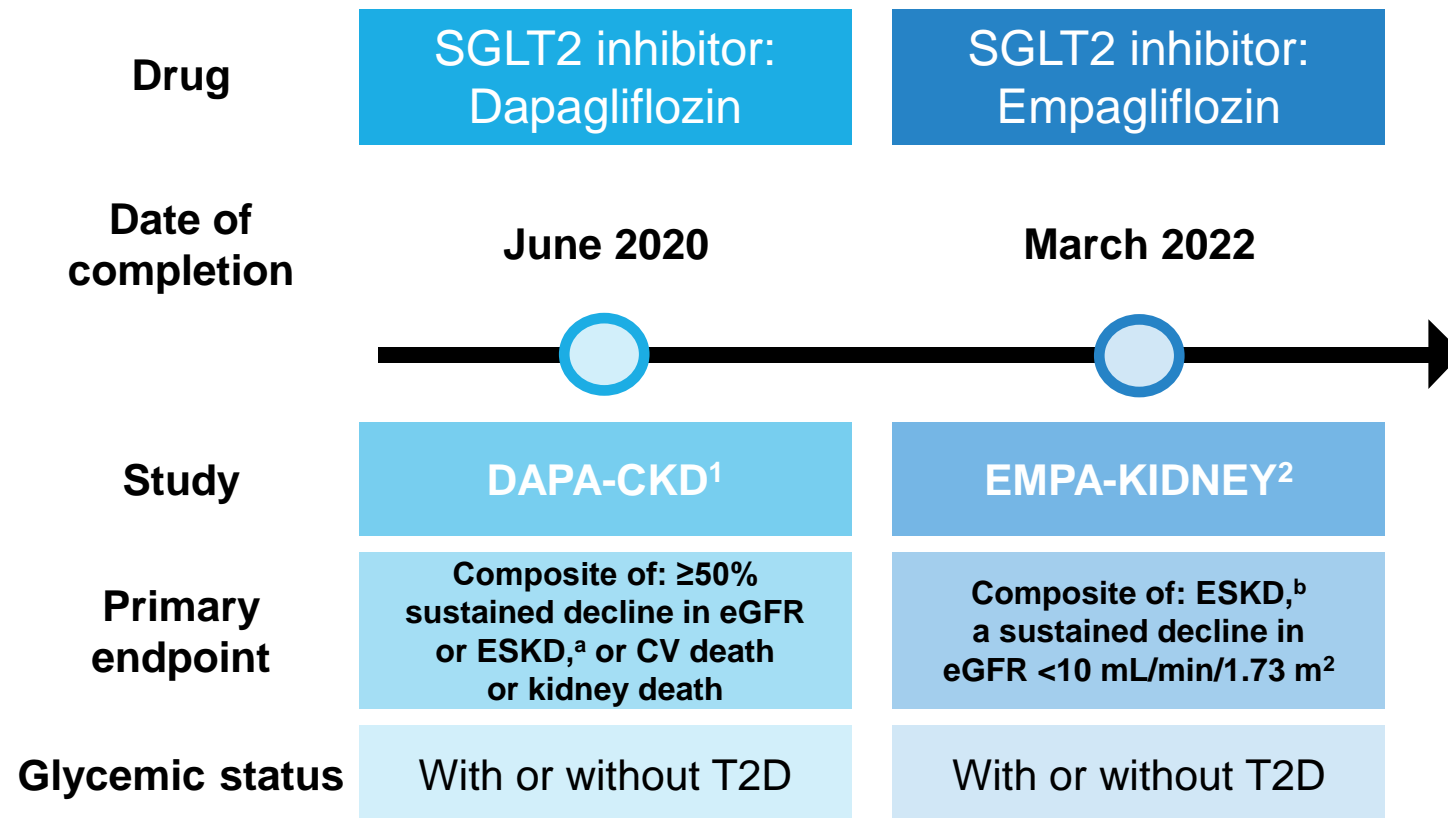
CV, cardiovascular; dSCr, doubling of serum creatinine; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESKD, end-stage kidney disease; KRT, kidney replacement therapy; SGLT2, sodium-glucose co-transporter 2; T2D, Type 2 diabetes

# Meta Analysis

Effect of SGLT2i on ESKD, worsening kidney function, or death because of kidney disease



# Dedicated SGLT2 trials in patient with CKD



<sup>a</sup>ESKD defined as sustained eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>, chronic dialysis, or receiving kidney transplant; <sup>b</sup>ESKD defined as initiation of maintenance dialysis or receiving a kidney transplant

CKD, chronic kidney disease; CV, cardiovascular; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESKD, end-stage kidney disease; SGLT2, sodium–glucose co-transporter 2; T2D, Type 2 diabetes

# DAPA-CKD

## Objective

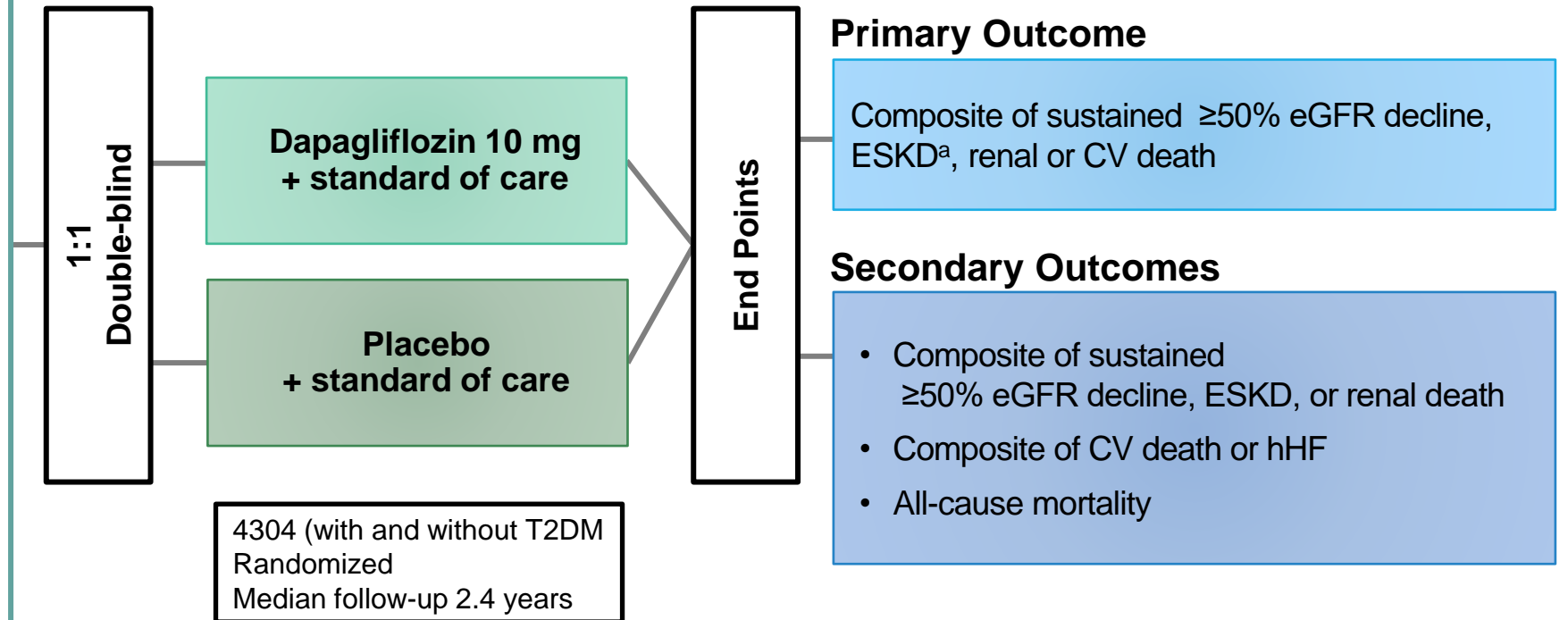
To assess whether treatment with dapagliflozin, compared with placebo, reduced the risk of renal and CV events in patients with CKD with or without T2D, and who were receiving standard of care including a maximum tolerated dose of an ACEi or ARB

### Key Inclusion Criteria

- ≥18 years of age
- eGFR ≥25 to ≤75 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>
- UACR ≥200 to ≤5000 mg/g
- Stable max tolerated dose of ACEi/ARB for ≥4 weeks
- With and without T2D

### Key Exclusion Criteria

- T1D
- Polycystic kidney disease, lupus nephritis, ANCA-associated vasculitis
- Immunosuppressive therapy ≤6 months prior to enrollment



<sup>a</sup>ESKD defined as the need for maintenance dialysis (peritoneal or hemodialysis) for more than 28 days, renal transplantation or sustained eGFR <15mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> for at least 28 days. ACEi = angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ANCA = anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibody; ARB = angiotensin-receptor blocker; CKD = chronic kidney disease; CV = cardiovascular; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESKD = end-stage kidney disease; hHF = hospitalization for heart failure; T1D = type 1 diabetes; T2D = type 2 diabetes; UACR = urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio.



# DAKA-CKD Results

Dapa-CKD is the first SGLT2 inhibitor trial for patients with CKD, with and without T2D, to improve cardiorenal outcomes and reduce mortality

## Primary composite outcome

Composite of:  $\geq 50\%$  eGFR decline, ESKD, or kidney or CV death

**39%  
RRR**

ARR 5.3%  
 $P < 0.001$

## Renal-specific composite outcome

Composite of:  $\geq 50\%$  eGFR decline, ESKD, or renal death

**44%  
RRR**

ARR 4.7%  
 $P < 0.001$

## CV-specific outcome

CV death or hHF

**29%  
RRR**

ARR 1.8%  
 $P = 0.009$

## Death from any cause

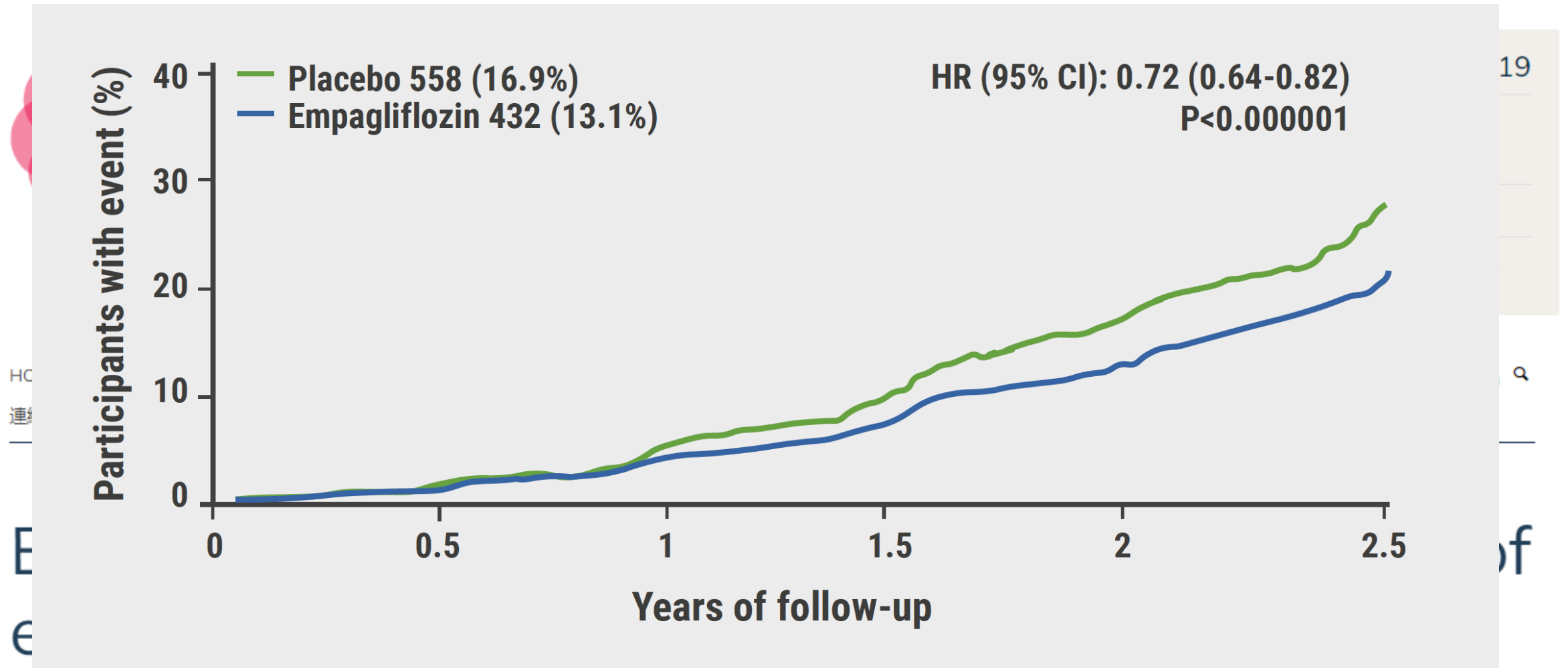
All-cause mortality

**31%  
RRR**

ARR 2.1%  
 $P = 0.004$

ARR = absolute risk reduction; CKD = chronic kidney disease; CV = cardiovascular; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESKD = end-stage kidney disease; hHF, hospitalization for heart failure; RRR = relative risk reduction; SGLT2 = sodium-glucose co-transporter 2; T2D = Type 2 diabetes.

# EMPA-KIDNEY



16 March 2022

# Clinical Case Study



# Case Study

## Meet John



Seen Pre-Covid

### Personal history

Age 54 years

Accountant

Married, has 3 children

Non smoker, occasional social drinking

Parents have DM, Mum on dialysis

### Other medical problems

Hypertension for 3 years on amlodipine 10 mg

### Routine Medical

Weight 107 kg

Pulse 92 bpm

Height 1.76 m

BP 136/84

BMI 34.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Systems normal

Waist 110 cm

Resting ECG normal

### Lab Investigations

FBC normal

FPG 7.8 mmol/l

HbA1c 6.9%

sCreat 88 umol/L

eGFR 92 ml/min

Cholesterol 5.2 mmol/L

HDL 1.1mmol/L

LDL-C 2.9 mmol/L

Trigs 2.7 mmol/L

UACR 1.8 mg/mmol

Urate 0.45 mmol/L

# What are the issues ?

## Meet John



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**ASSESSMENT**  
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Parents have DM, Mum on dialysis

**Newly diagnosed T2DM**

### Other medical problems

**Essential hypertension** 10 mg

### Routine Medical

**Diabetic dyslipidaemia**

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sCreat 82 µmol/L

eGFR 92 ml/min

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**Diet and lifestyle**

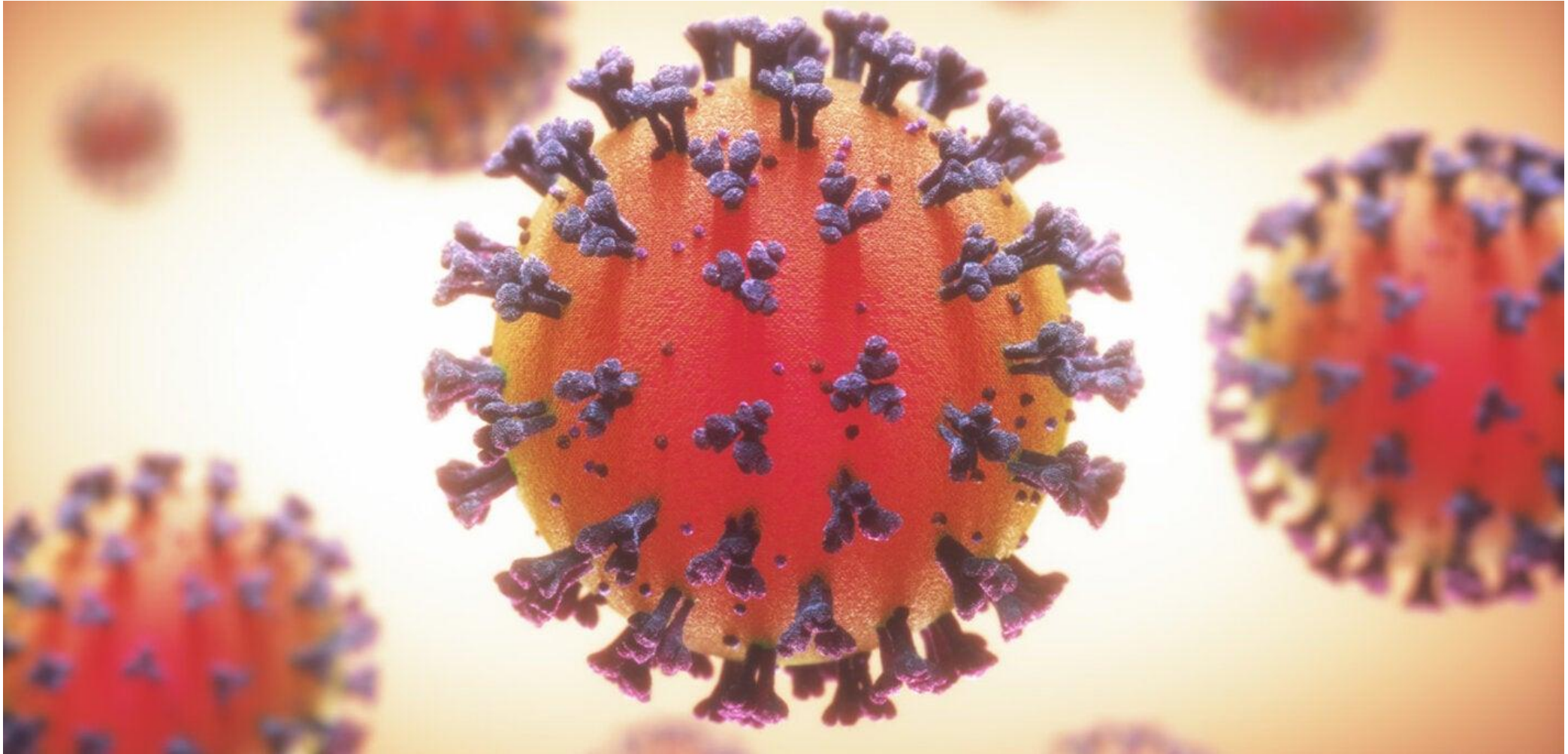
**Metformin titrate to 1g bd**

**Continue Amlodipine**

**Atorvastatin 20mg added**

Then came COVID

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# What are the issues ?

John



Seen Post Covid

## Personal history

Age 59 years

## ASSESSMENT

Married, has 3 children

**Worsening Central obesity**

Non smoker, occasional social drinking

**Worsening T2DM control**

**Essential hypertension**

Hypertension for 7 years on amlodipine 10 mg

**Diabetic dyslipidaemia**

## Routine Medical

**? Diabetes Kidney Disease**

Height 1.76 m

BP 148/97

BMI 38.1 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Systems normal

Waist 122 cm

Resting ECG normal

## Lab Investigations

FBC

FPE

HbA1c

sCreat

eGFR

Chole

HDL

LDL-C

Trigs

UACR

Urate

7.9%

147 umol/L

47 umol/L

mmol/L

mmol/L

mmol/L

2.7 mmol/L

mmol

mmol/L





# Glycaemic Management in patients with CKD



# Management – HbA1c target

Patient features	< 6.5 %	< 7 %	7 - 8 %
Risks of hypoglycaemia / drug interactions	Low		High
Disease duration	Newly diagnosed		Long Standing
Life expectancy	Long		Short
Major comorbidities	Absent		Severe
Established macrovascular disease	Absent		Severe
Patient attitude	Highly motivated Adherent Good self-care capacity		Not motivated Non-adherent Poor self-care capability
Resources and support	Readily available		Limited



**Recommendation 2.2.1: We recommend an individualized HbA1c target ranging from <6.5% to <8.0% in patients with diabetes and CKD not treated with dialysis (Figure 9) (1C).**

< 6.5%	HbA1c	< 8.0%
CKD G1	Severity of CKD	CKD G5
Absent/minor	Macrovascular complications	Present/severe
Few	Comorbidities	Many
Long	Life expectancy	Short
Present	Hypoglycemia awareness	Impaired
Available	Resources for hypoglycemia management	Scarce
Low	Propensity of treatment to cause hypoglycemia	High

# Glucose lowering agents - overview

INSULIN	Sensitizers		Biguanides	Metformin		
			TZDs/Glitazones	Rosiglitazone, Pioglitazone		
	Secretagogues	K+ ATP	SUs	1 <sup>st</sup> gen		
				2 <sup>nd</sup> gen: Glipizide, Glibencamide, Glimepiride, Gliclazide , etc		
			Meglitinides		Nateglinide, Repaglinide, Mitiglinide	
			GLP-1 agonists		Exenitide, Liraglutide, Lixenatide, Dulaglutide, Semaglutide, Albiglutide	
	DPP-4 inhibitors		Vildagliptan, Saxagliptan, Linagliptan, Sitagliptan, etc			
Analogues		Fast acting, short acting, long acting , ultra long acting, mixed				
OTHER	Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors		Acarbose,			
	SGLT2 inhibitors		Empaglifozin, Canaglifozin, Dapaglifozin, Sotagliflozin			
	Amylin analog		Pramlintide			

# Metformin: Recommendations

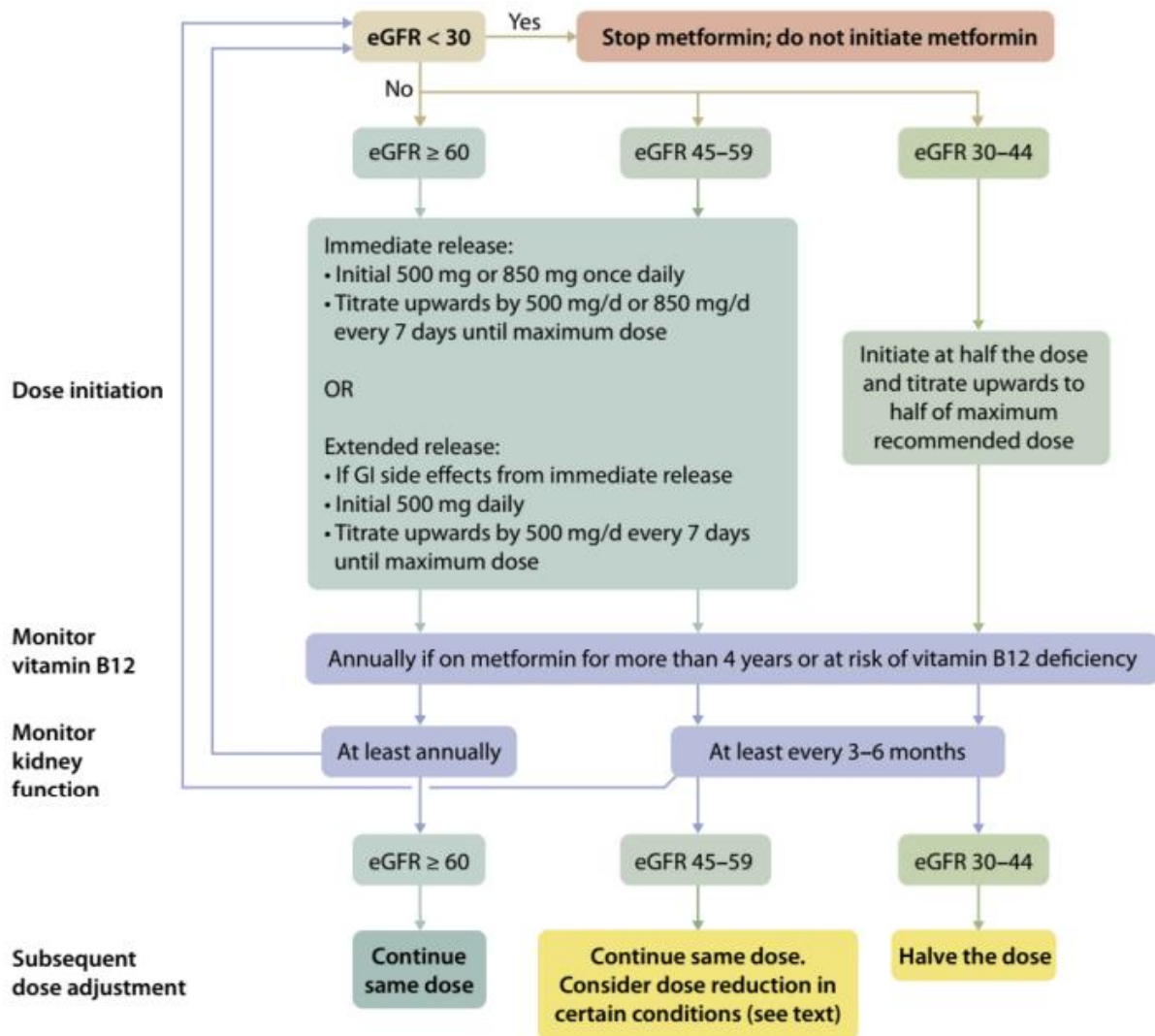


Table 1 Use of metformin in chronic kidney disease	
eGFR (mL/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	Use of metformin
> 60 (CKD 1 and 2)	No contraindication
45-60 (CKD 3a)	Check of renal function annually Use of metformin-reduce dose (no more than 1.5-2 g daily) Frequent check of renal function (every 3-6 mo)
30-45 (CKD 3b)	Reduce dose (no more than 1-1.5 g daily) No new cases Frequent check of renal function (every 3-6 mo)
< 30 (CKD 4 and 5)	Stop metformin

CKD: Chronic kidney disease; eGFR: Estimate Glomerular Filtration Rate.

# Sulfonylureas

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Traditionally 2<sup>nd</sup> generation SUs were the most commonly used anti-DM meds in advanced CKD

## Glipizide

- ✓ Recommended SU in advanced stage CKD
- ✓ Not renally excreted, therefore does not require dose adjustment

## Gliclazide

- ✓ Metabolized by the liver to inactive metabolites which are then excreted by the kidney
- ✓ CKD 1-3: safe
- ✓ CKD 4 and 5: can theoretically be used at a lower dose, but no clinical data

## Glimeperide

- ✓ Metabolized by the liver to 2 active metabolites which are excreted via the kidneys
- ✓ CKD 1-3: safe
- ✓ CKD 4: use reduced dosage
- ✓ CKD 5: contraindicated

## Glibencamide

- ✓ Metabolized by the liver and excreted via kidneys and bowel
- ✓ Active metabolites may accumulate
- ✓ CI if eGFR < 60 ml/min

# DPP4- inhibitors

<u>eGFR</u>	<b>Saxagliptin</b>	<b>Sitagliptin</b>	<b>Vildagliptin</b>
≥50 ml/min	5 mg daily	100 mg daily	50 mg twice a day
30-50 ml/min	2.5 mg daily	50 mg daily	50 mg daily
<30 ml/min	2.5 mg daily	25 mg daily	50 mg daily

	CKD			
	CKD 1, 2 and 3a (Cl <sub>cr</sub> > 50 mL/min)	CKD 3b (Cl <sub>cr</sub> 30-50 mL/min)	CKD stage 4 (Cl <sub>cr</sub> 15-30 mL/min)	CKD stage 5 (ESRD)
Sitagliptin	√ (100 mg × 1)	1/2 dose (50 mg × 1)	1/4 dose (25 mg × 1)	1/4 dose (25 mg × 1)
Vildagliptin	√ (50 mg × 2)	50 mg × 1		50 mg (no experience)
Saxagliptin	√ (5 mg × 1)	1/2 dose (2.5 mg × 1)	1/2 dose (2.5 mg × 1)	1/2 dose (2.5 mg × 1)
Linagliptin	√ (5 mg × 1)	√ (5 mg × 1)	√ (5 mg × 1)	P (5 mg × 1)
Alogliptin	√ (25 mg × 1)	1/2 dose (12.5 mg × 1)	1/4 dose (6.25 mg × 1)	1/4 dose (6.25 mg × 1)

# GLP-1 RA



GLP-1 RA	Dose	CKD adjustment
Dulaglutide	0.75 mg and 1.5 mg once weekly	No dosage adjustment Use with eGFR >15 ml/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>
Exenatide	10 µg twice daily	Use with CrCl >30 ml/min
Exenatide extended-release	2 mg once weekly	Use with CrCl >30 ml/min
Liraglutide	0.6 mg, 1.2 mg, and 1.8 mg once daily	No dosage adjustment Limited data for severe CKD
Lixisenatide	10 µg and 20 µg once daily	No dosage adjustment Limited data for severe CKD
Semaglutide (injection)	0.5 mg and 1 mg once weekly	No dosage adjustment Limited data for severe CKD
Semaglutide (oral)	3 mg, 7 mg, or 14 mg daily	No dosage adjustment Limited data for severe CKD

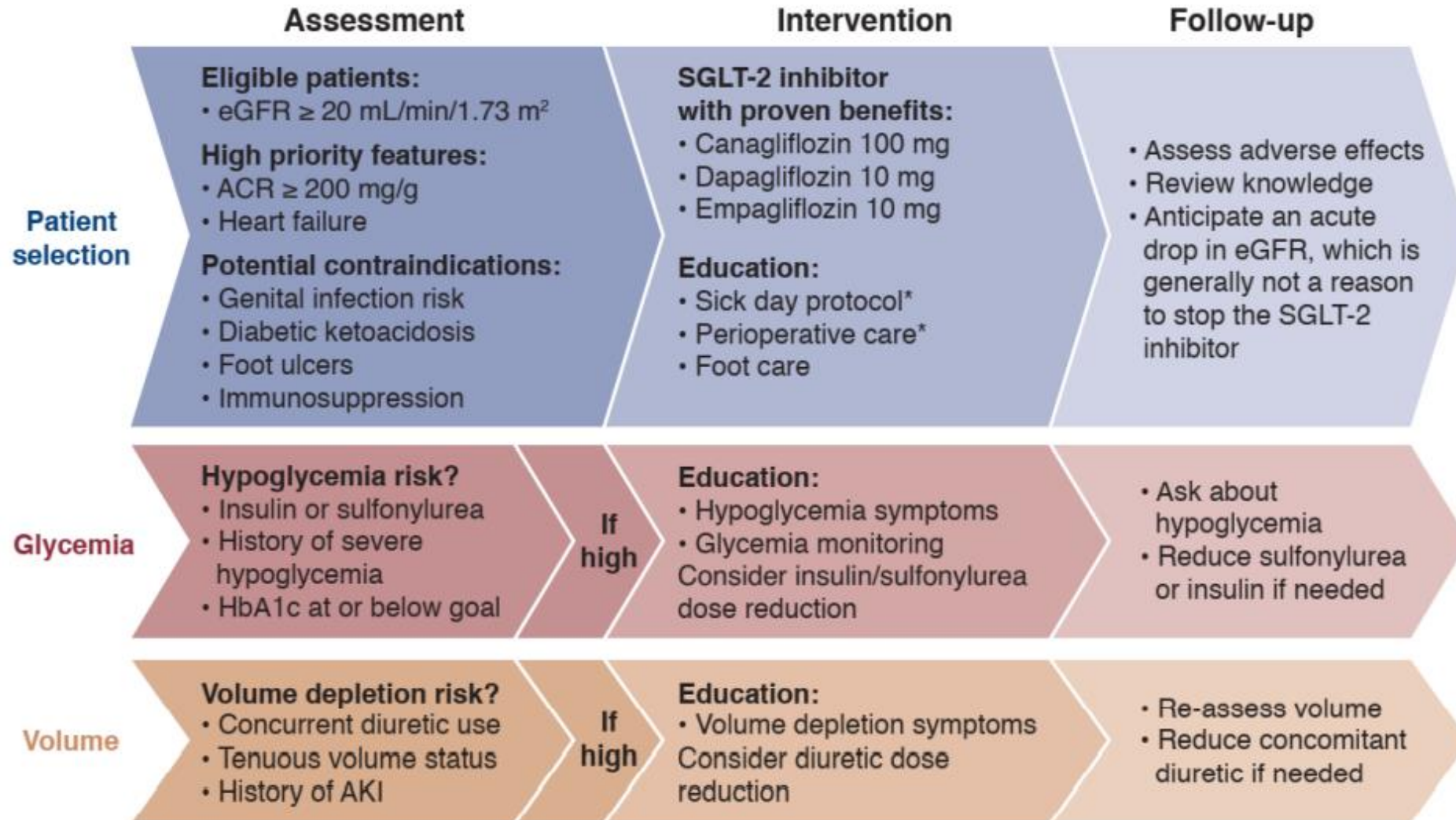
# SGLT2i



SGLT-2 inhibitor	Dose	Kidney function eligible for inclusion in pivotal	Dosing approved by the US FDA
	<i>eGFR</i>	<b>Dapagliflozin</b>	<b>Empagliflozin</b>
<b>Dapagliflozin</b>	≥60 ml/min	5 mg or 10 mg	10 mg or 25 mg per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>
	45-60 ml/min	Contraindicated	Continue 25 mg but do not initiate therapy
<b>Empagliflozin</b>	<45 ml/min	Contraindicated	Contraindicated per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup> for glucose control
	if needed for glucose control)	eGFR ≥20 ml/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup> in EMPEROR-Reduced and EMPEROR-Preserved	eGFR ≥20 ml/min per 1.73m <sup>2</sup> for HFrEF



# Practice Points



# Clinical practice points for SGLT2 use

It is reasonable to withhold SGLT2i therapy during times of prolonged fasting or critical medical illness (where patients may be at greater risk for ketosis)

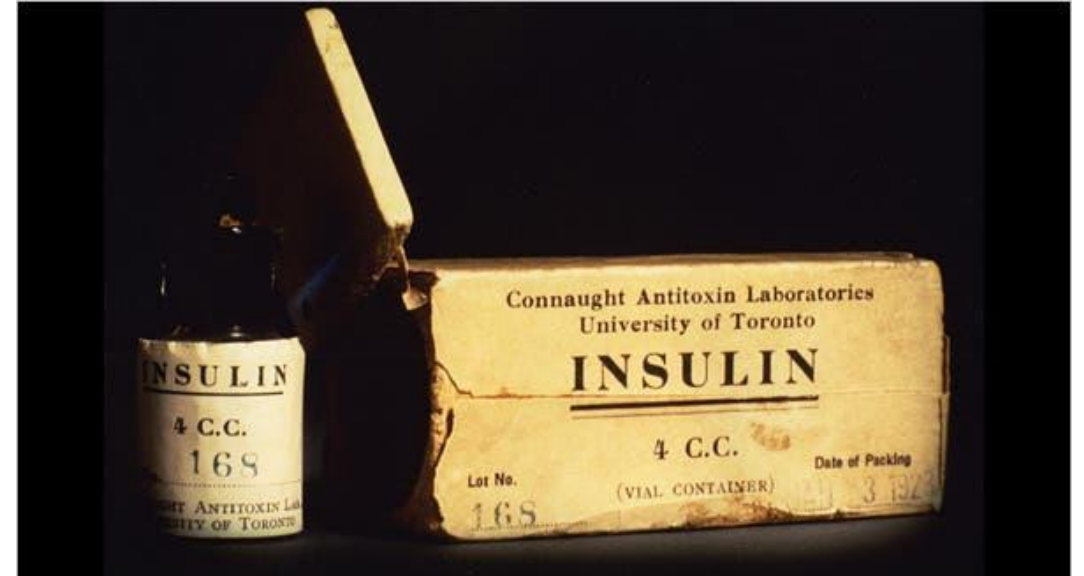
If a patient is at risk for hypovolemia, consider decreasing diuretic (thiazide or loop) dosage before starting SGLT2i. Also advise patients about symptoms of dehydration and low blood pressure. Volume status should be assessed at follow up.

Once an SGLT2i is initiated it is reasonable to continue the drug even in the event of a decline in eGFR unless changes in eGFR are precipitating uremic symptoms or other complications of CKD

SGLT2i have not been adequately studied in kidney transplant patients, as such recommendations for their use does not apply to transplant recipients.

# Insulin

- Conventionally the mainstay of treatment for patients with advanced kidney disease
- High risk of hypoglycaemia
- Newer insulins – degludec, glargine 300 pharmacokinetics seem similar in normal and end stage renal patient, small reports –may be safer?
- **All insulin preparations are metabolised by the kidneys and will therefore require a dose reduction in patients with renal impairment<sup>1</sup> or as renal function worsens.**



# KDIGO Glycaemic Executive Summary



Lifestyle therapy

Physical activity  
Nutrition  
Weight loss



First-line therapy



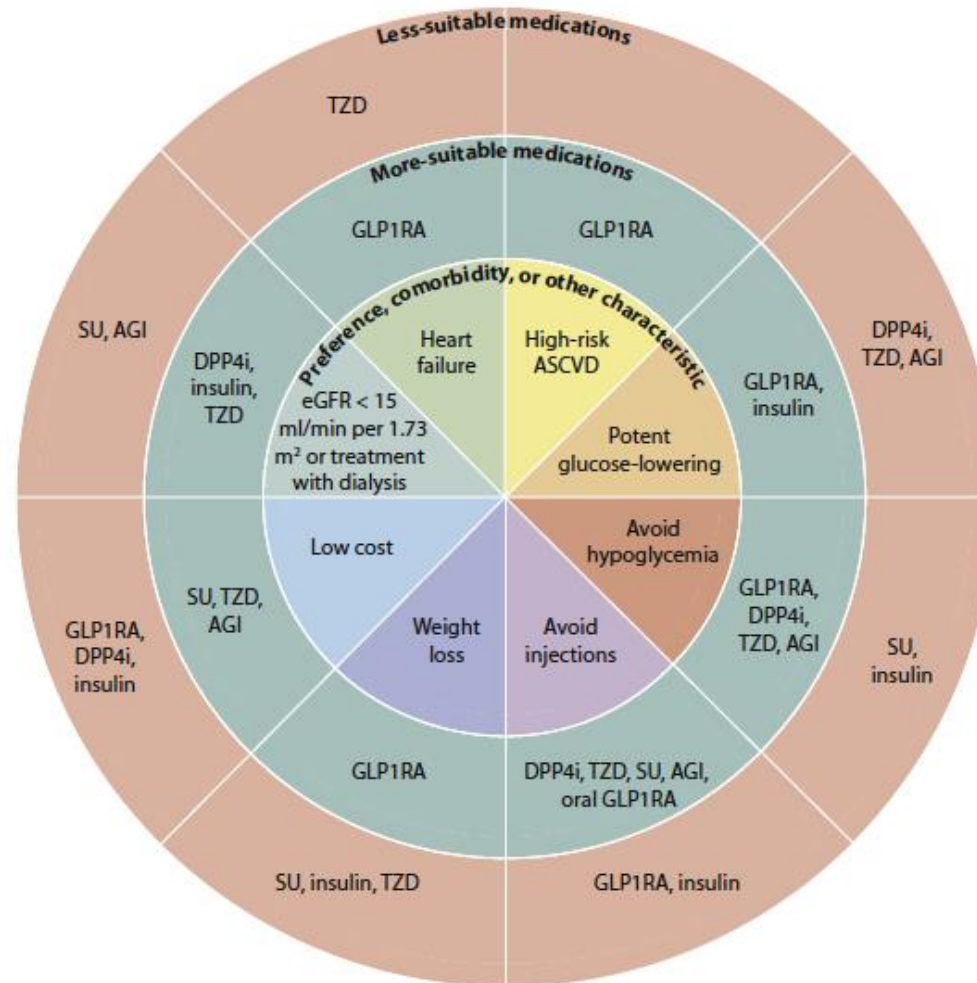
Additional drug therapy as needed for glycemic control

- GLP-1 receptor agonist (preferred)
- DPP-4 inhibitor      Insulin
- Sulfonylurea        TZD
- Alpha-glucosidase inhibitor

# KDIGO Overall Executive Summary



What next after metformin and SGLT2i?



# Medication options for John

John



## Lab Investigations

**HbA1c** 7.9%  
**eGFR** 47 ml/min  
**UACR** 4.8 mg/mmol

Metformin

Maximum Dose 1.5g per day

SU

Gliclazide: safe but no additional benefit

DPP 4 inhibitor

DPP4i: safe but no additional benefit

SGLT2 inhibitor

Has CKD Benefit

GLP-1 RA

Has mild CKD benefit  
Severe Needle Phobia

# Take home messages



# Take home messages

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- The global burden of CKD continues to rise while diagnosis and patient awareness of the disease remains low<sup>1-2</sup>
- Diabetes, hypertension, and glomerulonephritis are the most common singular causes of CKD<sup>3</sup>
- Patients with hypertension, diabetes, and CVD are considered to be high risk for CKD and should be screened using eGFR and UACR<sup>4</sup>
- Risk of CV events and mortality are elevated in patients with CKD, independent of diabetes status or CKD etiology<sup>5-7</sup>
- The risk of mortality increases as CKD progresses, and is more likely than progression to ESKD<sup>7,8</sup>
- Guidelines recommend multifactorial interventional approaches for the management of CKD patients, including glycemic, blood pressure, and lipid management<sup>9</sup>

CKD = chronic kidney disease; CVD = cardiovascular disease; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate.



# Maintain a High Index of Suspicion

## Early Signs



Fatigue & Muscle Cramps



Trouble Sleeping



Edema - Swollen Feet, Hands & Ankles



Poor Appetite



Puffiness around the Eyes



Decreased Mental Alertness



Frequent Urination, especially late at night

## Severe Symptoms



Nausea & Vomiting



Loss of Appetite



Changes in Urine Output



Fluid Retention



Anemia

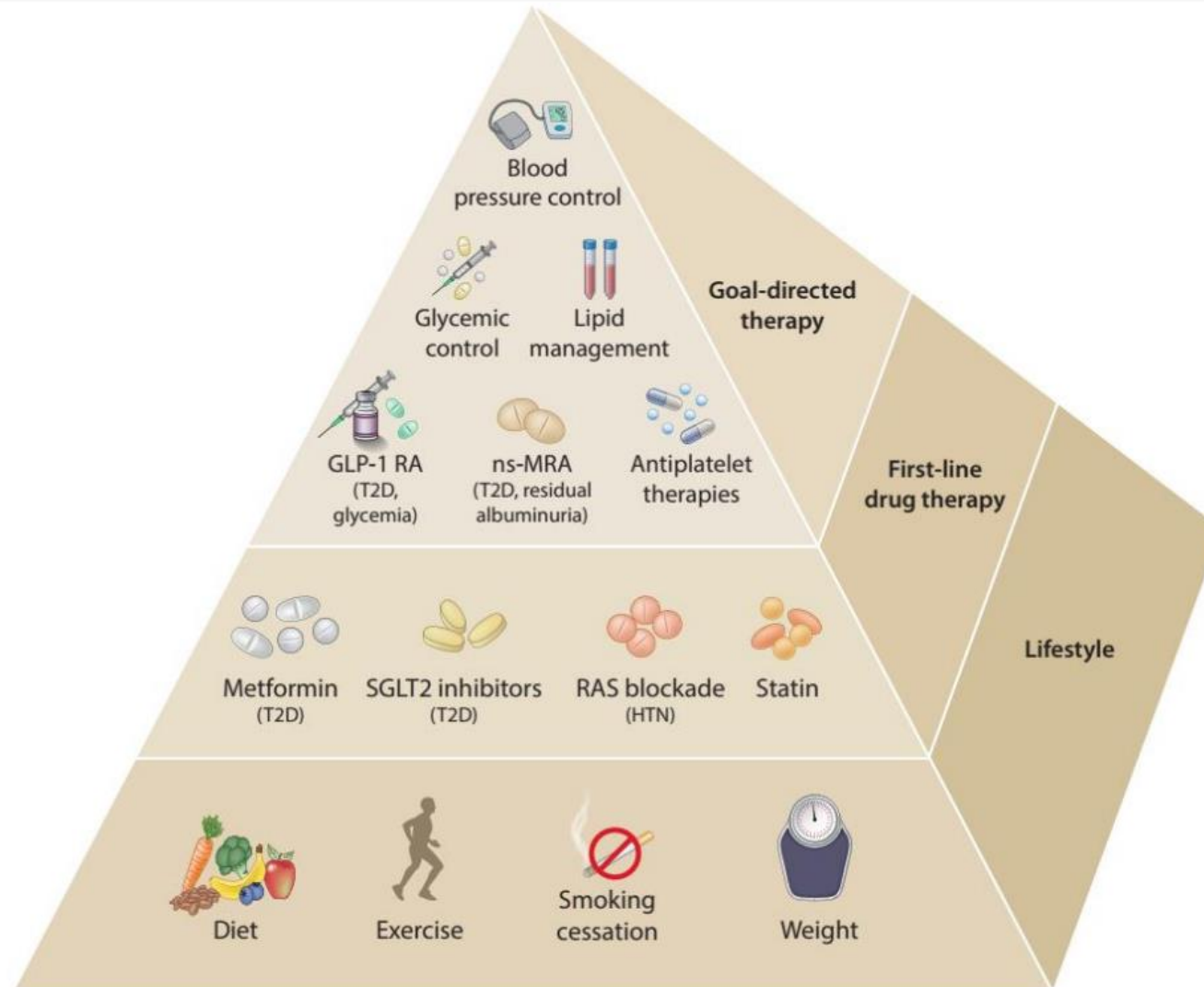


Decreased Sex Drive



Sudden Rise in Potassium Levels

# Comprehensive Approach



# Individualize Treatment

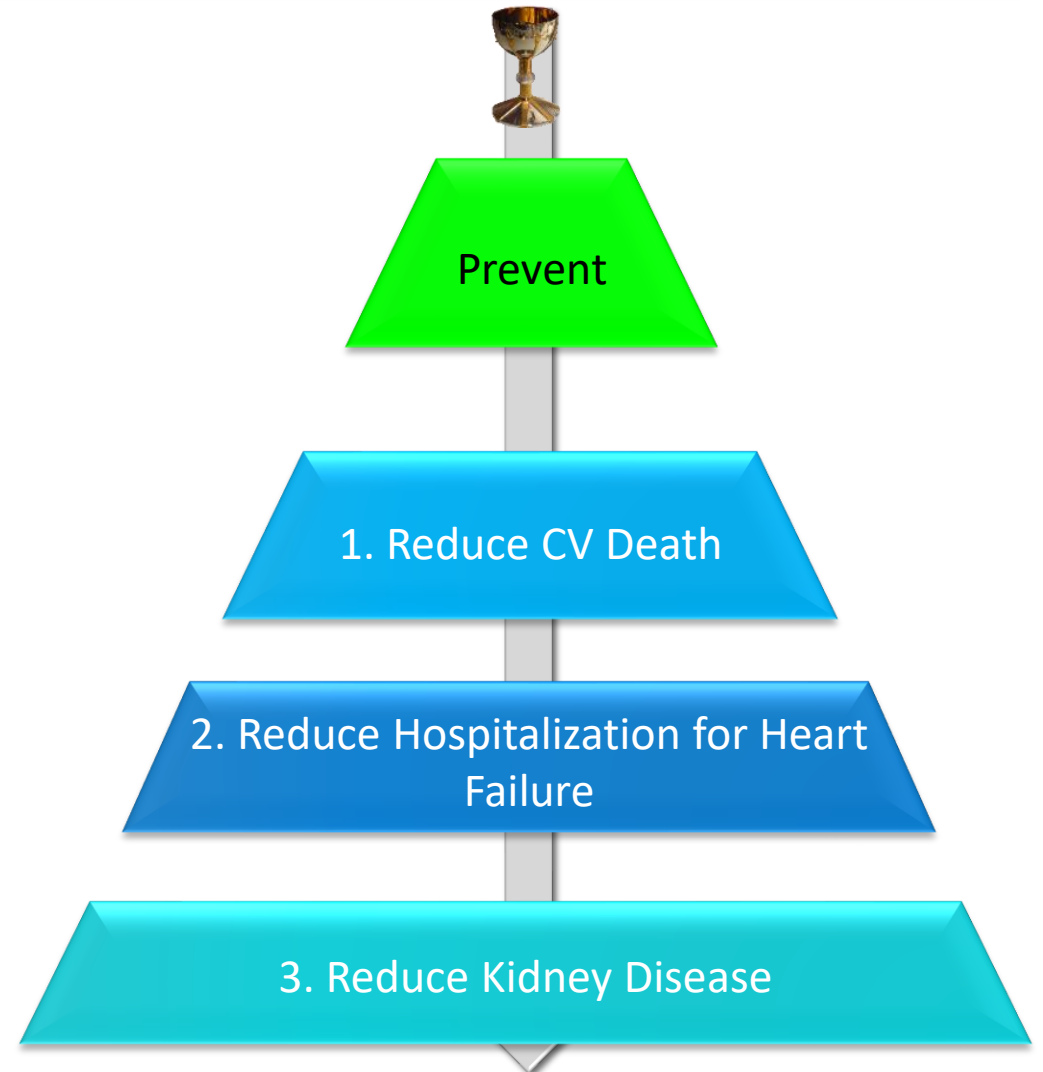
## SAFETY

Bone Disease  
Amputations  
Euglycaemic DKA  
Eye Damage  
Pancreatitis

Reduced CV Death  
SGLT2 Inhibitor  
GLP1 R Agonist

Reduced Heart Failure Hospitalization  
SGLT2 Inhibitor

Improvement in Kidney Disease  
SGLT2 Inhibitor >>> GLP 1 RA



# When to use an SGLT2i

Healthy lifestyle behaviours; diabetes self-management education and support; social determinants of health

To avoid therapeutic inertia, re-assess and modify treatment regularly (3-6 months)

Goal

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To reduce cardiorenal risk in high-risk people with T2D (in addition to comprehensive CV risk management)<sup>a</sup>

To achieve and maintain glycaemic and weight management goals

+ASCVD<sup>b</sup>

CVOTs included participants with established CVD (e.g., MI, stroke or any revascularisation procedure), but the definition of ASCVD differed between them. Variably included were TIA, unstable angina, amputation, symptomatic or asymptomatic CAD.

+High-risk indicators

Definition of ASCVD may vary across CVOTs; however, most patients are ≥55 years of age with ≥2 additional risk factors (including obesity, hypertension, smoking dyslipidaemia or albuminuria)

+HF

HF symptoms, currently or earlier, with documented HFrEF or HFpEF

+CKD

eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> or albuminuria (ACR ≥3.0 mg/g). These measurements may differ over time, needing a repeat measure to document CKD

+CKD (on MTD of ACEi/ARB)

**SGLT-2i<sup>d</sup> with primary evidence of reducing CKD progression**

Use SGLT-2i in people with eGFR ≥20 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; once initiated, continue until initiation of dialysis or transplantation  
**Or**  
 GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit if SGLT-2i not tolerated or contraindicated  
 If HbA1c above target levels, for people on SGLT-2i, consider including a GLP-1 RA or vice versa

+HF  
 SGLT-2i<sup>d</sup> with proven HF benefit

+ASCVD/High-risk indicators

GLP-1 RA<sup>c</sup> with proven CVD benefit

Either/Or

SGLT-2i<sup>d</sup> with proven CVD benefit

If HbA1c above target levels

- Consider the addition of SGLT-2i with proven CVD benefit or vice versa in people using GLP-1 RA
- TZD<sup>e</sup>

If additional reduction of cardiorenal risk or lowering of glycaemia required

Managing glycaemia: Choose approaches that provide the efficacy to achieve goals:

Metformin **or** medicines including combination treatment that provide adequate efficacy to achieve and maintain treatment goals

In high-risk individuals, consider avoidance of hypoglycaemia a priority

Generally, higher efficacy approaches have increased the possibility to achieve glycaemic goals  
 Efficacy for lowering glucose levels

Very High

Dulaglutide (high dose), semaglutide, tirzepatide  
 Insulin

Combination oral, combination injectable (GLP-1 RA/insulin)

High

GLP-1 RA (not listed above), metformin, SGLT-2i, sulphonylurea, TZD

Intermediate

DPP-4i

Achieving and maintaining weight management goals:

Setting individualised weight management goals

Lifestyle advice: MNT/ healthy eating patterns/ physical activity

Intensive evidence-based structured weight management programme

Weight-loss medication to be considered

Metabolic surgery to be considered

When choosing antihyperglycaemic medications: Consider regimen with high-to-very-high dual glucose and weight efficacies

Efficacy for weight loss

Very High

Semaglutide, tirzepatide

High

Dulaglutide, liraglutide

Intermediate

GLP-1RA (not listed above), SGLT-2i

Neutral

DPP-4i, metformin

If HbA1c above target levels

Note: Explanation for footnote indicators and abbreviations are available in the speaker notes.

1. Data from Davies MJ, et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2022;45(11):2753-2786. 2. Data from Davies MJ, et al. *Diabetologia*. 2022;65(12):1925-1966.

Identify barriers:

- Consider DSMES referral to support self-efficacy in goal achievement
- Identify and address social determinants of health that affect goal achievement
- Consider technology (e.g., diagnostic CGM) to identify therapeutic lacuna and individualise therapy

# To Summarise

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Thank you for listening

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