

Nephrology Cases and Everything in Between

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Objectives

- Differentiate between pre-, intrinsic, and post-renal acute kidney injury (AKI)
- Recognize the differences of presentation between interstitial nephritis (AIN), glomerulonephritis (GN), and nephrotic syndrome
- Interpret the different nephrology lab results that help to guide workup of AKI, ADPKD, ATN, AIN, and GN and electrolyte abnormalities
- Gain confidence in evaluation of altered kidney function



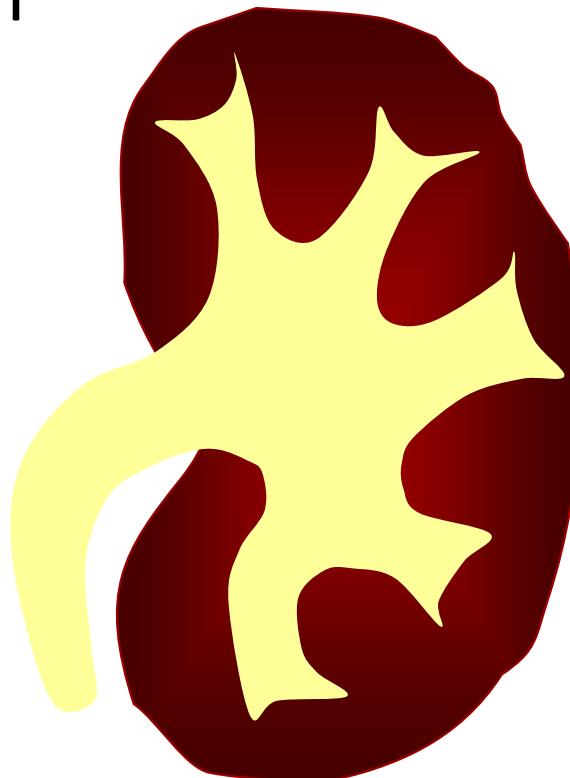
Functions of the kidney

Renin-angiotensin system

1,25OH-Vit D production

Acid-base balance

Filtration



Solute balance

Erythropoietin production

Free water homeostasis

Excretion of uremic toxics



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Urine = success in nephrology

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Evaluating kidney function

BUN

- Blood urea nitrogen
- Waste product of protein catabolism
- Normal units 6-20mg/dL
- High BUN found in:
 - high protein diet
 - CKD
- Hypovolemia:
 - CHF, GI hemorrhage, hemorrhage
- Fever
 - Inc catabolism

SCr

- Serum Creatinine
- Breakdown of creatine phosphate in muscle
- Normal units 0.5-1.2mg/dL
- Dependent on muscle mass
higher muscle mass = higher SCr
- Higher levels in males
- **Can be late marker of kidney function**
- Logarithmic scale



What is the eGFR?

35 y/o male

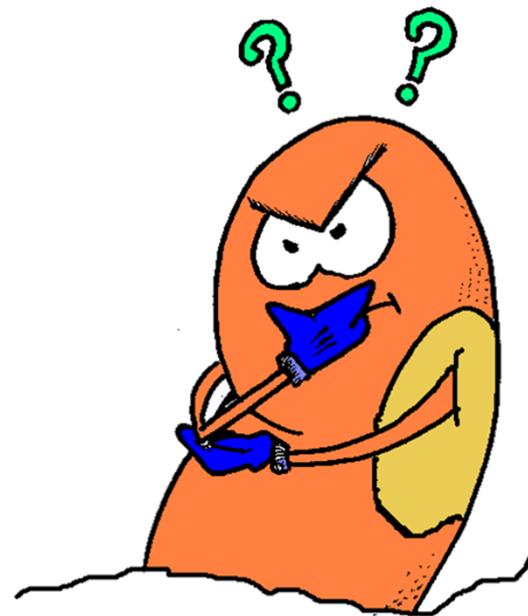
eGFR 62

Stage 2

45 y/o female

eGFR 43

Stage 3b



70 y/o male

eGFR 50

Stage 3a

80 y/o female

eGFR 35

Stage 3b

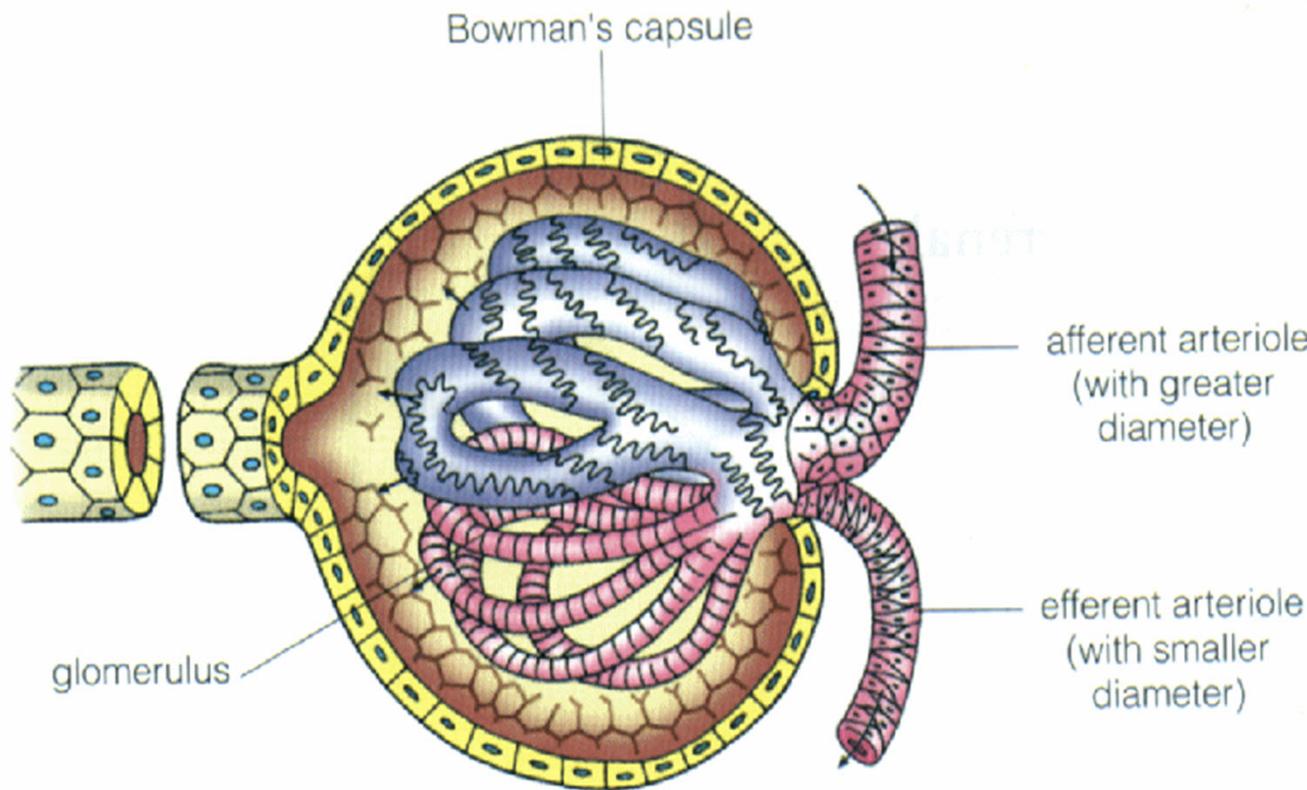
Hold SCr stable at 1.5



Evaluating kidney function

GFR

- GFR measures amount of plasma filtered across glomerular capillaries ($\text{nl} > 90\text{ml/min}$)



Evaluating kidney function

ESTIMATES of GFR

MDRD vs CrCl vs CKD-EPI vs CG

eGFR = % of remaining kidney function

- Cr Cl = 24 hour urine collection = clearance of kidneys = estimate of GFR CrCl = often used in FDA inserts, interchangeable with GFR,
- Cockcroft-Gault (CG) = FDA/pharmacy uses CG for med renal dosing = estimate of CrCl
- MDRD = eGFR = based upon age, sex and SCR. NOT accurate when eGFR >60ml/min
- CKD-EPI = **lastest eGFR calculation.** More accurate when eGFR >60ml/min
- **GFR requires stable function, not useful in AKI**
- **An increase in SCr from 0.6 to 1.2 indicates a 50% loss of kidney function**





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- A. $0.6 \rightarrow 1.4$?
- B. $1.0 \rightarrow 1.5$?
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Which SCr (mg/dl) and eGFR (ml/min) change represent most significant deterioration of George's kidney function?

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|-------------|-----------|
| A. 0.6→1.4? | GFR 95→47 |
| B. 1.0→1.6? | GFR 71→40 |
| C. 1.7→2.8? | GFR 37→20 |
| D. 3.0→6.0? | GFR 19→8 |





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OR
2. Markers of Kidney Damage for **> 3 months**
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 - Ex: microhematuria
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 - Structural abnormalities detected by imaging
 - Ex: ADPKD (polycystic kidney disease)
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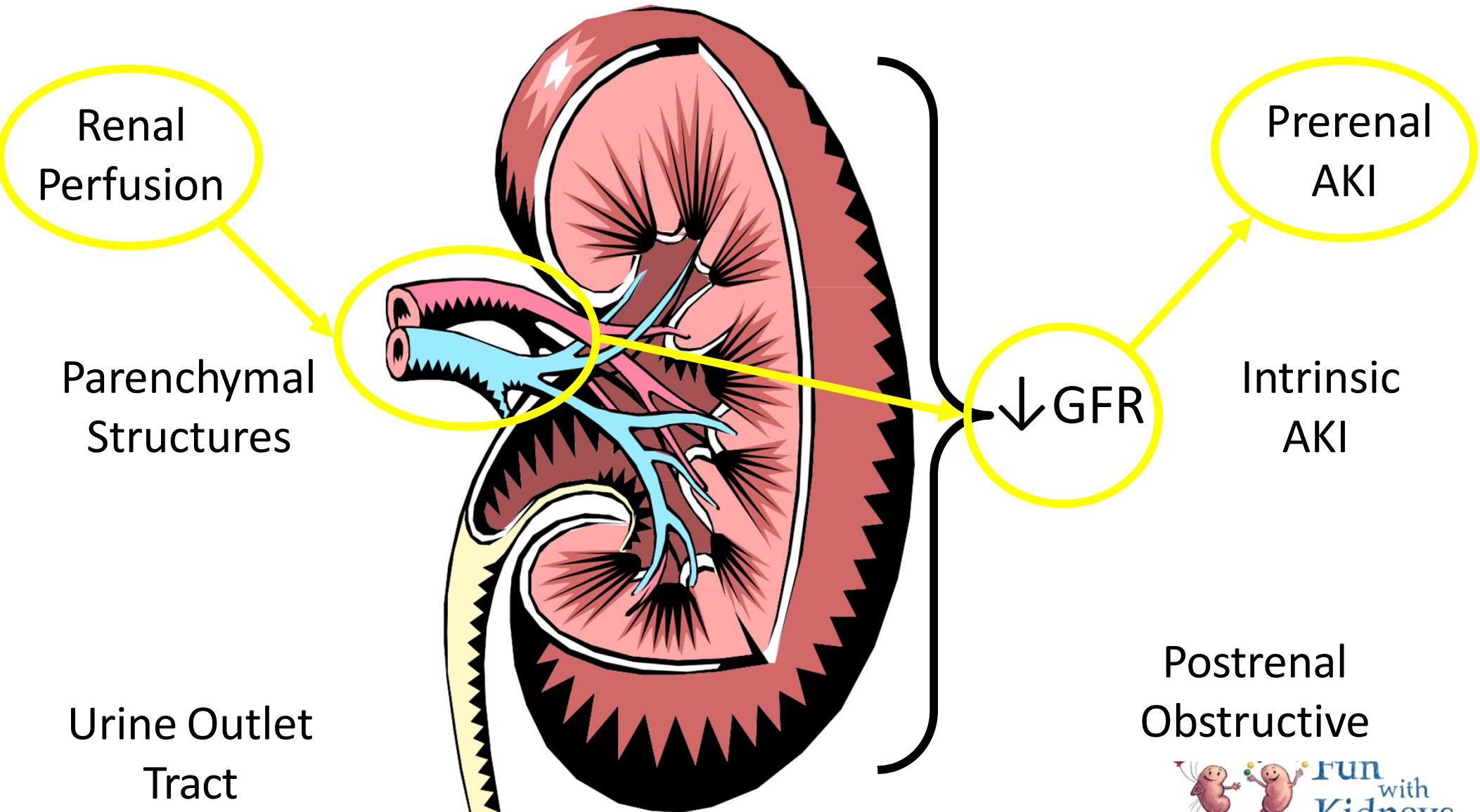
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Syndromes of Acute Kidney Injury

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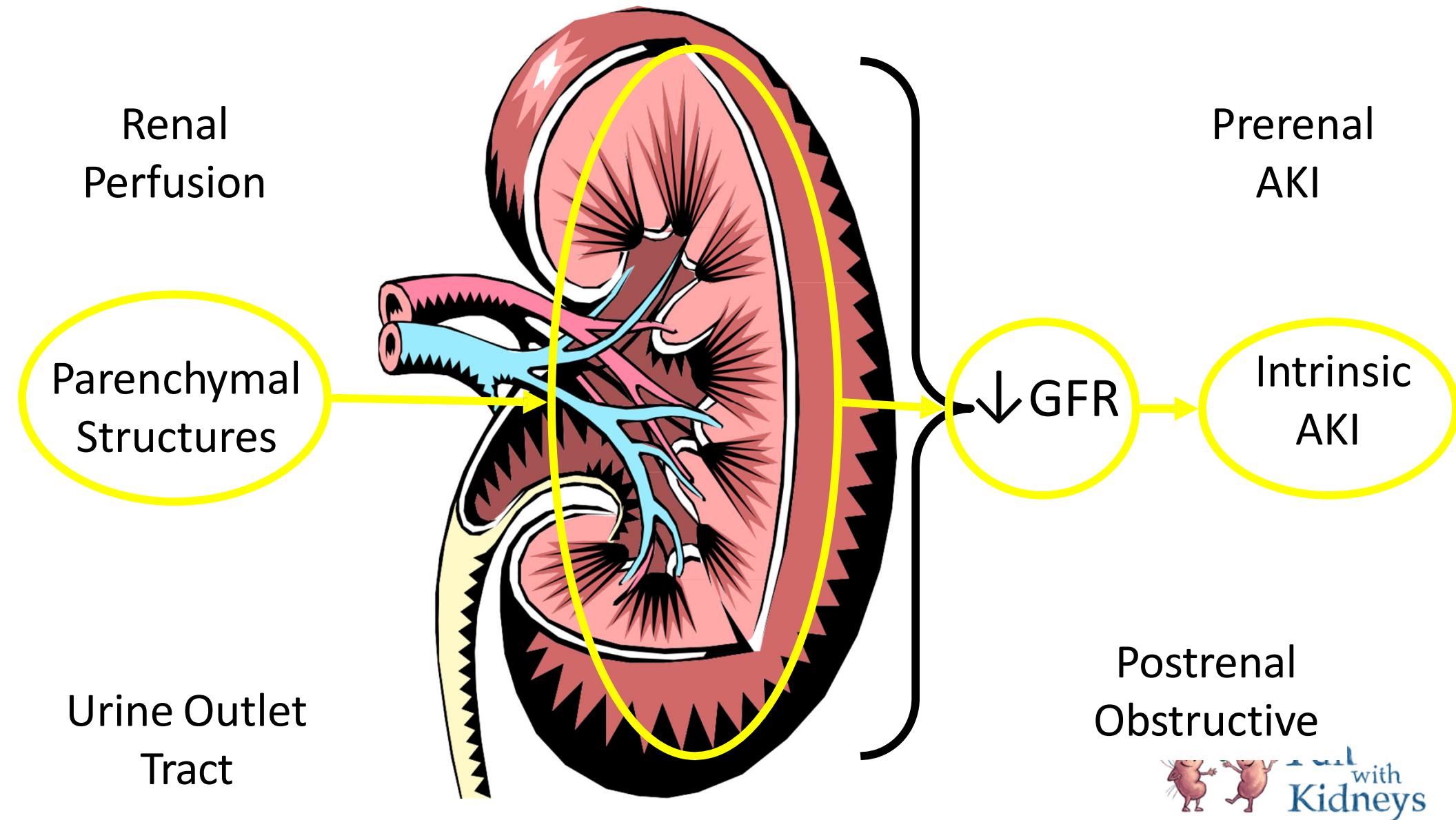
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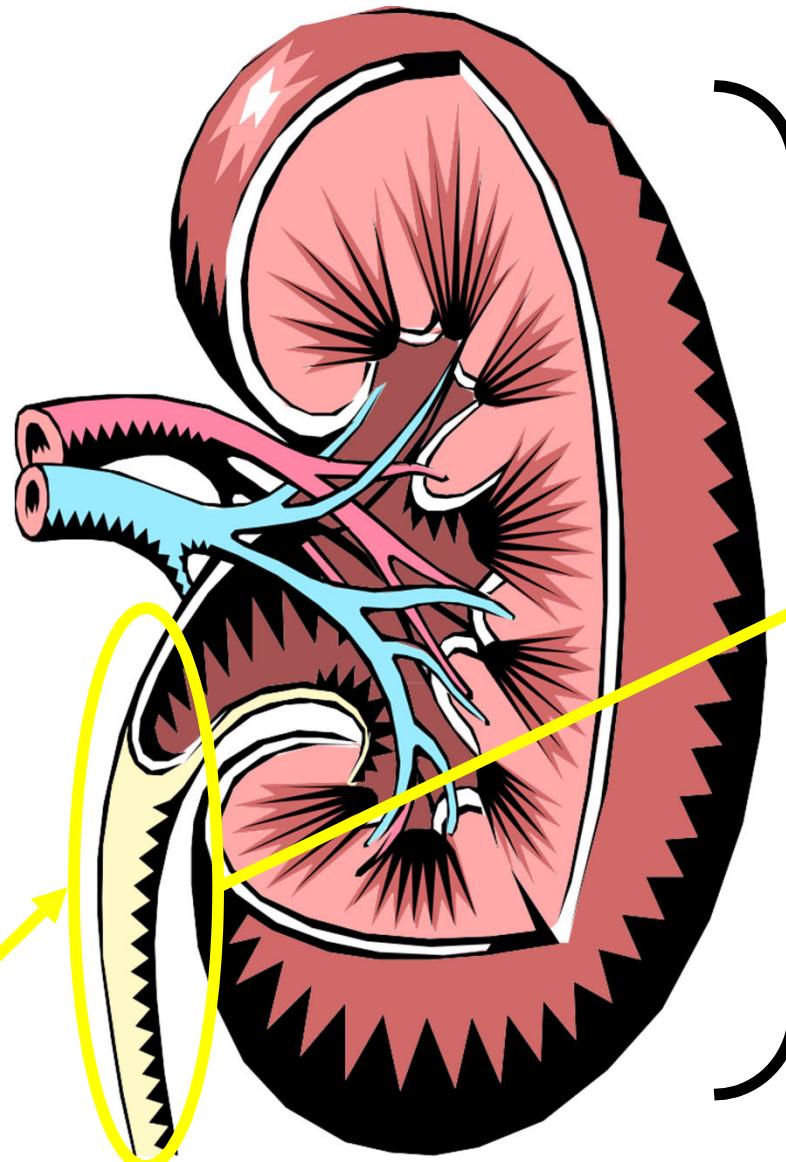
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Renal
Perfusion

Parenchymal
Structures

Urine Outlet
Tract



Prerenal
AKI

Intrinsic
AKI

Postrenal
Obstructive
AKI with Kidneys

Acute Kidney Injury

Prerenal AKI	Intrinsic AKI	Postrenal AKI
<p>↓ <u>Intravascular Volume</u></p> <p>Dehydration / Hemorrhage GI, Cutaneous or Renal losses Third Spacing</p>	<p><u>Acute Tubular Necrosis</u></p> <p>Ischemic: Sepsis Hypotension</p> <p>Nephrotoxic: Drugs Pigments</p>	<p><u>Upper Tract Obstruction</u></p> <p>Intrinsic Stone Papillary Necrosis Blood Clot TCC</p>
<p>↓ <u>Effective Blood Volume</u></p> <p>CHF Cirrhosis Nephrotic Syndrome Sepsis Anesthesia</p>	<p><u>Acute Interstitial Nephritis</u></p> <p>Drug-induced Infection-related Systemic Diseases Malignancy</p>	<p>Extrinsic Retroperit. Fibrosis Malignancy Ligation Pelvic Mass</p>
<p><u>Altered Renal Hemodynamics</u></p> <p>Preglomerular Constriction Postglomerular Vasodilation</p> <p>Medications: ACEI, NSAIDS, CSA Hepatorenal syndrome, Surgery</p>	<p><u>Acute Glomerulonephritis</u></p> <p><u>Acute Vascular Syndrome</u></p> <p>Renal artery dissection Renal artery Throm-Emb Renal vein thrombosis Atheroembolic disease</p>	<p><u>Lower Tract Obstruction</u></p> <p>Urethral Stricture BPH Prostate Cancer TCC of the bladder Stones: bladder Neurogenic bladder Malpositioned Foley Cath</p>
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- B. ~~AKI on chronic kidney disease (CKD)~~
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What is George's AKI etiology/diagnosis?

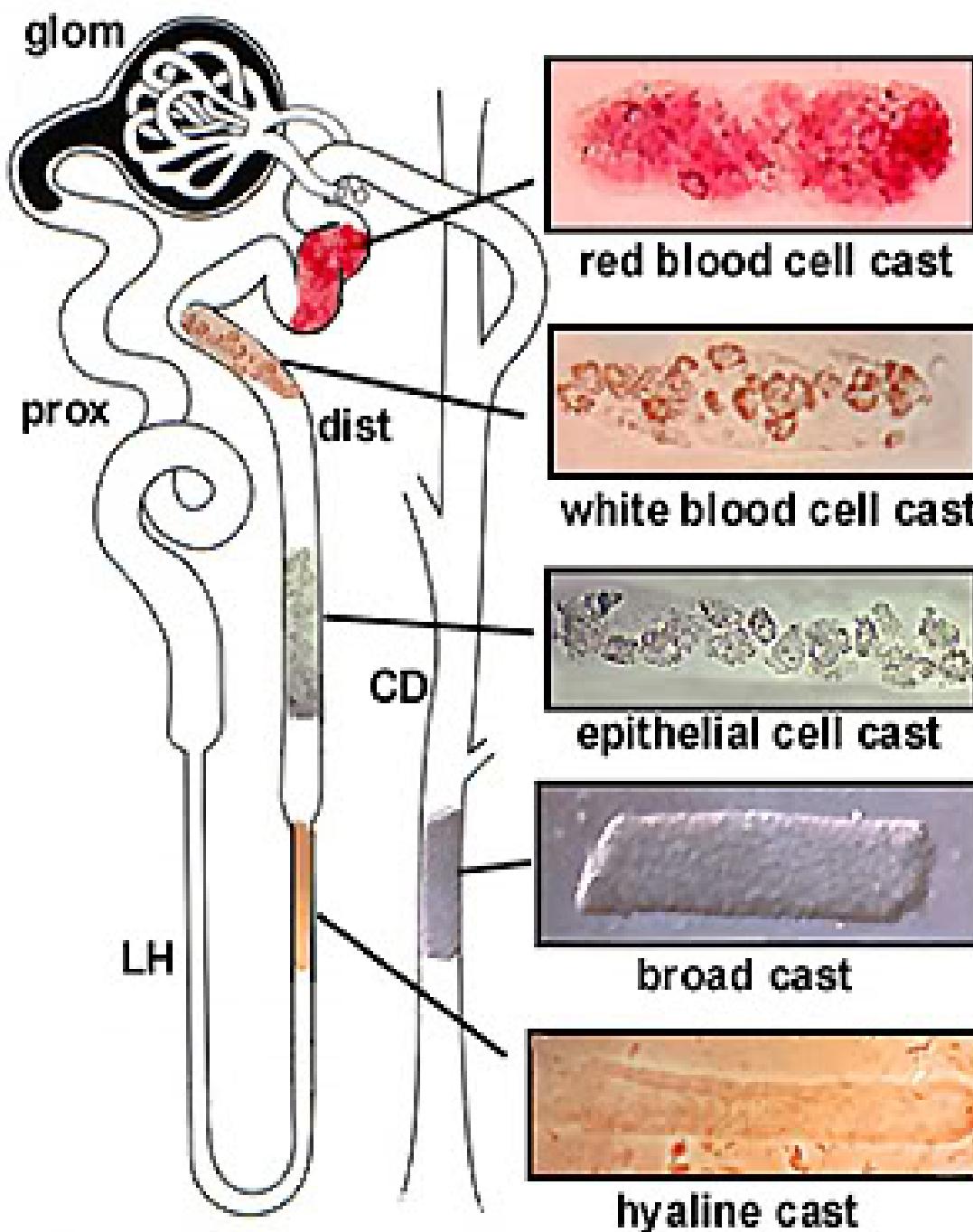
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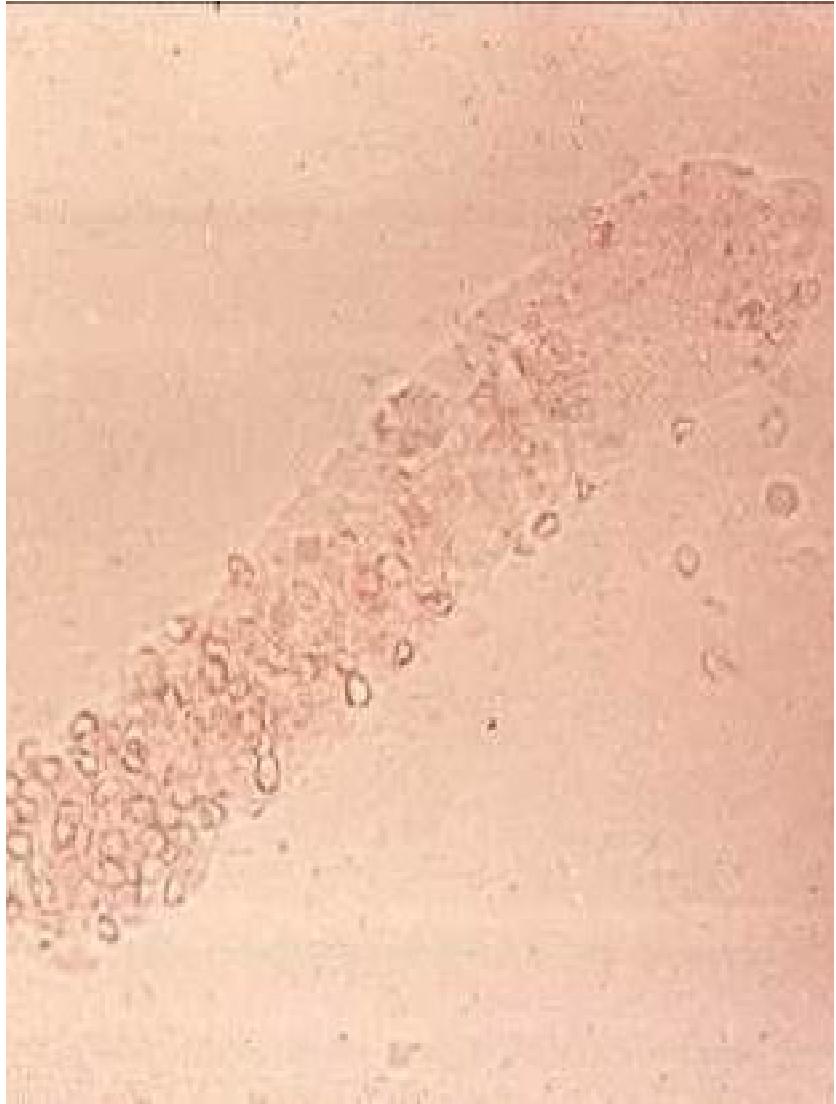


Urinary casts

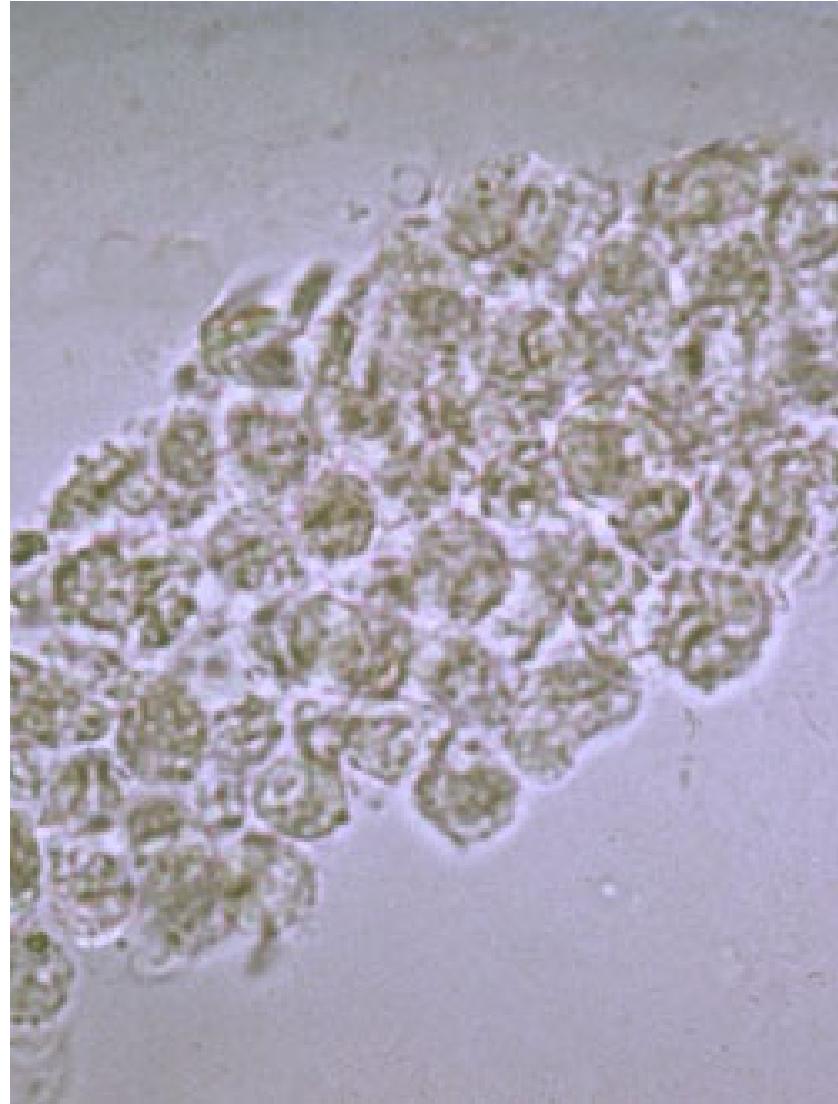


Named based upon shape and origin

1. Hyaline
2. Granular
3. Waxy/Broad
4. RBC
5. WBC
6. Tubular



RBC Cast
THINK
GLOMERULONEPHRITIS

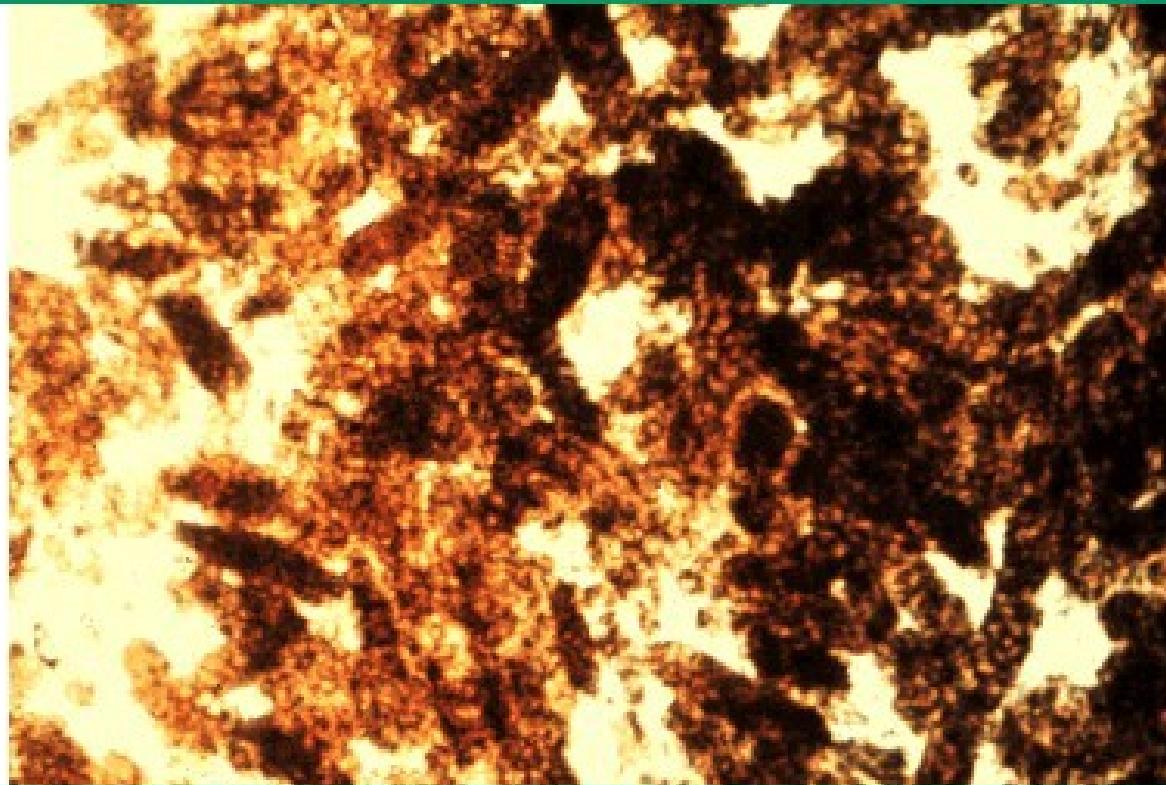


WBC Cast
THINK
INTERSTITIAL NEPHRITIS



Muddy/Granular Brown Casts = ATN

Photomicrograph showing urine sediment with muddy brown granular casts



Pathognomonic for ATN

Hyaline Casts = Hell, if I know NOTHING



Hyaline cast

Not pathognomonic for anything....



Urine cheat sheet for intrinsic kidney injury

	Cystitis	Pyelonephritis	Acute Allergic Interstitial Nephritis	Acute Glomerulonephritis	Nephrotic Syndrome	Ischemic Tubular Necrosis
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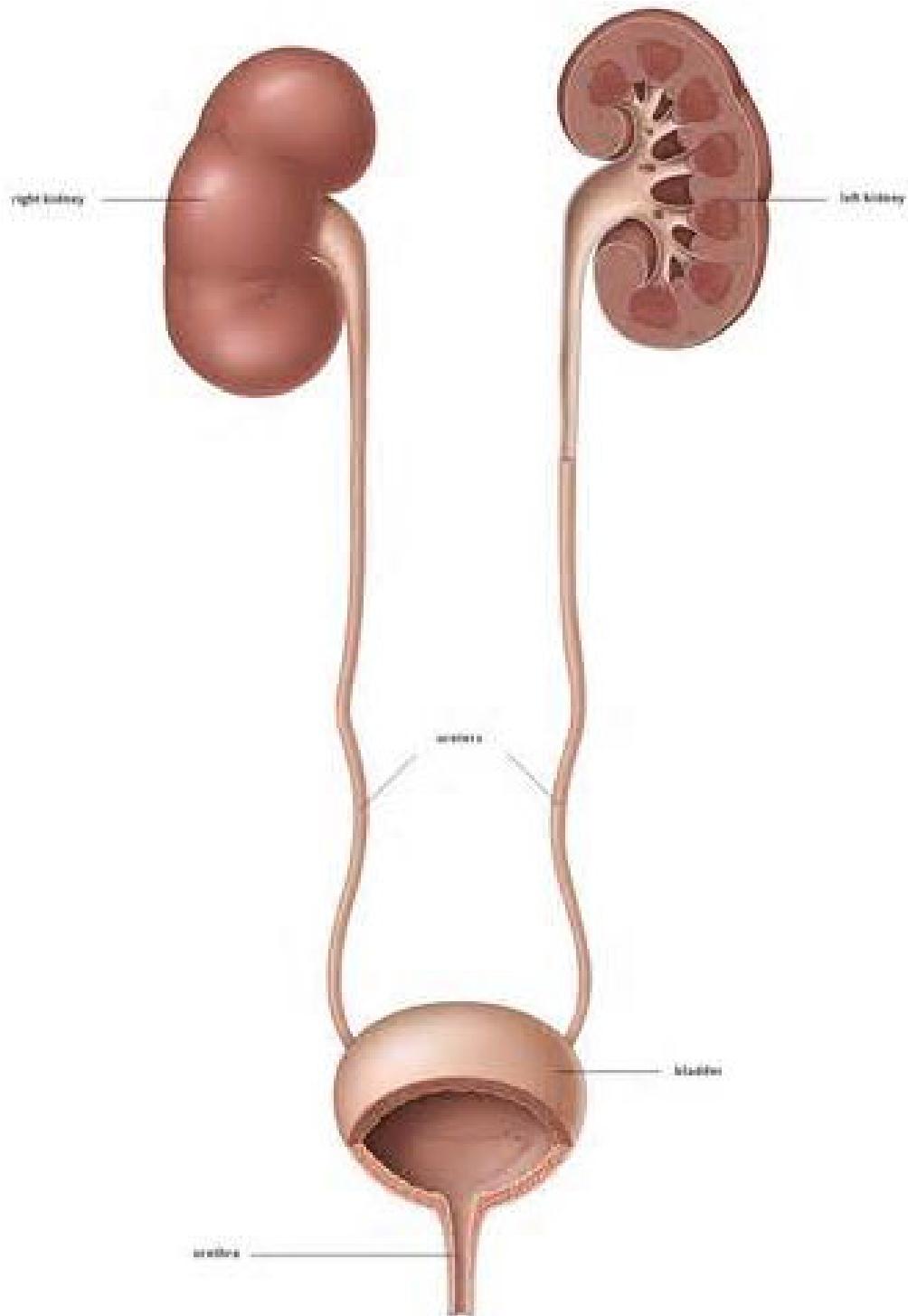
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Where is the
origin of the
hematuria?

Causes of hematuria

1. Renal: renal mass, **glomerular** pathologies, structural disease, pyelonephritis, malignant HTN, renal vein thrombosis, AV malformation, papillary necrosis(sickle cell)
2. Ureter: **malignancy**, stone, stricture, fibroepithelial polyp
3. Bladder: **malignancy**, radiation, cystitis
4. Prostate/urethra: BPH, **malignancy**, prostatic procedures, traumatic catheterizations, urethritis, urethral diverticulum



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Kidney sonogram demonstrated moderate **B/L hydronephrosis**. No calculi or renal masses. Noted to have large mass noted in urinary bladder.



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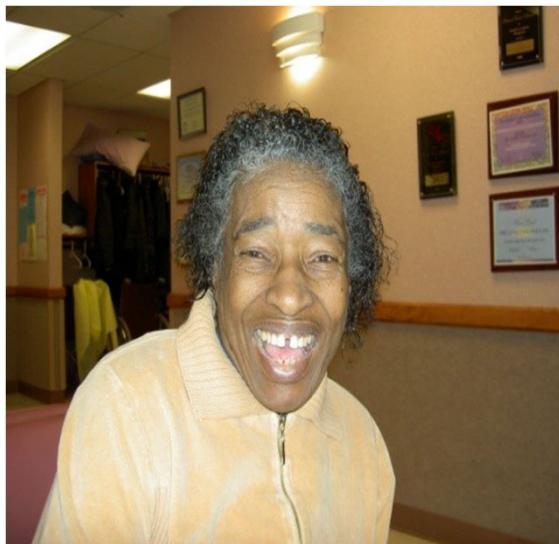
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FeNa (Fractional Excretion of Na)

Remember FeNa is a urine test

	Pre Renal	Intrinsic Renal	
FENa	<1%	>1%	

Used to help differentiate between intra-renal process or extra-renal

FeNa < 1% ~ prerenal cause, volume depletion

Kidney corrects for low fluid state by reabsorbing Na, therefore functional kidney

FeNa > 1% ~ ATN

Failing kidney...cannot compensate and leaking sodium thus indicates kidney diagnosis

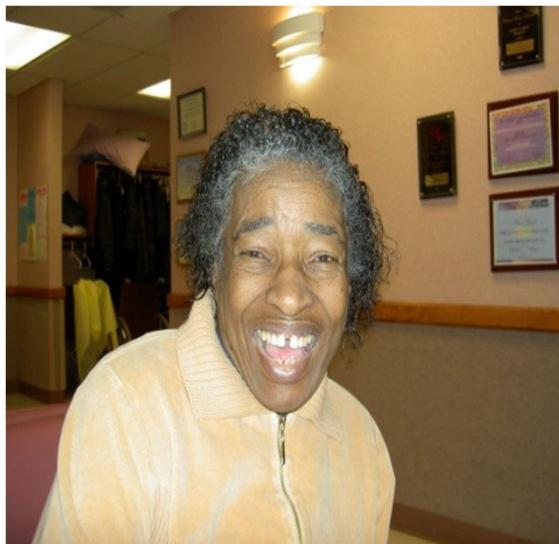
- **Prerenal:** Decreases Kidney Perfusion: Hypovolemia, CHF, Renal Artery Stenosis, Sepsis, etc
- Remember, contrast-induced nephropathy will often look pre-renal!
- **Intrinsic Renal:** ATN



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What is causing Mickey's kidney dysfunction?

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Trending of kidney function

Differentiating acute vs chronic

Mickey's renal function

<u>SCr</u>	<u>eGFR</u>	<u>UACR</u>	<u>Year</u>
0.77	124	<30	1999
0.99	96	50	2010
1.2	75	70	2012
1.3	66	200	2019





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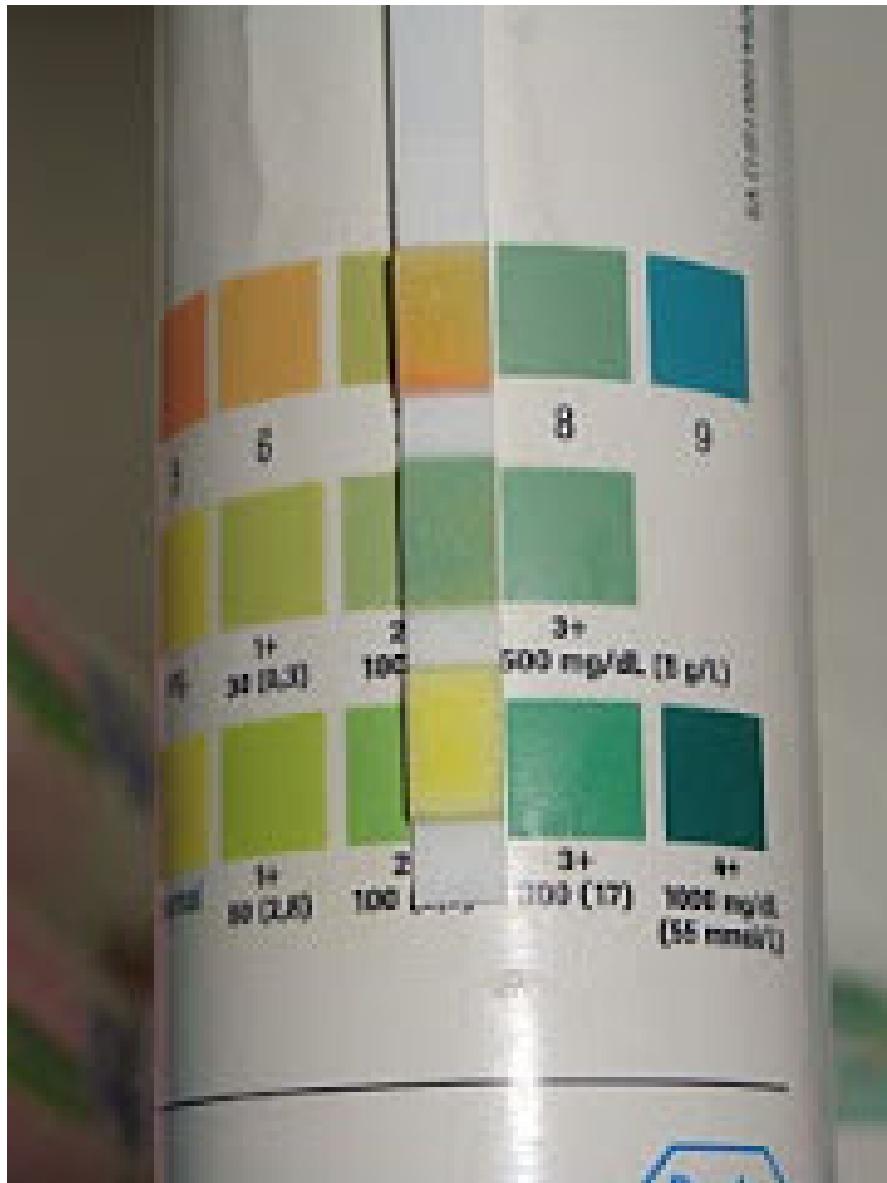
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Proteinuria???



negative	0 mg/dL
trace	15-30 mg/dL
1+	30-100 mg/dL
2+	100-300 mg/dL
3+	300-1000 mg/dL
4+	>1000 mg/dL



Quantification of Proteinuria

1. 24 hour total urinary protein <150mg is NORMAL

OR

2. Random spot

UPCR: protein/Cr <150mg/g is WNL

UACR: albumin/Cr <30mg/g is WNL

Adjustment for urinary concentration is made by relating the urine protein concentration to the urine creatinine concentration



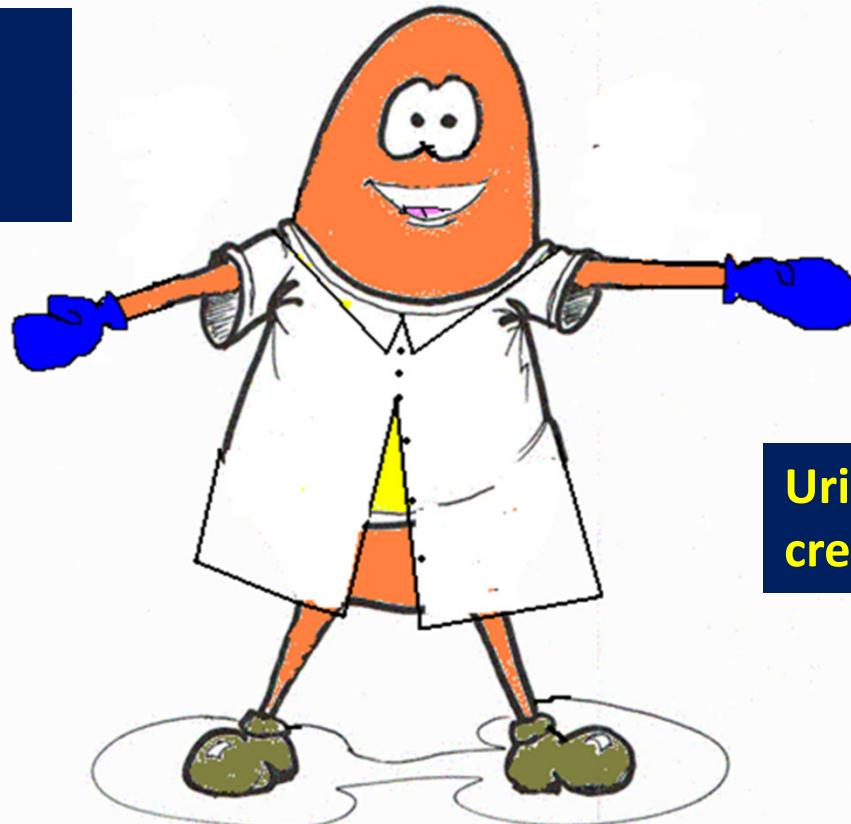
Quantifying ALBUMINURIA: Where is the UA dipstick?

Urine protein to
creatinine ratio
(UPCR)

24 hr
for albumin

Urine
Oral

Urine albumin to
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Special Thanks to Scott and White of Temple TX for
use of their kidney comic



Nephrotic vs Non-nephrotic

- **Nephrotic >3 grams of protein in 24hrs**
- Syndrome associated with
 - 1. Edema
 - 2. HTN
 - 3. Rapid decline in kidney function
 - 4. Oval Fat bodies
 - 5. Hypercoag state
 - 6. Hypertriglyceridemia
- ALL PROTEINURIA is TOXIC to the kidney
- ALL PROTEINURIA has bad prognosis
- More PROTEINURIA worse prognosis
- PROTEINURIA is not just marker of kidney disease

IT IS TOXIC to KIDNEY



Albuminuria Necessary to Stage CKD AND Determine Prognosis

CKD classified based on:				Albuminuria categories		
				Description and range		
GFR categories (ml/min/1.73 m ²)	Description and range	A1	A2	A3		
		Normal to mildly increased	Moderately increased	Severely increased		
		<30 mg/g <3 mg/mmol	30-299 mg/g 3-29 mg/mmol	≥300 mg/g ≥30 mg/mmol		
		G1 Normal or high	≥90	Monitor 1	Monitor 1	Refer* 2
		G2 Mildly decreased	60-90	Monitor 1	Monitor 1	Refer* 2
		G3a Mildly to moderately decreased	45-59	Monitor 1	Monitor 2	Refer 3
		G3b Moderately to severely decreased	30-44	Monitor 2	Monitor 3	Refer 3
		G4 Severely decreased	15-29	Refer* 3	Refer* 3	Refer 4+
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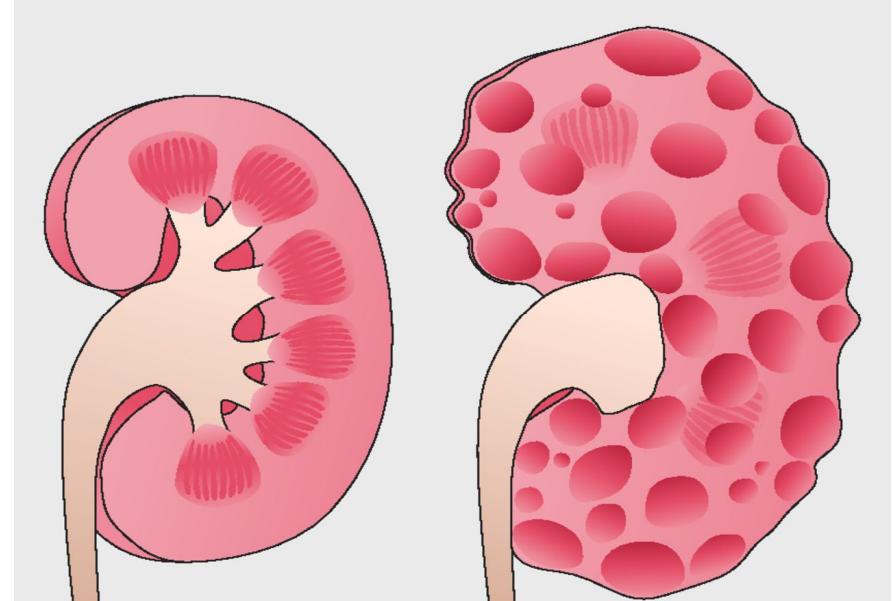
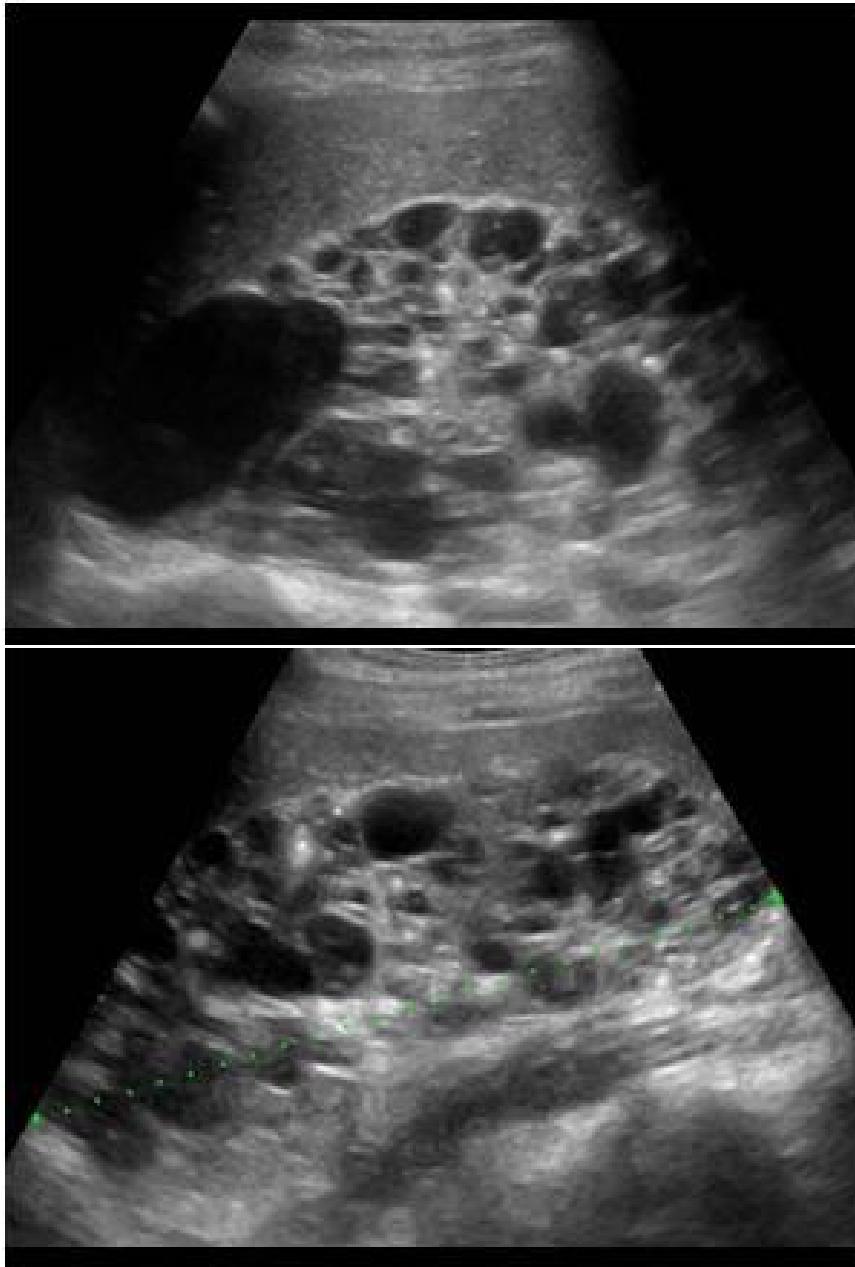
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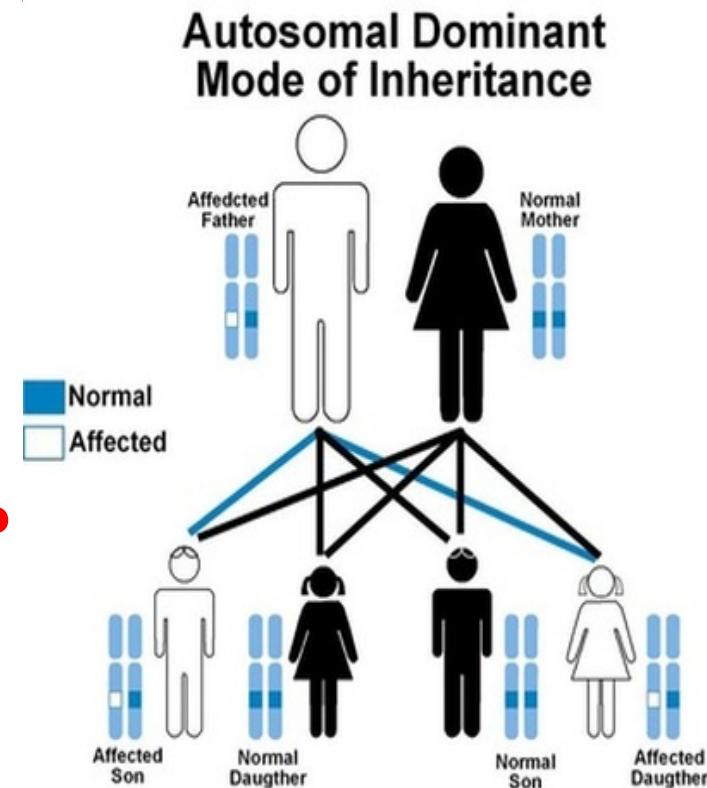
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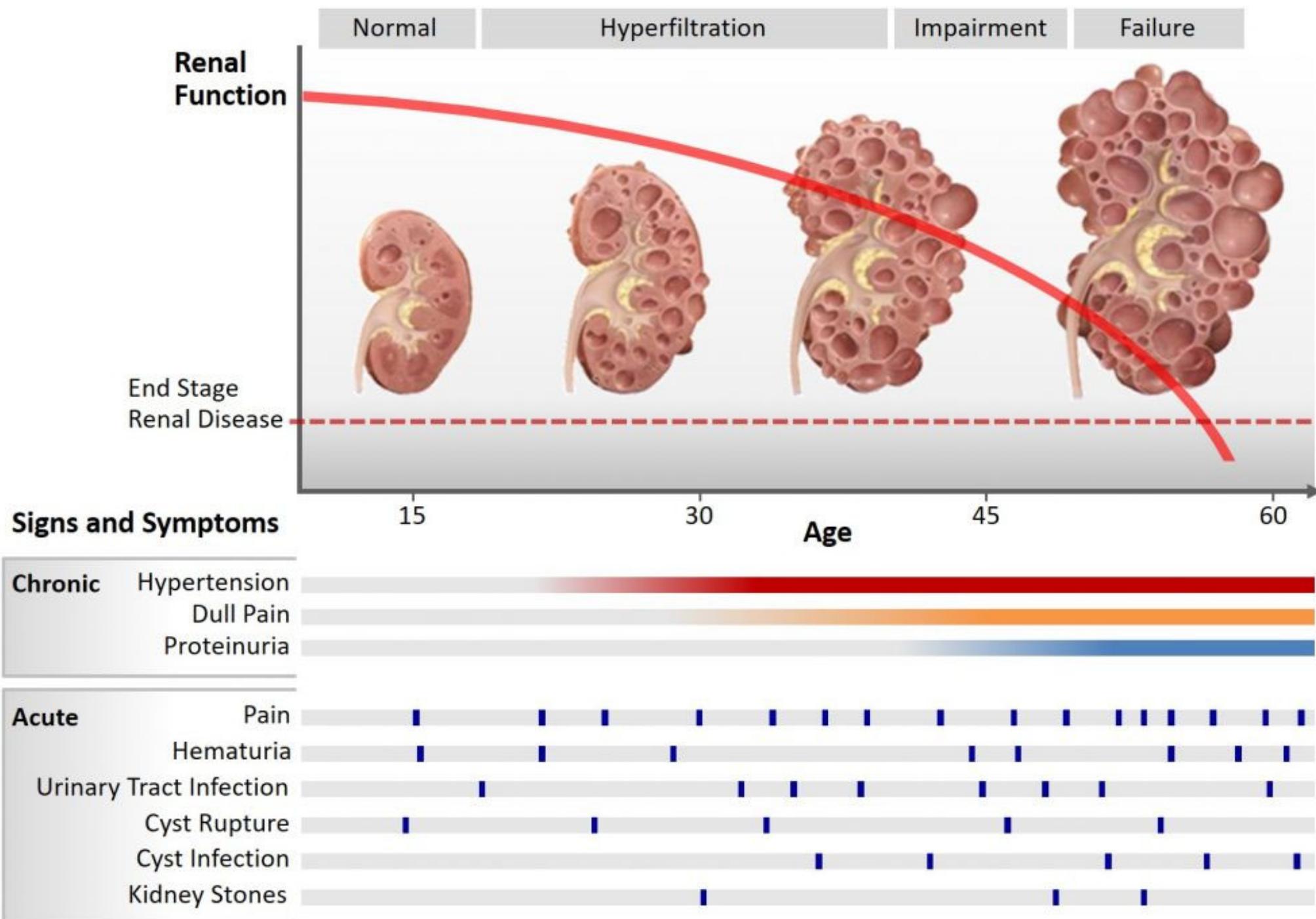
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Mechanisms	Drugs
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Altered K ⁺ distribution	Insulin antagonists Hypertonic solutions Digoxin, β-blockers
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ADA recommendation

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- Annual basis
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Diabetic kidney disease risk

537 million

People live with diabetes worldwide

Type 2 diabetes

95%

510 million

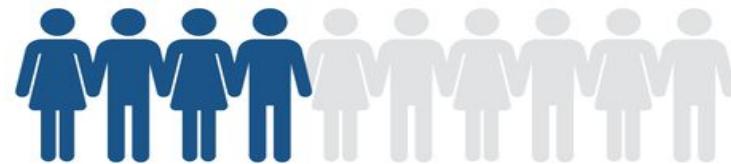
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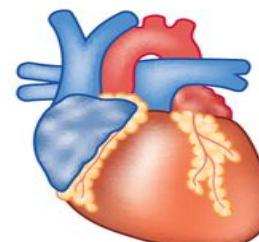
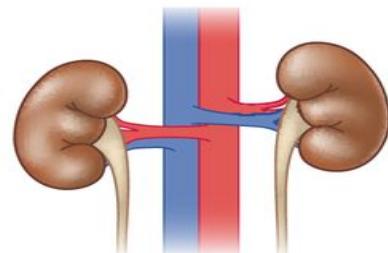


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Half of chronic kidney disease

Progression to
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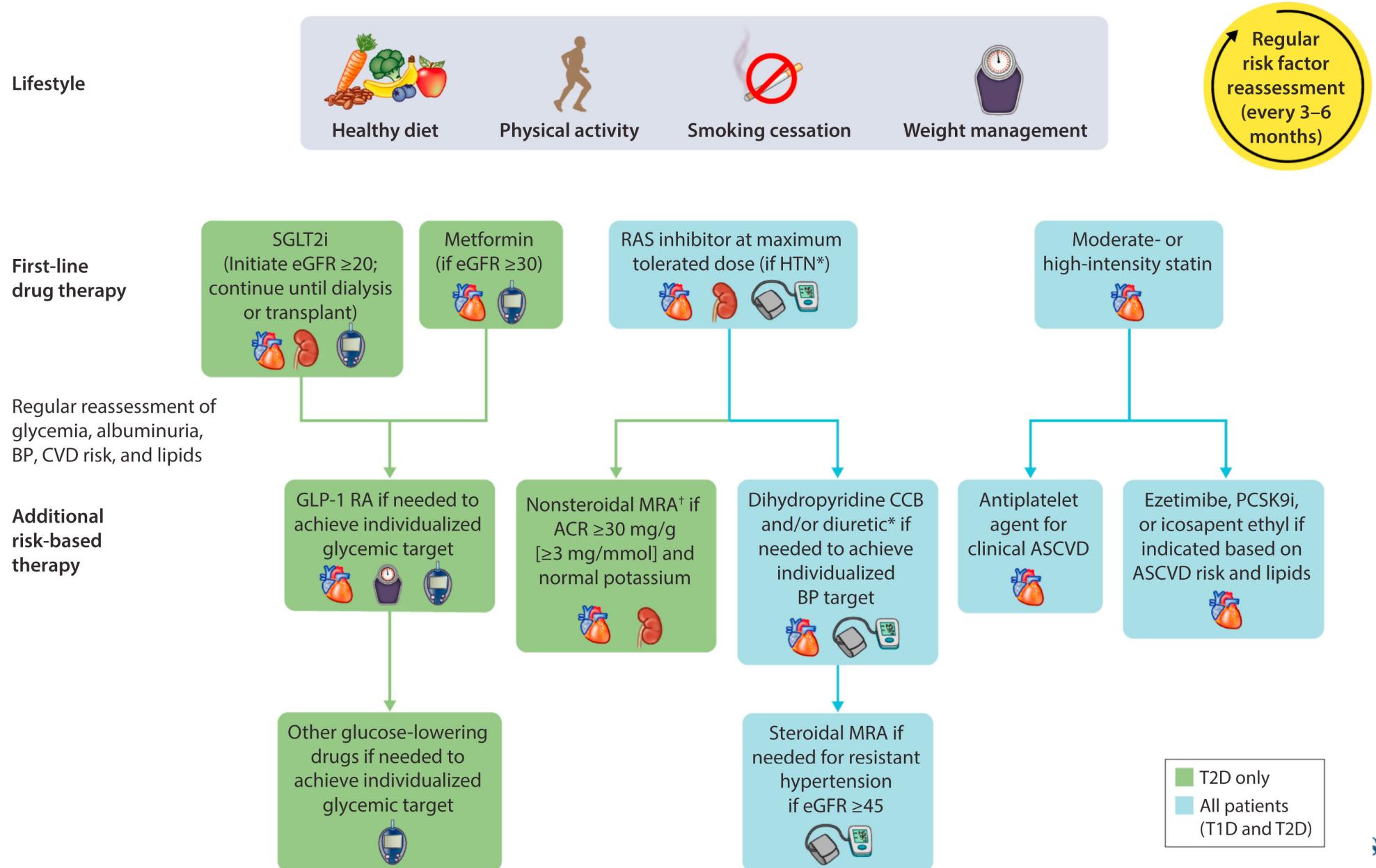


Heart failure,
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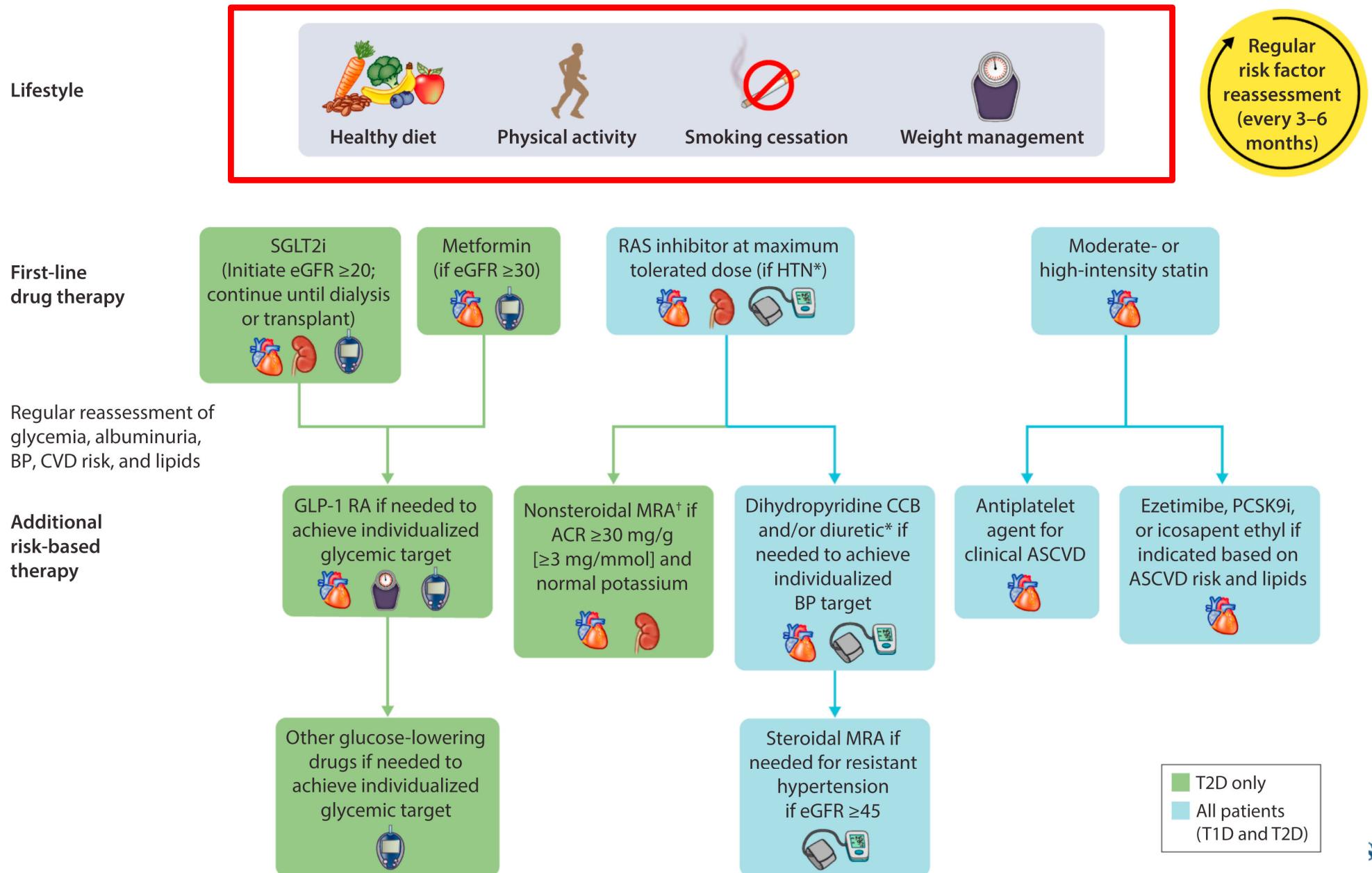
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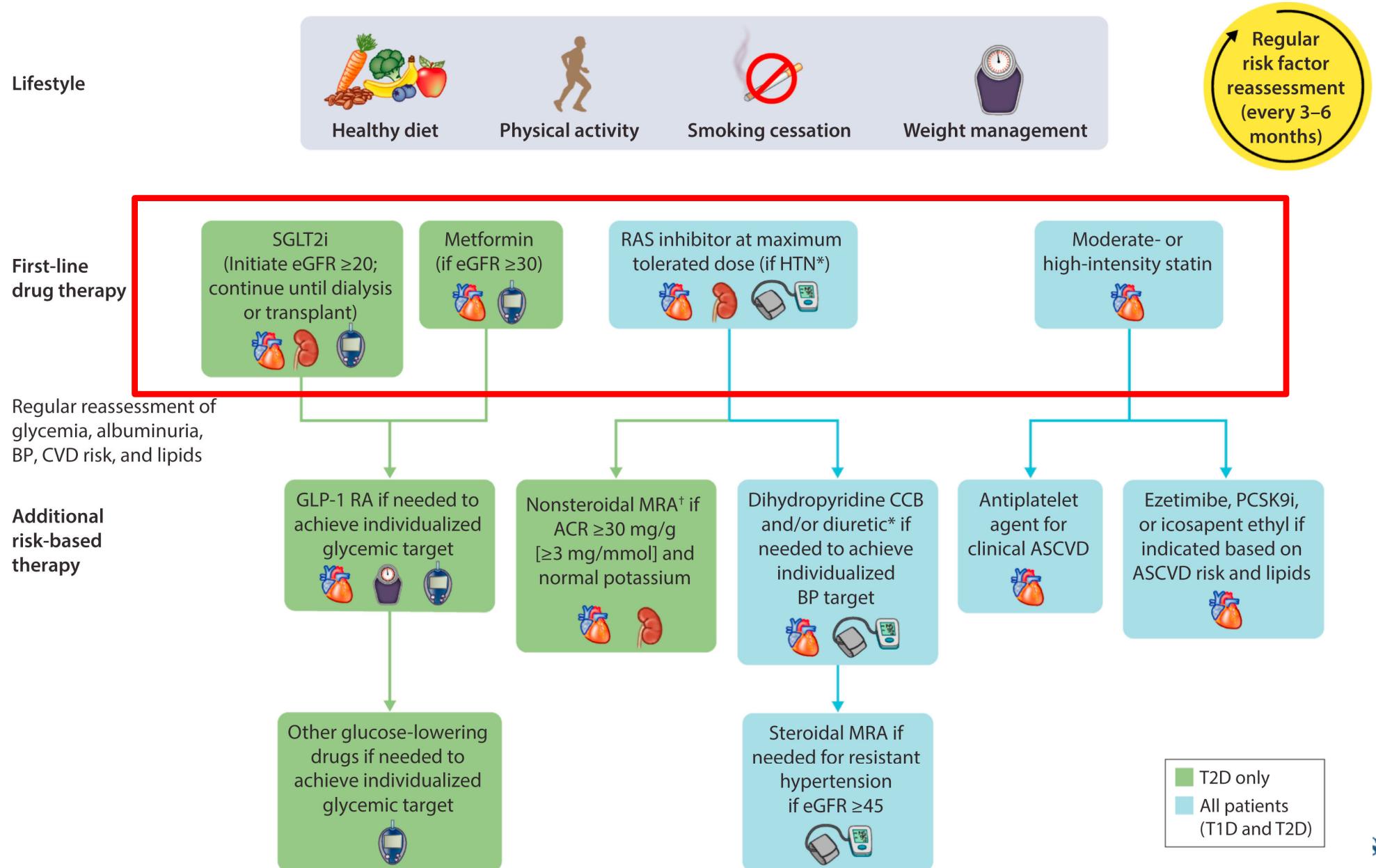
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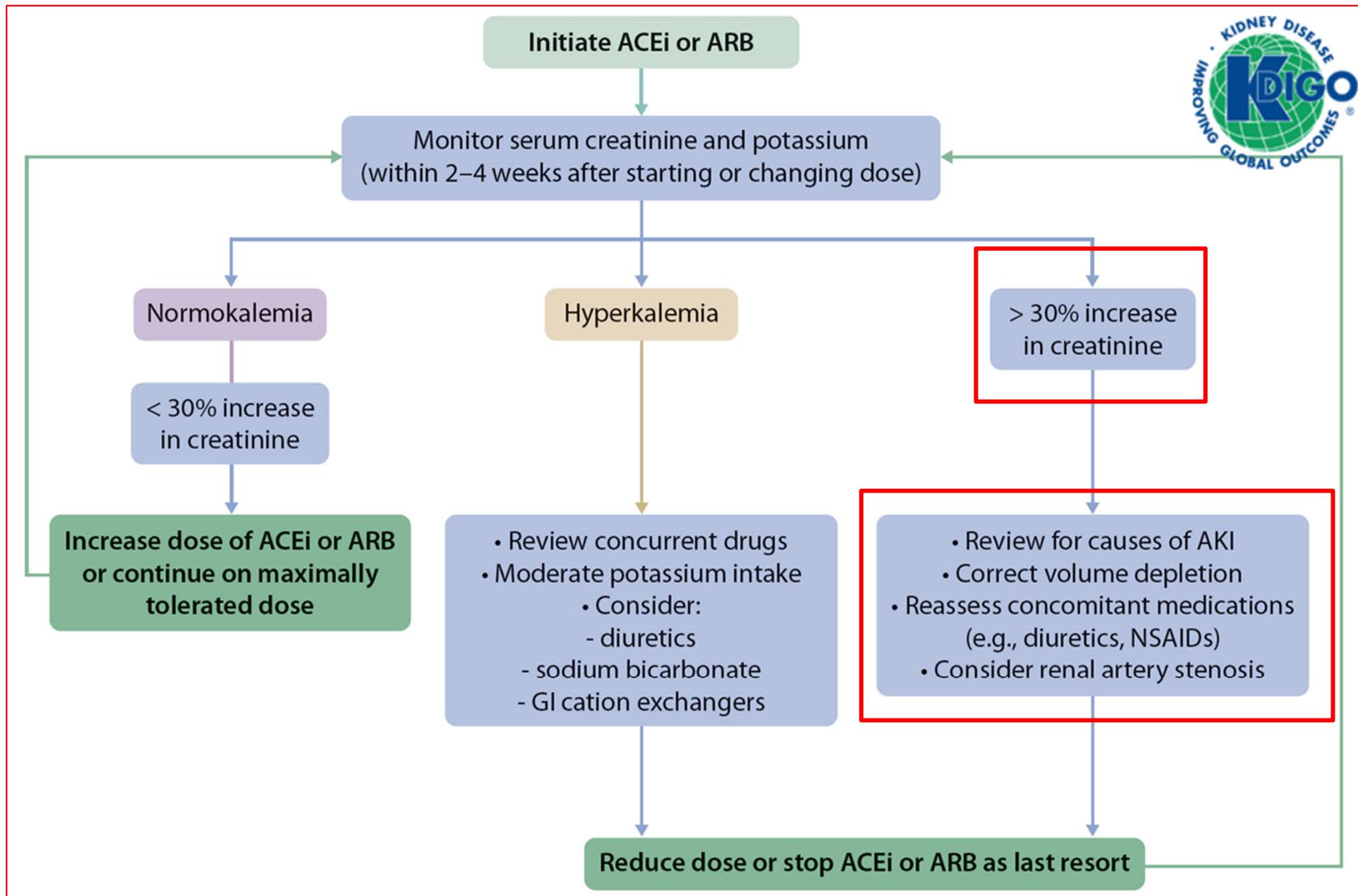
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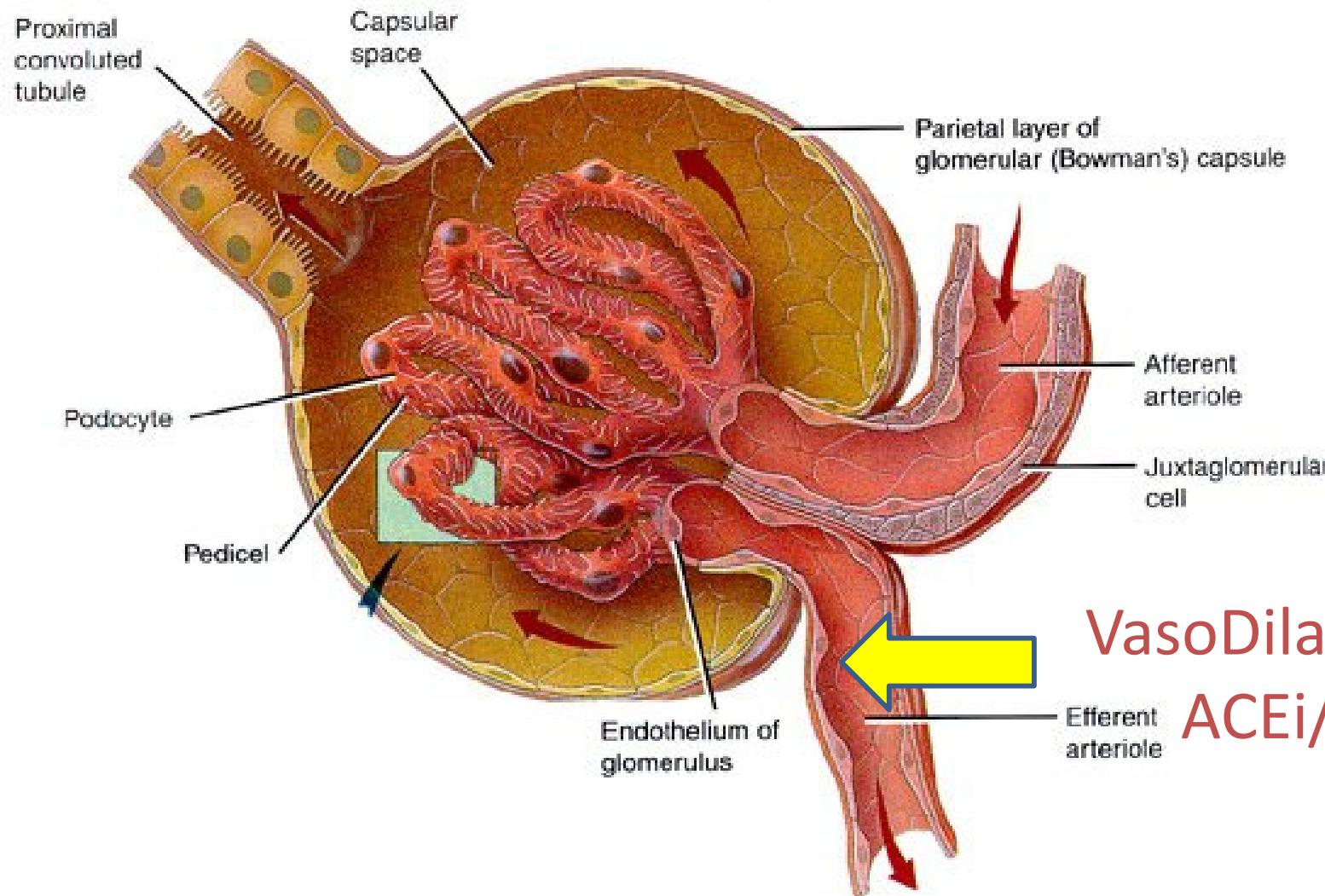


RAS blockade with albuminuria



Vaso-dilation efferent arteriole=

GFR + albuminuria

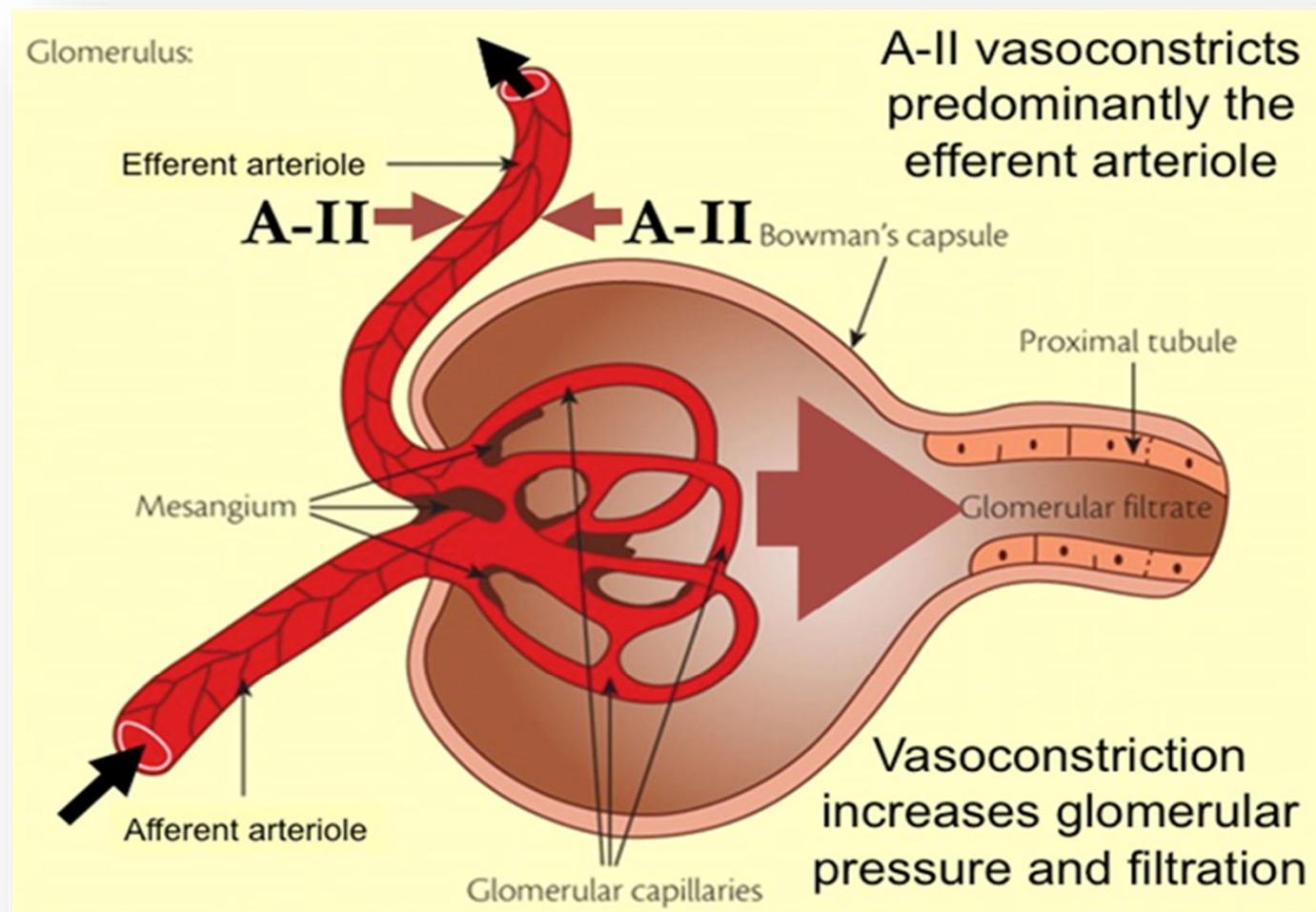


VasoDilation via
ACEi/ARBs



ACEi or ARBs even with advanced CKD

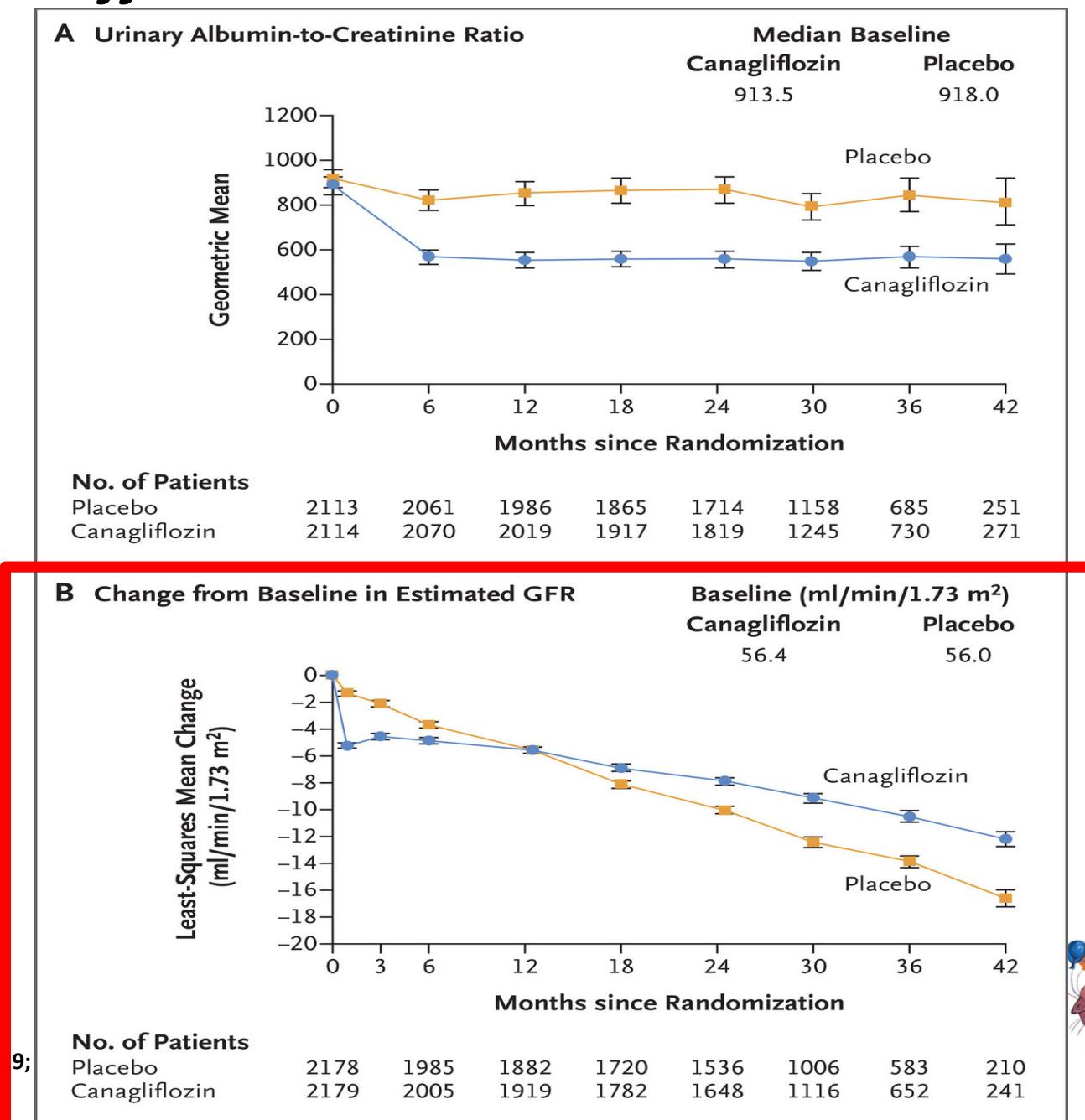
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20-30% → 40% bump in SCr is normal. This should be expected. Repeat labs in 2 weeks

CREDENCE- SGLT2i

Effects on GFR and albuminuria



SGLT2 Inhibitors

Outcome trials in type 2 DM

- Reduce risk of major adverse CVD Events
 - 3-point MACE (myocardial infarction, stroke, CVD death)
 - Heart failure (empagliflozin, canagliflozin, dapagliflozin)
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- Decrease severe albuminuria, decline in eGFR, and ESKD. SGLT2i enhance natriuresis, cause intravascular volume contraction and alter intra-renal hemodynamics, which probably contribute to beneficial effects on blood pressure, body weight and albuminuria



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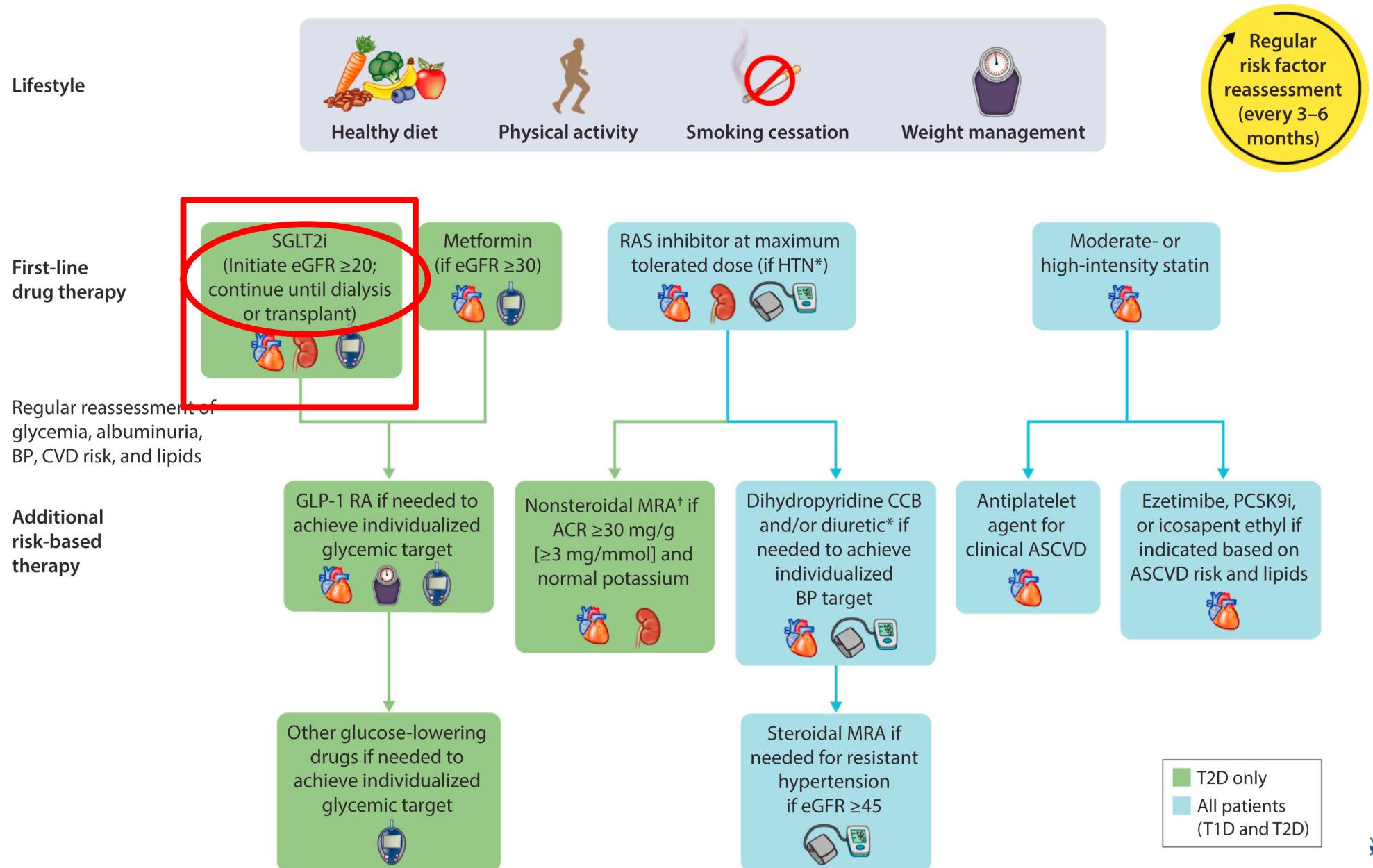
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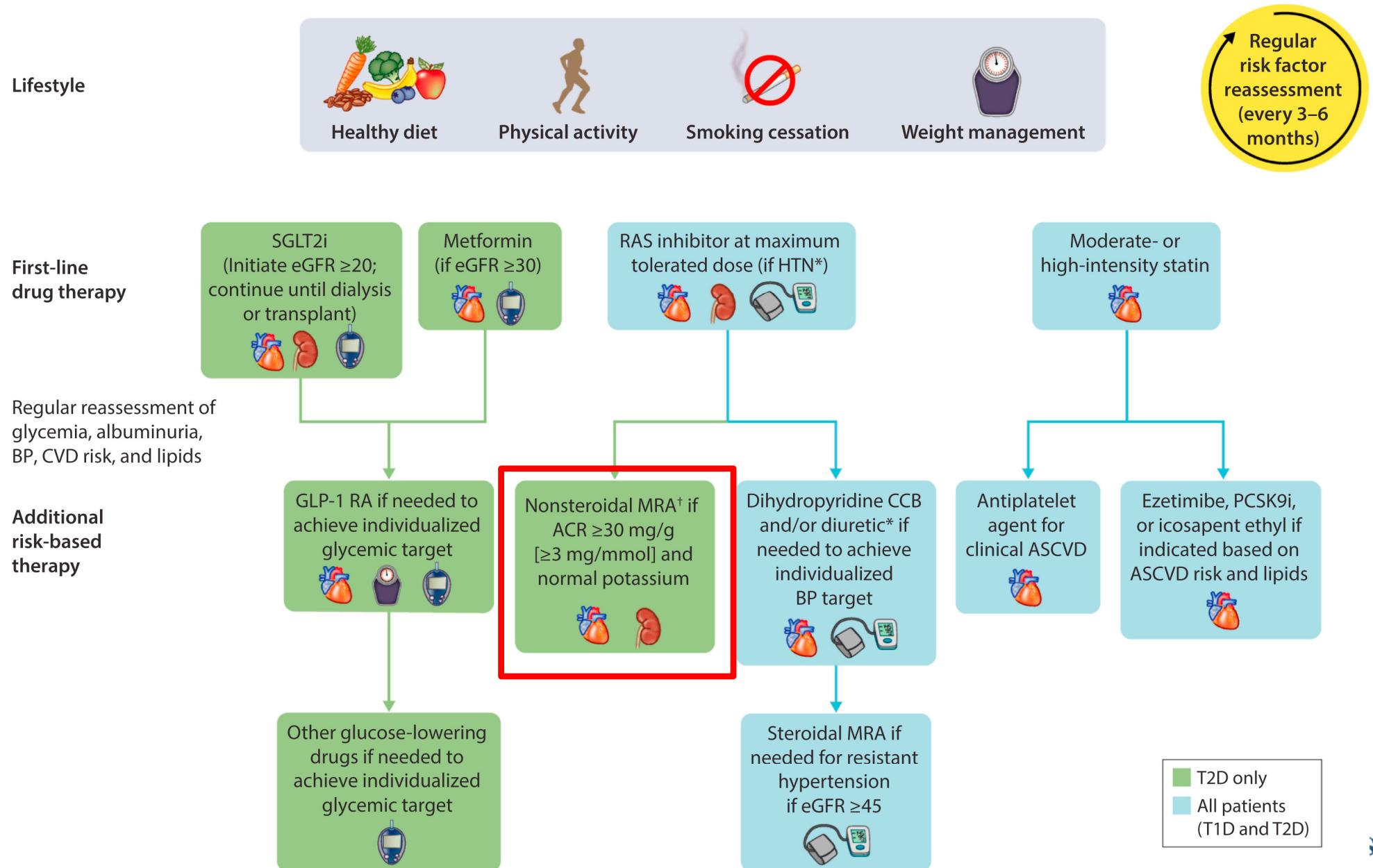
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