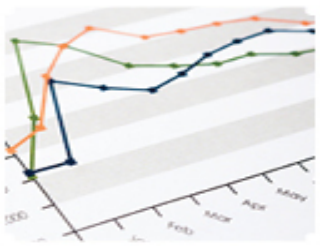


# HRSA Outreach Program

*Western Oklahoma Wellness*

*August 16, 2022*



# Agenda

- Housekeeping Items
- HRSA Outreach Program – Western Oklahoma Wellness
  - Jason Felts – OFMQ
- Updates in Chronic Kidney Disease
  - Meri Hix, PharmD, BCPS
    - Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice
    - SWOSU College of Pharmacy
- Questions & Closing

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- Counties We Work In:
  - Beckham, Greer, Kiowa, Washita, Roger Mills

# Funded Through HRSA

- We Work With:
  - **ONIE Project**: The Oklahoma Nutrition Information and Education (ONIE) Project promotes healthy living through innovative and creative strategies for communities, families and individuals.
  - **SWOSU Rural Health Center**: The RHC develops programs for community-based healthcare services collaborating with local pharmacies and hospitals for the advancement of the health and well-being of the medically underserved population in Oklahoma.
  - **Community Partners**: County-Specific Health Departments, State Health Department, OSU Extension, Town of Granite, Mangum Regional Hospital, Elkview General Hospital, Cordell Memorial Hospital, Roger Mills Hospital, City of Elk City
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# Updates in CKD

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# Disclosures

- Nothing to disclose

# Objectives

- Describe updates in definitions and screening for chronic kidney disease (CKD)
- Discuss prevention strategies and outcomes of CKD
- Collaborate in the management of complications after diagnosis of CKD

# Guidelines & Resources

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National Kidney Foundation ([kidney.org](https://www.kidney.org))

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Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO)

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Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative (KDOQI)



# Epidemiology

- In the US, 37 million adults with CKD while an estimated 90 percent are unaware
- Causes: HTN, DM, Glomerulonephritis, structural abnormalities, PCKD, autoimmune disorders
- Other risk factors: CAD, age, obesity, susceptible population group

# Defining

OR

## For 3 months

- Structural or functional abnormality of the kidney
  - Albuminuria, histologic, imaging, urine sediment, electrolytes
- + or - decline in GFR

## For 3 months

- GFR < 60 ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>
  - + or - kidney damage

# Staging

KDOQI Stages	KDIGO Categories	Damage & Terminology	GFR (ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	KDIGO Category	ACR (mg/g)	Daily Excretion (mg/24h)
Increased Risk		Risk factors	≥ 90			
Stage 1	G1	Kidney damage	≥ 90	A1	< 30	< 30
Stage 2	G2	Kidney damage, mild	60-89	A2	30-300	30-300
Stage 3	G3a	Mild to moderate decrease	45-59	A3	> 300	> 300
	G3b	Moderate to severe decrease	30-44			
Stage 4	G4	Severe decrease	15-29	A3 Nephrotic Range		> 3000
Stage 5	G5	Kidney failure	< 15			

# Determining the GFR

## Evolution of GFR estimations

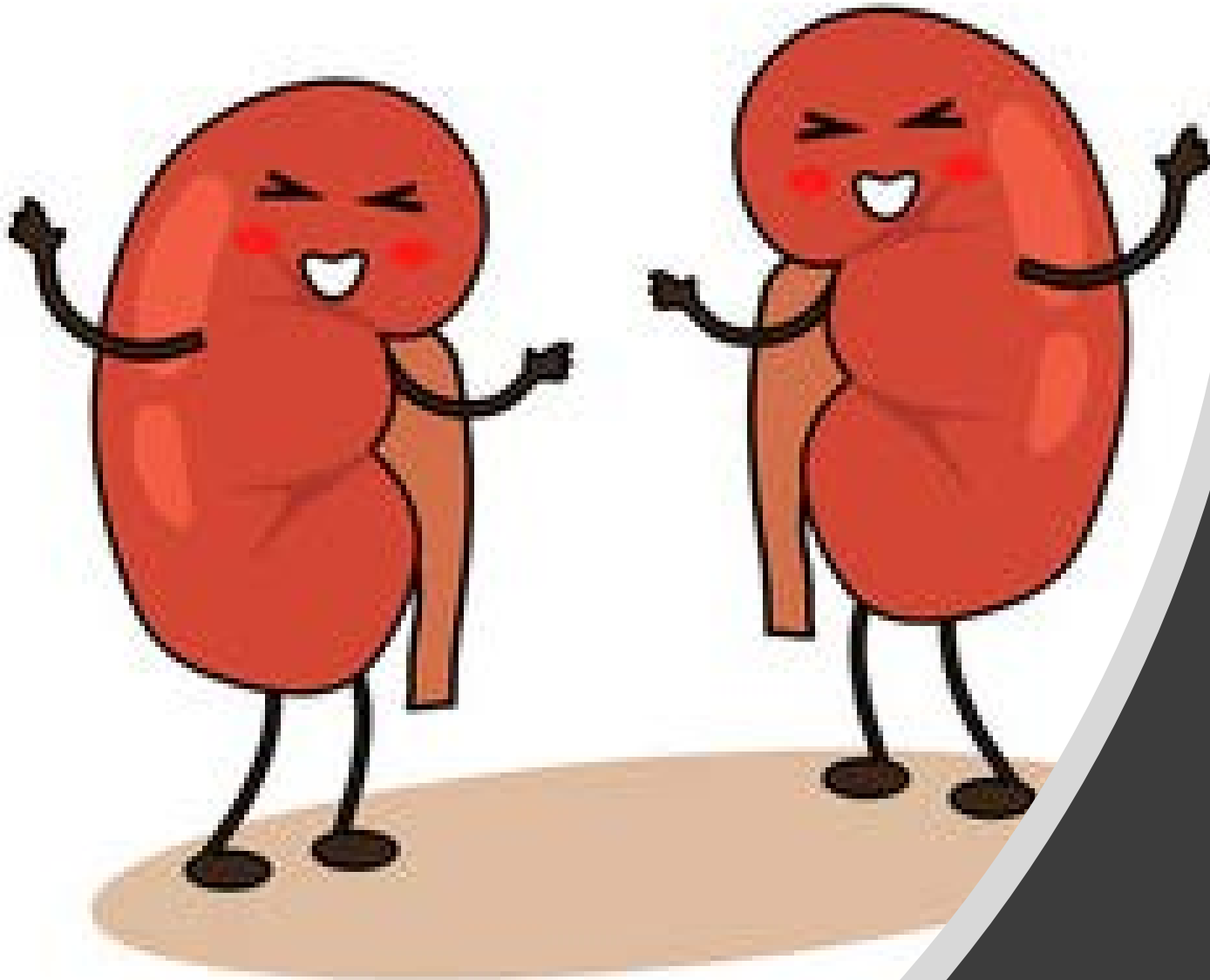
- 24-hour creatinine clearance, inulin clearance
  - Estimating equations (Cockcroft-Gault, Jelliffe, others)
    - ***Most drug-dosing***
- Estimating GFR equations
  - Modification of diet in renal disease (MDRD)
  - CKD-EPI (creatinine &/or cystatin C)
    - **Staging**



# Screening

- Redefining the diagnosis in 2021, standard screening recommendations from NKF and ASN
  - CKD-EPI equation – absence of race identifier
  - Urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio (uACR)
- CKD-EPI (Epidemiology Collaboration) equation
  - Serum creatinine, cystatin, or both
  - More accurate with higher GFRs (than MDRD)
  - Cystatin-containing estimation may be more accurate with muscle mass changes
  - 80-90% of eGFR<sub>cr</sub> or eGFR<sub>cys</sub> are within 30% of measured GFR
    - Combination eGFR<sub>cr</sub>-cys is more accurate

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# Prevention & Management Goals

# General Prevention & Management Goals

Lifestyle interventions

Blood pressure control

Diabetes control

Address proteinuria

Anemia treatment

Lipid management

Avoidance of nephrotoxic agents

# Lifestyle Interventions

## To lower blood pressure in CKD

- Sodium restriction < 2 g/day (2C)
  - Cautious use of diets rich in potassium (K+) (e.g. DASH)
- Moderate intensity exercise (2C)

## In patients with DM & CKD

- *Moderate intensity exercise (1D)*
- Smoking cessation (1D)
- Protein intake of 0.8 g/kg ABW/day (2C)

# Blood Pressure Control (not on dialysis)

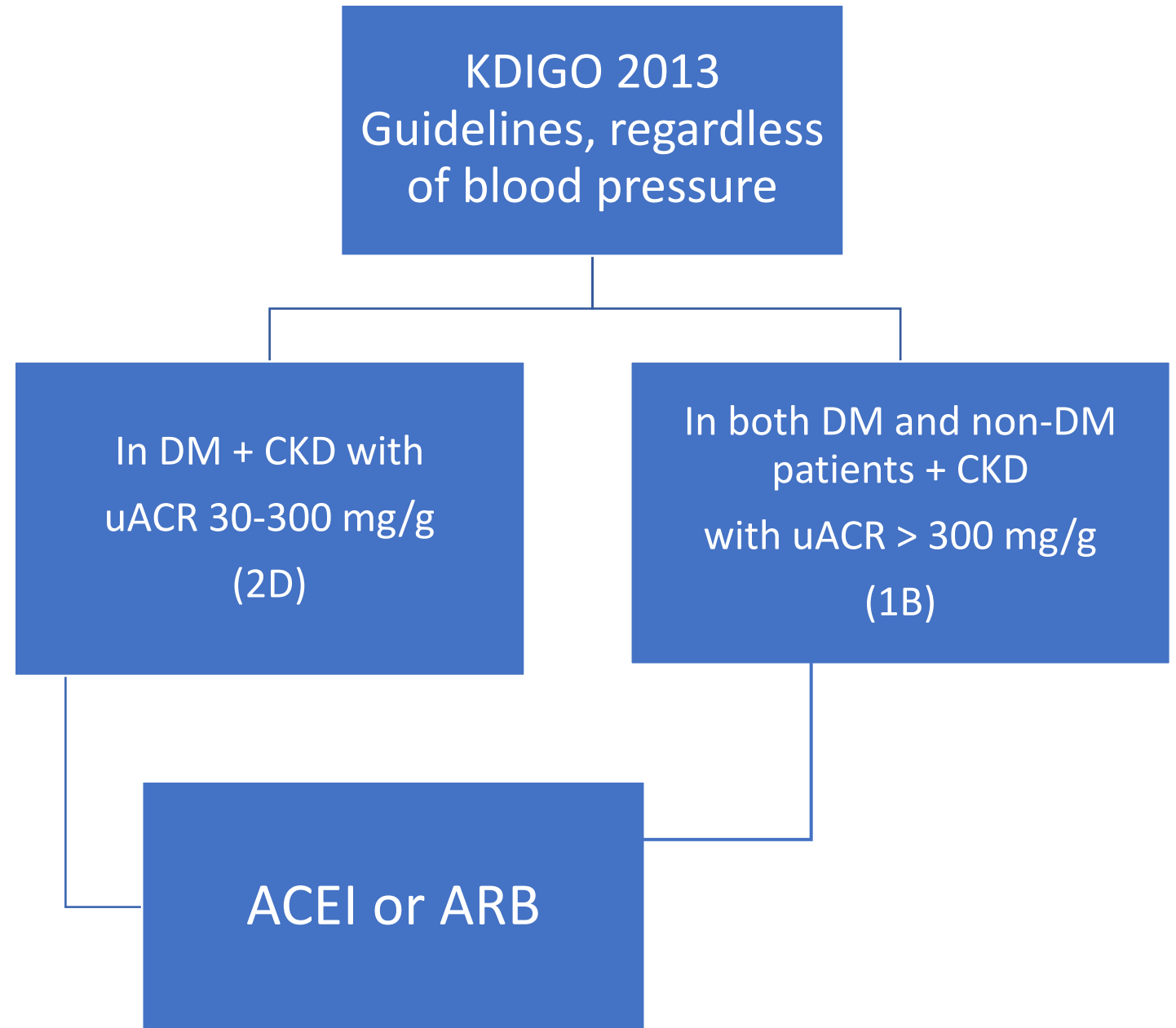
KDIGO 2012	uACR (mg/g)	BP Goal (mmHg)	Grade
DM and non-DM	<30	≤140/90	1B
	≥30	≤130/80	2D

KDIGO 2021	Target BP (mmHg)	Grade
With high BP, + or - DM	SBP < 120, if tolerated, using standard office BP measurements	2B

# Glycemic Control

KDIGO 2020	eGFR (ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	Treatment	Grade	Target A1C
T2DM, CKD	≥ 30	Metformin*	1B	Individualized <6.5 to <8%
		SGLT2	1A	
Hemoglobin A1C target not achieved or unable to use above agents, then				
T2DM, CKD	n/a	Long-acting GLP1 RA (or patient preference)	1B	Grade 1C
*Metformin should be discontinued when eGFR < 30 ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup>				

# Proteinuria Approach



## KDIGO 2013

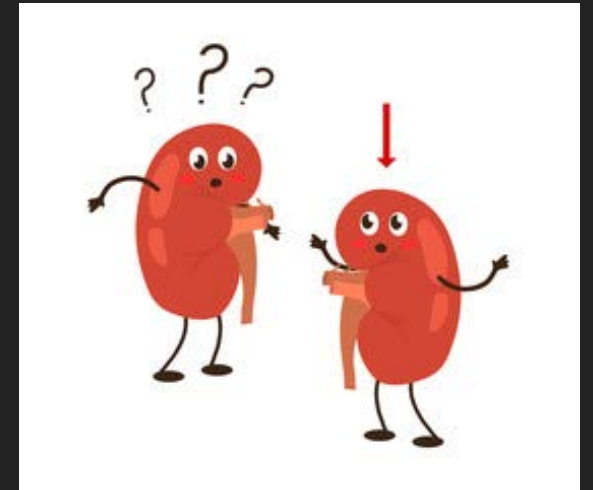
Target group	GFR Category or function	Treatment	Grade
≥ 50 years old	G1-G2	Statin	1B
	G3a-G5, not on dialysis or transplant recipient	Statin ± ezetimibe	1A
Any	Dialysis-dependent	Treatment not recommended	2A
Any, already on Rx	New dialysis	Continue treatment	2C
Transplant recipient		Statin	2B
18-49 years old	Not on dialysis or transplant recipient, if <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAD</li><li>• DM</li><li>• Prior ischemic stroke</li><li>• 10-year CV risk &gt;10%</li></ul>	Statin	2A

# Lipid Management

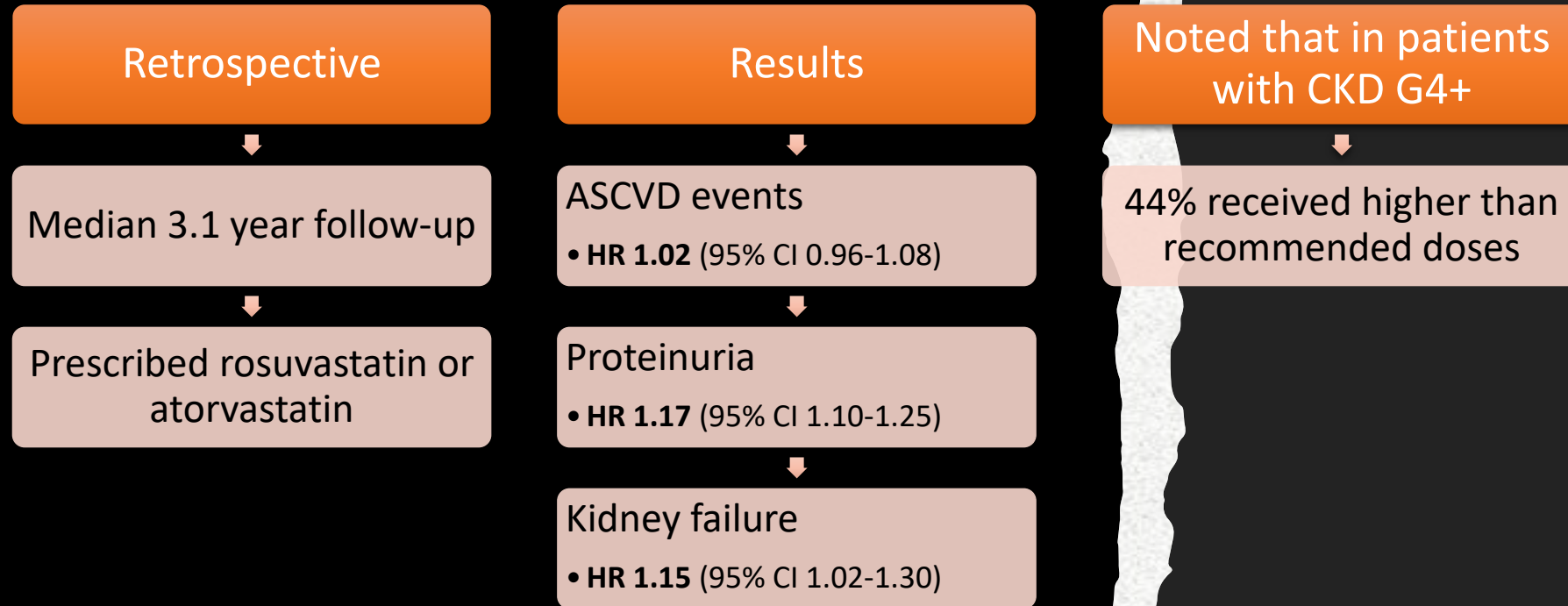


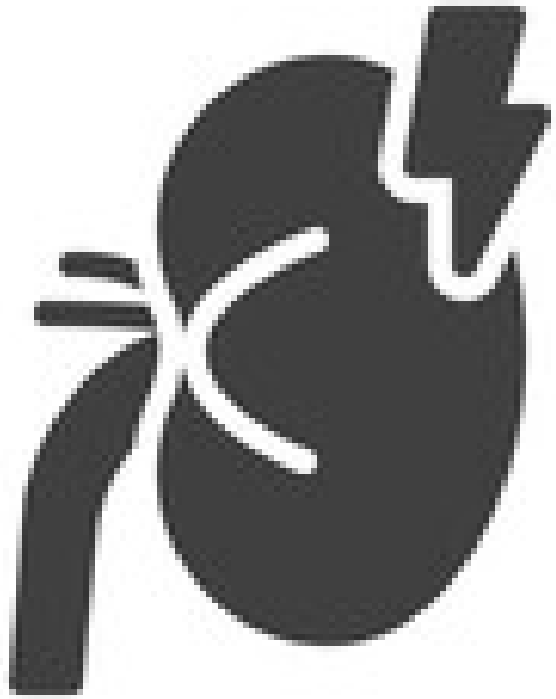
# Nephrotoxic Agents

- Renal elimination of drugs versus nephrotoxicity
- Common agents
  - Certain antibiotics → aminoglycosides, vancomycin
  - Contrast dyes → less common
  - Drug combinations
    - vancomycin plus piperacillin/tazobactam
    - ACEIs plus sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim
  - NSAIDs, chronic use of analgesics
  - Proton Pump Inhibitors
  - Rosuvastatin?



# Rosuvastatin





# Treatment Effects on Chronic Kidney Disease

# Treating CKD

- Renin-angiotensin-system inhibitors (RASi)
  - Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors (ACEIs)
  - Angiotensin Receptor Blockers (ARBs)
- Sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitors (SGLT2s)
- Nonsteroidal mineralocorticoid antagonist

# RASi

Titrate to highest tolerated dose

Monitor BP, K+, and Cr every 2-4 weeks after initiation or dose change

Discontinue or reduce dose if

- 30% increase in Cr after initiation or dose change
- Symptomatic hypotension or uncontrolled hyperkalemia ***despite treatment***

## KDIGO 2021

HTN	GFR	Albuminuria	Treatment	Grade
Without DM	G1-G4	A3	RASi	1B recommended
		A2	RASi	2C suggested
With DM	G1-G4	A2 and A3	RASi	1B recommended
+ or - DM	G1-G4	A1	RASi	Reasonable to start

RASi = renin-angiotensin-system inhibitors (ie, ACEIs or ARBS)

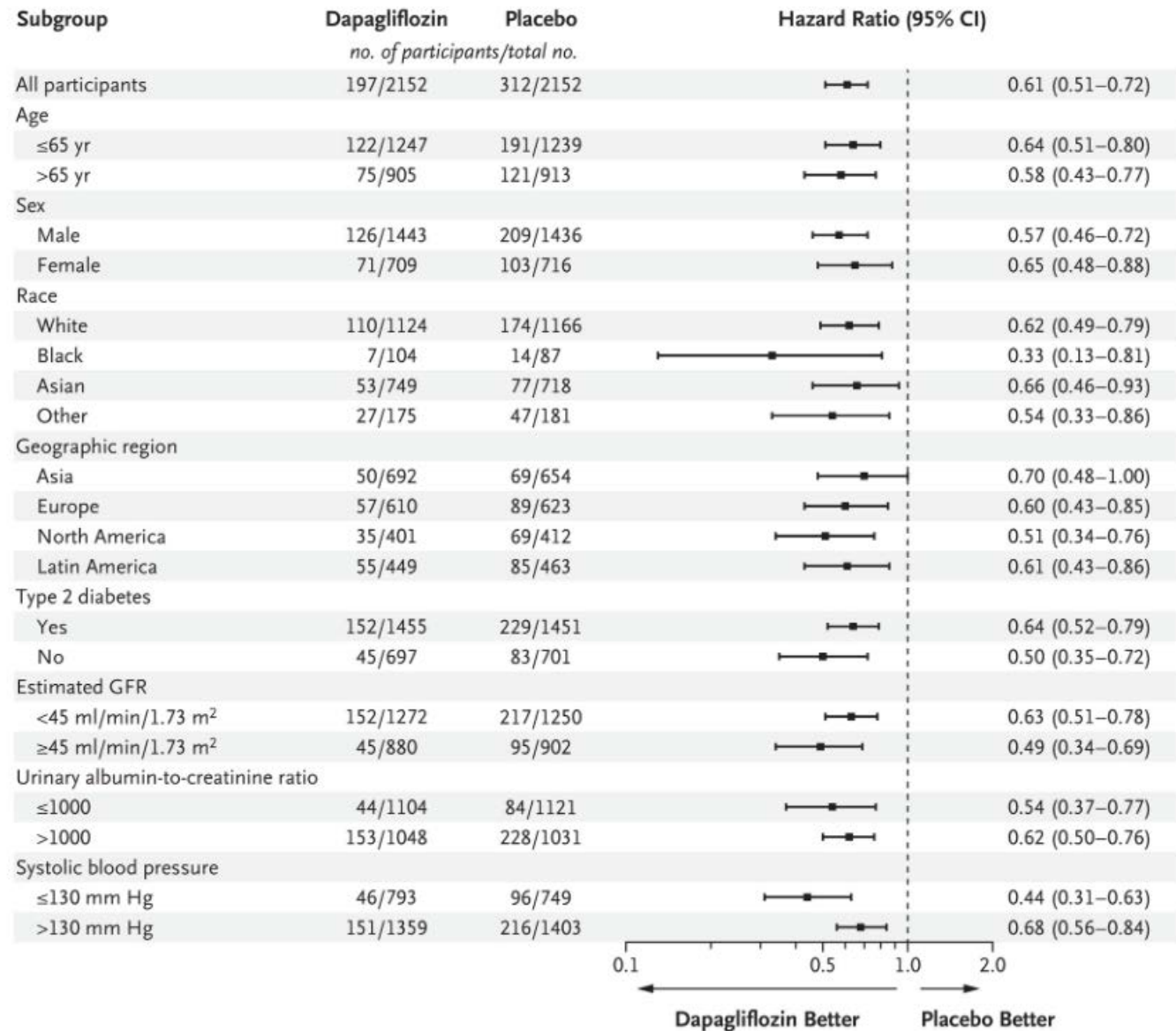
# SGLT2 Inhibitors

- Broadly favorable effects on both major cardiovascular outcomes and kidney outcomes
- May cause transient GFR decrease
- Increased urinary output

FDA Approvals	CKD	DKD
Canagliflozin	No	Yes
Dapagliflozin	Yes	Yes
Empagliflozin	No	Yes (off-label)
Ertugliflozin	No	No

# SGLT2 Inhibitors

	Study Population	Pre-Randomization Characteristics	Kidney Outcomes	Results	Other findings
CREDENCE, 2019 <b>Canagliflozin</b> , CKD & T2DM	uACR 300-5000 mg/g, eGFR 30-<90, A1C 6.5-12%	RASi dose maximized & stable, excluded NYHA IV	Composite of ESKD, 2x Cr, renal or CV death	<b>43.2 vs 61.2 per 1000 py, HR 0.7 (0.59-0.82)</b>	27% drop out rate  CV Secondary outcomes showed significantly reduced risk
DAPA-CKD, 2020 <b>Dapagliflozin</b> , , CKD	uACR 200-5000 mg/g, eGFR 25-75	If on RASi, dose maximized & stable, Excluded T1DM, PCKD, NYHA IV + or – DM	Composite of ≥ 50% in the eGFR, ESKD, renal or CV death	<b>9.2 vs 14.5%, HR 0.61 (0.51-0.72)</b>	~13% drop out rate  <b>Kidney outcomes without DM, HR 0.5 (0.35-0.72)</b>



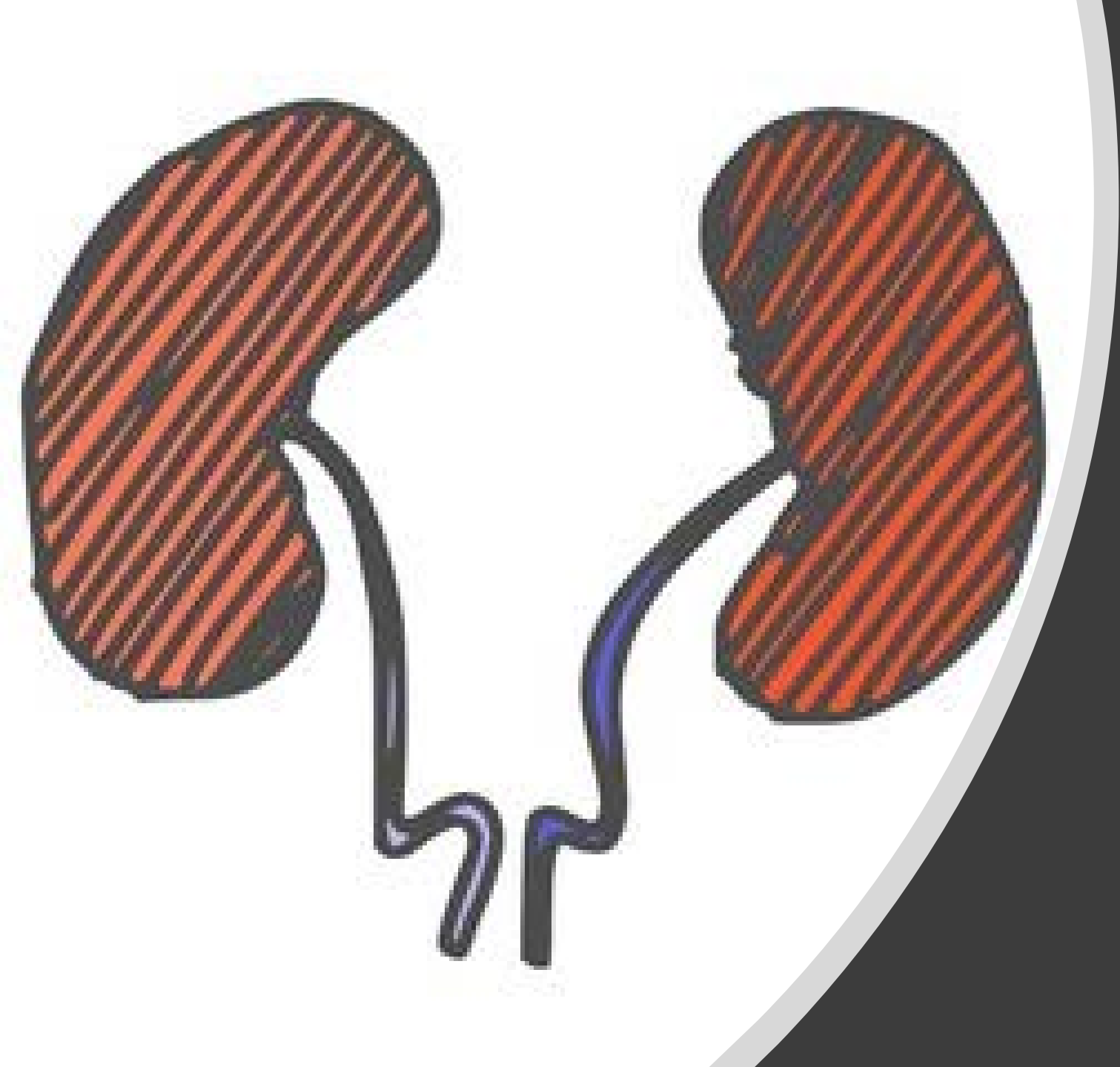


# Finerenone

- Kerendia<sup>®</sup>
- Nonsteroidal mineralocorticoid antagonist
- Contraindicated with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors and adrenal insufficiency
- Dose adjustments based on eGFR and serum K<sup>+</sup>
- Use in HTN with non-diabetic CKD not established

# Finerenone

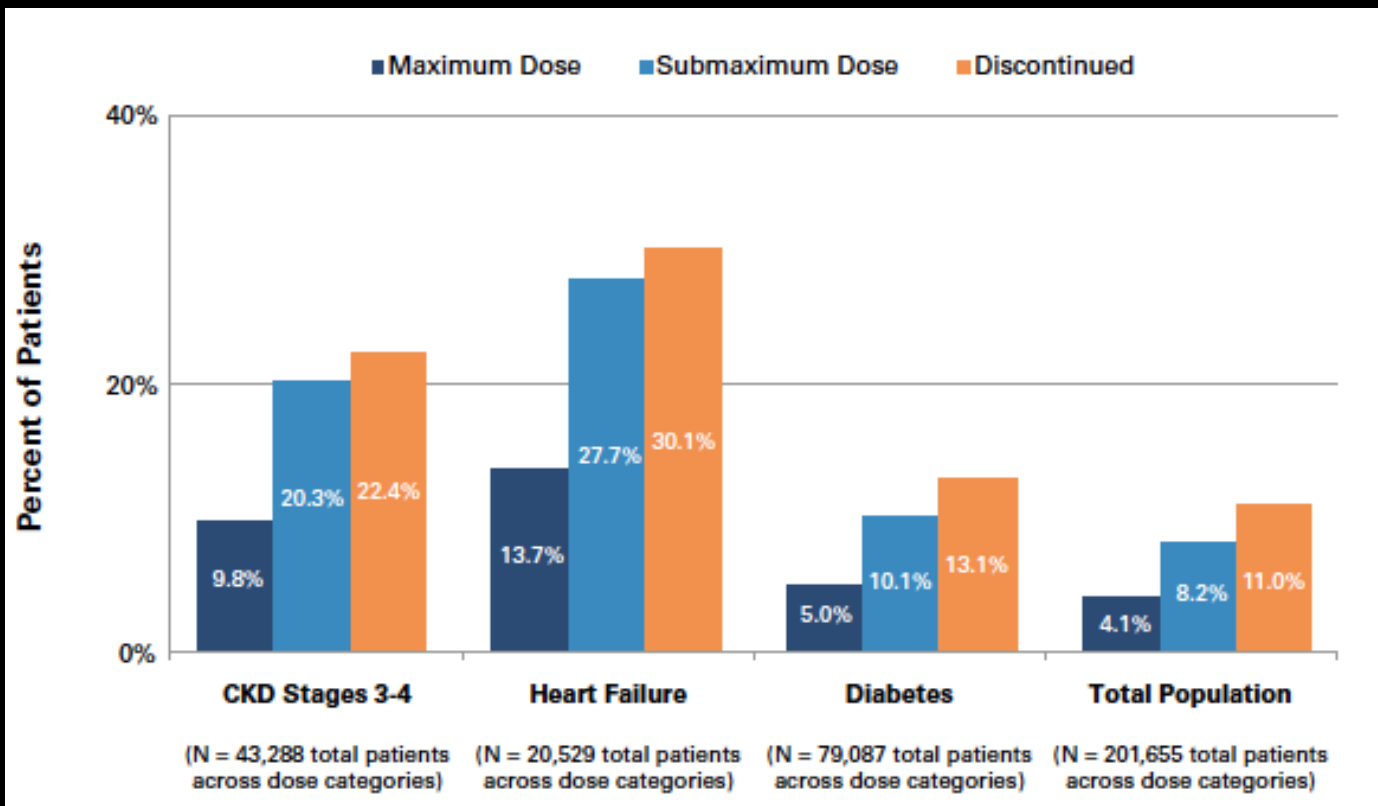
	Study Population	Pre-Randomization Characteristics	Kidney Outcomes	Results	Other Outcomes	Results
FIDELIO-DKD, 2020 (CKD and T2DM)	uACR 30-<300 mg/g, eGFR 25-<60, retinopathy OR uACR 300-5000 mg/g, eGFR 25-<75	RASi dose maximized Excluded symptomatic HFrEF	Composite of kidney failure, decrease of $\geq$ 40% in the eGFR, or death from renal causes	<b>17.8 vs 21.1%, HR 0.82 (0.73-0.93)</b>	Composite of CV death, nonfatal MI, nonfatal stroke, or HF hospitalization	<b>13 vs 14.8%, HR 0.86 (0.75-0.99)</b>
FIGARO-DKD, 2021 (CKD and T2DM)	uACR 30-<300 mg/g + eGFR 25-90 OR uACR 300-5000 mg/g + eGFR $\geq$ 60	RASi dose maximized Excluded symptomatic HFrEF Metformin use not reported	Composite of kidney failure, decrease of $\geq$ 40% in the eGFR, or death from renal causes	<b>9.5 vs 10.8%, HR 0.87 (0.76-1.01)</b>	Composite of CV death, nonfatal MI, nonfatal stroke, or HF hospitalization	<b>12.4 vs 14.2%, HR 0.87 (0.76 to 0.98)</b>



# Common Complications & Management Options

# Common Complications

- Hyperkalemia
- Hypocalcemia & hyperphosphatemia
- Hyperparathyroidism
- Anemia

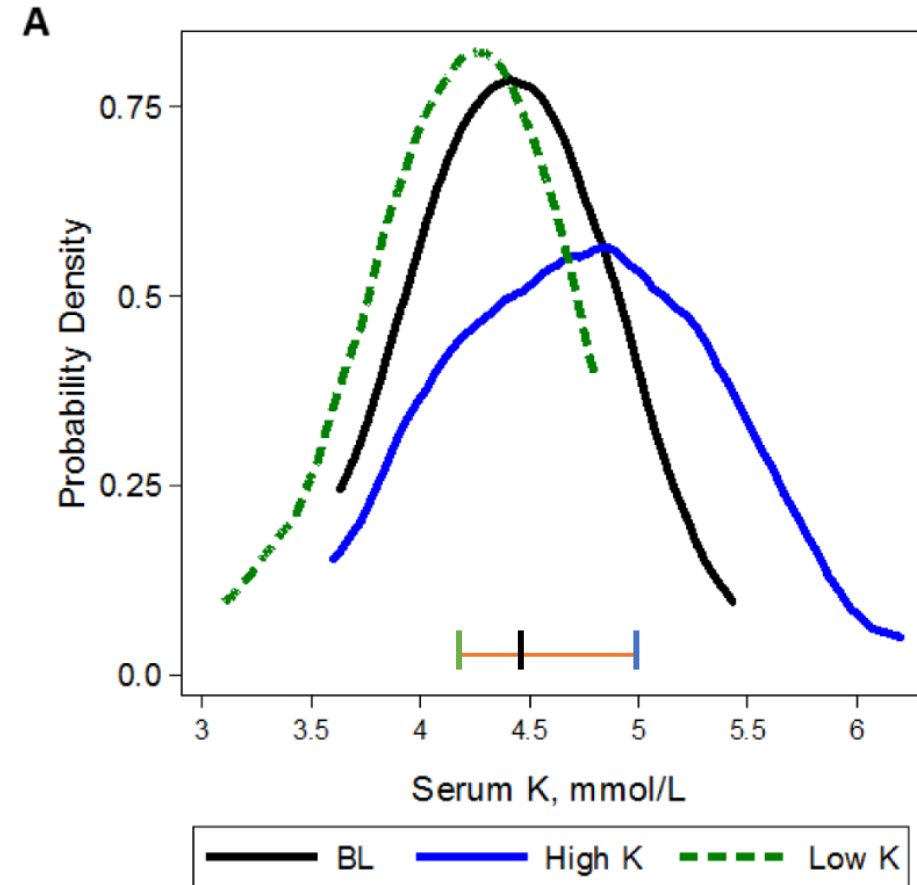


## Hyperkalemia: RASi Dose and Mortality

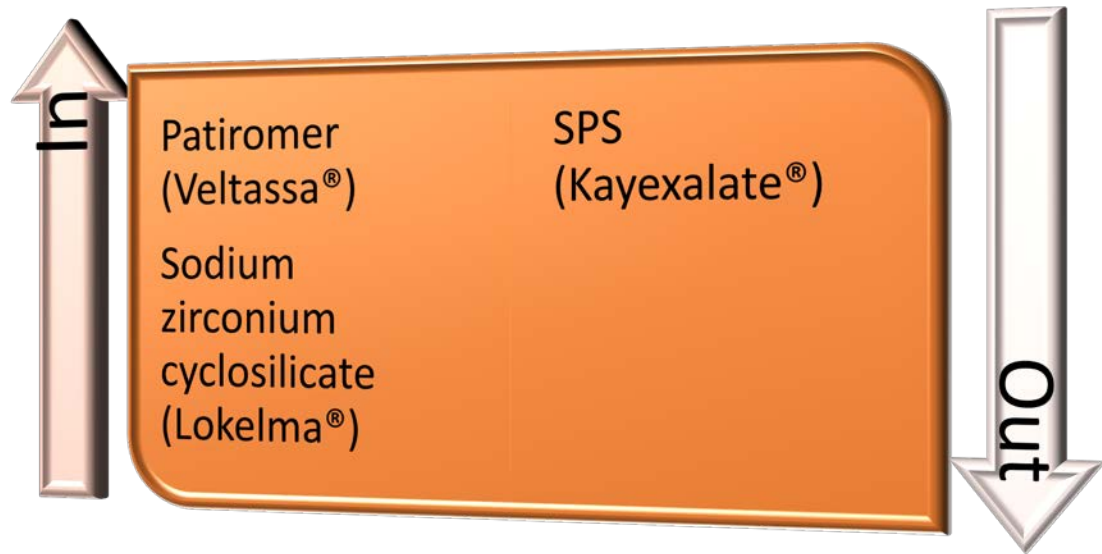
- Guideline directed medical therapy recommend “Maximally tolerated doses”
- Mortality endpoints in CKD & HF studies reported at higher doses than often achieved in the “real world”
- Mortality at sub-maximum doses increases across disease states

# Hyperkalemia & Dietary Intake

- As GFR decreases, higher portion of K<sup>+</sup> elimination shifts to GI
- n= 29
- Crossover, CKD Stage 3
- 1 week after consuming high vs low K<sup>+</sup> diets



# Potassium Exchange Resins



	K+ decrease (mEq/L)	Dose
OPAL-HK (Pat) – 4 wk	1.01 (95%, 1.07-0.95)	12.8-21.4 g/day, average
AMETHYST-DN (Pat) – 1 year	0.51 (95%, 0.38-0.64)	8.4 g twice daily, initial dose
HARMONIZE (SZC) – 28 days	0.6 (95%, 0.5-0.6)	10g, initial

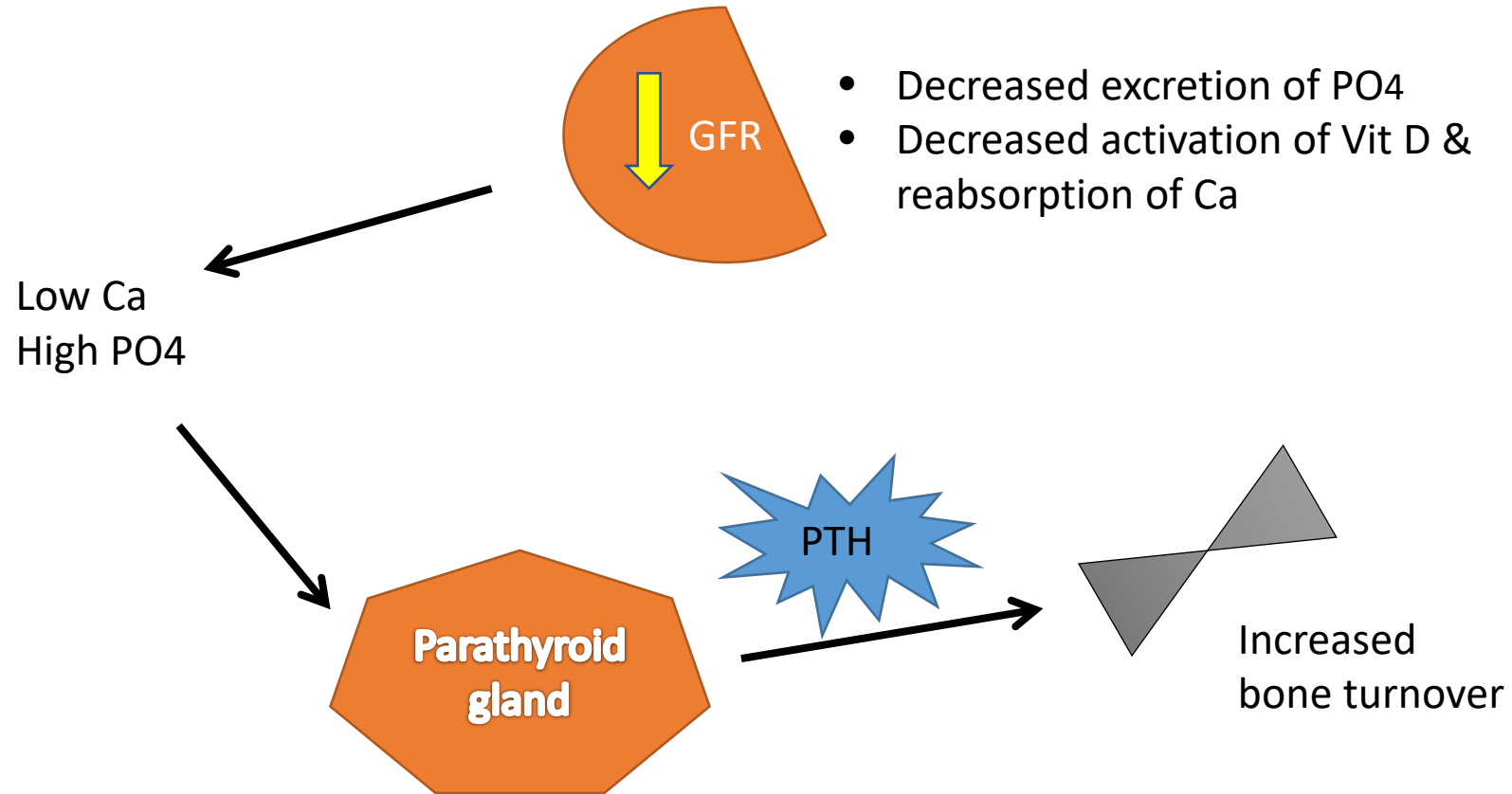
# Long-Term Efficacy & Safety

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- Open-Label extension of HARMONIZE study with SZC + RASi (n=83)
- Dose maintained in most patients: 10 g/day
- Adverse events reported: 67% of patients
  - GI: 18.7%
  - HTN: 12.2%
  - UTI: 8.9%
  - Edema: 8.1%
- Mean serum K<sup>+</sup> ≤5.1 mEq/L maintained in 76.6–87.5% of patients
- Maintained or increased RASi dose: 86%



# Mineral & Bone Disorders



# As GFR decreases...

## Less sensitivity to PTH-mediated effects on $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ and $\text{PO}_4$ reabsorption

- PTH normally enhances reabsorption of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and decreases reabsorption of  $\text{PO}_4$

## Renal activation of Vitamin D

- Declines

## Approach to treatment

- Evaluate and treat modifiable causes (diet, Ca,  $\text{PO}_4$ , Vitamin D)
- Re-evaluate PTH for worsening/persistence

## Targets

- CKD 3a-5: optimal levels of iPTH unknown
- Dialysis: iPTH 2 to 9x normal levels

# Frequency of Monitoring

## KDIGO 2017

CKD Category	Calcium & Phosphate	PTH	Alkaline Phosphatase	Vitamin D 25(OH)D
G3a-b	Q6-12 months	Based on progression		Initial and based on GFR progression & interventions
G4	Q3-6 months	Q6-12 months	Q12 months	
G5 & G5D	Q1-3 months	Q3-6 months	Q12 months	

- Monitor serum Ca, PO<sub>4</sub>, PTH, and alkaline phosphatase activity beginning in CKD G3a (1C)

# Calcium Supplementation

## When to treat hypocalcemia?

- Symptomatic
- High PO<sub>4</sub>
- Vitamin D deficiency-related hypocalcemia

## Avoid hypercalcemia

## Treat with calcium products and Vitamin D as with general population

- Inactive Vitamin D products (ergocalciferol, cholecalciferol)

# Phosphate Binders

## Target of therapy

- Initiate treatment when persistently high
- Phosphate levels *toward* normal range

## Regimen considerations

- Administered with meals & snacks
- Empiric dosing
- Titrate based on PO<sub>4</sub> levels
- May use combination of calcium-based and non-calcium based binders

## Calcium-based

Calcium acetate (PhosLo) > Calcium carbonate

## Non-calcium based

Sevelamer (Renvela®)

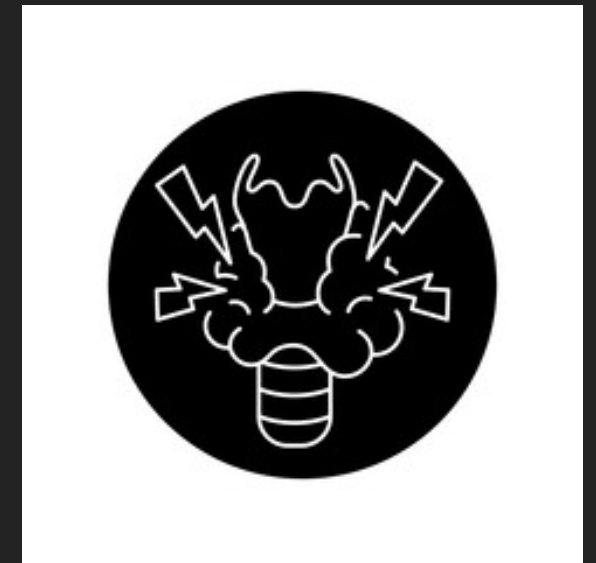
Lanthanum (Fosrenol®)

Ferric citrate (Auryxia®)

Sucroferric oxyhydroxide (Velporo®)

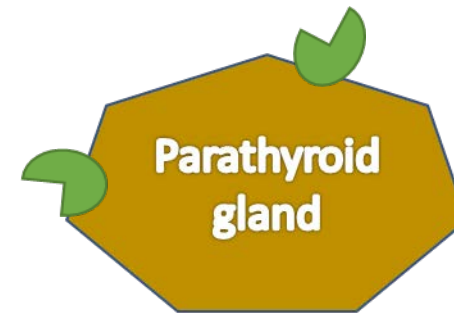
# Hyperparathyroidism

- Optimal levels of PTH for non-dialysis patients not established
- Calcitriol and vitamin D analogs
  - Reserved for patients with CKD G4–G5 with severe and progressive hyperparathyroidism (Not Graded)
- Discontinue if hypercalcemia or hyperphosphatemia develops



# Calcimimetics

- Cinacalcet (Sensipar<sup>®</sup>) and Etelcalcetide (Parsabiv<sup>®</sup>)
  - Sensitize the calcium-sensing receptors on parathyroid gland
- Reserved for CKD 5D, secondary hyperparathyroidism
- Standard initial dosing, titrate based on PTH response
- May use in combination with Vitamin D, PO<sub>4</sub> binders
- Do not use in hypocalcemia
- Nausea



# Anemia of CKD



Anemia  
monitoring in non-  
dialysis patients

- Without anemia, G3-G5: 1-2x/year
- With anemia, G3-G5: q 3 months

Anemia screening  
includes

- CBC with differential
- Retic counts
- Ferritin
- TSAT%
- B12 and Folate



# Epo & Iron Administration

## Iron replacement when TSAT% $\leq 30\%$ , ferritin $\leq 500$ mcg/L

- Check iron status every 3 months
- Trial IV iron regardless of dialysis status
- May try oral iron for 1-3 months

## Erythropoietin stimulating agents

- EPO, Darbepoetin
- In CKD 5D patients, initiate when Hgb between 9-10 g/dL
- Hyporesponsiveness if Hgb does not increase after 1 month
- Target Hgb not more than 11.5 g/dL

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# Questions?



# Upcoming Events

- **WOW Consortium Meeting**
  - Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> (2-3pm)
  - Microsoft Teams
- ***Webinar Series: Inpatient Glycemic Control***
  - Mary Shreffler, OU Health
  - Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> (12-1pm)
- ***Webinar Series: Food Insecurity in Rural Communities***
  - Hunger Free Oklahoma
  - Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> (TBD)

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