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# Monthly Campaign Webinar

## November 19, 2020

# Today's Webinar

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  - ECHO Diabetes Webinar Series
- Addressing Kidney Health in Type 2 Diabetes: Gaps between Guidelines and Clinical Practice
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# Webinar Reminders

- Webinar will be recorded today and available the week of November 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - [www.Together2Goal.org](http://www.Together2Goal.org)
- Participants are encouraged to ask questions using the “Chat” and “Q&A” functions on the right side of your screen



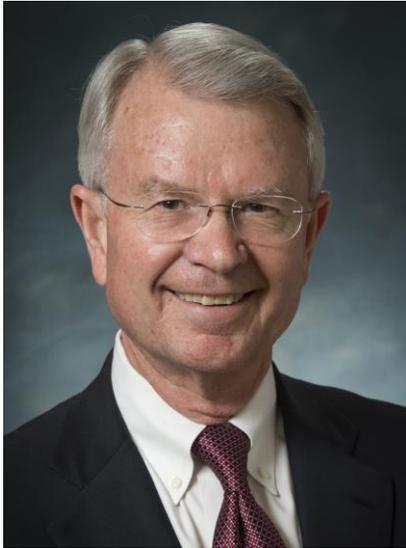
# ECHO Diabetes Webinar Series



<https://med.stanford.edu/cme/diabetescovid.html>

# Today's Featured Presenters

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# Addressing Kidney Health in Type 2 Diabetes: Gaps between Guidelines and Clinical Practice.

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## T2G: Accomplishments

- Improved care for 1 million people with type 2 diabetes by 2019 Q1 (+336,000 remained in control)
- T2G Bundle Collaborative—A1c, BP, lipids/statins, nephropathy
- T2G Innovator Tracks
  - Cardiovascular disease (lipid management)
  - Retinopathy screening

### *Opportunities to raise the bar for people with diabetes*

- Kidney Health Evaluation Measure (HEDIS): annual testing of urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio (uACR)
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G3b Moderately to severely decreased 30-44	Orange	Orange	Red	Red	Red
G4 Severely decreased 15-29	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
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# Relative Risk of Complications of CKD, by eGFR and uACR



**Ranking of adjusted relative risk**

- Rank numbers 1-8
- Rank numbers 9-14
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**Cardiovascular mortality**

	ACR <10	ACR 10-29	ACR 30-299	ACR ≥300
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**Kidney failure (ESRD)**

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## Relative risks of major complications of chronic kidney disease based upon categorical meta-analysis

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Summary of categorical meta-analysis (adjusted relative risk) for general population cohorts with ACR. Mortality is reported for general population cohorts assessing albuminuria as urine ACR. Kidney outcomes are reported for general population cohorts assessing albuminuria as either urine ACR or dipstick. eGFR and albuminuria are expressed as categorical variables. All results are adjusted for covariates and compared with the Ref. Each cell represents a pooled RR from a meta-analysis; bold numbers indicate statistical significance at  $p < 0.05$ . Incidence rates per 1000 person-years for the reference cells are 7.0 for all-cause mortality, 4.5 for CVD mortality, 0.04 for kidney failure, 0.98 for AKI, and 2.02 for kidney disease progression. Absolute risk can be computed by multiplying the RRs in each cell by the incidence rate in the reference cell. Colors reflect the ranking of adjusted RR. The point estimates for each cell were ranked from 1 to 28 (the lowest RR having rank number 1, and the highest number 28). The categories with rank numbers 1 through 8 are green; rank numbers 9 through 14 are yellow; rank numbers 15 through 21 are orange; and rank numbers 22 through 28 are colored red. (For the outcome of kidney disease progression, two cells with RR of 1.0 are also green, leaving fewer cells as orange.)

RR: relative risk; ACR: albumin creatinine ratio; eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate; Ref: reference cell; ESRD: end-stage renal disease; AKI: acute kidney injury; CKD: chronic kidney disease; CVD: cardiovascular disease.  
\* Dipstick included (-, ±, +, ≥++).

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## Background

- Among people with type 2 diabetes, ~33% also have chronic kidney disease (CKD)
  - Most people with CKD are unaware of it
- For screening and management, ADA recommends testing at least annually with:
  - Estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR), from serum creatinine, **and**
  - Urinary albumin-creatinine ratio (uACR)
    - Multiple methods of testing for urine protein are used in clinical practice
    - uACR is recommended: standardized, sensitive, and specific
- Specific ADA recommendations for second-line agents for glycemic control
  - GLP-1 RAs or SGLT2 inhibitors are preferred for patients with established, or high risk of, ASCVD, CKD, or heart failure
  - Reduce risk of CKD progression and cardiovascular events

# eGFR and uACR Categories

- Both tests must be used
  - to identify new or undiagnosed CKD
  - to risk-stratify patients with CKD
- CKD diagnosis: decreased kidney function or increased damage for  $\geq 3$  months
  - eGFR  $< 60$  ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> or
  - uACR  $\geq 30$  mg/g
- Half** of patients with CKD had elevated uACR *without* decreased eGFR (=22/43)
  - These patients not identified by eGFR

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\* Bailey RA, Wang Y, Zhu V, Rupnow MF. Chronic kidney disease in US adults with type 2 diabetes: an updated national estimate of prevalence based on Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) staging. BMC Res Notes. 2014;7:415. Published 2014 Jul 2. doi:10.1186/1756-0500-7-415

# eGFR and uACR Categories

- CMS HCC RAF scores
  - CKD Stage 3 (HCC 138, RAF 0.069)
  - CKD Stage 4 (HCC 137, RAF 0.289)
  - CKD Stage 5 (HCC 136, RAF 0.289)
- Predictors of future health care costs and utilization

Class	PMPM	Admission per 1,000
1	\$ 650	95
2	\$ 932	165
3	\$ 1,306	363
4	\$ 1,172	312
5	\$ 2,362	591

Vassalotti JA, DeVinney R, Lukasik S, et al. CKD quality improvement intervention with PCMH integration: health plan results. *Am J Manag Care.* 2019;25(11):e326-e333.

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# Quality Measures for CKD in Diabetes

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- **Medical Attention for Nephropathy (traditional measure, used in T2G):**  
Percentage of patients who had a nephropathy screening test or evidence of nephropathy
  - any urine protein test **OR**
  - diagnosis of nephropathy **OR**
  - visit with a nephrologist **OR**
  - prescribing ACE-i or ARB
  
- **Kidney Health Evaluation (new measure, HEDIS Measurement Year 2020):**  
Percentage of patients who received kidney health evaluation
  - eGFR **AND**
  - Urine Albumin-Creatinine Ratio (uACR)

# Issues with Current Medical Attention for Nephropathy Measure

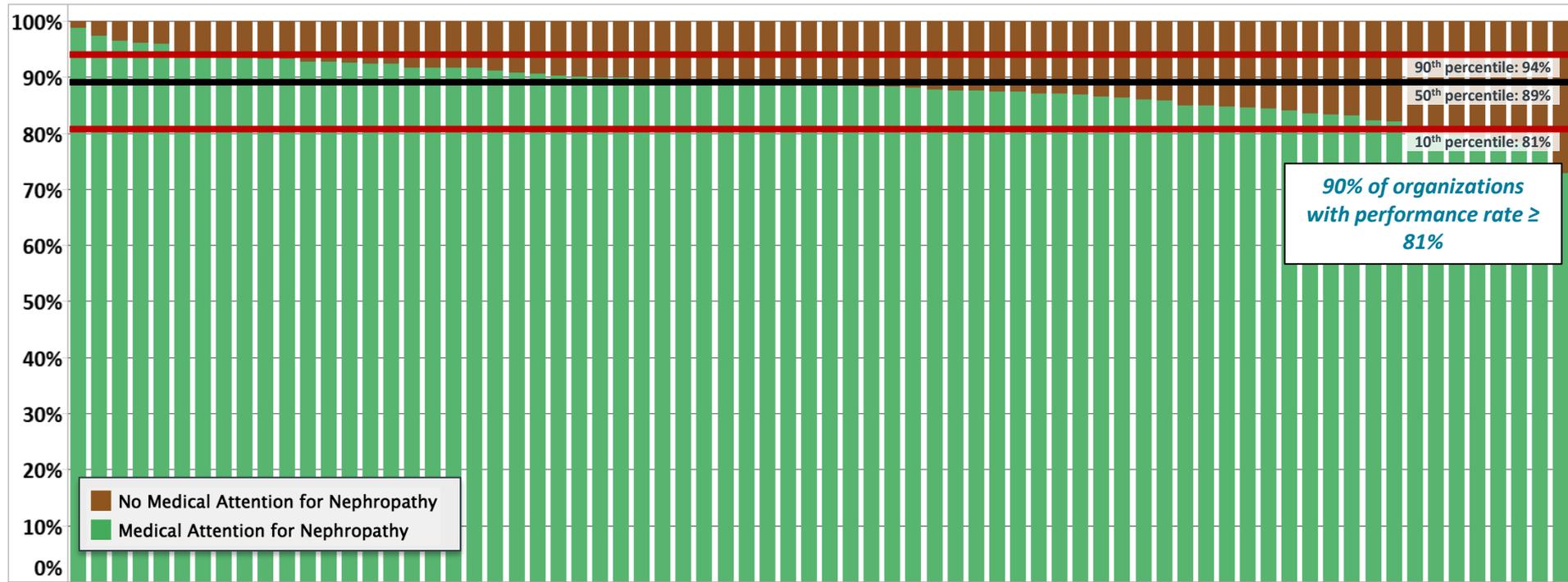


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# Medical Attention For Nephropathy (T2G 2020 Q2)



## T2G<sup>®</sup> 2020 Q2: Proportion of Patients with Medical Attention for Nephropathy



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- Convoluted measure: can meet the numerator in multiple ways—interventions that may or may not have been intended to address nephropathy

# uACR Measurement Rates



- 685,000 patients age 18 – 75 with type 2 diabetes and at least 2 visits with a PCP, cardiologist, endocrinologist, or nephrologist.
- Overall, 49% of patients (in green) had a urine albumin to creatinine test in the 12-month measurement period.
- Rates ranged from 41 – 58% across individual organizations.



# Urine Protein Test for Nephropathy Screening or Monitoring



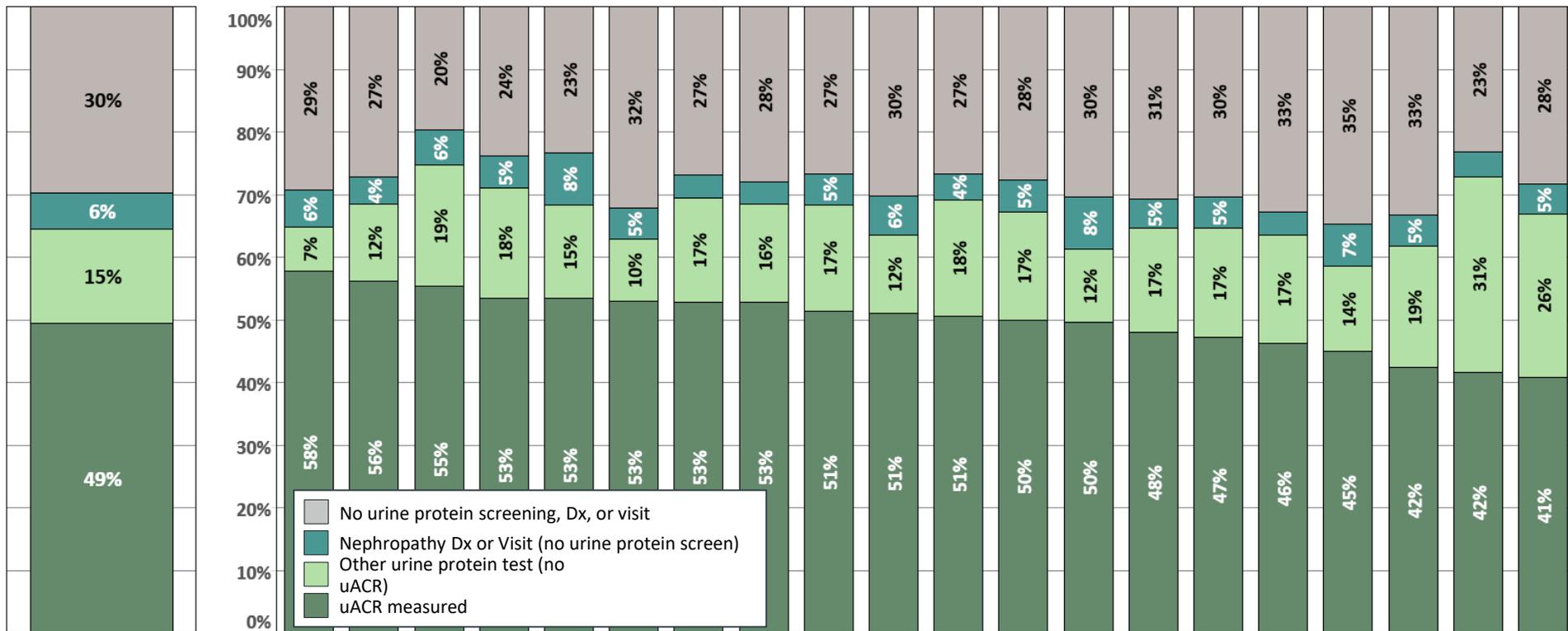
- 685,000 patients age 18 – 75 with type 2 diabetes and at least 2 visits with a PCP, cardiologist, endocrinologist, or nephrologist.
- Overall, 15% of patients (in light green) had a urine protein test in the 12-month measurement period other than uACR.
- Rates ranged from 7 – 31% across individual organizations.



# Diagnosis or Treatment of Nephropathy or Visit with Nephrologist



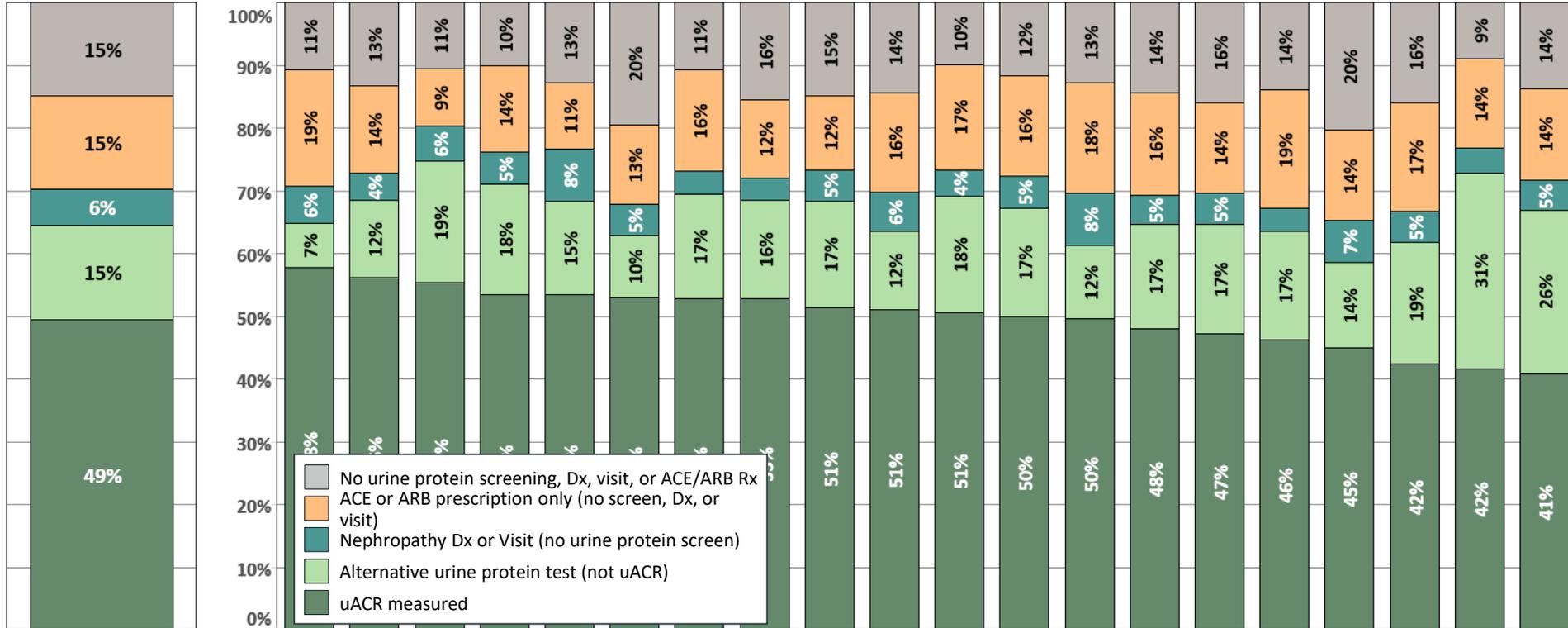
- Overall, 6% of patients (in teal) had a diagnosis for nephropathy, treatment for nephropathy, or a visit with a nephrologist, and no urine protein test.
- Rates ranged from 3 – 8% across individual organizations.



# ACE-i or ARB Prescription



- Overall, 15% of patients (in orange) had an ACE-i or ARB prescription and no urine protein test, nephropathy Dx, nephropathy treatment, or visit with a nephrologist.
- Rates ranged from 12 – 19% across individual organizations.



## Pushback on Including ACE-i/ARBs

- ACE-i/ARBs are recommended among patients with T2DM and albuminuria
  - Initiate at maximum tolerated dose indicated for blood pressure
- Also used to treat hypertension, but generally at lower doses
  - Medical attention for nephropathy only requires a prescription, with or without albuminuria
- ~15% of patients met the measure only through Rx for ACE-i/ARB<sup>1</sup>
  - < 1% of patients who met the measure solely on ACE-i/ARBs use had a Dx for microalbuminuria
  - ~75% had a diagnosis for cardiovascular disease (e.g., hypertension)
- *“Use of these medications does not obviate the need for a nephropathy screening in [people with diabetes]. Inclusion of these medications as numerator compliance leads to overreporting and may contribute to underscreening of a population at risk.”<sup>1</sup>*

<sup>1</sup>Krause TM, Ganduglia-Cazaban C, Finkel KW. Rates for HEDIS Screening for Diabetic Nephropathy Quality Measure May Be Overstated. *Manag Care*. 2018;27(8):45-49.

# Prescribing of Newer Medications

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**FIRST-LINE Therapy is Metformin and Comprehensive Lifestyle (including weight management and physical activity)**



**INDICATORS OF HIGH-RISK OR ESTABLISHED ASCVD, CKD, OR HF<sup>1</sup>**

**CONSIDER INDEPENDENTLY OF BASELINE A1C OR INDIVIDUALIZED A1C TARGET**

**NO**

**IF A1C ABOVE INDIVIDUALIZED TARGET PROCEED AS BELOW**

**ASCVD PREDOMINATES**

- Established ASCVD
- Indicators of high ASCVD risk (age  $\geq 55$  years with coronary, carotid or lower extremity artery stenosis  $>50\%$ , or LVH)

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

**OR**  
SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup> if eGFR adequate<sup>2</sup>

If A1C above target

**HF OR CKD PREDOMINATES**

- Particularly HF rEF (LVEF  $<45\%$ )
- CKD: Specifically eGFR 30-60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> or UACR  $>30$  mg/g, particularly UACR  $>300$  mg/g

**PREFERABLY**

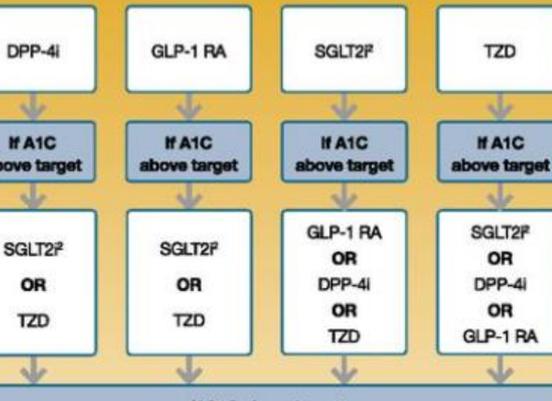
SGLT2i with evidence of reducing HF and/or CKD progression in CVOIs if eGFR adequate<sup>3</sup>

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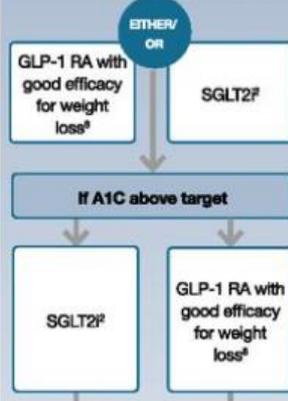
If SGLT2i not tolerated or contraindicated or if eGFR less than adequate<sup>2</sup> add GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup>

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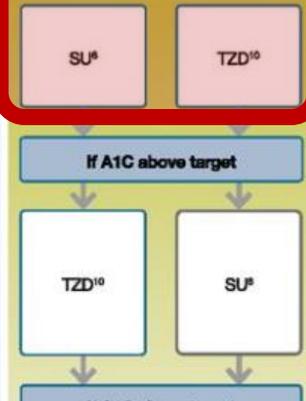
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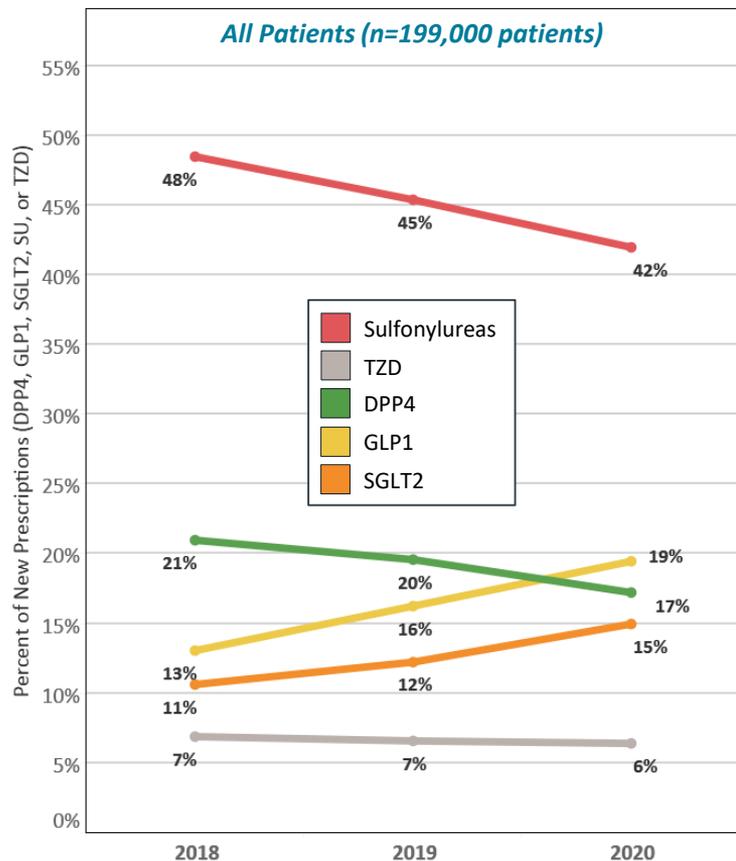
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**COST IS A MAJOR ISSUE<sup>9-10</sup>**



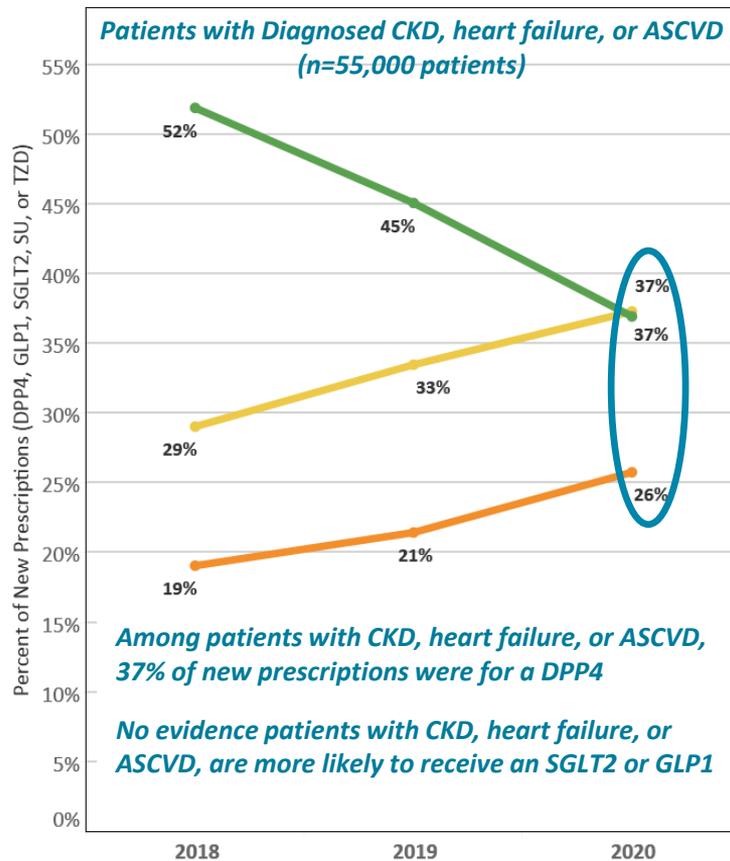
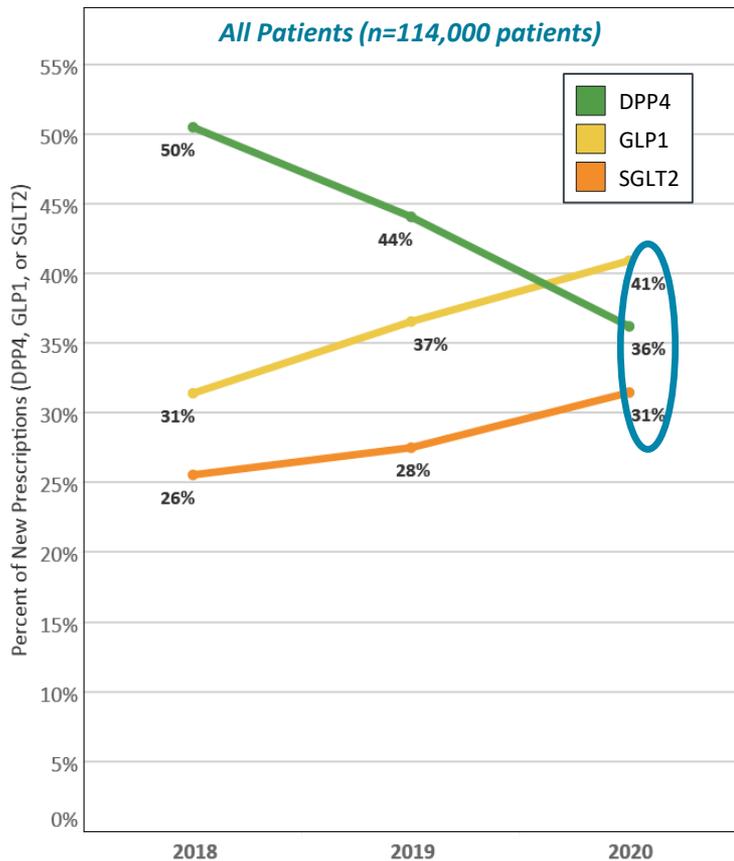
# Trends for New Prescriptions: 2018–2020



- GLP1 and SGLT2 prescribing increasing over time
- DPP4 prescribing decreasing over time
- Sulfonylurea prescribing decreasing over time
- **Average Annual Out of Pocket Costs\***
  - “traditional” treatments (TZD and sulfonylureas)
    - \$250 to \$355
  - “novel” treatments (SGLT2, GLP-1, DPP4s)
    - \$1,231 to \$1,981

\* DeJong C, Masuda C, Chen R, Kazi DS, Dudley RA, Tseng C. Out-of-Pocket Costs for Novel Guideline-Directed Diabetes Therapies Under Medicare Part D. *JAMA Intern Med*. Published online September 14, 2020. doi:10.1001/jamainternmed.2020.2922

# Trends for New Prescriptions: 2018–2020



# Opportunities for Improvement in T2DM



- **Kidney Health Evaluation Measure (HEDIS): annual testing of urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio (uACR)**
  - For people with type 2 diabetes, the ADA recommends testing eGFR and uACR at least annually
  - Performance measures are shifting from the traditional medical attention for nephropathy, to the kidney health evaluation measure, which requires annual eGFR and uACR testing
  - While eGFR testing rates are high among people with type 2 diabetes, uACR testing rates are moderate and more variable both across and within organizations
  - Improving uACR testing should consistently increase CKD identification
- **Prescribing GLP-1s or SGLT2s for patients with ASCVD, CKD, or heart failure**
  - GLP-1s or SGLT2s can reduce risk of CKD progression, cardiovascular events, or both
  - GLP-1s or SGLT2s are preferentially recommended for patients with or at high risk of CKD, heart failure, or ASCVD regardless of glycemic control
  - 37% of patients with ASCVD, CKD, or heart failure received a DPP4, and probably should have received an SGLT2 or GLP-1
    - A population where cost may not be a major issue

# Questions?

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# Additional Resources: *Are you the 33%?*



- “Are you the 33%?” quiz: NKF resource to help raise CKD awareness
  - [www.MinuteForYourKidneys.org](http://www.MinuteForYourKidneys.org)

**ARE YOU THE 33%?**

33% of adults in the U.S. are at risk for kidney disease, but most of them don't know it. And having kidney disease also puts you at an increased risk of developing life-threatening complications from COVID-19. Take a minute to find out if you're in the 33%. Just one minute might save your life.

**YOU'RE IN THE 33%.**

You have 3 of the most common risk factors for kidney disease, which means you have an increased chance of developing kidney disease.

- Kidney disease often has no symptoms until it's advanced, so get tested.
- Early treatment can slow kidney disease down.
- It may also prevent other problems, like a heart attack, stroke, or kidney failure.
- Having kidney disease puts you at an increased risk of developing life-threatening complications from COVID-19.

## What You Should Do Next



Test your urine for signs of kidney damage



1. Order a No-Cost Kidney Check kit delivered to your home.



2. Perform the test using your smartphone and kit.



3. Get immediate results about your kidney function.

# Happy Holidays

- No December webinar!
- Stay tuned for our upcoming Together 2 Goal® 2021 webinar calendar



# Questions

