

# RENAL FUNCTION

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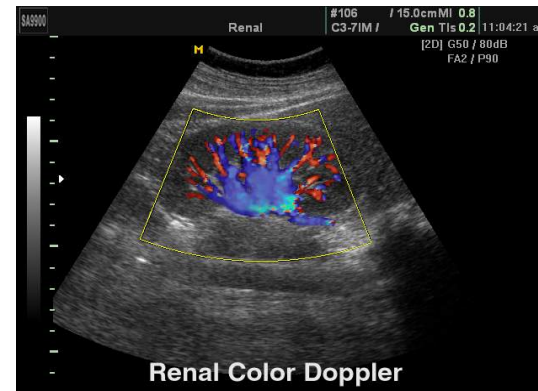
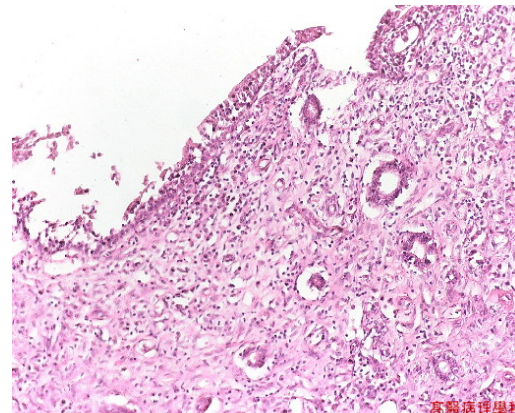
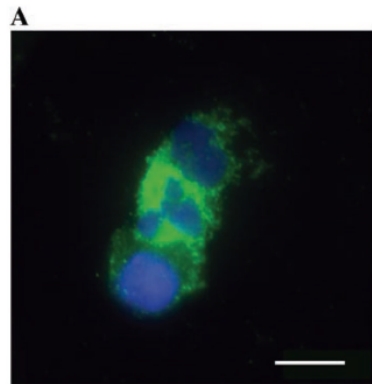
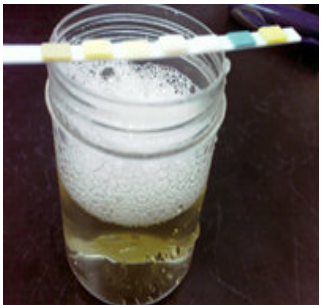
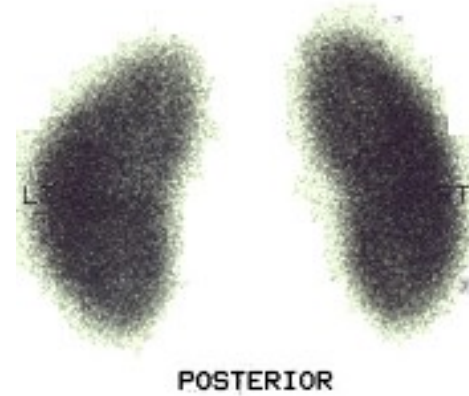
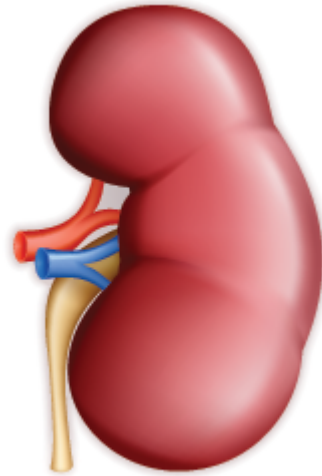
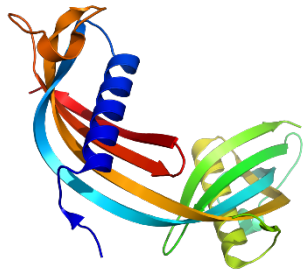
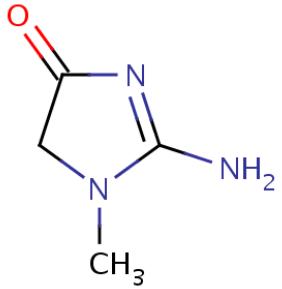
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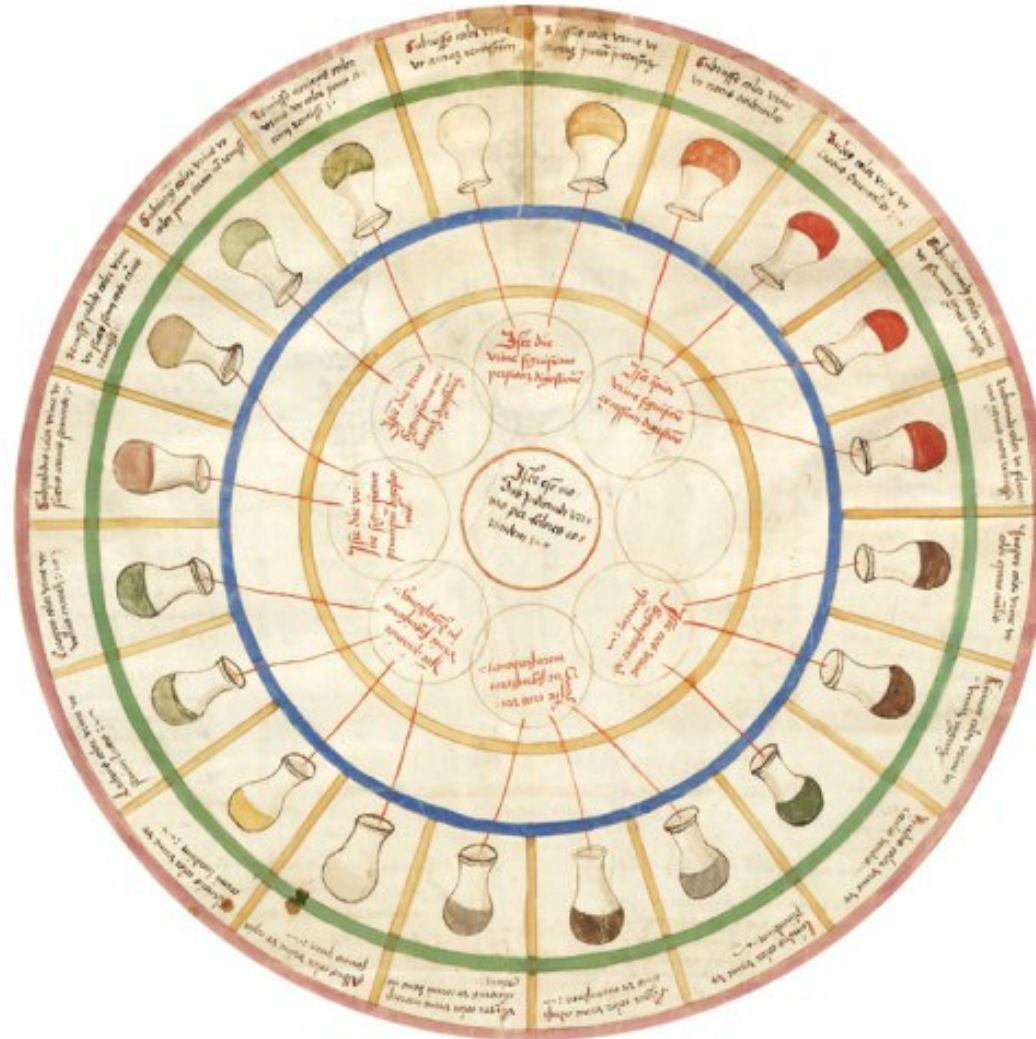
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- BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB
- GENZYME
- NOVARTIS
- PFIZER

# HOW CAN WE ASSESS RENAL FUNCTION?

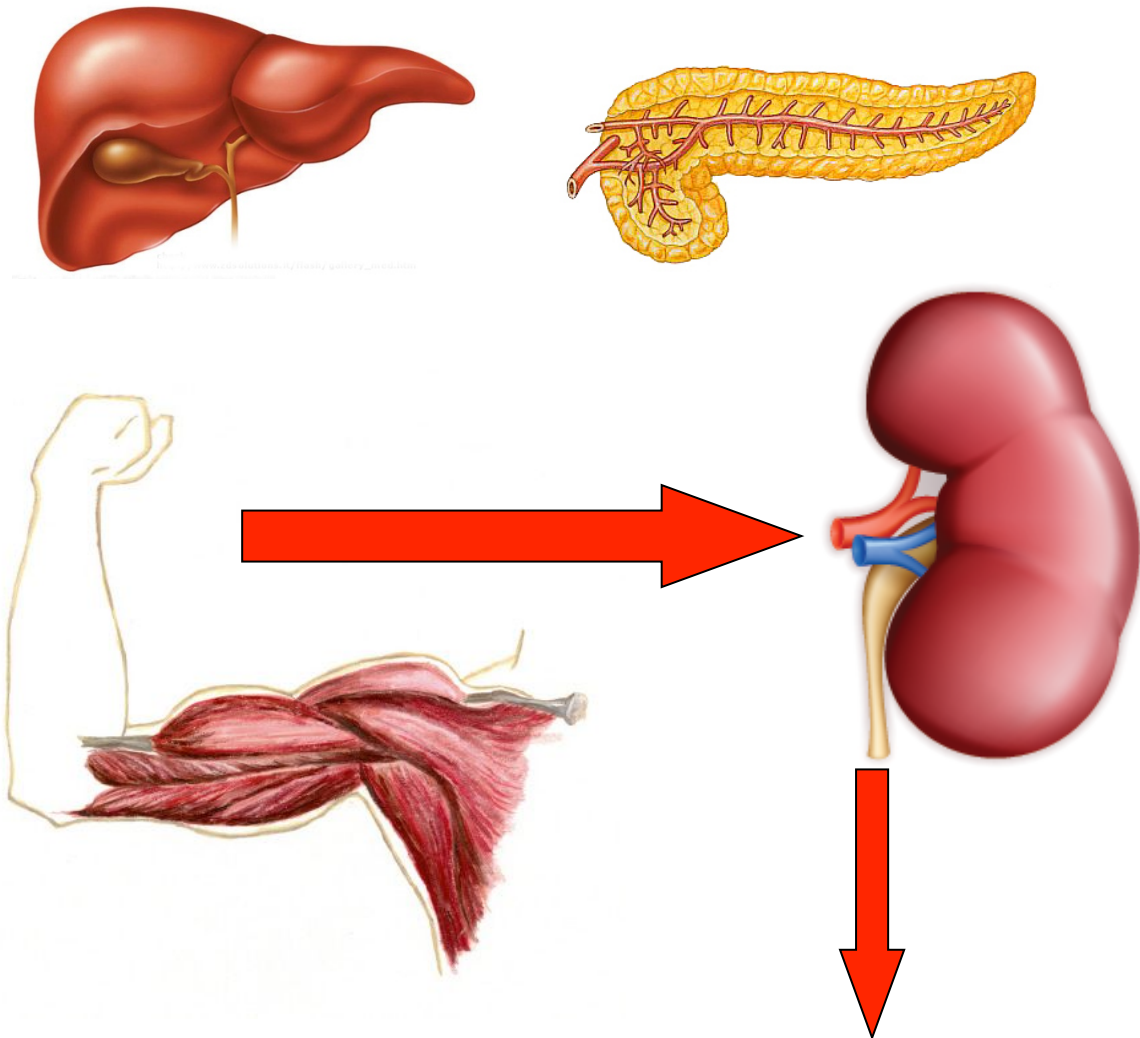
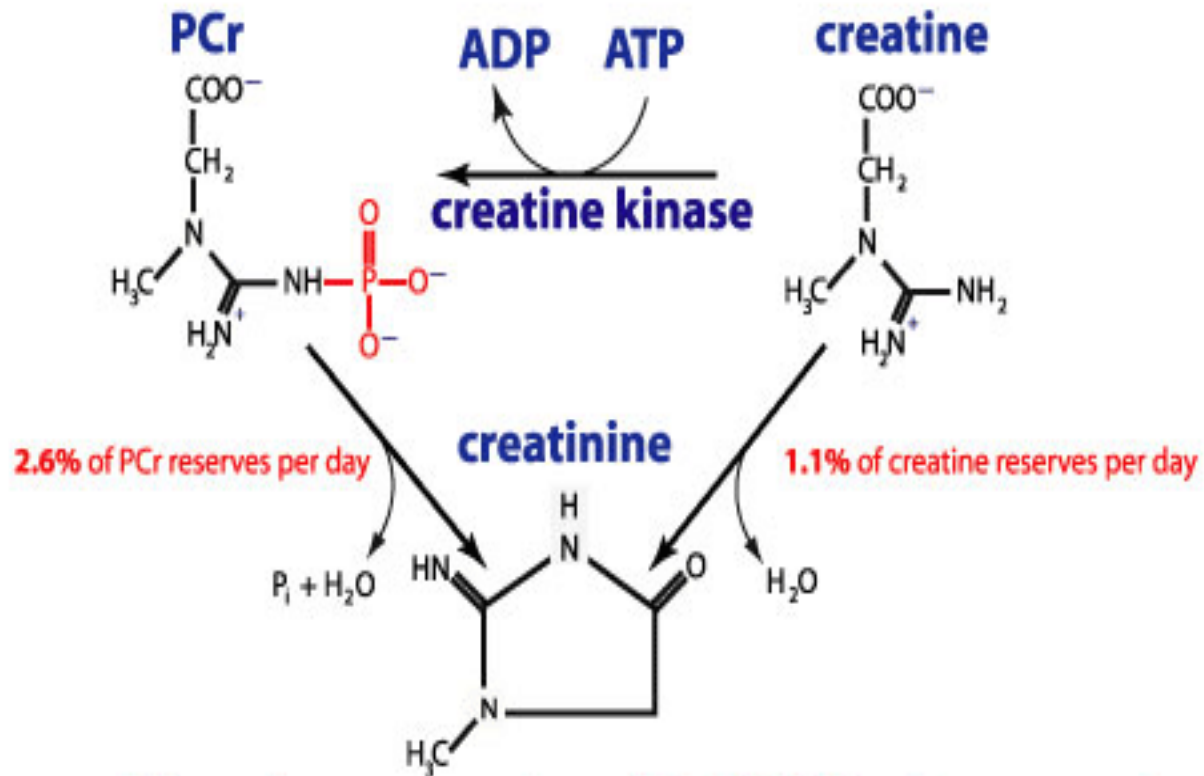


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“This urine wheel was published in 1506 by Ullrich Pinder, in his book *Epiphanie Medicorum*. It describes the possible colours, smells and tastes of urine, and uses them to diagnose disease.” *Jeremy K. Nicholson & John C. Lindon Nature 2008 455(7216): 1054-1056*

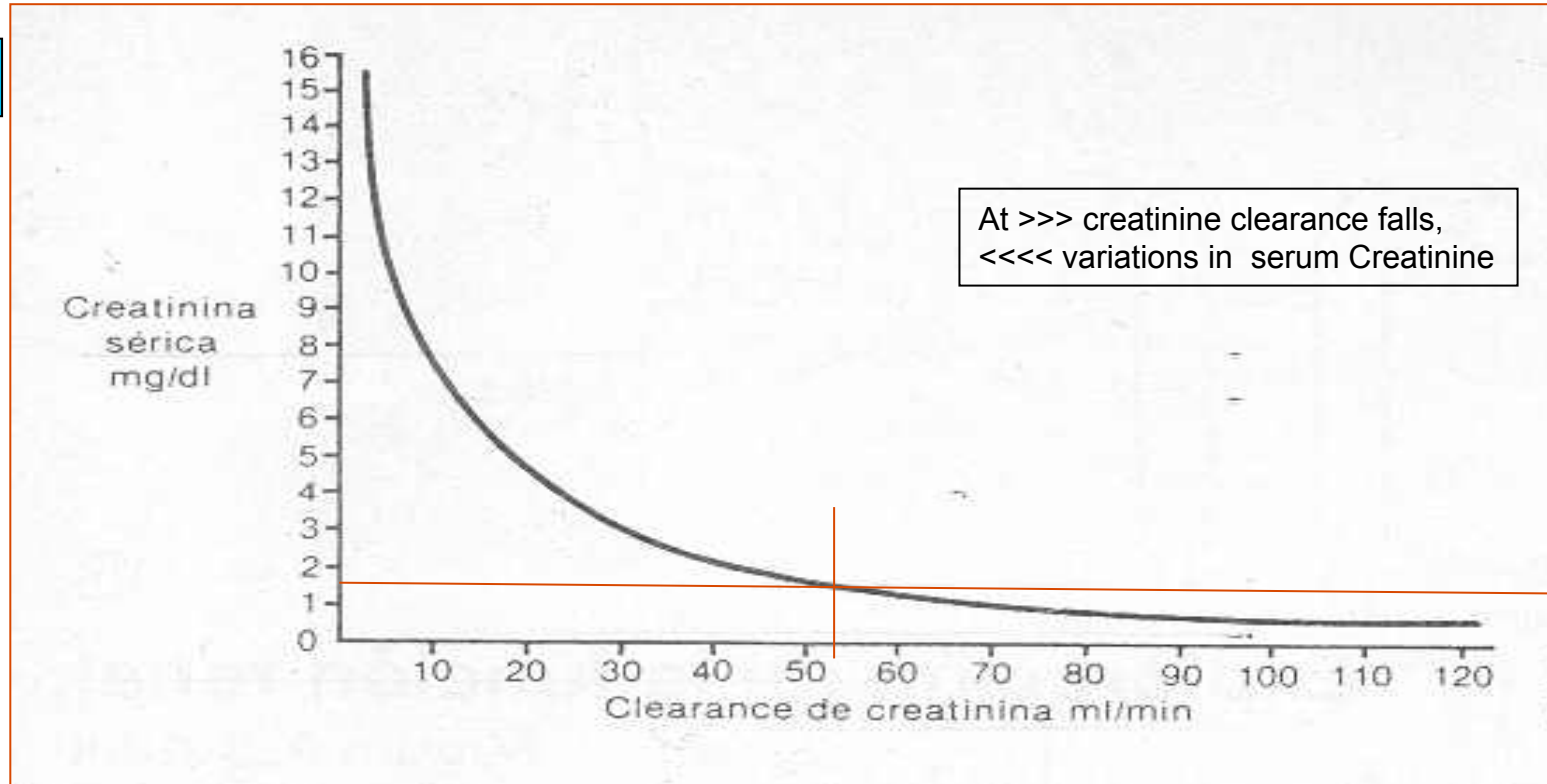
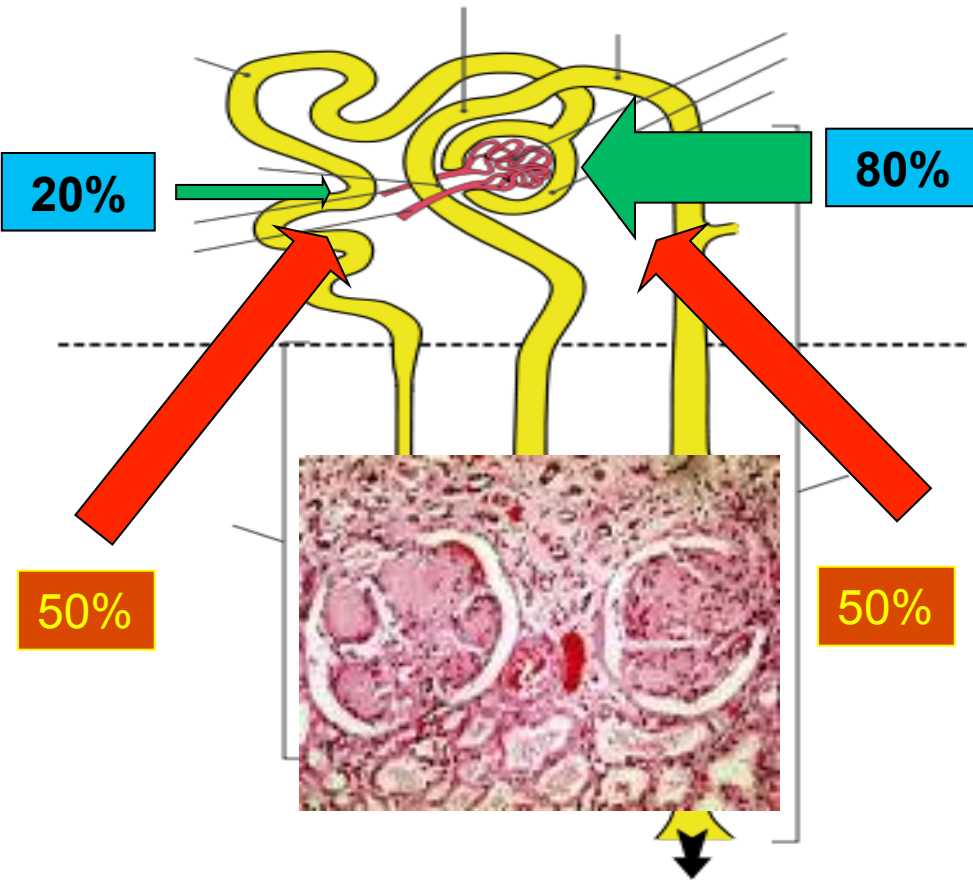
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CREATININE CLEARANCE IS NOT A SYNONIMUS OF GFR



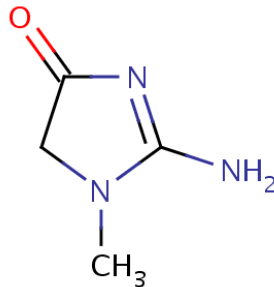
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In absence of other markers of kidney disease  
(proteinuria, hematuria, histology > 3 months or past medical records)  
**GFR** must be reported in its specific values only if **< 60 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>**



**Equations:**

**Must employ creatininemia, age, gender, race and body mass**



**PITFALLS**

**Creatinine is decreased in:**

**Old individuals  
Low muscular mass  
Liver disease  
Pancreas disease  
Low protein intake**

# HOW CAN WE ASSESS RENAL FUNCTION?



National Kidney  
Foundation\*

KDOQI

*Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative*

CKD is stratified into 5 stages according to the GFR estimated through the depuration of creatinine:

“Slight”            Stages 1 and 2; GFR >60 ml/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

“Moderate” \*    Stage 3; GFR 59-30 ml/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

“Severe”        \*    Stage 4; GFR 29-15 ml/ min per 1.73m<sup>2</sup>

Stage 5; GFR <15 ml/ min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup> (end-stage renal disease)

## Stages of CKD – KDOQI 2002 Definitions

Stage 1: eGFR ≥ 90 ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> and ACR ≥ 30 mg/g

Stage 2: eGFR 60-89 ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> and ACR ≥ 30 mg/g

Stage 3: eGFR 30-59 ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>

Stage 4: eGFR 15-29 ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>

Stage 5: eGFR < 15 ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>

\*Defined as CKD, independently of renal damage



# HOW CAN WE ASSESS RENAL FUNCTION?

Twenty-four hour urine creatinine clearance:

$$\text{GFR} = \frac{\text{urinary creatinine} \times \text{daily urinary output} \times \text{DuBois BSA}}{\text{serum creatinine} \times 1,440 \times 1.73 \text{ m}^2}$$

where urinary and serum creatinine is measured in mg/dL.

Cockcroft-Gault:

$$\text{GFR} = \frac{(140 - \text{age}) \times \text{weight} \times (0.85, \text{ if female})}{72 \times \text{serum creatinine}} \text{ per } 1.73 \text{ m}^2 \text{ BSA}$$

where weight is in kg.

$$\text{MDRD-4: GFR} = 186 \times (\text{creatinine}/88.4)^{-1.154} \times (\text{age})^{-0.203} \times (0.742, \text{ if female})$$

CKD EPI: In males, if creatinine <0.9

$$\text{GFR} = 141 \times \frac{(\text{plasmatic creatinine})^{-0.411}}{0.9} \times 0.993^{\text{age}}$$

In males, if creatinine >0.9

$$\text{GFR} = 141 \times \frac{(\text{plasmatic creatinine})^{-1.209}}{0.9} \times 0.993^{\text{age}}$$

In females, if creatinine <0.7

$$\text{GFR} = 144 \times \frac{(\text{plasmatic creatinine})^{-0.329}}{0.7} \times 0.993^{\text{age}}$$

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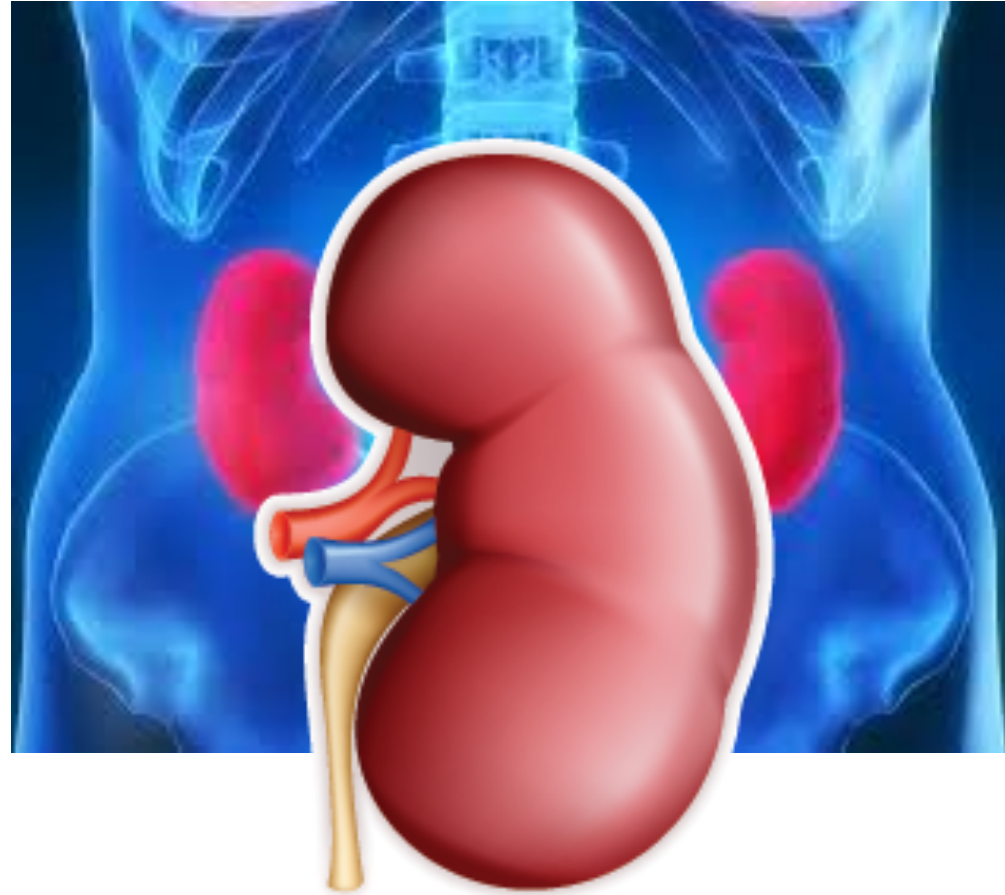
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“Moderate” \*

Stage 3

GFR 59-30 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>



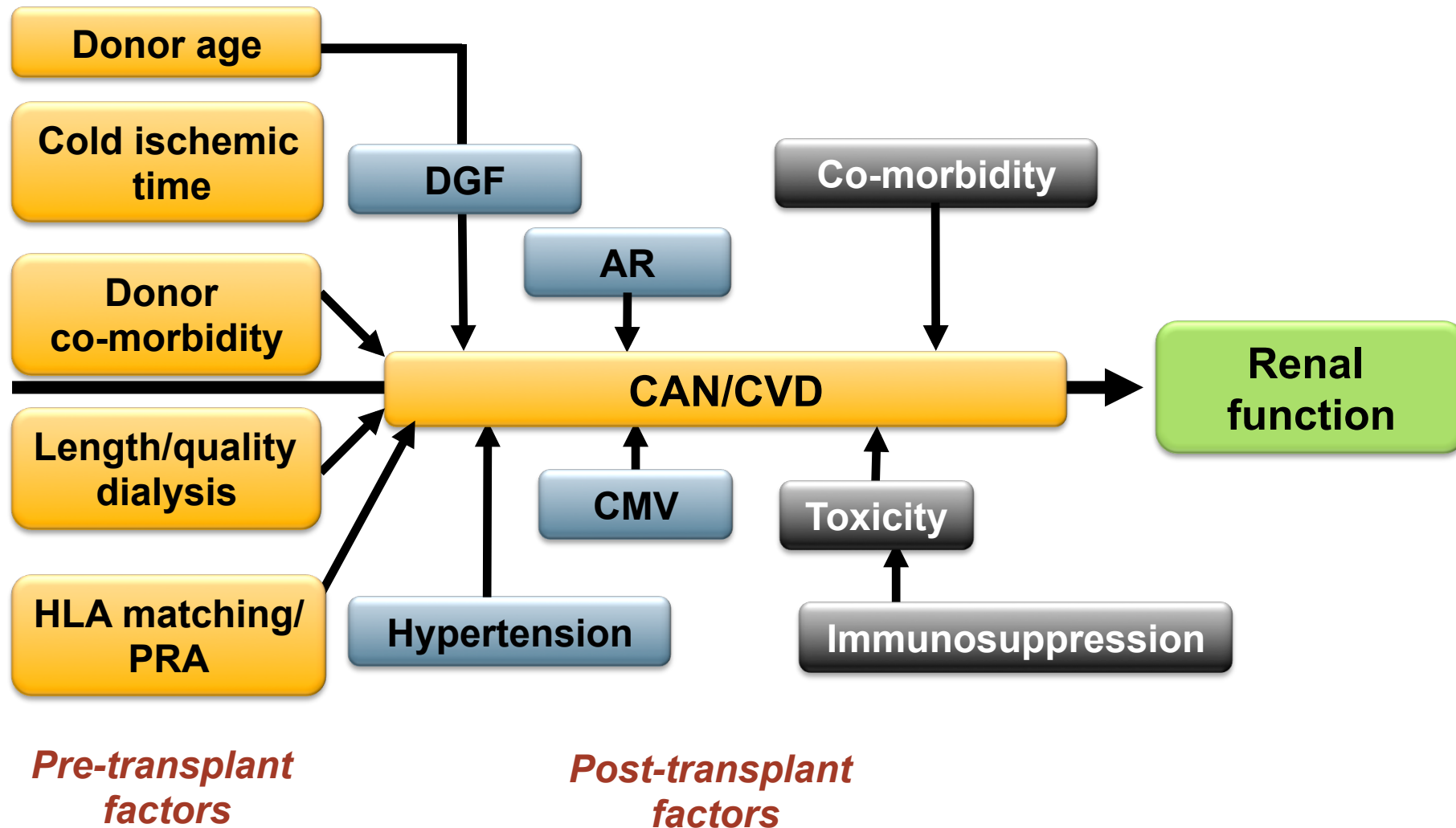
“Severe” \*

Stage 4

GFR 29-15 ml/ min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>

**CKD**

# FACTORS THAT CAN DETERMINE GRAFT FUNCTION



AR, acute rejection; CAN, chronic allograft nephropathy; CMV, cytomegalovirus; CVD, cardiovascular disease; DGC, delayed graft function; HLA, human leukocyte antigen; PRA, panel reactive antibodies.

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**HYPERFILTRATION:** Absolute increase in the GFR that occurs in response to an elevated protein load or other molecules with osmotic properties.

*Bergström, J. et al. Acta Med. Scand. 1985;217: 189–196*

This GFR increase is mediated, at least initially, by elevated levels of local nitric oxide and kalikreins

*Pecly, I. M et al Int. J. Clin. Pract. 2006; 60: 1198–1203*

This capability to increase the GFR after a protein load is named **RENAL FUNCTIONAL RESERVE.**

The loss of this reserve combined with the subsequent hyperfiltration will directly contribute to the progression of CKD

*Bosch, J. P. Am. J. Med. 1984;77: 873–879 (1984)*

*Helal, I. et al. Nat. Rev. Nephrol. 2012; 8: 293–300*

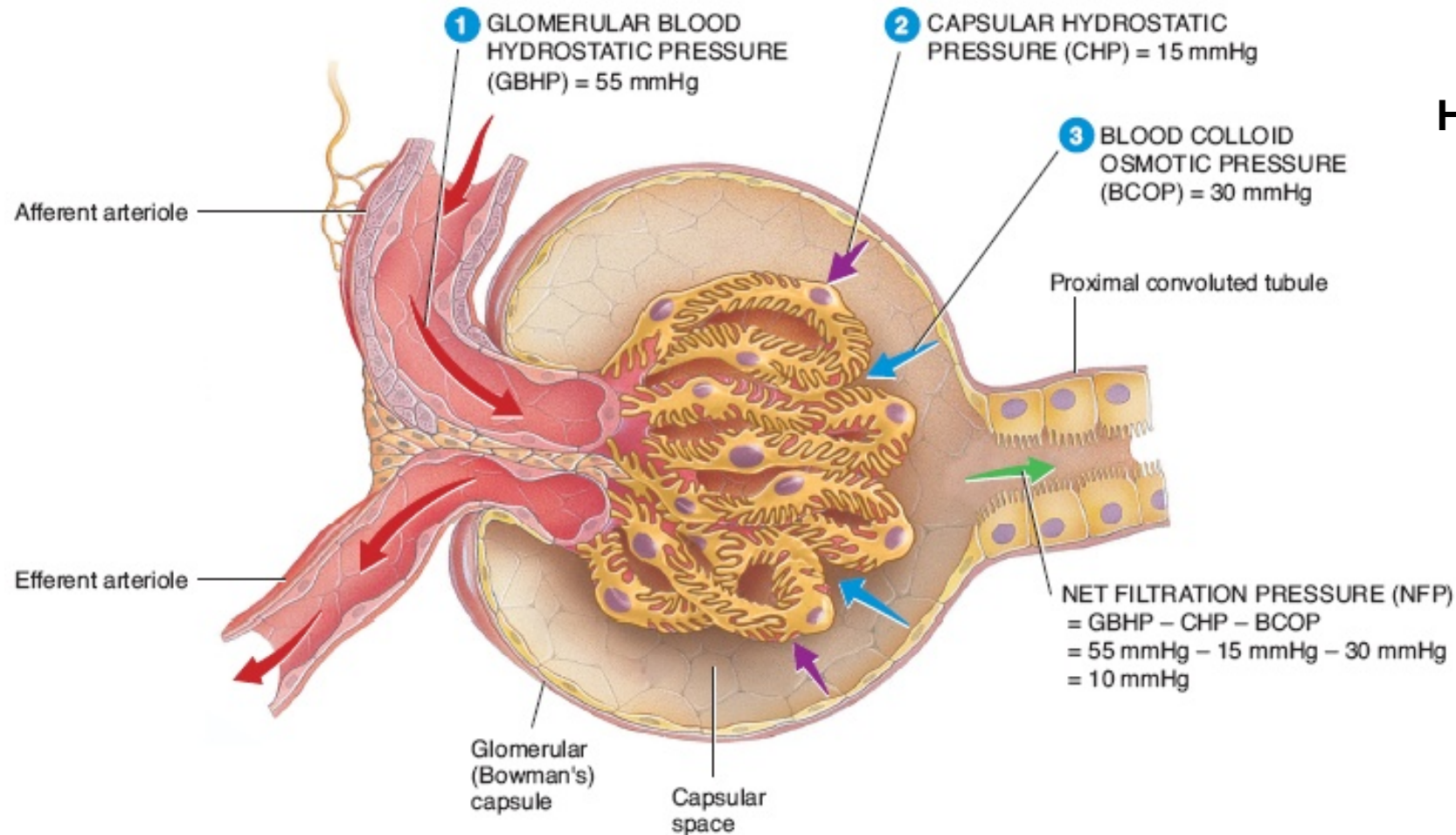
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GFR

RENAL PLASMA FLOW

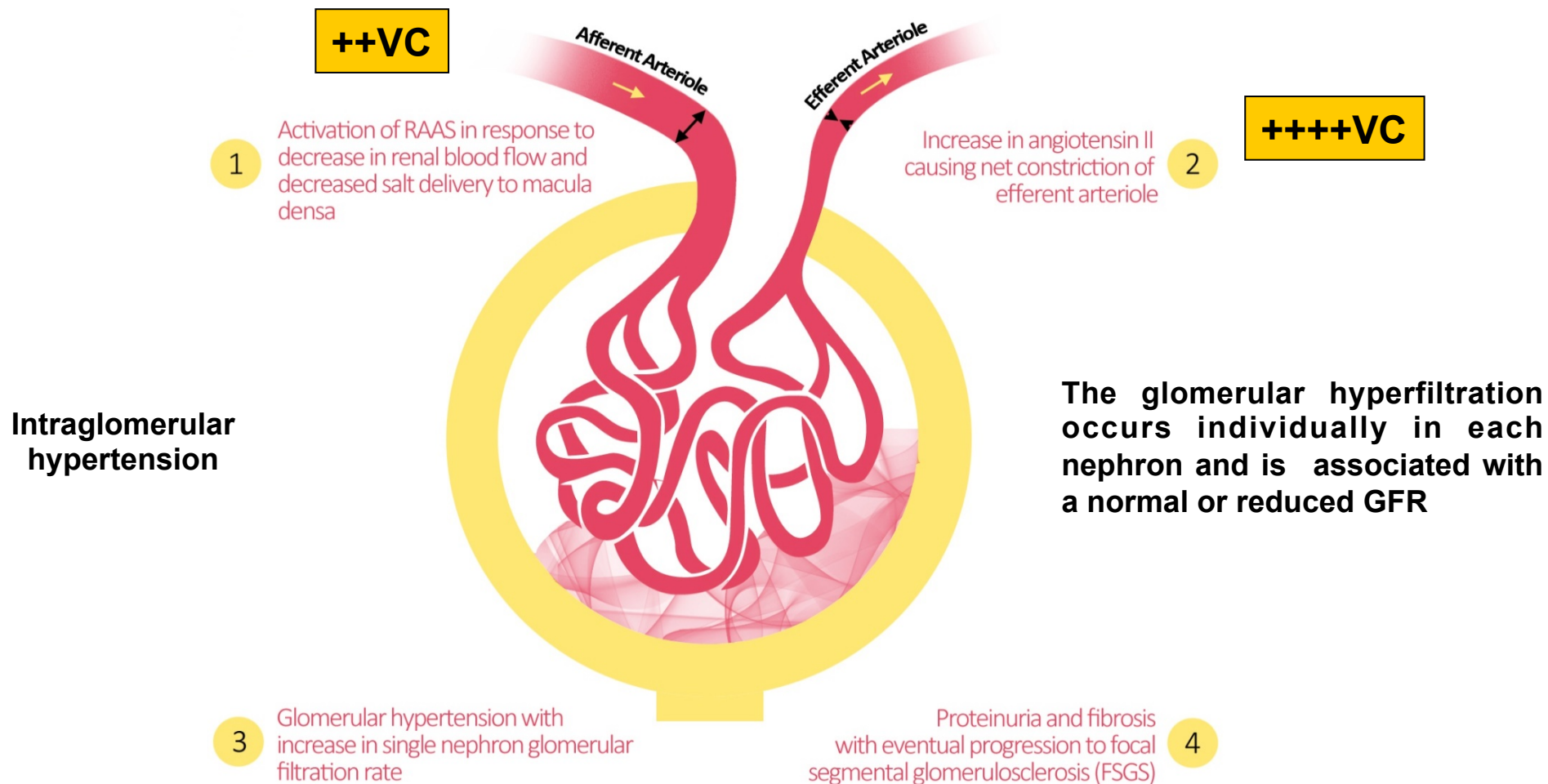
HYDRAULIC PRESSURE GRADIENT  
ACROSS THE GBM

K<sub>f</sub>



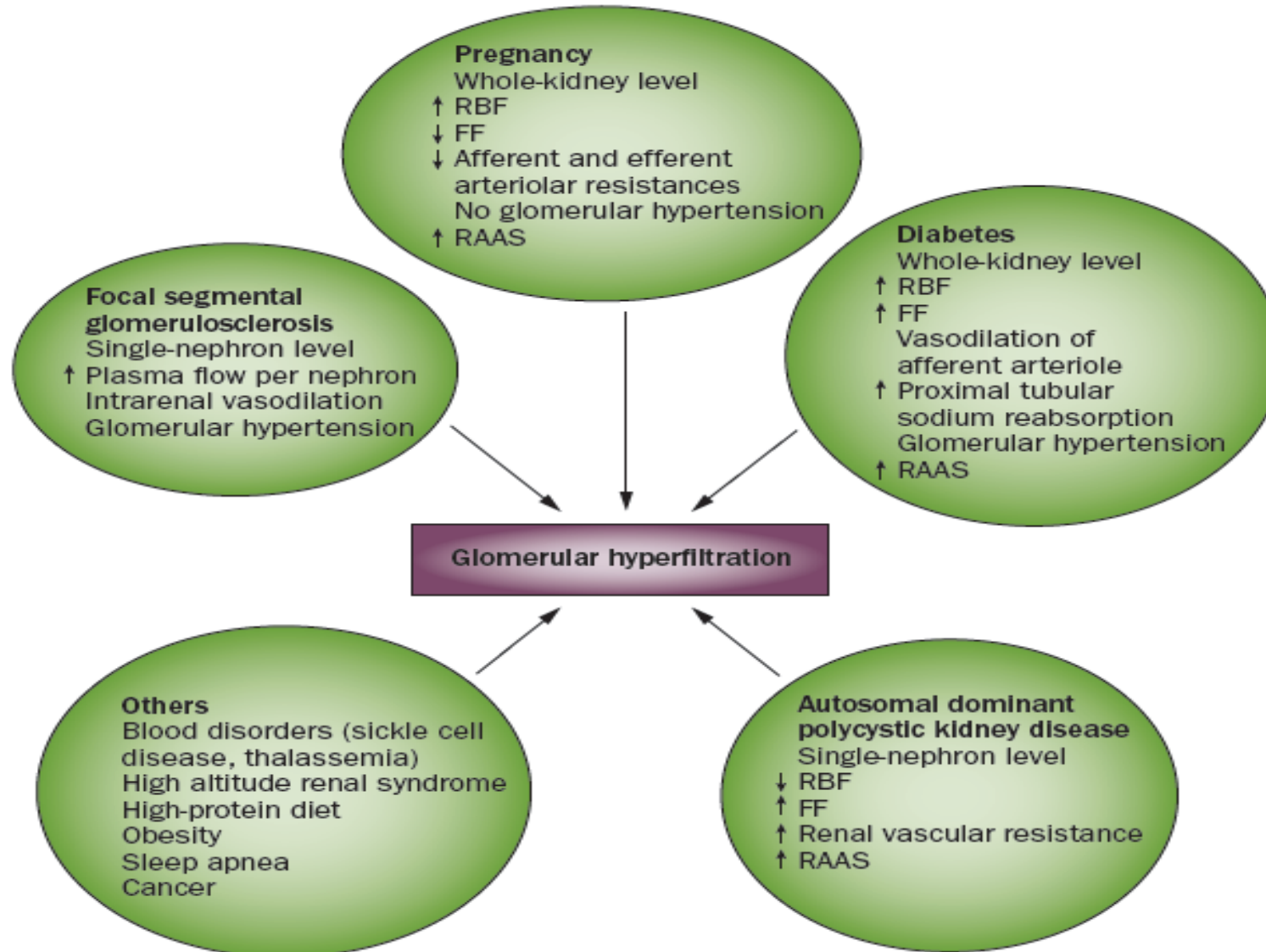
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## Hyperfiltration



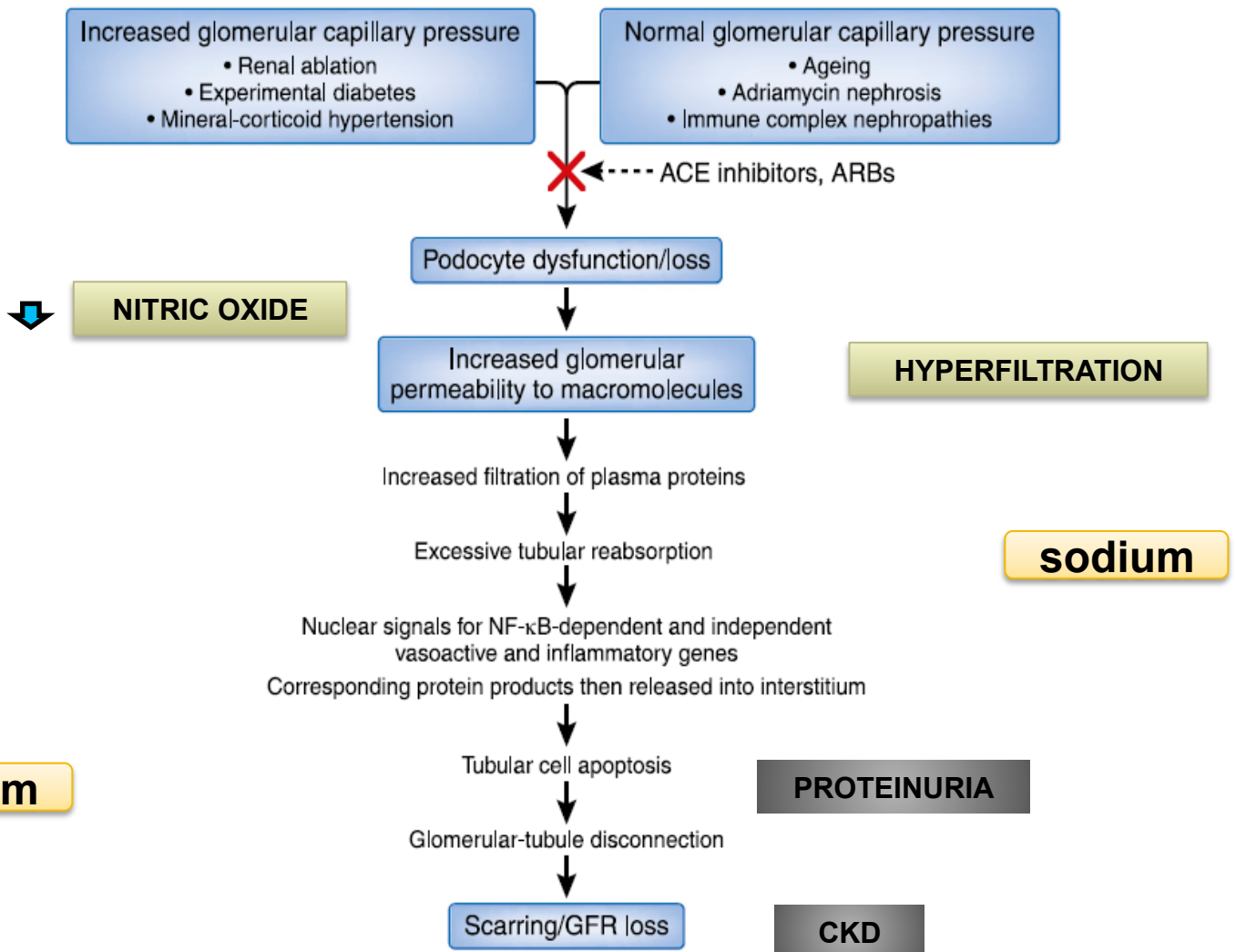


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**sodium**



**INCREASE OF VASCULAR TONE**

**ENDOTHELIAL RENAL DAMAGE**

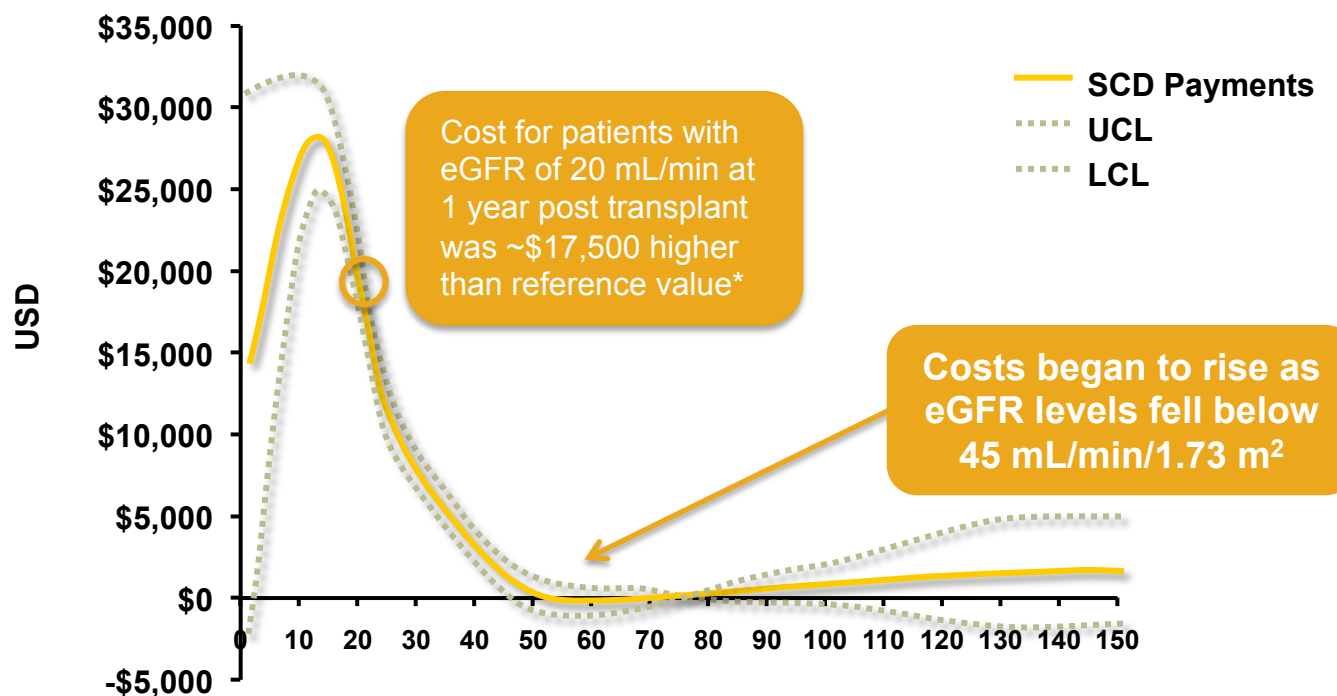
**SYSTEMIC HYPERTENSION**

**sodium**

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# One-year post-transplant eGFR levels are associated with substantial healthcare cost

## Cost relationship with eGFR\* Second year Medicare payments according to eGFR status at 1 year post transplantation (N=22,110 SCD recipients)



\*Compared to the reference of 75 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; LCL, lower 95% confidence limit; SCD, standard criteria deceased; UCL, upper confidence limit;

USD, United States dollars

Schnitzler MA et al. *J Med Econ.* 2013;16:75-84

# TAKING HOME MESSAGES

- More than 50% of renal transplant patients have a GFR lower than 60 mL/min at 1 year after transplantation
- Poor renal function following renal transplantation continues to prevent improvements in long-term outcomes for patients and grafts
- Poor renal function at 1 year has multiple consequences including increased CVD risk, graft failure and an increased risk of mortality
- CNIs are nephrotoxic agents, whose use should ideally be optimized post-transplantation
- Poor renal function has also negative consequences on economical costs

# A “MUST” MESSAGE

**GOAL IN KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION:**

**TO PRESERVE KIDNEY FUNCTION**

**A TRANSPLANTED KIDNEY IS GENERALLY A HYPERFILTRATING KIDNEY WITH CKD STAGE 3 OR 4**



THANK YOU



*Beagle Channel, Ushuaia Argentina*