

vCKD Referral criteria

Refer adults with CKD for specialist assessment (taking into account their wishes and comorbidities) if they have any of the following:

- a 5-year risk of needing renal replacement therapy of greater than 5% (measured using the 4-variable Kidney Failure Risk Equation)
- an ACR of 70 mg/mmol or more, unless known to be caused by diabetes and already appropriately treated (see recommendations 1.6.6 to 1.6.9)
- an ACR of more than 30 mg/mmol (ACR category A3), together with haematuria
- a sustained decrease in eGFR of 25% or more and a change in eGFR category within 12 months
- a sustained decrease in eGFR of 15 ml/min/1.73 m² or more per year
- hypertension that remains poorly controlled (above the person's individual target) despite the use of at least 4 antihypertensive medicines at therapeutic doses (see also NICE's guideline on hypertension in adults)
- known or suspected rare or genetic causes of CKD
- suspected renal artery stenosis.

