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## **Program Agenda**

- I. Epidemiology and Implications for Increased Renal and CVD Risks in Patients with DKD
  - a. Case study
  - b. Definitions
  - c. Prevalence and mortality due to DKD in the US
  - d. Renal functional decline
- II. Inflammation, Fibrosis and Activation of MRs Drive the Progression of CKD in Patients with DKD
  - a. Video 1: Mechanisms of fibrosis
  - b. Activation of RAAS
  - c. Adverse renal and CV effects of aldosterone
  - d. Pathogenesis of diabetic nephropathy
- III. Screening Assessments for CKD that Assist in the Early Diagnosis of DKD in Clinical Practice
  - a. Importance of early recognition
  - b. Diagnosis and testing for DKD
- IV. New and Emerging Renoprotective Agents for the Treatment of DKD
  - a. SGLT2 inhibitors
    - · Mechanisms and clinical trials
  - b. Mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists
    - Mechanisms and clinical trials
    - Video 2: role of MRAs in management of DKD
  - c. Mechanisms of action and clinical profiles
- V. Preventive Measures to Mitigate the Risk of Hyperkalemia
- VI. Conclusions and Q/A

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- Specify the pathophysiological mechanisms underlying CKD that result in increased renal and CVD risks for patients with DKD
- Assess the roles of inflammation, fibrosis, and activation of MRs in the progression of CKD in patients with DKD
- Integrate evidence-based guideline screening assessments for CKD that may facilitate an earlier diagnosis of DKD into routine clinical practice
- Interpret data from clinical trials assessing the efficacy and safety of investigational renoprotective agents for the treatment of DKD
- Incorporate preventive measures to mitigate the risk of hyperkalemia in patients with DKD receiving MRA therapy

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## Agenda

- Mechanisms of increased risk for renal and CV events in DKD
- Inflammation, fibrosis, and activation of MRs in CKD progression in patients with DKD
- CKD screening guidelines for early diagnosis of DKD
- Clinical trials on investigational renoprotective agents for DKD
- Mitigation of hyperkalemia in patients with DKD on MRA therapy

CV = cardiovascular; DKD = diabetic kidney disease; MR = mineralocorticoid receptor; CKD = chronic kidney disease; MRA = MR antagonist.

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- Sonogram: no obstruction, kidneys 10 cm, increased echogenicity

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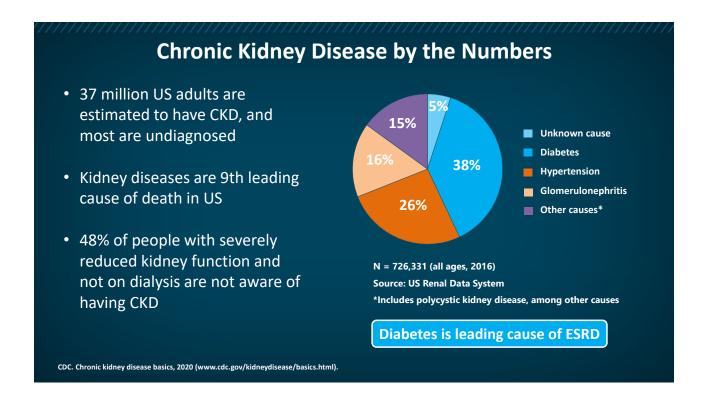
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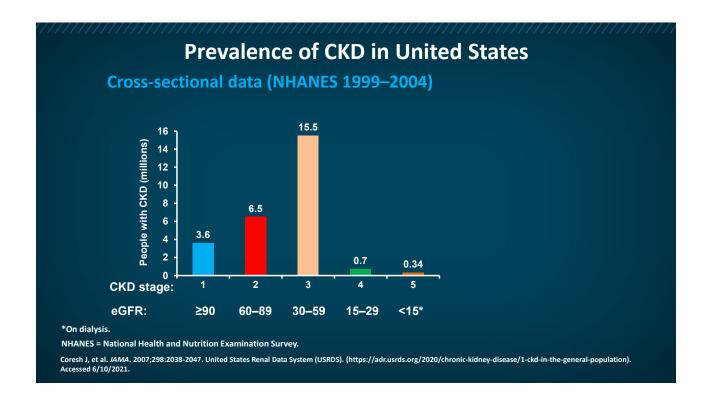
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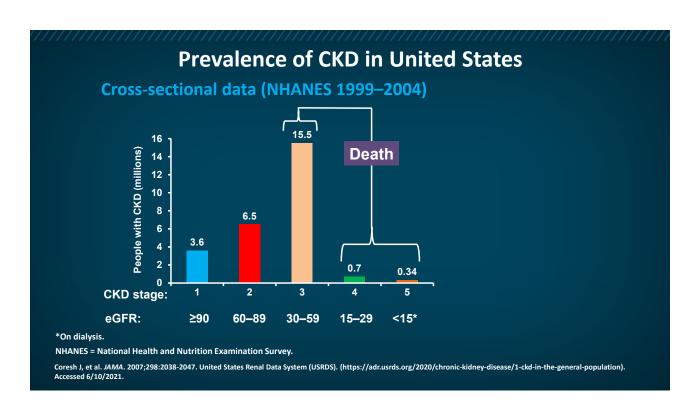
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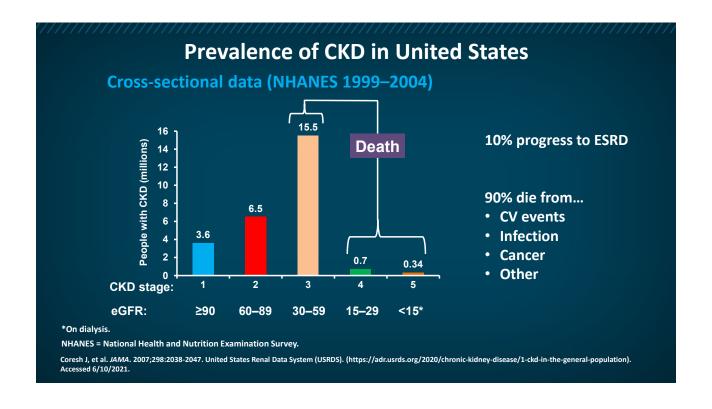
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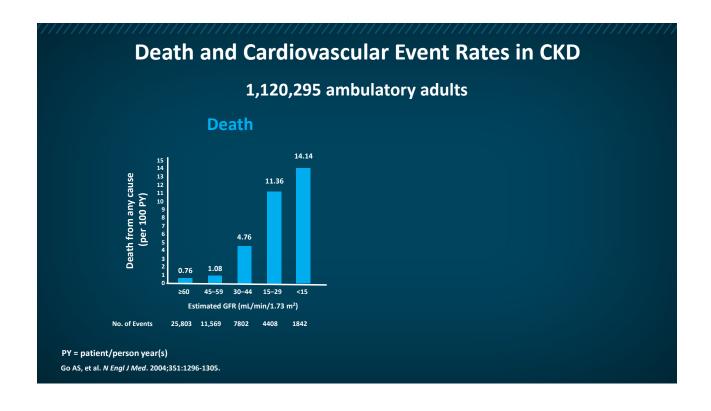
## **Chronic Kidney Disease by the Numbers** 37 million US adults are estimated to have CKD, and 15% Unknown cause most are undiagnosed Diabetes 38% Hypertension Kidney diseases are 9th leading Glomerulonephritis cause of death in US 26% Other causes\* • 48% of people with severely reduced kidney function and N = 726,331 (all ages, 2016) not on dialysis are not aware of Source: US Renal Data System \*Includes polycystic kidney disease, among other causes having CKD CDC. Chronic kidney disease basics, 2020 (www.cdc.gov/kidneydisease/basics.html).

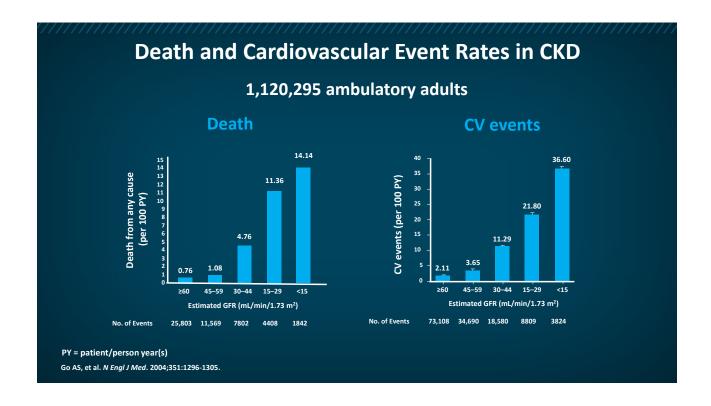


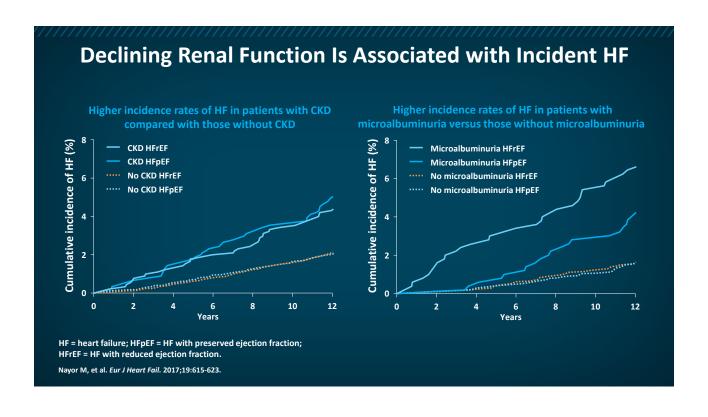


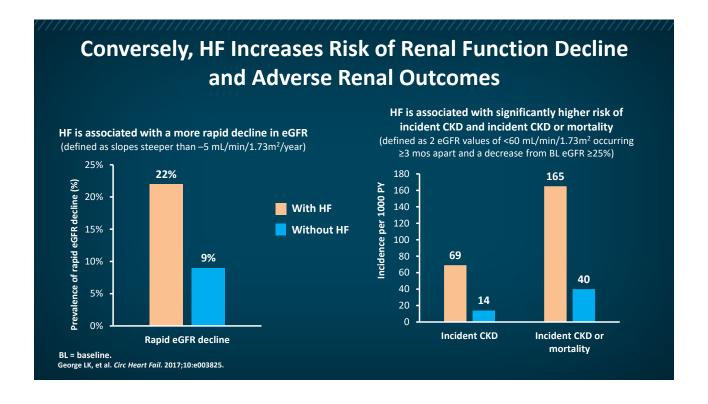


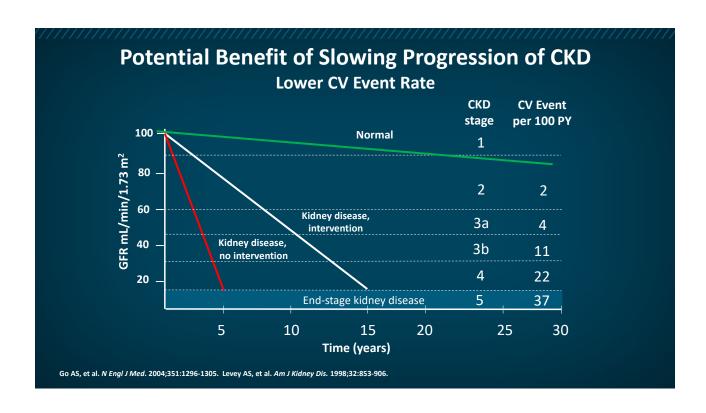






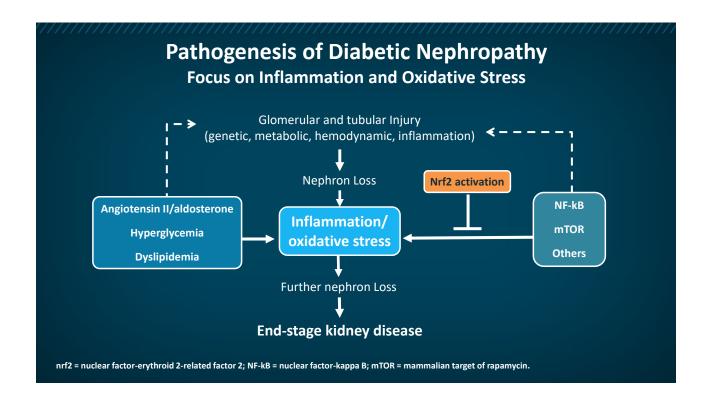


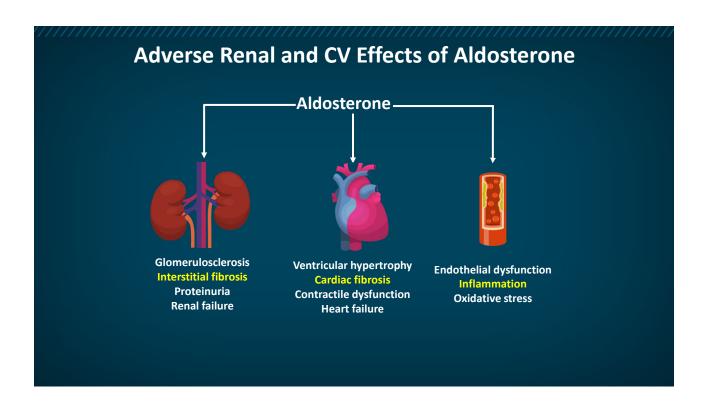




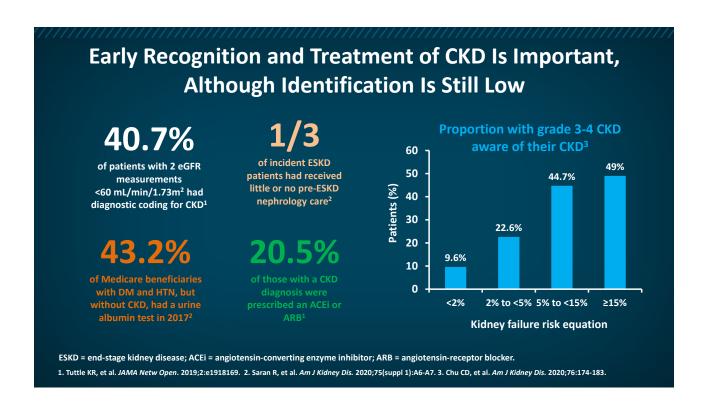
Inflammation, Fibrosis, and Activation of MRs
Drive the Progression of CKD in Patients with DKD

# Animation Scan below to watch a brief animation exploring the Pathogenesis of Diabetic Nephropathy





## Screening Assessments for CKD That Assist in the Early Diagnosis of DKD in Clinical Practice



## **Diagnosis of Diabetic Kidney Disease**

The clinical diagnosis of DKD in a patient with diabetes is based on<sup>1,2</sup>

Presence of albuminuria (UACR ≥300 mg/g, **OR** UACR 30–299 mg/g **with**:

- Diabetic retinopathy, and/or
- T1DM ≥10 years' duration

OR

Reduced kidney function (eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>)

In the absence of signs or symptoms of other primary causes of kidney damage

While the natural history of DKD varies, most patients eventually progress to end-stage kidney disease<sup>2</sup>

1. National Kidney Foundation. Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative (KDOQI) guidelines. Am J Kidney Dis. 2007;49(suppl 2):S12-S154. 2. Alicic RZ, et al. Clin J Am Soc Nephrol. 2017;12:2032-2045.

## **Testing For DKD**

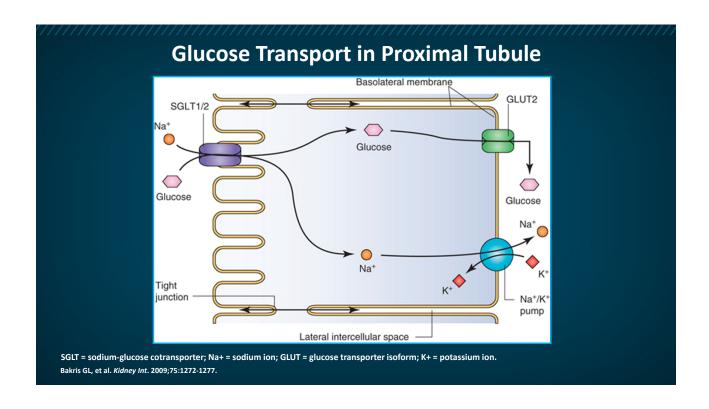
- Annual screening for urinary albumin and eGFR
  - Beginning 5 years after T1DM diagnosis
  - For all patients with T2DM
- Measure UACR and serum creatinine to estimate GFR
- Confirmation of albuminuria or low eGFR requires 2 abnormal measurements ≥3 months apart

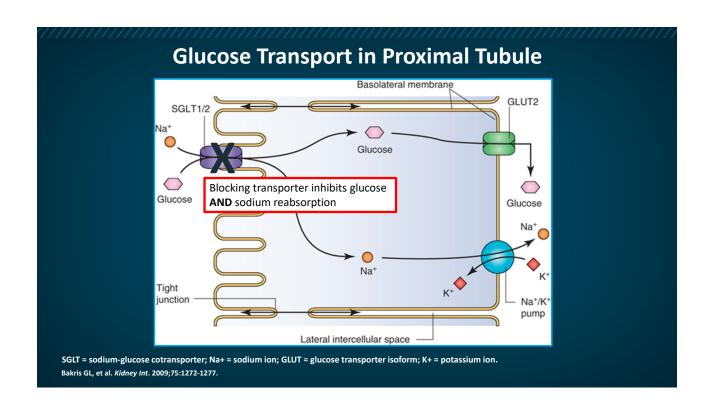


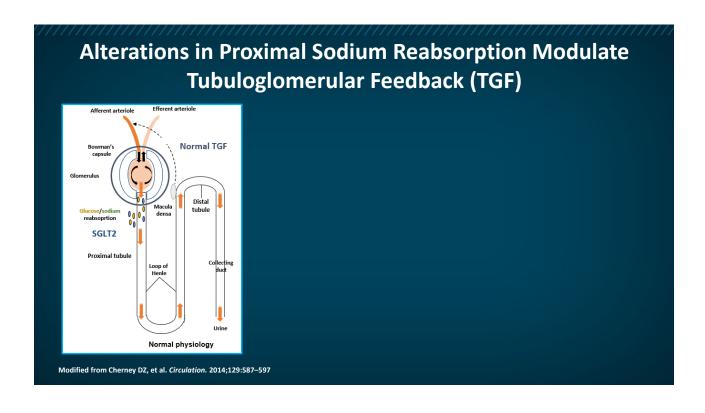
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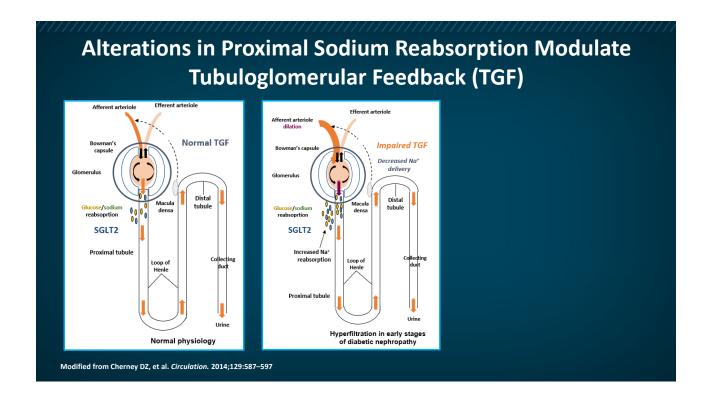
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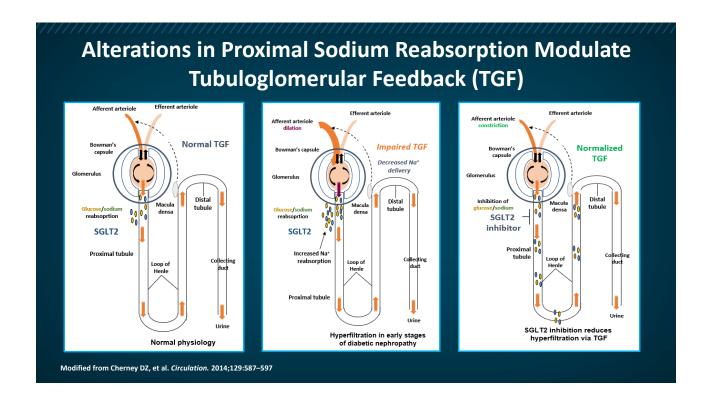
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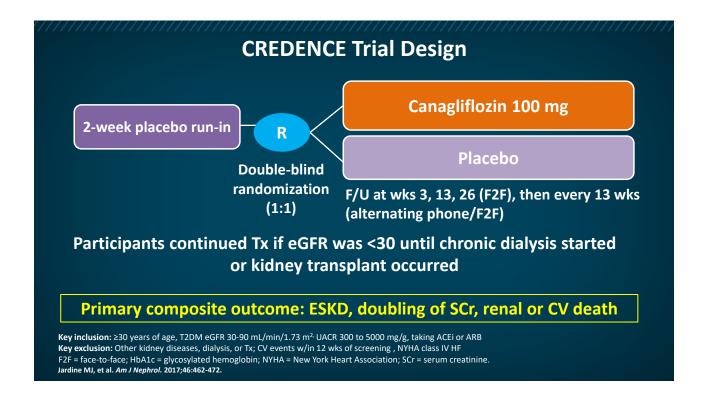


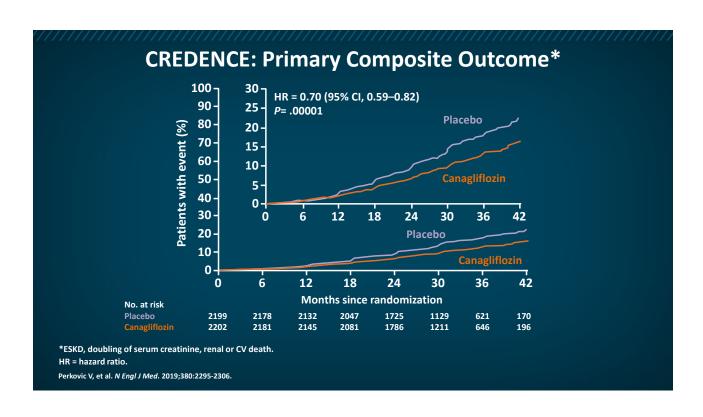


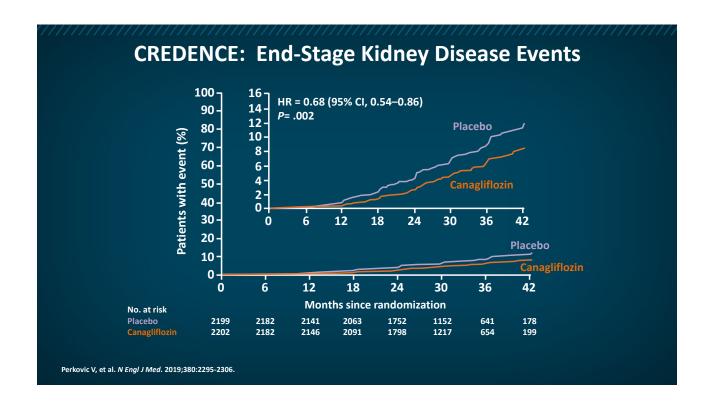


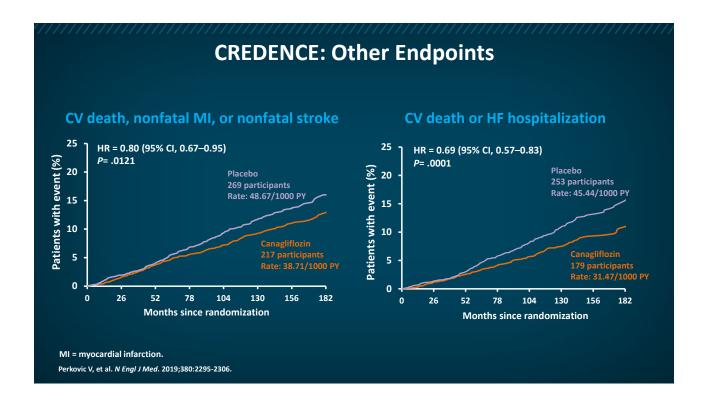


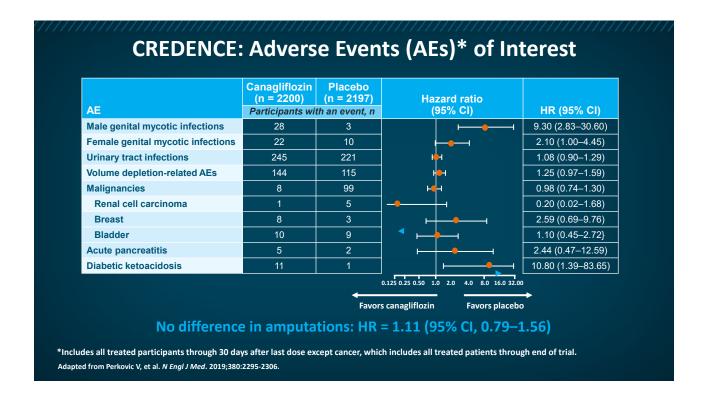


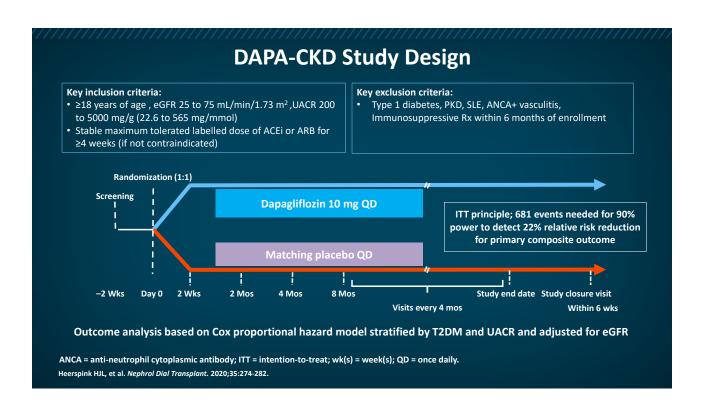


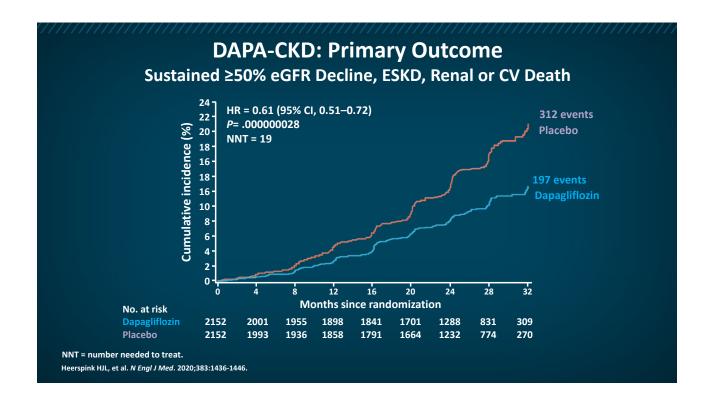


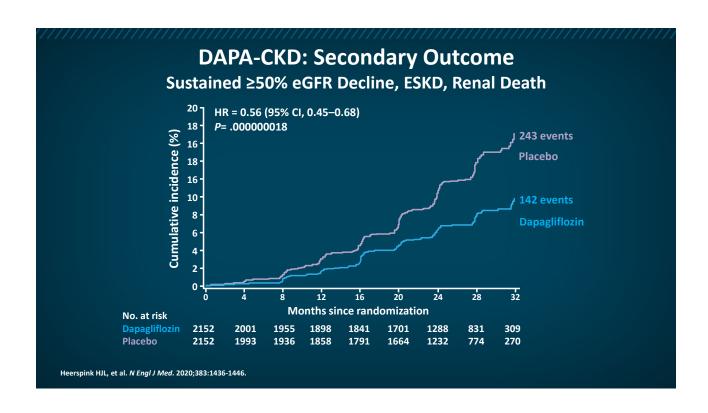


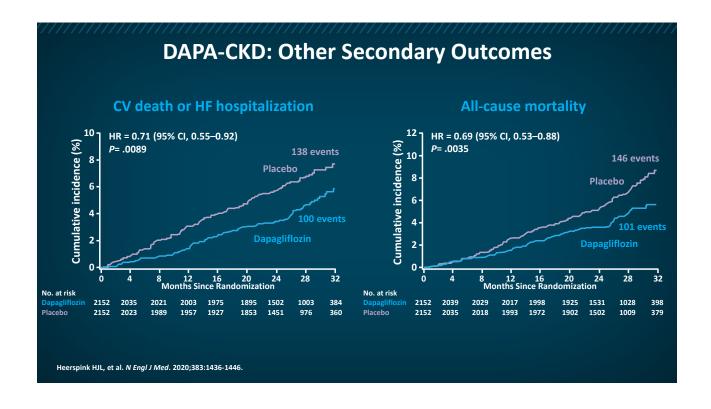


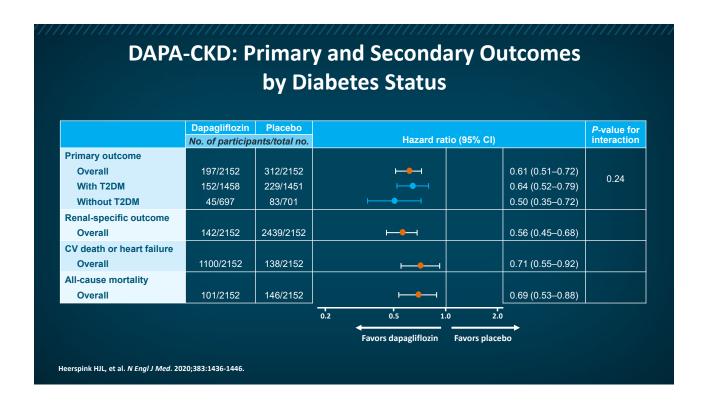










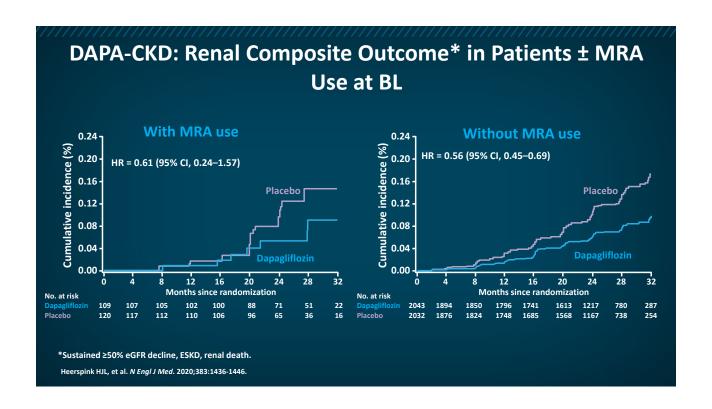


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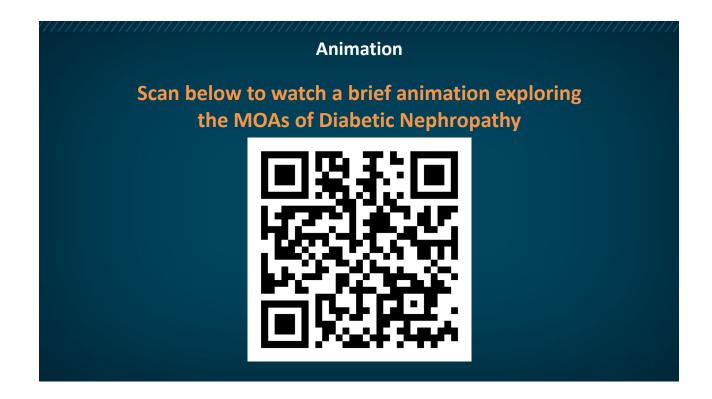
Safety outcomes*, n (%)	Dapagliflozin (n = 2149)	Placebo (n = 2149)
Discontinuation of study drug	274 (12.8)	309 (14.4)
Discontinuation due to AE	118 (5.5)	123 (5.7)
Any serious AE	633 (29.5)	729 (33.9)
AEs of interest		
Amputation <sup>†</sup>	35 (1.6)	39 (1.8)
Any definite/probable diabetic ketoacidosis	0	2 (0.1)
Fracture	85 (4.0)	69 (3.2)
Renal-related AE	155 (7.2)	188 (8.7)
Major hypoglycemia <sup>‡</sup>	14 (0.7)	28 (1.3)
Volume depletion	127 (5.9)	90 (4.2)
Serious AEs of volume depletion	22 (1.0)	18 (0.8)

<sup>\*</sup>Safety outcomes reported in participants on and off treatment; \*surgical or spontaneous/nonsurgical amputation, excluding amputation due to trauma; 
†AE with following criteria confirmed by investigator: a) symptoms of severe impairment in consciousness or behavior, b) need of external assistance, c) 
intervention to treat hypoglycaemia, and d) prompt recovery of acute symptoms following the intervention.

Heerspink HJL, et al. N Engl J Med. 2020;383:1436-1446 and supplement.



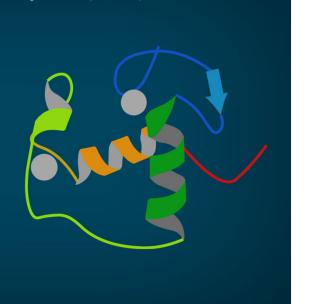
# Recent Clinical Trials in DKD Mineralocorticoid Receptor Antagonist

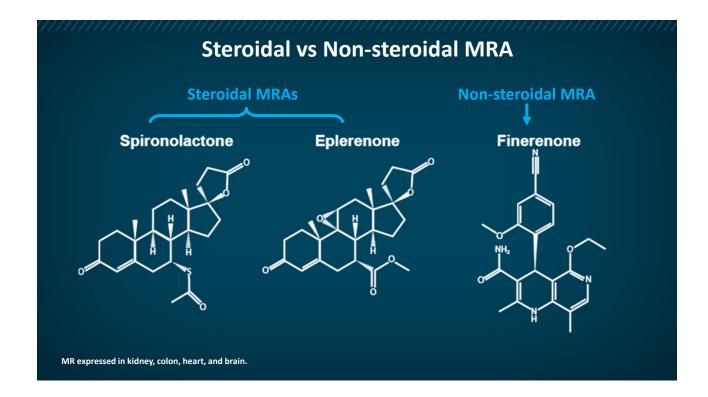


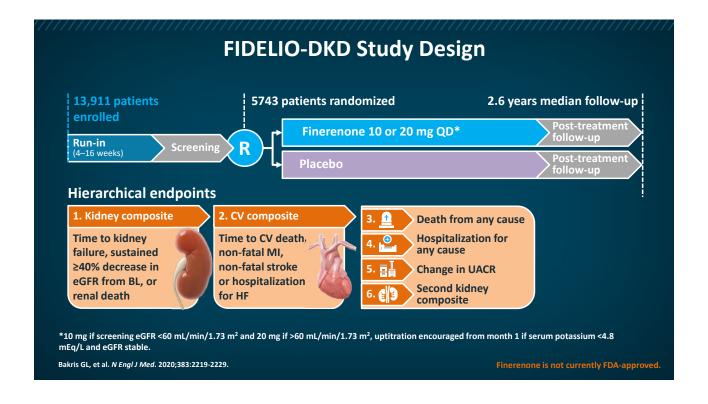
## **Mineralocorticoid Receptors (MRs)**

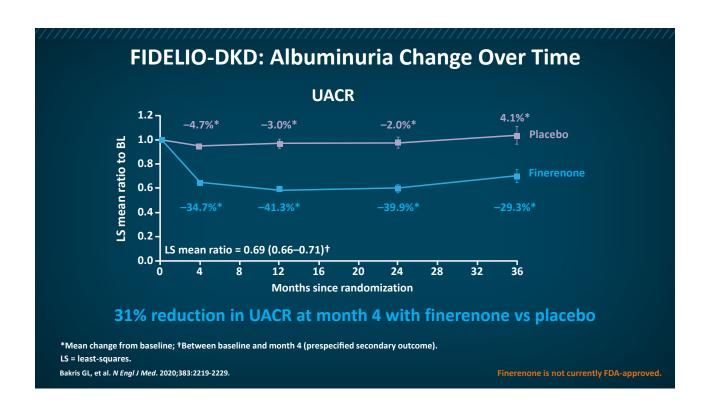
- Receptor for mineralocorticoid hormones such as aldosterone
- Expressed in CV system and are major determinant of endothelial function, smooth muscle tone, vascular remodeling, fibrosis, and BP
- Play an important role in immune cells and damage to heart, kidneys, and vasculature
- Play a role in insulin resistance

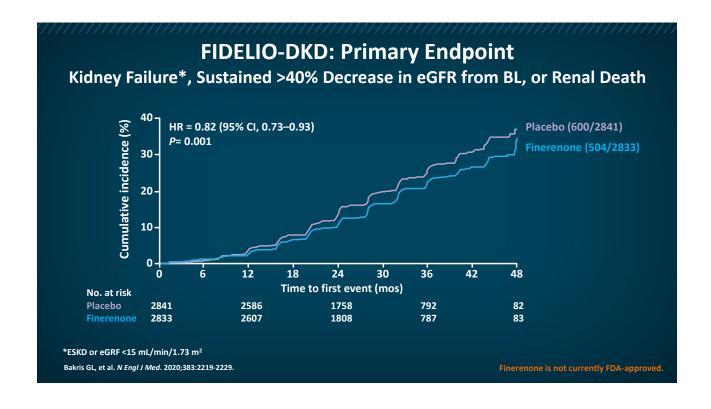
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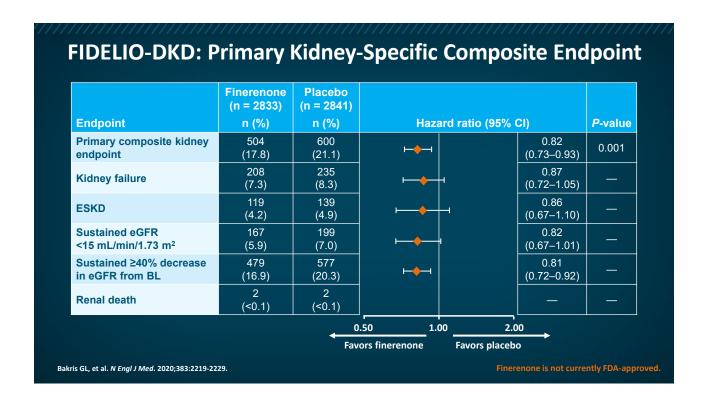


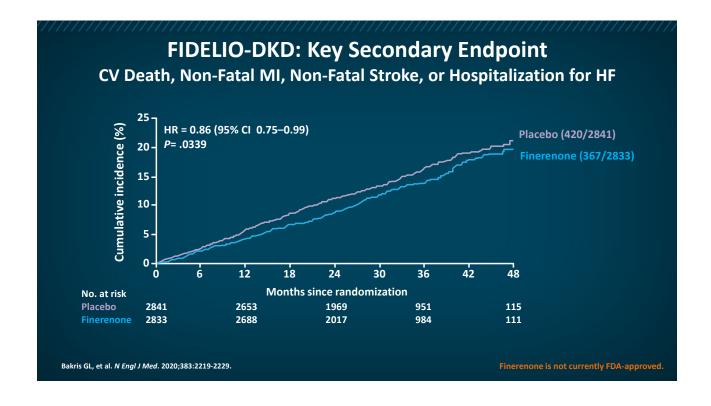


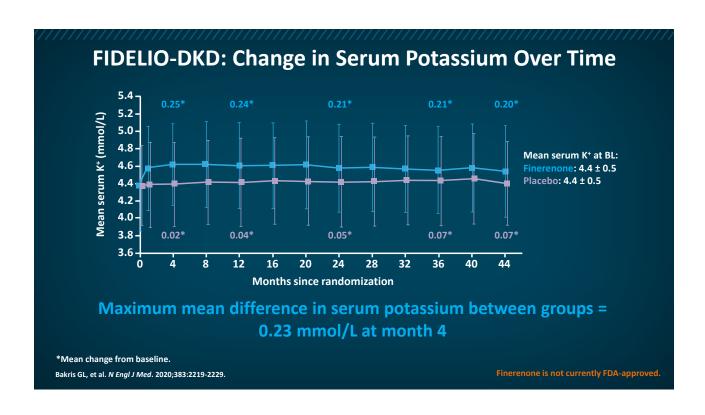


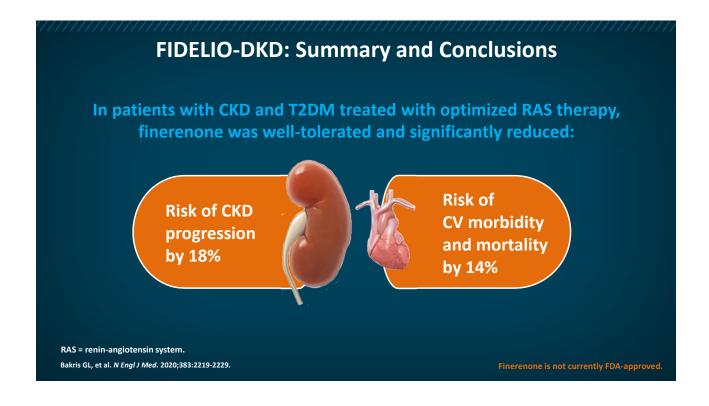












## Preventive Measures to Mitigate the Risk of Hyperkalemia

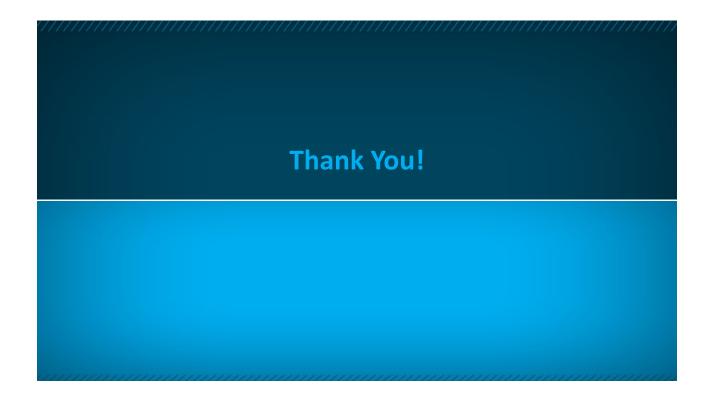
## **Strategies to Mitigate Hyperkalemia**

- Dietary potassium restriction
- Avoid drugs that can cause or potentiate hyperkalemia
  - NSAIDs
  - K<sup>+</sup> sparing diuretics
  - Calcineurin inhibitors
  - Other
- Concomitant use of potassium binders such as patiromer, zirconium cyclosilicate, sodium polystyrene sulfonate

NSAIDs = non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs.

## **Conclusions**

- The pathophysiology of CKD is complex, as is its relationship with increased renal and CVD risk in patients with DKD
- Inflammation, fibrosis, and MR activation are significant drivers of CKD/DKD progression
- The ADA recommends annual screening for T1DM and T2DM by measuring UACR and serum creatinine to estimate GFR
- There are multiple new and emerging renoprotective agents with differing mechanisms of action for the treatment of DKD



## **Chronic and Diabetic Kidney Disease: Diagnosis and Management**

Resource	Address
Akhtar M, et al. Diabetic kidney disease: Past and present. <i>Adv Anat Pathol</i> . 2020;27(2):87-97.	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31876542/
Alicic RZ, et al. Diabetic kidney disease: Challenges, progress, and possibilities. <i>Clin J Am Soc Nephrol.</i> 2017;12:2032-2045.	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/28522654/
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