

The Blockage of RAAS and SGLT2 for Nephroprotection

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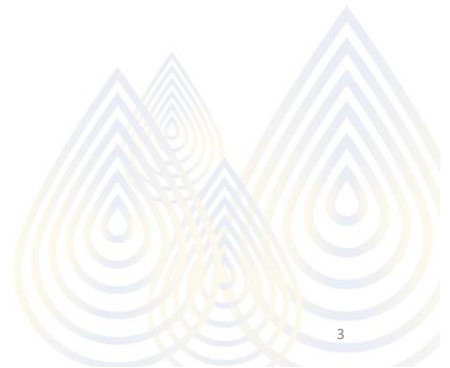
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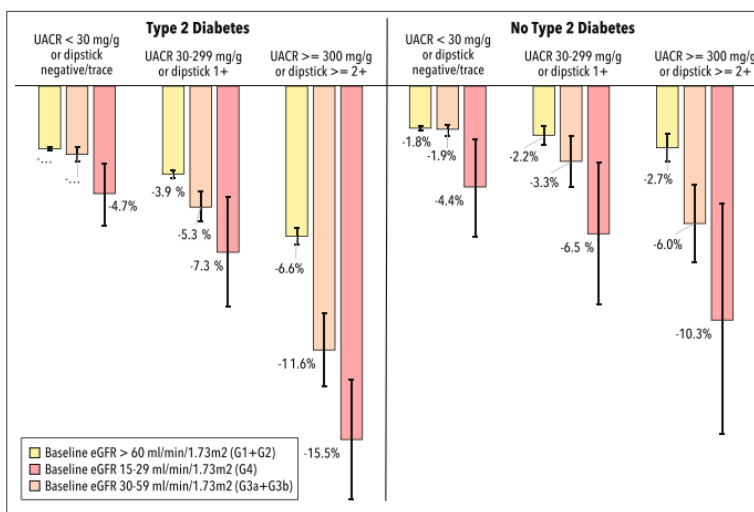
Outline

- Mechanism of RAAS pathway and drugs involved RAAS
- Role of RAAS inhibitors in kidney disease
- How to use RAAS inhibitors safety in kidney disease
- Key takeaways



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Risk for CKD progression



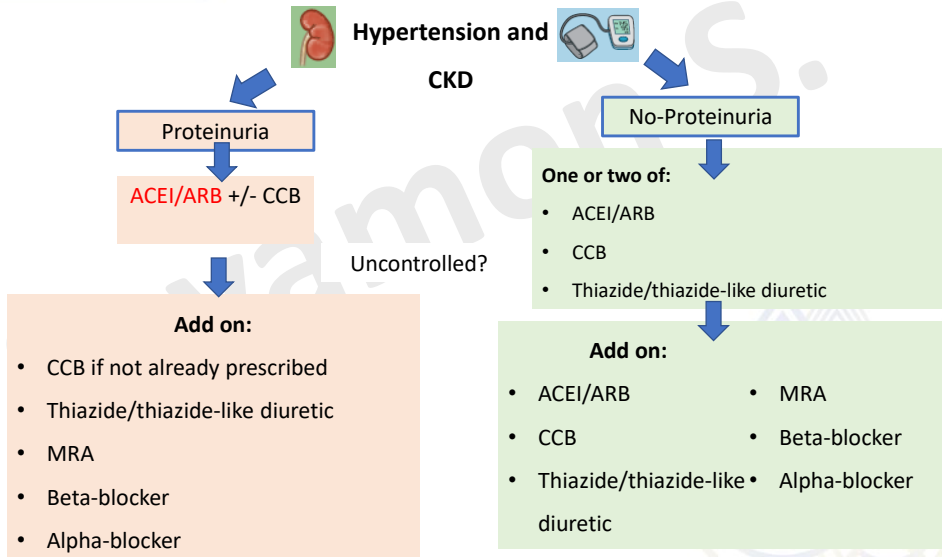
Nichols et al. BMC Nephrology (2020) 21:167.

- Main factors related to CKD progression

- Level of eGFR (staging of CKD)
- Level of albuminuria
- Having type 2 DM

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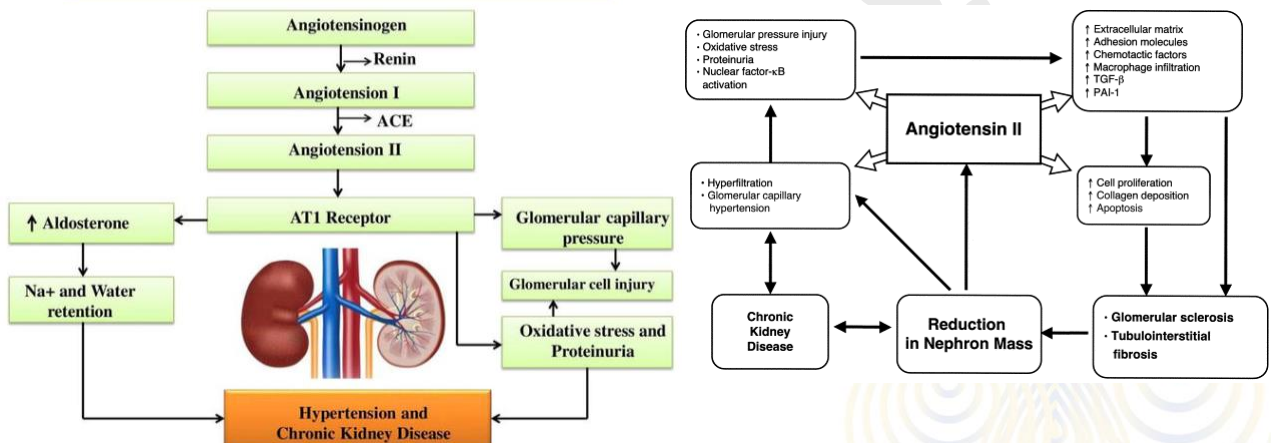
Anti-hypertensive use in CKD



Drugs. 2019 Mar;79(4):365-379.

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RAAS: Pathogenic Mechanism of Chronic Kidney Disease



Renin-angiotensin aldosterone system Edited by Samy I. McFarlane. 2021. Am J Med. 2004 Feb 15;116(4):263-72.

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KDIGO 2023 Clinical Practice Guideline for the Evaluation and Management of Chronic Kidney Disease (Public review draft July 2023)

ACEI/ARB

ระยะของโรคไตเรื้อรัง (CKD staging)	ภาวะความดันโลหิตสูง (hypertension)	ภาวะเบาหวาน	ระดับอัลบูมินในปัสสาวะ			น้ำหนัก คำแนะนำ และ คุณภาพ หลักฐานทาง วิชาการ
			A1 (<30 มิลลิกรัม/วัน)	A2 (30-300 มิลลิกรัม/วัน)	A3 (>300 มิลลิกรัม/วัน)	
G1-G4	✓				✓	1B
G1-G4	✓			✓		2C
G1-G4	✓	✓		✓	✓	1B

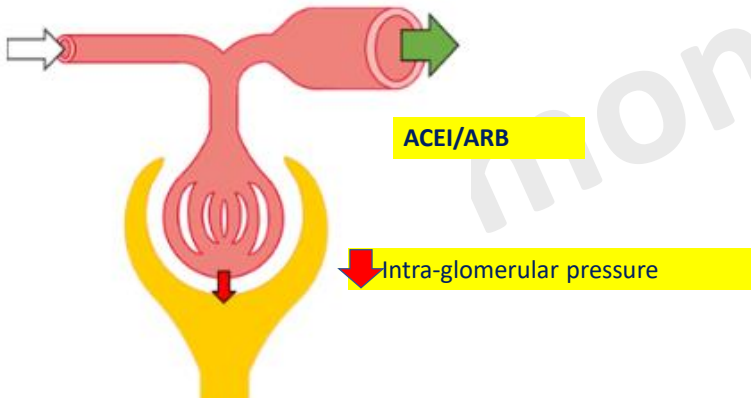
- Avoiding any combination of ACEI, ARB, direct renin inhibitors (1B)
- RAASI (ACEI/ARB) should be administered using the highest approved dose

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Drug	Starting dose	Max daily dose	Dosage adjustment in kidney impairment
Enalapril	5 mg OD	40 mg	CrCL < 30 mL/min, reduced initial dose to 2.5 mg OD
Fosinopril	10 mg OD	80 mg	No dosage adjustment necessary
Lisinopril	10 mg OD	40 mg	CrCL 10-30 mL/min, reduced initial dose by 50% for adult CrCL < 10 mL/min, reduced initial dose by 75% for adult
Perindopril	2 mg OD	8 mg	CrCL < 30 mL/min, not recommended
Quinapril	10 mg OD	80 mg	CrCL 30-60 mL/min, start at 10 mg OD CrCL 10-30 mL/min, start at 2.5 mg OD CrCL < 10 mL/min, insufficient data for dosage recommendation
Ramipril	2.5 mg OD	20 mg	CrCL < 30 mL/min, administer 25% of normal dose
Trandolapril	1 mg OD	4 mg	CrCL < 30 mL/min, reduced initial dose to 0.5 mg/day
Azilzartan	20-80 mg OD	80 mg	Dose adjustment is not required
Candesartan	8-32 mg OD	32 mg	CrCL < 30 mL/min, AUC and Cmax were doubled
Irbesartan	150 mg OD	300 mg	No dosage adjustment necessary
Losartan	50 mg OD	100 mg	No dosage adjustment necessary
Olmесartan	20 mg OD	40 mg	No initial dosage adjustment necessary Ref: KDIGO 2021 guideline
Telmisartan	40 mg OD	80 mg	No dosage adjustment necessary
Valsartan	80 mg OD	320 mg	No dosage adjustment available for CrCL < 30 mL/min

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ACEIs/ARBs and proteinuria



RAASi **reduced** intra-glomerular pressure (IGP)



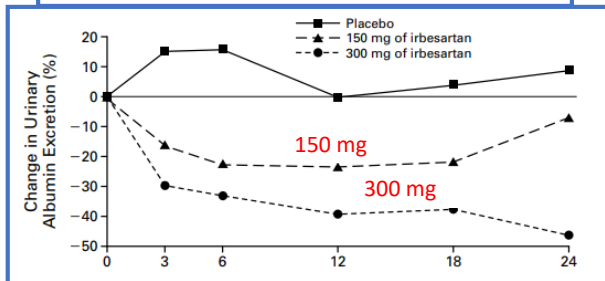
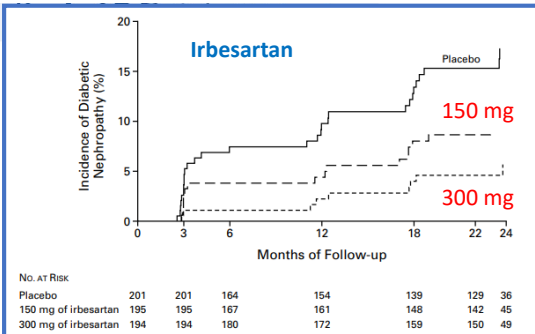
Decrease proteinuria/albuminuria

Albuminuria-lowering effect is **dose-dependent**

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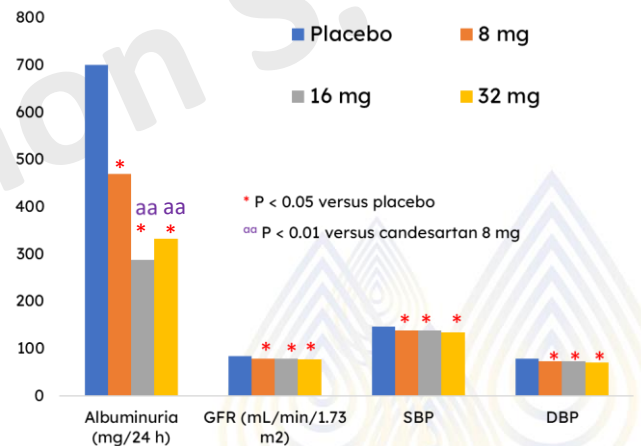
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THE EFFECT OF IRBESARTAN ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF DIABETIC NEPHROPATHY IN PATIENTS WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES



Optimal Dose of Candesartan for Renoprotection in Type 2 Diabetic Patients With Nephropathy

A double-blind randomized cross-over study



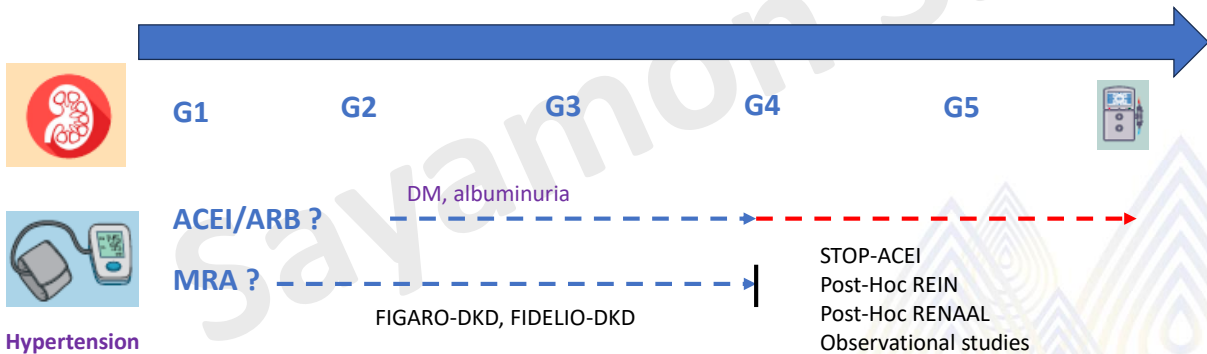
Key clinical questions?

- When to start/stop RAASi in kidney disease patients?
- What are the current evidence of RAASi in advanced CKD?
 - How to use RAASi safely in CKD patients?

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Different CKD patient scenario

Who should receive RAASi?



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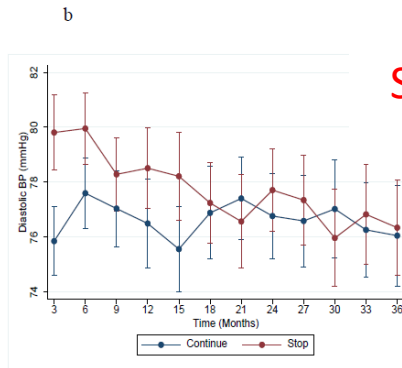
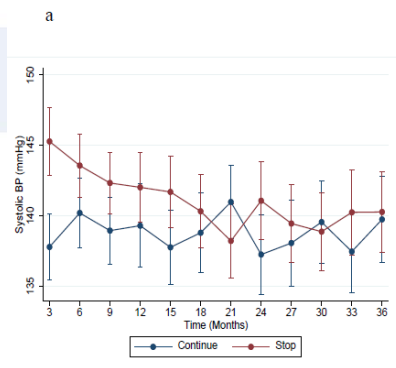
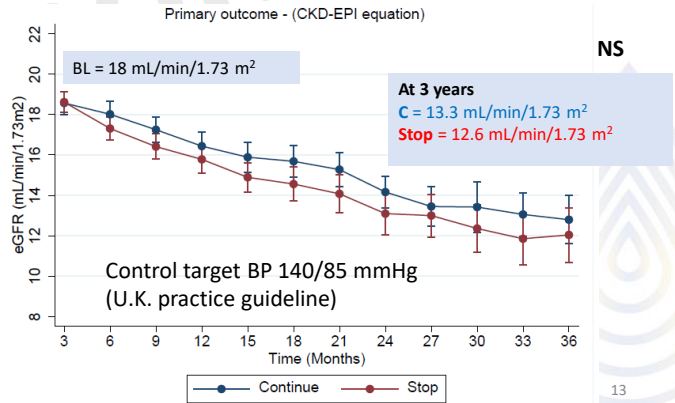
STOP ACEi Trial (2022)

- **P** = 411 patients receiving RAASi (ACEi/ARB = 50%/50%)
 - Mean eGFR 18 mL/min/1.73 m²
 - DM 30%, A2
 - Controlled BP (136/77 mmHg) CCB 65%, loop 33%, aa 30%, Beta-blocker 30%, no. of anti-HTN = 2.7 items
- **I** = D/C RAASi
- **C** = continue RAASi
- **O** = eGFR at 3 years



Renin–Angiotensin System Inhibition in Advanced Chronic Kidney Disease

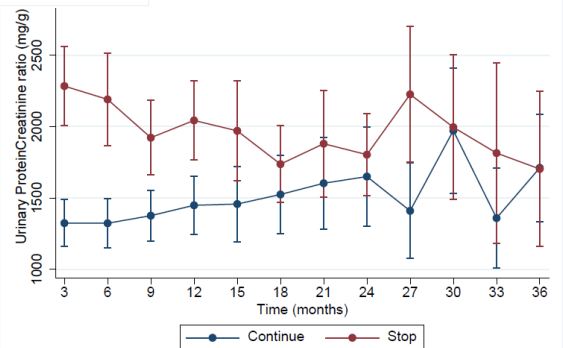
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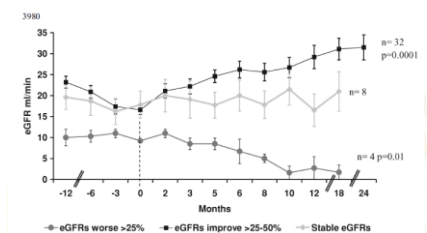
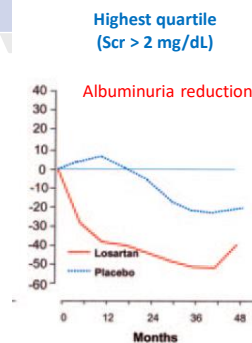
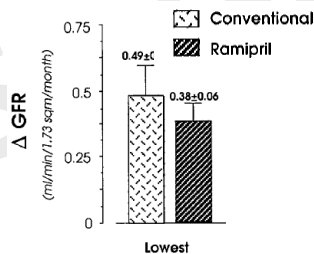
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RAASi in advanced kidney disease

	Post Hoc REIN (2001)	Post Hoc RENAAL (2004)	Ahmed AK (2010)
P			
• Age	• 50 years	• 60 years	• 73 years
• CKD staging	• G4 (CrCL 29-30 mL/min/1.73 m ²)	• G4 (CrCL 28 mL/min/1.73 m ²)	• G4 (eGFR 16 mL/min/1.73 m ²)
• Albuminuria	• A3 (proteinuria 3-4 g/day)	• A3 (UACR 1800 mg/g)	• A1 (proteinuria 77 mg/mmol)
• Cause of CKD	• GN 35%, other or unknown 54%, APKD/interstitial nephritis 11%	• All T2DM, A1C = 8	• DM 50%, other causes (GN, tubulointerstitial nephritis, obstructive nephropathy, no known etiology 50%)
• BP	• 150/90 mmHg	• 155/80 mmHg	• HTN 77% (BP 137/70 mmHg)
I	Ramipril (N = 52)	Losartan (N = 2448)	All STOP RAASi and changed to other anti-BP medication (N = 52)
C	Conventional anti-BP (N = 55)	Placebo (N = 263)	No 15

	Post Hoc REIN (2001)	Post Hoc RENAAL (2004)	Ahmed AK (2010)
O			
• Primary endpoint	• Change in eGFR at 3 years	• Progression to ESKD (need for HD, KT)	• Change in eGFR at 12 mo
• Others	• Progression to ESKD		
Results	For ramipril, eGFR declined 4 mL/min/1.73 m²/year. For conventional, eGFR declined 6 mL/min/1.73 m ² /year	Losartan decreased the risk of ESKD by 24.6% (95% CI 0.2-43.1, P = 0.048)	The eGFR after stopping RAASi for 12 mo was 26 mL/min/1.73 m ² (P = 0.001)



Stopping Renin-Angiotensin System Inhibitors in Patients with Advanced CKD and Risk of Adverse Outcomes: A Nationwide Study

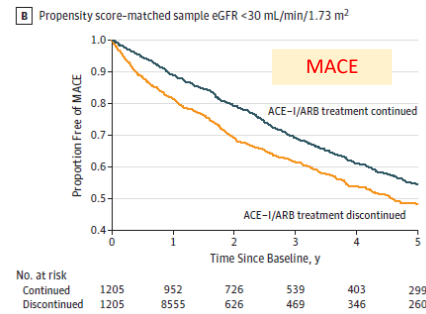
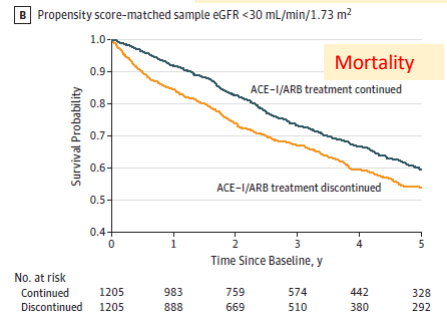
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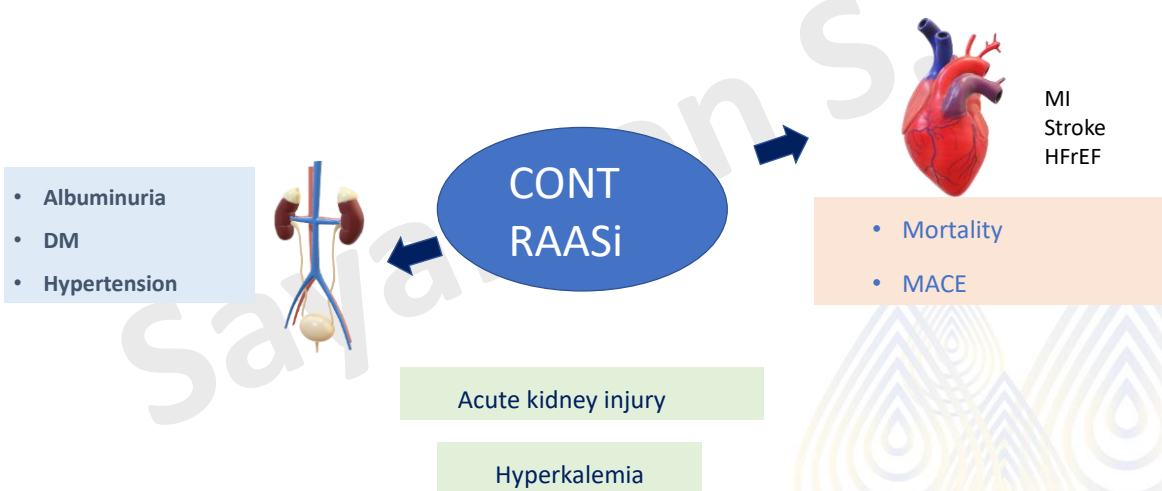
Table 2. The 5-year RMST, RMST differences, absolute risks, and risk differences associated with stopping RASi and continuation on mortality, MACE, and KRT in advanced CKD patients with eGFR <30 mL/min per 1.73 m²

Outcome and Treatment Strategy	Weighted Persons, n	Weighted Events, n	5-yr RMST, mo (95% CI)	5-yr RMST Difference, mo (95% CI)	5-yr Absolute Risk, % (95% CI)	5-yr Risk Difference, % (95% CI)
All-cause mortality						
Continuing RASi	7971	3258	47.9 (46.2 to 49.7)	Reference	40.9 (38.9 to 42.8)	Reference
Stopping RASi	7078	3852	44.3 (43.8 to 44.8)	-3.6 (-5.4 to -1.8)	54.5 (48.5 to 61.2)	13.6 (7.0 to 20.3)
MACE						
Continuing RASi	8127	3870	44.7 (42.8 to 46.5)	Reference	47.6 (45.9 to 49.4)	Reference
Stopping RASi	7623	4543	41.4 (40.8 to 41.9)	-3.3 (-5.3 to -1.4)	59.5 (53.8 to 66.1)	11.9 (5.7 to 18.6)
KRT						
Continuing RASi	8329	3007	48.1 (46.5 to 49.7)	Reference	36.1 (34.7 to 37.7)	Reference
Stopping RASi	8808	2458	48.9 (48.3 to 49.5)	0.8 (-0.8 to 2.5)	27.9 (23.5 to 32.5)	-8.3 (-12.8 to -3.6)

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Identify advance CKD patients who should continue with RAASi



Key clinical questions?

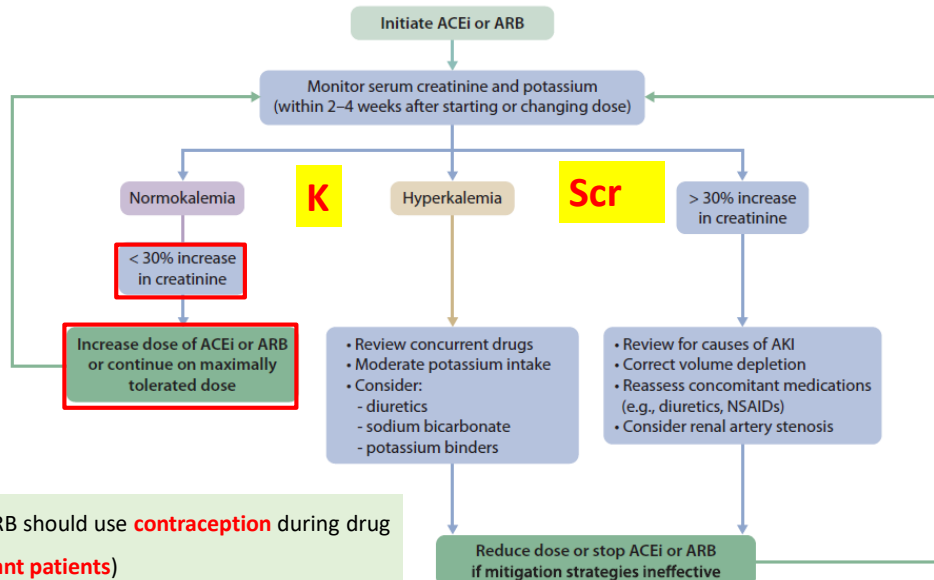
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KDIGO 2022 Clinical Practice Guideline for Diabetes Management in Chronic Kidney Disease

Monitoring
 Scr, K after
 initiating
 ACEi/ARB



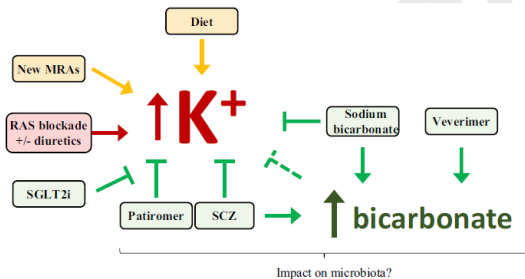
Patients receiving ACEi/ARB should use **contraception** during drug used **(and avoid in pregnant patients)**

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Hyperkalemia in CKD

Contributors of hyperkalemia

- Increased K⁺ load from food
- Transcellular shift K out of cells
- Decreased kidney K excretion



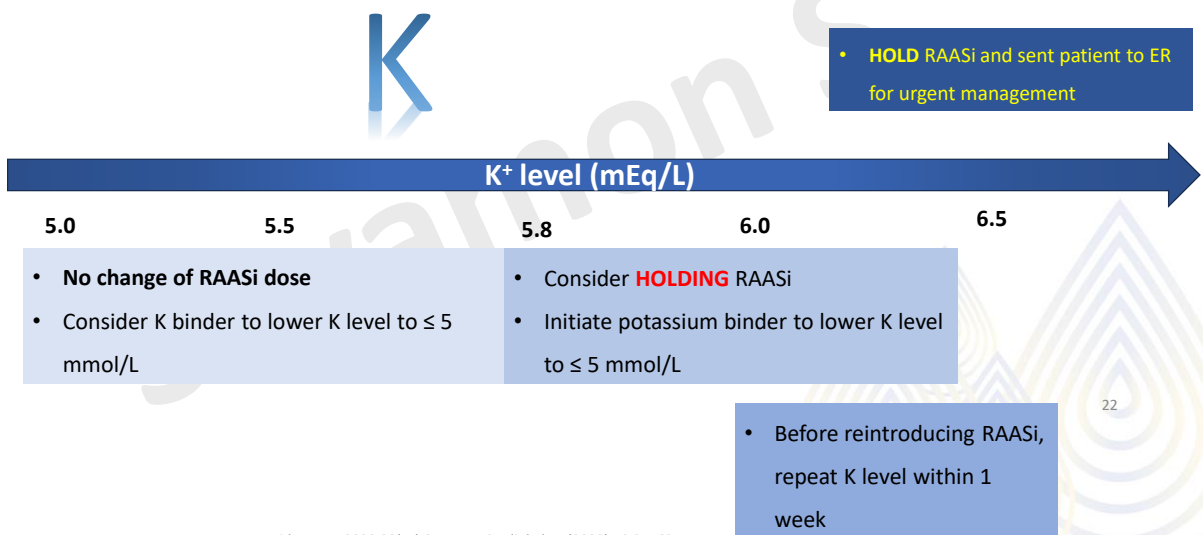
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Recommendation when using RAASi in CKD

- Monitor serum K within 2-4 weeks of initiation of RAASi (KDIGO 2020)
- In patients at high risk of hyperkalemia, monitoring should start within 1 week
- Avoid initiation/up titration when K level > 5 mEq/L (Larive e NL, 2023)

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When patients taking RAASi



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Evaluation of Drug-Related Problems in Patients Attending a Chronic Kidney Disease Clinic

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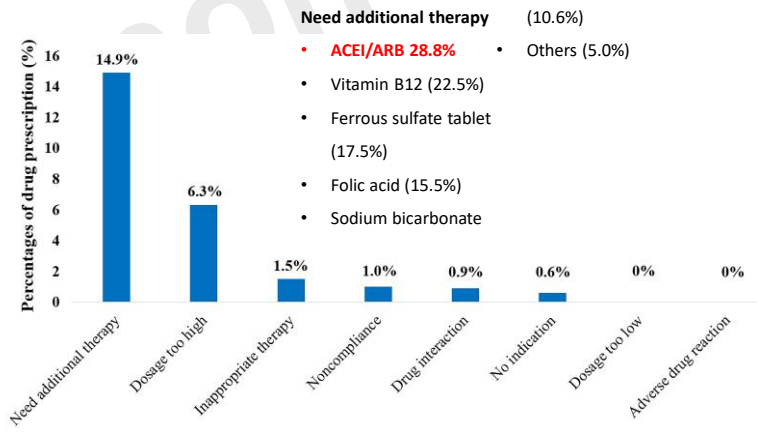
Inclusion criteria

1. Male or female aged > 18 years
2. Stage 1-4 CKD
3. Attended CKD clinic at the Golden Jubilee Medical Center between Jan 2020 to June 2021

Exclusion criteria

1. Patients with dialysis
2. Patient with insufficiency information

The manuscript is currently being submitted



- Need additional therapy (10.6%)**
- ACEI/ARB 28.8%
 - Vitamin B12 (22.5%)
 - Ferrous sulfate tablet (17.5%)
 - Folic acid (15.5%)
 - Sodium bicarbonate
 - Others (5.0%)

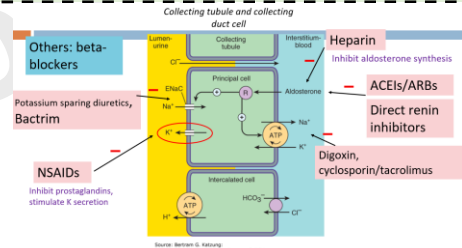
Pharmacist role for hyperkalemia in chronic setting

Counseling potassium-restricted diets

<p>Plant-based foods Absorption rate: 34-48%</p> <p>Plant-based foods may have low absorption rates, not allowing effective, and easily excreted potassium in stools. High potassium diets, including those with potassium supplements, are contraindicated.</p>	<p>Animal-based foods Absorption rate: 70-90%</p> <p>Animal-based proteins has higher absorption and not such effect results. High potassium diet, including those with potassium supplements, are contraindicated.</p>	<p>Processed foods Absorption rate: 90%</p> <p>Potassium salt (often based on potassium-based absorption rate) has been reported to be high.</p>
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Application

Screening for concomitant medications that cause hyperkalemia



Using sodium bicarbonate when indicated (for treatment of metabolic acidosis)

Medications tx to prevent severe metabolic acidosis ($HCO < 16$ mmol/L (KDIGO 2023, draft version))

Suggesting of increasing potassium excretion (loop or thiazide diuretics and/or potassium binders)

Role of RAASi in CKD patients

- G1-4, Albuminuria, hypertension, DM
- Increased dose of ACEI/ARB on maximally tolerated dose

Contraindications /precautions

- Consider planned D/C of ACEI/ARB in the 48-72 hours prior to elective surgery or acute management due to AEs (CKD 2023, draft version)
- Advise contraception in women who are receiving ACEI/ARB and D/C in those who are considering pregnancy

Key Takeaways

Monitoring

- Scr within 1-2 week after starting/increasing dose (AKI)
- Potassium (hyperkalemia)

