

# Kidney Transplantation

Part of the Continuum of care of Kidney Disease

**A story of Failure and Success**

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# Agenda

- Introduction
  - Some terminology – Healthcare and Success
- Beginning with the punch line –
  - Renal Replacement Therapy - Transplantation as the preferred option
- Chronic Kidney Disease
  - A continuum of care through the lens of transplantation
- Questions

# The World of Healthcare

## 20<sup>th</sup>C Services

Tertiary care facilities

Information Technology

Support services

Preventative care

Home health

Specialty hospitals

Research

Home health

**MEDICINE**

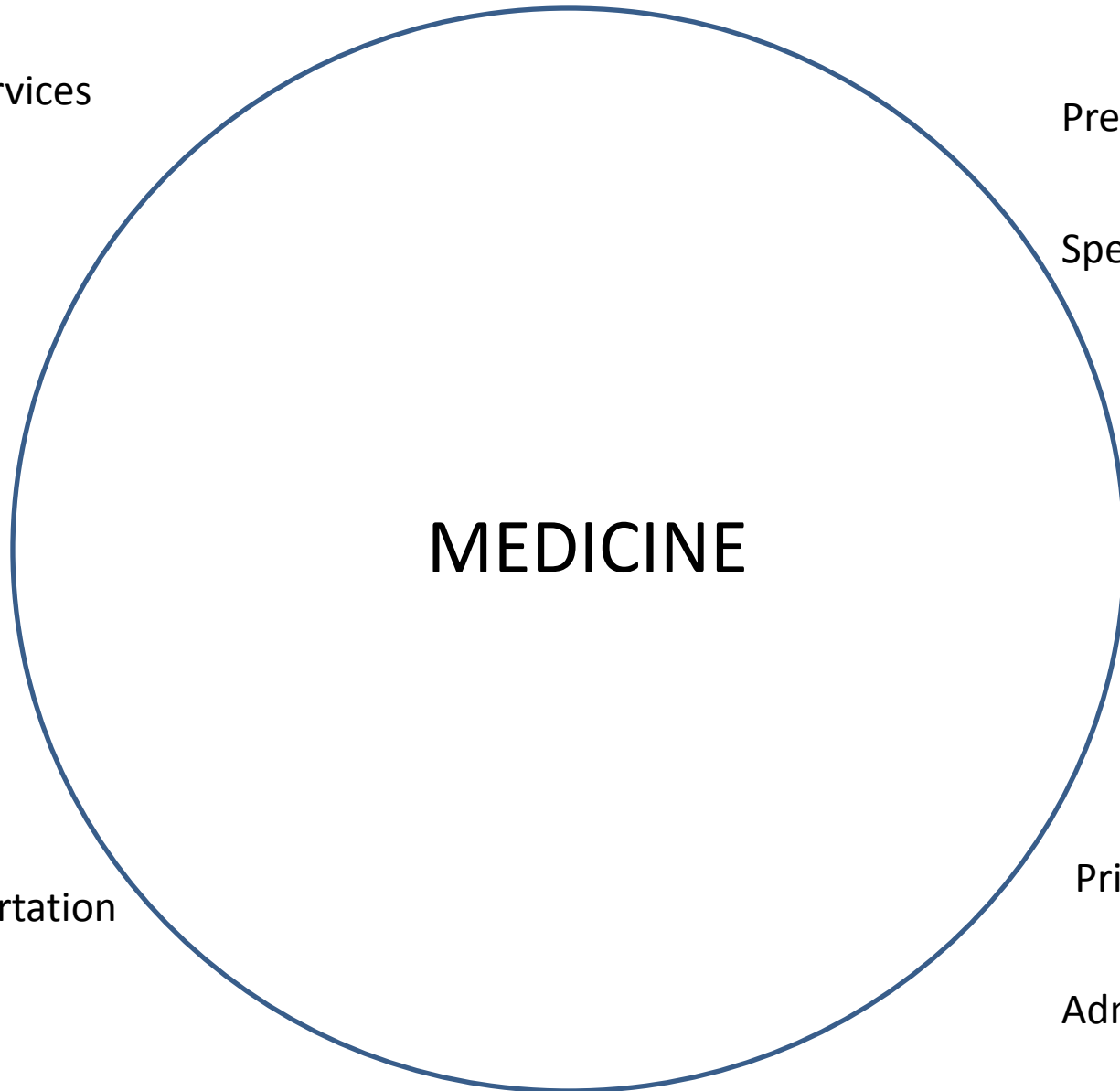
Hospice

Testing

Transportation

Primary hospitals

Administration



# What is Success when dealing with a Disease ?

Prevention -

Successful prevention: disease never occurs... Healthcare

Treatment - dealing with failure... Medicine/Healthcare

Successful treatment: benefits a target population and consistently yields best possible outcome

Successful treatments share specific characteristics

1. Testable ----- scientifically vetted
2. Equitable ----- apply equally to affected group
3. Cost effective -- pharmacoeconomic argument
4. Available ----- generally available

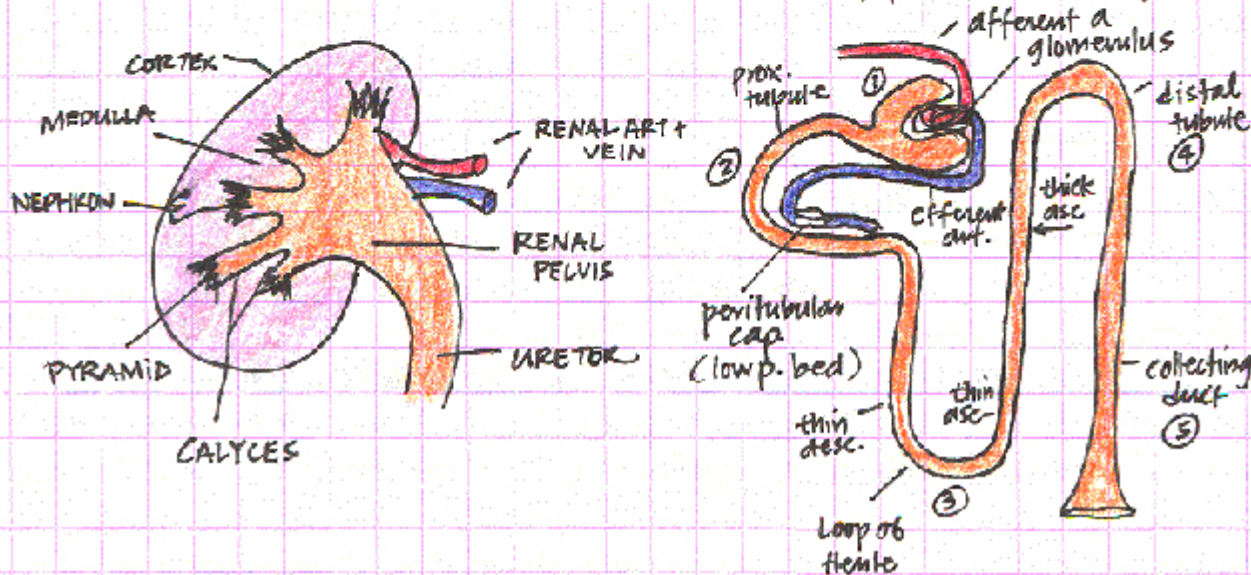
# Kidney Function(s)



## RENAL STRUCTURE + FXN

FXN

- ① excrete detoxified compounds
- ② regulate ECF:  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{HPO}_4$  solutes
- ③ Acid-Base balance of  $\text{H}^+/\text{HCO}_3^-$
- ④ regulate ECF  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  volume
- ⑤ process metabolic end prods: secrete uric acid & creatine
- ⑥ Endocrine: erythropoietin, renin-angiotensin curt + Vit  $\text{D}_3$  → liver → kidney processes it → gut to a



# The Early NHANES III Study

## Analysis of Prevalence of CKD by Stage

Stage	Description	eGFR Range (ml/min/ 1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	Population (1,000's)	Population (%)
1	Kidney damage with normal or increase GFR	≥ 90	5,900	3.3 %
2	Mildly decreased GFR	60-89	5,300	3.0 %
3	Moderately decreased GFR	30-59	7,600	4.3 %
4	Severely decreased GFR	15-29	400	0.2 %
5	Kidney Failure	< 15	300	0.1%

# CKD Management – Thinking Ahead

## Renal Replacement Therapy

- Palliative care
- Peritoneal Dialysis
- Hemodialysis
- Transplantation

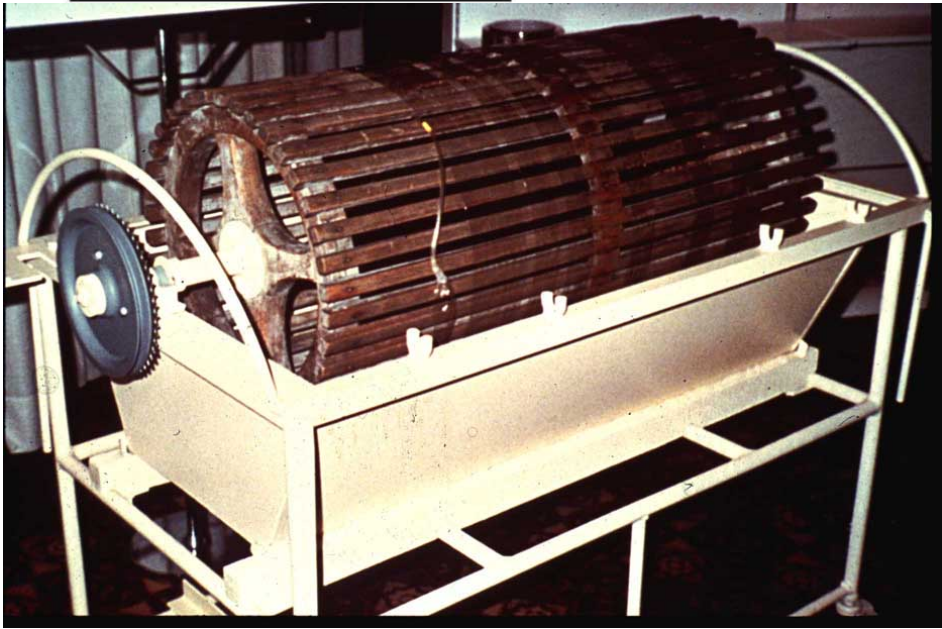


# Hemodialysis

Then and Now



Artificial Kidney: 1947



# Hemodialysis

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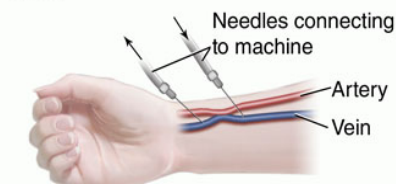
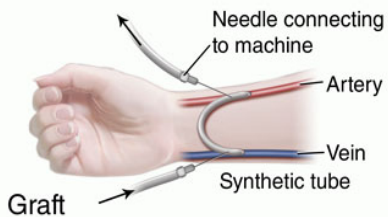
## Advantages

1. Target electrolytes
2. Tight control of fluid status
3. Professional contact
4. Community interaction

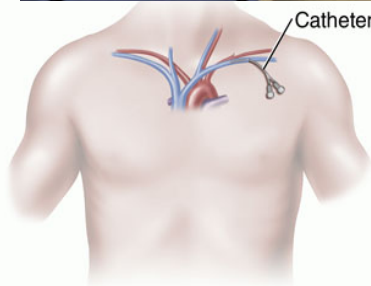
## Disadvantages

1. Surgical / wound complications
2. Infection
3. Peak and valley results
4. Time / availability
5. Access to facilities/certified assist

## Types of Access for



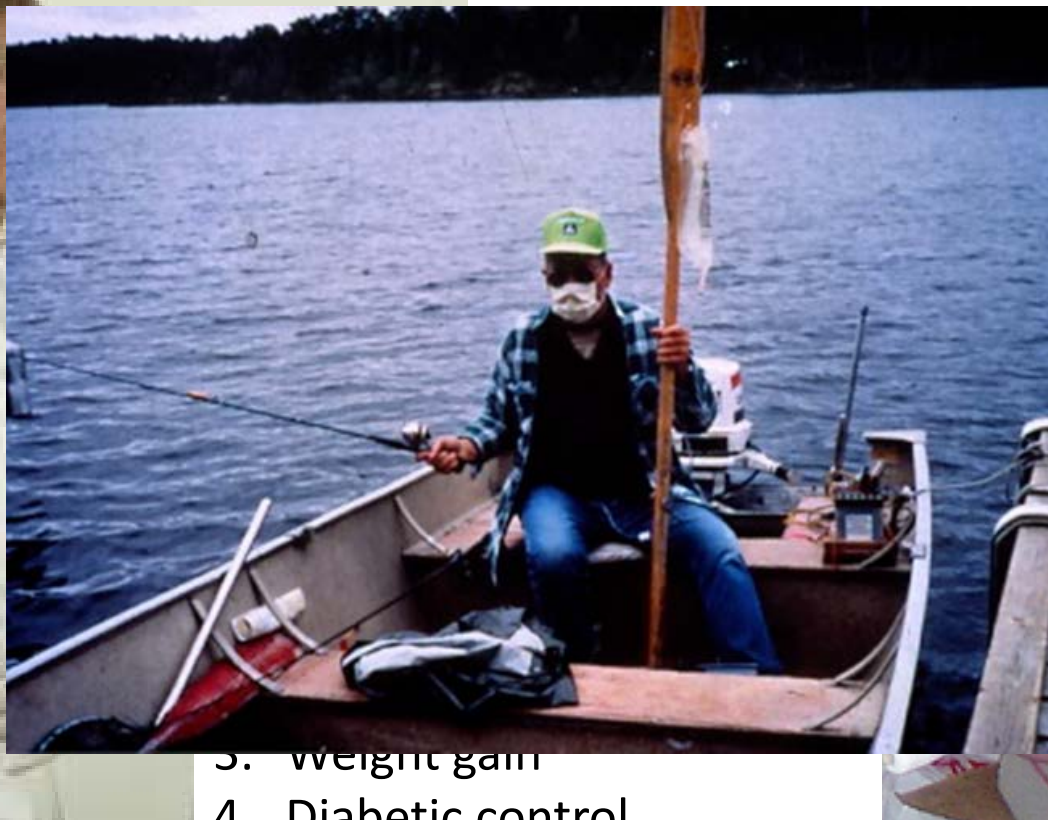
Fistula



Catheter in Neck



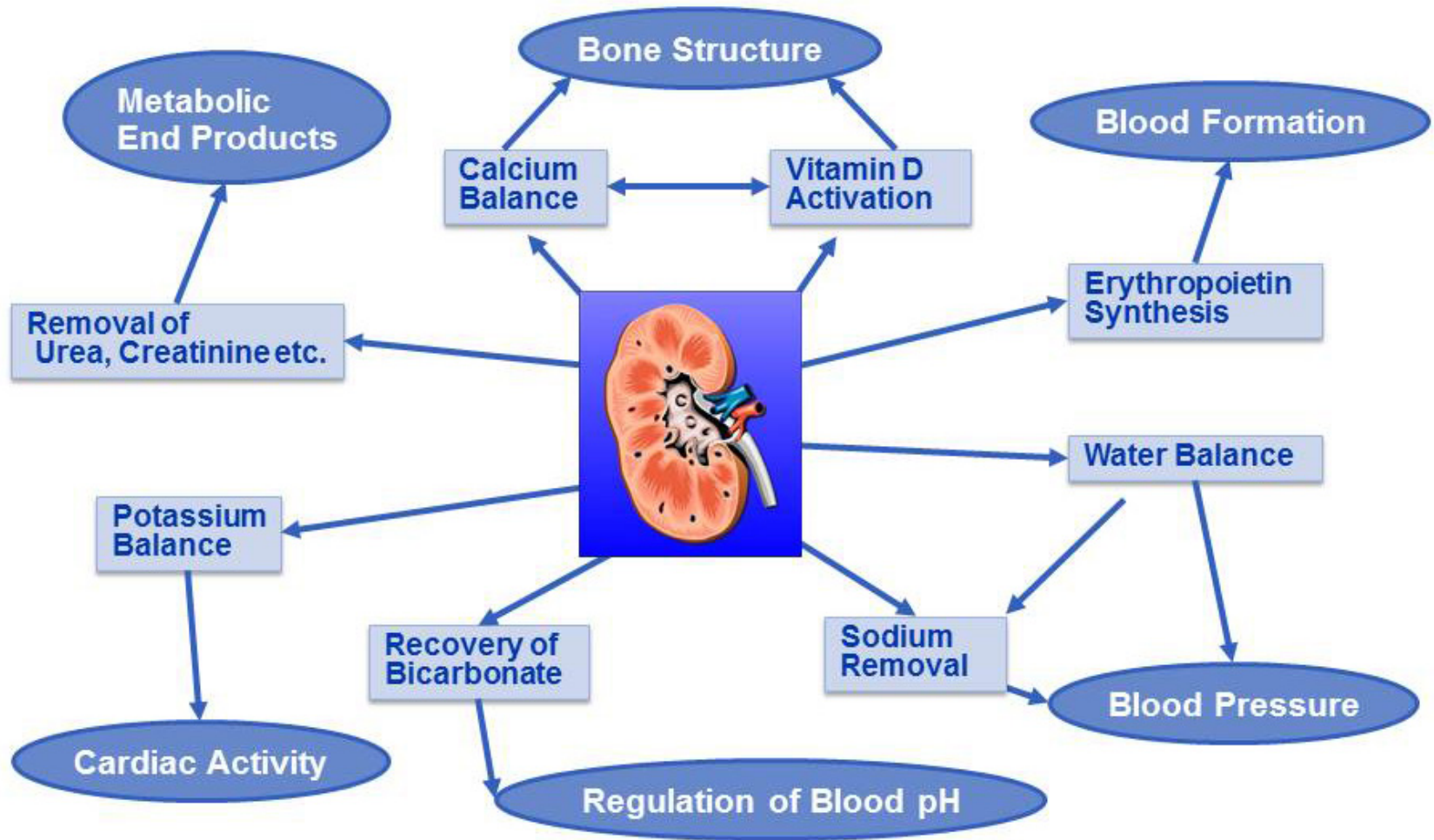
# Peritoneal Dialysis



- 5. weight gain
- 4. Diabetic control

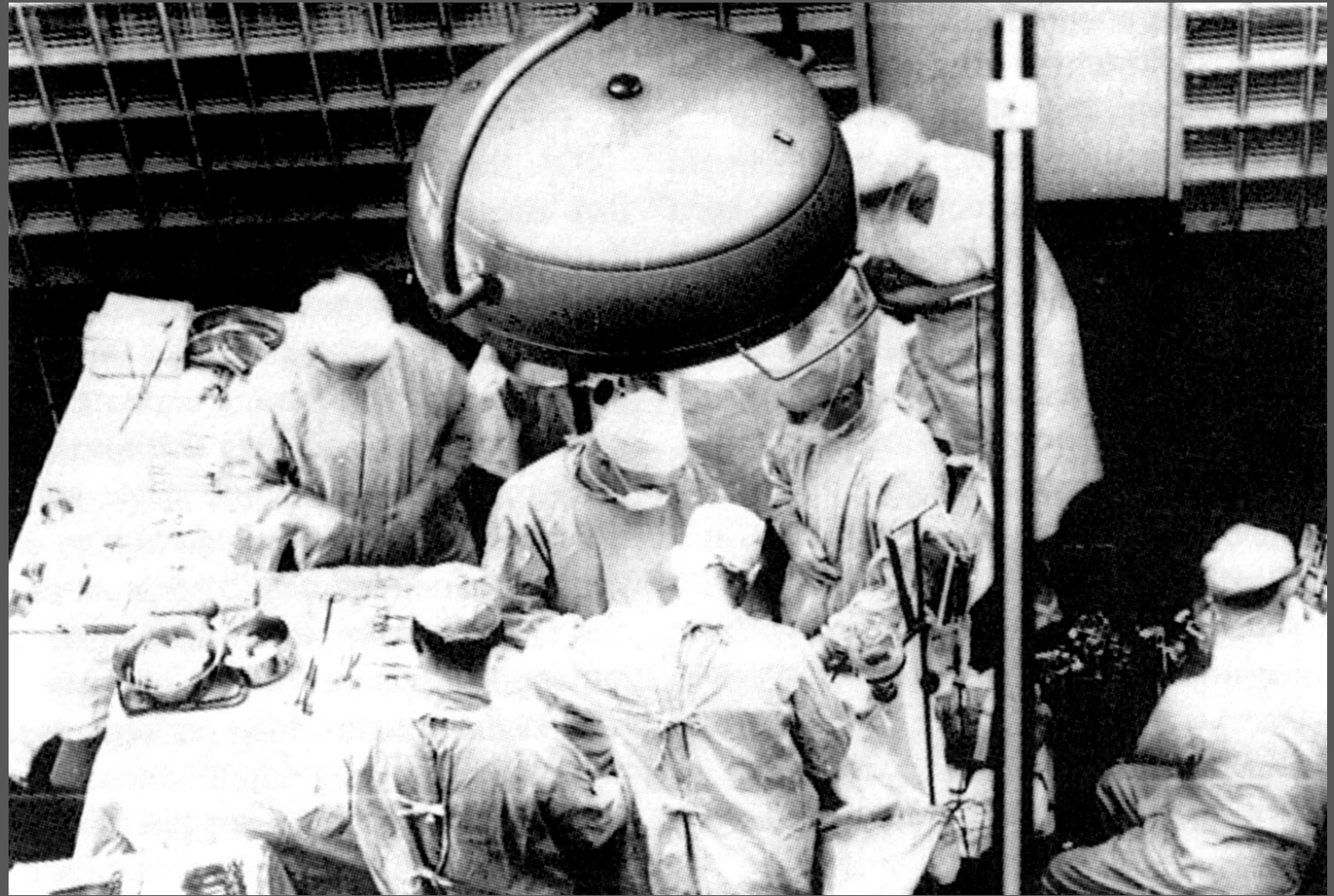


# Kidney Functions









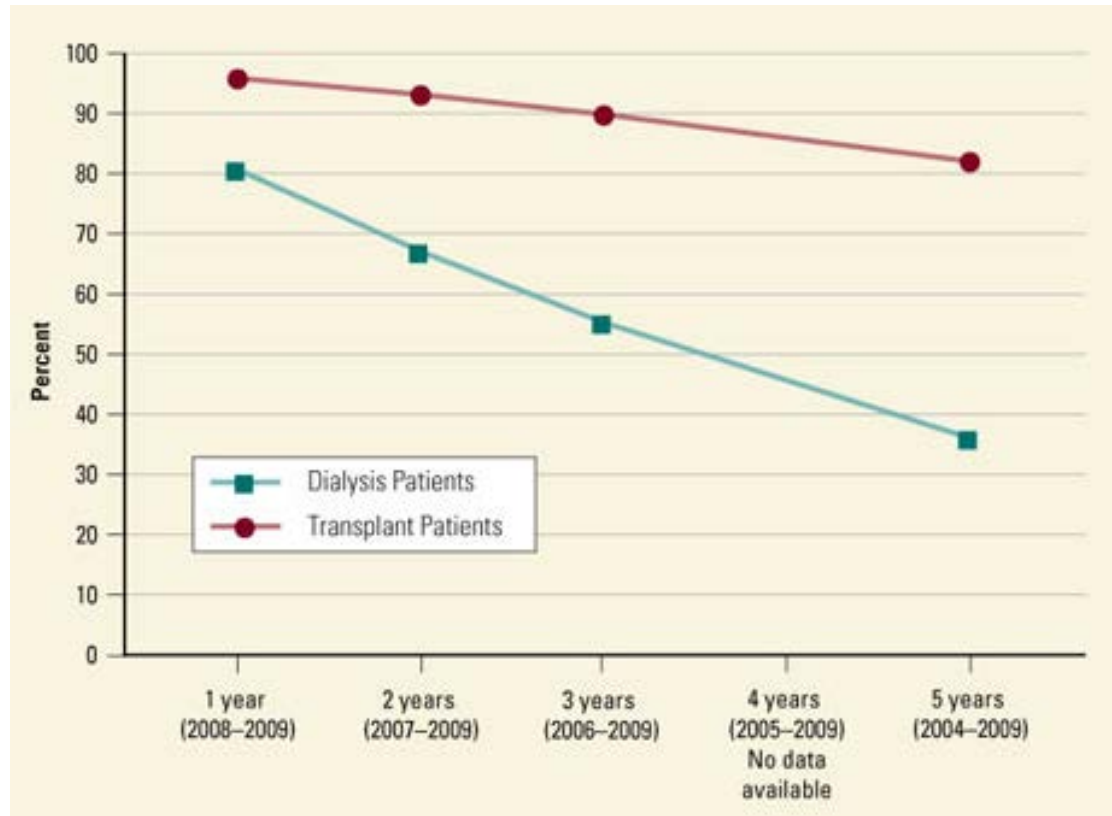
# Fears - Safety – Efficacy – Expectations

## Transplant – safe alternative

Table 11.1 Graft survival after first adult kidney only transplant from a DBD									
Year of transplant	No. at risk on day 0	% Graft survival (95% confidence interval)							
		One year		Two year		Five year		Ten year	
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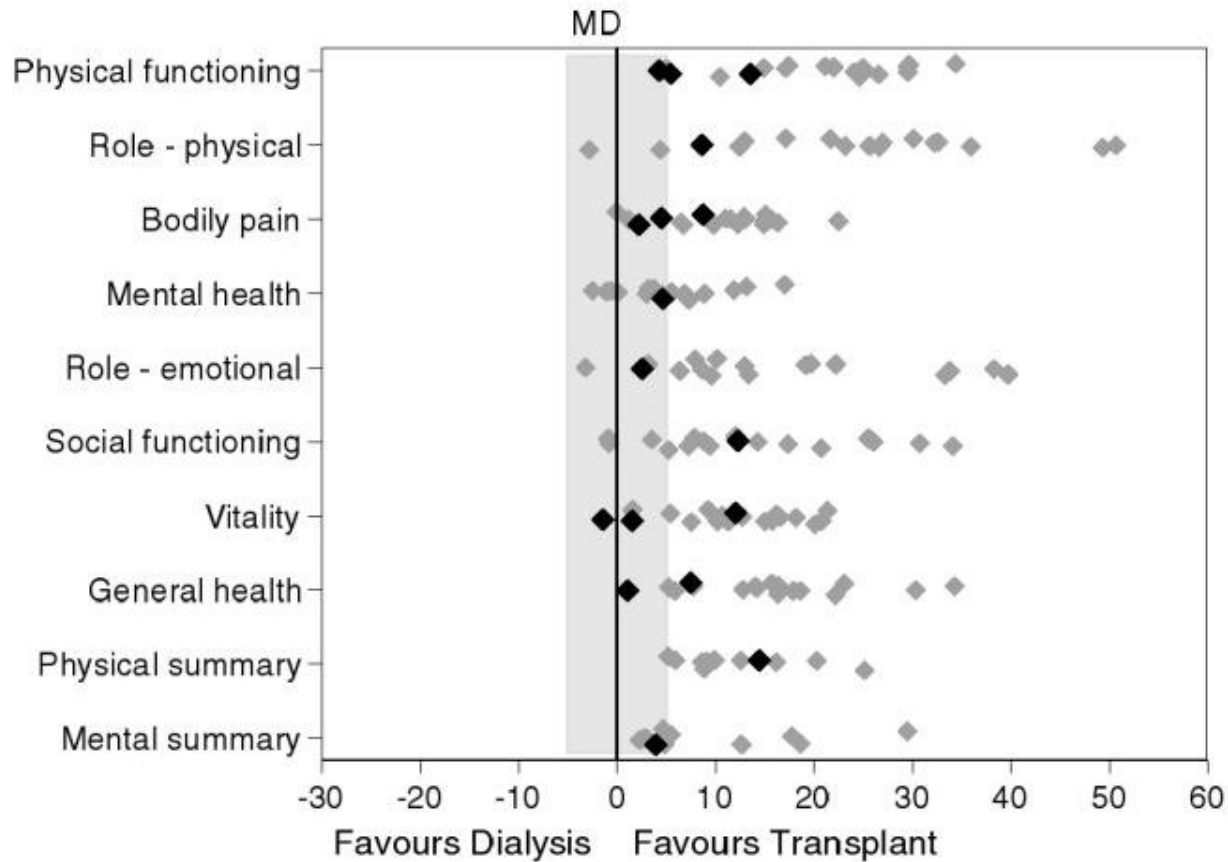
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# Survival Benefit Transplant versus Dialysis



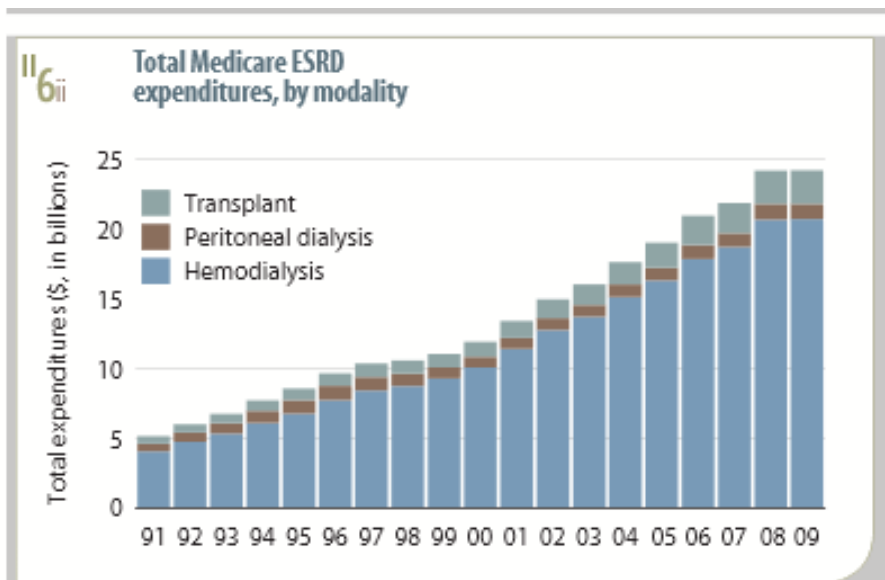


# Improved Quality of Life Transplant versus Dialysis



Short form health survey - SF36

# Cost Effective Transplant versus Dialysis



# What is the Success when dealing with ESRD?

Prevention: Ideal but limited

- ✓ Successful treatment: benefits the target population and consistently yields best possible outcome

Characteristics of a successful treatment:

- ✓ 1. Testable ----- scientifically vetted
- ✓ 2. Equitable ----- apply equally to affected group
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Transplantation is the preferred treatment for ESRD

What about the rest of 'Kidney Disease?'

# Kidney Disease = Chronic Kidney Disease

- Many terms used interchangeably to describe a state of chronic reduced kidney function
  - Chronic Renal Insufficiency
  - Chronic Renal Failure
  - Renal Insufficiency
  - Renal dysfunction
  - Diabetic nephropathy\*
  - Chronic rejection (if patient had prior transplant)
  - Chronic nephropathy
  - Hypertensive nephrosclerosis\*
  - Etc. etc. etc.

# Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

## Kidney Disease Outcome Quality Initiative (KDOQI)

- Anatomical or Structural Defect
  - Abnormal imaging study
    - (i.e. Polycystic Kidney Disease, nephrosclerosis)
  - Abnormal Renal Biopsy
    - (i.e., MPGN, TMA)
  - Proteinuria (spot UProt/creat >30 mg/g)
- Functional Component
  - Abnormal eGFR (Low or High)
    - A biomarker (calculated measure) of kidney function
- Time Component (chronic)
  - Finding present  $\geq$  3months

# KDOQI CKD Definition

- eGFR  $< 60$  ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>  $\geq 3$  months

OR

- Spot urine albumin/creatinine ratio of  $>30$  mg/g in at least 2 urine samples

# Chronic Kidney Disease

Quality of life

Length of life

Social impact

Financial impact

Family

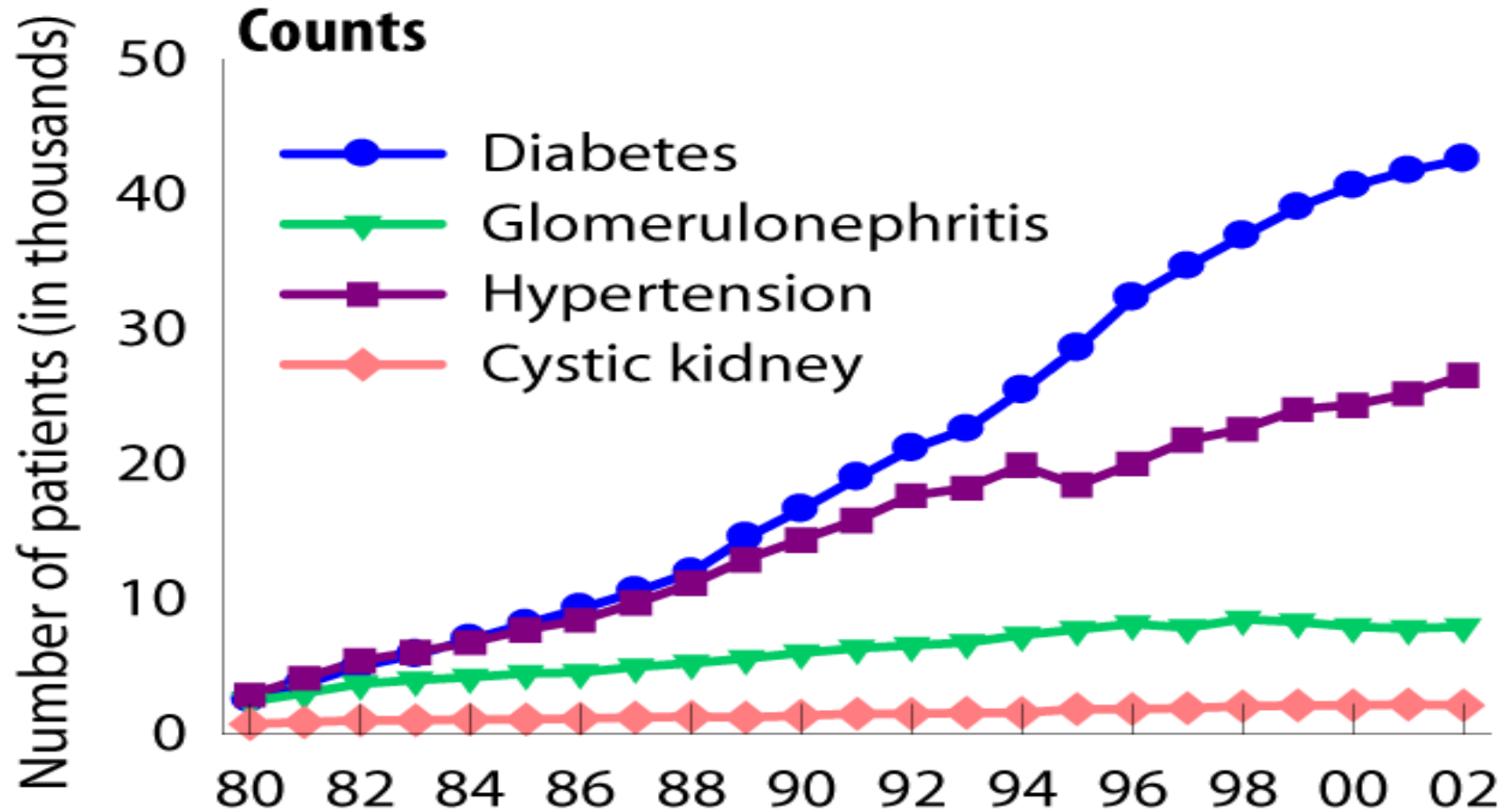
Community

# CKD – Risk Factors

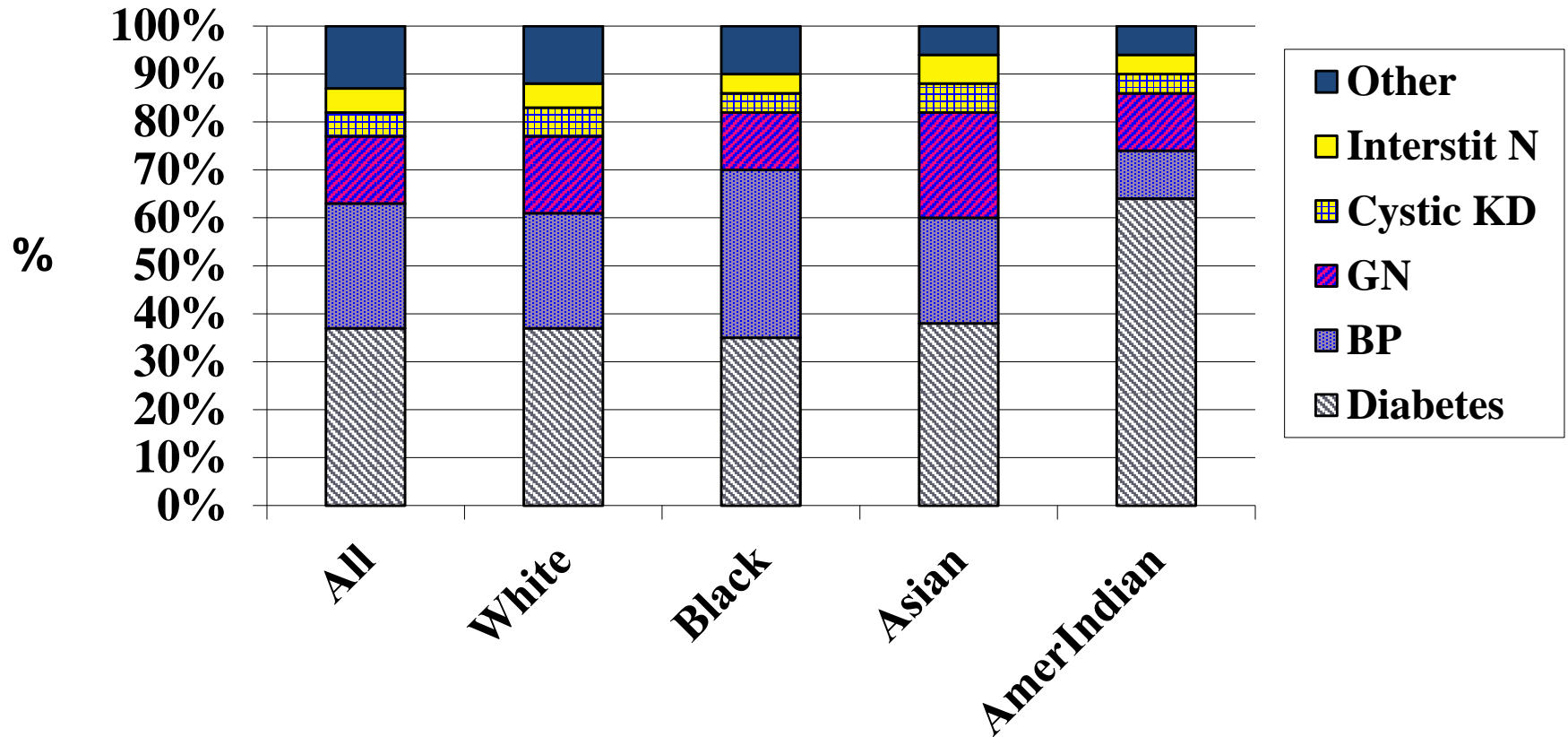
- Diabetes Mellitus
- Hypertension
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Obesity
- Metabolic Syndrome
- Age and Race
- Acute Kidney Injury
- Malignancy
- Family history of CKD
- Infections like Hep C and HIV
- Kidney Stones
- Autoimmune diseases
- Nephrotoxic drugs
  - like NSAIDS
  - Calcineurin inhibitors (CNI)
- Prior transplant
  - Chronic rejection
- History of antibody mediated rejection (AMR)
- History of delayed graft function (DGF)



# CKD – Most Common Etiologies



# Etiologies CKD by Race



# High Blood Pressure

## Endemic Native American Healthcare Risk for CKD

### Hypertension

*NHANES data is not available.*

#### Age-adjusted percentage of persons 18 years of age and over who have high blood pressure, 2004-2008.

	American Indian/Alaska Native	Non-Hispanic White	American Indian/Alaska Native/Non-Hispanic White Ratio
Men and Women	34.5	25.7	1.3
Men	38.7	26.7	1.4
Women	30.2	24.7	1.2

Source: CDC 2010. Health Characteristics of the American Indian and Alaska Native Adult Population: United States, 2004-2008. Table 4.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr020.pdf> [PDF | 304KB]

Percent of adults age 18 and over with hypertension whose blood pressure is under control  
*Not available at this time.*

#### Age-adjusted percentage of persons 18 years of age and over who have high blood pressure, 2010. National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)

American Indian/Alaska Native	Non-Hispanic White	American Indian/Alaska Native/Non-Hispanic White Ratio
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Source: CDC 2011. Summary Health Statistics for U.S. Adults: 2010. Table 2.

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# Native Americans CKD Etiology

Diabetes (DM) = #1 cause of kidney failure

Native Americans have a high incidence of diabetes  
13-15% of Native Americans >18y have diabetes

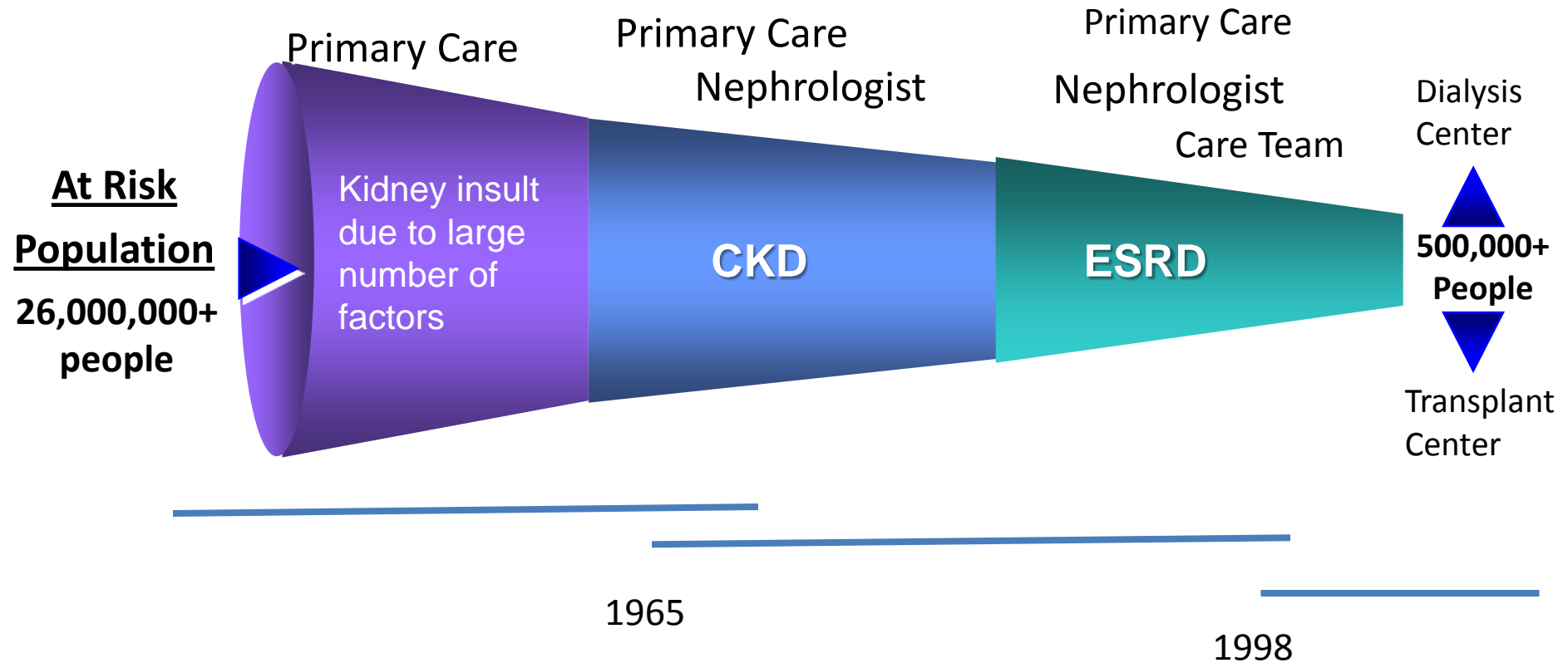
High Blood Pressure (HTN) = #2 cause of kidney failure  
~30% of adult Native Americans have HTN

Together: DM and HTN = ~ 75% of kidney failure

# Kidney Disease - Therapeutic Windows

- **Prevention**  
prevent and/or treat CKD risk factors
- **Management of CKD**  
stages 1 & 2 (eGFR >60): management guidelines DM and HTN and patient education  
stages 3 & 4 (eGFR 15-60) therapeutic guidelines for related complications (anemia, ESRD preparation)
- **Renal replacement therapy (RRT)**  
Patient education, evaluation and collaboration with dialysis and/or transplant center

# Kidney Disease - Continuum of Care

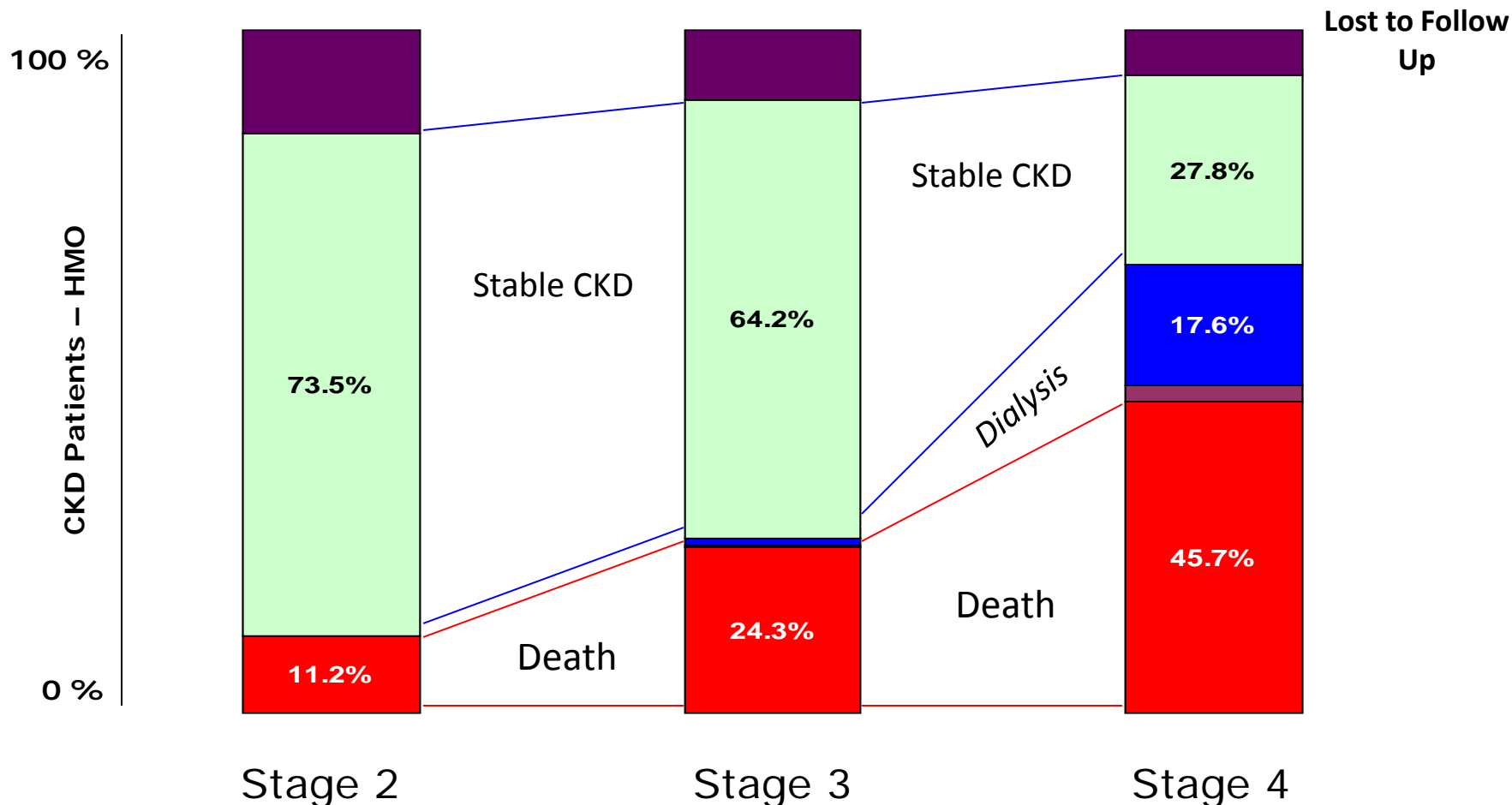


# CKD Patients Need Special Attention

## CKD “*Death Before Dialysis*” is Prominent

- Early recognition and intervention for CKD can prevent early death before dialysis
- In one study of a large HMO, CKD patients were more likely to die than reach RRT

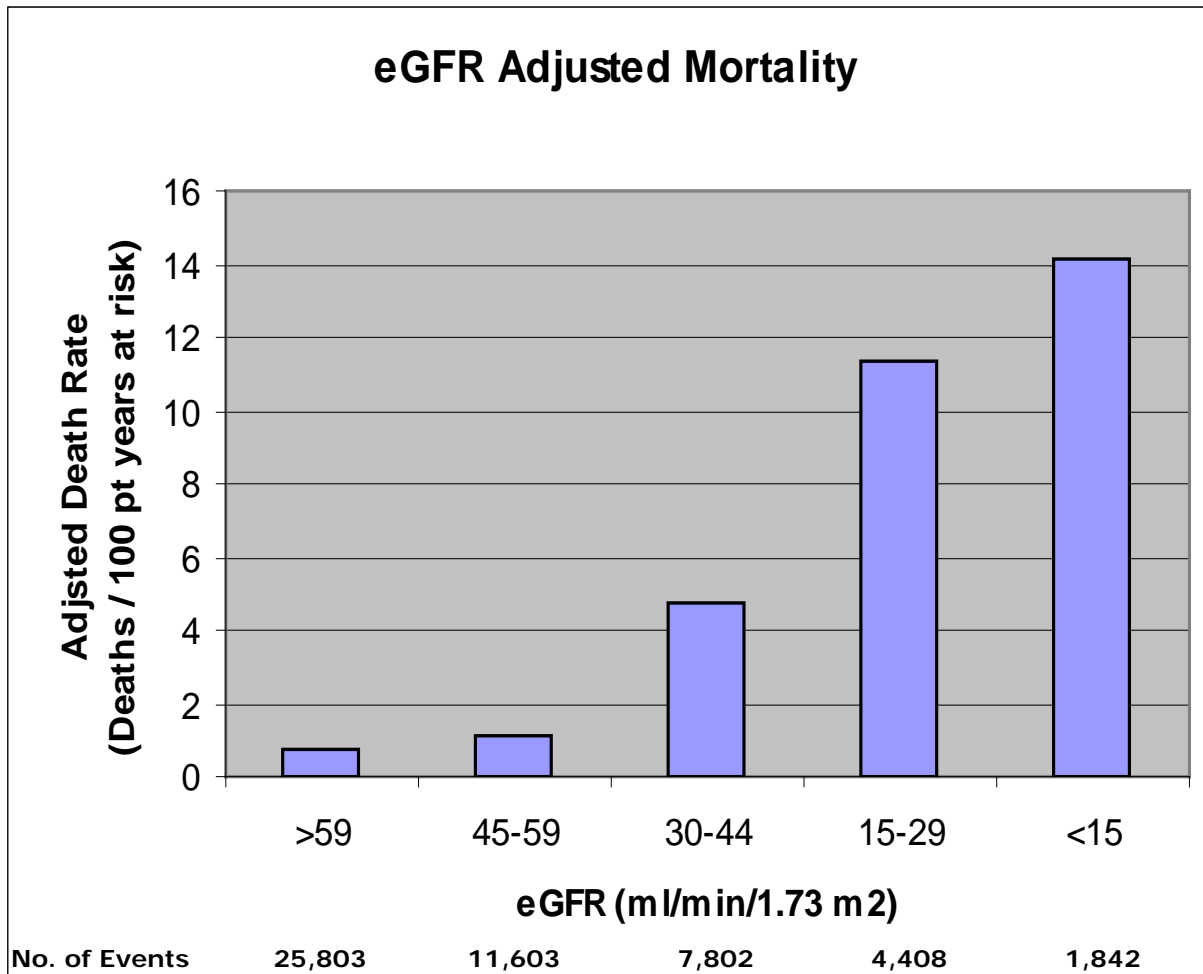
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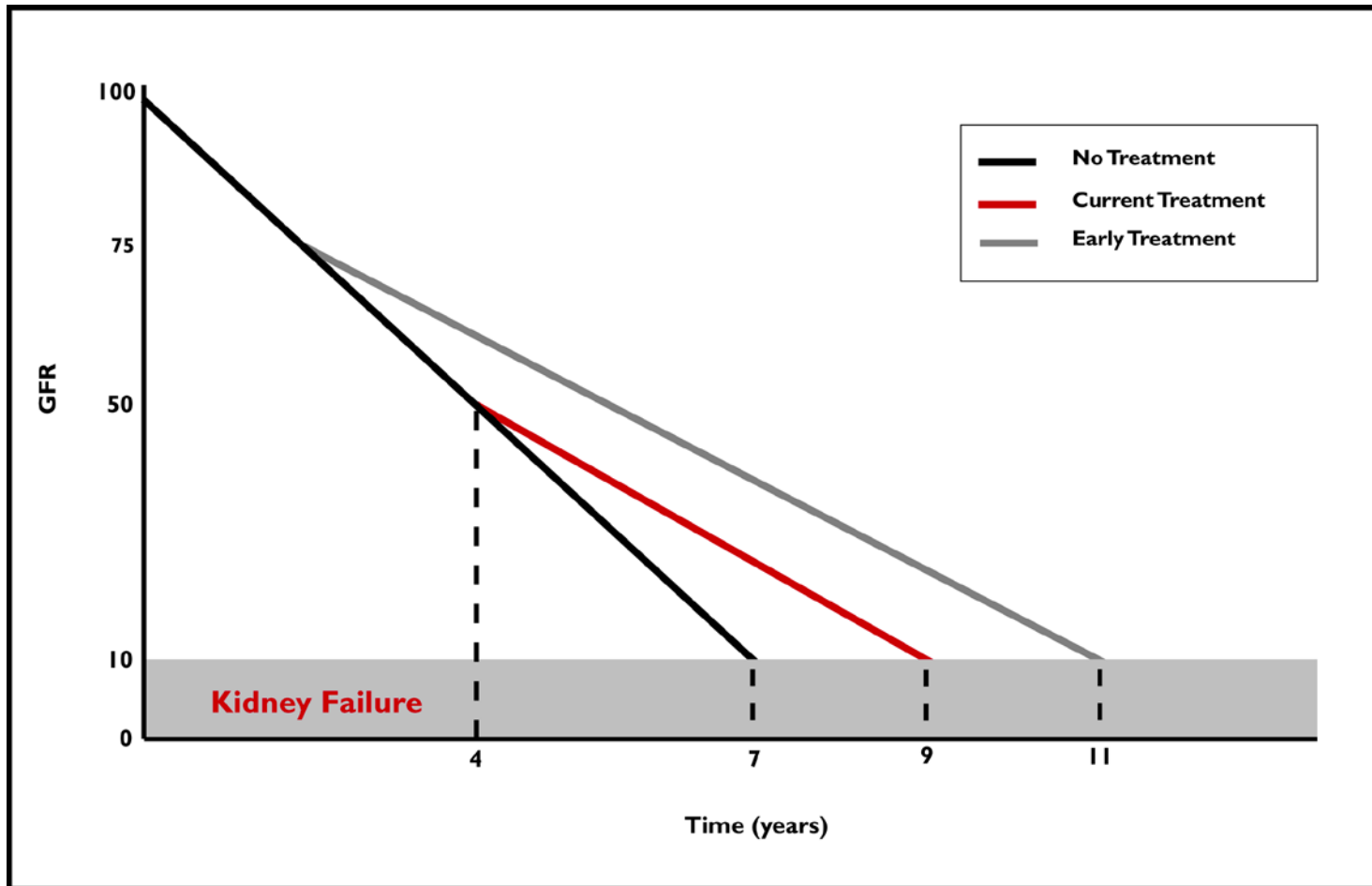
## eGFR & Mortality

eGFR < 60 ml/min/m<sup>2</sup> → Increase Risk of Death





# CKD - Management



# Chronic Kidney Disease

*through the lens of transplantation*



## Assumptions

The patient will progress to ESRD

The initial treatment will be dialysis (often for years)

## Goals for Treatment of CKD

Prolong the dialysis free course

Protect the kidneys (remember that the same factors that affect native kidneys affect transplants)

Maintain health while on dialysis

(6% year over year mortality)

Prepare patient and family for transplantation

Protect the patient from treatments that may adversely affect his/her ability to obtain a transplant

**ESRD - treatment of choice is Transplantation**

# CKD Management

Key areas of focus (Eye to the Future)

1. Hypertension
2. Anemia
3. Diabetic control
4. Preparation for RRT

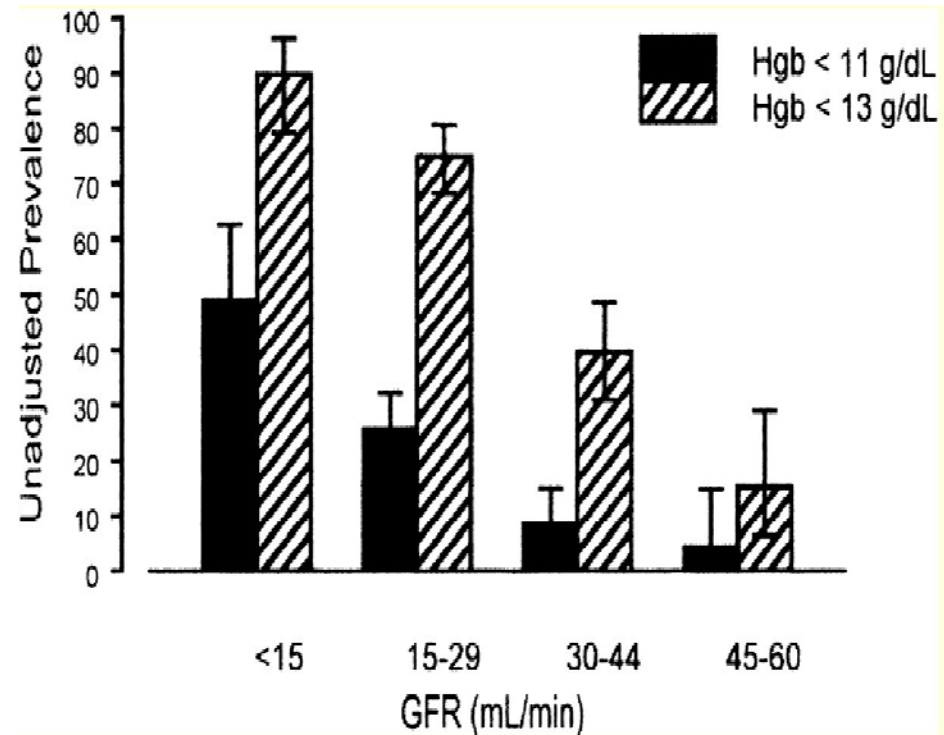
# CKD – Hypertension

Thinking ahead – Hypertension injures ALL kidneys

- Single most important measure is BP control
  - Target BP <130/80 with minimal proteinuria
  - Lower (125/70) if significant proteinuria (1g)
- ACEIs and ARBs slow the progress of CKD (both diabetic and non-diabetic)
- Decrease the sodium intake - 2.5g/day
- Most patients require 2+ agents

# CKD – Anemia

- Associated with a decrease in quality of life
  - Subjective Diagnosis
  - Most apparent in later stage disease
- Due to decrease in EPO production in the kidney.



# CKD Management – Anemia - think ahead

## Correct Anemia with an Eye to the Future

- Erythropoietin
  - Epoetin alfa: Procrit<sup>®</sup> , Epogen<sup>®</sup>
  - Darbepoietin Alpha: ARANESP<sup>®</sup>
- Recommended target Hb 11-12g (<13)
  - ≥13g Hb associated with increased mortality due to CHF
- Correct iron stores
- AVOID transfusions
  - Sensitize patients –
    - Decrease opportunity for future transplant
    - Decrease success of future transplant
  - If transfusion necessary - insist on LEUKOREDUCED blood only (Leukofiltration)
    - Defend your patient's opportunity for future transplant

# CKD Management – Think Ahead

## Diabetic Control in a Changing Renal Environment

- Kidneys metabolize LMW proteins
- When kidney loses function
  - Ability to metabolize small proteins decreases and insulin is a small protein
  - Endogenous or exogenous insulin lasts longer
  - Oral therapies may have prolonged affect
  - CKD patients may suffer severe hypoglycemic episodes
  - Patient education and/or insulin dose adjustment
  - Close attention to oral therapy dosing
- Prepare patient to expect the opposite with successful transplant
  - A transplant does not make diabetes worse
  - may require greater attention to maintain tight control

# CKD Management – Thinking Ahead

## Renal Replacement Therapy

- Palliative care
- Peritoneal Dialysis
- Hemodialysis
- Transplantation



# CKD Management – Thinking Ahead

## Renal Replacement Therapy - RRT

- Preparation

1. Peritoneal Dialysis

- Abdominal operations – communicate with the surgical team
- Diet/weight loss
- Early training
- Early placement

2. Hemodialysis

- Avoid needless Veni-puncture & insertion of catheters – patient and staff education
- Early placement of vascular access

- HD/PD

- Opportunity to CHANGE MIND

# CKD Management – Thinking Ahead

## Renal Replacement Therapy - RRT

Options – what's best for your patient's situation?

### 1. Peritoneal Dialysis

- Prior abdominal operations
- Home environment
- Bathing – Swimming

### 2. Hemodialysis

- Access
- Transportation
- Assistance
- Cardiovascular status

### 3. Transplantation

- Malignancy – Spectrum from in situ to Melanoma
- Infection – active / bacterial / viral
- Recurrent disease risk (ie., MGPN II, C3 nephropathy, FSGS)
- Environment – Access
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# Transplantation Renal Replacement Therapy Option of choice? The Issues...

## 1. High success rate post-transplant

- a. High incidence of renal disease
- b. Highest referral rate to transplant centers
- c. Once listed – transplanted at same rate as rest of list
- d. Once transplanted – 1, 3, 5 y graft survival high compared to other races

## 2. Low percapita rate of transplantation

- a. Cost: Medicare but no non-direct transplant costs and 80% reimbursement
- b. PsychoSocial issues
- c. Location – location – location