



KDIGO Collaboration with DOPPS

KDIGO has had a long and cordial relationship with DOPPS. However, no concrete collaborations have ever been undertaken. Recently, KDIGO staff have had a few conference calls with them hoping to stimulate some ideas for working together. KDIGO's main objective is to see if DOPPS data can help KDIGO establish the value of following its recommendations and observations. This is always a need of KDIGO and DOPPS has a great deal of data on actual practice patterns around the world.

DOPPS says they are interested in launching a collaboration if we can identify appropriate topics and questions. Suggestions include Hepatitis C screening and prevention, use of potassium binders to enable higher doses of RAAS blockade, identification of risk factors in dialysis patients for sudden death or cardiac death, and assessment of anticoagulation strategies for stroke prevention.

There are certainly many more areas to consider. Several Executive Committee members are quite familiar with DOPPS so it's appropriate to have a broad discussion of what the two organizations can do together. The desired outcome is a way to measure and validate the utility of KDIGO's work in actual practice situations.

DOPPS may ask for compensation for some work, which will obviously be a factor. However, there may be some data that can just be used in this context. KDIGO invites the Executive Committee to brainstorm and recommend some topics for further exploration with DOPPS leadership.