Welcome to KDIGO Direct, a KDIGO digital publication that seeks to connect with and inform the global kidney community of volunteers, patients, medical researchers, health policymakers, and anyone interested in improving outcomes for people with kidney disease.

Now is Your Chance to Speak Up About the Treatment and Management of Glomerular Diseases Guideline

Have you submitted feedback on the KDIGO 2020 Clinical Practice Guideline on Glomerular Diseases?

The draft guideline is now available for public review, with an extended deadline until Wednesday, July 15th.

Please submit your comments and suggestions on the KDIGO Glomerular Diseases Guideline on the KDIGO website.

Once there, you can download the entire guideline draft by clicking on "2020 GD Guideline Update Draft for Public Review" at the top of the Downloads column on the right side of the page. You can also scroll down further on the page to select a chapter on which to provide feedback.

You may notice that the KDIGO guideline format has changed. These changes are summarized in an Explanatory Backgrounder within the guideline. If you have feedback on the new guideline format after reading the Backgrounder, you are welcome and encouraged to provide feedback. To do so, please take the brief KDIGO Guideline Format Survey.

KDIGO Diabetes Management in Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Guideline to Publish September 2020

The KDIGO Diabetes Management in CKD Guideline was submitted to Supplements to Kidney International (KI) in June 2020. Publication of the guideline is currently scheduled for September 2020, with an Executive Summary to publish in the main journal of KI.
Multiple implementation tools such as Speaker’s Guides and Visual Abstracts are in development in conjunction with the publication of the guideline. KDIGO will continually monitor new evidence and update the guideline as needed.

Check out the below video with Diabetes Co-Chair, Ian de Boer, on the development of the Diabetes Guideline.

KDIGO Management of Blood Pressure in CKD Guideline Under Revision, Publishing December 2020

The KDIGO Blood Pressure Guideline is currently in revision based on feedback submitted during the Public Review period. It is scheduled to be submitted to Supplements to Kidney International in August 2020 for publication in December 2020.

KDIGO Nomenclature Report Refines Kidney Terminology

Words are important, particularly when discussing something as serious as kidney disease.

There are close to 700 million persons worldwide with CKD, making it increasingly important that clinicians understand each other and that patients understand them. That challenge motivated KDIGO to hold a Nomenclature Consensus Conference in June 2019 with the goal to develop and promote terms that are more precise and patient-centered when describing kidney disease and discussing its diagnosis, management, and treatment.
The results of that conference are reaching the global kidney community in many ways, some unprecedented. The main Nomenclature Conference Report was published in *Kidney International* in June 2020. Over two dozen other major medical journals simultaneously published the Nomenclature Executive Summary with a glossary of terms that will inform communication in the nephrology community and become part of the *AMA Manual of Style* over time.

To ensure patient-centeredness, KDIGO invited Standardized Outcomes in Nephrology (SONG) to conduct qualitative research with dozens of patients around the world. The results were presented by Allison Tong, co-founder and executive committee member of SONG, and published in the *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* (CJASN).

Check out the full report, download the KDIGO Nomenclature Visual Abstract, and the KDIGO Nomenclature Infographic with key take-home points on the [KDIGO Nomenclature website](https://kdigo.org).

**KDIGO Webinars**

2020 is a year when customary travel is not possible, so KDIGO, more than ever, must continue to reach as many clinicians as possible.

This urgency was the catalyst for stepping up KDIGO’s programming and expanding on the dialog with global nephrology through a series of KDIGO webinars. A wide range of topics are covered, such as management of kidney disease in the time of COVID-19, and care of diabetes in CKD.

These are detailed, high-quality reviews of important topics by respected experts who speak to viewers as they would to a live audience. KDIGO has been providing webinars for years, primarily in collaboration with the International Society of Nephrology (ISN). All KDIGO webinars are available on the KDIGO website and KDIGO YouTube channel. These are accessible by anyone at any time. Additional webinars will continue to be added throughout the year.

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About KDIGO

KDIGO is the global organization developing and implementing evidence-based clinical practice guidelines in kidney disease. It is an independent, volunteer-led, self-managed charity incorporated in Belgium accountable to the public and the patients it serves.

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