



# Prediction of Heart Failure in Patients with CKD

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- Background – Staging & Risk prediction in CKD ([ckdpcrisk.org](http://ckdpcrisk.org))
- **Cardiovascular risk prediction** – ASCVD (CHD, stroke), HF, CVM
  - AHA PREVENT (Circulation 2024) includes
    - HF risk prediction
    - eGFR and ACR
- Future directions – Biomarker strengths and limitations

# Classification & Staging of CKD (KDIGO 2012)

- Cause (C)
- GFR (G)
- Albuminuria (A)

Albuminuria Categories, Description and Range		
A1	A2	A3
normal to mildly increased	moderately increased	severely increased
<30 mg/g <3 mg/mmol	30-299 mg/g 3-29 mg/mmol	≥300 mg/g ≥30 mg/mmol

GFR Categories, Description and Range (mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	G1	normal or high	>90	
	G2	mildly decreased	60-89	
	G3a	mildly to moderately decreased	45-59	
	G3b	moderately to severely decreased	30-44	
	G4	severely decreased	15-29	
	G5	kidney failure	<15	

NFK KDOQI 2002

KDIGO 2012 guidelines



KDIGO 2023 Update

# Prediction – Individualized Estimate from a Multivariable Model

Levey AS, Grams ME, Inker LA. N Engl J Med 2022;386:2120-8.

**Table 2. Predictive Instruments Using GFR and Albuminuria.\***

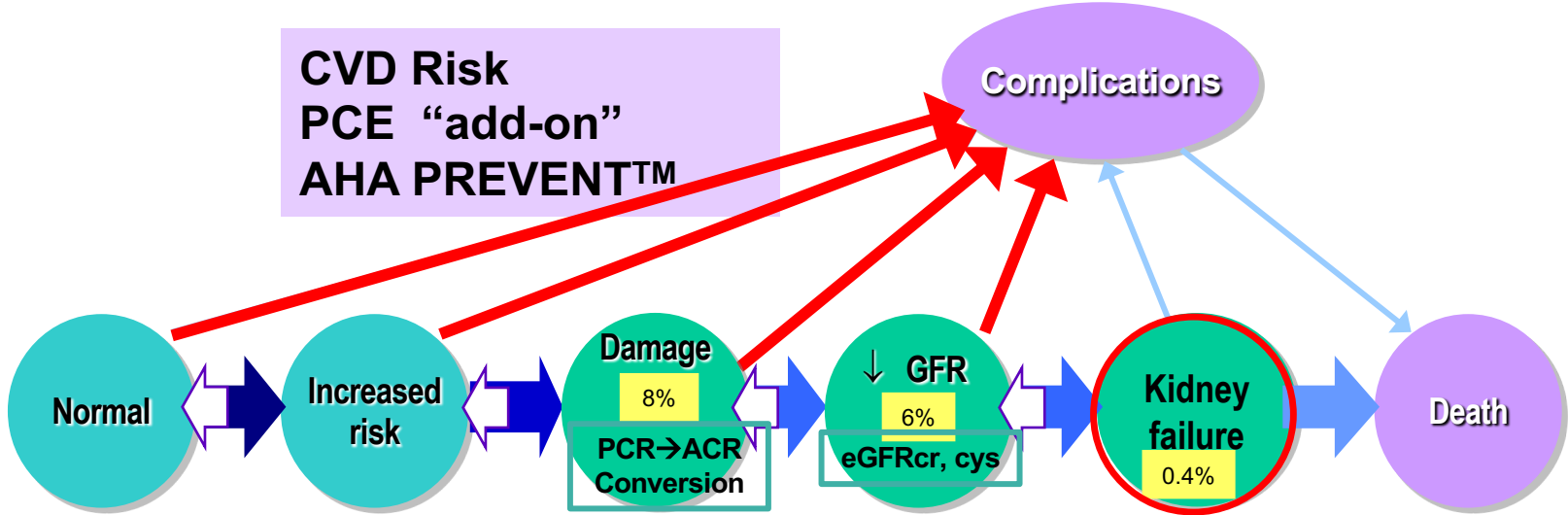
Instrument and Target Population	Outcome	Interval from Risk Prediction to Outcome years	Hazard Ratio†		No. of Predictors	Predicted Risk in Target Population‡		Recommended Risk Threshold for Clinical Actions§
			GFR ~30ml	ACR 8-fold		1st decile	10th decile	
						percent	percent	
KFRE: GFR <60 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	KFRT	2	29	2.6	4	<0.1	93	>10: Multidisciplinary care >20–40: Dialysis access and transplantation evaluation
	KFRT	5	29	2.6	4	<0.1	100	>5: Nephrology referral
CKD with Severely Decreased GFR: GFR <30 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	KFRT	2	4.1	3.9	9	0.8	42	Same as for KFRE; high risk of CVD and death influences overall management
	CVD	2	0.9	1.2	9	3.8	34	
	Death	2	1.3	1.0	9	2.6	36	
KFRT Risk Tool for Kidney Donor Candidates: GFR ≥60 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> and ACR <300 mg/g	KFRT	Lifetime	2.3	2.6	10	0.1	6.0	<1–2: Acceptable donor candidate
<b>CKD Progression Calculator:</b>								
GFR ≥60 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , no DM	40% GFR decline	3	1	2.4	12	0.2	7.8	>1–4: Use medications to slow kidney-disease progression, more frequent monitoring
GFR ≥60 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , DM	40% GFR decline	3	1.4	2.3	12	0.4	18	
GFR <60 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , no DM	40% GFR decline	3	2.7	2.3	12	1.4	42	
GFR <60 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , DM	40% GFR decline	3	1.6	2.6	12	1.2	65	
<b>Incident GFR &lt;60 Calculator:</b>								
GFR ≥60 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , no DM	GFR <60 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	5	13	1.4	9	0.1	46	>5: Measure albuminuria if not done, use medications to slow disease progression
GFR ≥60 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , DM	GFR <60 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	5	6.9	1.4	11	2.1	68	
SCORE plus Kidney Variables Calculator: general population free of CVD	Death from CVD	10	3.0	1.6	7	0.6	27	>5: Improves risk prediction beyond SCORE¶
PCE plus Kidney Variables Calculator: general population free of CVD	ASCVD event	10	1.7	1.3	11	0.3	54	Same as for SCORE plus Kidney Variables Calculator

**RISK MODELS**  
ckdpc.risk.org



**CVD**

# CKD: Risk Prediction & Equations (ckdpcrisk.org)



**Risk of KFRT among Kidney Donor Candidates** →

**Risk of incident eGFR < 60** →  
**Risk of 40% decline in eGFR**  
 (Diabetes Care 2022)  
 Risk of albuminuria

eGFR < 60 → **Kidney Failure Risk Eqn. (KFRE)**

eGFR < 30 → **CKD G4+ risk of KFRT, CVD, Death** →



# Predicting CKD Progression: HF is a Risk Factor

**Outcome: ≥40% eGFR decline in 3 years**  
**Population: No Diabetes eGFR>60**

Earlier & More Common than Kidney Failure

KFRE does not work at eGFR>60

	No Diabetes	
	Model 1	Model 2
Age, per 10 years	1.59 (1.50, 1.69)	1.45 (1.36, 1.54)
Male sex	0.97 (0.88, 1.07)	0.87 (0.79, 0.95)
eGFR, 5 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	1.02 (1.00, 1.05)	1.03 (1.02, 1.05)
lnACR*	1.59 (1.50, 1.68)	1.52 (1.44, 1.61)
SBP, per 20 mmHg		1.36 (1.28, 1.44)
Antihypertensive medication use		1.30 (1.12, 1.51)
SBP × HTN medications		0.89 (0.83, 0.96)
History of HF	(strong risk factor)	2.87 (2.48, 3.32)
History of CHD		1.51 (1.36, 1.67)
History of Afib		1.12 (0.91, 1.38)
Current smoker		1.46 (1.20, 1.79)
Former smoker		1.20 (1.10, 1.31)
BMI, per 5 kg/m <sup>2</sup>		1.04 (1.01, 1.08)

Higher risk at older age (opposite to KFRE)

Baseline eGFR is less important (vs. strongest in KFRE)

ACR is important (similar to KFRE)

2.5 in DM; also in eGFR<60 +/- DM (HR~1.6)

# Predicting CVD Incidence: CKD is a Risk Factor

CKD ↔ CVD



## Background:

- Multivariable equations are recommended by guidelines to assess absolute risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD).
  - SCORE2 (in Europe predicts myocardial infarction, stroke, and CVD mortality.)
  - Pooled Cohort Equation (in US predicts ASCVD = CHD + Stroke)

## Limitations:

- **HF excluded**
- B/W race-specific, older data (higher CVD risk), limited geography

## New Equation (2023):

- **AHA Predicting Risk of CVD EVENTS (PREVENT™) Equation**
- Addresses all of the limitation above (include HF, newer data, consider eGFR, ACR, A1c, SDI)

# Development and Validation of the American Heart Association Predicting Risk of Cardiovascular Disease **EVENTs (PREVENT) Equations**

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PREVENT™ Online Calculator

<https://professional.heart.org/en/guidelines-and-statements/prevent-calculator>

Novel Prediction Equations for Absolute Risk Assessment of Total Cardiovascular Disease Incorporating Cardiovascular-Kidney-Metabolic Health: A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association. Circulation. 2024; PMID: 37947094





**Table 2. Meta-Analyzed Sex-Specific Hazard Ratios (95% CIs) of Traditional Cardiovascular Risk Predictors for Total Cardiovascular Disease and Cardiovascular Disease Subtypes in Derivation Samples**

Risk factor	Total CVD		ASCVD		Heart failure	
	Female N=1 839 828	Male N=1 442 091	Female N=1 839 828	Male N=1 442 091	Female N=1 839 828	Male N=1 442 091
Cardiovascular disease risk factors in the PREVENT-CVD primary model						
Non-HDL-C per 1 mmol/L	1.03 (0.99–1.07)	1.07 (1.03–1.11)	1.12 (1.07–1.17)	1.17 (1.13–1.21)	*	*
HDL-C per 0.3 mmol/L	0.85 (0.84–0.87)	0.91 (0.89–0.93)	0.86 (0.85–0.88)	0.89 (0.87–0.92)	*	*
SBP <110 per 20 mm Hg (U-shape)	0.78 (0.69–0.88)	0.63 (0.54–0.72)	0.91 (0.80–1.04)	0.73 (0.61–0.86)	0.63 (0.56–0.71)	0.49 (0.44–0.56)
HF ↑ SBP ≥110 per 20 mm Hg	1.43 (1.37–1.50)	1.40 (1.35–1.45)	1.44 (1.38–1.50)	1.39 (1.34–1.44)	1.44 (1.37–1.51)	1.45 (1.39–1.50)
↑ Diabetes	2.39 (2.31–2.48)	2.18 (2.08–2.29)	2.35 (2.23–2.47)	2.10 (1.98–2.23)	2.86 (2.72–3.01)	2.56 (2.41–2.71)
↑ Current smoking	1.74 (1.55–1.96)	1.59 (1.43–1.76)	1.67 (1.46–1.91)	1.53 (1.38–1.70)	1.84 (1.60–2.12)	1.70 (1.48–1.95)
BMI <30, per 5 kg/m <sup>2</sup> (U-shape)	*	*	*	*	0.98 (0.94–1.03)	0.93 (0.88–0.99)
↑ BMI ≥30, per 5 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	*	*	*	*	1.35 (1.28–1.41)	1.46 (1.38–1.54)
↑ eGFR <60, per –15 mL/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	1.94 (1.86–2.03)	1.86 (1.78–1.94)	1.75 (1.66–1.84)	1.59 (1.53–1.66)	2.26 (2.16–2.36)	2.19 (2.03–2.36)
↑ eGFR ≥60, per –15 mL/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup> (flat)	1.04 (1.01–1.07)	1.01 (0.99–1.03)	1.04 (1.01–1.07)	1.01 (0.99–1.03)	1.05 (1.01–1.09)	1.02 (0.98–1.06)

Cardiovascular disease risk factor treatment status

Antihypertensive use

Statin use

Treated SBP ≥110 mmHg per 20 mmHg

Treated non-HDL-C per 1 mmol/L

Age–risk factor interactions per 10 y older

Hazard ratios centered at age 55 years

**Stronger in younger, weaker in older age**



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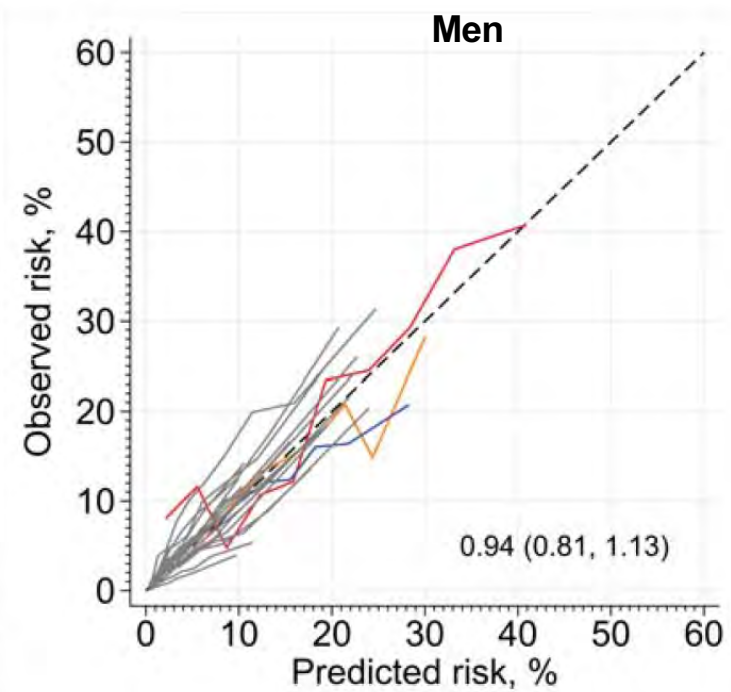
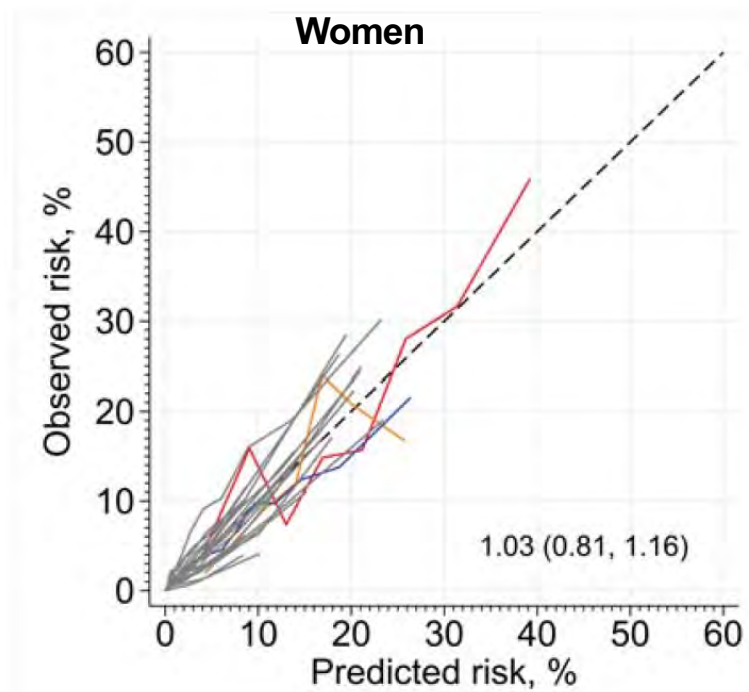
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Cardiovascular disease risk factors in the PREVENT-CVD primary model						
...all risk factors and age interactions included but not shown						
eGFR <60, -15 mL/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	1.72 (1.64–1.81)	1.61 (1.53–1.69)	1.58 (1.48–1.69)	1.42 (1.36–1.49)	1.96 (1.85–2.07)	1.83 (1.69–1.97)
Kidney function						
Ln UACR, mg/g, per 1 ln unit	1.19 (1.17–1.22)	1.21 (1.20–1.23)	1.16 (1.14–1.19)	1.17 (1.15–1.19)	1.23 (1.21–1.26)	1.27 (1.24–1.29)
No UACR available†	1.02 (0.98–1.07)	1.12 (1.07–1.18)	1.01 (0.96–1.05)	1.07 (1.02–1.13)	1.04 (0.98–1.11)	1.19 (1.13–1.25)
Glycemic status						
HbA1c in diabetes, per 1%	1.14 (1.06–1.23)	1.13 (1.07–1.19)	1.14 (1.05–1.23)	1.11 (1.05–1.18)	1.20 (1.12–1.28)	1.17 (1.10–1.24)
HbA1c no diabetes, per 1%	1.15 (1.14–1.16)	1.11 (1.10–1.12)	1.15 (1.14–1.17)	1.12 (1.10–1.14)	1.18 (1.16–1.20)	1.13 (1.12–1.15)
No HbA1c available†	0.99 (0.94–1.05)	0.97 (0.93–1.02)	1.00 (0.95–1.06)	0.99 (0.94–1.03)	1.00 (0.94–1.06)	0.97 (0.91–1.04)
SDI# decile categories						
SDI 1–3	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.
SDI 4–6	1.15 (1.07–1.24)	1.09 (1.00–1.20)	1.16 (1.08–1.24)	1.08 (0.97–1.20)	1.14 (1.02–1.26)	1.13 (1.02–1.25)
SDI 7–10	1.26 (1.15–1.38)	1.33 (1.23–1.43)	1.26 (1.16–1.38)	1.32 (1.23–1.43)	1.27 (1.15–1.40)	1.42 (1.26–1.59)
No SDI available†	1.20 (1.13–1.27)	1.16 (1.10–1.24)	1.18 (1.12–1.24)	1.16 (1.09–1.23)	1.20 (1.12–1.29)	1.19 (1.10–1.29)

HF



# External Validation: Calibration Plots for All CVD

	Derivation Sample		Validation Sample		REGARDS CRIC Rancho B. OLDW
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
N, participants	1,839,828	1,442,091	1,894,882	1,435,203	
N, cohorts	25	25	21	21	



# PREVENT Model –Discrimination & Calibration in Validation Sample (n~3.2 Million)

Models	Total CVD		ASCVD		Heart failure	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Base PREVENT model						
No. of cohorts	21	21	21	21	21	21
No. of participants	1 894 882	1 435 203	1 894 882	1 435 203	1 894 882	1 435 203
No. of events	50 324	46 804	31 277	31 328	27 931	23 707
C-statistic (IQI)	0.794 (0.763 to 0.809)	0.757 (0.727 to 0.778)	0.774 (0.743 to 0.788)	0.736 (0.710 to 0.755)	0.830 (0.816 to 0.850)	0.809 (0.777 to 0.827)
Calibration slope (IQI)	1.03 (0.81 to 1.16)	0.94 (0.81 to 1.13)	1.09 (0.93 to 1.33)	1.04 (0.95 to 1.19)	1.00 (0.55 to 1.15)	0.89 (0.49 to 1.07)

Good discrimination & calibration – overall & in subgroups

Slightly improved discrimination vs. PCE & by adding eGFR, ACR, A1c, SDI

Good calibration for all CVD subtypes (vs. PCE ASCVD predicted ~2 x observed)



- HF included

- **eGFR in the Base PREVENT model**
- **ACR optional**



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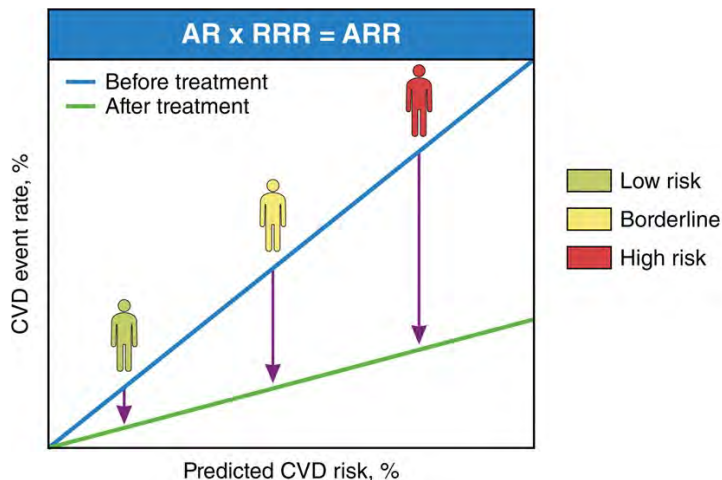
## Key Takeaways of the AHA PREVENT Equations

1. Include a large, contemporary, and diverse sample of US adults for derivation and external validation
2. Predict the risk of total or global CVD as a composite of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and heart failure as well as for each CVD subtype separately
3. Broaden the outcome to include prediction of heart failure
4. Remove race from risk prediction acknowledging that race is a social construct and not a biological predictor
5. Lower the age to begin risk prediction as early as age 30 years and capture a greater proportion of the adult life course
6. Provide risk estimates for CVD over a 10-year and 30-year time span
7. Offer optional models that incorporate add-on measures of kidney and metabolic health when indicated given the growing burden of cardiovascular-kidney-metabolic (CKM) syndrome
8. Include a measure of place-based social disadvantage (social deprivation index [SDI]) to acknowledge the role of social determinants of health in cardiovascular disease risk

# Cohort consortium informs clinical practice guidelines

## American Heart Association PREVENT™

Higher predicted (absolute risk, AR) often identifies greater treatment benefit (absolute risk reduction, ARR)



What's to come:

1. Evaluate Net Benefit in Trials
2. Equity evaluation
3. *Implementation by AHA*
  - *Anticipate use in **guidelines***
4. Integration into **EMR** and clinical practice
  - *Clinical decision support (CDS)*
  - *Replace PCE (e.g. in national EPIC)*

*HF risk prediction including eGFR and ACR*

# Future Directions

- The recent AHA PREVENT risk equations help determine who is at high risk but focused on:
  - Traditional cardiovascular risk factors
  - People without any CVD
- NT-pro-BNP and hs-troponin levels might provide additional risk information over traditional risk factors and within a broader patient population

# Research Questions

- What is the added value of NT-pro-BNP as a heart failure risk factor across a range of cohorts and patient characteristics (age, sex, BMI, eGFR, prevalent CHD/stroke (ASCVD), DM)?
- Does hs-troponin add additional information after NT-pro-BNP?
- Are NT-pro-BNP and hs-troponin levels across cohorts and measurement methods relatively uniform allowing for harmonization?

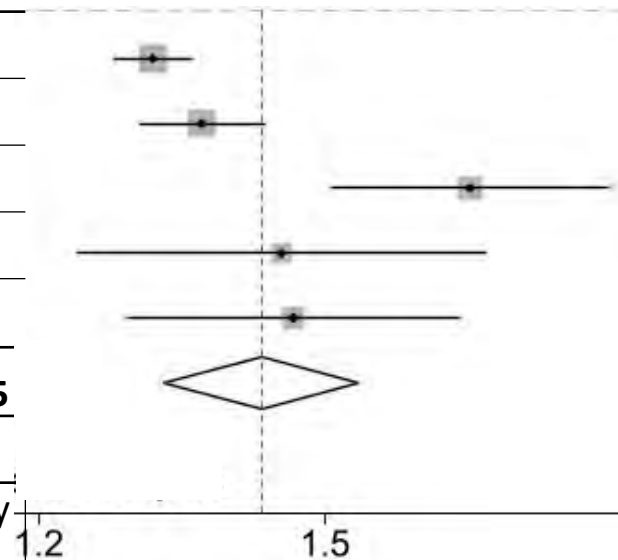


# Biomarkers & HF: Statistical Analysis

- Key Exposures:
  - NT-pro-BNP (undetectable imputed at 2.5 pg/mL = 0.5\*detectable) continuous
    - Continuous, log2 (NT-pro-BNP)
    - $< > 125$  ng/L
  - TnT categories: undetectable, low, high ( $\geq 99^{\text{th}}$  percentile)
- Cox PH analysis
  - Follow-up time scale (adjusted for age)
  - Combining men and women
  - Test interactions: Sex, age, BMI categorical ( $< 30 / > 30$ ), eGFR ( $< > 60$ ), ACR ( $< > 30$ ), DM, ASCVD
  - Cohort-specific & meta-analysis
- Uniformity of biomarker levels across cohorts
  - Compare levels adjusted for risk factors (age, sex, smoking status, systolic blood pressure, total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, anti-hypertensive use, statin use, diabetes, BMI (knot at 30), eGFR (spline knot at 60), ACR, ASCVD)

# Adjusted Hazard Ratio of Heart Failure per 2-fold higher NT-pro-BNP

Study	Hazard Ratio Adj. HR, per 2 fold higher NTproBNP	C-statistic Adj. Model	Δ in C-statistic Adding NT-pro-BNP
1	<b>1.31 (1.27, 1.35)</b>	0.752	<b>0.016 (0.011, 0.020)</b>
2	<b>1.36 (1.30, 1.43)</b>	0.774	<b>0.030 (0.020, 0.040)</b>
3	<b>1.68 (1.51, 1.87)</b>	0.781	<b>0.065 (0.038, 0.093)</b>
4	<b>1.45 (1.24, 1.70)</b>	0.767	<b>0.035 (0.009, 0.060)</b>
5	<b>1.46 (1.28, 1.67)</b>	0.679	<b>0.052 (0.020, 0.083)</b>
Meta-analysis	<b>1.43 (1.32, 1.54)</b>		<b>Range: 0.016 to 0.065</b>



Results are similar when adjusted for PREVENT base risk score

Further addition of hs-TNT does not improve the C-statistic much (~0.004, only statistically significant in one study)



Adjusted for age, sex, SBP, BP meds, smoking, DM, BMI, eGFR, ACR, prevalent CHD/stroke (ASCVD)

# NT-Pro-BNP: No Consistent Interactions

<b>Log2 NTproBNP</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
NTproBNP in men (example)	<b>1.33 (1.28, 1.39)</b>	<b>1.34 (1.26, 1.42)</b>	<b>1.64 (1.47, 1.84)</b>	<b>1.36 (1.12, 1.64)</b>	<b>1.46 (1.28, 1.67)</b>
<b>Interactions (*NTproBNP):</b>					
<b>Female</b>	0.96 (0.91, 1.02)	1.06 (0.97, 1.15)	1.18 (0.89, 1.57)	1.21 (0.89, 1.63)	
<b>Age</b>	<b>1.08 (1.02, 1.13)</b>	1.02 (0.97, 1.07)	0.96 (0.84, 1.09)	1.07 (0.90, 1.26)	
<b>BMI</b>	<b>0.92 (0.88, 0.96)</b>	0.97 (0.93, 1.01)	<b>0.81 (0.72, 0.91)</b>	0.98 (0.81, 1.20)	1.37 (0.82, 2.29)
<b>Diabetes</b>	<b>0.92 (0.86, 0.97)</b>	<b>0.91 (0.83, 0.99)</b>	<b>0.70 (0.57, 0.86)</b>	0.86 (0.63, 1.17)	0.84 (0.59, 1.18)
<b>eGFR (-15 ml/min)</b>	0.97 (0.92, 1.03)	0.95 (0.90, 1.01)	0.95 (0.82, 1.10)	0.85 (0.65, 1.13)	1.68 (0.63, 4.51)
<b>lnACR</b>	<b>1.02 (1.01, 1.04)</b>	<b>0.97 (0.95, 0.99)</b>	0.97 (0.93, 1.02)	0.99 (0.89, 1.10)	1.02 (0.93, 1.12)

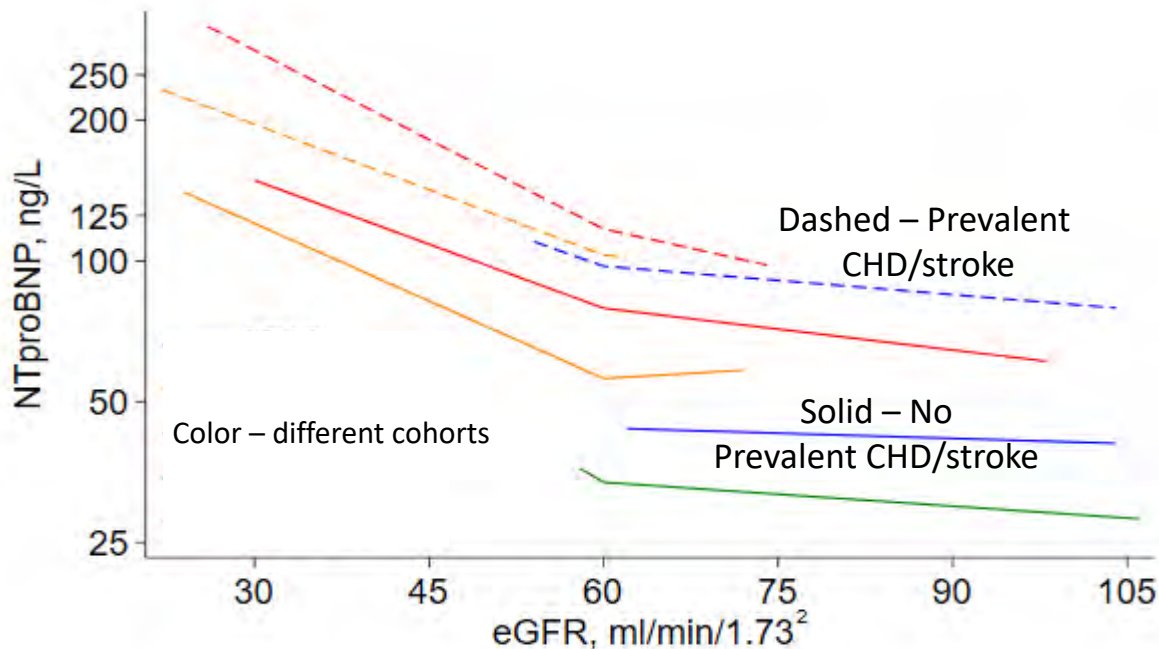
# NT-Pro-BNP: Inconsistency across cohorts

Large between cohort  
variation

Beyond CVD risk factors

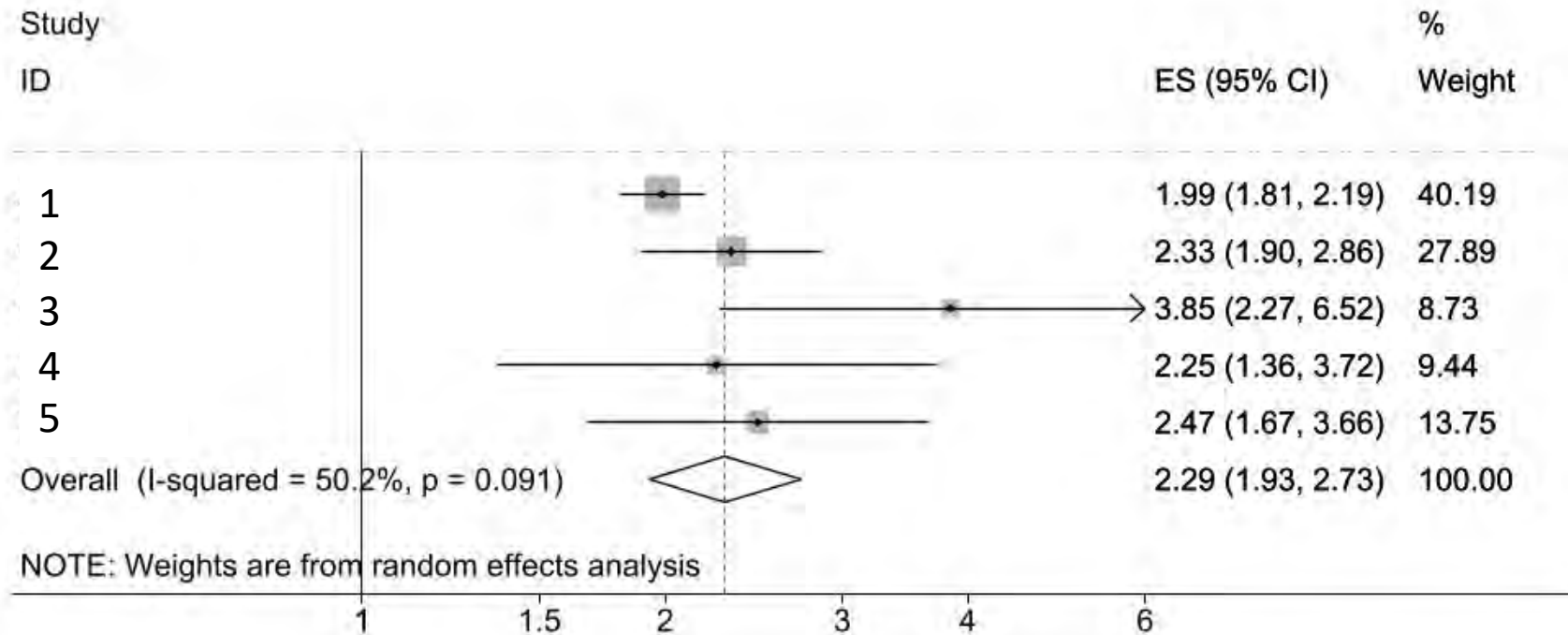
- Higher levels
  - Prevalent CHD/stroke
  - Lower eGFR
- Adjustment to age 55, male, SBP 130, BMI 25, no DM, no smoking, ACR 30

Absolute cutoffs may  
mean different things in  
different  
cohorts/settings



# NT-Pro-BNP: 125 ng/L Threshold

- Consistent relative hazards for  $\leq$  125 ng/L -- despite variable levels across cohorts



NOTE: Weights are from random effects analysis

# NT-Pro-BNP: 125 ng/L Threshold

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Study	HR BNP $\geq$ 125 Vs. $<$ 125	C-statistic, base	$\Delta$ in C-statistic
1	<b>1.99 (1.81, 2.19)</b>	0.752	<b>0.012 (0.008, 0.016)</b>
2	<b>2.33 (1.90, 2.86)</b>	0.774	<b>0.014 (0.006, 0.021)</b>
3	<b>3.85 (2.27, 6.52)</b>	0.781	<b>0.026 (0.008, 0.044)</b>
4	<b>2.25 (1.36, 3.72)</b>	0.767	<b>0.024 (0.005, 0.042)</b>
5	<b>2.47 (1.67, 3.66)</b>	0.679	<b>0.036 (0.006, 0.065)</b>

# Conclusions: Prediction of Heart Failure in CKD

- **Background** – CKD staging & risk prediction in CKD ([ckdpcrisk.org](http://ckdpcrisk.org)) are well developed with multiple tools ready for wider application
- **Cardiovascular risk prediction** – ASCVD (CHD, stroke), **HF**, CVM
  - AHA PREVENT (Circulation 2024; US cohorts) includes
    - HF risk prediction
    - eGFR and ACR
- **Future directions** – Biomarker: NT-pro-BNP is a consistent risk factor across a wide range of cohorts and subgroups (including CKD) despite **some calibration issues**
  - Could be used to identify patients who may benefit from early treatment of HF risk factors; as well as inclusion in future clinical trials of HF therapies in CKD.



# Thank you

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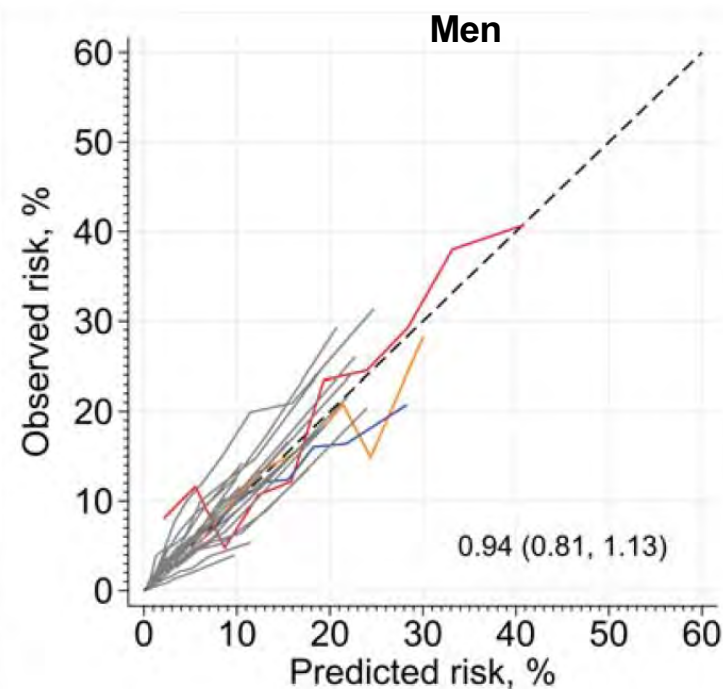
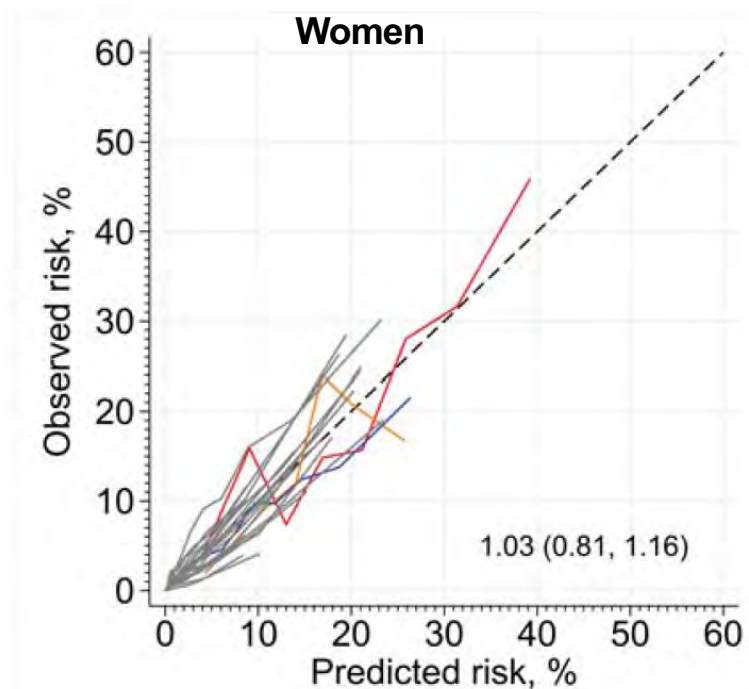
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# External Validation: Calibration Plots for All CVD

	Derivation Sample		Validation Sample		REGARDS CRIC Rancho B. OLDW
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
N, participants	1,839,828	1,442,091	1,894,882	1,435,203	
N, cohorts	25	25	21	21	



**Table 1. Individual-level participant baseline characteristics of derivation and validation samples stratified by sex for prediction of total cardiovascular disease and cardiovascular disease subtypes.**

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<b>N, cohorts</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>
Age, years, mean (SD)	53 (13)	52 (12)	52 (13)	52 (12)
Race and Ethnicity, %				
White	78%	80%	78%	80%
Black	10%	8.0%	10%	8.2%
Hispanic	6.0%	5.3%	4.2%	3.7%
Asian	2.6%	2.5%	2.7%	2.2%
Other/Missing*	4.1%	4.6%	4.9%	5.5%
<b>Cardiovascular Risk Factors/Predictors in PREVENT-CVD Primary Model</b>				
SBP, mm Hg	123 (16)	127 (15)	123 (16)	128 (15)
Total cholesterol, mmol/L	5.0 (0.8)	4.9 (0.8)	5.0 (0.8)	4.9 (0.8)
Non-HDL-C, mmol/L	3.4 (0.8)	3.6 (0.8)	3.5 (0.8)	3.6 (0.8)
HDL-C, mmol/L	1.5 (0.4)	1.2 (0.3)	1.5 (0.4)	1.2 (0.3)
BMI*, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	29 (5)	29 (4)	28 (5)	29 (4)
Diabetes, %	10%	12%	11%	13%
Current smoking, %	5.8%	6.2%	4.7%	4.9%
Anti-hypertensive treatment, %	23%	27%	24%	29%
Statin treatment, %	14%	17%	14%	17%
eGFR, mean (SD), mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	91 (19)	91 (17)	91 (18)	91 (17)
<b>Add-on Risk Factors/Predictors in Sequential Models</b>				
UACR, median (IQR), mg/g**	8 (8-12)	8 (8-12)	8 (8-12)	8 (8-11)
HbA1c, mean (SD), %	7.3 (1.8)	7.6 (1.9)	7.2 (1.8)	7.6 (1.9)
SDI decile, median (IQR)***	4 (2-7)	3 (2-6)	4 (2-7)	4 (2-6)
<b>Outcomes</b>				
Mean follow-up time	4.8 (3.1)	4.6 (3.0)	5.0 (3.2)	4.8 (3.2)
Total CVD events	53258	53403	54365	50489
ASCVD events	31812	34691	33969	33933
HF events	30957	28393	30287	25679
Deaths	84289	80897	82555	76783

# Development and Validation of PREVENT™ (pending)

## Equations: Methods

**Derivation:** 25 datasets (3,281,919 participants) between 1992-2017.

**Primary outcome:** CVD (atherosclerotic CVD [ASCVD] and heart failure [HF]).

**Predictors:** Traditional risk factors (smoking status, systolic blood pressure, cholesterol, anti-hypertensive or statin use, diabetes) and estimated glomerular filtration rate [eGFR].

**Models:** Sex-specific, developed on the age-scale, and adjusted for **competing** risk of non-CVD death.

**Analyses:** In each dataset and meta-analyzed.

- Discrimination was assessed using Harrell's C-statistic.
- Calibration was calculated as the slope of the observed vs. predicted risk by decile.

**Equations:** Sequential equations to predict each CVD subtype (ASCVD, HF)

- Equations with **additional** predictors (urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio [UACR], hemoglobin A1c [HbA1c]), and social deprivation index [SDI])

**External validation:** 3,330,085 participants from 21 additional datasets.

# PREVENT™ Equations

## Results:

**6,612,004 adults** included, mean (SD) age was 53 (12) years and 56% were female.

Follow-up: mean (SD) 4.8 (3.1) years; 211,515 incident total CVD events.

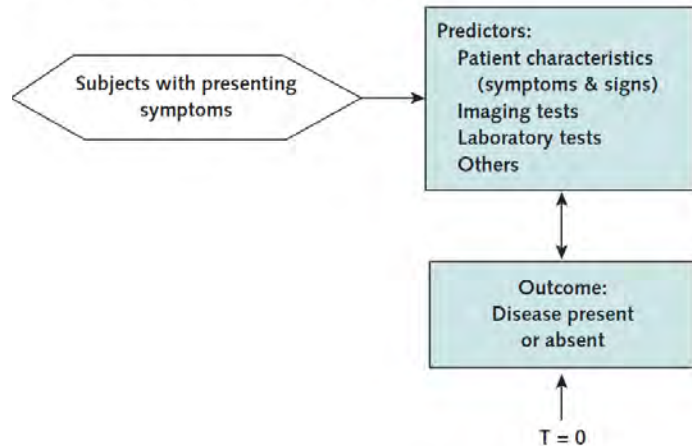
External validation

- Median C-statistics for CVD were 0.794 (interquartile interval [IQI]: 0.763-0.809) in female and 0.757 (0.727-0.778) in male participants.  
**improved by eGFR, improved on PCE (by a little)**
- Calibration slopes were 1.03 (IQI 0.81 -1.16) and 0.94 (0.81-1.13) among females and males  
**Lower ASCVD calibration than PCE (slope ~0.5); all CVD closer to PCE ASCVD**
- Similar estimates for discrimination and calibration for ASCVD- and HF-specific models.
- The improvement in discrimination was small but statistically significant when UACR, HbA1c, and SDI were added together to the base model to total CVD ( $\Delta$ C-statistic [IQI] 0.004 [0.004, 0.005] and 0.005 [0.004, 0.007] among females and males, respectively).

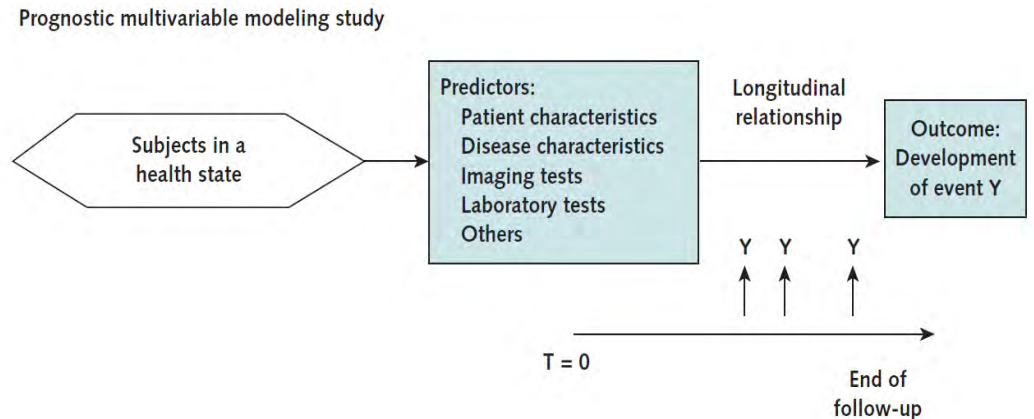
# Prediction – Individualized Estimate from a Multivariable Model

## Diagnostic vs. Prognostic (harder to predict the future)

### Diagnostic: Cross-sectional



### Prognosis: Prospective Risk Modeling



# Development of Risk Prediction Models

Consideration	Comments	Consideration	Comment
1. Population at risk	Identify persons at risk to whom the model will be applied on the basis of demographic characteristics, health status, location, and clinical context.	5. Mathematical model	Balance performance with ability to understand, implement, and maintain the model. Burden of proof is placed on the more complex models. Be transparent and avoid black-box solutions.
2. Outcome of interest	Use well-curated data, with outcomes that reflect the primary focus of care.	6. Model evaluation	Rigorously evaluate the model using data different from those used for development and collected in a setting that mirrors clinical application.
3. Time horizon	Starting point and duration of follow-up should align with goals of interventions.	7. Translation to CDS <b>(clinical decision support)</b>	To translate model into CDS, determine intended use and what should be displayed. Separate evaluation of the CDS tool is necessary, including comparison with current practice (ideally, randomized).
4. Predictors	Decisions about choices and number of predictors should take into account ease and time of collection, possible bias, model stability, and interpretation (e.g., understanding what outputs the model produces and identifying key predictors and their association with outcome).	8. Clinical implementation	Incorporation into clinical workflows with training, performance engineering, monitoring, and updating, when necessary, is required.

# Age-related diseases can be prevented

**Vascular health is central to optimal aging**

**Inter-connected function of the:**

- Heart, kidney, brain & muscles

**Life's essential 8 (keys to prevention):**

- No smoking, good sleep, diet & exercise
- Optimal blood glucose, lipids & pressure
- Ideal weight

**Huge potential to prevent chronic diseases**



# Cohort consortium informs clinical practice guidelines

## Chronic kidney disease heatmap

Overall	Urine albumin to creatinine ratio, mg/g				
	<10	10-29	30-299	300-999	≥1000
eGFR, mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> using creatinine alone	All-cause mortality: 82 cohorts 26 444 384 participants; 2 604 028 events				
≥105	1.6	2.2	2.9	4.3	5.8
90-104	Reference	1.3	1.8	2.6	3.1
60-89	1.0	1.3	1.7	2.2	2.8
45-59	1.3	1.6	2.0	2.4	3.1
30-44	1.8	2.0	2.5	3.2	3.9
15-29	2.8	2.8	3.3	4.1	5.6
<15	4.6	5.0	5.3	6.0	7.0

Lower kidney filtration and higher urine protein **predict higher risk** of 10 adverse outcomes in **27 million people**.

→ KDIGO guidelines 2024

→ Ckdpcrisk.org – implemented into more EMRs

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# International consortia inform clinical practice guidelines

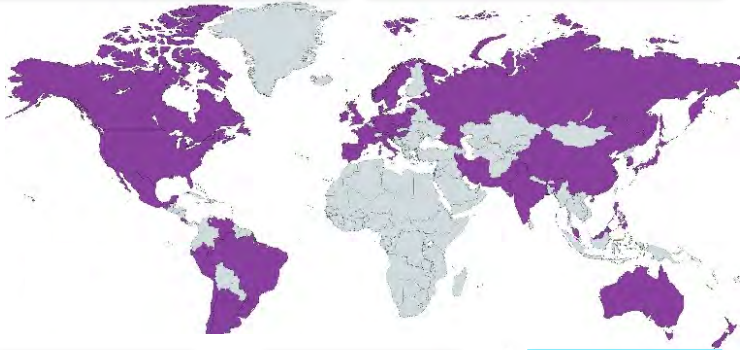
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## Chronic Kidney Disease Prognosis Consortium (CKD-PC)

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>100  
cohorts

>30  
million participants



Morgan Grams



Josef Coresh



Shoshana Ballew

- Move from prognosis to **clinical practice guidelines**
- **Establish risk scores** for chronic kidney disease, cardiovascular disease (AHA PREVENT™) and heart failure

## Collaborative Opportunities

- Leverage data for research into dementia, aging & cancer
- National & global EMR research

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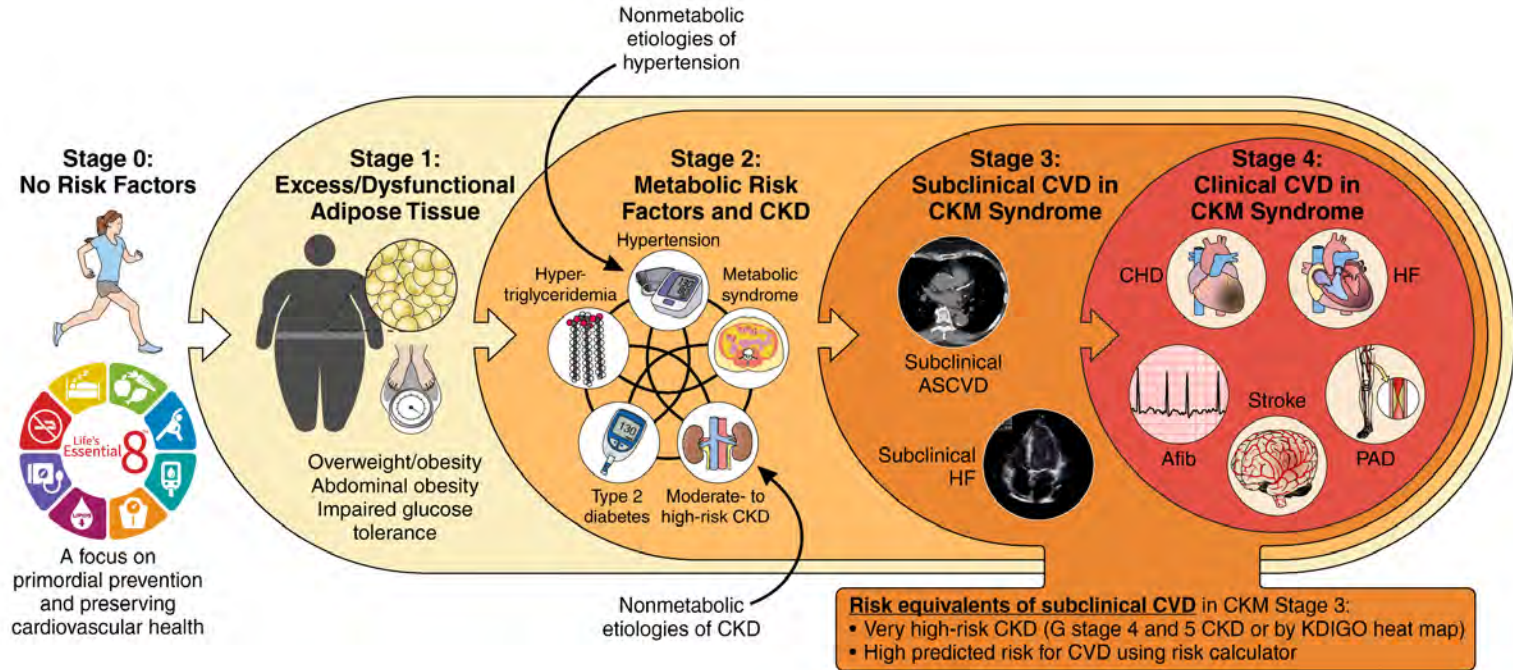
# Definition of CKM Syndrome Simplified

**Cardiovascular-kidney-metabolic (CKM) syndrome** is a health disorder due to connections among heart disease, kidney disease, diabetes, and obesity leading to poor health outcomes.



Abbreviations: CKM indicates Cardiovascular-Kidney-Metabolic.

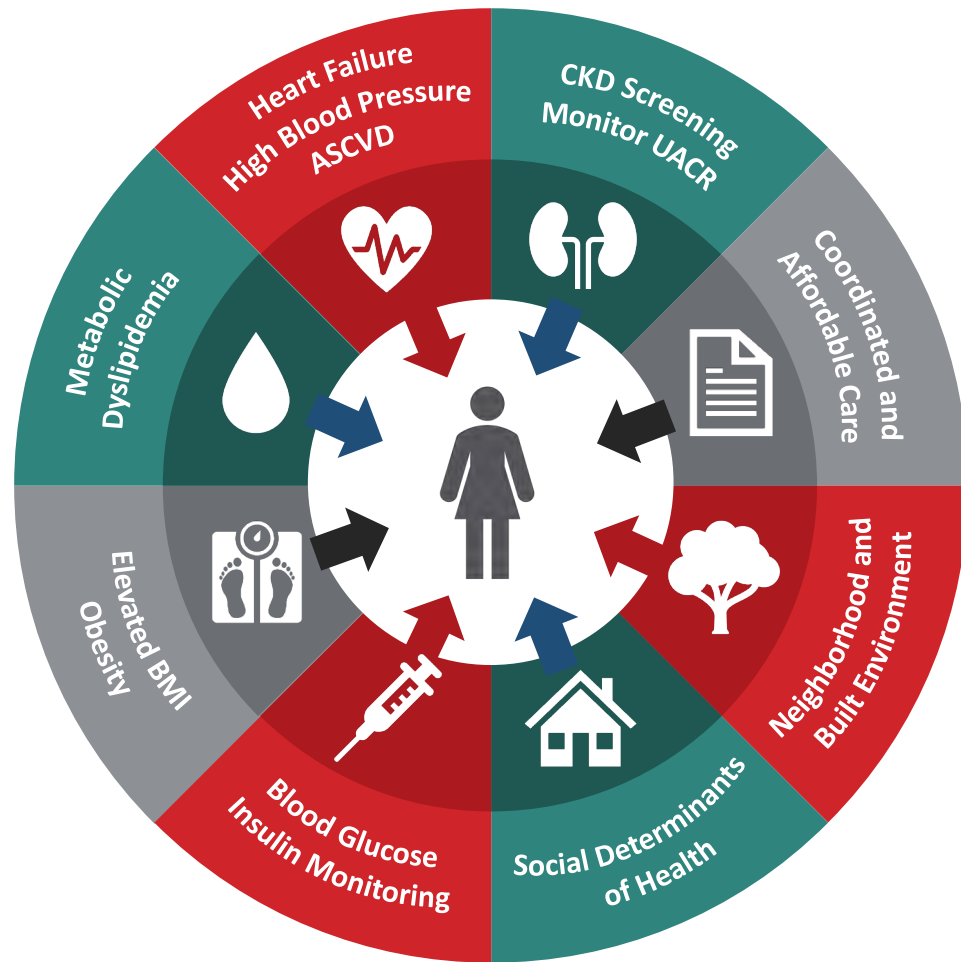
# Stages of Cardiovascular-Kidney-Metabolic Syndrome



Abbreviations: Afib indicates atrial fibrillation; ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; CHD, coronary heart disease; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CKM, cardiovascular-kidney-metabolic; CVD, cardiovascular disease; HF, heart failure; KDIGO, Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes; and PAD, peripheral artery disease.

# Cardiovascular- Kidney-Metabolic Syndrome

Patient-Centered  
Implementation Focus



Abbreviations: ASCVD indicates atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMI, body mass index; CKD, chronic kidney disease; and UACR, urine albumin-creatinine ratio.

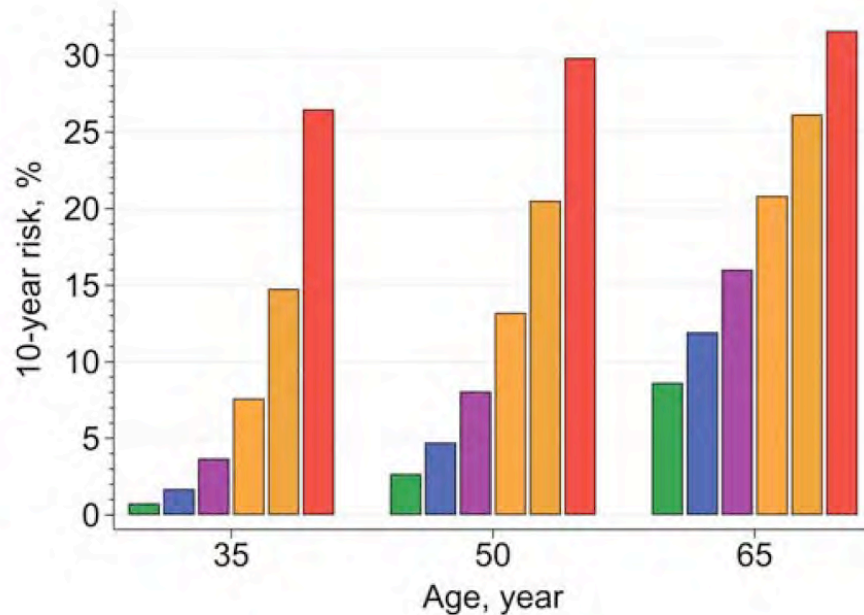
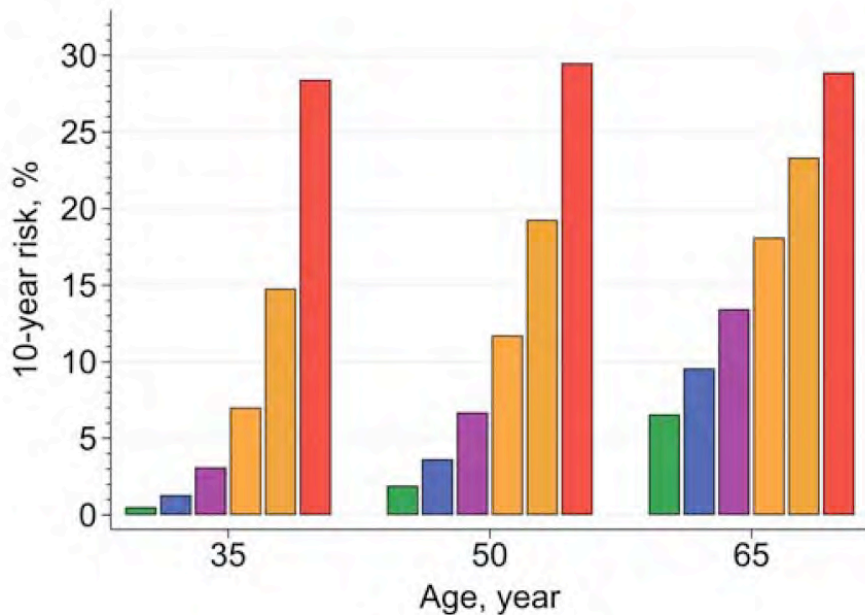


American  
Heart  
Association.

## Table S5D. Meta-analyzed calibration slope (IQI) for the base model with and without eGFR

Subgroup	Base without eGFR		Base	
	Development	Validation	Development	Validation
	<b>Total CVD</b>			
<b>Overall</b>	1.07 (0.84, 1.28)	1.02 (0.80, 1.21)	1.06 (0.81, 1.23)	1.00 (0.81, 1.14)
<b>Men</b>	1.07 (0.89, 1.28)	0.96 (0.79, 1.14)	1.06 (0.89, 1.25)	0.94 (0.81, 1.13)
<b>Women</b>	1.08 (0.85, 1.28)	1.05 (0.80, 1.17)	1.06 (0.82, 1.21)	1.03 (0.81, 1.16)
<b>eGFR &lt;60</b>	1.34 (1.04, 1.75)	1.29 (0.98, 1.48)	1.10 (0.87, 1.35)	1.02 (0.83, 1.22)
<b>eGFR &lt;45</b>	1.55 (1.19, 1.99)	Under-predict (O>E) 1.53 (1.03, 1.67)	1.11 (0.89, 1.30)	1.04 (0.73, 1.22)

# All CVD 10-Year Risk by Sex, Age and Number of Elevated Risk Factors



Optimal risk factor levels are non-HDL cholesterol (3.5 mmol/L; 135 mg/dl), high density lipoprotein cholesterol (1.5 mmol/L, 58 mg/dl), SBP 120 mmHg, no diabetes, no smoking, no hypertension medications, and no statins and eGFR 90 ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>.

Elevated risk factor levels considered are non-high density lipoprotein cholesterol (5.5 mmol/L; 213 mg/dl), SBP 150 mmHg, diabetes, or smoking and eGFR 45 ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>. For multiple elevated risk factors, the risk shown is the average risk of all combinations.

- All risk factors optimal
- 1 Risk factor elevated
- 2 Risk factors elevated
- 3 Risk factors elevated
- 4 Risk factors elevated
- 5 Risk factors elevated



# Simplified Models

Excellent regression approximation of the full competing risks (CDV and mortality) models  
R-square  $\sim 0.999$  for logit of risk



**Conclusions: The PREVENT equations accurately and precisely predicted risk for incident CVD and its subtypes in a large, diverse, and contemporary sample of US adults using routinely available clinical variables. Further addition of kidney, metabolic, and social predictors marginally improved risk discrimination but may refine risk estimation in higher-risk subgroups.**

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# Improving Patient Management



Populations

Outcomes  
(Progression/Complications)

Risk Factors  
(eGFRs, ACR, PCR)

Available Tools

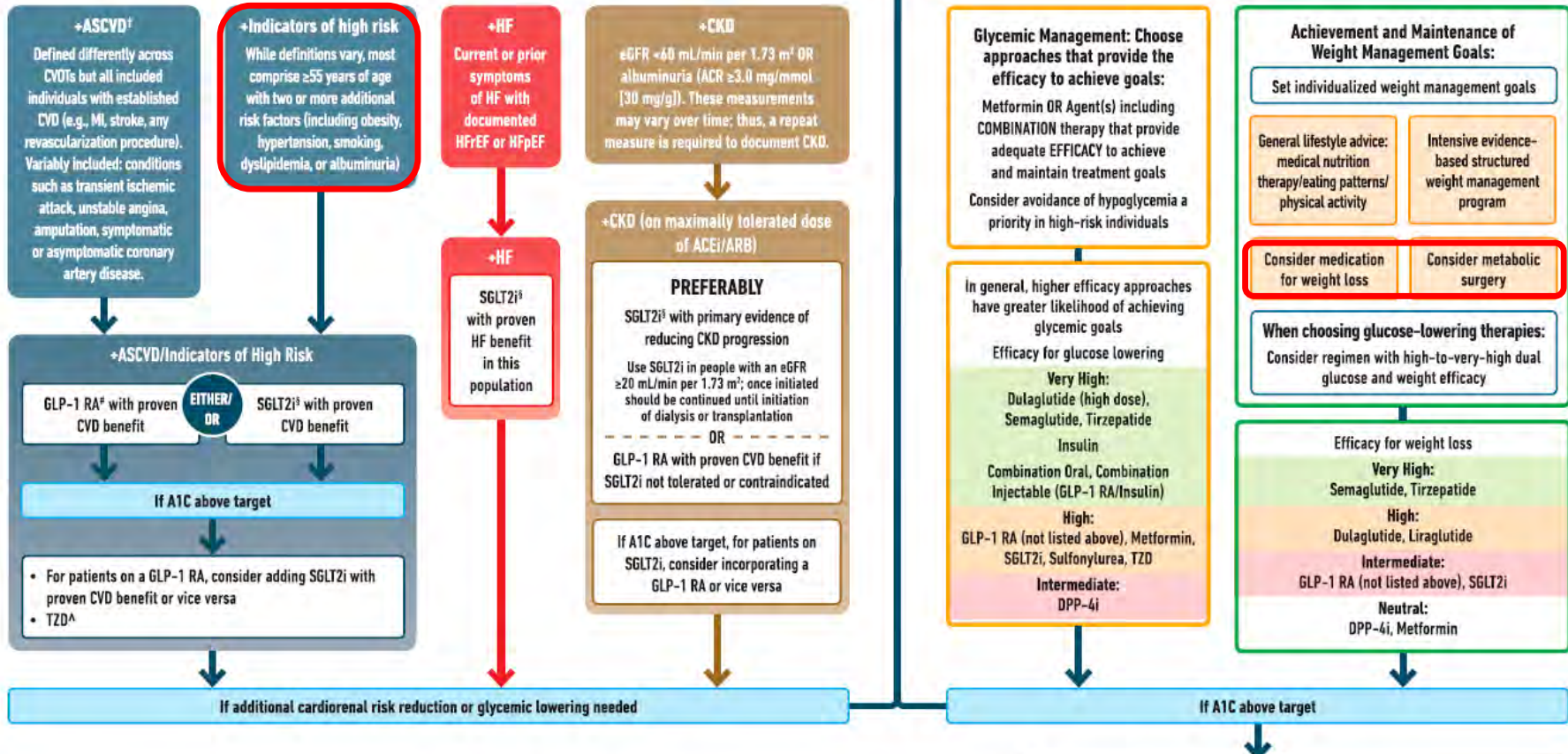
Patient  
Management

# HEALTHY LIFESTYLE BEHAVIORS; DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT (DSMES); SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH (SDOH)



Goal: Cardiorenal Risk Reduction in **High-Risk Patients** with Type 2 Diabetes (in addition to comprehensive CV risk management)\*

Goal: Achievement and Maintenance of Glycemic and Weight Management Goals



# Summary

- **Risk prediction can help guide clinical action**
- **Important to check**
  - Discrimination
  - Calibration
  - Thresholds
    - Match thresholds to treatment recommendations
    - Consider likely benefits (risk reduction), harms and costs
- **New therapies for kidney and cardiovascular risk reduction**
  - ACEI, ARB, Statins, Diuretics, CCBs
  - → SGLT2, GLP1, MRAs
- **May benefit from careful updated risk estimates (include HF in CVD and consider CKD) and thresholds**

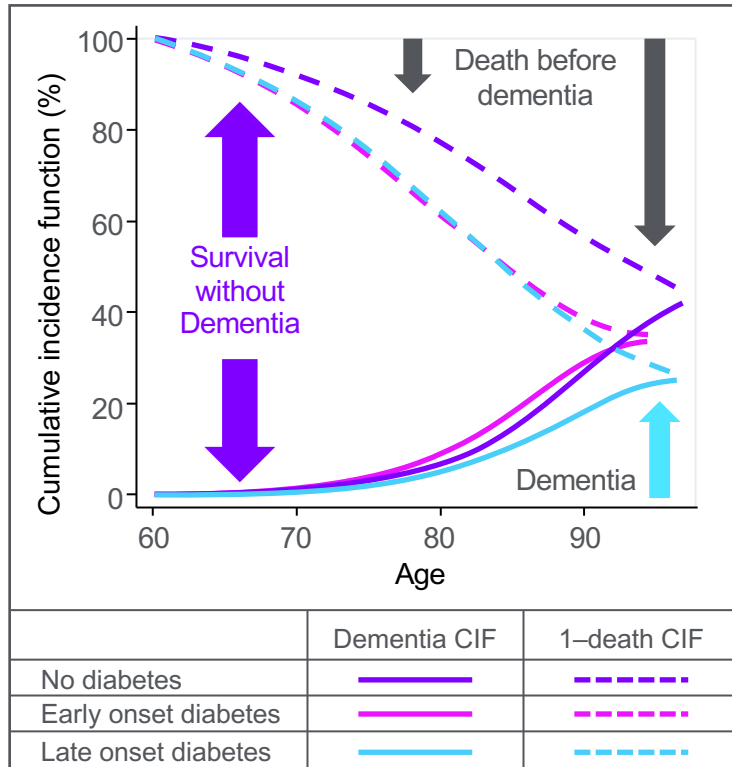
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# “Competition” between diabetes, dementia, and death risk



Preventing and delaying the onset of diabetes can reduce the risk of dementia

## Collaborative Opportunities

- Diabetes prevention
- Estimating late-life impact of mid- and early-life intervention

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# Population pyramid of the world from 1950-2200

