

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) ~ *Decrease the Increase!*

Missouri is one of only 10 states that have the opportunity to receive free assistance from their state's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) to address the urgent need to slow the progression of CKD. Primaris, Missouri's QIO welcomes the opportunity to provide you with resources to fight CKD.

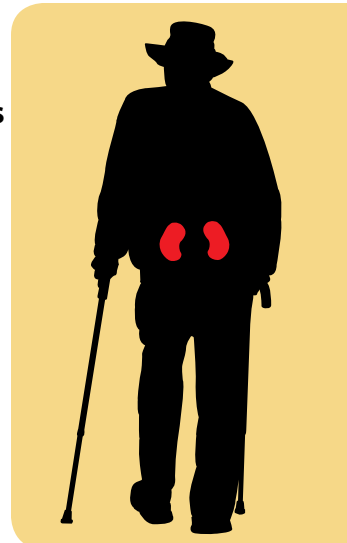
Patients with diabetes are at increased risk for development of Chronic Kidney Disease:

- 45% of patients with kidney failure have diabetes as the primary cause
- Estimated 40% of patients with Type 2 diabetes will develop kidney disease
- 66-86% of end-stage renal disease (dialysis) patients have diabetes, depending on race
- The risk for CKD increases when a patient has both diabetes and hypertension

In an effort to collaborate with physicians and provide optimal care for your patients with diabetes, you may choose to use the attached template to communicate with physicians.

Suggested use:

1. Modify the template to include your agency name, contact information, and logo. You may also make any additional modifications desired (fax confidentiality notice, etc.)
2. When a patient with diabetes has an upcoming physician appointment with their primary care or internal medicine provider (physician or nurse practitioner), you may check your medical record information for recent lab results and complete the form to indicate any lab work that may not have been done. The lab tests listed are those recommended for diabetes patients by the American Diabetes Association and the National Kidney Foundation's Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative (KDOQI) Guidelines.
3. Fax the completed form to the appropriate physician. Always verify correct patient-physician information before sending a fax.
4. Carry out tests as ordered by the physician; verify that the results are communicated to the physician prior to the patient's office visit.



We appreciate your interest and efforts to decrease the increase in Chronic Kidney Disease.