



WHAT IS CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE?



Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a condition in which the kidneys are damaged or cannot filter blood as well as healthy kidneys for 3 months or longer.

KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT CKD

TRUE

It's shocking but true: Every 24 hours, more than 360 people in the U.S. start treatment for kidney failure.



Diabetes is a major risk factor for chronic kidney disease and one of the leading causes of kidney failure.



Early CKD often has no symptoms.

DID YOU KNOW? You can prevent or slow down kidney problems if you keep a normal level of blood sugar and blood pressure.

Ask your doctor what is normal for you.







TESTING TIPS FOR CKD



Get tested for CKD regularly if you are at risk. If you have diabetes, get tested yearly.



Getting a checkup? Make sure to get your kidneys checked too. Ask your doctor to test your blood or your urine for kidney disease.



Find it early.

Treat it early.

WAYS TO KEEP YOUR KIDNEYS HEALTHY



Keep your blood pressure below 140/90, or ask your doctor what the best blood pressure target is for you.



If you have diabetes, stay in your target blood sugar range as much as possible.



Take medications as directed.



Physical activity helps control blood sugar levels.



Lose weight if you are overweight



If you smoke, quit!



If you have CKD, meet with a dietitian to make a kidney-healty eating plan.



