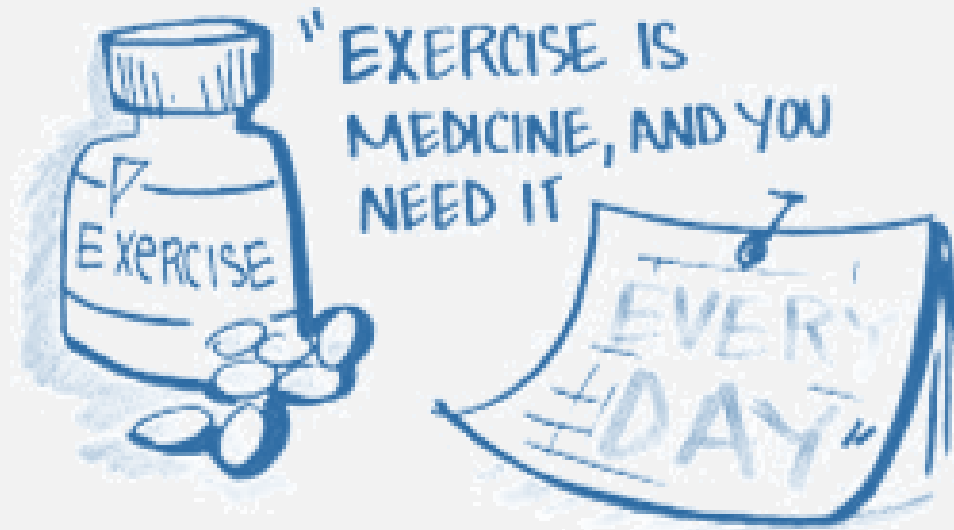


# Exercise in Kidney Care Clinic Patients



Start prescribing it....

Megan Borkum | Home dialysis fellow

KCC education session | 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

# Disclosures

- No financial disclosures
- I am not an exercise professional or exercise scientist



# Learning points

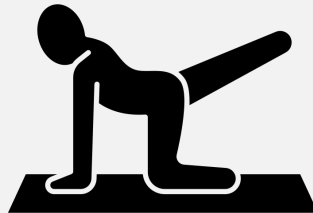
- Review recent literature on the therapeutic role of exercise in CKD.
- Current recommendations for exercise/ physical activity in CKD
- Discuss the role of the kidney healthcare team
- Understand common barriers to implementing exercise programs for individuals with CKD
- Practical examples of exercise prescription and ways to engage patients meaningfully



# PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



# EXERCISE



# CARDIO-RESPIRATORY FITNESS



# Commonly used outcome measures



HANDGRIP STRENGTH



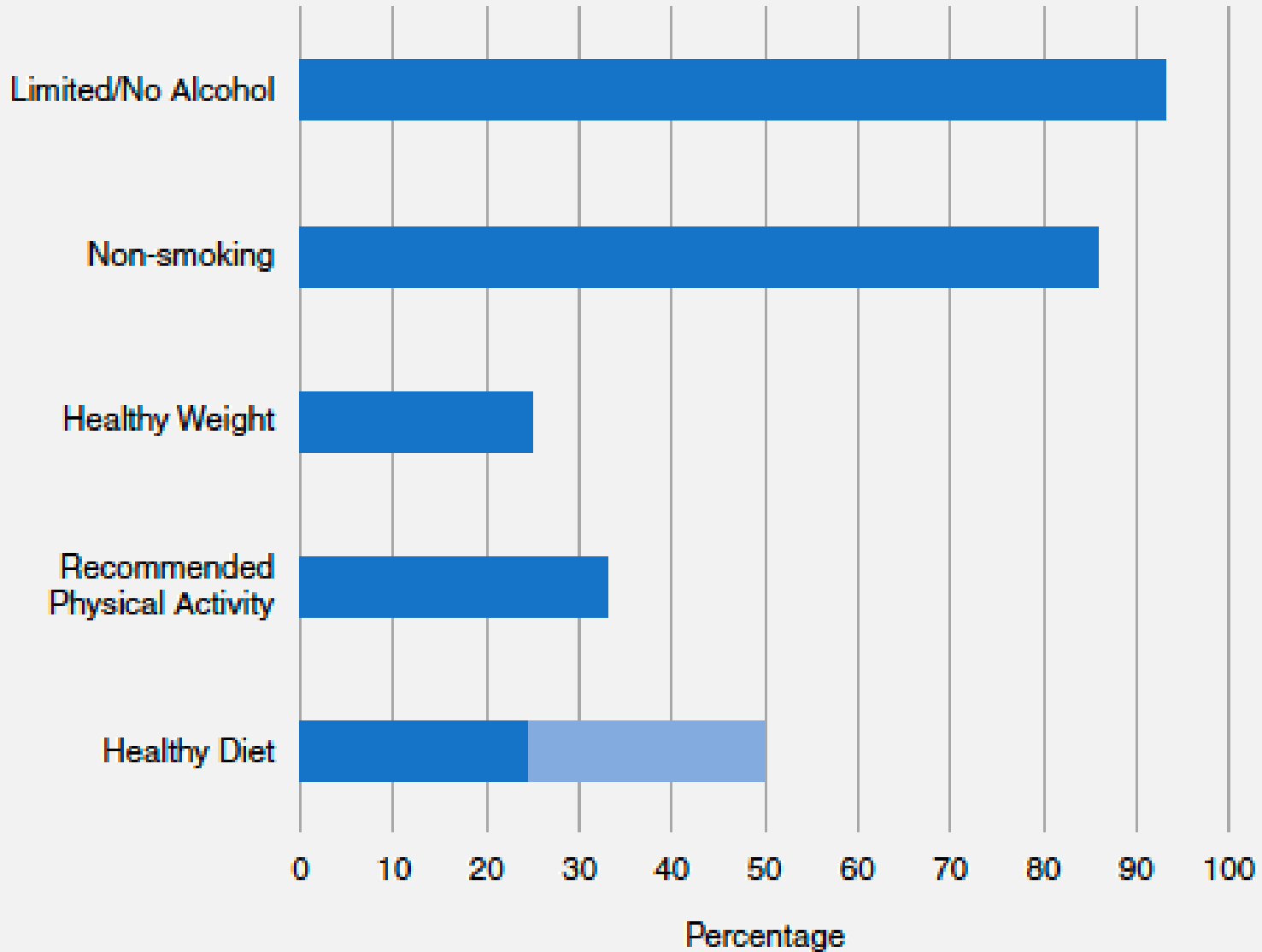
6-MINUTE WALK TEST



30-SECOND  
SIT-TO-STAND TEST

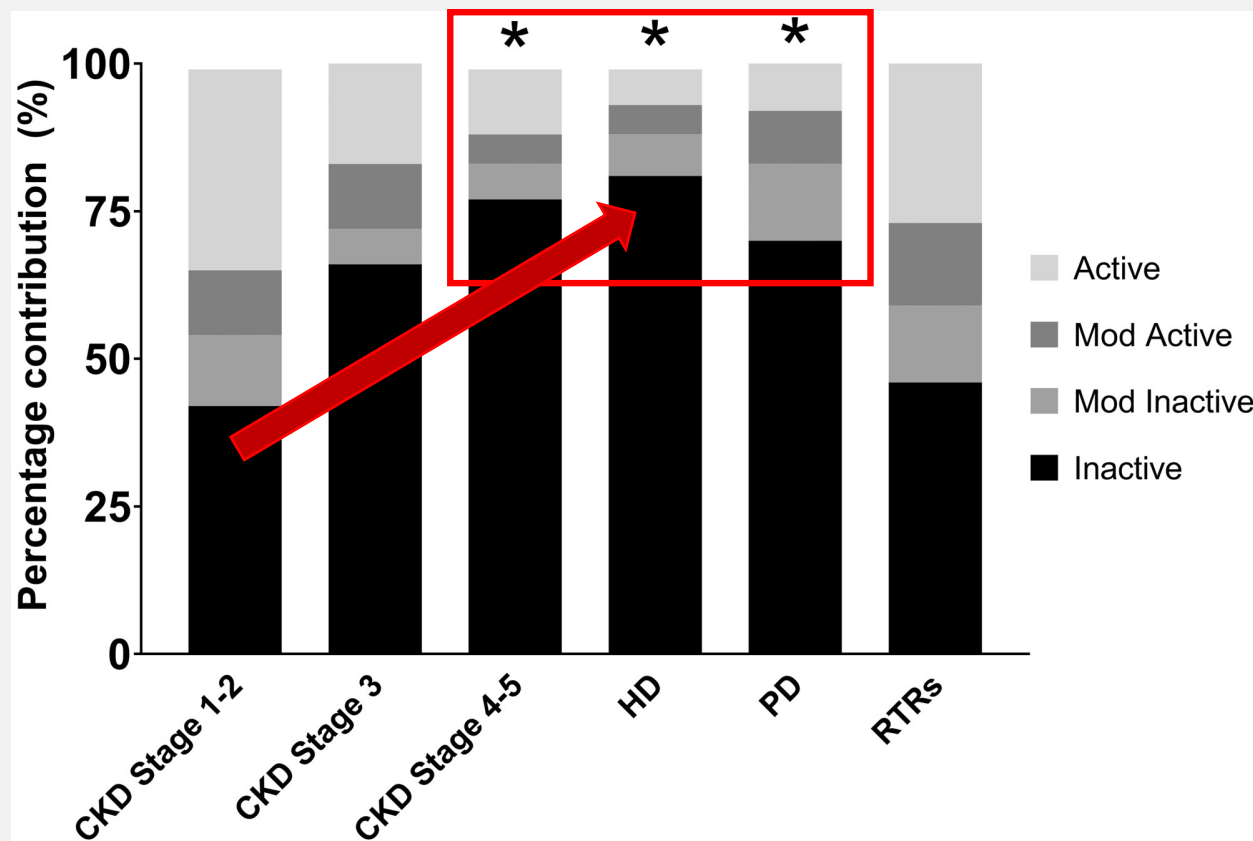


QUALITY-OF-LIFE AND  
SYMPTOM  
ASSESSMENT TOOLS

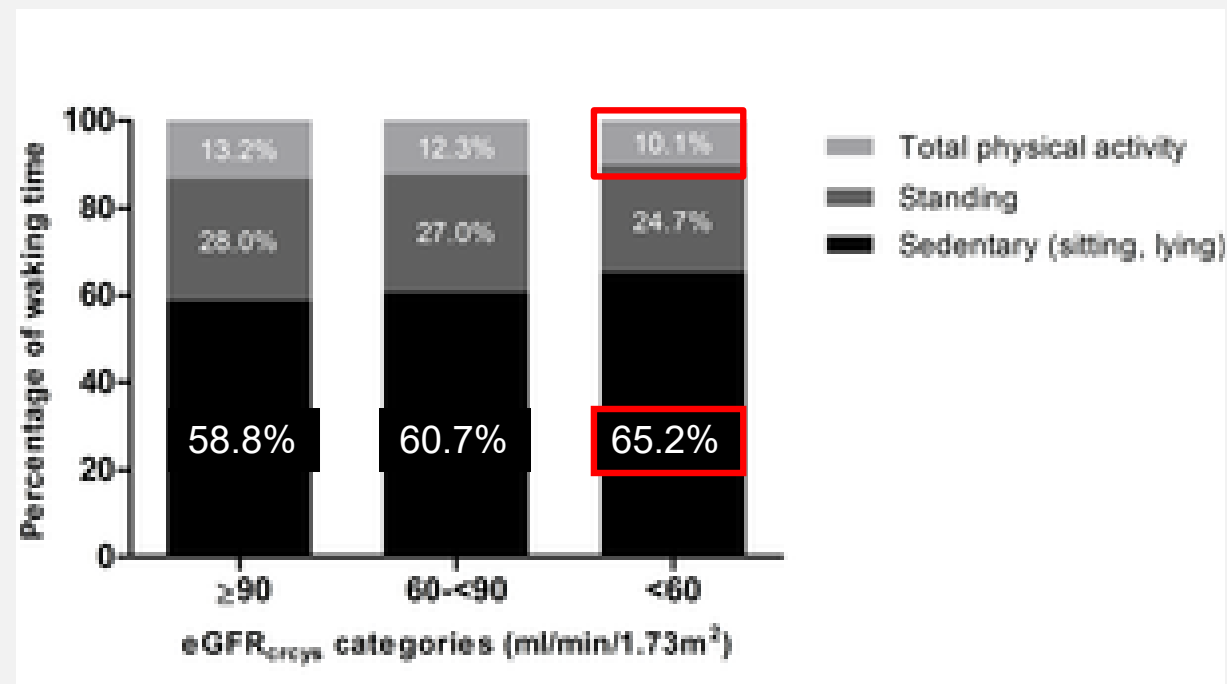


**LIFESTYLE behavior prevalence in CKD patients**

# How physically active are CKD patients?



- The majority of those living with a kidney condition are physically **inactive**
- In those with advanced disease, ~**10%** meet current physical activity recommendations



- **65%** of waking time is spent sedentary

# In patients with advanced CKD, was transition to dialysis associated with accelerated decline in physical activity and function?

## Methods



Canadian Frailty Observation and Interventions Trial (CanFIT)



n = 386 Advanced non-dialysis CKD <math><30\text{mL}/\text{min}/1.73\text{m}^2</math>



n = 162 Progressed to dialysis

Median follow-up time between assessments



Advanced nondialysis CKD group



Progressed to dialysis group

## Measures of Physical Activity



Physical activity scale for elderly (PASE) questionnaire



Chair stand test (seconds)



4-meter gait speed (seconds)



Grip strength (kg)

## Mean change (95% CI) in scores from baseline to follow-up



Advanced Non-dialysis CKD

-15.0  
(-23.2, -6.9)



Progressed to Dialysis

-23.2  
(-34.2, -12.2)

Adjusted difference

-10.5 (-27.7 - 6.8)

P=0.2

3.3  
(1.3, 5.3)

8.9  
(5.5, 12.3)

Adjusted difference

5.2 (0.8 - 9.7)

P=0.02

0.6  
(0.3, 0.8)

0.7  
(0.3, 1.0)

Adjusted difference

0.2 (-0.3 - 0.7)

P=0.4

-0.06  
(-0.8, 0.6)

-1.0  
(-2.0, -0.01)

Adjusted difference

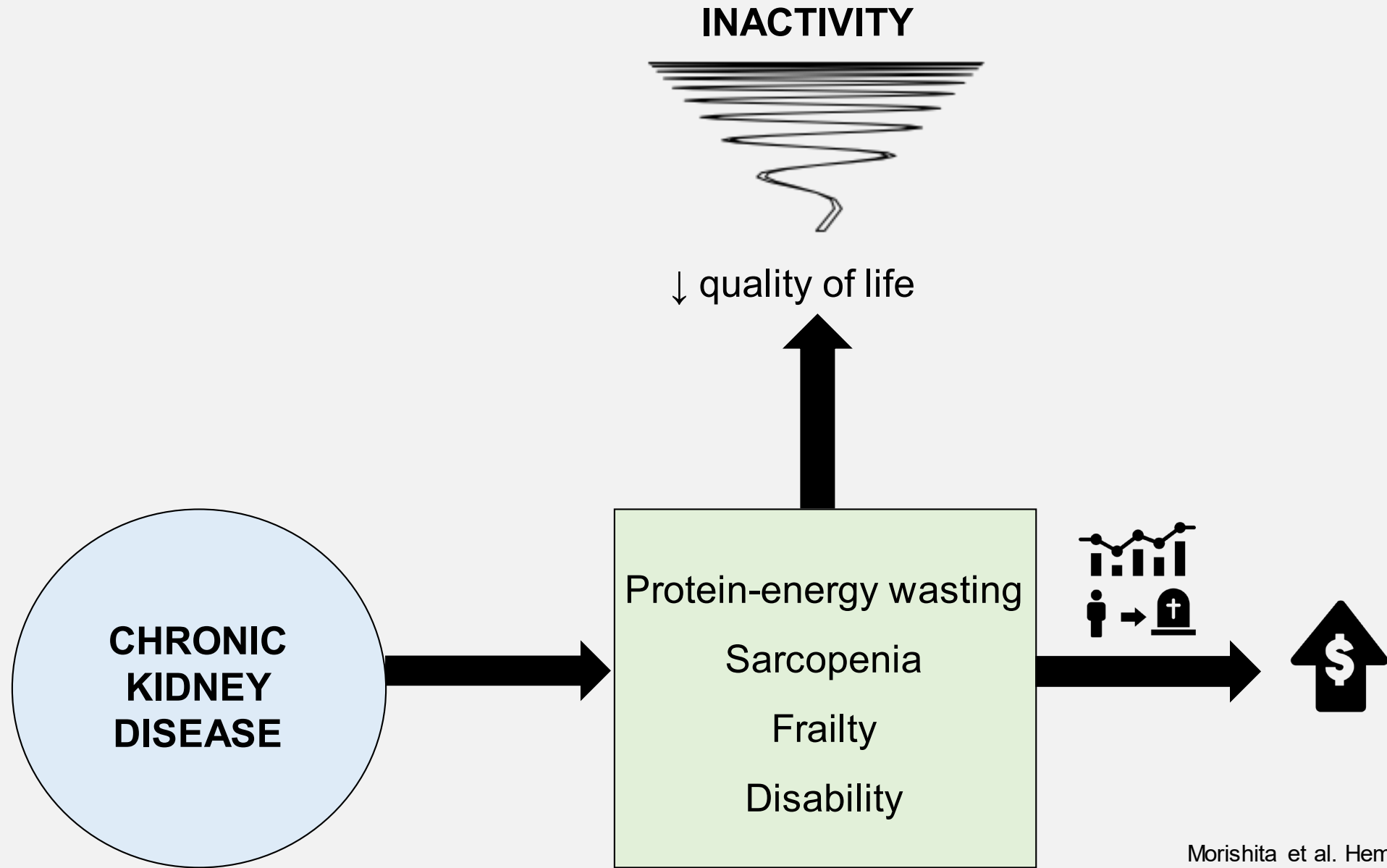
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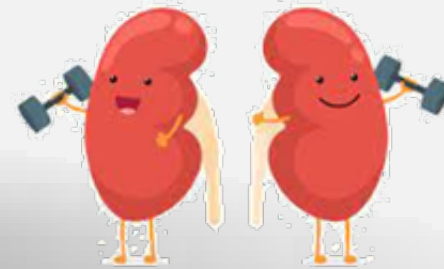
**Conclusions:** Patients with advanced CKD experience declines in physical activity and function over time. Progression to dialysis is associated with accelerated decline in physical function as measured by chair stand test.

Christie Rampersad, Joseph Darcel, Oksana Harasemiw, et al. *Change in Physical Activity and Function in Patients with Baseline Advanced Nondialysis Chronic Kidney Disease*. CJASN doi: 10.2215/CJN.07050521. Visual Abstract by Aakash Shingada, MD

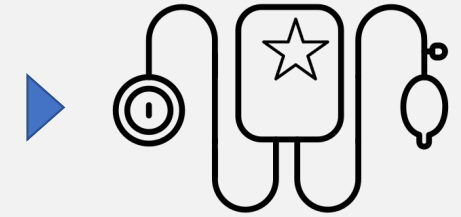




# Evidence for the role of exercise in outcomes relevant to CKD???



# 1) BP



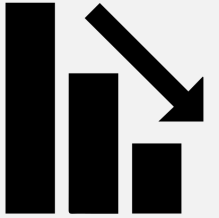
-11mmHg systolic  
after 24-36 weeks

Systematic review	Exercise versus control (SBP mmHg) 95%CI
Thompson 2019	-4.33 (-9.04, 0.38)
Zhang 2019	-5.61 (-8.99, -2.23)
Van den Wyngaert 2018	1.22 (-4.45, 6.90)
Yamamoto 2021	-0.75 (-1.24, -0.26)
Villanego 2020	-1.68 (-6.80, 3.44)

## 2) ?CKD progression

- ~ 6 systematic reviews - **conflicting findings**
- Short duration, inappropriate statistical analyses, non-measurement of true renal function

☆ However, **no harm** to GFR ☆



### COULD IT WORK?

- Anti-inflammatory effect
- Decreased sympathetic nervous activity
- ↓ oxidative stress

### 3) ?Mortality + hospitalization

Research is limited in quality and consistency

Peng et al. *BMC Nephrology* (2019) 20:142  
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12882-019-1309-y>

BMC Nephrology

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Open Access

## Self-management interventions for chronic kidney disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis



Suyuan Peng<sup>1,2</sup>, Jiawei He<sup>3</sup>, Jiasheng Huang<sup>1</sup>, Longwei Lun<sup>4</sup>, Jiahao Zeng<sup>1</sup>, Shan Zeng<sup>1</sup>, La Zhang<sup>6,7</sup>, Xusheng Liu<sup>4</sup> and Yifan Wu<sup>5\*</sup> 

# 4) Muscle (mass) + strength, physical function physical capacity

Muscle-kidney crosstalk

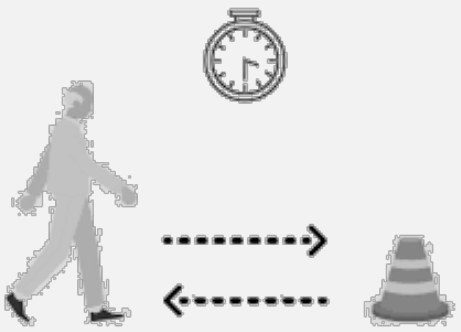


Zelle DM, et al. Nature Reviews. 2017



Kosmadakis et al. NDT. 2012.  
Zhou et al. NDT 2019

What is the 6 minute walk test?



Villanego et al. Nefrología. 2020  
Yamagata et al. Ren Replace Ther. 2019.



Wu et al. Clin Rehabil. 2020  
Wyngaert et al. PLoS One. 2018  
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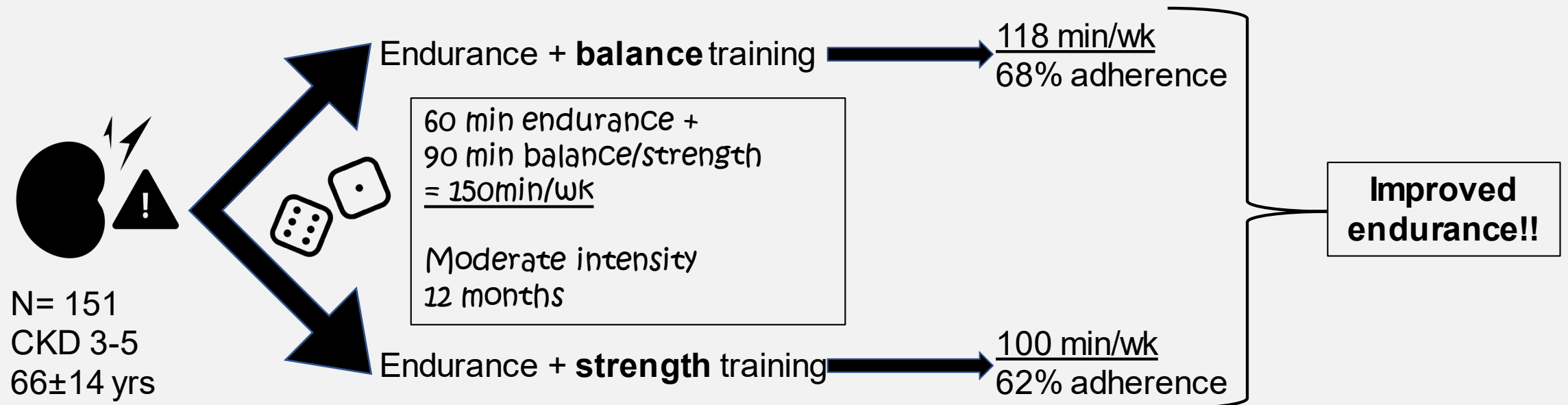
# Randomized Controlled Trial of Exercise in CKD – The RENEXC Study



*Kidney Int Rep* (2019) 4, 963–976; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ekir.2019.04.001>

Matthias Hellberg<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Peter Höglund<sup>2,3,4</sup>, Philippa Svensson<sup>1,2,3</sup> and Naomi Clyne<sup>1,2,3</sup>

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# 5) Health-related quality of life

Physical **inactivity** is associated with ↓ **quality of life**.

There is strong evidence from hundreds of studies that **exercise** improves components (physical, social, psychological) that **improve QOL**.

REVIEW

DOI: [10.1016/j.nefro.2020.06.012](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nefro.2020.06.012)

 Open Access

Impact of physical exercise in patients with chronic kidney disease: Systematic review and meta-analysis



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## Clinical Practice Guideline

### Exercise and Lifestyle in Chronic Kidney Disease

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1 A

We recommend that increasing physical activity or exercise levels in non-dialysis CKD patients will contribute to the following:

- Improvements in blood pressure (1B).
- Improvements in physical function and capacity (1B).
- Improvements in functional limitations (1C).
- Improvements in health-related quality of life (1C).

We suggest that exercise may improve mental well-being, e.g. symptoms of depression and anxiety (2C).

2 D

# Barriers

PATIENTS	PHYSICIANS AND UNIT STAFF
<p><i>Fear of injury</i> <i>No support</i> <i>Cost</i> <b><i>Fatigue</i></b> <i>Transportation</i> <i>How? What?</i> <i>Need exercise companion</i> <b><i>Weakness</i></b> <b><i>Shortness of breath</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>No time</i></b> <b><i>Too busy</i></b> <i>Fear of injury</i> <i>How? What?</i> <b><i>No expertise</i></b> <i>Sedentary culture</i> <i>Low priority</i> <i>Patients not interested</i></p>

## Themes:

- Knowledge, skills, expectations
- Human, material and logistical resources
- Social dynamics of the unit



# 'Renal' rehabilitation (internationally)

- Japanese society for renal rehabilitation
- Exercise and Sports Science Australia: integrating exercise physiology into the management of patients with renal disease.
- NHS programs- UK



Hoshino et al. Nutrients. 2021.



King's College Hospital   
NHS Foundation Trust

## Renal rehab

- Would you like to get **FITTER** and **STRONGER** with **SUPPORT**?
- Are you unsure how to **EXERCISE** with your **KIDNEY** disease?
- Do your **MUSCLES** feel weaker? Do you get **OUT OF BREATH** when exercising?

### Come along to renal rehab

If you are interested in attending our renal rehab class at East Dulwich Community Hospital contact our renal rehab team on **0203 299 6725**



# Where exercise professionals could fit into KCC

## CONSULTATION AND COUNSELLING

Mobility and balance issues,

Fall prevention,

Pain management,

Weight management

Self-management strategies

Home exercise programs



# Opening the exercise conversation...



“What exercise are you doing at the moment?”

A lot of our patients struggle to keep to active, how about you?

How have you been managing with your physical activity?

Tell me about your current exercise regime...”

# How much exercise should we be doing? Intensity?

150 min  
/week



≥ 2 days  
/week



Aerobic + strength/resistance training is important!

When exercising remember FITT-VP!

**F**requency- how often

**I**ntensity- how much effort

**T**ime- how long

**T**ype- type of exercise

**V**olume- total exercise amount

**P**rogression- keep going

Sing- talk test



# Where to start???

Walking

Swimming

Tennis

Rowing

Golfing

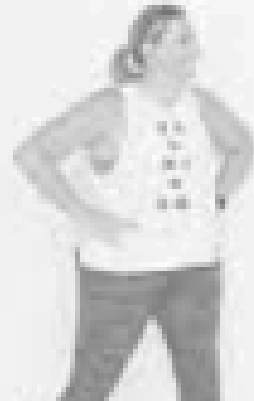
Cycling

Dancing

Tai chi



## LOW IMPACT WORKOUT



The **CUBII app** is on the Apple app store and Google play...

# Behavior

## MAKING HABITS STICK:

- **Easier** - start small
- **Obvious** - stack it with something else you do and make it part of your routine  
(e.g. after breakfast I will pedal for 10min)
- **Attractive** - I will use my elliptical peddler while watching TV.
- **Satisfying** - track progress towards goals!



## SETTING SMART GOALS:

- **S**pecific
- **M**easurable
- **A**ttainable
- **R**elevant
- **T**ime-bound



*'As a start, I would like to use my bike twice a week for 5-10 min each time for the next 2 weeks.'*



## EXERCISE RESOURCES FOR KIDNEY CARE



**Goal setting...** start slowly and build up your routine

### PRESCRIPTION

*Exercise is medicine*



**Moderate-intensity aerobic activity**

**Muscle-strengthening activity**

At least **150 min** a week



At least **2 days** a week

*Anything that increases your heart rate*

e.g. Light weights, resistance band exercises

If you prefer vigorous-intensity activity like running aim for at least **75 min/ week**.

**Walk, run, dance...**

**BCRenal**

Monthly membership to access **recorded and live exercise classes** taught by kidney-specific physiotherapists.

**beam**



### Aches and pain?

Check out Bob and Brad – “The Most Famous Physical Therapists on the Internet” – Videos that teach you how to manage aches + live a healthier life.



Tips for **staying active...**  
Kidney foundation of Canada



Resources for **strength training**



GREX: global renal exercise network

**Research and innovation** in the area of physical activity + exercise participation in people with kidney disease.



### Light exercise at home?

Manitoba renal program  
Kidney fit video series:





<https://kidneywellnesshub.ca/staying-active-index>

Tips for staying active...  
Kidney foundation of Canada



JOIN UP NOW

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## Staying Active Links



[Canadian 24-hour Movement Guides](#) – Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology (CSEP)

[Cycling on Dialysis](#) – SOS Medical Foundation

[Physical Well-Being](#) – My Kidneys My Health

## Mental Wellbeing Links



[Anxiety](#) – BC Renal

[Bounce Back](#) – Canadian Mental Health Association

[Canadian Association of Music Therapists](#)

[CKD and Mental Health Webinar \(previously recorded\)](#) – Kidney Foundation

## Eating Well Links



[CKD Food and Diet](#) – My Kidneys My Health

[Grocery Shopping for your Kidney Diet](#) – BC Renal

[Healthy Eating Guidelines for People with Early Chronic Kidney Disease](#) – Health Link BC, Ministry of Health (available in English, Chinese, Farsi, French, Korean, Punjabi, Spanish, and Vietnamese)

[Kidney Community Kitchen – Information and Tools to Help You](#)

## Live exercise classes

Live classes allow you to experience the feel-good energy of a live class wherever you are.

Just like our on-demand sessions, live classes are run by specialist physiotherapists and instructors who share your medical condition. We want you to know that they understand you and they've got your back, every minute of every workout.

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## 12 Week Renal Rehab Program



35 Classes

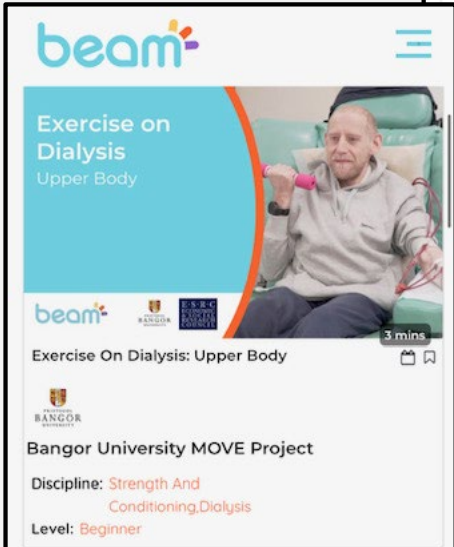
[Start Program](#)

Who is it for? Anyone who wants to move more & deepen their knowledge & management of their kidney disease.

Aim: To build strength, knowledge & confidence through a 12-week progressive program in...

[Read more](#)

[Learn more](#)





# GREX

Global Renal EXercise



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<https://grexercise.kch.illinois.edu/>



LEICESTER KIDNEY LIFESTYLE TEAM

# Strength Training Resources

## 'Do it with me' session videos

Click on the buttons to view

BEGINNER SESSION I

BEGINNER SESSION II

INTERMEDIATE SESSION I

EQUIPMENT FREE SESSION

ADVANCED SESSION I

ADVANCED SESSION II



Resources for strength training



**1) Chair Squat:** Slowly sit down in chair, and then stand up by "powering up" through the legs. Stop if you feel pain in your knees. It is normal to feel fatigue in your thigh muscles.



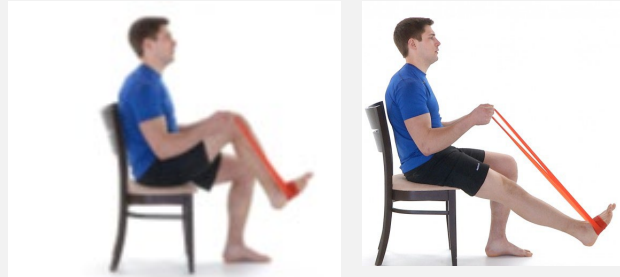
*BENEFITS: Leg strength improvements, fall prevention*

**4) Upper Back Squeeze:** Keep back straight and abs tight. Keep arms straight at shoulder level, gently pull the band apart and "squeeze" your shoulder blades together. Slowly return back to start maintaining tension in the band.



*BENEFITS: Strengthens the upper back muscles, improves posture, ↓ neck pain and headaches.*

**2) Seated Leg Press:** Sit upright in a chair. Bend your knee toward you and loop your band around your foot. Hold both ends of the band in your hands and then straighten your leg. Slowly return to start.



*BENEFITS: Improves leg strength, knee stability*

**5) Chest Press With Elastic:** Stand straight/ sit in chair and place a band around your upper back. Bend your elbows so your hands are close to your shoulders and hold the band in each hand. Extend your elbows pulling the band. Slowly bend your elbows to return to the start.



*BENEFITS: Strengthens chest, shoulders and arms*

**1-5) Sets:**1-3 / **Repetitions:**10-15x / **Frequency:** 2-3x week / **Rest:**60 seconds between sets

**6) Sets:**1 / **Repetitions:**4-6x / **Frequency:** Daily

**3) Seated Hip Abduction:** Sit down on a chair with a band tied/wrapped above your knees. Make sure the band is taut before starting. Pull your knees out to open your legs against the band with your feet planted on the floor. Return to start.



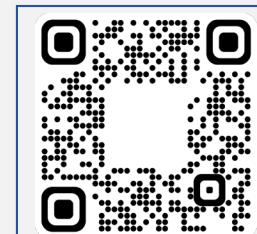
*BENEFITS: Strengthens and stabilizes hips, core.*

**6) Transverse Abdominals**

**Contraction:** You can lie in bed or sit in a chair. Draw your stomach "into your spine", keeping your low back in a neutral position and breathe as you hold the contraction. Hold for 10-15 seconds.



*BENEFIT: strong core, ↓ low back pain.*



**VIDEO DEMO. OF THE EXERCISES**

Adapted with gratitude from  
**Alberta Kidney Care-**  
Photo credit to **Physiotec**

# Maintaining motivation

## Support

- Doctors & nurses
- Family/ friends/ peers



## Facilities/ equipment

## Enjoyment

- Varied & enjoyable programme
- Group participation?
- Games



## Regularly organized

- Plan
- Arrange with friends

## Monitor progress

- Fitness tests/weight tracking
- Progress charts
- Goals
- Rewards

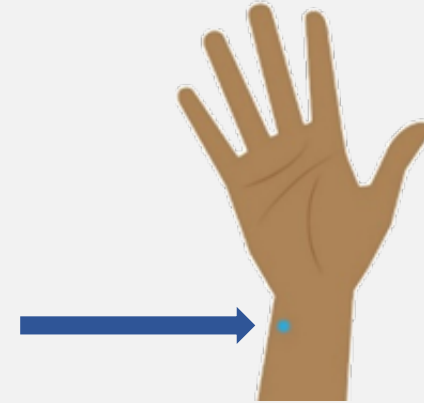


# Self-management tools...

## Can't sleep: self-acupressure technique.

Rub the area shown with firm thumb pressure for 2 minutes.

The location is just below your wrist crease and you will rub the area between the tendons.



## Stress and anxiety, worked up?:

Try 1 minute of “**Box Breathing**”.

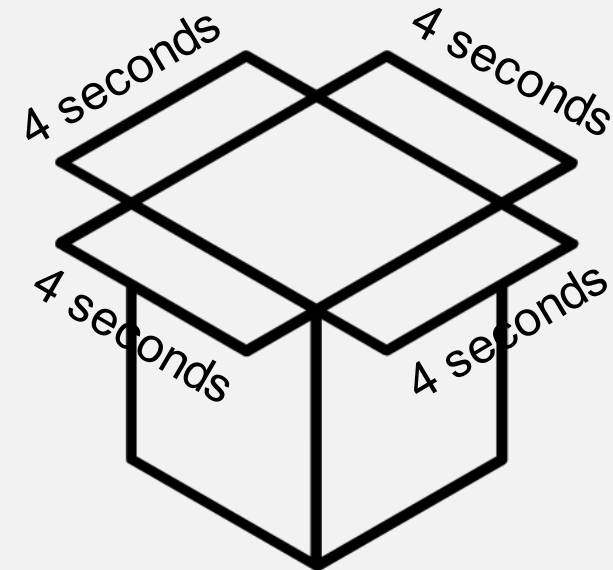
4 seconds of inhaling,

a 4-second hold,

followed by 4 seconds of exhaling,

and finally another 4-second hold.

(This is how you are essentially outlining a box!)



# Take home message(s)



Physical activity is important for all kidney patients



Physical activity can improve quality of life



Any movement is good



There are multiple helpful online resources to share with your KCC patients

**THE BEST EXERCISE IS ONE YOU ENJOY AND DO REGULARLY**





**KIDNEY  
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Development of a Curriculum to Train Exercise and Healthcare Professionals to Implement  
Exercise Programs in CKD

[INFO14]

November 03, 2022 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Exhibit Hall, Orange County Convention Center, West Building

Effect of a 3-Year Lifestyle Intervention on Cardiac Parameters in People With CKD: Sub-  
Study of a Randomized Controlled Trial

[TH-PO606]

November 03, 2022 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Exhibit Hall, Orange County Convention Center, West Building

Why Can Physical Activity Reduce ESRD or CKD? Exploring the Role of the "Heart Rate  
Paradox"

[PUB251]

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**"What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?"**



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