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# **Women's Health in Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) - A Focus on Pregnancy & Family Planning**



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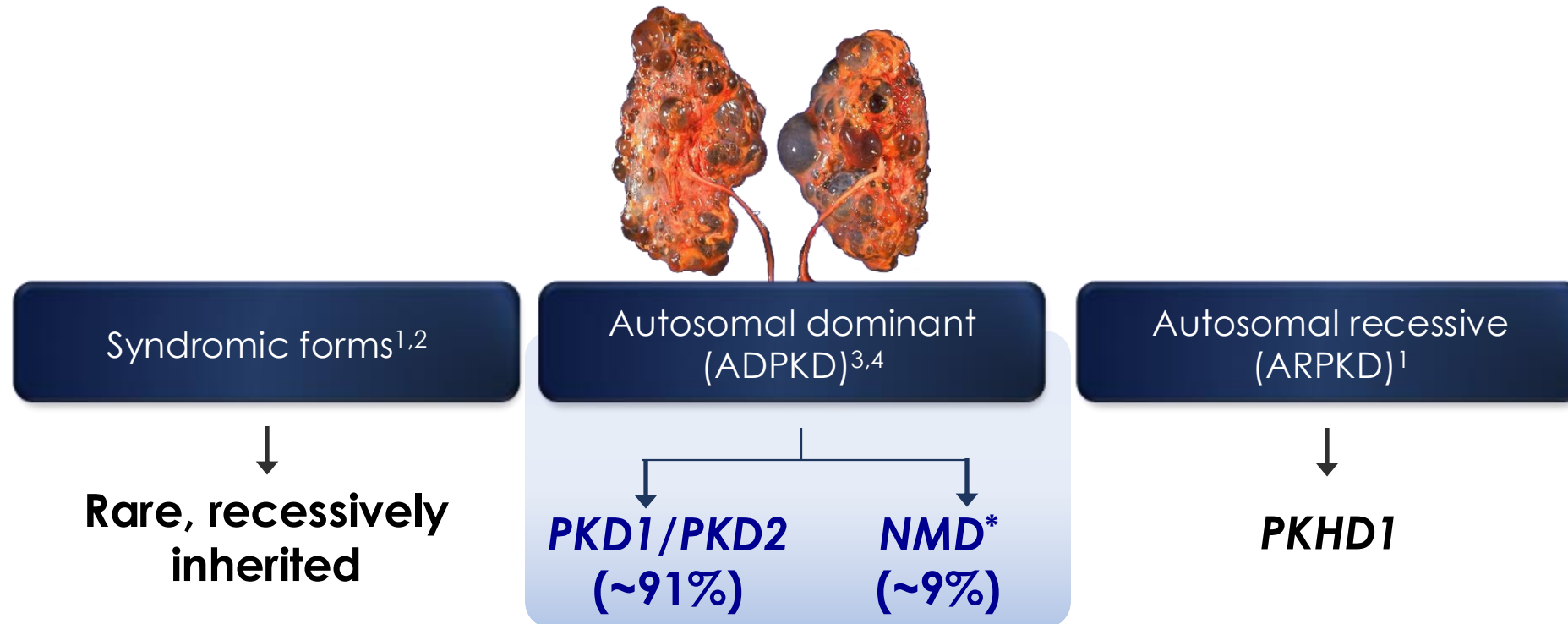
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# Objectives

1. Provide an overview of autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease (ADPKD) epidemiology and disease burden
2. Explain how ADPKD affects pregnancy and family planning, and how pregnancy influences the progression of the disease including long-term outcomes
3. Discuss the risks of fetal and maternal complications
4. Outline general management principles for pregnancy in the setting of ADPKD
5. Review options and resources in relation to family planning

# What Is PKD?

Polycystic kidney disease (PKD) is a group of monogenic disorders characterized by the propensity to develop numerous renal cysts<sup>1</sup>



\*The "no mutation detected" (NMD) group may contain those patients with mutations in other genes impacting cystic development, such as GANAB.<sup>5</sup>

ADPKD=autosomal dominant PKD; ARPKD=autosomal recessive PKD; GANAB=gene encoding glucosidase II subunit- $\alpha$ ; NMD=no mutation detected; PKD=polycystic kidney disease; PKHD1=polycystic kidney and hepatic disease

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# ADPKD Is the Most Common Life-threatening Inherited Renal Disease

**ADPKD does not discriminate on sex, race, ethnicity, or geography<sup>1,2</sup>**

- ADPKD affects both sexes equally, and occurs in all ethnicities<sup>3</sup>
- ADPKD is the most common life-threatening inherited renal disease and accounts for up to ~5% of all patients with ESRD<sup>2</sup>
- ADPKD is the fourth leading cause of ESRD in the United States after diabetes, hypertension, and glomerulonephritis<sup>2</sup>
- As many as 1:2000 people worldwide are currently diagnosed with ADPKD,<sup>4</sup> and between 1:400 and 1:1000\* people living today will be diagnosed with ADPKD in their lifetime<sup>1</sup>

\*The higher prevalence value of 1:1000 is believed to be inaccurate because the data are based on a postmortem study and therefore report lifetime morbid risk rather than point prevalence.

ADPKD=autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease; ESRD=end-stage renal disease.

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# ADPKD Is Inherited as an Autosomal Dominant Trait

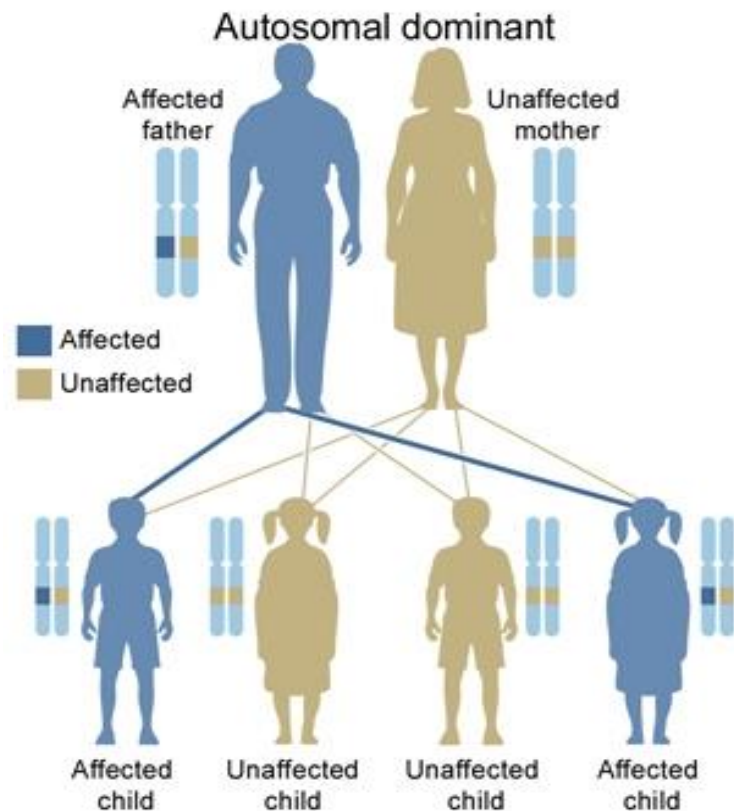


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Inheritance pattern of autosomal dominant disease<sup>5</sup>

- ADPKD is an autosomal dominant disease with a high degree of penetrance<sup>1</sup>
- A child of an affected parent has a 50% chance of inheriting ADPKD<sup>1</sup>
- In 5% to 10% of cases, ADPKD is caused by a de novo mutation<sup>2,3</sup>
  - In ~10% of newly diagnosed cases, patients report a negative family history<sup>3</sup>
- Disease progression can be highly variable, even among family members with the same mutation<sup>3</sup>
  - Variability suggests a “two-hit” model for ADPKD, in which germ-line and somatic inactivation of both copies of a PKD gene lead to cystogenesis<sup>4</sup>

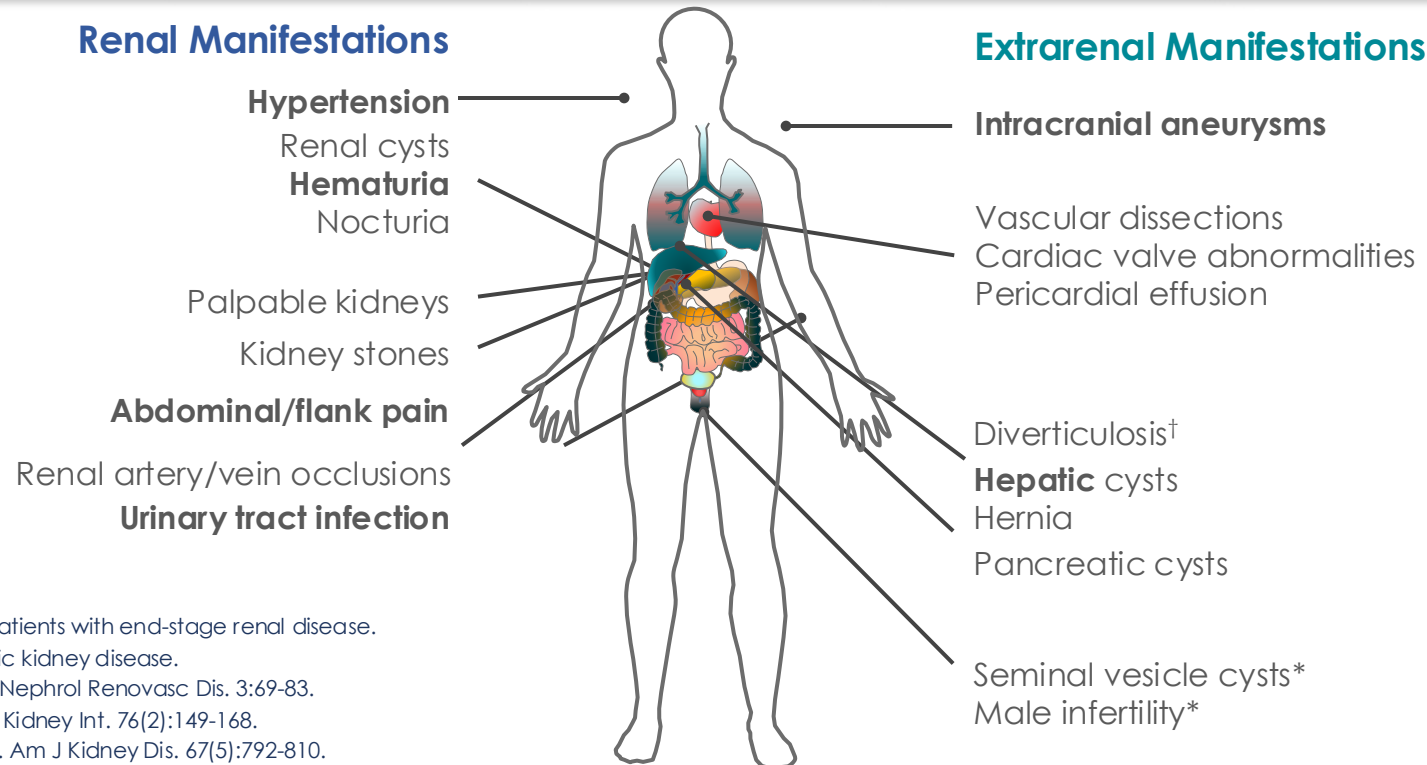
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# ADPKD Is a Systemic Disease with Multiple Renal and Extrarenal Manifestations

Renal cysts are the first manifestation of ADPKD and precede changes in kidney function by many years<sup>1-8</sup>

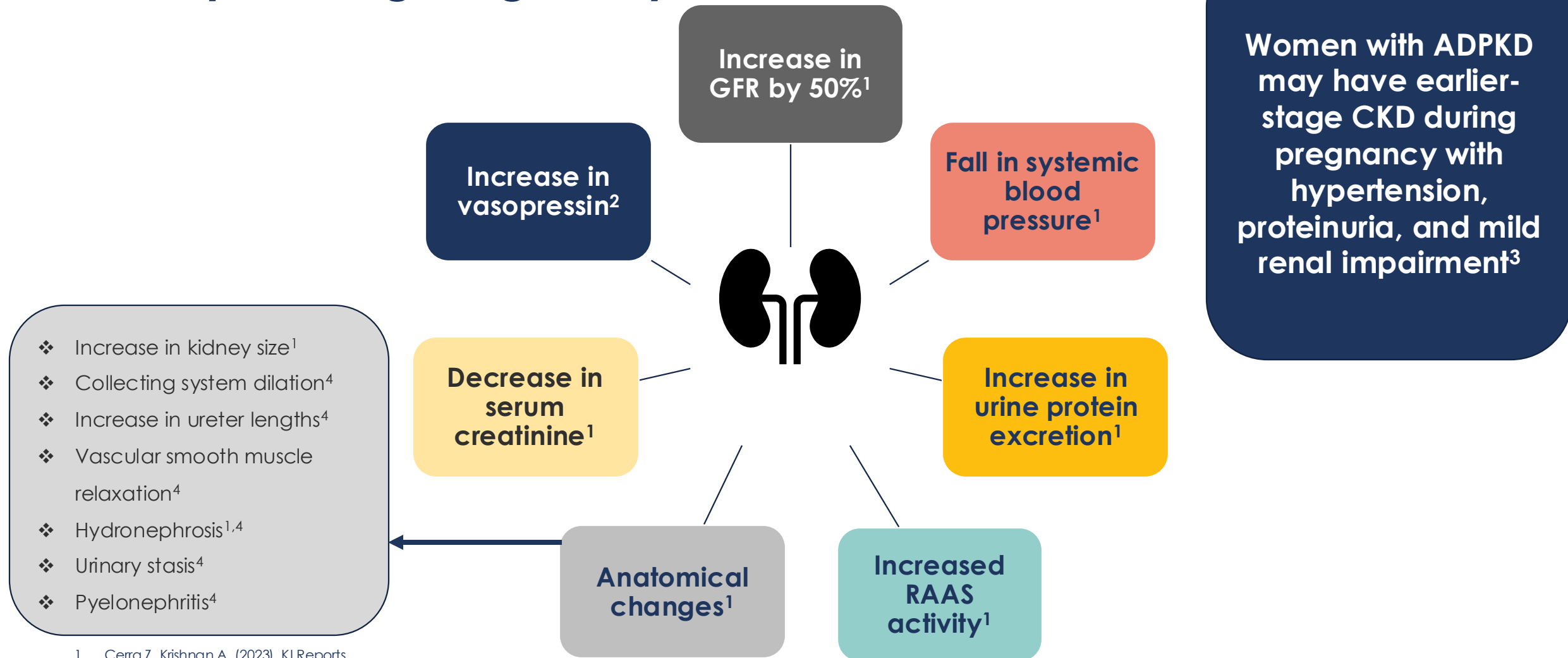


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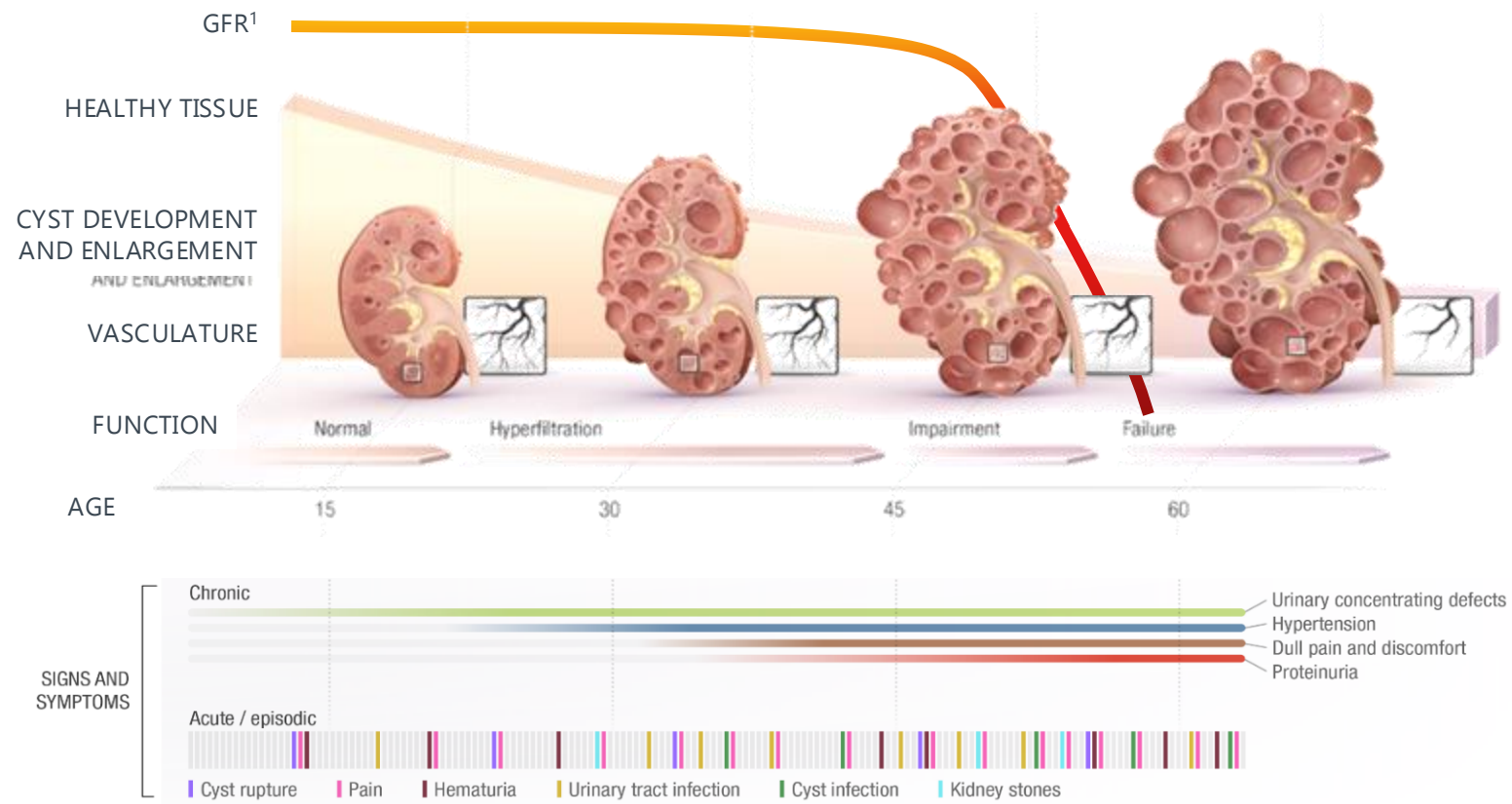
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# ADPKD Patients Experience a Significant Cyst Burden and Complications

## Kidney Disease Progression in ADPKD<sup>1</sup>



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However, there are no studies evaluating the impact of pregnancy on the progression of total kidney volume and renal outcomes among ADPKD patients<sup>2</sup>

ADPKD=autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease; GFR, glomerular filtration rate.

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# Does ADPKD Affect Pregnancy?

- ❖ All chronic kidney diseases, including ADPKD, are known to be associated with higher risk pregnancies, particularly preeclampsia and prematurity<sup>1</sup>

**However, most women with PKD (80%) have successful and uneventful pregnancies**

- ❖ Women with ADPKD **and reduced kidney function** are more likely to have complications during pregnancy compared to women with normal or only mildly impaired renal function<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ There is no evidence of impaired female fertility in ADPKD if renal function is normal<sup>1</sup>

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# ADPKD is Associated with Increased Risk of Maternal Complications

**Hypertension<sup>1,2</sup>**

**Acute and Chronic Pain<sup>2</sup>**

**Urinary Tract Infection<sup>1</sup>**

**Edema<sup>1</sup>**

**Preeclampsia<sup>1,2</sup>**

**Proteinuria<sup>1</sup>**

**Loss of Renal function<sup>1</sup>**

**Extra-renal Manifestations<sup>2</sup>**

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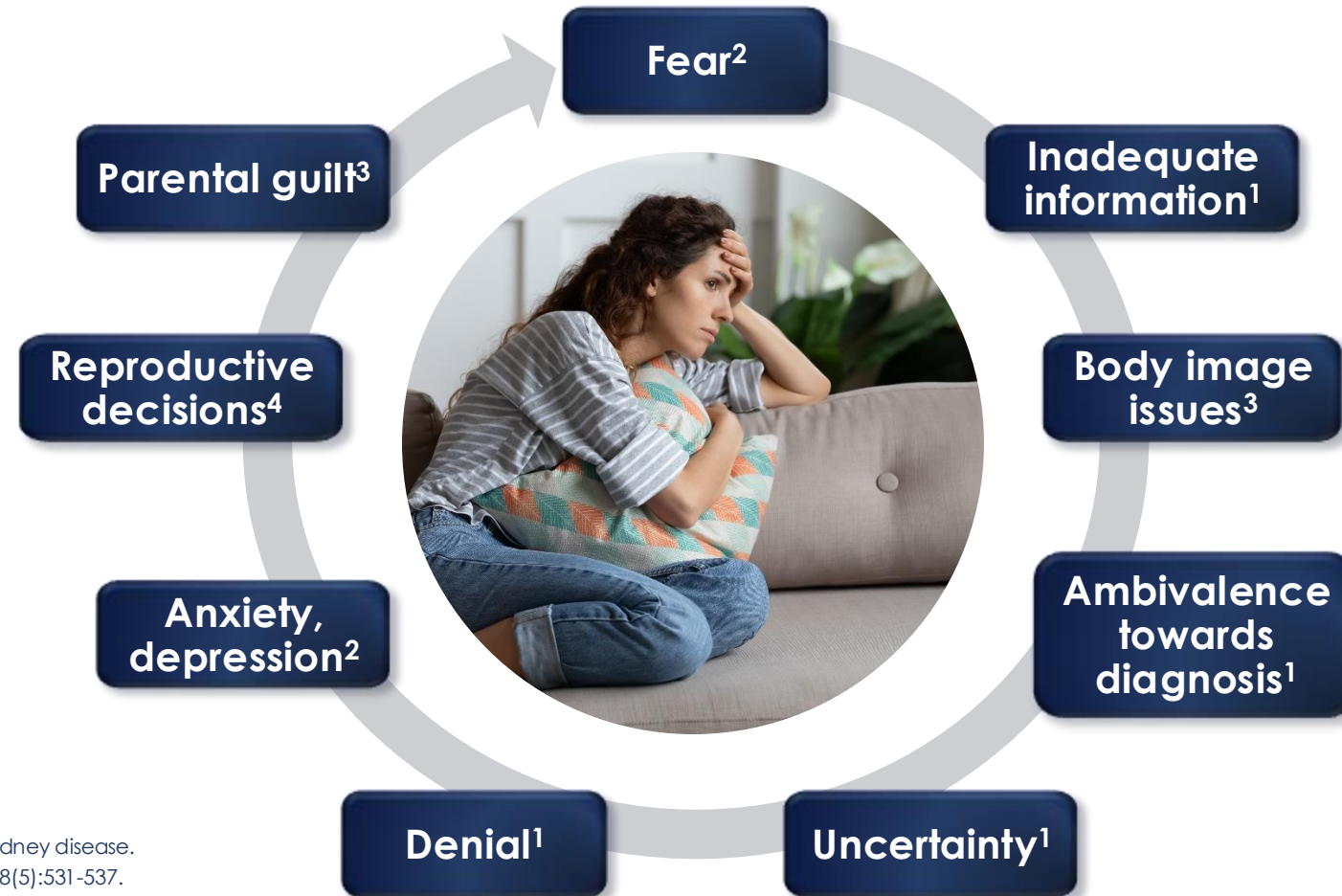
# ADPKD is Associated with Only a Slight Increase In the Risk for Fetal Complications

**Overall, fetal complication rates are similar between women with ADPKD and women without ADPKD<sup>1</sup>**

- ❖ Rates of spontaneous abortion and premature birth are comparable<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ Fetal complications are more common in ADPKD women  $\geq 30$  years<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ Increased fetal prematurity rates are found in those who develop preeclampsia<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ Rates of fetal distress and labor induction for post-term dates are higher in ADPKD pregnancies<sup>1</sup>

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# General Management for Pregnancy in Women with ADPKD<sup>1</sup>

## Pre-Pregnancy

- Timing (i.e. age and fertility)
- Contraception, tubal ligation if not considering pregnancy
- Genetic counseling and considerations of pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD)
- Routine ADPKD management
- Risk stratification
- Consider extra-renal disease screening

## During Pregnancy

- Cease taking ACE Inhibitors and ARBs
- Initiate/continue low-dose aspirin
- Initiate/continue folic acid and iodine
- **Maternal Surveillance**
  - BP, renal function, proteinuria
  - Screen for bacteruria each trimester, treat UTI
  - Consider extra-renal disease
- **Fetal Surveillance**
  - Routine 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester screening
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester fetal growth scan and dopplers

## Post-Pregnancy

- Lactation considerations
- BP management
- Return care to usual providers
- Future pregnancy planning

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# Lifestyle Management for ADPKD – Applications in Pregnancy



Blood Pressure < 110/75 mmHg<sup>1</sup>



Decrease salt intake (2.3-3g/day)<sup>1</sup>



Increased water intake (about 2-3 L urine volume/day)<sup>1</sup>

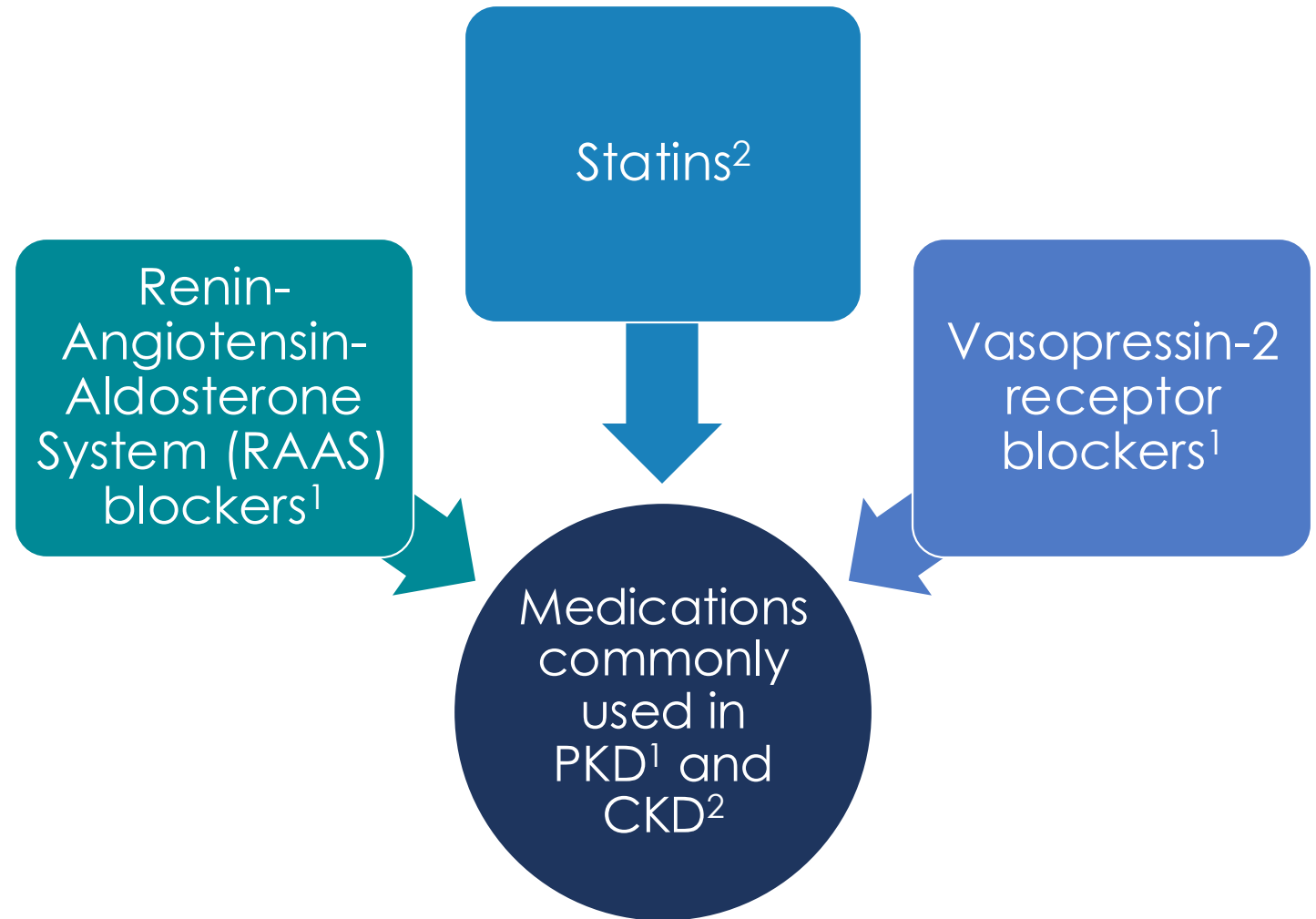


Avoid excessive caffeine intake<sup>1</sup>

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# Medications Commonly Used in the Management of PKD May Not Be Suitable in Pregnancy

- ❖ Medications commonly used in the management of PKD may not be suitable for use in pregnancy<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ Timing of medication use (i.e conception, pregnancy, post-partum) and alternative drug class considerations should be discussed<sup>1,3</sup>



<sup>1</sup>ACE = angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor. <sup>2</sup>ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker

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# Indications for Genetic Testing in ADPKD Include Prenatal or Pre-implantation Diagnostics

## Indications for Genetic Testing in ADPKD<sup>1</sup>

### Highest impact for clinical genetic testing

Cases where there is doubt regarding diagnosis

- *Example:* lack of family history or equivocal imaging findings

Cases with high stakes for accurate disease exclusion at an early age

- *Examples:* prenatal or preimplantation diagnostics, kidney donation evaluation

### Cases in which genetic testing may be appropriate

Risk stratification for initiating disease-modifying therapies

Explaining atypical presentations

- *Examples:* early and severe disease or discrepancies between imaging findings and decrease in renal function

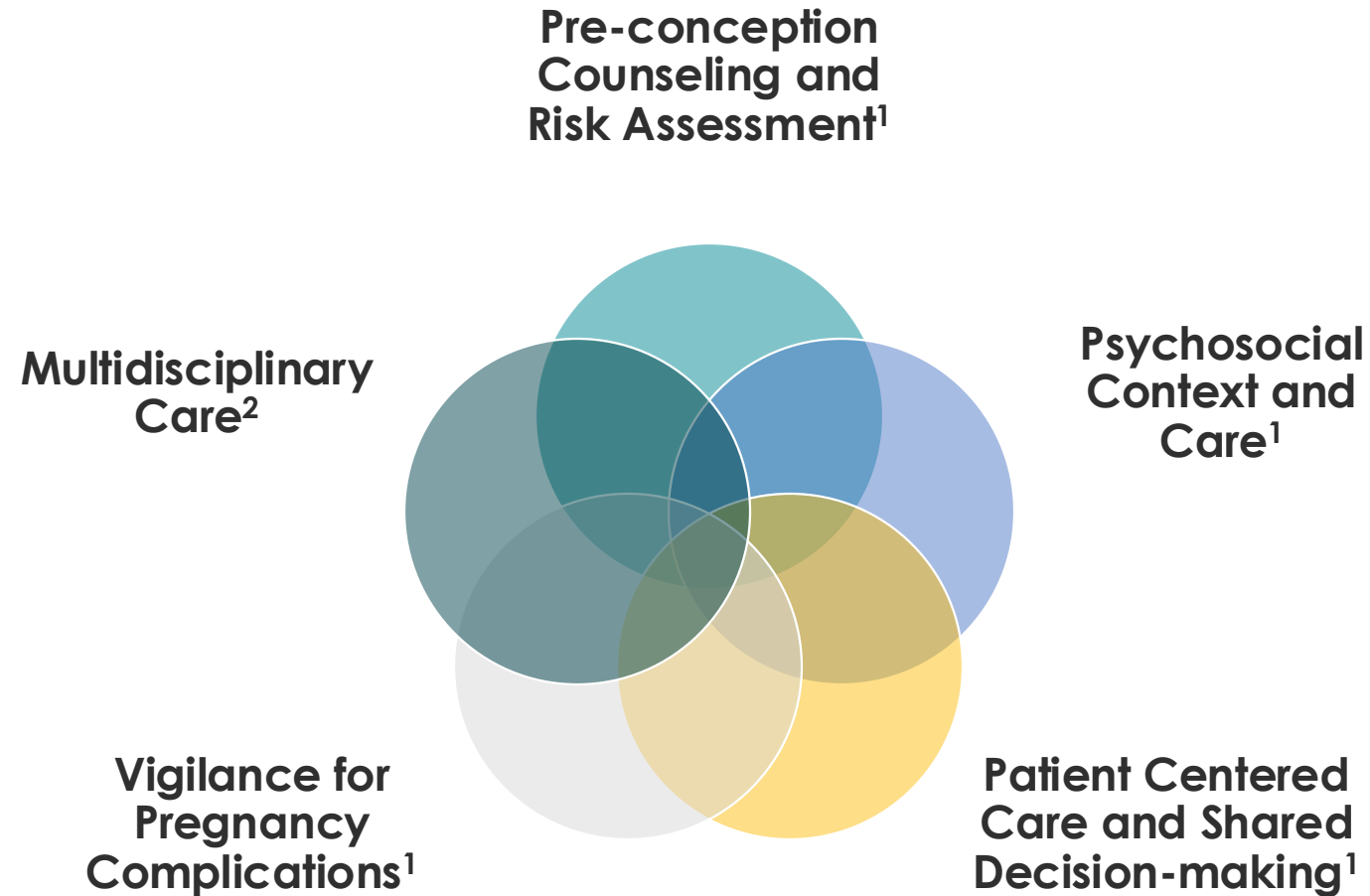


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# Patient Perspectives and Shared Decision-Making in Pregnancy Counselling



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# Resources for ADPKD and Family Planning



- Blog post about choices
- Videos on ADPKD and Pregnancy Considerations and Family Planning and Achieving Reproduction Success



1. <https://pkdcure.org/living-with-pkd/pregnancy-and-pkd/>
2. <https://www.kidney.org/communities>

# Summary

1. ADPKD is a progressive, genetic renal disease where numerous cysts form on the kidneys -- causing kidney enlargement, kidney damage, and eventually kidney failure
2. Due to its autosomal dominant genetic pattern of inheritance, ADPKD affects pregnancy and family planning decisions.
3. Several anatomical and physiological changes that occur during pregnancy may affect ADPKD disease progression
4. ADPKD poses only a slight potential of increased rates of fetal complications.
5. Increased maternal complications include hypertension, preeclampsia, and decreased renal function
6. General management principles for women with ADPKD who are considering pregnancy involve informed, shared decision making and inclusion of a multidisciplinary care team
7. Options and resources for families with ADPKD planning to become pregnant include genetic testing and counseling, as well as support from community and nephrology advocacy groups



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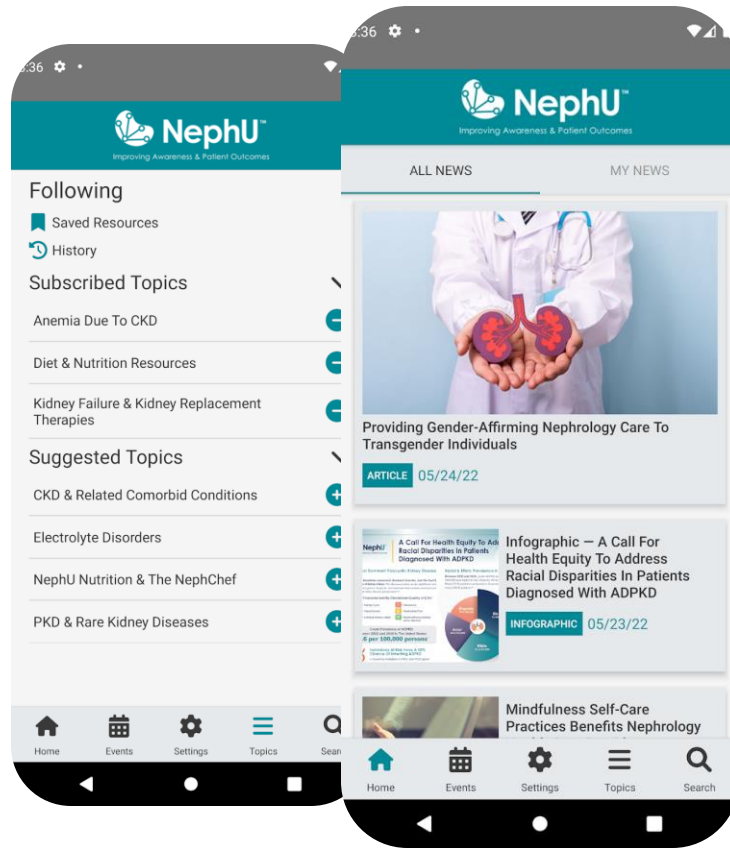
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