

Allopurinol not tied to higher mortality for patients with gout and chronic kidney disease

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(HealthDay)—For patients with gout and chronic kidney disease (CKD),

no associations with increased mortality were seen for allopurinol initiation, achieving target serum urate (SU) levels, or allopurinol dose escalation, according to a study published online Jan. 25 in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Jie Wei, Ph.D., from Xiangya Hospital in Changsha, China, and colleagues examined the relations of allopurinol initiation, allopurinol dose escalation, and achieving target SU level (

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