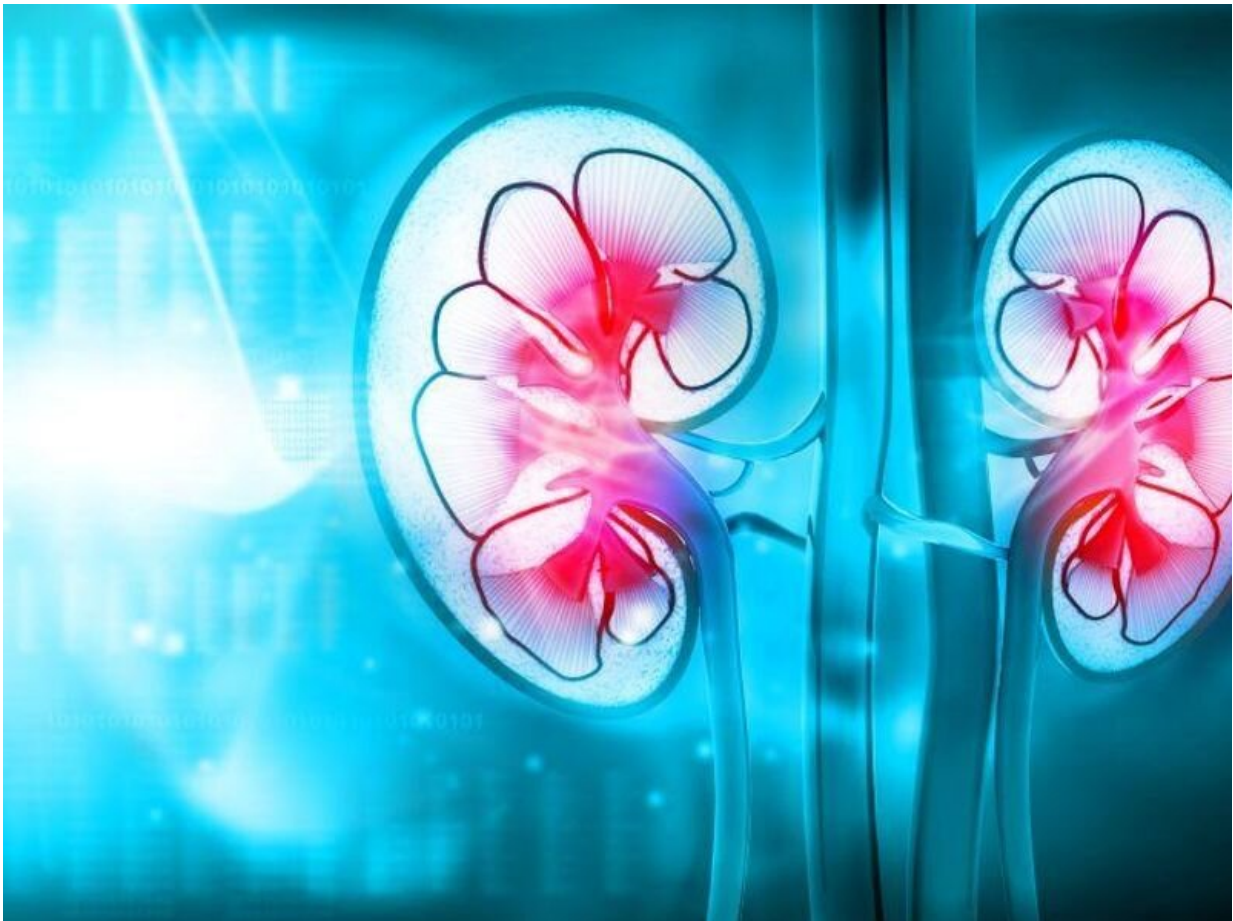


Model with lifestyle, health behavior information predicts chronic kidney disease

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Self-reported lifestyle and health behavior information can predict

incident chronic kidney disease (CKD), according to a study published in the January issue of the *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*.

Ariana J. Noel, M.D., from the University of Ottawa in Canada, and colleagues developed and validated a survey-based prediction equation to identify individuals at risk for incident CKD. Data were obtained from 22,200 adults with an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) ≥ 70 mL/min/1.73 m² who completed a comprehensive general population health survey between 2000 and 2015. Demographics, comorbidities, [lifestyle factors](#), diet, and mood were included in prediction equations. Models with and without baseline eGFR were derived and validated externally in 15,522 participants from the U.K. Biobank. The primary outcome was new-onset CKD.

The researchers found that during a median follow-up of 4.2 years, new-onset CKD occurred in 1,981 participants (9 percent). Lifestyle factors (smoking, alcohol, [physical activity](#)) and comorbid illnesses (diabetes, hypertension, cancer) were included in the final models. For individuals with and without a baseline eGFR measure, the model was discriminating (five-year C statistic, 83.5 and 81.0, respectively) and was well calibrated. The five-year C-statistic was 78.1 and 66.0 in external validation with and without baseline eGFR, respectively, and maintained calibration.

"Our equation demonstrated excellent discrimination and calibration, and may serve as a patient-facing tool to improve CKD awareness and education," the authors write.

Several authors disclosed financial ties to the biopharmaceutical industry.

More information: Ariana J. Noel et al, A Health Survey–Based

Prediction Equation for Incident CKD, *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* (2023). [DOI: 10.2215/CJN.00000000000000035](https://doi.org/10.2215/CJN.00000000000000035)

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