

Low follow-up kidney testing after hospital discharge with moderate to severe AKI, requires improvement

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A study of Canadian hospitalizations from 2007–2019 show that over 75% of patients with moderate to severe acute kidney injury (AKI) do

not get appropriate follow-up kidney health testing after hospital discharge.

A study in Alberta, Canada, examined care received by over 20,000 hospitalized with AKI during hospitalization and after discharge between 2009 and 2017. The results, published in the *American Journal of Kidney Diseases (AJKD)*, showed that a low proportion of patients with moderate to severe AKI were seen by a kidney specialist during hospitalization or within 90 days after discharge.

Less than 25% of AKI patients had their [kidney function](#) monitored with both blood and urine tests within 90 days of discharge. Additionally, about half of AKI survivors with [chronic kidney disease](#) (CKD) were prescribed guideline recommended medications for CKD, within 15 months after discharge. There is potential to improve [health care delivery](#) to these patients both in hospital and after hospital discharge.

More information: Sandeep Brar et al, Processes of Care After Hospital Discharge for Survivors of Acute Kidney Injury: A Population-Based Cohort Study, *American Journal of Kidney Diseases* (2023). [DOI: 10.1053/j.ajkd.2023.07.015](https://doi.org/10.1053/j.ajkd.2023.07.015)

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