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Chronic Renal Disease: Diagnosis, Treatment, and Management

Message from the Guest Editor

Chronic kidney disease represents a significant public health issue, affecting >10% of the general population worldwide, amounting to >800 million individuals. It is characterized by a gradual loss of renal function, which can progress to end-stage kidney failure over several months or years. Different diseases are responsible for the development of chronic kidney disease, such as hypertension, diabetes, glomerulonephritis, polycystic kidney disease, recurrent pyelonephritis and prolonged obstruction of the urinary tract. Also, acute kidney injury may be involved, due to maladaptive or incomplete repair mechanisms, resulting in renal fibrosis after an acute event. Importantly, chronic kidney disease has recently emerged as one of the leading causes of mortality, since it is associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular events. The high number of affected individuals and the significant adverse impact of chronic kidney disease should prompt enhanced efforts for early diagnosis, better prevention and treatment.

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