

Table 2: Risk Factors for CKD (Adapted from Levey et al., 2003)

RISK FACTOR	DEFINITION	EXAMPLES
Susceptibility Factors	Increase susceptibility to kidney damage	Older age; family history of CKD; culture/ethnicity (e.g. First Nations); low income or education
Initiation Factors	Directly initiate kidney damage	Diabetes; high blood pressure; autoimmune diseases; systemic infections; urinary tract infections; urinary stones; lower urinary tract obstruction; drug toxicity
Progression Factors	Cause worsening kidney damage and faster decline in kidney function after the initiation of kidney damage	Higher level of proteinuria; higher blood pressure; poor glycemic control; smoking
End-stage Factors	Increase morbidity and mortality in kidney failure	Inadequate dialysis; anemia; low serum albumin; late nephrology referral