

Abnormal Glomerular Filtration Rate in Children

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Introduction and who this guideline applies to;

Children not known to paediatric nephrology services with estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR) < 90 ml/min/1.73m²

This guideline applies to Children and young people under 18 years of age with abnormal GFR within the East Midlands, East of England and South Yorkshire (EMEESY) Children's Kidney Network being managed by the Leicester Children's Hospital and the Paediatric Emergency Department.

This EMEESY network guideline has been developed by clinicians from Nottingham Children's Renal Unit with consultation across the network including from the Leicester Royal Infirmary and has been ratified by the Leicester Children's Hospital guideline process.

Rationale

Creatinine is an insensitive method of identifying impaired renal function in children.

GFR should be estimated (eGFR) whenever a creatinine result is checked.

Automated reporting is now available for in-patients in Nottingham aged 2 – 16 years of age.

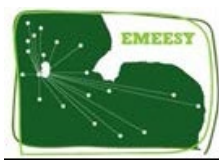
If the automated reporting is not available for blood samples processed in NUH NHS Trust the following formula should be used;

$$\text{eGFR (ml/min/1.73m}^2\text{)} = k \times \text{height (cm)} / \text{serum creatinine (}\mu\text{mol/l)}$$

where k = 36 in males ≥13 years of age and k = 30 in all other cases.

An eGFR of less than 90 ml/min/1.73m² requires further clinical evaluation.

(In other centres k= 40 unless a locally validated value for k has been established.)



Assessment

All children with an eGFR < 90 ml/min/1.73m² need further evaluation. This is however an estimate and further investigations need to be considered in the light of the clinical context.

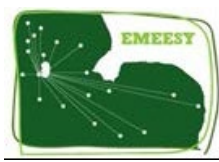
Assessment should include in all children

- Clinical review for signs / symptoms of acute kidney injury – if present will need same day referral to hospital (see [Acute Kidney Injury AKI UHL Childrens Hospital Guideline](#))
- Clinical review for signs / symptoms of nephrotic syndrome – if present will need same day referral to hospital (see [Nephrotic Syndrome UHL Childrens Medical Guideline](#))
- blood pressure with reference to appropriate centile chart (See [appendix 1](#))
- urine dipstick for protein and an early morning urine for Albumin : Creatinine ratio if dipstick positive or if eGFR is < 80 ml/min/1.73m² even if dipstick is negative.

In children with an estimate ≥ 80 ml/min/1.73m² with normal blood pressure, no proteinuria and no risk factors this can be considered as normal and no further investigations are required.

Risk factors include;

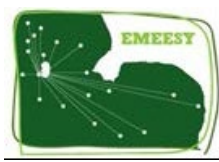
- Hypertension
- Proteinuria
- Drug history for nephrotoxic drugs e.g. NSAID, aminoglycosides
- History of urinary tract infection (UTI)
- FH of UTI, Vesicoureteral Reflux or renal disease
- Past medical history of AKI or conditions associated with AKI e.g. prematurity, treated with chemotherapy, methotrexate etc.



Referral

Referral should be to a consultant paediatric nephrologist. Urgent referrals should be via the on-call paediatric nephrology consultant available switchboard
Urgency of referral is based on eGFR and risk factors.

eGFR (ml/min/1.73m ²)	No Risk Factors	One or more risk factors
Consider earlier referral / discussion if signs of AKI, symptoms, significant hypertension or nephrotic range proteinuria at all levels of eGFR.		
80-89	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> if no proteinuria, no hypertension and no risk factors then can be considered normal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> consider stopping nephrotoxic drugs repeat serum creatinine in 4-8 weeks discuss with paediatric nephrology if repeat confirms eGFR < 90 ml/min/1.73m²
60-79	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> repeat serum creatinine in 4-8 weeks if persistently < 80 ml/min/1.73m² <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – routine referral to paediatric nephrology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> stop nephrotoxic drugs consider renal USS routine referral to paediatric nephrology repeat serum creatinine in 4-8 weeks
30-59	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> arrange renal USS routine referral to paediatric nephrology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> stop nephrotoxic drugs arrange renal USS telephone referral to paediatric nephrology
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Audit

- The following should be audited

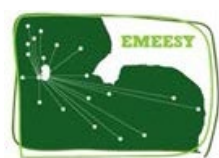
- 1) Number of patients referred according to criteria
- 2) Number of patients referred who did not meet criteria
- 3) Number of patients who were referred later than suggested by criteria

Key Words

Creatinine, Nephrology, Renal

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Explicit definition of patient group to which it applies (e.g. inclusion and exclusion criteria, diagnosis)	Children and young people under 18 years of age with abnormal GFR														
Abstract	This guideline describes the assessment and management of children and young people in whom a creatinine based estimate of their GFR is abnormal i.e. less than 90 ml/min/1.73m ²														
Key Words	Paediatric, Child, young person, renal, GFR														
Statement of the evidence base of the guideline – has the guideline been peer reviewed by colleagues? Evidence base: (1-5)	Up to 4														
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Consultation Process	Paediatric Nephrologists, Staff of Nottingham Children's Hospital via the guideline email process														
Target audience	Clinicians and healthcare professionals within Nottingham Children's Hospital and throughout the East Midlands, East of England and South Yorkshire caring for children and young people.														
This guideline has been registered with the trust. However, clinical guidelines are guidelines only. The interpretation and application of clinical guidelines will remain the responsibility of the individual clinician. If in doubt contact a senior colleague or expert. Caution is advised when using guidelines after the review date.															

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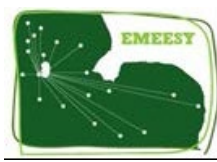
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1. Contents table and addition of regional network logo



Appendix 1: Reference ranges for blood pressure in children

Age	BP centile	Boys - Height Centile													
		SBP							DBP						
		5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%
1	50 th	85	85	86	86	87	88	88	40	40	40	41	41	42	42
	90 th	98	99	99	100	100	101	101	52	52	53	53	54	54	54
	95 th	102	102	103	103	104	105	105	54	54	55	55	56	57	57
	95 th +12	114	114	115	115	116	117	117	66	66	67	67	68	69	69
2	50 th	87	87	88	89	89	90	91	43	43	44	44	45	46	46
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	95 th	104	105	105	106	107	107	108	57	58	58	59	60	61	61
	95 th +12	116	117	117	118	119	119	120	69	70	70	71	72	73	73
3	50 th	88	89	89	90	91	92	92	45	46	46	47	48	49	49
	90 th	101	102	102	103	104	105	105	58	58	59	59	60	61	61
	95 th	106	106	107	107	108	109	109	60	61	61	62	63	64	64
	95 th +12	118	118	119	119	120	121	121	72	73	73	74	75	76	76
4	50 th	90	90	91	92	93	94	94	48	49	49	50	51	52	52
	90 th	102	103	104	105	105	106	107	60	61	62	62	63	64	64
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	95 th +12	119	119	120	120	121	122	122	75	76	77	78	79	79	80
5	50 th	91	92	93	94	95	96	96	51	51	52	53	54	55	55
	90 th	103	104	105	106	107	108	108	63	64	65	65	66	67	67
	95 th	107	108	109	109	110	111	112	66	67	68	69	70	70	71
	95 th +12	119	120	121	121	122	123	124	78	79	80	81	82	82	83
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