



Your C-K-M Health Checklist

Understanding Your Heart, Kidneys and Metabolic Health

Your body works as one system. CKM stands for:

C – Cardiovascular (heart and blood vessels)

K – Kidneys (filter waste from the body)

M – Metabolic (how the body creates, stores and uses energy)

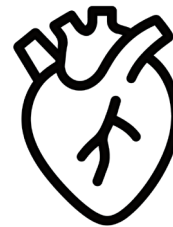
When one is under stress, the others are affected.

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Cardiovascular (heart and blood vessels)



- ☐ I know my blood pressure numbers.
- ☐ I know my personal blood pressure goal.
- ☐ I know what medications I am supposed to take for my heart.
- ☐ I know if I have a family history of heart disease or stroke.
- ☐ I know how often I should have my blood pressure checked.
- ☐ I understand how high blood pressure affects my heart and my kidneys.

ASK MY CARE TEAM:



“Do I need to make any lifestyle changes to improve my current heart health?”

“Are there any medication changes I need to make to support my heart health?”



Kidneys



- ☐ I have had my kidney function checked by a blood test called estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR).
- ☐ I have had a urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio (UACR) test to check for protein.
- ☐ I understand what my kidney health numbers mean.
- ☐ I know if my kidneys are working normally.
- ☐ I know what medications I am supposed to take for my kidneys.
- ☐ I know if I have a family history of kidney disease.
- ☐ I know how often my kidney numbers need to be checked.
- ☐ I know what I can do to protect my kidneys.
- ☐ I understand how heart health and kidney health are connected.



ASK MY CARE TEAM:

"Are my kidneys at risk?"



Metabolic Health (how the body creates, stores and uses energy)

- ☐ I know my current HbA1c (or blood sugar) level.
- ☐ I know my body mass index (BMI).
- ☐ I know my cholesterol and triglyceride numbers.
- ☐ I know if I have diabetes or prediabetes.
- ☐ I know my personal HbA1c, blood sugar, BMI, waist circumference and cholesterol/triglyceride goal.
- ☐ I know if my BMI and waist circumference is in a healthy range.
- ☐ I know what medications I am supposed to take to support my metabolic health (body weight, blood sugar, cholesterol and triglycerides).
- ☐ I know if I have a family history of diabetes, abnormal cholesterol and triglycerides, or obesity.
- ☐ I know how often I should have my HbA1c or blood sugar checked.
- ☐ I know how often I should have my BMI and waist circumference checked.
- ☐ I know how often I should have my lipids (cholesterol & triglycerides) checked.
- ☐ I understand that weight gain/loss may affect blood sugar levels, heart function and kidney function.
- ☐ I know how to choose healthier foods and add more activity to my daily schedule.

Ask my care team:



"How does my blood sugar or weight affect my CKM health?"

My Next Steps

An important thing for me to focus on right now is:

One change I feel ready to make today is:

One change I feel ready to make this year is:

My care team includes (list names):

My next follow-up appointment is:

REMEMBER:

- Your heart, kidneys and metabolic health work together.
- Small healthy steps can protect all three.
- Talk with your care team. Ask questions. Know your numbers.
- Learn more at heart.org/myckmhealth



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