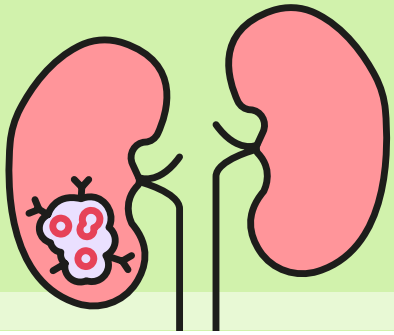
MedicineInsight GP Snapshot

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Pharmacological management



MedicineInsight highlights opportunities to improve CKD management and tailor pharmacological care. Lifestyle measures such as smoking cessation, weight management, and physical activity remain important.

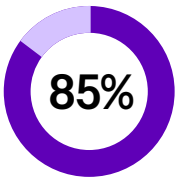
CKD Staging

around **65%** of patients with CKD and a disease stage recorded have stage 3 CKD

Practice Point:
Kidney function is already meaningfully reduced at stage 3, but there is still substantial scope to slow progression and reduce cardiovascular risk through active pharmacological management.

1 IN 3 of all patients with CKD do not have a disease stage recorded in the practice information software

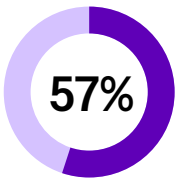
ACE inhibitor or ARB



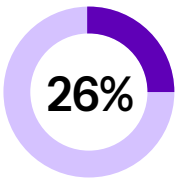
of patients with CKD were prescribed an ACEi or ARB

Practice Point:
An ACEi or ARB is first-line therapy in CKD to reduce blood pressure and slow CKD progression. In patients without hypertension, start an ACEi or ARB if there is evidence of albuminuria.

SGLT2 inhibitors



of patients with CKD and diabetes were prescribed an SGLT2i



of patients with CKD and albuminuria, and without diabetes were prescribed an SGLT2i

Based on 2025 data. Since February 2026 SGLT2i eligibility has expanded demonstrating new opportunities for optimising care.

Practice Point:
To reduce the risk of progressive decline in kidney function an SGLT2i is typically recommended for patients with CKD including those with diabetes, and those without diabetes who have albuminuria.

Kidney Health® Australia

Data Source: MedicineInsight data collection as at 31 December 2025

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