

KEEP 2008

Analytical Methods

The Kidney Early Evaluation program (KEEP) is a free, community-based health screening program that targets populations at high risk for kidney disease. A pilot program conducted in 1997 screened almost 900 individuals and showed that targeted populations aged 18 years and older, with history of diabetes or hypertension, or with a first-order relative with diabetes, hypertension, or kidney disease, were highly likely to show evidence of kidney damage, microalbuminuria, and reduced kidney function. In August 2000, the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) officially launched KEEP nationwide. Now in its eighth year, the program has screened more than 115,000 participants from 49 states and the District of Colombia.

Criteria for Inclusion in KEEP Data Analysis

In this Annual Data Report, we report only eligible participants as defined by Jurkowitz et al in their description of program design and demographic characteristics of the KEEP population.¹ Most analyses are descriptive. Due to missing responses by KEEP survey participants, we used the following inclusion criteria:

- In the overall analysis, we include all eligible participants.
- In analyses by any participant characteristic, we exclude participants with missing values for that characteristic. For example, when we report participant distribution by race or by self-reported disease, we exclude participants with missing values for race or self-reported disease. We describe the specific exclusions under each figure.
- For all percent distribution analyses, denominators include only eligible participants without missing data for the specific characteristics.
- In the race/ethnicity categories, racial groups are white, African American, Native American, or other in most analyses, and participants with missing values for race were excluded. Ethnicity groups are Hispanic and non-Hispanic, and participants with missing values for ethnicity were treated as non-Hispanic.
- In the age category, participants are grouped as follows: 18–30, 31–45, 46–60, 61–75, and 75–110 years.
- When calculating the means of biochemical measures such as blood pressure (BP), blood glucose, estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR), hemoglobin, and so on, participants with missing values for these measures were excluded.
- In any analyses involving multiple participant characteristics or biochemical measures, participants with any missing values for those characteristics or measures were excluded.

Definitions

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m² or eGFR ≥ 60 mL/min/1.73 m² and albumin-creatinine ratio (ACR) ≥30 mg/g. GFR estimated using the IDMS-traceable 4-variable Modification of Diet in Renal Disease (MDRD) Study equation for calibrated serum creatinine (Scr) values: $GFR = 175 \times \text{standardized Scr}^{-1.154} \times \text{age}^{-0.203} \times 1.212$ [African Americans] $\times 0.742$ [women]. Detailed information is available in a prior AJKD KEEP supplement.²

CKD Stages

- Stage 1: eGFR ≥90 mL/min/1.73 m² and ACR ≥30 mg/g.
- Stage 2: eGFR 60–89 mL/min/1.73 m² and ACR ≥30 mg/g.
- Stage 3: eGFR 30–59 mL/min/1.73 m².
- Stage 4: eGFR 15–29 mL/min/1.73 m².
- Stage 5: eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73 m².

History of Diabetes

- Self-reported diabetes or
- retinopathy.

Elevated Blood Sugar

- No known diabetes: fasting blood sugar ≥126 mg/dL, non-fasting blood sugar ≥200 mg/dL.
- known diabetes: fasting blood sugar ≥130 mg/dL, non-fasting blood sugar ≥180 mg/dL.

Diabetes

- Self-reported history of diabetes or retinopathy,
- receiving medication for diabetes or insulin, or
- elevated blood sugar defined by glucose ≥ 126 mg/dL fasting or ≥ 200 mg/dL non-fasting.

Elevated Measured Blood Pressure

- Diabetes or CKD: systolic ≥130 mmHg or diastolic ≥80 mmHg.

- No diabetes or CKD: systolic ≥ 140 mmHg or diastolic ≥ 90 mmHg.

Hypertension

- Self-reported history of high BP,
- receiving medication for high BP, or
- elevated BP (JNC 7) defined by systolic BP ≥ 130 mmHg or diastolic BP ≥ 80 mmHg for persons with history of diabetes or CKD and systolic BP ≥ 140 mmHg or diastolic BP ≥ 90 mmHg for persons without history of diabetes or CKD.

Body Mass Index Groups

- Underweight: body mass index (BMI) < 18.5 kg/m².
- Normal weight: BMI 18.5–24.9 kg/m².
- Overweight: BMI 25–29.9 kg/m².
- Obese: BMI 30–39.9 kg/m².
- Extremely obese: BMI ≥ 40 kg/m².

Microalbuminuria

- Positive, trace, or microalbuminuria value >20 mg/L.

WHO Anemia

- Men: hemoglobin <13 g/dL.
- Women: hemoglobin <12 g/dL.

KDOQI Anemia

- Men: hemoglobin <13.5 g/dL.
- Women: hemoglobin <12 g/dL.

Mean blood pressure

- Diastolic BP + (systolic BP – diastolic BP) / 3.

Risk Factors for Cardiovascular Disease

- BMI ≥ 30 kg/m².
- Self-reported diabetes or retinopathy.
- History of smoking.
- WHO anemia.
- Elevated BP (JNC 7).

Cardiovascular Disease

- Self-reported heart attack.
- Heart bypass surgery.
- Heart angioplasty.
- Stroke.

- Heart failure.
- Abnormal heart rhythm.
- Peripheral vascular disease (only for KEEP version 2).

High Cholesterol

- Self-reported high cholesterol or cholesterol >200 mg/dL.

Glycemic Control

- No known diabetes: fasting blood sugar <126 mg/dL, non-fasting blood sugar <200 mg/dL.
- Known diabetes: fasting blood sugar <130 mg/dL, non-fasting blood sugar <180 mg/dL.

Blood pressure control

- JNC 7 standards: systolic <120 mmHg, diastolic <80 mmHg

Abnormal mineral metabolism values

Values were determined for calcium and phosphorus using the Architect c8000 (Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, Illinois), with Arsenazo-III dye for calcium and ammonium molybdate for phosphorus. The intact-parathyroid hormone (PTH) assay was performed using Immulite 2000 (Siemens Medical Solutions Diagnostics, Los Angeles, California), a two-site chemiluminescent enzyme-labeled immunometric assay. All lab tests were performed at Consolidated Laboratory Services (CLS), Van Nuys, California.

- Elevated PTH: >70 pg/mL for CKD stage 3, >110 pg/mL for stage 4, and >300 pg/mL for stage 5.
- Abnormal phosphorus: <2.7 mg/dL or >4.6 mg/dL, stage 3 and 4; <3.5 mg/dL or >5.5 mg/dL stage 5.
- Abnormal calcium: <8.4 mg/dL or >10.2 mg/dL.

Laboratory Analysis

Data collected at KEEP screening events included height, weight, blood pressure, age, family history, and plasma glucose. Urine was checked for presence of pyuria, hematuria, and microalbuminuria, and albumin-to-creatinine ratio. Venous blood specimens were collected and sent to a central laboratory, where hemoglobin, creatinine, cholesterol, intact PTH, calcium, and phosphorus testing was conducted.

Clinitek Microalbumin Reagent Strips (Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics Inc., Tarrytown, New York) for urinalysis were used

to obtain the microalbumin and albumin-to-creatinine ratio results. Siemens' Multistix PRO Reagent Strip for Urinalysis was used for the blood and leukocyte measures. Urinalysis testing was performed using Siemens' Clinitek 50 Analyzer.

Plasma glucose testing on venous blood specimens was performed using SureStep Pro test strips and SureStep meters (Lifescan, Milpitas, California).

Through October 2005, hemoglobin and serum creatinine testing was performed by Satellite Laboratory Services, (Redwood City, California), hemoglobin using the Sysmex SE2100 (Sysmex America Inc., Mundelein Illinois), and creatinine using the Olympus 5431 (Olympus Optical, Tokyo, Japan).

Beginning November 2005, laboratory testing was performed by Consolidated Laboratory Services, Van Nuys, California. Hemoglobin testing was conducted using whole blood on the Abbott Cell-Dyn 3200 (Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, Illinois), and PTH testing was conducted on plasma using Siemens Immulite 2000 (Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, Deerfield, Illinois). The Abbott Architect c8000 (Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, Illinois) was used to conduct serum creatinine, calcium, phosphorus, and cholesterol tests.

Reference Tables

Tables 1–15 present total counts of eligible KEEP participants, and show the prevalence of CKD, diabetes, hypertension, obesity, microalbuminuria, anemia, risk factors for cardiovascular disease, and self-reported kidney disease or stones, overall and by age, sex, race/ethnicity, region, smoking status, education, insurance status, and whether a participant has a physician.

Tables 16–19 report counts of eligible KEEP participants with elevated PTH, abnormal calcium, abnormal phosphorus, and high cholesterol overall and by age, sex, race/ethnicity, region, smoking status, education, insurance status, and whether a participant has a physician.

Table 20 reports counts of eligible KEEP participants by NKF affiliate.

Tables 20.1–20.11 present total counts, prevalence, and odds ratios for KEEP participants with eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m²,

microalbuminuria, ACR ≥30 mg/g, diabetes, hypertension, diabetes and hypertension, obesity, glycemic control, BP control, WHO anemia, and KDOQI anemia. To calculate odds ratios, we used a set of logistic regressions with all affiliates as independent variables and Florida as the reference.

Tables 20.12–20.15 report total counts, prevalence, and odds ratios for KEEP participants with elevated PTH, abnormal calcium, abnormal phosphorus, and high cholesterol level by division or region. To calculate odds ratios, we used a set of logistic regressions with all divisions as independent variables and the South Atlantic as the reference, or with all regions as independent variables and the South as the reference.

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