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# Microvascular disease

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## Definitions

### Blood vessels

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### Kidney

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### Protein

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Disease of the smallest **blood vessels**, such as those found in the eyes, nerves, and **kidneys**. The walls of the vessels become abnormally thick but weak. Then they bleed, leak **protein**, and slow the flow of blood to the cells.