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Albumin

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Definitions

Proteinuria

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Urine

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Kidney

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Protein

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Nephropathy

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The main **protein** in blood. Over several years, people who are developing diabetic **kidney disease** leak small amounts of albumin into the **urine**, a condition called microalbuminuria. As kidney disease progresses, more albumin leaks into the urine, a condition called macroalbuminuria or **proteinuria**. As the amount of albumin in the urine increases, the **kidneys'** ability to filter the blood decreases.