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# Nephropathy

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## Definitions

### Kidney

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### Hyperglycemia

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### Hypertension

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### Protein

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### Urine

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### Glomerulus

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## Source

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Disease of the **kidneys**. **Hyperglycemia** and **hypertension** can damage the kidneys' **glomeruli**. When the kidneys are damaged, **protein** leaks out of the kidneys into the **urine**. Damaged kidneys can no longer remove wastes and extra fluid from the bloodstream.