

## Abnormal Kidney Function

### What can you do?

If you are referring a patient for creatinine levels that are above normal for age, we recommend the following:

- Assess the patient's blood pressure, growth parameters and physical exam
- Repeat the creatinine if the child was ill or might have been dehydrated at the time of the lab draw
- Obtain a urinalysis for blood and protein
- Repeat the creatinine at the Seattle Children's laboratory if you are unsure of whether the creatinine was measured using an IDMS-standardized method (the lab report should clearly state this)

### Initiate a referral to nephrology if:

- The child's creatinine is repeatedly elevated, including at the Seattle Children's lab
- The child has an elevated creatinine plus one or more of the following:
  - Elevated blood pressure
  - Poor growth
  - Abnormal urinalysis

### What can you send? (please fax to 206-985-3121)

- Relevant chart notes, including growth charts
- Blood pressure readings
- All labs you have obtained

***The above clinical data are not required prior to the visit, but if they have been obtained, they will help make the visit more efficient.***

### Tips for an effective visit:

- Talk with your patient and family about the reason for the referral and the questions to be answered.
- Our providers appreciate having the information ahead of time.

***Our Provider-to-Provider Line is available 24/7 at 206-987-7777.***