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.