



Premium Specialty: Nephrology  
Credentialed Specialties Include: Nephrology  
Patient Episode Cost

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We evaluate physicians in the nephrology Premium specialty using the patient episode cost measurement with the condition-based episodes listed in the following chart.

Attribution methods determine which physicians and groups are responsible for care given to patients. Condition-based episodes are attributed using the cost method: the physician who was responsible for generating the highest percentage of services, based on normalized cost, in the episode. To make sure there was significant involvement, the attributed physician must be responsible for at least 50% of the total normalized cost of the episode.

Please view the Attribution Methods document to learn more.

**Cardiology Condition-Based Episodes**

Hypertension

**Endocrinology Condition-Based Episodes**

Diabetes\*

Gout

Hyperlipidemia, Other

**Nephrology Condition-Based Episodes**

Acute Renal Failure

Acute Renal Inflammation

Chronic Renal Failure

Chronic Renal Inflammation

Nephrology Diseases Signs & Symptoms

Nephrotic Syndrome

Lupus

**Preventive & Administrative Condition-Based Episodes**

Conditional Exam

Routine Exam

**Urology Condition-Based Episodes**

Inflammation of Genitourinary System, Except Kidney Stones

Kidney Stones

\*Episodes for these conditions are excluded from patient episode cost measurement for patients whose pharmacy cost data isn't available.



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