



Dear Healthcare Professional,

Uniform laboratory reporting of estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) is important for patient awareness of kidney function and clinician decision making. In 2021, the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) and the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) issued the recommendation that all clinical laboratories report estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) using the race-free 2021 CKD-EPI equation based on creatinine. Since then, there has been increasing recognition of structural racism, bias, and discrimination in medicine, resulting in progress to remove the use of race in clinical algorithms.

Adoption of the race-free 2021 CKD-EPI equation for creatinine is a step in the direction of health equity that also advances test standardization which is important to clinicians and their patients because both are best served when laboratories report consistent results across all communities regardless of where patients are tested.

Large laboratories and academic medical centers have made progress adopting the race-free eGFR equation. However, it is equally important for community, regional, and physician office laboratories, as well as those operating in other clinical settings, to adopt the recommended race-free 2021 CKD-EPI equation.

The NKF Laboratory Engagement Work Group is reaching out to let you know about the following tools and resources available to support clinicians and their clinical laboratories with implementation of the recommended equation:

- Sample Information Technology ticket to request implementation of 2021 CKD-EPI eGFR equation using creatinine without a race coefficient (attached) .
- Refer to <https://www.kidney.org/content/laboratory-engagement-initiative-lei> for tools and evidence-based resources including a clinician summary, patient information, and laboratory implementation guidance.
- Email [nkf.lab@kidney.org](mailto:nkf.lab@kidney.org) to connect with NKF Laboratory Engagement nephrology and laboratory expertise about implementation of the equation, the Kidney Profile, and other test related topics.

Sincerely,

The National Kidney Foundation Laboratory Engagement Working Group