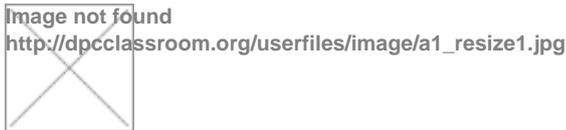


# Chronic Kidney Disease and Cardiovascular Disease



Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) means that there are problems with the heart and/or blood vessels. Most people are not aware that kidney disease raises the risk for CVD. This is very important because conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure are known to be leading causes of CVD. These conditions damage blood vessels and organs like the heart, leading to CVD. Because of this connection, CVD is common in people with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and heart disease is the leading cause of death for people with CKD.

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