

CDI Quick Tip

Documenting Acute Kidney Injury

Diagnostic Criteria:

- **Increase in serum creatinine ≥ 0.3 mg/dl within 48 hours** during the admission, or if the patients baseline is known from previous records and renal function was considered stable prior to admission *OR*
- **Increase in serum creatinine ≥ 1.5 times baseline within 7 days** (measurement taken when creatinine is already elevated and in the process of decreasing, stable downward trend) *OR*
- **Urine volume < 0.5 ml/kg/h for 6 hours**

CDI Tips:

- When baseline Creatinine is unknown, KDIGO advises “The lowest serum Creatinine level obtained during a hospitalization is usually equal to or greater than the baseline. This serum creatinine should be used to diagnose and stage AKI.
- Acute Kidney Injury & Acute Renal Failure are Identical
- Chronic Kidney Disease – please document the stage if known
- CKD Stage 4 and 5 = CC (comorbid condition)
- ESRD is **not the same** as CKD Stage 4
- ESRD = MCC (major comorbid condition/complication).