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# Proteinuria - status

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000673                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: The presence of excessive protein in the urine of the person.  
Context: Health care and clinical settings:  
Proteinuria is one of several indicators for renal disease or of conditions leading to renal disease. Renal disease when detected early is often responsive to intervention.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: N  
Minimum Size: 1  
Maximum Size: 3  
Data Domain: 1                      Negative for protein  
                  1.1                      Microalbuminuria present  
                  1.2                      Microalbuminuria not present  
                  1.3                      Microalbuminuria not tested  
                  2                        Proteinuria  
                  3                        Not tested  
                  9                        Not stated/ inadequately described

Guide For Use: Dipstick testing can be used to test for protein in a urine specimen. Proteinuria (ie. excessive protein in the urine) on dipstick urinalysis is described as one or more pluses of protein and for a 24-hour urine collection where the patient excretes more than 300 mg/day of protein.  
Microalbuminuria can be determining using any one of the following tests: spot urine, timed urine (24-hr collection) or albumin/creatinine ratio.

