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Extending into the critically important area of chronic kidney disease (CKD)

With effect from the April/May/June issue, the *British Journal of Primary Care Nursing – Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes* will extend its coverage to include chronic kidney disease (CKD).

This development reflects the critically important role of primary care practice nurses in the early identification and optimal management of CKD.

Thousands of people in the UK are currently diagnosed and being treated for CKD stages 3 to 5. The 2008 Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) returns show a prevalence of 2.9% in England and the New Opportunities for Early Renal Intervention by Computerised Assessment (NEOERICA) project in 2007 showed a prevalence of 8.5%. These figures show that although we have

identified many people with CKD, there are many more to be diagnosed.

Kidney care and diagnosing kidney disease are key aspects of primary care nursing work. They apply to a large number of patients who will be offered cardiovascular risk assessments, together with those with established type 2 diabetes and hypertension.

Therefore, the *British Journal of Primary Care Nursing* will provide its >10,000 readers with continuing authoritative advice and practical guidance on optimal management with an initial special issue on CKD being sponsored by NHS Kidney Care in Spring 2009. Thereafter, kidney care will be added to cardiovascular disease and diabetes in the journal's title.

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