

# Information about your genetic test result

Your nephrologist organised a genetic test for you. This test analyses genes associated with kidney disease.

Please read this document carefully and see your nephrologist if you have any questions.

## Your genetic test result

The test **has not found** a disease-causing change (also known as a pathogenic variant) in the genes that were tested. This means no genetic diagnosis was made.

This may be for several reasons:

- The cause of your kidney disease may not be genetic, or
- The cause of your kidney disease may be genetic, but the particular gene change:
  - may not yet be able to be detected with current testing methods
  - may not yet be linked with kidney disease

## What does this mean for you?

Research continues to find new genetic causes of disease and new ways to test for them.

- Your nephrologist may refer you to a genetics service to discuss further testing, if they strongly suspect a genetic cause for your kidney disease.
- The genetic data you have already provided will be stored securely and can be reanalysed in the future as we learn more. The testing laboratory may also contact you (through your nephrologist) if they become aware of a possible genetic diagnosis.
- You may request another genetic analysis through your nephrologist in 2–3 years' time.

## Where to get further information

A genetic counsellor may be able to discuss further options or answer questions about genetic testing. Your doctor or nephrologist can make a referral to a genetics service.