

## NEPHROLOGY

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### Overview of CKDu: Global and Local

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Chronic kidney disease of unknown aetiology (CKDu) has reached epidemic proportions in certain geographical locations in the world. These include coastal areas of Nicaragua and El Salvador, some of the central states of India including Andrapradesh and the north central province of Sri Lanka. The disease is characterized by the absence of traditional causes of CKD such as diabetes and hypertension and affects the young and middle-aged belonging to poor socio-economic class living in agricultural communities. Despite many efforts the cause for the disease is still unknown. Dehydration, exposure to agrochemicals, heavy metals and hard water are some of the key risk factors thought to be contributing to the disease.