

Definitions (Key Point Number 2)

- **Diabetic Nephropathy or Overt DN**
 - A clinical syndrome characterized by persistent albuminuria (**> 300 mg/24 h**) on at least two occasions separated by 3-6 months.
 - Equivalent to total proteinuria **> 500 mg/24 h**.
 - Syndrome is also characterized by hypertension and a relentless decline in GFR.
- **Microalbuminuria or Incipient DN**
 - **> 30 mg/24 h** and **< 300 mg/24 h**

"Normal" Proteinuria **< 150 mg / 24 h** (Overt **> 500 mg**)