

“What role does race play in ADPKD?”



*ADPKD=autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease.

There are certain conditions more common in Black people that could potentially mask an ADPKD diagnosis. If you have a family history of ADPKD and any of these conditions, it is important to talk with your family and work closely with your healthcare team.

What are the conditions I should watch out for?



High blood pressure



Diabetes



Sickle cell trait

Work with your healthcare team.

Because these conditions also affect your kidneys, it is possible that they may mask symptoms of ADPKD, preventing doctors from screening some Black people for it.

“How does the sickle cell trait affect ADPKD progression?”

Black people are more likely to have the sickle cell trait. Black people who then have both the sickle cell trait and ADPKD may progress to end-stage kidney disease faster than those without the sickle cell trait.

Take action today and communicate any signs or symptoms you may be experiencing to your primary care physician and kidney specialist!