

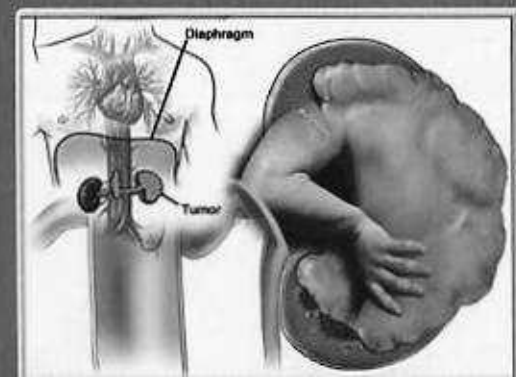
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Chronic Renal Failure (CRF) refers to an irreversible deterioration in renal function which classically develops over a period of years. CRF may be caused by any condition which destroys the normal structure and function of the kidney.

The conventional treatment for end-stage renal failure is long-term renal dialysis and renal transplantation; both transform socioeconomic impact on patients. In the UK 85-95 new patients per million of the adult population are accepted for long-term dialysis treatment each year.

Discovery of astragaloside IV, a triterpene saponin, from *Astragalus membranaceus* makes new hope for patients suffering from CRF. It can reduce blood urea, BUN and serum creatinine as well as albuminuria by enhancing eGFR and renal function.



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