

Does modifying dietary lipids influence the progression of renal failure?

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Recent studies have identified important effects of dietary fatty acid composition in animals with chronic renal disease, particularly in dogs. The theoretic basis for these effects provides a rationale for the use of diets enriched with omega-3 (but not omega-6) polyunsaturated fatty acids. A therapeutic trial with a diet enriched with omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids should be considered as a maneuver designed to slow the rate of progression of chronic renal disease in dogs.

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