

**Featured Case Study:**

# Linking acute kidney injury severity in COVID-19 to the APOL1 Gene

**Based on real Renasight cases**

Having two risk alleles for APOL1 are associated with FSGS in patients who are critically ill due to COVID.

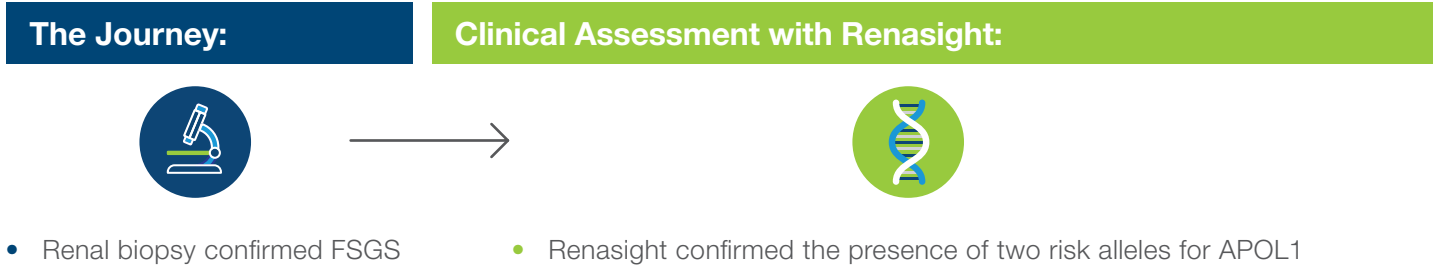
**Patient History:**

**64 year old female hospice patient**

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**Acute kidney disease with an atrophic kidney**

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**Key Takeaway:** Patients who have two risk alleles for APOL1 kidney disease as a result of COVID.

**Exploratory Questions:**

- What do you think the link is between APOL1 gene to COVID-19?
- Are patients indeed at a higher risk to develop COVID-19-related nephropathy with the two risk alleles?
- Have you seen any patients with the APOL1 gene develop COVID-19 related nephropathy?

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