

Table 3**Common differential diagnoses of nephrotic syndrome in adults in the UK**

Primary disease	Secondary causes and associations
Diabetic nephropathy	Type 1 and type 2 diabetes mellitus
Membranous nephropathy	NSAIDs, gold, penicillamine Hepatitis B and C SLE Malignancy
Minimal change disease	
Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis	Lymphoma HIV Heroin use
IgA nephropathy	
Membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis	
Amyloidosis	Myeloma Chronic infection (e.g. osteomyelitis) Chronic inflammation (e.g. rheumatoid arthritis)