

Chronic Kidney Disease

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- CKD is defined as abnormalities of kidney structure or function, present for >3 months
- term *end-stage renal disease* represents a stage of CKD where the accumulation of toxins, fluid, and electrolytes normally excreted by the kidneys results in the *uremic syndrome*

Diagnosis

- Bilateral Small size Kidneys
- Lab data
- Previous history (3 months ago)
- Nocturia
- Risk of worsening of kidney function is closely linked to the amount of *albuminuria*
 - CKD staging system according to Scr and albumin excretion
 - marker for the presence of microvascular disease



Renal failure

Differentiation between acute and chronic renal failure

	<i>Acute</i>	<i>Chronic</i>
History	Short (days-week)	Long (month-years)
Haemoglobin concentration	Normal	Low
Renal size	Normal	Reduced
Renal osteodystrophy	Absent	Present
Peripheral neuropathy	Absent	Present
Serum Creatinine concentration	Acute reversible increase	Chronic irreversible

Pathophysiology

Two mechanisms:

1. initiating mechanisms specific to the underlying etiology
 - genetically determined abnormalities in kidney development or integrity
 - immune complex deposition
 - inflammation in certain types of glomerulonephritis
 - toxin exposure in certain diseases of the renal tubules and interstitium
2. progressive mechanisms involving hyperfiltration and hypertrophy of the remaining viable nephrons:
 - Reduction of renal mass, irrespective of underlying etiology

- **Hyperfiltration**

- At first: adaptive
 - Final result: maladaptive because increased pressure and flow within the nephron predisposes to
 - distortion of glomerular architecture
 - abnormal podocyte function,
 - disruption of the filtration barrier
- leading to sclerosis and dropout of the remaining nephrons

- At risk patient:

- Small for gestational age
- Low birth weight
- Childhood obesity
- Hypertension
- Diabetes mellitus
- Autoimmune disease
- Advanced age
- African ancestry
- Family history of kidney disease
- Previous episode of acute kidney injury
- Presence of proteinuria
- Abnormal urinary sediment
- Structural abnormalities of the urinary tract
- Hereditary disorders: ADPKD, Alport

distal convoluted tubule

proximal
convoluted
tubule

Bowman's
capsule

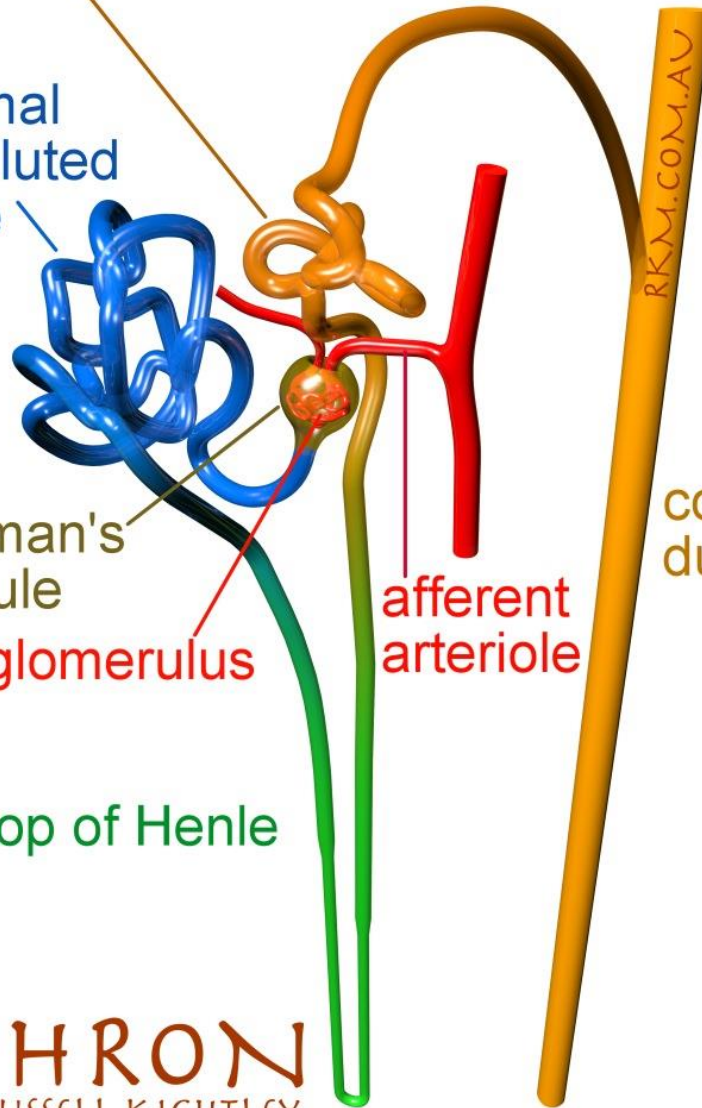
glomerulus

loop of Henle

afferent
arteriole

collecting
duct

NEPHRON
RUSSELL KIGHTLEY



- GFR (~ 120 mL/min per 1.73 m²)
- After 3rd decade: decline ~ 1 mL/min per year per 1.73 m²
- The equations for estimating GFR are valid only if the patient is in steady state, that is, the serum creatinine is neither rising nor falling over days.
- The mean GFR is lower in women than in men .

**Prognosis of CKD by GFR
and albuminuria categories:
KDIGO 2012**

**Persistent albuminuria categories
description and range**

A1

A2

A3

Normal to
mildly
increased

Moderately
increased

Severely
increased

<30 mg/g
<3 mg/mmol

30–300 mg/g
3–30 mg/mmol

>300 mg/g
>30 mg/mmol

**GFR categories (ml/min/1.73 m²)
description and range**

G1

Normal or high

≥90

G2

Mildly decreased

60–89

G3a

Mildly to moderately
decreased

45–59

G3b

Moderately to
severely decreased

30–44

G4

Severely decreased

15–29

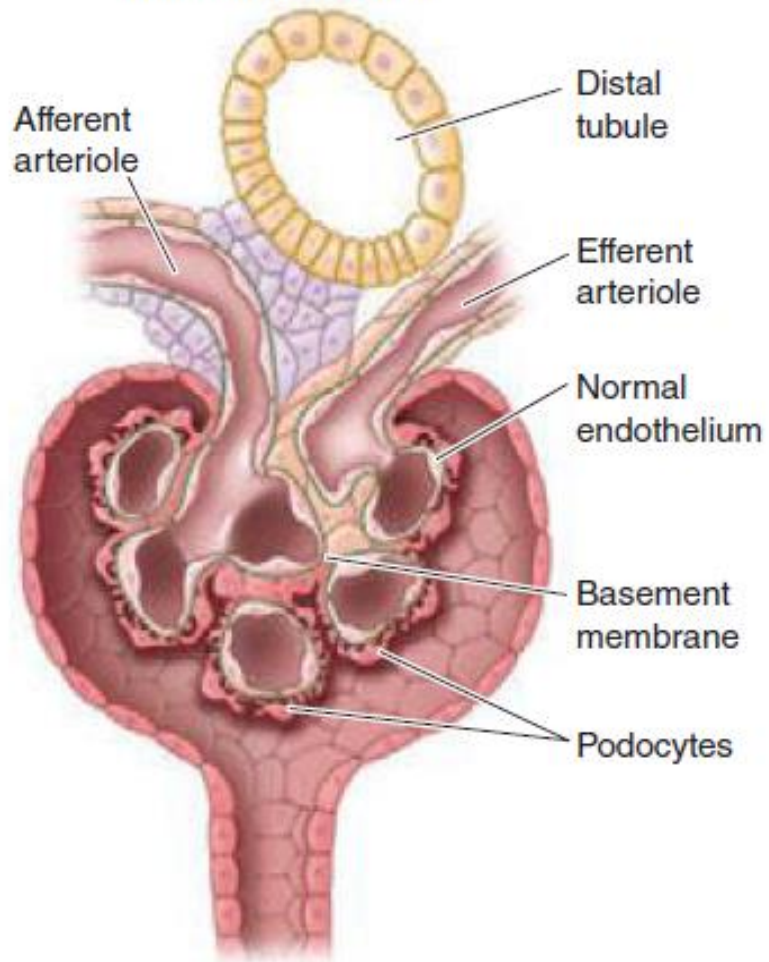
G5

Kidney failure

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- Stages 1 & 2: no sign and symptom
- Stages 3 & 4: clinical and laboratory complications of CKD
 - *Anemia and associated easy fatigability;*
 - decreased appetite with progressive malnutrition
 - Ca/P
 - mineral-regulating hormones, such as 1,25(OH)₂D₃ (calcitriol), PTH, FGF-23
 - Na/K, water, acid-base homeostasis
- Stage 5: ESRD (uremic Syndrome)
- *GFR in many elderly patients is compatible with stage 2 or 3 CKD.*

Normal Glomerulus



Hyperfiltering Glomerulus

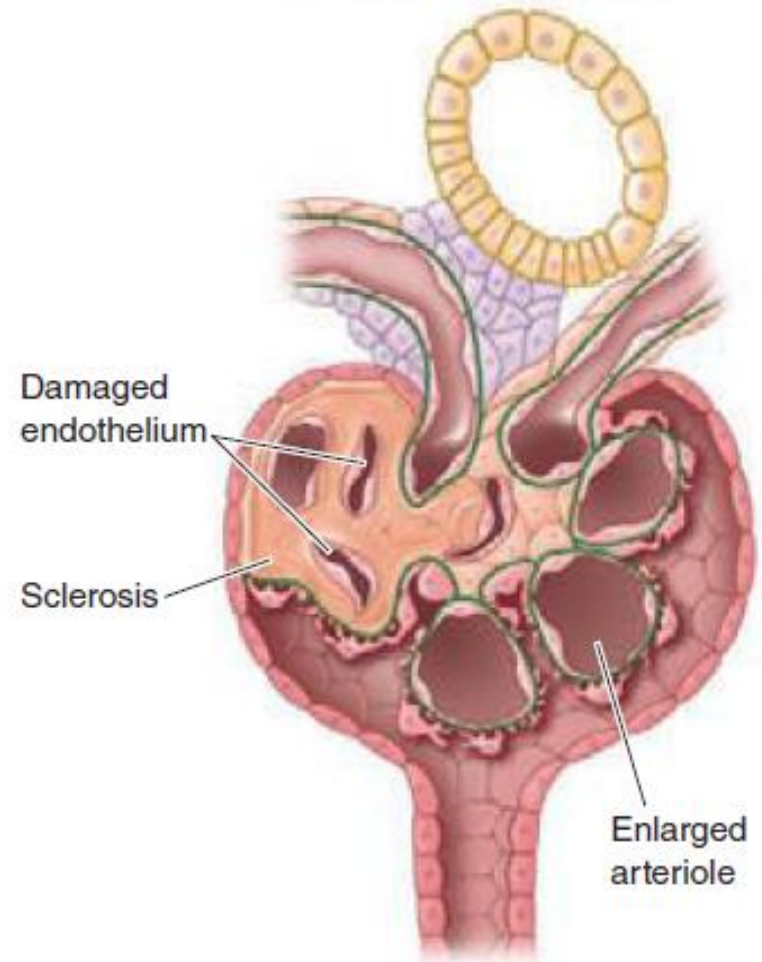


TABLE 335-1 RECOMMENDED EQUATIONS FOR ESTIMATION OF GLOMERULAR FILTRATION RATE (GFR) USING SERUM CREATININE CONCENTRATION (S_{CR}), AGE, SEX, RACE, AND BODY WEIGHT

1. Equation from the Modification of Diet in Renal Disease study

Estimated GFR (mL/min per 1.73 m²) = $1.86 \times (S_{CR})^{-1.154} \times (\text{age})^{-0.203}$

Multiply by 0.742 for women

Multiply by 1.21 for African ancestry

2. CKD-EPI equation

$GFR = 141 \times \min(S_{CR}/\kappa, 1)^{\alpha} \times \max(S_{CR}/\kappa, 1)^{-1.209} \times 0.993^{\text{Age}}$

Multiply by 1.018 for women

Multiply by 1.159 for African ancestry

where S_{CR} is serum creatinine in mg/dL, κ is 0.7 for females and 0.9 for males, α is -0.329 for females and -0.411 for males, min indicates the minimum of S_{CR}/κ or 1, and max indicates the maximum of S_{CR}/κ or 1.

Leading Categories of Etiologies of CKD

(90%)

- Diabetic nephropathy
- Glomerulonephritis
- Hypertension-associated CKD (includes vascular and ischemic kidney disease and primary glomerular disease with associated hypertension)
- Autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease
- Other cystic and tubulointerstitial nephropathy

Without overt evidence for a primary GN or tubulointerstitial kidney disease:CKD is attributed to HTN.Such individuals can be considered in two categories:

1. silent primary glomerulopathy e.g. FSGS without overt nephrotic or nephritic syndrome.
2. Progressive nephrosclerosis and hypertension is the renal correlate of a systemic vascular disease, such as elderly patients

PATHOPHYSIOLOGY & BIOCHEMISTRY OF UREMIA

- Hundreds of toxins other than urea and Cr (protein)
- A host of metabolic and endocrine functions normally performed by the kidneys is also impaired.
- anemia, malnutrition, and abnormal metabolism of carbohydrates, fats, and proteins
- Accumulation of PTH, FGF-23, insulin, glucagon, steroid hormones including vitamin D and sex hormones, and prolactin change with CKD .
- worsening systemic inflammation:
 - Elevated levels of C-reactive protein
 - Decreased levels of negative acute-phase reactants, such as albumin and fetuin

- Malnutrition-inflammation
atherosclerosis/calcification syndrome:
acceleration of vascular disease and
comorbidity

Summary

1. Accumulation of toxins
2. Loss of kidney functions
3. Progressive kidney inflammation

CLINICAL & LABORATORY MANIFESTATIONS OF CKD AND UREMIA

Water and electrolytes, and acid-base disorders

Sodium and Water Homeostasis

- Total-body content of sodium and water: modestly increased, may not be apparent clinically
- Disruption in urinary excretion
 - Retention
 - HTN
 - Accelerate nephron loss
- Hyponatremia: not commonly
 - Often responds to water restriction

- Overt ECFV expansion:
 - peripheral edema, sometimes hypertension poorly responsive to therapy
 - ✓ Salt restriction.
 - ✓ loop diuretics, including furosemide, bumetanide, or torsemide
 - ✓ loop diuretics (higher doses) with metolazone (DCT)
 - ✓ No thiazide
 - ✓ Diurctic resistance: Dialysis
- Inability of kidney in preservation of salt and water
 - Prone to hypovolemia

Potassium Homeostasis

- Augmented potassium excretion in the GI tract: defense mechanism
- *Hyperkalemia causes:*
 - increased dietary potassium intake, protein catabolism, hemolysis, hemorrhage, transfusion of stored red blood cells, and metabolic acidosis.
 - Medications: RAS inhibitors and spironolactone and amiloride, eplerenone, triamterene
 - Hyporeninemic hypoaldosteronism (DM), renal diseases that preferentially affect the distal nephron
 - obstructive uropathy
 - sickle cell nephropathy.

- *Hypokalemia:*
 - is not common
 - reduced dietary potassium intake, especially in association with:
 - excessive diuretic therapy
 - concurrent GI losses

Metabolic Acidosis

- Daily proton production: 50-100 meq
- common in advanced CKD
 - less ammonia production as urinary buffer.
 - Hyperkalemia further depresses ammonia production
- *Hyperkalemia and hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis is often present ,even at earlier stages of CKD.*
 - *In more advanced disease:*
 - high anion gap (Limited urinary excretion of acid)
- In most patients
 - Metabolic acidosis is mild
 - pH is rarely < 7.32
 - *corrected with oral sodium bicarbonate supplementation*

- Compensatory mechanisms:
 - Increased ammoniogenesis in intact nephrons
 - Bone buffering system
- when the serum bicarbonate concentration falls below 20–23:
 - may be associated with the development of protein catabolism
 - Alkali supplementation may attenuate the catabolic state and possibly slow CKD progression

Treatment:

- Salt restriction, loop diuretics
- Water restriction in hyponatremia
- Dietary restriction of potassium
- Dose reduction or avoidance of potassium retaining medication
- Potassium binding resins
- Dialysis
- Sodium bicarbonate

DISORDERS OF CALCIUM AND PHOSPHATE METABOLISM

Bone Manifestations of CKD

- high bone turnover with increased iPTH levels
 - osteitis fibrosa cystica
 - classic lesion of secondary hyperparathyroidism
 - bone pain and fragility, brown tumors, compression syndromes, and erythropoietin resistance
- PTH as uremic toxin (muscle weakness, fibrosis of cardiac muscle, and nonspecific constitutional symptoms)

Osteitis fibrosa cystica



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Brown tumor



- low bone turnover with low or normal PTH levels:
 1. adynamic bone disease
 - Risk factor: diabetics and the elderly
 - reduced bone volume and mineralization may result from: excessive suppression of PTH production, chronic inflammation, or both.
 - Suppression of PTH: use of vitamin D preparations or from excessive calcium exposure in the form of calcium-containing phosphate binders or high calcium dialysis solution
 - Complications: increased incidence of fracture and bone pain and an association with increased vascular and cardiac calcification or soft tissue calcification (tumoral calcinosis”)
 2. Osteomalacia: AL overload, vit D deficiency

*These changes start to occur when the GFR falls
below
60 mL/min*

- FGF-23: phosphatonins that promotes renal phosphate excretion.
 - increase early in the course of CKD,
 - even before phosphate retention and hyperphosphatemia.
- FGF-23:
 - increased renal phosphate excretion
 - stimulation of PTH, which also increases renal phosphate excretion
 - suppression of the formation of $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}_3$
- independent risk factor for LVH and mortality
- Elevated levels of FGF-23 may indicate the need for therapeutic intervention:
 - phosphate restriction or lowering agents

- Strong association between hyperphosphatemia and increased cardiovascular mortality rate
- Vascular and heart valve calcification
 - age
 - hyperphosphatemia
 - low PTH levels
- Hyperphosphatemia: vascular cells to an osteoblast-like profile, leading to vascular:
 - Calcification
 - Ossification

- Calciphylaxis:
 - livedoreticularis and advances to patches of ischemic necrosis, especially on the legs, thighs, abdomen, and breasts
 - vascular occlusion in association with extensive vascular and soft tissue calcification
- Matrix GLA protein: preventing vascular calcification
- Warfarin: decrease regeneration of matrix GLA protein



Treatment

- Hyperphosphatemia: low phosphate diet, phosphate-binding agent (calcium-containing or non-calcium-containing)
- Hyperparathyroidism: calcitriol, cinacalcet

CARDIOVASCULAR ABNORMALITIES

- Cardiovascular disease: occlusion coronary, cerebrovascular, and peripheral vascular disease
- compared to the age- and sex-matched general population ranges from ***10- to 200-fold***, depending on the stage of CKD
- Between 30 and 45% of those patients who do reach stage 5 CKD have advanced cardiovascular complication
- ***Risk factors:***
 1. Traditional (“classic”):hypertension, hypervolemia, dyslipidemia, sympathetic overactivity, and hyperhomocysteinemia
 2. nontraditional (CKD-related): anemia, hyperphosphatemia, hyperparathyroidism, increased FGF-23, sleep apnea, and generalized inflammation

- The inflammatory state:
 - accelerate vascular occlusive disease
 - low levels of fetuin: more rapid vascular calcification
- AugmentMI :LVH, microvascular disease, recurrent hypotension in HD patients
- Cardiac troponin levels are elevated in CKD without evidence of MI. Serial measurements may be needed
- HF:secondary to MI,LVH,diastolic dysfunction,CMP,salt and water retention,anemia,sleep apnea
- Low pressure Plural Effusion:With increased permeability of alveolar capillary membrane
- HTN: accelerated nephron loss

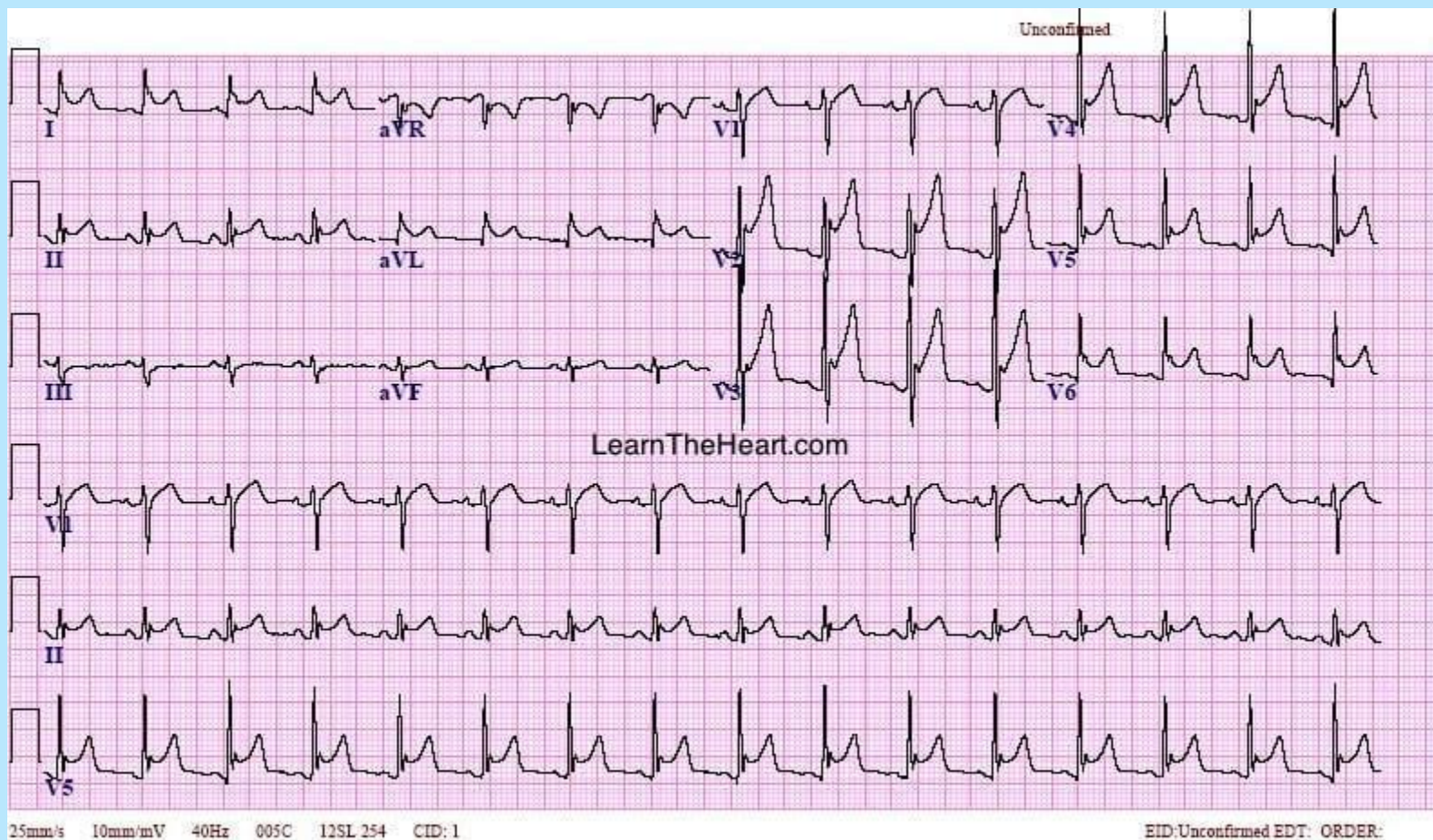
Treatment

- CKD with diabetes or proteinuria $>1\text{gr}$ per 24h, BP should be reduced to $<130/80\text{mmHg}$.
- Salt restriction first line
- ACEinh/ARB: $<30\%$ Reduction of GFR can be tolerated
- Cardiovascular risk factors; Traditional and non-traditional

Pericardial Disease

- PE -/+ pericarditis
- Often in underdialyzed, non-adherent
- Diagnostic of pericarditis:
 - Chest pain with respiratory accentuation,
 - Friction rub
 - Pericardial effusion
 - Rarely tamponade
- Classic electrocardiographic abnormalities include PR-interval depression and diffuse ST-segment elevation

Treatment: urgent dialysis, intensification of the dialysis, pericardial drainage in impending tamponade



HEMATOLOGIC ABNORMALITIES

Anemia

- A normocytic, normochromic anemia:
 - stage 3 CKD
 - almost universal by stage 4
- Adverse effects:
 1. decreased tissue oxygen delivery
 2. increased cardiac output
 3. ventricular dilation
 4. ventricular hypertrophy.

Clinical manifestation:

- Fatigue
- Diminished exercise tolerance
- Angina
- Heart failure
- Decreased cognition and mental acuity
- Impaired host defense against infection
- In children with CKD: growth restriction

TABLE 335-3 CAUSES OF ANEMIA IN CKD

★ Relative deficiency of erythropoietin

Diminished red blood cell survival

★ Bleeding diathesis

Iron deficiency

Hyperparathyroidism/bone marrow fibrosis

Chronic inflammation

Folate or vitamin B₁₂ deficiency

Hemoglobinopathy

Comorbid conditions: hypo-/hyperthyroidism, pregnancy, HIV-associated disease, autoimmune disease, immunosuppressive drugs

Treatment

- ESA: obviated the need for regular blood transfusion
- Iron (po for CKD and PD patients, IV for hemodialysis patients)
- VitB12 and folate
- Anemia resistant causes:
inflammation, inadequate dialysis, severe hyperparathyroidism, chronic blood loss, hemolysis, chronic infection or malignancy
- Target hemoglobin: 100-115g/l

Abnormal Hemostasis

- prolonged bleeding time
- decreased activity of platelet factor III
- abnormal platelet aggregation and adhesiveness
- impaired prothrombin consumption
- Decreased vwf
- Susceptibility to VTE

Treatment:

- DDAVP
- Cryoprecipitate
- IV conjugated estrogens
- Blood transfusions
- ESA therapy
- Optimal dialysis

NEUROMUSCULAR ABNORMALITIES

- Neuropathy

1. CNS:

- Mild disturbance: memory and concentration and sleep disturbance
- Hiccup, cramps and twitching
- In advanced untreated kidney failure: asterixis, myoclonus, seizures, and coma

2. PNS: stage 4 CKD

- sensory nerves > motor
- lower extremities > upper
- distal parts of the extremities > proximal

3. Autonomic

- Myopathy

- Subtle clinical manifestations of uremic neuromuscular disease usually become evident at stage 3 CKD

- “restless leg syndrome”: ill-defined sensations of sometimes debilitating discomfort in the legs and feet relieved by frequent leg movement.
- If dialysis is not instituted soon after onset of sensory abnormalities, motor involvement follows, including muscle weakness
- Many of these complications will resolve with dialysis

GASTROINTESTINAL AND NUTRITIONAL ABNORMALITIES

- Uremic fetor:
 - a urine-like odor on the breath
 - Breakdown of urea to ammonia in saliva
 - often associated with an unpleasant metallic taste (dysgeusia). Gastritis, peptic disease, and mucosal ulcerations at any level of the GI tract
- prone to constipation: worsened by calcium and iron supplements.
- Retention of uremic toxins: anorexia, nausea, vomiting
- Protein restriction may put patient at risk for malnutrition that is indication for RRT

- Metabolic acidosis and the activation of inflammatory cytokines can promote protein catabolism
- **Assessment:**
 - dietary history, including food diary
 - subjective global assessment; edema-free body weight
 - measurement of urinary protein nitrogen appearance.
 - Adjunctive tools: skinfold thickness, mid-arm muscle circumference
 - additional laboratory tests: such as serum pre-albumin and cholesterol levels
 - Dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry: estimate lean body mass

ENDOCRINE-METABOLIC DISTURBANCES

- Glucose metabolism:

1. Slower decline in blood glucose after a glucose load.
2. FBS: normal or only slightly elevated
3. slight to moderate elevation in insulin levels both in the fasting and postprandial states.

- Progressive reduction in insulin requirement
- Oral anti-hyperglycemic agent: dose reduction or avoidance
- SGLT2inh(empagliflozin): reduction in kidney function decline and cardiovascular event

- In women:

1. estrogen levels are low
2. Menstrual abnormalities
3. Infertility
4. inability to carry pregnancies to term
5. GFR ~ 40 mL/min:
 - high rate of spontaneous abortion
 - only $\sim 20\%$ of pregnancies leading to live births,

- In men:

1. reduced plasma testosterone
2. sexual dysfunction
3. oligospermia

- Adolescent children: delayed sexual maturation

DERMATOLOGIC ABNORMALITIES

- Pigmentation: deposition of retained pigmented metabolites, or *urochromes* in CKD or ESRD
- Pruritus: often tenacious even after dialysis
 - R/o scabies, and hyperphosphatemia
 - Local moisturizers
 - mild topical glucocorticoids
 - oral antihistamines
 - ultraviolet radiation

- Nephrogenic fibrosing dermopathy: unique to CKD
 1. progressive subcutaneous induration, especially on the arms and legs.
 2. very rarely in patients with CKD who have been exposed to gadolinium
- Current recommendations:
 - CKD stage 3 (GFR 30–59 mL/min): minimized exposure to Gad
 - CKD stages 4–5 (GFR <30 mL/min): avoid the use of gadolinium agents
- rapid removal of gadolinium by hemodialysis (CKD or ESRD) shortly after the procedure may mitigate this complication

Management of patients with CKD

- History(PMH,FH,DH,GYN) and P/E:often subtle(BP,organ damage,funduscopy in DM,edema,..)
- Laboratory investigation:Search for underlying disease (Viral marker,vasculite marker,pro electrophoresis),CKD consequences(iron study,ca,cr vitD,PTH,VitB12,folate,urine pr...)
- Imaging studies:sono(presence of two kidneys,size,symmetry,mass,obstruction,length),CT, MRI,Nuclear medicine,VCUG(reflux nephropathy),radiographic contrast(precaution)

Kidney biopsy: not advised in CKD (likelihood of bleeding, scarring, time of specific therapy has passed) contraindications include HTN, active UTI, bleeding diathesis, severe obesity

If indicated: desmopressin, dialysis prior to bx

CKD Treatment

- Superimpose processes: ECFV depletion, uncontrolled HTN, UTI, nephrotoxic, obstructive uropathy, flare of original disease
- Slowing the progression of CKD: decline glomerular HTN and Proteinuria with ACE inh or ARB, NDHP CCB (diltiazem, verapamil). Target BP: 130/80
- Dose adjustment: may not be needed for agents >70% excretion nonrenal. some drugs should be avoided
- RRT: Dialysis, TX
- Patient education, social support