The renal system

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The kidneys

- Position (Rt , Lt)
- 25% of cardiac output
- Each contains one million nephron
- Function
- Innervation (T10-L1)



The bladder

- position
- Structure (the detrusor)

Urethra in males and females

Sphincters controlling micturition :

- 1. Internal sphincter
- 2. External sphincter . Innervation





The history

- Sever renal ds. may be asymptomatic.
- Urine and blood test are essentials to assess for renal function.

A 50 year old man presented with loin pain .

SOCRATES ?

Loin pain

- usually due to ureteric obstruction
- Renal Calculi, bleeding from a renal or ureteric tumor, infection (pyelonephritis) or non-renal
- Colicky , Location, radiation, associated symptoms

Dysuria

- pain or discomfort during urination
- Common symptom of UTI
- Associated urinary frequency and urgency, suprapubic discomfort, severe perineal or rectal pain, fever, flank pain .
- Sexual history
- Symptoms of urine outflow obstruction

Voiding symptoms

Storage symptoms :

- Urgency, frequency, nocturia and urge incontinence
- associated with bladder, prostate or urethral problems, such as UTI, tumor, urethral calculi or obstruction from prostatic enlargement, or neurological disease like MS.
- Urgency: sudden strong need to pass urine
- Frequency: micturating more often with no increase in the total urine output
- Nocturia : waking more than twice at night to void

Voiding symptoms

Voiding phase symptoms :

- Hesitancy, poor stream, straining to void and terminal dribbling. May be followed by a sense of incomplete emptying.
- The result of bladder outflow obstruction from prostatic enlargement (in men), urethral obstruction or genital prolapse (in women).
- Hesitancy: difficulty or delay in initiating urine flow

Voiding symptoms

Stress and urge incontinence

Involuntary release of urine may occur with a need to void (urge), result from increase intraabdominal pressure (stress)

Overflow incontinence occurs without warning, often on changes in position, and is painless.

- Polyuria
- Oliguria
- > Pneumaturia,

Hematuria

➤Visible hematuria

- Can arise anywhere along the renal tract from the glomerulus to the bladder
- Ask if persistent or intermittent
- Associated symptoms Loin pain , Fever, dysuria, suprapubic pain and urinary frequency
- Family history of renal disease

≻Non-visible hematuria

• It can indicate renal or urinary tract disease



Proteinuria

Proteinuria is the excretion of more than 150 mg per day of protein in the urine.

Nephrotic syndrome is characterized by the combination of heavy proteinuria (> 3.5 g/24 hours), hypoalbuminemia and Oedema. Hyperlipidemia, hypercoagulability and an increased risk of infection may also develop.

- Causes
- Edema, SOB, abdominal distension

Acute kidney injury

Definition (RIFLE)

RIFLE ^a AKIN ^b	Serum creatinine criteria	Urine output criteria
Risk AKIN stage 1	Increase > 50%	<0.5 mL/kg/h for 6 hours
Injury AKIN stage 2	Increase >100%	<0.5 mL/kg/h for 12 hours
Failure AKIN stage 3	Increase >200% or serum creatinine >350 µmol/L (3.96 mg/dL)	<0.3 mL/kg/h for 24 hours or anuria for 12 hours
Loss	Renal replacement therapy for >4 weeks	_
End-stage kidney disease	Renal replacement therapy for >3 months	_
^a Risk, Injury, Failure, ^b Acute Kidney Injury I	Loss, End-stage kidney disease. Network.	

12.1 Definition of acute kidney injury

Acute kidney injury

Prerenal AKI

- Hypovolaemia (e.g. blood loss, diarrhoea, vomiting, diuresis, inadequate oral intake)
- Relative hypovolaemia (e.g. heart failure, nephrotic syndrome)
- Sepsis
- Drugs (e.g. antihypertensives, diuretics, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs)
- Renal artery stenosis or occlusion
- Hepatorenal syndrome

Acute kidney injury

Intrinsic AKI

- Acute tubular necrosis/injury (may follow a prerenal cause)
- Rhabdomyolysis
- Glomerular disease (e.g. systemic vasculitis, SLE, immunoglobulin A nephropathy)
- Interstitial nephritis (drug-induced)
- Multiple myeloma
- Intrarenal crystal deposition (e.g. urate nephropathy, ethylene glycol poisoning)
- Thrombotic microangiopathy (e.g. haemolytic uraemic syndrome, scleroderma renal crisis)
- Accelerated-phase hypertension
- Cholesterol emboli

Acute kidney injury

Postrenal AKI

- The most common cause is bladder outflow obstruction
- Acute urinary retention vs chronic
- For ureteric disease to cause AKI, both kidneys need to be affected



Causes of acute kidney injury. Source : Davidsons Essentials of Medicine, 2e

PRE-RENAL

Impaired perfusion: • Cardiac failure

- Sepsis
- Blood loss
- DehydrationVascular occlusion

RENAL

Glomerulonephritis Small-vessel vasculitis Acute tubular necrosis

- Drugs
- Toxins
- Prolonged hypotension
 Interstitial nephritis
- Drugs
- Toxins
- Inflammatory disease
- Infection

POST-RENAL

Urinary calculi Retroperitoneal fibrosis Benign prostatic enlargement Prostate cancer Cervical cancer Urethral stricture/valves Meatal stenosis/phimosis

Chronic kidney disease

- Renal dysfunction and/or the presence of proteinuria for at least 3 months.
- Previous medical history, Previous incidental urine abnormalities, family history may help

12.3 Definitio	n of chronic kidney disease (C	KD)	
CKD stage	eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m ²)	Description	Management
1 2 3A 3B	≥90 60-89 45-59 30-44	Kidney damage with normal or \uparrow GFR Kidney damage with mild \downarrow GFR Moderate \downarrow GFR	Observe; control blood pressure and risk factors
4	15–29	Severe ↓ GFR	Prepare for end-stage kidney disease
5	<15	End-stage kidney disease	Dialysis, transplantation or conservative care
p: the addition of albumin: creatini T: the addition of D: the addition of	of p to a stage (e.g. 2p, 3Bp) means ine (ACR) or protein : creatinine (PCI of T to a stage (e.g. 4T) indicates th of D to stage 5 CKD (i.e. 5D) indica	s that there is significant proteinuria. Proteinuria R; see Box 12.4). at the patient has a renal transplant. tes that the patient is on dialysis.	is quantified on the basis of an
(e)GFR, (estimated) glomerular filtration rate.		

Chronic kidney disease

Uremic symptoms (GFR <10)

- anorexia, nausea and vomiting
- lethargy
- poor concentration

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- pruritus
- breathlessness, which may occur due to fluid overload, worsening acidosis and/or anaemia
- peripheral oedema.
- features of pericarditis or peripheral neuropathy.

Chronic kidney disease

➢Renal transplant

- The main presenting problems are a decline in kidney function ,infection or malignancy
- ask about :Date of transplant operation,
 - Current and previous immunosuppression
 - Fever, weight loss, cough, breathlessness, dysuria and tenderness over the graft

➤The dialysis patient

- Hemodialysis : infection or thrombosis of fistula /catheter
- peritoneal dialysis : infection (fever, abdominal pain, change of fluid color)



Peritoneal dialysis



Hypertension, anemia and electrolyte disorders are common features of renal disease .

Past medical history

>Drug history

Family history

• autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease (ADPKD) and Alport syndrome.

Social history

The physical examination

➤General appearance

>Assessment of fluid balance

>Abdominal examination

Targeted examination of other systems

General appearance

- Pallor/yellow, drowsiness, myoclonic twitching, asterixis, Breathlessness
- Hands: pallor of the palmar creases, Muehrcke's Lines, the half-and-half (Lindsay's) nails



General appearance

Dialysis access







General appearance

Face

- rashes, conjunctival pallor, scleritis and/or uveitis
- Fundoscopic examination , gingival hyperplasia, Uremic fetor

Skin

• rashes, bruising, scratch marks and excoriations, vasculitic rash







Assessment of fluid balance

- General appearance
- Pulse and blood pressure (orthostatic)
- Jugular venous pressure
- Examination of the chest
- Peripheral oedema
- Weight
- Fluid balance charts

Abdominal examination

- Position
- exposure
- Inspection

Scars, distension, peritoneal catheter





• Palpation

ballotting technique, A transplanted kidney, bladder ,renal angel tenderness





Abdominal examination

Percussion

Ascites , enlarged bladder , enlarged kidneys

Ausculatation

Aorta, renal arteries

The physical examination

➤General appearance

>Assessment of fluid balance

>Abdominal examination

Targeted examination of other systems

Joints, nervous system, prostate

Urine analysis

Investigation	Comment	
Specific gravity	Reflects urine solute concentration. Varies between 1.002 and 1.035. Raised when kidneys actively reabsorb water, e.g. in fluid depletion or renal failure due to decreased perfusion. Abnormally low values indicate failure to concentrate urine	
рH	Normally 4.5-8.0. In renal tubular acidosis, pH never falls < 5.3 despite acidaemia	
Glucose	Small amounts may be excreted by normal kidneys. Glycosuria may indicate poorly controlled diabetes mellitus. It may occur in intrinsic renal disease when tubular glucose reabsorption is impaired	
Ketones	Test is specific for acetoacetate and does not detect other ketones, e.g. β-OH butyrate, acetone. Ketonuria occurs in diabetic ketoacidosis, starvation, alcohol use and very-low-carbohydrate diets	
Protein	Varies between trace and 4+. The greater the degree of proteinuria, the more likely there is to be significant renal disease. Most patients with nephrotic syndrome will have 4+ protein. The presence of both blood (≥2+) and protein (≥2+), an 'active urinary sediment', often indicates intrinsic renal disease. As urinalysis is semiquantitative, confirmatory laboratory quantification should be undertaken using either a urine albumin: creatinine or protein: creatinine ratio (see Box 12.4)	
Blood	≥1+ is positive for non-visible haematuria. The test does not differentiate between haemoglobin and myoglobin. If you suspect rhabdomyolysis, measure myoglobin with a specific laboratory test	
Bilirubin and urobilinogen	Bilirubin is not normally present. Urobilinogen may be up to 33 µmol/L in health. Abnormalities of bilirubin and urobilinogen require investigation for possible haemolysis or hepatobiliary disease	
Leucocyte esterase	Indicates the presence of neutrophils in urine. Seen in urinary tract infection or inflammation, stone disease and urothelial cance	
Nitrite	Most Gram-negative bacteria convert urinary nitrate to nitrite. A positive result indicates bacteriuria but a negative result does no exclude its presence	

Investigation of renal function

- Functional assessment of lower urinary tract : Urodynamic tests
- Blood and urine investigations
 Urea, creatinine, electrolytes, ANCA ,...
- Imaging
- U/S, CT , renal biopsy ,..

Thank you