APPROACH TO CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE

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INTRODUCTION

- Encompasses a spectrum of different pathophysiologic processes associated with abnormal kidney function, and a progressive decline in glomerular filtration rate (GFR).
- As infectious diseases are decreasing, we are facing increasing number of noninfectious diseases like diabetes, HT and so also CKD patients .
- Associated with increasing morbidity and mortality, and increasing healthcare burden day by day.

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Patient with deranged RFT's

- History and physical examination
- Symptoms: loss of appetite and weight, nausea, hiccups, peripheral edema, muscle cramps, pruritus, and restless legs.
- Lab investigations and imaging
- Important because acute/subacute renal diseases are potentially reversible and responds to disease specific therapy.
- Rule out acute on chronic failure

ETIOLOGY

- Diabetic glomerular disease
- Glomerulonephritis
- Autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease
- Other cystic and tubulointerstitial nephropathy

Calculation of GFR

- Modification of Diet in Renal Disease study
 Estimated GFR (mL/min per 1.73 m2)
 = 1.86 × (PCr)-1.154 × (age)-0.203
 Multiply by 0.742 for women
 - Multiply by 1.21 for African Americans
 - Cockcroft-Gault equation Estimated creatinine clearance (mL/min) = (140-age*body weight, kg)/72*Pcr (mg/dL) Multiply by 0.85 for women

Staging of CKD					
STAGE	GFR, ml/min per 1.73 m2				
0	>90				
1	≥90				
2	60-89				
3a	45-59				
3b	30-44				
4	15-29				
5	<15				

Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcome (KDIGO) classification of chronic kidney disease

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	6089			
	G3a	Mildly to moderately decreased	4559			
	G3b	Moderately to severely decreased	30-44			
	G4	Severely decreased	1529			
	G5	Kidney failure	<15			

INVESTIGATIONS

- BASIC: Urine microscopy, serum creatinine
- Serum electrolytes, Vitamin D, PTH, hemoglobin, serum iron, B12, folate
- Serial measurements and charting of renal functions
- 24 hour urine albumin, albumin to creatinine ratio
- Hepatitis B, C and HIV
- Imaging studies like renal ultrasound
- Renal Biopsy

Treatment of CKD – action plan

STAGE	DESCRIPTION	GFR, mL/min PER 1.73 m2	ACTION
1	Kidney damage with normal or ↑ GFR	≥90	Diagnosis and treatment, treatment of comorbid conditions, slowing progression, CVD risk reduction
2	Kidney damage with mild ↓ GFR	60–89	Estimating progression
3	Moderate ↓ GFR	30–59	Evaluating and treating complications
4	Severe ↓ GFR	15–29	Preparation for kidney replacement therapy
5	Kidney failure	<15 (or dialysis)	Kidney replacement (if uremia present)



Treatment of specific diseases

- Not as important as in acute/ subacute disease
- But early implmentation of disease specific therapy helps to slow the progression
- For Diabetes excellent glycemic control fasting blood sugar (90-130mg/dL), HbA1c < 7%.
 - review of oral hypoglycemic

agents

- insulin requirement decreases
- Early diagnosis and prompt treatment of glomerulonephritis
- Other disease specific therapy

Treatment of acute on chronic failure

- sequentially measure and plot the rate of decline of GFR in all patients, for early detection
- Causes: volume depletion, uncontrolled hypertension, urinary tract infection, new obstructive uropathy, exposure to nephrotoxic agents and reactivation or flare of the original disease, such as lupus or vasculitis.
- Prevention and treatment is according to cause

Slowing progression



- Protein Restriction
 - daily intake of 0.60-0.75 g/kg/d
 - atleast 50% of high biologic value
 - in stage 5, 0.90 g/kg/d and energy intake of 35 kcal/kg to avoid PEM
- Reducing Intraglomerular Hypertension and Proteinuria

Control of systemic and glomerular hypertension

Target BP is 130/80

ACE Inhibitors and ARB's, calcium channel blockers diltiazem and verapamil

COMPLICATIONS

- Fluid and electrolyte disorders
- Acid base disorders
- Disorders of Calcium and Phosphate Metabolism
- Hematologic abnormalities
- Neuromuscular abnormalities
- Cardiovascular abnormalities
- Dermatologic abnormalities
- Gastrointestinal and nutritional abnormalities
- Endocrine-metabolic disturbances

FLUID, ELECTROLYTE, AND ACID-BASE DISORDERS

- Volume expansion, hyponatremia → responds to fluid restriction
 - loop diuretics + metolazone
- Hyperkalemia
- Hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis
- Hyperphosphatemia

Disorders of Calcium & Phosphate Metabolism



Treatment

- Optimal management is prevention
- low-phosphate diet as well as the appropriate use of phosphate-binding agents
- calcium acetate and calcium carbonate
- Sevelamer (non-calcium-containing polymer that functions as phosphate binder)
- Calcitriol analogues like paricalcitol
- Target PTH level between 150 and 300 pg/mL

CARDIOVASCULAR ABNORMALITIES

- Leading cause of mortality in CKD patients
- IHD, Heart failure, hypertension
- Increased risk due to shared risk factors and CKD related factors
- CKD related factors include anemia, hyperphosphatemia, hyperparathyroidism, sleep apnea, and generalized inflammation
- Microalbuminuria is major risk factor

MANAGEMENT OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISORDERS

- For hypertension,
 - target is 130/80 mmHg
 - salt restriction
 - ACE inhibitors and ARB's slow progression but cause hyperkalemia
- Hyperlipidemia, homocystinemia
 - lifestyle changes, diet, exercises
 - vitamin supplementation, statins
- Pericardial disease, heart failure

urgent dialysis

HEMATOLOGIC ABNORMALITIES

Anemia

- normocytic normochromic
- mainly due to erythropoetin deficiency
- treatment with erythropoetin, supplementation of iron, vit B12, folate and blood transfusions

Abnormal hemostasis

- both increased bleeding tendencies and thromboembolism
 - desmopressin, cryoprecipitate
 - avoid LMWH, use conventional heparin

NEUROMUSCULAR ABNORMALITIES

- Affects both central and peripheral nervous system, autonomic nervous system and muscular system
- Sensory distal polyneuropathy mainly in lower limbs
- Restless leg syndrome
- Responds mainly to renal replacement therapies

GASTROINTESTINAL AND NUTRITIONAL ABNORMALITIES

- Anorexia, nausea, vomiting, gastritis, peptic ulcer and mucosal ulcerations
- Uremic fetor
- Protein energy malnutrition in advanced CKD
- Treated with dietary and lifestyle modification

Preparation for renal replacement therapy

- Renal replacement therapy has extended lives of thousands of CKD patients worldwide
- Social, psychological, and physical preparation is necessary
- Prepare patients with an intensive educational program so that decisions will be more easier and appropriate for them
- No arbitrary blood urea nitrogen or creatinine level has been asigned for switching
- Most accepted criteria for switching are led by National Kidney Foundation in KDOQI guidelines

Indications of Renal Replacement Therapy

- Severe metabolic acidosis
- Hyperkalemia
- Pericarditis
- Encephalopathy
- Intractable volume overload
- Failure to thrive and malnutrition
- Peripheral neuropathy
- Intractable gastrointestinal symptoms
- In asymptomatic patients, a GFR of 5-9 mL/min/1.73 m², irrespective of the cause of the CKD or the presence or absence of other comorbidities

Renal replacement therapy

• Dialysis

1)haemodialysis
2)peritoneal dialysis

Kidney transplantation

1)living donor
2)deceased donor



Haemodialysis

- Most common therapeutic modality for ESRD
- Based on principles of solute diffusion across a semipermeable membrane.
- three essential components are the dialyzer, dialysate, and the blood delivery system.
- Dialysis access can be done through fistula, graft or catheter.
- Nowadays, "fistula first" initiative is promoted

Complications of haemodialysis

- 1. Hypotension
- most common
- Managed with discontinuing ultrafiltration, administration of isotonic or hypertonic saline and salt poor albumin
- 2. High output cardiac failure in fistula
- 3. Muscle cramps
- 4. Anaphylactoid reactions

Peritoneal dialysis

- Dextrose containing solution is infused into peritoneal cavity and allowed to dwell for set period of time
- Toxic materials are removed through convective and diffusive clearance
- Of two types,
 - 1. Continous ambulatory (CAPD)

2. Continous cyclic (CCPD)

- Paients on peritoneal dialysis do well when they retain residual kidney function
- Done mainly in developing countries d/to lower expense

Complications of peritoneal dialysis

- Peritonitis intraperitoneal or oral antibiotics
- Catheter associated non peritonitis infections (tunnel infections)
- Weight gain
- Residual uremia
- Hypoproteinemia
- Hyperglycemia

Renal Transplantation

- Transplantation is the treatment of choice in advanced CKD
- Can be done from deceased donor or living donor
- Living donor kidneys have better survival than deceased donor kidneys
- Though donor number has increased, demand exceeds supply
- Careful selection of recipient and donor necessary

PREVENTION

- Identify persons at risk of CKD at early stage and treat aggressively
- Appropriate detection and treatment of various glomerulonephritis
- Control of diabetes and hypertension
- Cautious use of nephrotoxic drugs
- Early detection of polycystic kidney disease and treatment

SUMMARY

- CKD is emerging as major public health problem
- Early identification and treatment of complications is of utmost important
- Though renal transplant is therapy of choice in ESRD patients, it is not widely available
- Prevention is the best modality of therapy

