

Chronic kidney disease in children

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DEFINITION

Structural or functional abnormalities of the kidneys for ≥ 3 months, as manifested by either:

1. Kidney damage, with or without decreased GFR, as defined by
 - pathologic abnormalities
 - markers of kidney damage, including abnormalities in the composition of the blood or urine or abnormalities in imaging tests
2. GFR < 60 ml/min/1.73 m², with or without kidney damage

CAUSES

- < 5 year old
 1. **CONGENITAL ANOMALIES**- Renal hypoplasia, dysplasia, congenital nephrotic syndrome, prune belly syndrome, PCKD, RVT, cortical necrosis
 2. **OBSTRUCTIVE UROPATHY**- PUV, PUJ obstruction
 3. HUS
- > 5 year old
 1. Acquired- **GLOMERULONEPHRITIS**
 2. Inherited- Juvenile nephronophthisis, Alport syndrome
- All age groups
 1. **METABOLIC DISORDERS**- cystinosis, hyperoxaluria
 2. Inherited- Polycystic kidney disease

DIAGNOSIS

- INITIAL TESTS
- CAUSE?
 - Ultrasonography, MRI
 - Radionuclide studies
 - Renal biopsy- histological study
- GFR?
 - Modified Schwartz formula:

$$\text{GFR} = \frac{K * \text{Height (in cm)}}{\text{Serum creatinine (mg/dl)}} \quad K = 0.413$$

- ALBUMINURIA?
 - PCR, ACR
 - 24 Hr urinary protein

- CKD according to GFR (ml/min/1.73m)

Stage 1	>90	kidney damage with normal or increased GFR
Stage 2	60- 89	kidney damage with mild decrease in GFR
Stage 3	30-59	moderate decrease in GFR
Stage 4	15- 29	severe decrease in GFR
Stage 5	< 15 or on dialysis	Kidney failure

COMPLICATIONS

- GROWTH RETARDATION
 - a. Malnutrition, anemia
 - b. Metabolic acidosis
 - c. Bone disease
 - d. Resistance to growth hormone
 - e. Reduced levels of sex hormones
- ANEMIA
 - a. Lack of erythropoietin
 - b. Uremia
 - c. Iron and folate deficiency
 - d. Hyperparathyroidism causing myelofibrosis

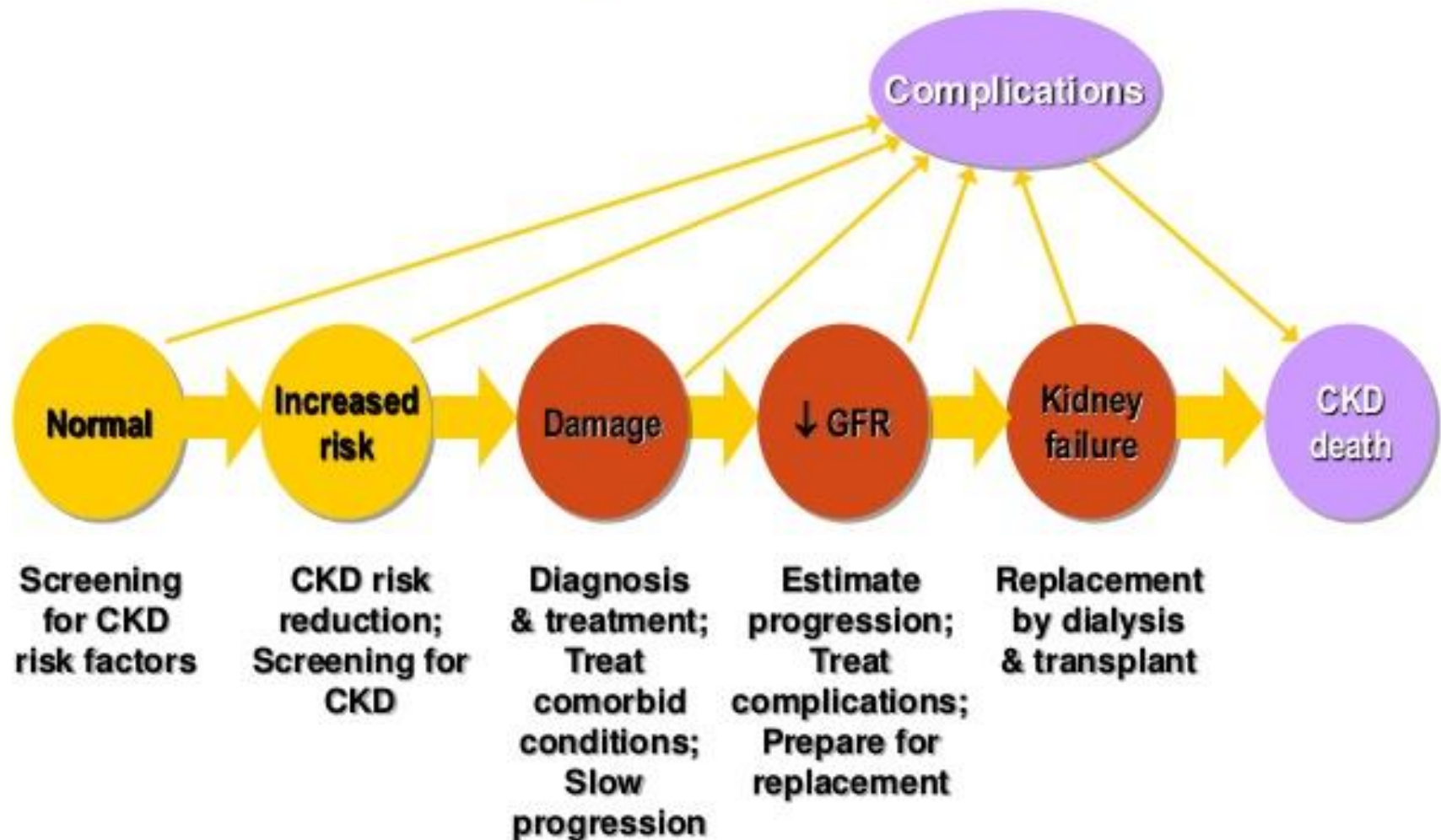
COMPLICATIONS

- MINERAL & BONE DISORDER (CKD-MBD)
 - a. Decreased production of 1,25 DHD3
 - b. Reduced excretion of Phosphorus
 - c. Stimulation of PTH
 - d. Adynamic lesions
 - e. Metabolic acidosis
- METABOLIC ACIDOSIS
- HYPERKALEMIA
- NEUROLOGICAL ABNORMALITIES-
Encephalopathy, hypotonia, truncal ataxia,
peripheral neuropathy

COMPLICATIONS

- HYPERTENSION
- HYPERLIPIDEMIA
- INFECTIONS
- BLEEDING TENDENCY
- GLUCOSE INTOLERANCE
- PERICARDITIS, LEFT VENTRICULAR DYSFUNCTION

Stages in Progression of Chronic Kidney Disease and Therapeutic Strategies



RISK FACTORS FOR CKD

- VUR with recurrent UTI and renal scarring
- Obstructive uropathy
- Past H/O acute nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, HSP
- H/O renal failure in perinatal period
- Family H/O kidney disease
- Renal dysplasia or hypoplasia
- Low birth weight infants
- Diabetes, hypertension
- SLE, vasculitis

SLOWING PROGRESSION OF CKD

- Risk factors for progression of CKD:
 1. HYPERTENSION
 2. PROTEINURIA
- Target BP to be kept below 50th percentile, both systolic and diastolic.
- Treatment to be started when BP is consistently > 90th centile
- Target proteinuria <300 mg/ m²/day @ at least 1 g/day
- Drug of choice: ACE inhibitors or ARBs
- Dietary protein restriction- not recommended in children
- Control of hyperlipidemia (no data in children)
- Vitamin D analogs, Erythropoietin

LONG TERM MANAGEMENT

- NUTRITIONAL MODIFICATIONS:

1. Supply RDA in normal children, 125% RDA in malnourished
2. 55-60% carbohydrates, 30% fat, 10% proteins
3. In top fed infants, use special formulae with high calorie, low Sodium and Phosphorus
4. Use high biological value proteins, supplement extra 0.4g/kg/day children on haemodialysis and 0.8 on peritoneal dialysis
5. If dyslipidemia present, restrict fats to <10%
6. Supplement vitamins to maintain RDA, extra if on dialysis
7. Restrict dietary phosphorus to 80-100% RDA
8. Restrict salt intake to 0.8-1 g/day in hypertensive

LONG TERM MANAGEMENT

- TREATMENT FOR GROWTH FAILURE:
 - ❖ Assessment of growth every 6 months in CKD children, 1-3 monthly in children with polyuria, severe malnutrition, growth failure and on dialysis
 - ❖ Recombinant Human Growth Hormone therapy 0.05mg/kg/day (30IU/ m² /week) S/C daily
 - ❖ Look for side effects- hyperglycemia, worsened MBD, Pseudotumor cerebri
- TREATMENT OF ACIDOSIS
 - ❖ Maintain serum HCO₃ level of 20-22meq/l
 - ❖ Oral bicarbonate supplement @ 2-3meq/kg if level falls below 15meq/l

LONG TERM MANAGEMENT

- **MANAGING MINERAL BONE DISEASE:**

- ❖ Annual monitoring of serum Ca, P, and PTH in CKD stage 2 onwards, 3-6 monthly in advanced disease
- ❖ Step 1- normalise Phosphate level by dietary restriction (800-1000mg/day), Calcium carbonate or acetate (P binder) 30-60mg/day
- ❖ In case of hypercalcemia, Aluminium hydroxide or Sevelamer hydrochloride to be used as binder
- ❖ Document Vitamin D deficiency, and then give therapeutic dose plus maintenance
- ❖ Vitamin D analogs to be used in stage 5 CKD, persistent high PTH with normal Ca and Phosphorus
- ❖ Orthopaedic interventions

LONG TERM MANAGEMENT

- EVALUATION & TREATMENT OF ANEMIA:
 - ❖ Check Hb% when clinically indicated in early CKD, annually in stage G3, semiannually in GFR<30 patients
 - ❖ Above stage 3, routine supplementation of Iron & Folic Acid
 - ❖ Evaluate for iron deficiency if anemic, start oral iron 2-6 mg/kg/day
 - ❖ Patient on haemodialysis- IV iron 1-2mg/kg/week
 - ❖ In refractory cases, start Erythropoietin @30-300U/kg/week followed by 60-600U/kg/week maintenance
 - ❖ Do not exceed Hb > 13g/dl

LONG TERM MANAGEMENT

- Treat AKI precipitating factors urgently
- Treat intercurrent infections promptly using antibiotics in renal doses, avoiding nephrotoxic drugs
- Immunisation- HepB, pneumococcal vaccines, annual influenza vaccines. *Live vaccines contraindicated after transplant
- Renal replacement therapy- Peritoneal dialysis or haemodialysis
- Renal transplant

