

Chronic Kidney Diseases

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Objectives

To be able to:

- Define and classify chronic kidney disease into stages
- To realize the impact of such classification
- To list the different causes (risk factors) of CKD
- To know the common complications of uremia
- To outline the main management plan in CKD

Definition of CKD

- Persistent damage (structural or functional) ≥ 3 months with or without reduced GFR

Or

- GFR < 60 mL/min/1.73 m² for ≥ 3 months with or without kidney damage

Classification of CKD

GFR categories in CKD

GFR category	GFR (ml/min per 1.73 m ²)	Terms
G1	≥90	Normal or high
G2	60–89	Mildly decreased*
G3a	45–59	Mildly to moderately decreased
G3b	30–44	Moderately to severely decreased
G4	15–29	Severely decreased
G5	<15	Kidney failure

Abbreviations: CKD, chronic kidney disease; GFR, glomerular filtration rate.

*Relative to young adult level.

In the absence of evidence of kidney damage, neither GFR category G1 nor G2 fulfill the criteria for CKD.

Classification of CKD

Albuminuria categories in CKD

Category	AER (mg/24 h)	ACR (approximate equivalent)		Terms
		(mg/mmol)	(mg/g)	
A1	<30	<3	<30	Normal to mildly increased
A2	30–300	3–30	30–300	Moderately increased*
A3	>300	>30	>300	Severely increased**

Abbreviations: ACR, albumin-to-creatinine ratio; AER, albumin excretion rate; CKD, chronic kidney disease.

*Relative to young adult level.

**Including nephrotic syndrome (albumin excretion usually >2200 mg/24 h (ACR >2220 mg/g; >220 mg/mmol)).

Classification of CKD

Classification of chronic kidney disease using GFR and ACR categories

GFR and ACR categories and risk of adverse outcomes			ACR categories (mg/mmol), description and range		
			<3 Normal to mildly increased A1	3–30 Moderately increased A2	>30 Severely increased A3
GFR categories (ml/min/1.73 m ²), description and range	≥90 Normal and high G1	No CKD in the absence of markers of kidney damage	Yellow	Orange	
	60–89 Mild reduction related to normal range for a young adult G2		Yellow	Orange	
	45–59 Mild–moderate reduction G3a ¹	Yellow	Orange	Red	
	30–44 Moderate–severe reduction G3b	Orange	Red	Red	
	15–29 Severe reduction G4	Red	Red	Red	
	<15 Kidney failure G5	Red	Red	Red	

↑ Increasing risk

→ Increasing risk

Green: low risk

Yellow: moderate risk

Orange: high risk


Red: very high risk

Importance of classification

- Determine the risk of progression and that would have an impact on the clinical care:
 - No. visits
 - Frequency of blood work
 - Workup for cardiac diseases
 - Avoiding contrast

Risk factors for CKD

- DM
- HTN



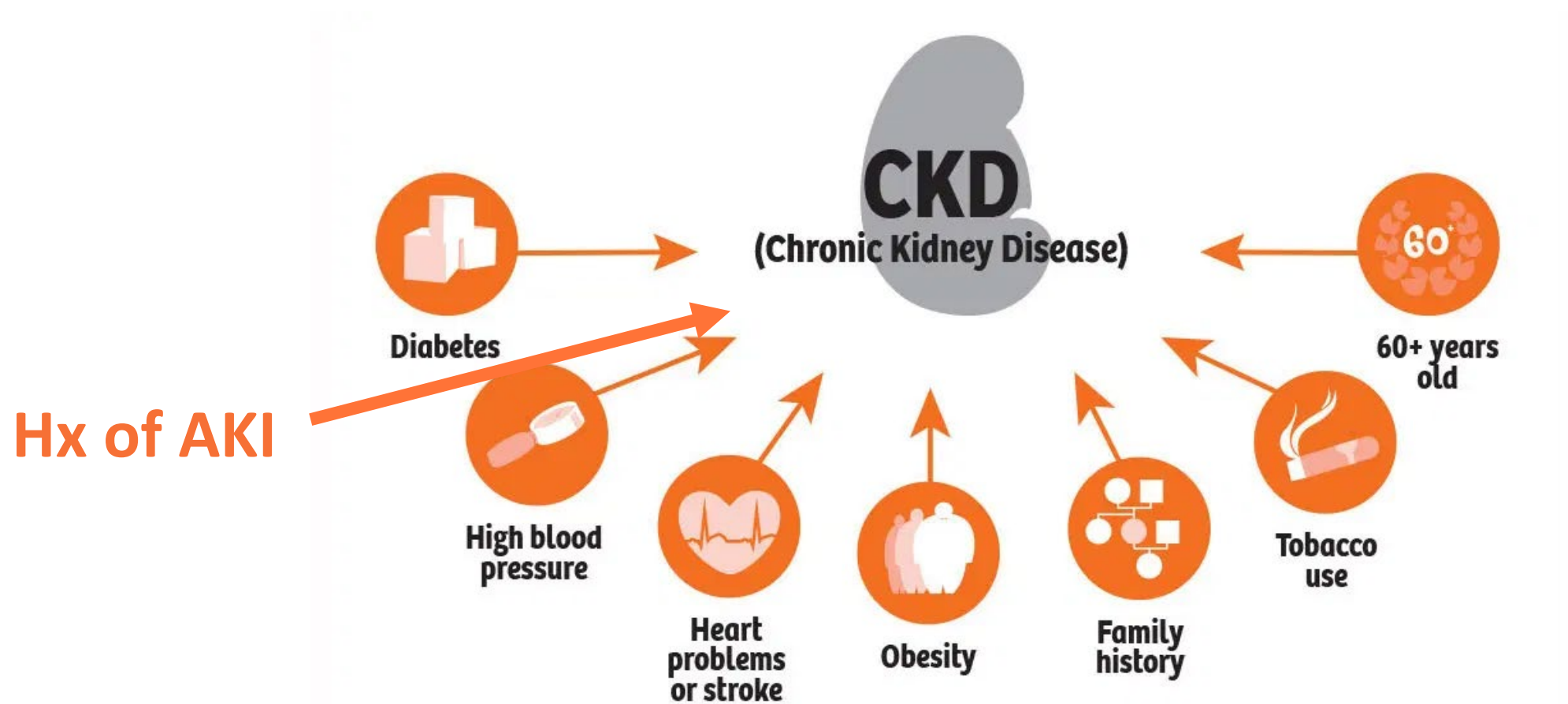
The infographic features three stylized human figures: one white and two orange, standing side-by-side. Below them, the text '1 in 3' is displayed, with the '1' in white and '3' in orange. The main text reads: 'Approximately 1 in 3 adults with diabetes (and 1 in 5 adults with high blood pressure) may have chronic kidney disease.' The CDC logo is located in the bottom left corner.

1 in 3

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Risk factors for CKD



- The leading causes of ESRD in our society

Table 3.1.3.1 Causes of Renal Failure
among HD patients

Cause of Renal Failure	N	%
Diabetic Nephropathy	8420	43%
Hypertensive Nephropathy	6679	34%
Unknown Etiology	1715	9%
Glumerulonephritis	724	4%
Others	502	3%
Obstructive Uropathy	406	2%
Congenital Malformation	380	2%
Heredofamilial Disease	378	2%
Vasculitis	199	1%
Pregnancy Related	119	1%
Total	19522	100%

Complications of CKD

Uremia:

- Pruritis
- Decreased oral intake
- Nausea and vomiting
- Wt loss
- Pericarditis
- Cardiomyopathy
- CNS

Complications of CKD

- Volume overload
- Electrolytes imbalance (hyperkalemia)
- Metabolic acidosis

Complications of CKD

Anemia:

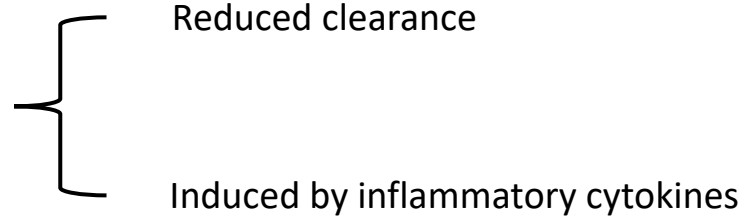
- ***Causes:***
 - Deficiency of erythropoietin
 - Uremic-induced inhibitors of erythropoiesis
 - Shortened red blood cell survival
 - High Hepcidin

Anemia

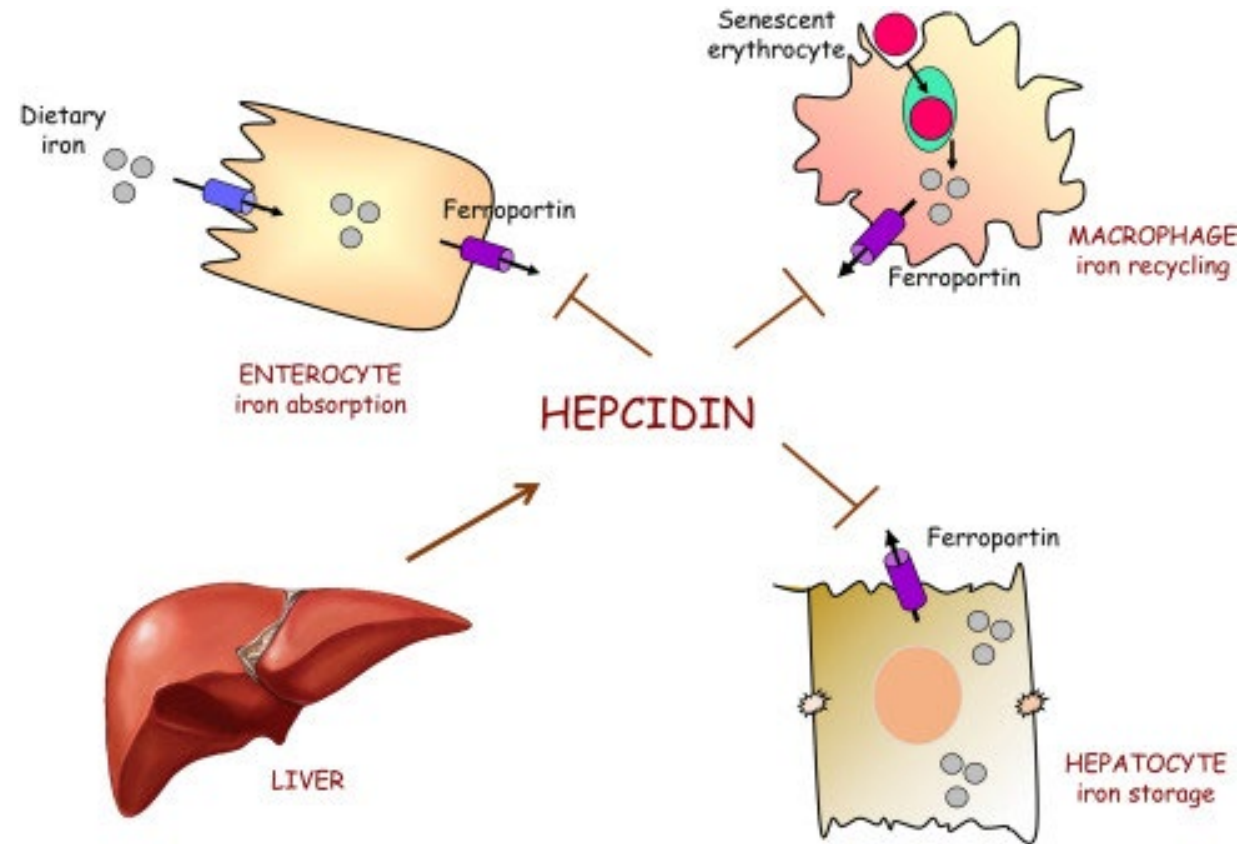
- Hepcidin:

Is the main hormone responsible for maintaining systemic iron homeostasis

- It is high in CKD



Role of Hepcidin



- Hepcidin result in disordered iron homeostasis
- Anemia of CKD is typically normocytic normochromic

Complications of CKD

- Bone disease (Mineral Bone disorders)

Why?

Secondary hyperparathyroidism

Why Secondary hyperparathyroidism?

- Hyperphosphatemia and hypocalcemia
- Reduced production of 1 alpha-hydroxylase enzyme

Why Hyperphosphatemia and hypocalcemia

- 65% of Phosphate is excreted through the kidneys
- 20% of Ca is excreted through the kidneys

phosphorus



phosphorus



Ca⁺⁺



Ca⁺⁺



PTH :

1- Bone resorption

2- increase tubular reabsorption of Ca^{++}

3- inhibit tubular reabsorption of phosphorus

4- enhance the formation of calcitriol

Renal osteodystrophy







Rugger Jersy spine



Complications of CKD

- Anemia
- Bone mineral disease
- Coronary Heart Disease
- Other complication when CKD is very advance (GFR<15):
 - Neuropathy
 - Malnutrition
 - Decreased quality of life

Management strategy

- Control the underlying cause:
 - e.g. Work on preventing the stone recurrence
- Halt or slow the progression
- Prepare the patient for renal replacement therapy enough time before uremia symptoms occur

Management of CKD

- **Good BP control**
 - BP <130/80
- **RAAS blockade in proteinuric patients independent of BP**
- **Lipid lowering agents especially for diabetic and cardiac patients**
 - LDL-C <2.0 mmol/L
- **Diet (protein, sodium)**
- **Avoid nephrotoxic agents**

Management of diabetic kidney disease

- **Good BP control**
 - BP <130/80
- **RAAS blockade in proteinuric patients independent of BP**
- **Good glycemic control**
 - HgbA₁C <7 %
- **Lipid lowering agents including Statins**
 - LDL-C <2.0 mmol/L
- **Diet (protein, sodium)**

Management of diabetic kidney disease

- **For diabetic kidney disease in type 2**
 - **Same as the previous slide plus:**
 - **SGLT2 inhibitors;** such as Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin
 - To consider Finerenone (Non-steroidal mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists) and GLP1 RA e.g Semaglutide (Ozempic)

Management

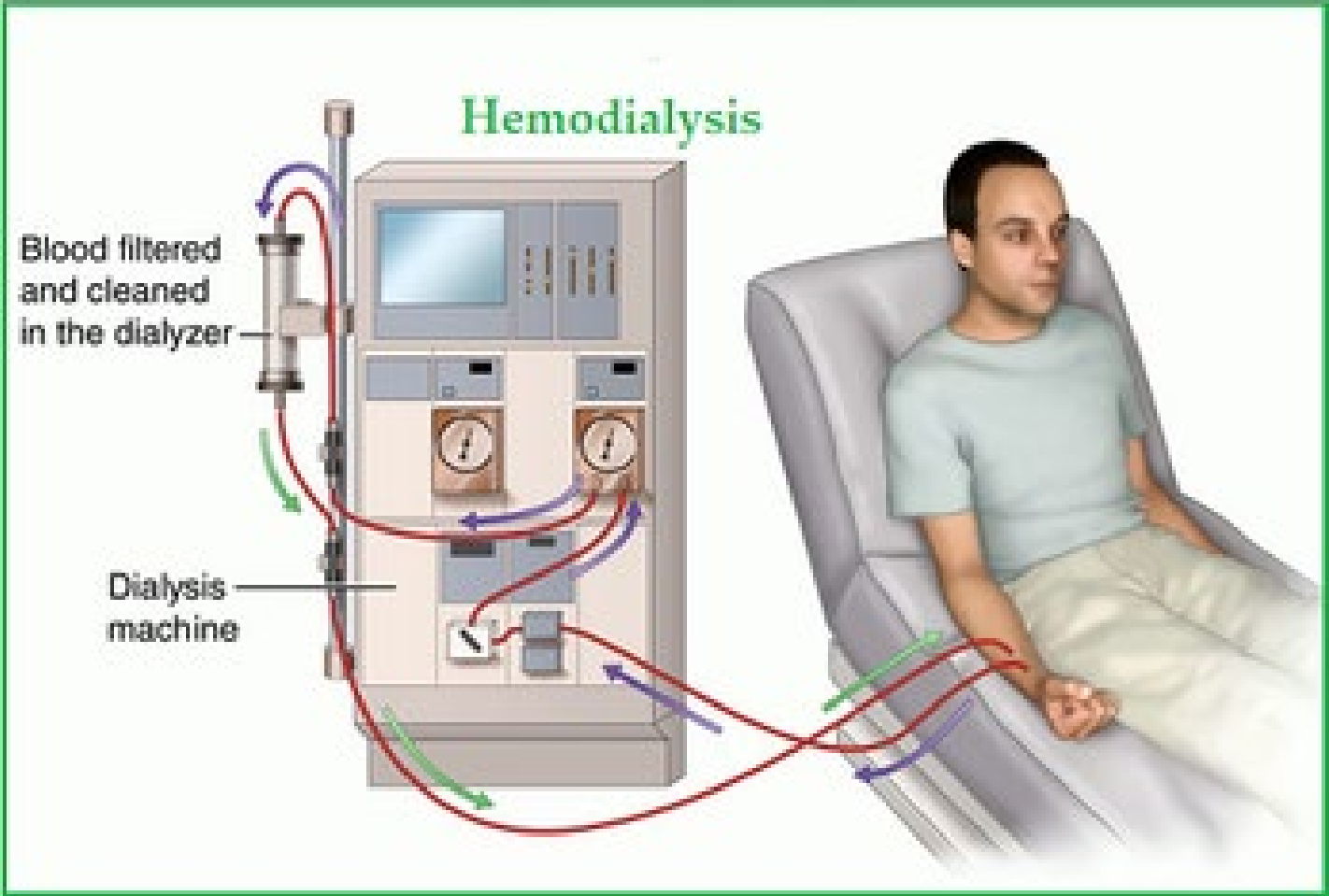
- Renal Replacement Therapy:
 - Renal transplant
 - Hemodialysis (Fistula creation)
 - Peritoneal dialysis

Renal Replacement Therapy

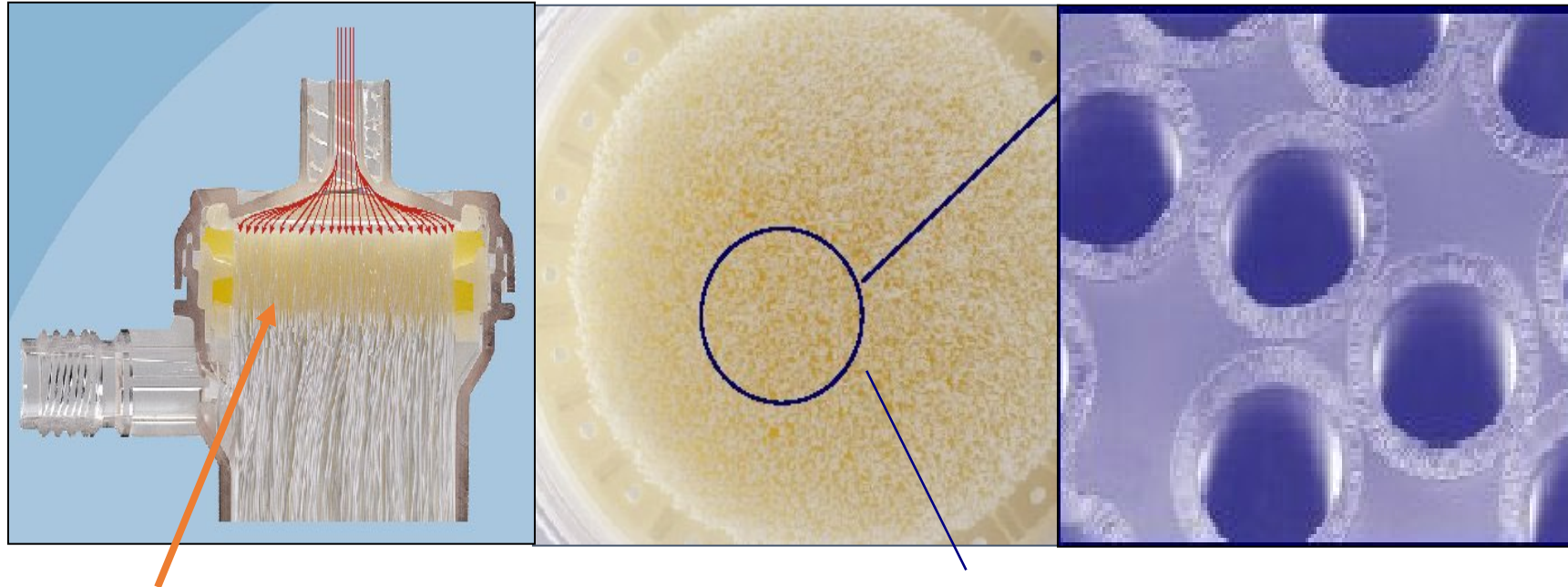
Renal Transplantation

- The modality of choice if no contraindication
- **Advantages:**
 - Better survival rate
 - Better quality of life
 - Free of dialysis
 - Less medications

Hemodialysis



The Basic Filter Membrane

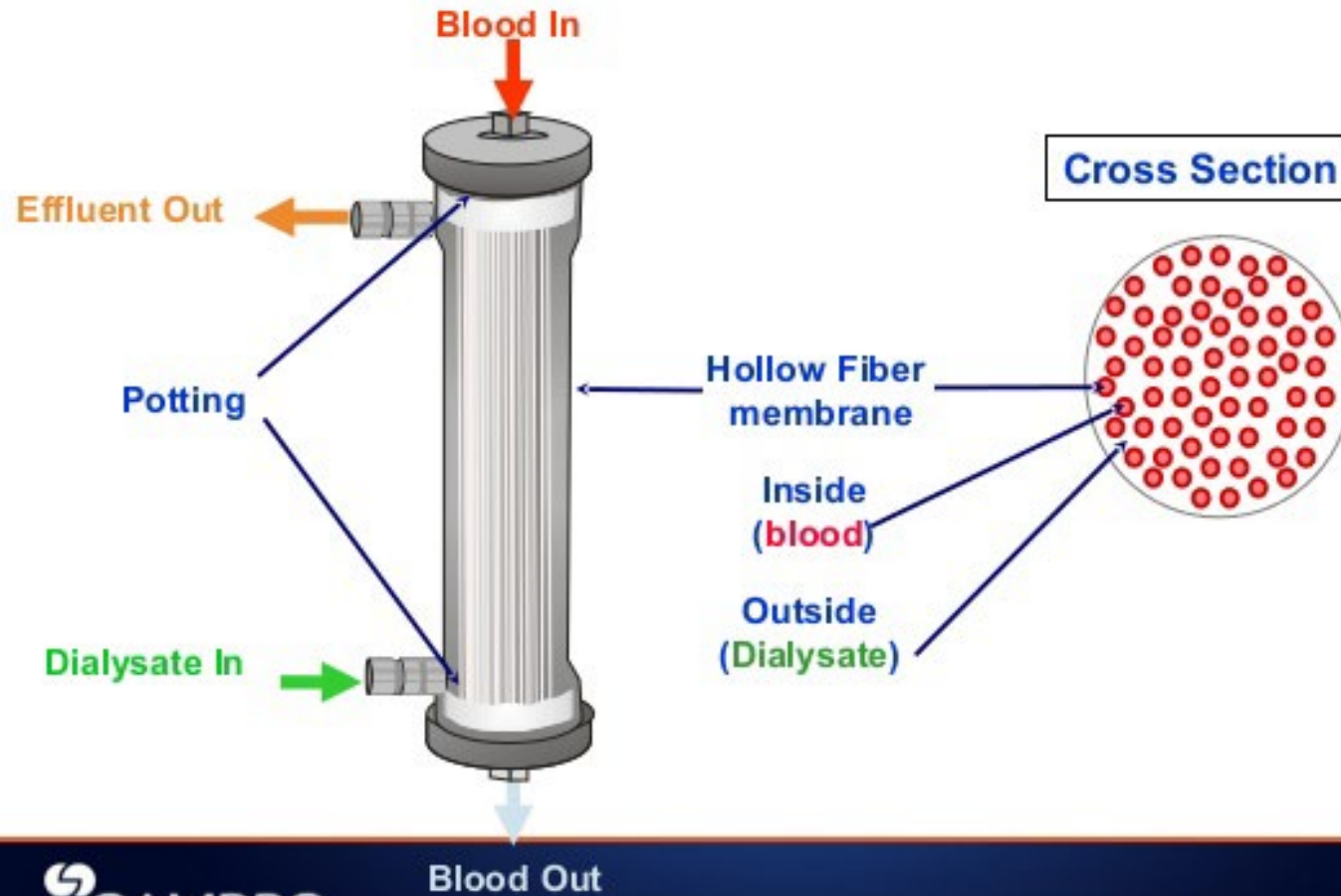


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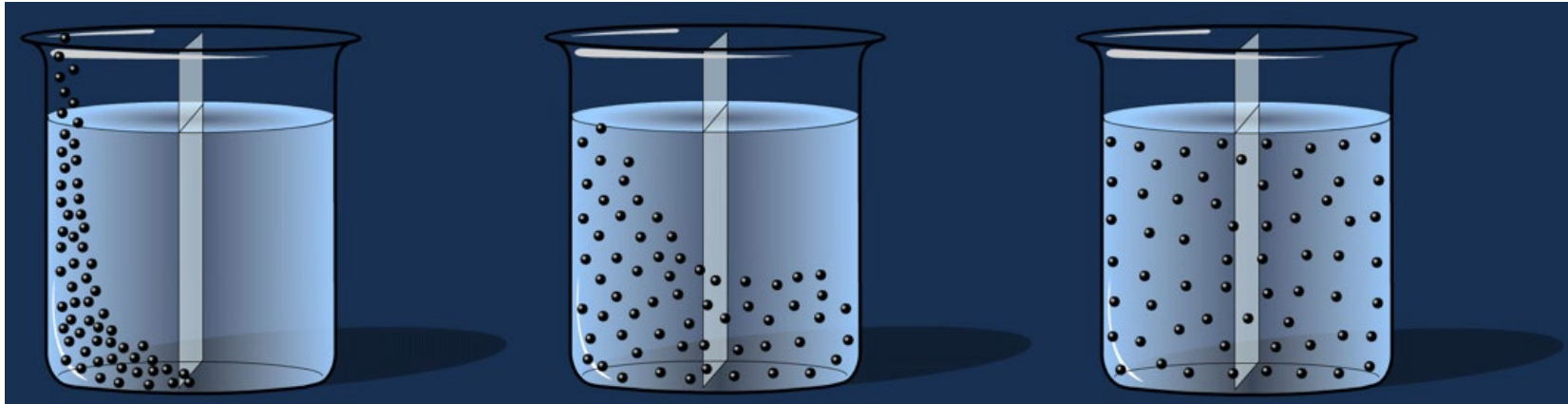
Hollow Fibers

- 2 compartment unit (blood and fluid) separated by a semi-permeable membrane
- Fiber wall is the semi-permeable membrane

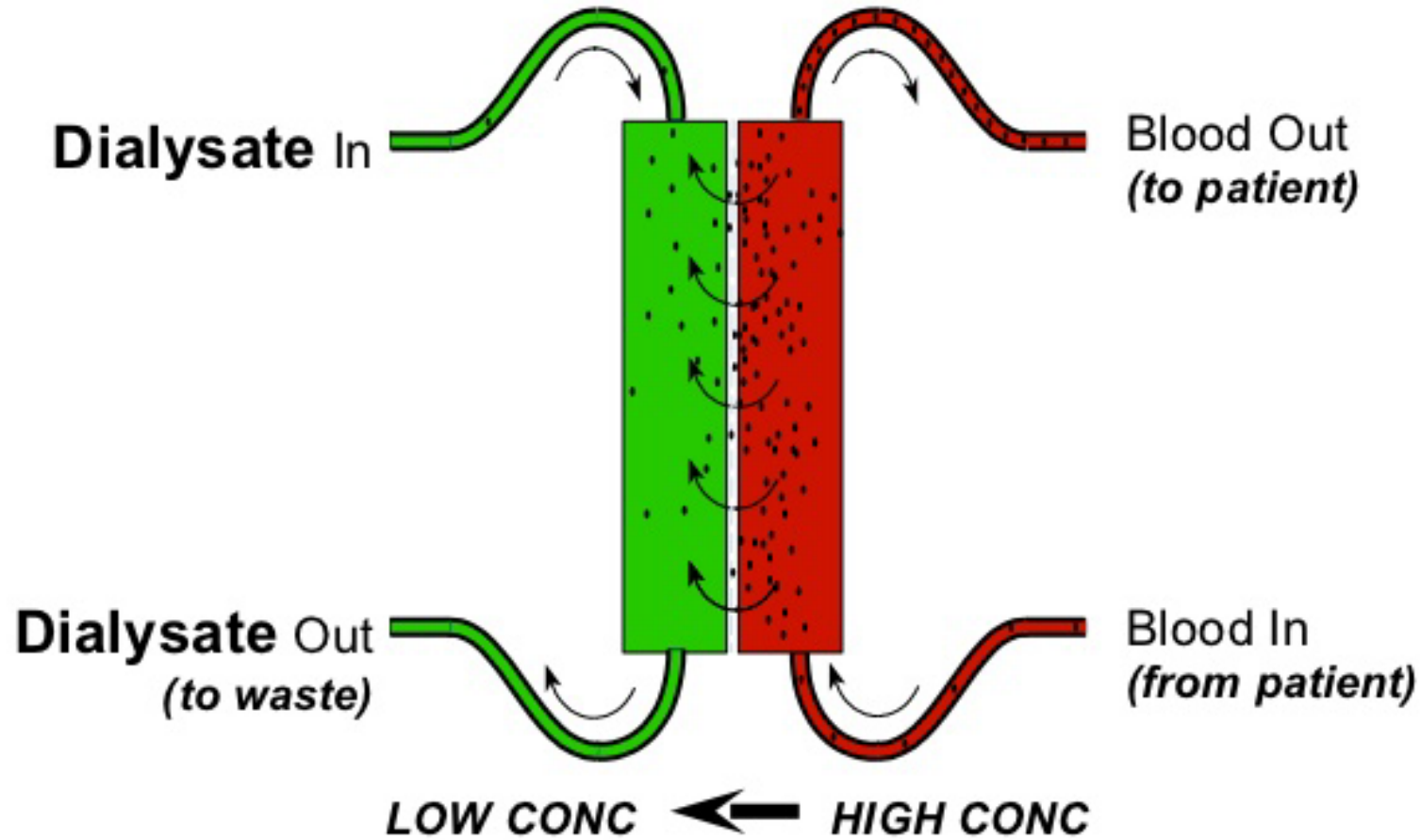
The Basic Hemofilter



Diffusion



Hemodialysis: Diffusion



Dialyzer



LST120 PAS Hollow Fiber Hemodialyzer



What Hemodialysis CAN Do

- Fluid removal
- Solute removal, Removal of metabolic end products
- Removal/replacement of electrolytes
- Acid/Base balance

What Hemodialysis CAN'T Do

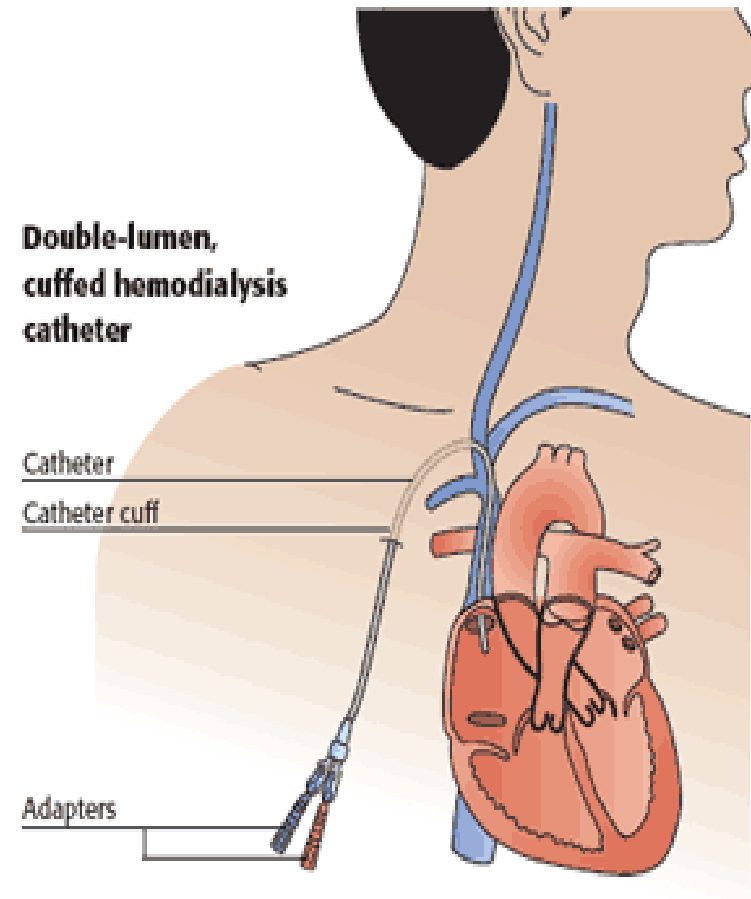
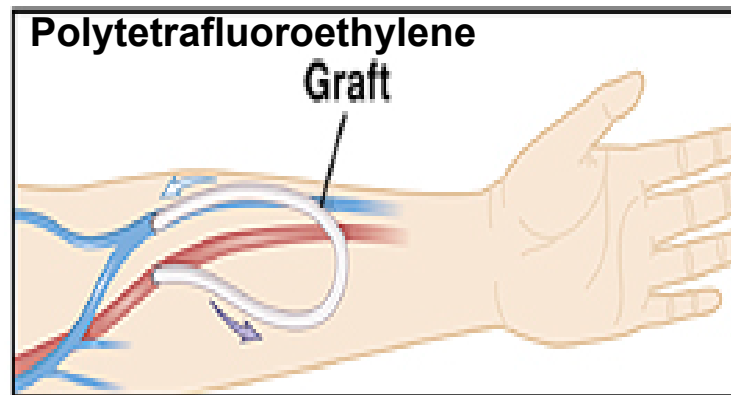
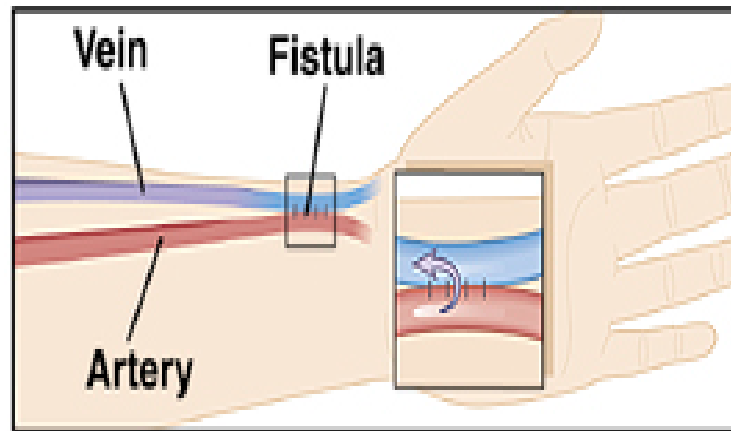
- Correct endocrine functions of kidney
 - erythropoietin
 - Renin
 - Vitamin D

- Hemodialysis at best, gives:
 - ~ 15 - 20% kidney replacement
- Conventional Intermittent HD:
 - 4hr-duration , 3 times a week

Hemodialysis Vascular Access

- Arteriovenous Fistula (AVF)
- Arteriovenous Graft (AVG)
- Permanent catheter

Hemodialysis Vascular Access



Arteriovenous (AV) Fistula

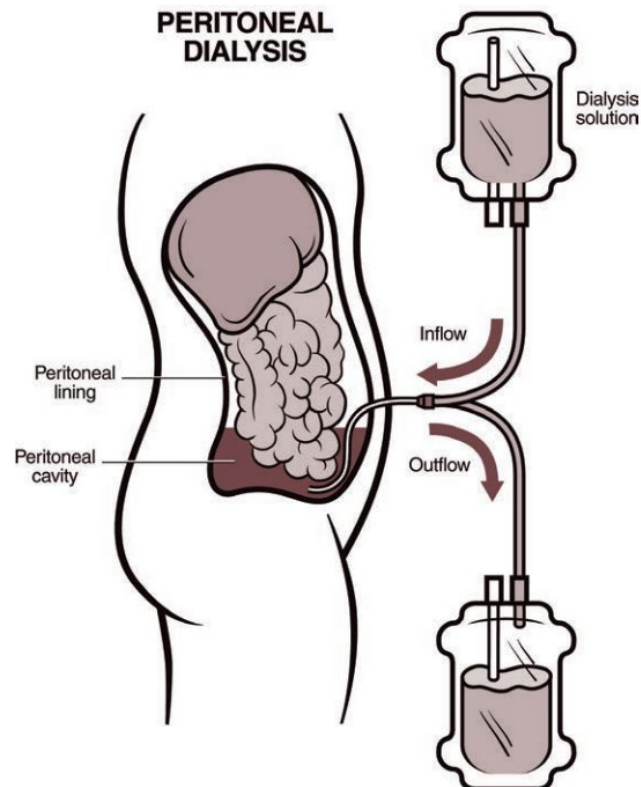


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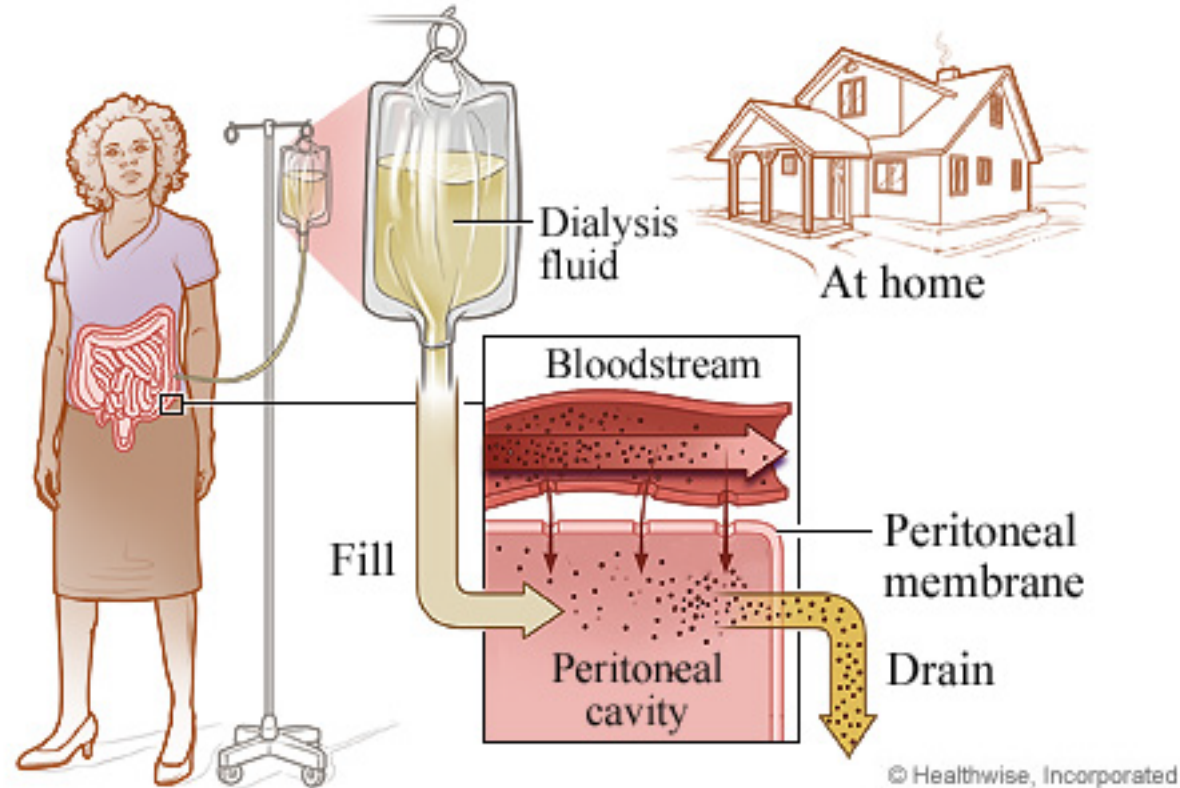
- Side Effects
 - dizziness
 - fatigue
 - cramping
 - bleeding from sites
 - unsteadiness

Peritoneal Dialysis

The peritoneal membrane works as a filter here



Peritoneal Dialysis



What PD can do

- Fluid removal
- Solute removal, Removal of metabolic end products
- Removal/replacement of electrolytes
- Acid/Base balance

What PD can't do?

- Correct endocrine functions of kidney
 - erythropoietin
 - Renin
 - Vitamin D

Thank you

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