





Lecture: pyelonephritis

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- Doctors notes

# Objectives:

- Introduction
- Epidemiology
- Definition
- Etiology
- Pathogenesis
- Pathology
- Clinical presentations
- Diagnosis
- Treatment and prevention

#### Introduction:

- It is very serious condition that lead to renal scarring, nephric, perinephric abscess formation, sepsis
- Clinical presentation is atypical in some patients
- Update on the management
- Pyelonephritis may be acute or chronic

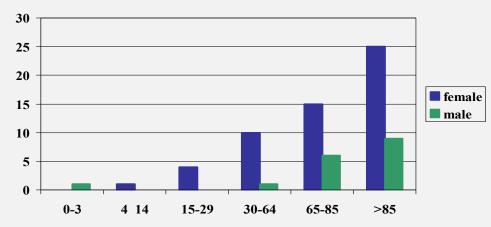
#### UTI Terminology:

- **Uncomplicated**: infection of urinary bladder in host w/out underlying renal or neurologic disease
- Complicated: infection in setting of underlying structural, medical or neurologic disease
- **Recurrent**: > 2 symptomatic UTIs within 12 months. following clinical resolution of each previous UTI after therapy
- **Reinfection**: recurrent UTI caused by different pathogen at any time or original infecting strain >13 days after therapy of original UTI
- Relapse: recurrent UTI caused by same species causing original UTI within 2 weeks after therapy

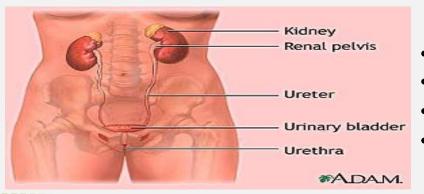
#### Definition:

- It is a bacterial of the renal pelvis, tubules and interstitial tissue of one or both kidneys.
- potentially organ- and/or life-threatening infection that characteristically causes some scarring of the kidney with each infection and may lead to significant damage to the kidney that may lead to hypertension (only in female's slides)

#### Prevalence of bacteriuria in Different age Groups:



\*Women are more prawn to develop bacteriuria due to some factors such as being pregnant, Postmenopausal or an Elderly



- Renal pelvis: **pyelitis**.
- Bladder: **cystitis**
- Urethra: **Urethritis**.
- Renal parenchyma: **pyelonephritis**.

# Etiology:

| Ascending bacterial infection   | Hematogenous spread  | Hospital-acquired infections |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| <ul> <li>1- Escherichia Coli</li> <li>(most bacterial causes bowel organism eg Ecoli)         accounts 70-90% of uncomplicated UTI and 21-54%         of Complicated UTI.</li> <li>The uropathogenic E. coli (UPEC) derives from the         phylogenetic groups B2 and D, which expresses H,O         and K antigens. UPEC genes encode several         postulated Virulence factors including adhesives P         Fimbraie pap+genotype family, protectins,         siderophores and toxins.</li> </ul> | • staph aureus (is rare Except in neonates)                  | coliforms                    |
| Enterobacter species  | mycobacterial tuberculosis (can cause infection every where) |                              |
| Klebsiella pneumoniae / Proteus mirabilis   | (can cause infection every where)                            | enterococci                  |
| Staphylococcus saprophyticus (normal flora of vagina)   |  |                              |
| Pseudomonas aeruginosa (hospital acquired)  |  |                              |

| Other etiology | Candida (immunecompromised) | Brucella (can cause infection every where) |  |
|----------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
|                | Viruses (Adenovirus)        | Host factor                                |  |

#### Risk Factors:

|   | Mechanical:  | Constitutional:                            |
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| • | Structural abnormalities to the kidneys and the urinary tract such as: (urethral strictures) <sup>1</sup> vesicoureteral reflux (VUR) especially in young children   | diabetes mellitus (10 time more admission) |
| • | urinary tract catheterization (Catheterized patients) nephrostomy <sup>2</sup> Pregnancy (half of asymptomatic will develop pyelonephritis if not treated)   |  |
| • | neurogenic bladder (e.g. due to spinal cord damage, spina bifida or multiple sclerosis) and Obstruction:   | immunocompromised states                   |
|   | <ul> <li>prostate disease (e.g. benign prostatic hyperplasia) in eldery men</li> <li>bladder tumors</li> <li>calculi (stones)</li> <li>narrowing of the urethra</li> <li>artificial opening created between the kidney and the skin drains urine from your kidney into a collecting bag</li> </ul> |  |

# Pathology:

- Frequently due to ureterovesical reflux
- Kidneys enlarged.
- Interstitial infiltration of inflammatory cells.
- Abscesses on the capsule and at corticomedullary junction
- Result in destruction of tubules and the glomeruli.
- When chronic, kidneys become scarred, contracted and nonfunctioning.

#### Pathogenesis: Only in male's slides

- Ascending bacterial infection.
- Hematogenous spread to kidney is rare. Eg; Staph aureus and mycobacterial tuberculosis Exception: neonates with Staph aureus
- For optimal host defense function, intermittent & complete emptying of bladder must occur.
  - ✓ Urine is excellent culture medium
  - ✓ Bactericidal secretion from uroepithelial cells and glycoproteins inhibit bacterial adherence.
- Renal parenchyma infections result in inflammatory response to contain infection but contributes to potential scarring.

#### Pathogenesis: Only in female's slides

- 1. Rectal and/or vaginal reservoirs
- 2. Colonization of perianal area
- 3. Bacterial migration to peri-vaginal area
- 4. Bacteria ascend through urethra to bladder
- 5. Intercourse may contribute urethral colonization and ascending infection
- 6. ASB [asymptomatic bacteriuria] in 1st trimester of pregnancy may cause pyelonephritis in 3rd trimester
- 7. Frequently due to ureterovesical reflux

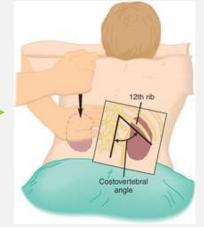
## Symptoms and Signs

## Acute Pyelonephritis

- Symptoms develop rapidly (<24 hours) and may include:</li>
- May be unilateral or bilateral.
- Acutely ill
- Renal angle tenderness
- Flank pain or tenderness or both, fever>38 c and chill.
- Lower urinary tract symptoms: (urgency, dysuria and frequency)
- Azotemia can occur
- non infectious causes of these symptoms is Renal infarct and caliculi
- Confusion in elderly
- Leukocytosis
- Pyuria
- Bacteriuria
- Nausea and vomiting

### Chronic Pyelonephritis (causes renal failure)

- Unremarkable symptoms:
  - ✓ Nausea and general malaise.
- Systemic signs:
  - ✓ Elevated BP, vomiting, diarrhea.



Flank pain: pain in the costovertebral angle.

### Differential Diagnosis:

- 1/5 of the patients.
- Acute pelvic inflammatory disease.
- Ectopic pregnancy.
- Diverticulitis.
- Renal calculi.

#### Complications:

- Hypertension → septic shock → multi organs failure → death.
- Renal or perinephric abscesses.
- Metastatic infection.
- Papillary necrosis.
- Acute renal failure.
- Emphysematous pyelonephritis.
- Renal gangrene.
- Localized or generalized atrophy/permanent loss of function

#### Diagnosis: Only in females slides

- Is not always straightforward
- A number of studies using immunochemical markers have shown that many women, who initially present with lower tract symptoms, actually have pyelonephritis
- The extremes of age, the presentation may be so atypicalin the very young (feeding difficulty or fever)
- In the elderly presentation may be mental status change like confusion or fever

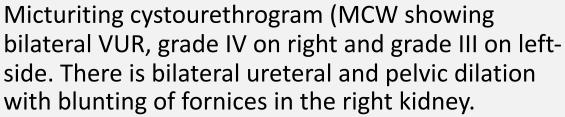
| Diagnosis                   |  |  |  |  |
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| Urine culture               | In BAP (blood agar plate) and selective media  | Identify the organism  | Assess sensitivity ar antimicrobial therap |  |
| Confirmed by :              | Bacteria (10 <sup>8</sup> /l or 10 <sup>5</sup> /ml) in<br>number  | Pus > or = 10/HPF (90%), Positive nitrate dipstick test result for | RBCs 20-40% in urine and leukocytosis      | Leukocyte esterase (An enzyme produced by leukocytes) (indicate presence of pus cells) |
| urinalysis                  | <ul> <li>(10 WBC/hpf) is the usual upper limit of normal</li> <li>Positive result on leukocyte esterase dipstick test correlates well for detecting &gt;10 WBC/hpf, with a specificity of 65%–95%, and sensitivity of 75%–95%</li> <li>Positive nitrate dipstick test result for bacteriuria[ bacteria reduce nitrate to nitrite is only moderately reliable; false-negative results are common</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
| Blood culture 15-30%        | To investigate if there is bacteremia / important as this is a systemic infection  |  |  |  |
| Ultrasound                  | These indicate Kidneys and urinary tract abnormalities in chronic Pyelonephritis.  Also indicates if there are abscesses in the kidney (important because the Antibiotics can not enter the abcess)  |  |  |  |
| CT scan                     |  |  |  |  |
| IVP (intravenous pyelogram) | Identify the presence of obstruction or degenerative changes caused by the infection process   |  |  |  |
| BUN and CR                  | Blood urea nitrogen and Creatinine levels of the blood and urine may be used to monitor kidney function  |  |  |  |

Other diagnose approach: Radionucleotide imaging with gallium citrate and indium-111-labeled WBCs IMPORTANT NOTE: the sample for the urinalysis and urine culture should be: (Clean Catch urine sample)

extra: What Is a Clean Catch Urine Sample?

A clean catch urine sample or specimen is one of the least invasive procedures for a urine culture or urinalysis. The clean catch method aims to prevent bacteria from the skin of the penis or vagina from contaminating the urine specimen. It's important to follow the clean catch process to have accurate results from an uncontaminated sample.







Bilateral reflux extending into the pelvicalyceal systems of the kidney without dilatation of the calyces or ureters. (Note catheter in bladder)

#### Management

- 1. mild signs and symptoms: Patients may be treated on an outpatient basis with antibiotics for 7-14 days
- 2. sever cases :Hospitalization
- Ampicillin with aminoglycoside or third generation cephalosporin, piperacillin or carbapenems in sever cases
- 4. Empirical treatment is TMP-SMX (trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole COMBINATION but the Resistance is around 50%) SO fluoroquinolones is alternative. the Empirical treatment is used in the ER when you need to treat the patient quickly (in severe cases)
- 5. Antibiotics are selected according to results of urinalysis culture and sensitivity and may include broadspectrum medications

  Male's slides
- Treated as outpatients if there is no nausea, vomiting or dehydration and other signs and symptoms of sepsis
- Very ill patients and all pregnant women are hospitalized at least for 2 to 3 days for parenteral therapy
- 2 weeks course
- Bactrim
- Ciprofloxacin
- Gentamicin with or without amoxicillin

Female's slides

#### Prevention: Only in male's slides

- Antimicrobial prophylaxis
- TMP-SMX or fluoroquinolones 3/week or nitrofurantoin daily
- Intravaginal estradiol
- 300 ml of cranberry juice
- Removal the urinary catheter as soon as possible or use condom catheter

#### Prognosis: Only in male's slides

- Prognosis is dependent upon early detection and successful treatment
- Baseline assessment for every patient must include urinary assessment because pyelonephritis may occur
  as a primary or secondary disorder

#### Problem: Only in female's slides

- Chronic or recurring symptomless infection persisting for months or years
- Another 6 weeks course if relapse
- Follow up urine culture 2 weeks after completion of therapy

#### Chronic Pyelonephritis:

 Repeated bouts of acute pyelonephritis may lead to chronic pyelonephritis that may lead to kidney damage and hypertension

#### Clinical manifestations:

- No symptoms of infection unless an acute exacerbation occurs
- Fatigue
- Head ache
- Poor appetite
- Polyuria
- Excessive thirst
- Weight loss
- Progressive scarring → renal failure

#### Assessment and diagnostic findings:

- IVP
- Serum creatinine
- Blood urea
- Culture and sensitivity

#### Complications:

- ESRD=end stage renal disease
- Hypertension
- Kidney stones

#### Medical management:

According to C&S result Drugs carefully titrated if renal function is impaired

# Nursing management

- Fluid balance I / O chart
- Fluids encouraged unless contraindicated
- 4<sup>th</sup> hourly temp
- Antibiotics
- Bed rest
- Teach how to prevent recurrent infections: adequate fluids, emptying the bladder regularly and performing recommended perineal hygiene taking antibiotics as prescribed

## Treatment of Acute Uncomplicated Pyelonephritis

| Mild or moderate symptoms   | Hospitalized patients   | Ambulatory patients   |
|---|---|---|
| <ul> <li>Outpatient treatment (total of 7–14 days)</li> <li>oral treatment:</li> <li>Fluoroquinolone</li> <li>TMP/SMX, if uropathogen is known to be susceptible.</li> <li>If Gram-positive pathogen: amoxicillin or amoxicillin-clavulanate</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>IV antibiotic first 48–72 hours followed by 7 days of oral antibiotic therapy</li> <li>Fluoroquinolone IV, then PO</li> <li>Aminoglycoside ± ampicillin IV, then TMP/SMX PO</li> <li>Third-generation cephalosporin IV, then TMP/SMX PO</li> </ul> | 7–14 days of oral therapy with one of the antimicrobials mentioned in the table . |

<sup>•</sup>Eradicate pathogens in kidney and urothelium, and treat/prevent bacteremia

#### Only in females slides



Scarred and contorted kidneys



Destruction of approximately 70% of the kidney. Numerous dilated calyces with yellow-brown calculi. The central necrotic areas are surrounded by dense fibrosis.

## Summary (doctor's notes)

- -Pyelonephritis: usually upper UTI and complicated.
- It is acquired usually by 1-Ascending Infection 2- Hematogenous Spread
- Diagnosis: Bacteria 10<sup>5</sup>CFU/ml, blood culture
- Symptoms': flank pain , vomiting , fever , diarrhea
- Local complication: renal abscess, scarring, ischemia
- Distal complications: bacteria will spread to other organs
- Risk factors: obstruction, catheterized patients, diabetic, pregnancy (could lead to abortion)
- Most common organisms: E.coli, staph saprophyticus, klebsiella, proteus mirabilis, enterococci, staphylococcus aureus, pseudomonas aeruginosa, Enterobacter.
- Prophylaxis: Nitrofurantoin, TMP-SMX, Fluoroquinolones.
- Treatment: Ampicillin, Aminoglycosides, 3<sup>rd</sup> generations cephalosporin's, piperacillin, carbapenems.
- anti-pseudomonas: aminoglycosides, ciproflaxcin, carbapenam, pipracillin.
- Anti-entrococcus: vancomysin, nitrofurantoin
- Anti- E-coli: Ampicillin, gentamycin, nitrofurantoin, TMS, Ciproflaxcin, (cepha 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3rd)

| Risk Factors:  | Etiology and Pathophysiology:   |
|--|---|
| Pregnancy – Diabetes – Immunosuppression-Obstruction-Catheterized patients-vesicoureteral reflux-calculi.  | <ul> <li>most bacterial causes Escherichia coli</li> <li>Hospital-acquired infections may be due to coliforms and enterococci.</li> <li>Haematogenous spread is rare eg Staph aureusand mycobacterial tuberculosis</li> <li>Frequently due to ureterovesical reflux .</li> </ul>  |
| Treatment:   | Pathogenesis:   |
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| Clinical Manifestations of acute pyelonephritis:   | Diagnosis:  |
| Chills-Fever -Flank pain   | <ul> <li>Blood culture-BUN and Creatinine levels-<br/>Ultrasound or CT scan</li> <li>Complications: ESRD=end stage renal disease-<br/>Hypertension -Kidney stones</li> </ul>  |



A 70 year old female visits your clinic, she has fever, flank pain and azotemia and after some test you find her kidneys are enlarged with Abscess formation and there is destruction of Tubules. you diagnose her of having Pyelonephritis. Answer the following based on the information:

1-Based on the information what is the most likely common organism that have infected her?

ANS: E.coli

2- What is the treatment needed?

ANS: Ampicillin, Nitrofurontoin TMS, Ciproflaxcin and other

3-what antibiotics could you use to prevent a relapse (prophylaxis)?

ANS: Nitrofurantoin , TMP- SMX , Fluoroquinolones

4- in general how do you confirm diagnosis of Pyelonephritis

ANS: Blood culture, 105CFU/ml

5- what complications could occur duo to Pyelonephritis?

ANS: multi organ failure, septic shock, metastatic infection, papillary necrosis, Acute renal failure, renal gangrene, atrophy, emphysematous pyelonephritis.



1-For ambulatory patients we use antibiotics for:

A- (3-4wks) B- (7-14wks) C- (7-14days)

2- x-ray is used for pyelonephritis diagnosis

A-T B-F

3- Ascending bacterial infection include:

A- candida B- E-coli C- coliforms

4- Hyperlipidemia is a risk factor to pyelonephritis

A-T B-F

5- A patient is said to have pyuria when pus cells

are greater than 10cmm

A-T B-F

6- Which of the following is the organism most likely to be grown and isolated in pyelonephritis?

a)Escherichia coli b)Staphylococcus saprophyticus

c)Proteus organisms d)Klebsiella organisms

7- pyelonephritis It is Bacterial infection of the following except:

A) vaginitis. B) cystitis.

C) pyelitis D) urethritis.

8- If patient Resist TMP-SMX we use:

A)Penicillin B) fluoroquinolones c) macrolides

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