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#### Hematuria

is a common finding on urinalysis with a prevalence rate between 1% and 2%.

# HEMATURIA Presentations of Hematuria

- **\*** Gross hematuria
- Microscopic hematuria with clinical symptoms
- \* Asymptomatic microscopic (isolated) hematuria
- Asymptomatic microscopic hematuria with proteinuria

Diagnosis:

The most sensitive test for detecting the presence of blood in the urine is abnormal urine strip test.





#### Urine Strip Test:

The reagent utilizes the pseudoperoxidaze activity of hemoglobin (or myoglobin) to catalyze a reaction between hydrogen peroxide and the chromogen tetramethylbenzidine to produce an oxidized chromogen, which has a green blue color.

Urine Strip Test:

Strips can detect concentration of 2-5 RBC/HPF

False negative urine dipstick:

\* High specific gravity urine

\* High ascorbic acid concentration in the urine.

False positive urine dipstick:

#### Delayed reading

Cross contamination of urine from other chemicals such as oxidized agent, (household bleach)

<u>Confirmation of hematuria</u> <u>Urine Microscopy:</u>

- Centrifuge 10 ml of urine for 5 minute
- Decant the supernatant
- \* Re-suspend the sediment in 0.5 ml of urine
- \* Place on a slide with a cover slip
- Count the number of RBC. In 20 fields and report the average

Positive Test: > 5 RBC/HPF

# HEMATURIA Definition of hematuria:

5 RBC's /HPF in three of three consecutive, fresh, centrifuged urine specimens obtained at least 1 week apart.

# HEMATURIA Localization of hematuria:

Limits diagnostic possibilities for patients and prevent unnecessary testing.

Classification:

Glomerular hematuriaNon-Glomerular hematuria

# HEMATURIA Glomerular hematuria, Clinical presentation: \* Oliguria, edema **\*** Hypertension \* Symptoms of systemic disease (e.g. arthritis, rash).

#### Glomerular hematuria:

- \* Brown tea, cola-colored urine
- \* Concomitant proteinuria
- ₭ Cellular cast
- Dysmorphic erythrocytes in phase-contrast microsopy
- \* Low MCV of erythrocyte by automated analyzer





RBC CASTS:

RBC casts are best visualized at the edges of the cover slip and tend to dissolve in urine of high PH.



Causes of Glomerular hematuria:

- \* Post-infectious glomerulonephritis
- # IgA nephropathy
- Henoch-Schönlein purpura
- # Hereditary nephritis
- Benign familial hematuria
- Membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis
- \* Lupus nephritis

#### Postinfectious GN:

- Begins 7-21 days after group A beta-hemolytic streptococcal infection
- Antibiotic treatment for the infections will not prevent the nephritis
- Present with tea colored urine, edema and hypertension.
- \* May present with only microscopic hematuria.

Postinfectious GN (cont.)

\* ASO may be negative early in the course.
\* C<sub>3</sub> low in 90% of patients for 6 weeks
\* C<sub>4</sub> normal

\* Microscopic hematuria my persist for 2 yrs.

#### IgA nephropathy:

- \* The most common chronic GN in Europe and Asia.
- The most common cause of hematuria in children
  15% of children with Prolonged hematuria (> 1 year) will have IgA nephropathy
- \* Present with gross hematuria during viral illness.

#### IgA nephropathy..... (cont..)

- Microscopic hematuria present between episodes of gross hematuria
- \* There is no laboratory test diagnostic of GN
- Diagnosis by histopathologic demonstration of mesangial deposition of IgA
- # 25% of children with IgA nephropathy will progress to chronic renal insufficiency.
- \* Poor outcome: cresentic GN, older age group, hypertension, nephrotic range proteinuria.

#### Alport hereditary nephritis:

- Episodes of recurrent or persistent microscopic hematuria.
- Family History: male individuals with nerve deafness and progression to ESRD
- \* Type IV collagen is abnormal and the basement membrane is disrupted.
- \* The diagnosis is confirmed by renal biopsy.

# HEMATURIA Alport hereditary nephritis... (cont.)

- Hearing test should be done regularly to prevent speech or educational handicap.
- Good-posture diseases post transplant (small risk)
  Female may have a hearing deficit without any urinary abnormalities.

# HEMATURIA Benign Familial Hematuria:

- \* Thin glomerular basement membrane nephropathy.
  \* Occurs in at least 1% of the population.
  \* Inherited as AD or AR manner.
- Absence of proteinuria, renal failure, hearing deficits, or ophthalmologic abnormalities.
- Microscopic hematuria, dysmorphic RBC's

#### Rapidly Progressive GN:

- Presents with symptoms and signs similar to APIGN
- Require the urgent attention of a Pediatric Nephrologist.
- \* Laboratory Studies show ARF
- \* Renal biopsy demonstrates glomerular crescent.
- # Untreated RPGN can result in ESRD in a few weeks.

# HEMATURIA Causes of non-Glomerular hematuria:

- \* Hypercalciuria
- # Infections (bacterial or viral)
- \* Papillary necrosis (HbS)
- Urolithiasis
- 🗮 Trauma
- # Foreign body
- Exercise-induced hematuria

Hypercalciuria:

- Increased urinary excretion of ca despite normal s.
   ca
- \* Present in 5% of healthy children
- Most frequent cause of isolated hematuria in nonglomerular hematuria patients.

# HEMATURIA Idiopathic Hypercalciuria:

- Renal hypercalciuria: result from a tubular leak of calcium.
- Absorptive hypercalciuria : results from increased gastrointestinal absorption of calcium.

Idiopathic Hypercalciuria:

There is often a family history of renal stones.
Symptoms include dysuria, suprapubic pain, renal colic.

# HEMATURIA Idiopathic Hypercalciuria:

- Present with microscopic hematuria and episodic gross hematuria.
- \* Urine RBC's are shaped normally with no cast.
- The mechanism of the hematuria involve irritations to the renal tubules by ca-containing crystals.
- # High risk of development of renal stones.

Idiopathic Hypercalciuria:

- Screening for hypercalciuria: spot urinary ca/ creatinine ratio.
- \* A ration of > 0.21 is indicative of hypercalciuria.
- Confirmation of hypercalciuria by collecting a timed (either 12 or 24 hours) urine for ca excretion.
- An excretory rate of greater than 4 mg/kg/day is abnormal.

# HEMATURIA Idiopathic Hypercalciuria:

- \* Increase fluid intake to dilute the urine.
- \* Severe ca restriction should be avoided.
- # Hydrochlorothiazide (HCT) decrease urinary ca excretion.
- # HCT in a child with isolated hematuria with no previous nephrolithiasis is not recommended.

History clues:

\* Duration and pattern of hematuria

- Family history (hematuria, renal failure, deafness, urolithiasis)
- \* Pharyngitis, URTI
- Dysuria or other symptoms of urinary infections
- ℜ Rash (HSP)
- \* Abdominal pain (infections, stone, HSP)
- Drugs (anticoagulant)

Physical examinations clues:

- \* Hypertension, edema, pallor
- 🗱 Rash, impetigo
- \* Abdnominal or flank tenderness (infection)
- \* Abdominal mass (tumors)
- \* Ecchymoses, petechiae, hemangiomas
- Evidence of abdominal trauma
- \* External genitalia for trauma or bleeding
- # Growth pattern
- # Hearing test

Basic Laboratory Evaluation:

- Urine cultureCBC
- \* Serum creatinine
- 🗮 Aso titre
- \* Urine ca: creatinine ratio
- # Urine protein: creatinine ratio
- **≭** C3
- Renal ultrasonography
- \* First degree relatives urine test

The initial referrals are to the Pediatric Nephrologist rather than to the Pediatric Urologist.

# HEMATURIA Other evaluation procedures:

Renal biopsy
Cystoscopy
Renal angiography (rarely indicated)

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