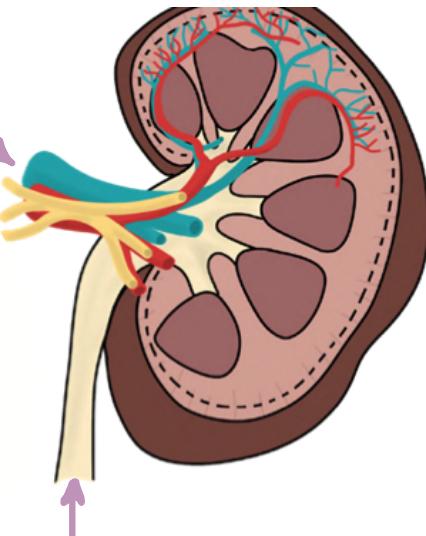


# ACUTE RENAL INJURY

Sudden renal damage causes a build up of waste, fluid, & electrolyte imbalance can be reversible!

## PRERENAL FAILURE

- damage before the kidneys
- decreased blood flow to glomeruli
  - cardiac damage
    - ↓ cardiac output
    - ex: MI → ↓ blood perfusion
  - vasodilation
  - hemorrhage (hypovolemia) → low BP
  - GI loss (VOM)
  - burns
  - obstruction, vessel occlusion
    - blocks oxygen



## INTRARENAL FAILURE

- damage in kidneys
- prolonged ischemia
  - more serious bc of intense
- myoglobinuria
- hemoglobinuria
- rhabdomyolysis
- nephrotoxic agents
- infection (glomerulonephritis)\* - IUPUS
- hypertension
- DM
- direct trauma to kidney
  - ↑ BUN
  - ↑ creatinine
  - ↓ specific gravity urine
  - ↑ urine Na<sup>+</sup>

## POSTRENAL FAILURE

- damage after kidneys
- Obstruction/blockage in urinary tract that cause urine to back up

AKI w/ negative nitrogen balance: expected weight loss of 0.5 kg/day

- \* renal calculi (stones)
  - blood clots
  - BPH
- \* tumors
  - neuro damage (stroke)

## ACUTE RENAL FAILURE

non-urologic conditions

| INITIATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | * | Oliguria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | diuretic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | RECOVERY                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <p>triggering event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ short (1-3 days)</li> </ul> <p>↑ BUN &amp; creatinine w/ normal ↓ urine output</p> <p>Correct &amp; identify underlying cause to prevent long-term damage to nephrons</p> | * | <p>less urinary output &lt;400 ml/day</p> <p>glomerulus decreases ability to filter blood (↓ GFR)</p> <p>↳ hypervolemia: blood volume is ↑ than normal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ urine osmolarity ↓ as waste products are retained</li> <li>◦ serum osmolarity ↑</li> <li>◦ urine specific gravity: 1.010 (1.010-1.015)</li> <li>◦ ↑ BUN &amp; creatinine</li> </ul> <p>treatment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ low protein diet</li> <li>◦ limit fluid intake</li> <li>◦ monitor EKG &amp; for hyperkalemia (&gt;5.0)</li> <li>◦ dialysis may be needed until kidney function returns</li> </ul> | <p>recovering nephrons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ cause of AKI is corrected</li> <li>◦ gradual ↑ in output exceeds 400 ml/day</li> </ul> <p>kidneys excrete BUN, creatinine, K<sup>+</sup>, phosphorous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ retain Ca<sup>+</sup> &amp; bicarbs</li> </ul> <p>despite production of large quantities of urine, few waste products are excreted &amp; wastes accumulate</p> <p>monitor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ dehydration*</li> <li>◦ hypokalemia</li> </ul> | <p>↑ in kidney function 1-12 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ electrolytes, BUN, &amp; creatinine return to normal</li> <li>◦ some may never recover &amp; may develop chronic kidney disease</li> </ul> |

# Chronic Renal Failure (Chronic Kidney Disease)

## Intrarenal cond or systemic diseases

- ALL labs ↑  
↳ except  $\text{Ca}^+$ : ↓

gradual loss of kidney function in stages: **Uremia!**

- GFR > 90: normal
- 1: > 90
- 2: 60-89
- 3: 30-59
- 4: 15-29
- 5: < 15 ← end stage renal disease

### treatment:

- dialysis
- kidney transplant

## Nursing Considerations

- \* • monitor HTN crisis!

PRIORITY, immediate report {  
↳ headache  
↳ n/v  
↳ change in mental status

- fluid volume overload

- ↳ crackles
- ↳ JVD
- ↳ bounding pulses

- excess wastes & electrolytes in blood

↳  $\text{H}^+$  ions → met acidosis

↳ urea → pruritis

↳ ↑  $\text{Na}^+$  ( $> 145$ ): edema

↳ ↑ P ( $\downarrow \text{Ca}^+$ ) osteopor

PRIORITY since pump heart!  
\* ↳ ↑  $\text{K}^+$  ( $> 5.0$ ) pumps heart  
• ↑ T waves  
• weak, lethargic

### Tx:

- ① IV  $\text{Ca}^+$  gluconate = dysrhythmias
- ② IV dextrose + insulin
- ③ Kayexalate
- ④ dialysis

## causes

- uncontrolled DM (hyperglycemia)
- uncontrolled HTN
- polycystic kidney disease

## creatinine clearance test:

> 1.3: bad kidney

### 24 hour test

↳ discard first urine specimen when test begins!

## S/S:

- can't get fluid out (oliguria) low urine output

## complications

- HTN  
↳ lead to stroke, heart attack, further kidney damage

## diet:

- ① restrict fluid,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$
- ② restrict phosphorous + protein!  
↳ no dairy  
↳ less animal products
- ③ no  $\text{Na}^+$   
↳ processed meats
- ④ no  $\text{K}^+$   
↳ apples are best choice  
↳ no leafy vegetables!
- ⑤ ↑  $\text{Ca}^+$ ?