

## Update on Renal Therapeutics



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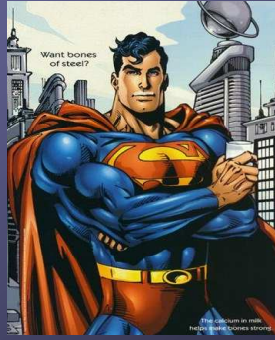
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## What are we going to discuss?

- How to calculate renal function
- Types of renal replacement therapy (RRT)
- How to adjust drug dosages according to type of RRT



Creatinine 120  $\mu\text{mol/l}$ ,  
eGFR 34 ml/min



Creatinine 120  $\mu\text{mol/l}$ ,  
eGFR 130 ml/min

## Staging of CKD (K-DOQI)

Stage	Description	GFR (ml/min)
1	Normal GFR with another abnormality	> 90
2	Mild reduction in GFR with another abnormality	60-89
3	Moderate reduction in GFR	30-59
4	Severe reduction in GFR	15-29
5	End-stage renal disease	<15 or dialysis

Am J Kidney Dis 2002;39(suppl 1):S17-S31

## Old Classification of CRF

Grade	GFR (mL/min)	Serum creatinine ( $\mu\text{mol/L}$ )
Mild	20-50	150-300
Moderate	10-20	300-700
Severe	< 10	>700

## Cockcroft & Gault

CrCl (ml/min) =

$$\frac{F \times (140 - \text{age}) \times \text{weight (Kg)}}{\text{serum creatinine } (\mu\text{mol/L})}$$

Where F = 1.04 (female) and  
1.23 (male)

Nephron 1976 16 (1) 31-41

## Cockcroft and Gault

Do not use if:-

- patient is < 15 years or > 90 years of age
- patient has rapidly changing renal function
- patient has a serum creatinine > 350 μmol/L
- patient is pregnant
- patient is an amputee
- patient is severely wasted

## MDRD equation

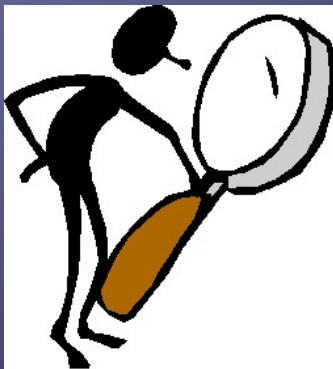
Modified Diet in Renal Disease

$$\text{GFR (ml/min/1.73m}^2\text{)} = 170 \times (\text{serum creatinine})^{-0.999} \times (\text{age})^{-0.176} \times (0.762 \text{ if female}) \times (1.180 \text{ if African American}) \times [\text{Serum Urea Nitrogen}]^{-0.170} \times [\text{Alb}]^{+0.318}$$

Normalised value ∴ may need to correct for patient's actual body surface area

Nephrol Dial Transplant (2002) 17: 2036-2037

So which one do we use?



## Drug Dosing

- **Cockcroft & Gault** generally over-estimates
- People tend to use ABW rather than IBW
- Pharmacists use correctly!!
- **MDRD** said to be more accurate than C&G.
- Does not require patient's weight.
- Same restrictions / inaccuracies as C&G, eg. < 18 yrs, amputees, pregnant, malnourished.

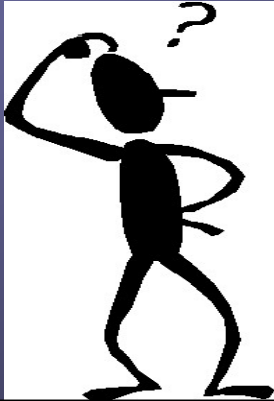
## eGFR

- 90% confidence intervals are quite wide, e.g. 90% of patients will have a measured GFR within 30% of their estimated GFR.
- The MDRD equation tends to underestimate normal or near-normal function, so slightly low values should not be over-interpreted.

## eGFR

	Serum Creatinine (μmol/L)	CrCl (mL/min) C&G	eGFR (mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> ) MDRD
Young muscular black male (20yrs, 90Kg)	110	120	>90
Thin elderly female (75yrs, 50Kg)	110	29	40

Confused?? You will be.....



## Drug Dosing

Practical suggestions:-

- For the majority of drugs, use MDRD eGFR.
- For drugs with narrow therapeutic index, use eGFR, **BUT** correct for pt's actual BSA

$$\text{GFR}_{\text{Absolute}} = \frac{\text{eGFR} \times \text{Actual BSA}}{1.73}$$

Or

If in doubt, and for narrow therapeutic index drugs,

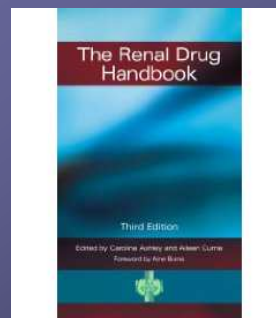
- Use Cockcroft and Gault

## Bennett



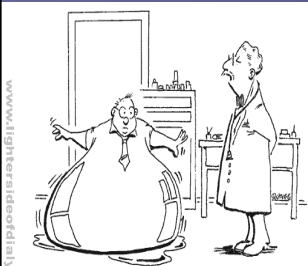
- Also available on-line <http://www.kdp-baptist.louisville.edu/renalbook/>
- Fully referenced
- Does not use K-DOQI classification
- Normal, >50ml/min, 10-50ml/min, <10ml/min

## Renal Drug Handbook

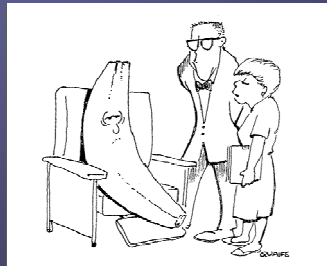


- 3<sup>rd</sup> edition published January 2009
- > 760 drug monographs

## When do we start dialysis?



Your tests reveal that you are retaining fluids!



We're a little concerned about your potassium levels.

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## Nomenclature

- Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (CRRT)
- Continuous Arterio-Venous Haemofiltration (CAVH)
- Continuous Venovenous Haemofiltration (CVVH)
- Continuous Arterio-Venous Haemodiafiltration (CAVHD)
- Continuous Venovenous Haemodiafiltration (CVVHD)
- Intermittent Haemodialysis (IHD)
- Dialysate
- Diafiltrate
- Ultrafiltration (UF)

## Intermittent Haemodialysis



## Peritoneal Dialysis

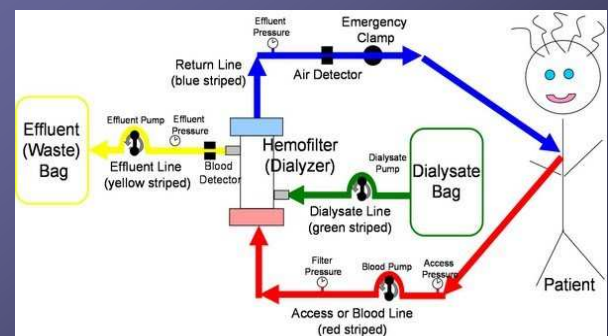
- CAPD
- APD



## Indications for CRRT

- Metabolic acidosis ( $\text{pH} > 7.3$  & falling)
- Hyperkalaemia ( $\text{K}^+ > 6.0 \text{ mmol/L}$  &  $\uparrow$ )
- Fluid overload that compromises gas Xchange
- Urea  $> 30 \text{ mmol/L}$
- Creatinine  $> 300 \mu\text{mol/L}$
- Oliguria ( $< 200 \text{ ml / 12 hours}$ ) or anuria
- Haemodynamic instability (no IHDx)
- Pt has / at risk of cerebral oedema

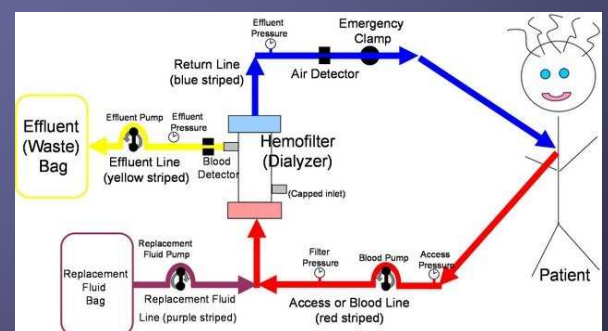
## CVVHD



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- Blood is passed along one side of a semi-permeable membrane.
- Crystalloid solution is pumped along other side of membrane in opposite direction.
- Solutes move across membrane by *convection* & *diffusion* at rate depending on concentration gradient & molecular size.
- More effective at clearing middle-size molecules
- Doesn't mirror physiological process in kidney

## CVVH



## CVVH

- Blood passed under pressure down one side of highly permeable membrane
- Water and solutes removed by *convection*, driven by the pressure gradient.
- Better for fluid removal
- Solute present at low concentrations, large volumes of fluid must be removed to achieve adequate solute clearance
- Mirrors process of GF within kidney

## Pre vs Post Dilution

- Post-dilution is recommended method of Acute Dialysis Quality Initiative
- Pre-dilution - only limited evidence that this method prolongs life of filter
- Pre-dilution results in reduction of solute clearance due to dilution of solutes as blood enters the artificial kidney

## Drug Removal by CRRT

- Drug Factors
  - Low molecular weight (up to 20,000 daltons)
  - Low % protein binding.
  - Low apparent volume of distribution
  - High degree of water solubility
  - Relatively short half-life
  - Usually excreted via the kidneys

## Drug Removal by CRRT

- System factors
  - Size of treatment cycle will directly affect convective transport  $\Rightarrow$  higher treatment cycle volumes & blood pump speeds  $\Rightarrow$  more efficient drug removal
  - Chemistry & SA of the dialysis membrane
  - Majority of drug-membrane binding occurs in first hours of membrane life  $\Rightarrow$  clearance artificially high then.

## Effective GFRs on Dialysis

RRT	GFR (ml/min)
Intermittent HD	250 - 300 (0-10 otherwise)
CAPD / APD	5 - 10
CAVH / CVVH	15 - 30
CAVHD / CVVHD	20 - 35

## Calculating Drug Doses

- Intermittent HDx - excellent clearance of small water-soluble molecules whilst on dialysis.
- No clearance when not on dialysis.
- Time doses around dialysis sessions.  
Eg. Ertapenem, Normal dose = 1g OD  
Dose in ESRF = 50% normal dose  
Either 500mg OD, AFTER dialysis on HD days,  
Or 1g 3 x/week after each dialysis

## Example 1

- 25-year old male
- ESRD, dialysis-dependent
- Developed AML
- Prescribed Flag-X  
(Fludarabine, Cytarabine, GCSF, - Liposomal Daunorubicin)
- Help?!

## Example 1

- Fludarabine
  - \* 40-60% excreted unchanged in urine
  - \* Protein binding 60%
  - \* Active metabolite also renally excreted
  - \* S/E include severe neurotoxicity
  - \* Single dose vs repeated dosing
- Liposomal Daunorubicin
  - \* 100% liver excreted

## Example 1

### Cytarabine (3g/m<sup>2</sup>)

- Neuro & Cerebellar toxicity
- Elevated baseline serum creatinine independent risk factor
- Incidence of 8% in patients with GFR > 60ml/min
- Incidence of 86 - 100% in patients with GFR < 40ml/min
- Only 10-15% excreted in urine, inactive metabolites

## Example 1

- Fludarabine - 50% dose
- Cytarabine - 50% dose
- Daunorubicin - 100% dose
- All in reduced volumes of IV fluids  
(cytarabine neat in syringe driver)
- Gave chemotherapy each afternoon / evening
- Dialysed each morning

## Example 2

- 68 yr-old male, HDx dependent, diagnosed with small cell lung Ca.
- Oncologists decided single agent chemo.
- Cisplatin – very difficult to dose-reduce in renal impairment.
- Carboplatin – very easy to dose reduce.

## Example 2

- Carboplatin Dose =  
Target AUC x [GFR (ml/min) + 25]
- where AUC = 5 (sometimes 6 or 7)  
GFR = ? For patient on HDx?
- Dosed on Day 0
- Consecutive dialyses on Days 1 & 2 to remove it.

## Calculating Drug Doses

- CRRT is a continuous process
- Dose as if a patient renal function with the GFR according to the CRRT system used.  
Eg. CVVH = 15 - 30 ml/min.  
CVVHD = 20 - 35 ml/min
- No need to give supplementary doses
- Use published dose recommendations if available
- Otherwise, seek specialist advice.

Any Questions???

