

AKI: more than NICE

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Kidneys for Life: **Stop** Acute Kidney Injury

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AKI is recognised by...

- inability to maintain homeostasis or aspects of renal function:

fluid balance

Na⁺/K⁺

acid-base

- How does it manifest - Acute v Chronic
- In critical illness usually acute or acute on chronic

Acute Kidney Injury

- Pre-renal - normal tubular and glomerular function; GFR is depressed by compromised renal perfusion (potentially reversible/transient).
- Intrinsic - diseases of the glomerulus or tubule; secondary to ischaemia or toxic agents/drugs (may be treatable)
- Post(obstructive) - increase in tubular pressure decreases filtration driving force (potentially reversible/transient).
- Acute on chronic – acute decline in function superimposed on pre-existing CKD, may or may not be reversible

Consequences of AKI

- Increased morbidity
- Increased mortality
- Increased cost of health care
- Increased patient/family stress
- Risk of CKD

NCEPOD report published in 2009 (excluding children)

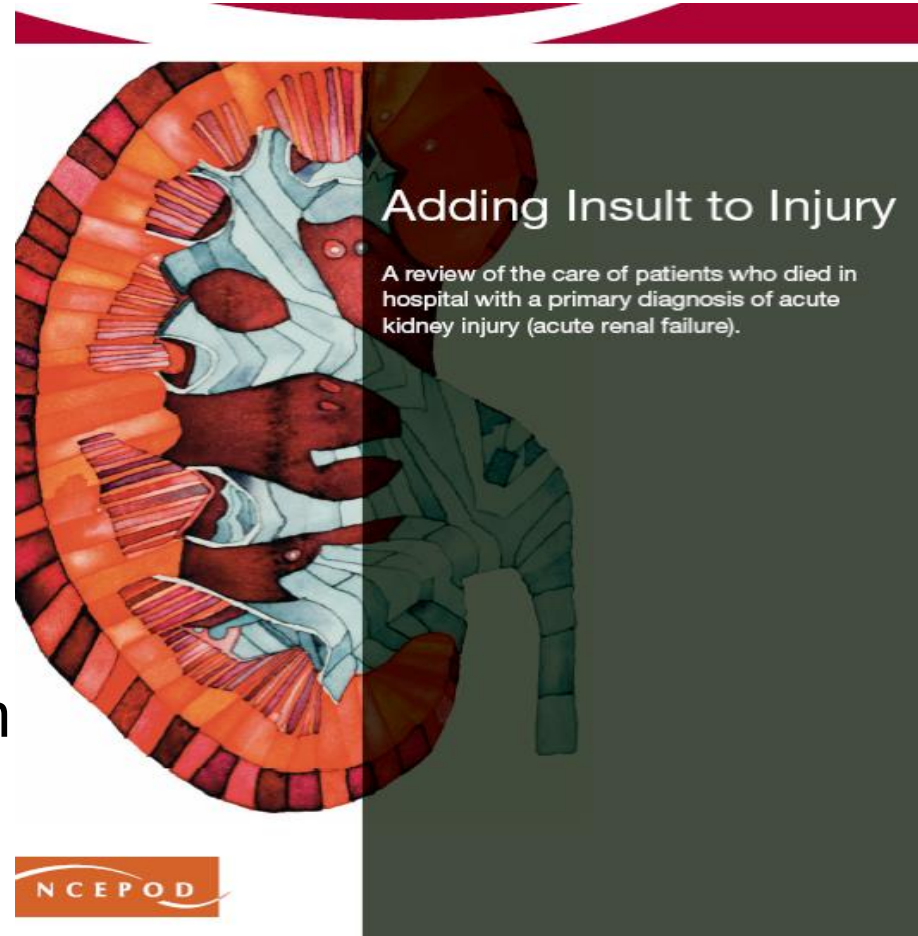
Poor assessment of risk for AKI
in acute illness

Delays in recognising AKI

Most patients with AKI are not
cared for by nephrologists

Post admission AKI avoidable in
21%

‘Good’ care in <50% cases



Acute kidney injury

Prevention, detection and management up to the point
of renal replacement therapy

Clinical guideline <CG 169>

Methods, evidence and recommendations

August 2013

Final draft

*Commissioned by the National Institute for
Health and Care Excellence*

52 Recommendations

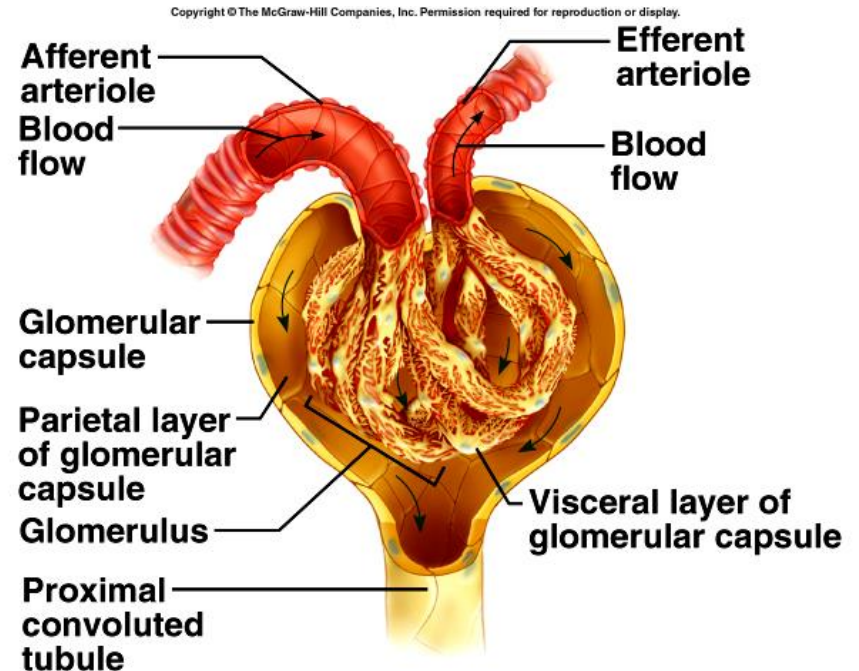
- 11 adult specific
- 6 paediatric specific
- 35 adult/paediatric

AKI not ARF: a spectrum of severity

Stage	RIFLE/pRIFLE criteria	AKIN criteria	KDIGO criteria	Urine output ^d
Risk or stage 1	eGFR decrease by $\geq 25\%$ <u>or</u> 50 - 99% Cr rise from baseline within 7 days ^g (1.50-1.99 $\times$ baseline)	Rise of $\geq 26 \mu\text{mol/L}^e$ within 48h <u>or</u> 50 - 99% Cr rise from baseline within 7 days ^g (1.50-1.99 $\times$ baseline)	Rise of $\geq 26 \mu\text{mol/L}^e$ within 48h <u>or</u> 50 - 99% Cr rise from baseline within 7 days ^g (1.50-1.99 $\times$ baseline)	< 0.5 ml/kg/h for more than 6h (8h for pRIFLE) ^f
Injury or stage 2	eGFR decrease by $\geq 50\%$ <u>or</u> 100 - 199% Cr rise from baseline within 7 days ^g (2.00-2.99 $\times$ baseline)	100 - 199% Cr rise from baseline within 7 days ^g (2.00-2.99 $\times$ baseline)	100 - 199% Cr rise from baseline within 7 days ^g (2.00-2.99 $\times$ baseline)	< 0.5 ml/kg/h for more than 12h (16h for pRIFLE) ^f
Failure or stage 3	eGFR decrease by $\geq 75\%$ <u>or</u> $\geq 200\%$ Cr rise from baseline within 7 days ^g ($\geq 3.00 \times$ baseline)	$\geq 200\%$ Cr rise from baseline within 7 days ^g ($\geq 3.00 \times$ baseline)	$\geq 200\%$ Cr rise from baseline within 7 days ^g ($\geq 3.00 \times$ baseline)	< 0.3 ml/kg/h for 24h or anuria for 12h
	<u>or</u> Cr rise to $\geq 354 \mu\text{mol/L}^h$ with acute rise of $\geq 44 \mu\text{mol/L}$	<u>or</u> Cr rise to $\geq 354 \mu\text{mol/L}^h$ with acute rise of $\geq 44 \mu\text{mol/L}$	<u>or</u> Cr rise to $\geq 354 \mu\text{mol/L}^h$ with acute rise of: $\geq 26 \mu\text{mol/L}$ within 48 h <u>or</u> $\geq 50\%$ rise within 7 days	
	or (pRIFLE only) eGFR <35 ml/min/1.73m ²	<u>or</u> any requirement for renal replacement therapy	<u>or</u> any requirement for renal replacement therapy	

Control of Filtration Rate

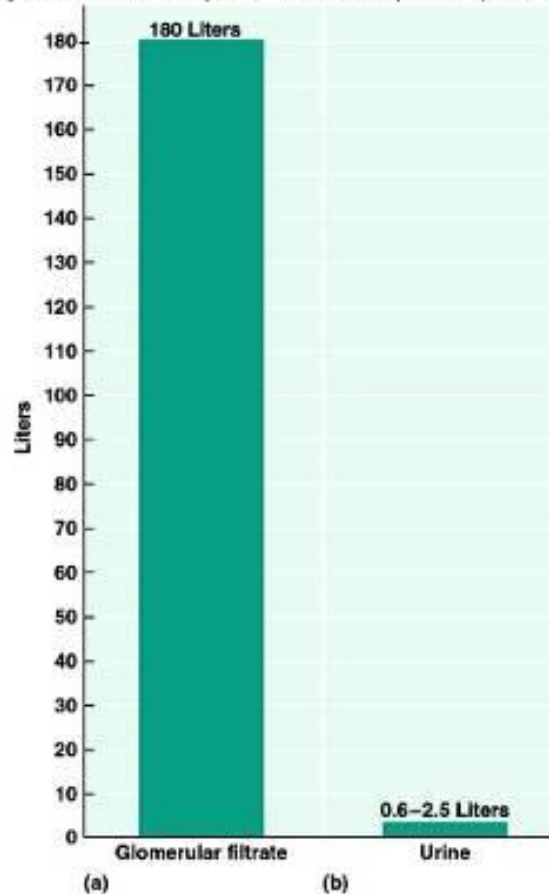
- Reduced GFR
 - afferent arteriolar constriction
 - All
 - Sympathetic nerve
 - Endothelin
- Increase GFR
 - vasodilating prostaglandins
- Autoregulation



Amounts of Glomerular Filtrate and Urine

average amounts over a 24 hour period

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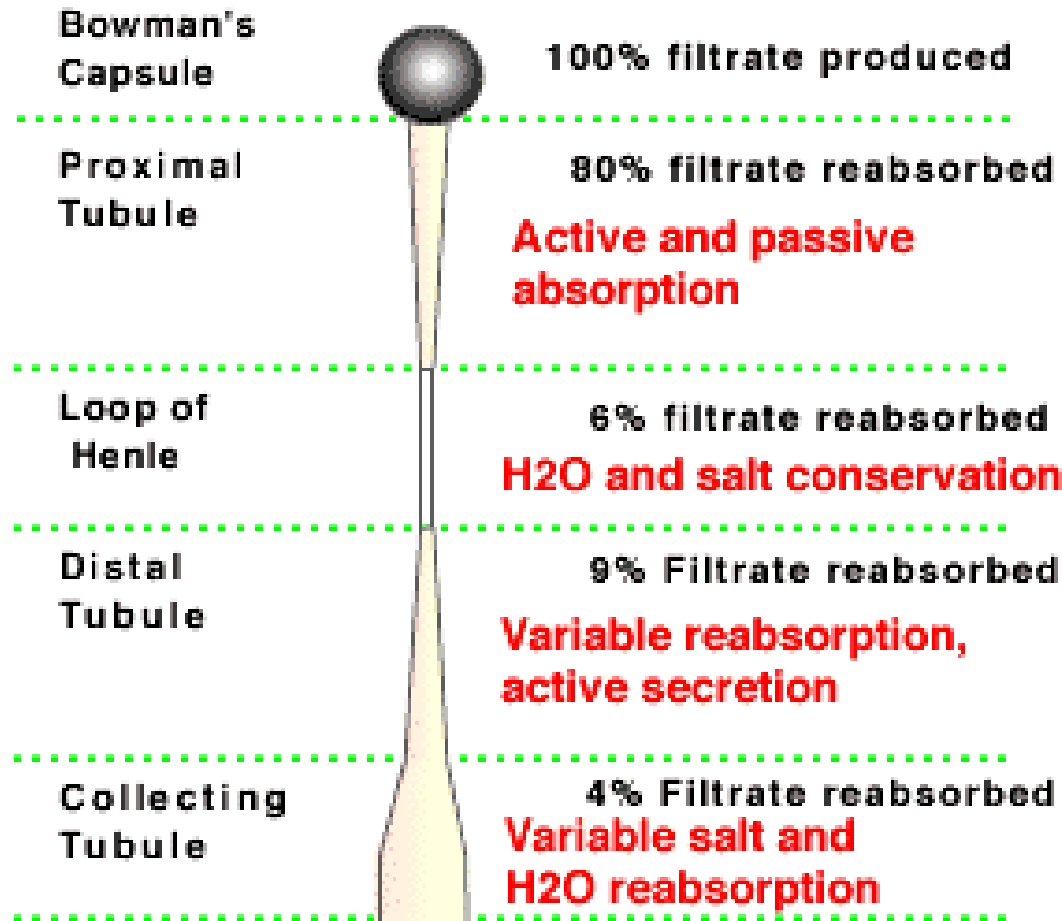


125 mls / min / 1.73 m²

180 litres / day

= normal GFR

Summary of nephron function



requires a healthy tubule!

Urine vol. = 1% total filtrate volume

Pathophysiology

- kidneys account for 0.5% body weight
- renal blood flow 20-25% of cardiac output
- high oxygen consumption but high blood flow

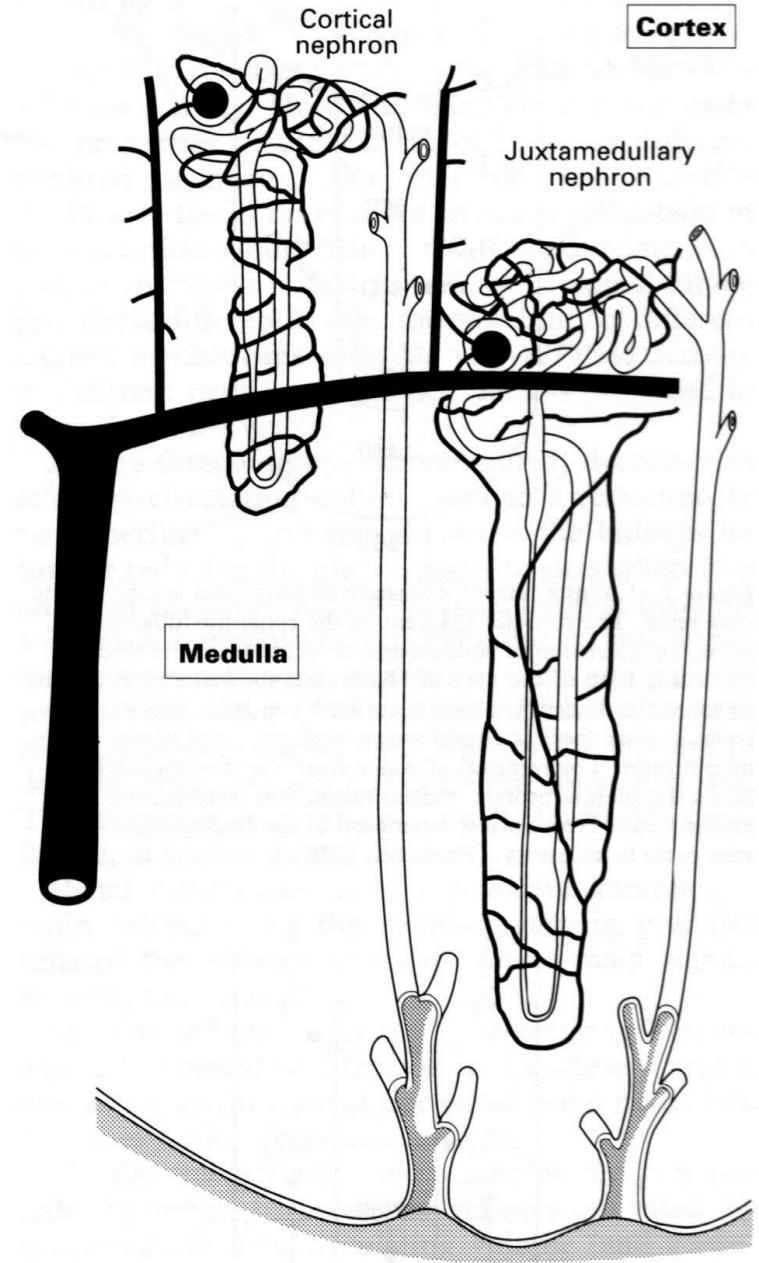
$$pO_{2art} = 95$$

$$pO_{2vein} = 70$$

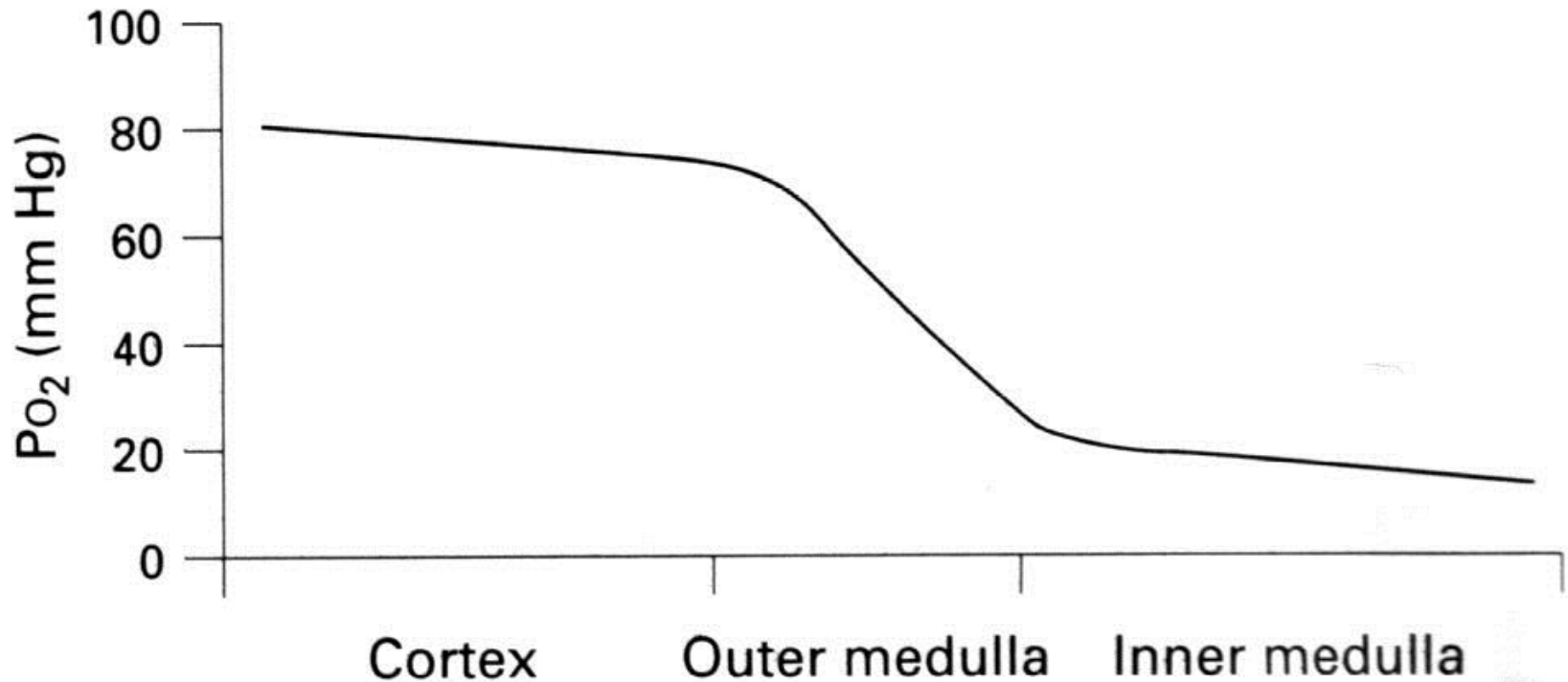
Why do the kidneys readily incur ischaemic damage in the face of an excellent blood supply?

Oxygen delivery

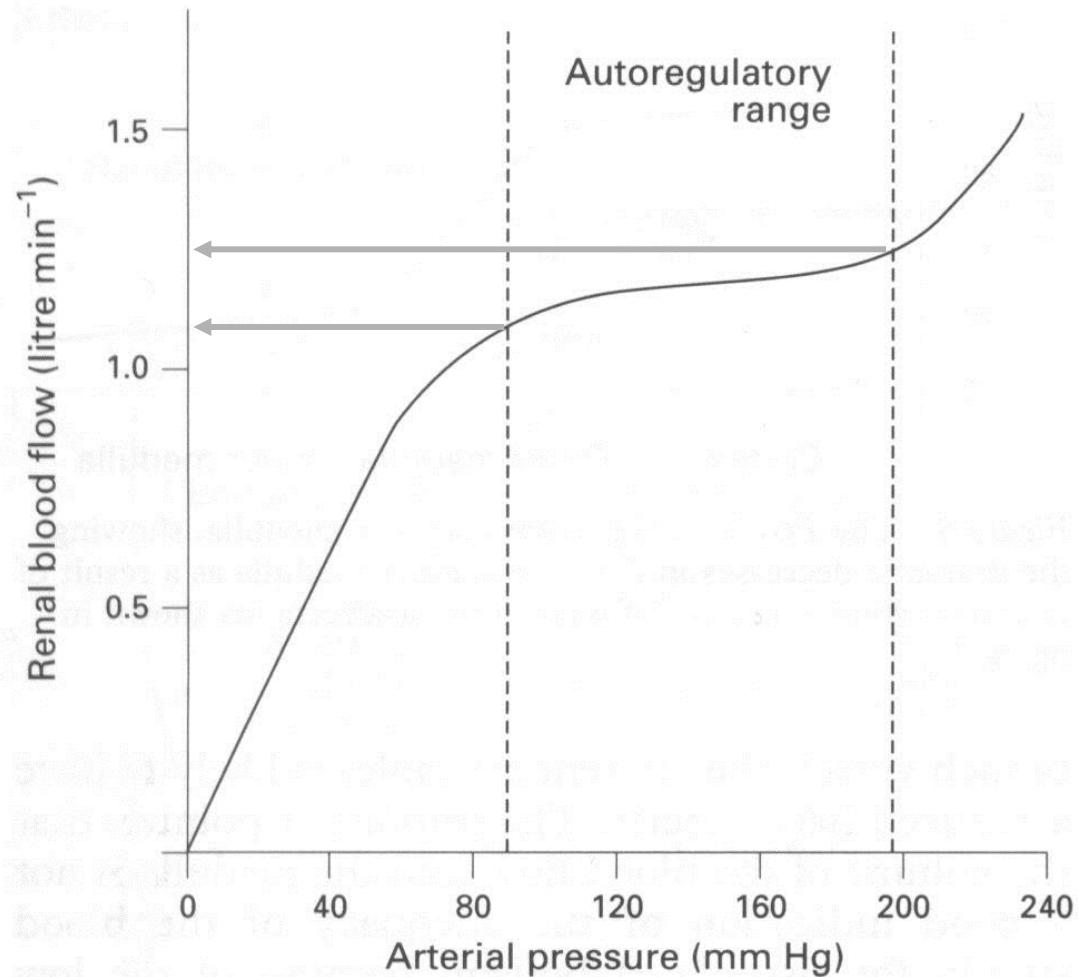
- plasma skimming ensures low haematocrit (10%) in vasa recta
- O_2 undergoes countercurrent exchange
- consequence is low O_2 delivery to medulla



Oxygen delivery - pO_2 from cortex to medulla



Renal autoregulation



severe hypovolaemia/
toxic insult

Acute renal *success*..

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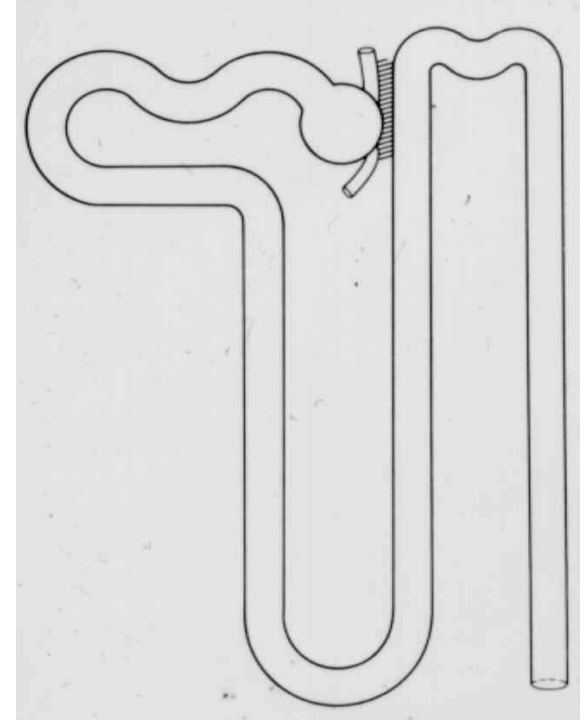
tubulo-glomerular feedback

arteriolar
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GFR

RECOVERY

up to 6 weeks



severe hypovolaemia/
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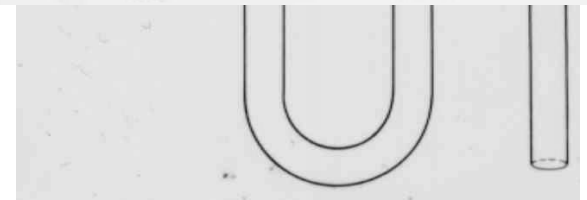
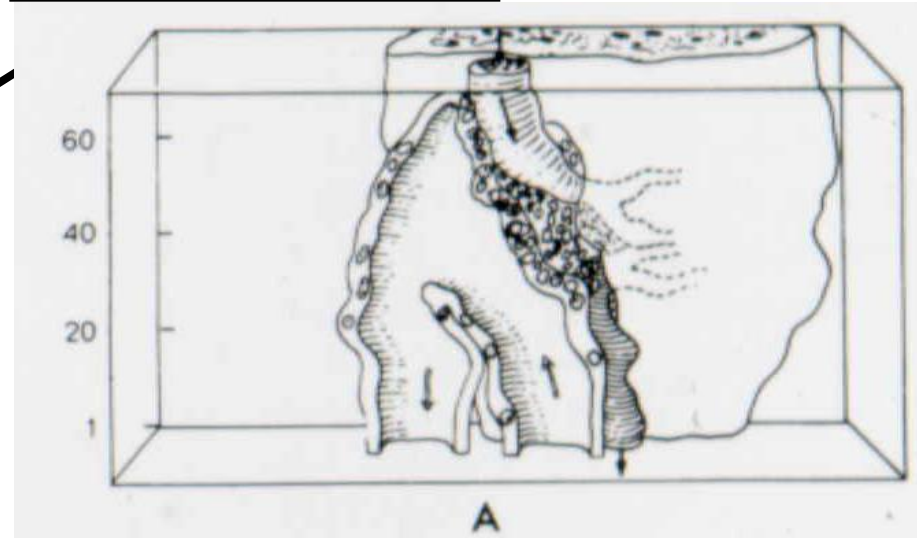
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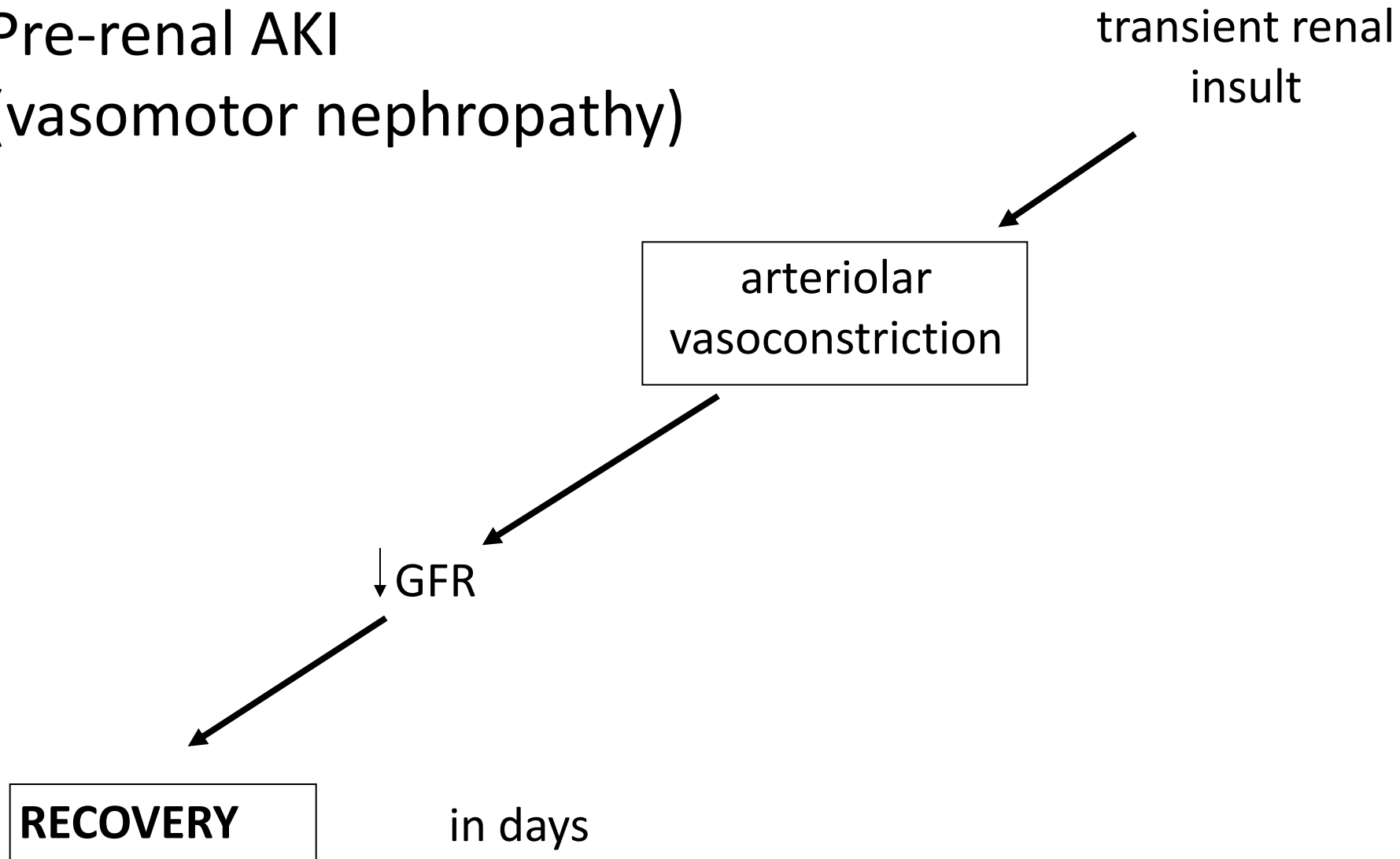
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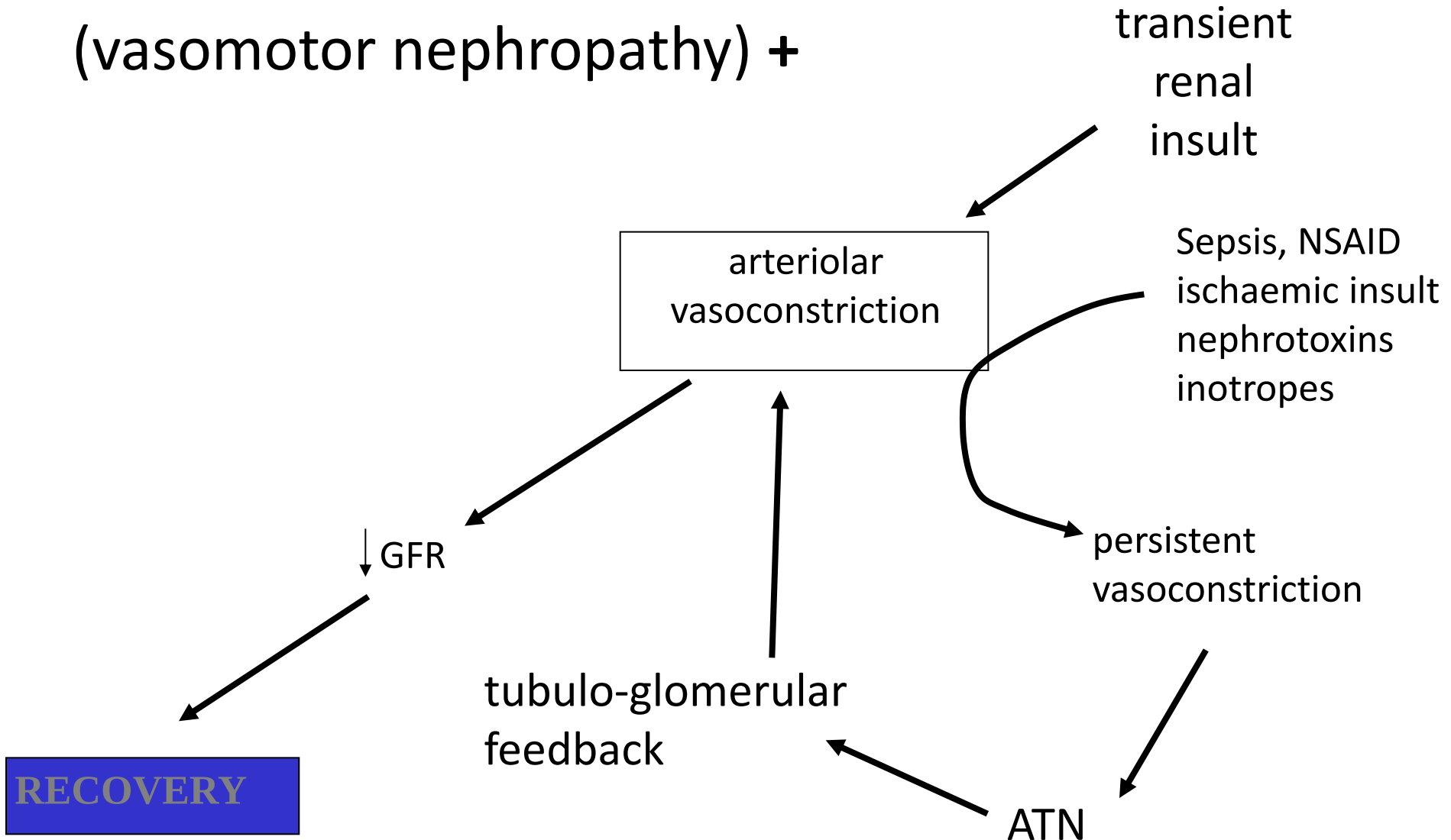
Acute renal *success*..



Pre-renal AKI (vasomotor nephropathy)



Pre-renal AKI (vasomotor nephropathy) +



Case 15 yr old male

- Attends ED 3 day h/o abdominal pain & loose stools
- **PEWS = 4 (no BP measured initially)**
 - Weight 47 Kg (51.1 kg 4 weeks before)
- at triage given
 - paracetamol 700 mg
 - ibuprofen 400mg
- Urine
 - brown/red in colour, SG 1.03, bld/prot +

Progress

- **Examination:**

- poor volume peripheral pulses, cool peripheries, sunken eyes, RIF pain
- BP 100/60 PEWS = 5 orange

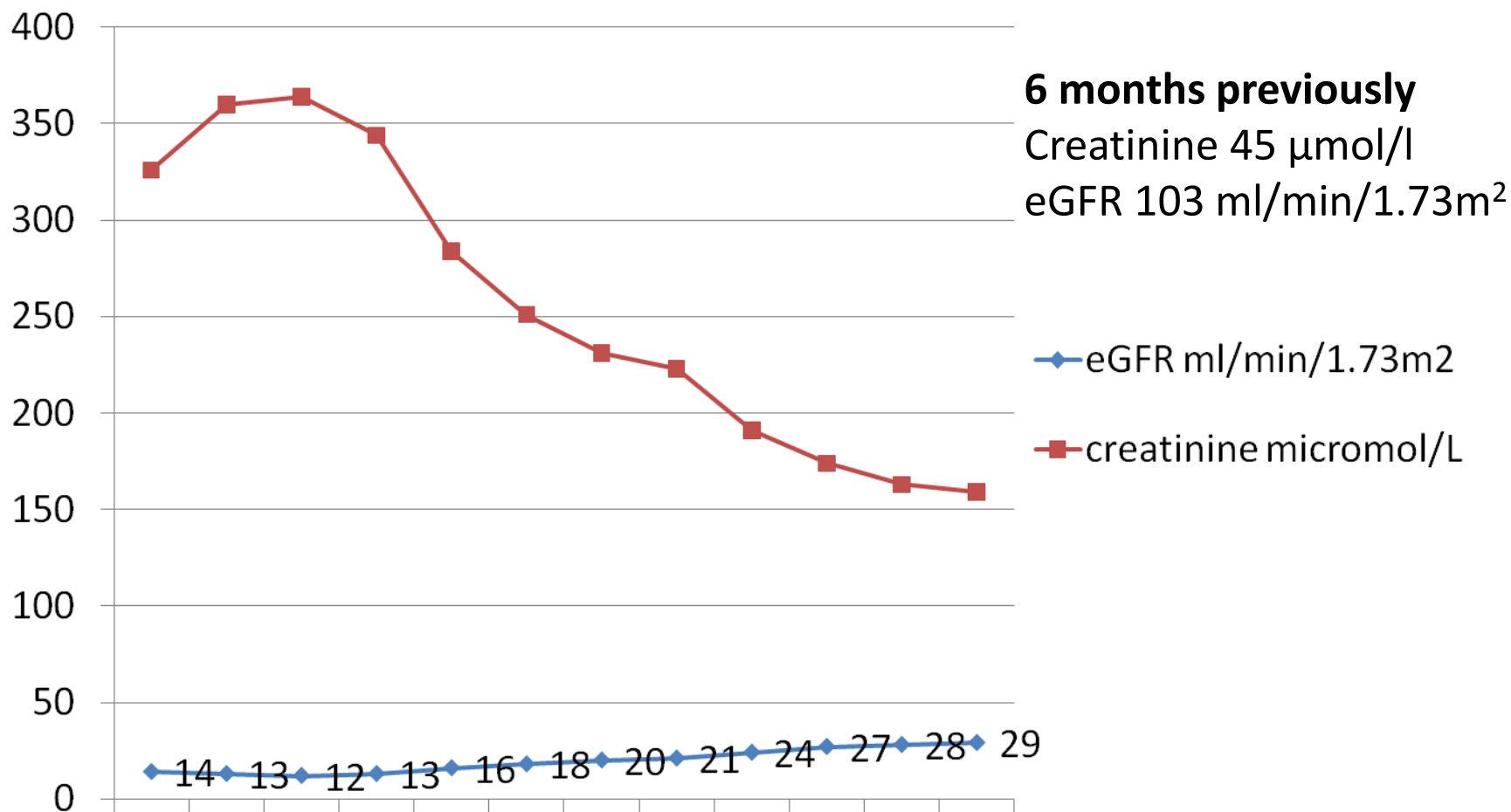
- **Impression:**

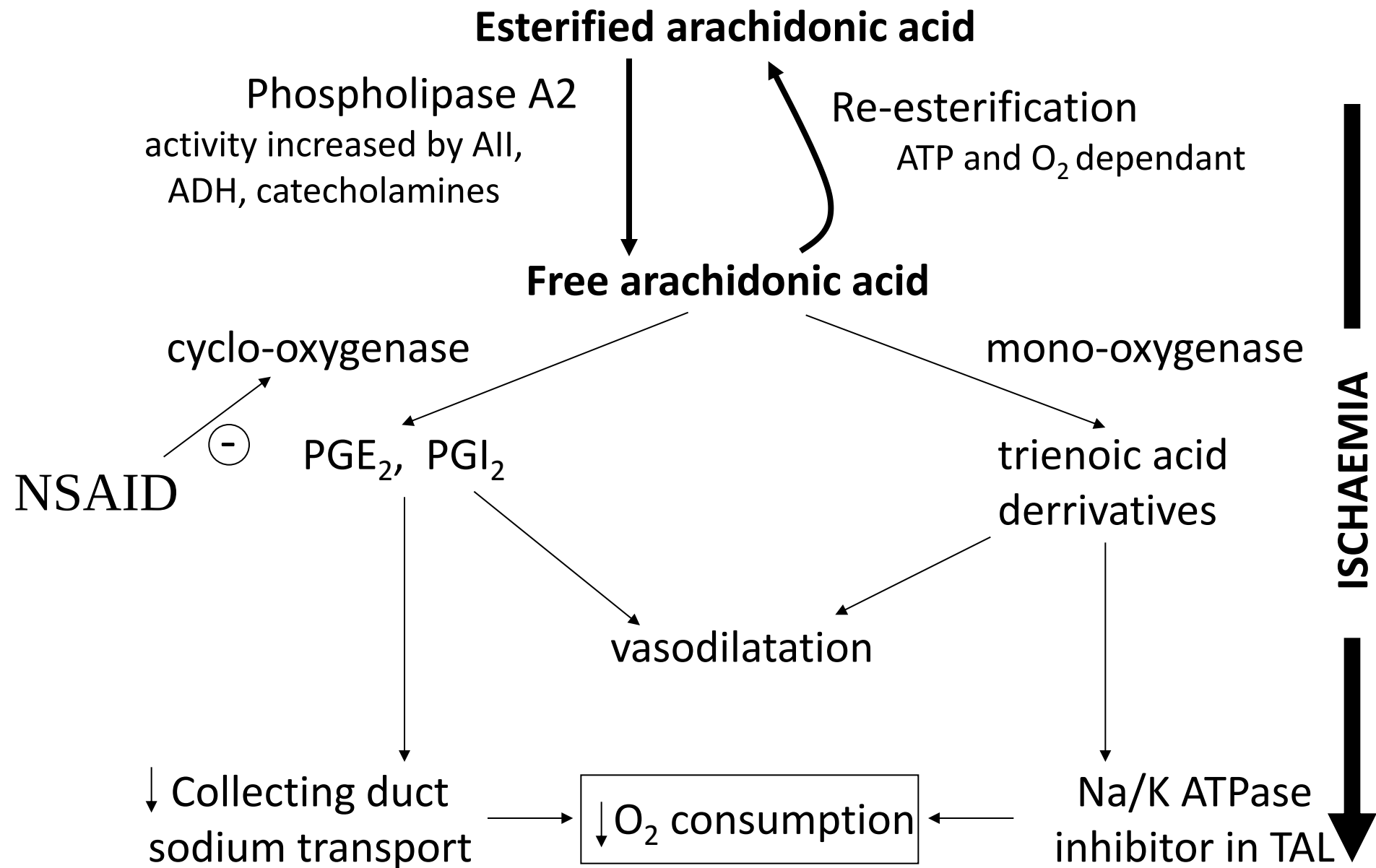
- unwell, dehydrated ?appendicitis +/- perforation

- **Plan :**

- IV access and bloods,
- 1000ml fluid bolus, reviewed by ED consultant

AKI progression over 2 weeks following admission

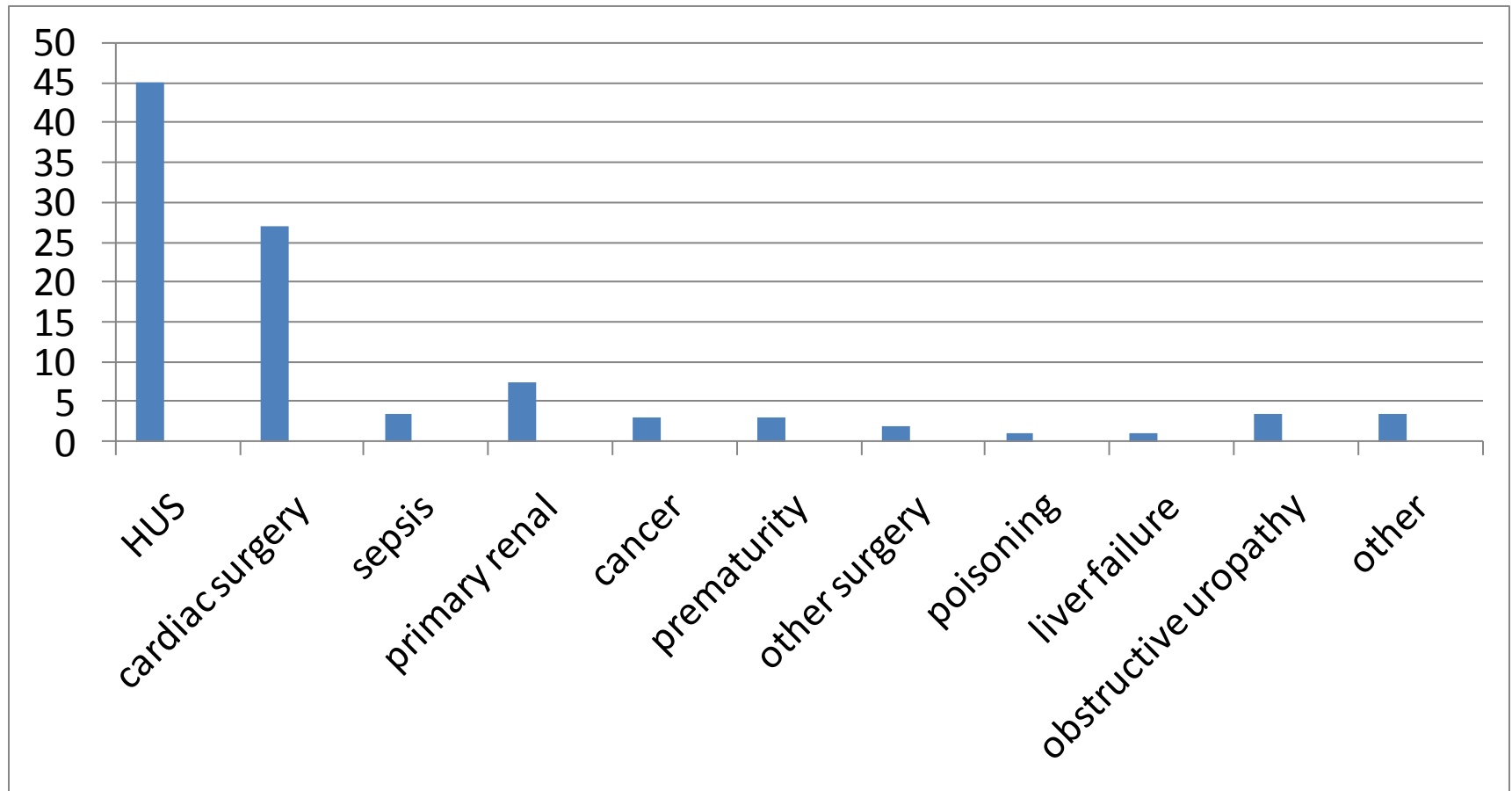




Is it AKI or CKD?

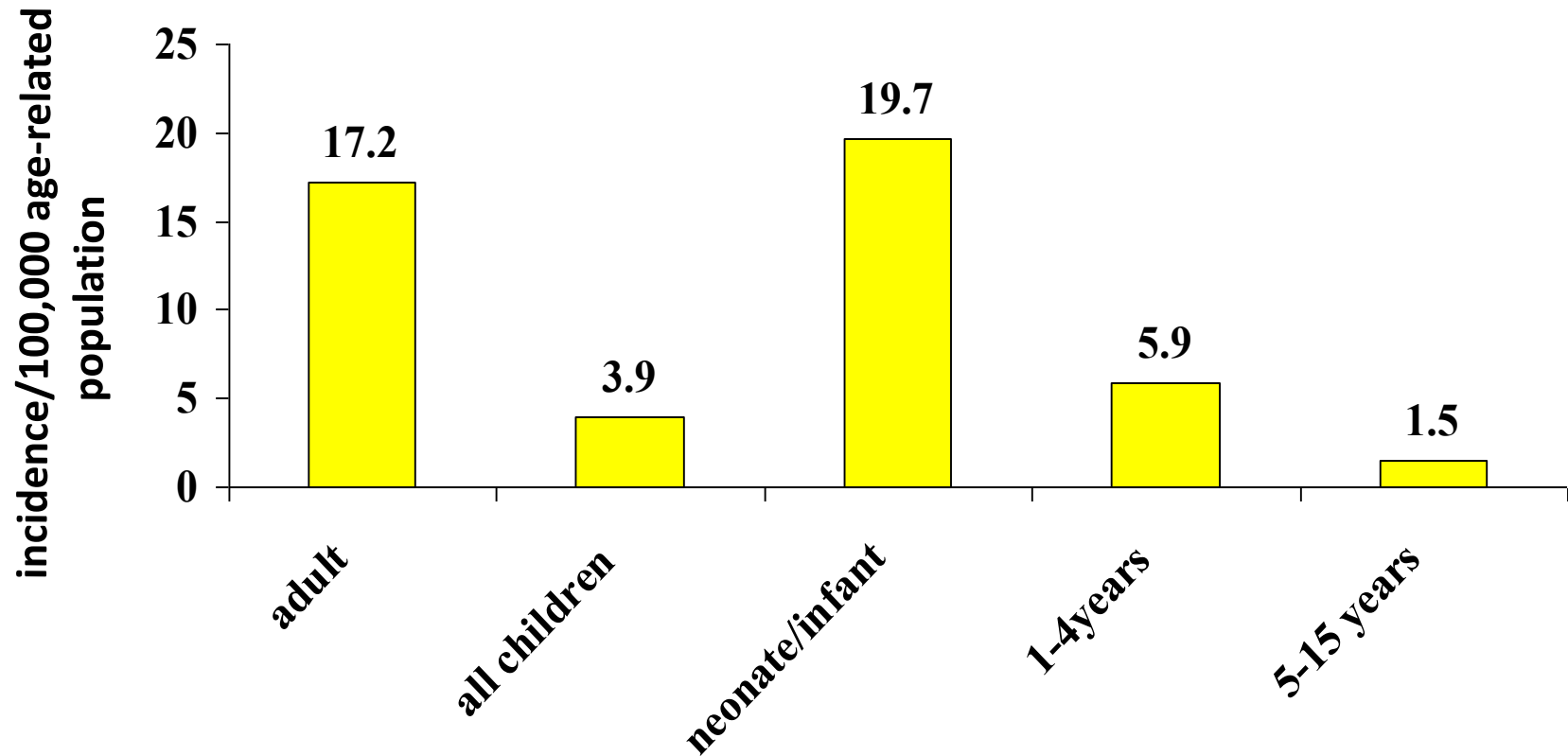
- Best discriminant renal USS
 - CKD: small kidneys, scarred kidneys, cysts, calculi
 - AKI: big, bright kidneys
 - Dilated urinary tract: CKD or AKI
- Blood results
 - anaemia: CKD, unless HUS
 - high phosphate: CKD
 - high PTH: CKD

All causes of AKI 3 (%)



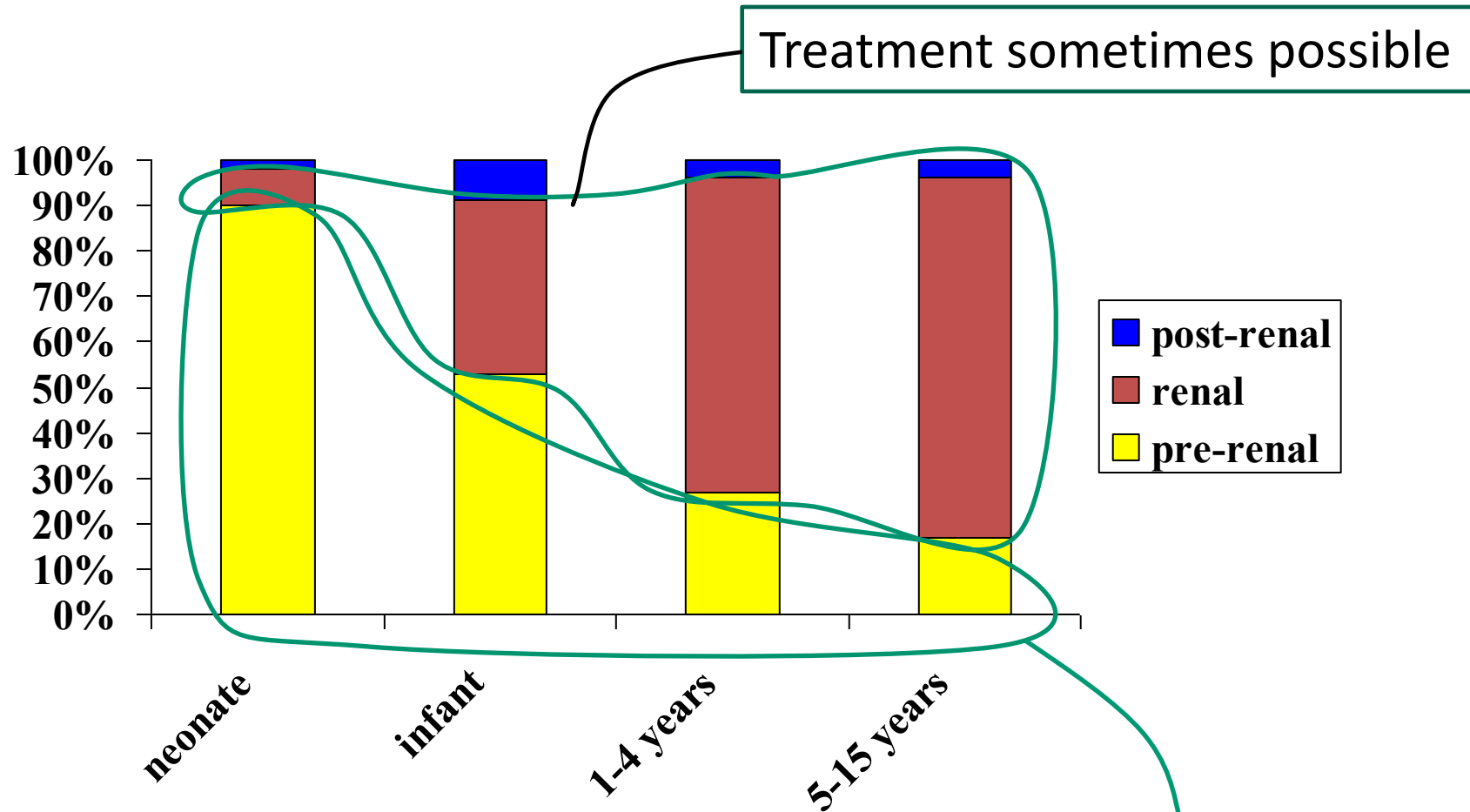
Moghal et al. Clin Nephrol 1998; 49:91

Effect of age on incidence of AKI 3



Moghal et al. Clin Nephrol 1998; 49:91

Aetiology of AKI 3 in children by age



Moghal et al. Clin Nephrol 1998; 49:91

prevention/amelioration
possible with early intervention

NICE guidance

1. Assessing risk of AKI

- CKD, heart failure, liver disease
- Previous AKI
- Oliguria (<0.5 ml/kg/hr)
- Neuro/developmental delay
- Hypovolaemia, hypotension
- Nephrotoxic drugs
- Urological obstruction
- Sepsis
- Deteriorating PEWS
- Severe diarrhoea/bloody diarrhoea
- Symptoms/signs of nephritis
- Haematological malignancy

Measure PCr and compare with baseline in acutely ill children

2. Detecting AKI

- Measure serum creatinine regularly in those with or at risk of AKI

3. Identify cause

- Identify cause of AKI and record in notes
- If no cause/risk of obstruction, undertake renal USS in less than 24 hours

4. Managing AKI

discuss with a paediatric nephrologist when:

- Possible diagnosis requiring specialist investigation/management eg vasculitis
- AKI with no clear cause
- When there is inadequate response to treatment
- Complications associated with AKI
- Stage 3 AKI (AKIN, pRIFLE, KDIGO)
- In a patient with a renal transplant
- In a patient with CKD 4 or 5

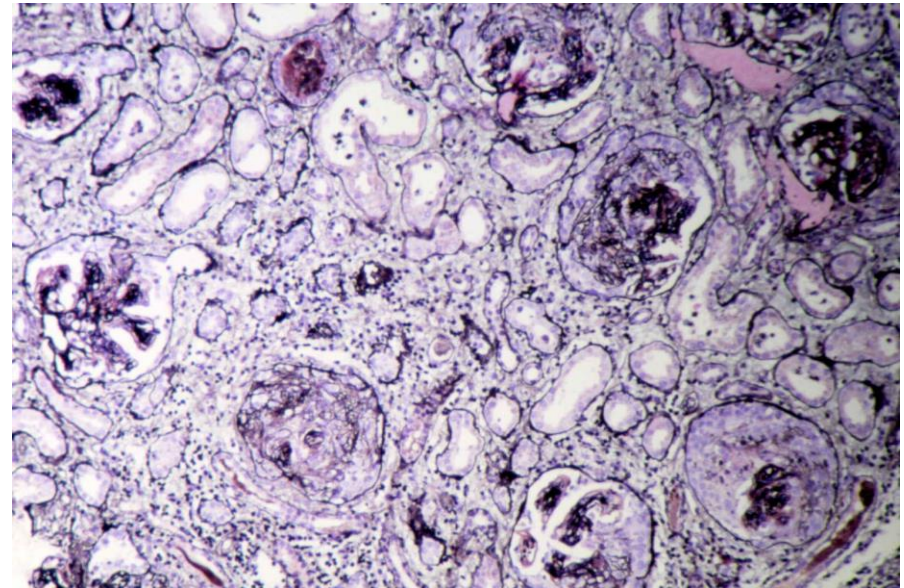
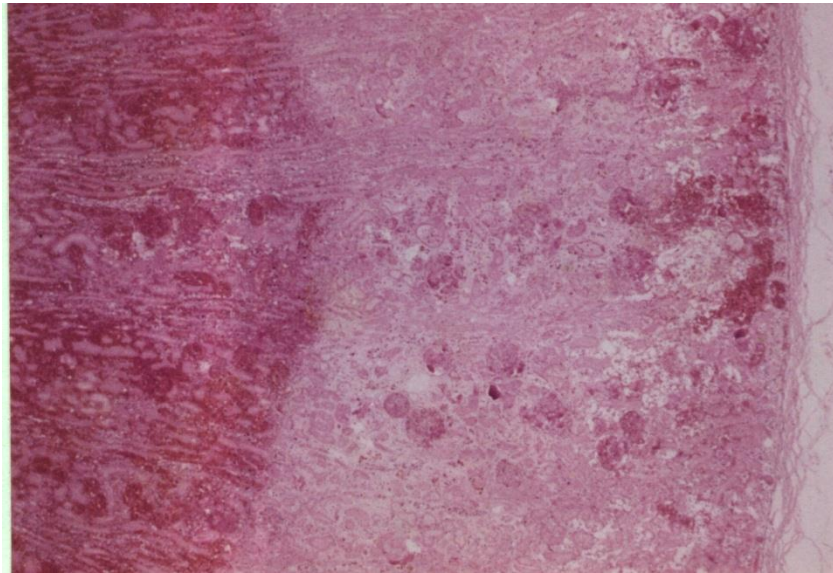
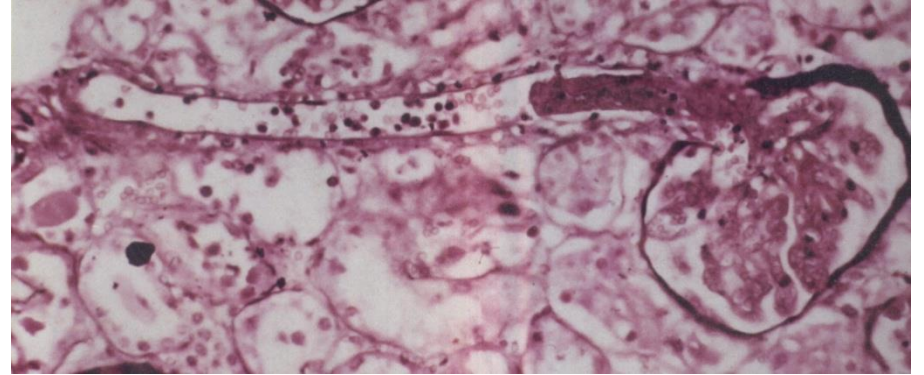
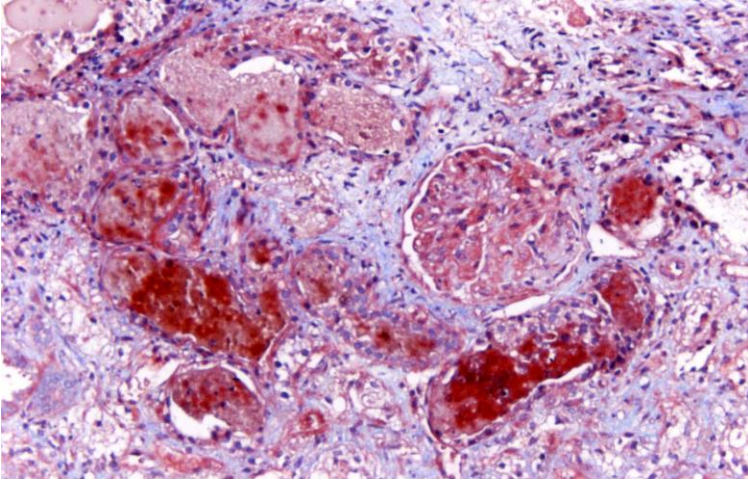
What also worries me.... (see NICE recommendation 45)

- Any stage of AKI +
 - hypertension
 - nephritic/nephrotic
 - other system involvement (esp lungs, skin, brain)

Prevention/amelioration of AKI

- Careful physiological monitoring of at risk patients
 - use PEWS to identify deterioration early
 - measure and record urine output
- Maintain/normalize
 - blood pressure, SaO_2 , glucose, lactate
- Accurate fluid balance, attention to nutrition
- Treat sepsis promptly and effectively
- Avoid NSAID, ACEi, ARB
- Avoid/minimise nephrotoxic drugs, inotropes

It's not possible when.....





NHS England Patient Safety Steering Group

AKI National Programme Board

Risk

Advisory Group

Education

Detection

Algorithm Sub-Group

Software Implementation Sub-Group

Best Practice in E-alert Group

Expert Reference Group

Intervention

Implementation

Measurement

Hydration Sub-Group



Detection workstream



Patient Safety Alert

Stage Three: Directive
Standardising the early
identification of
Acute Kidney Injury
9 June 2014

Alert reference number: NHS/PSA/D/2014/010

Alert stage: Three - Directive

National patient safety data tells us that patients are dying and suffering severe harm due to a delay in detecting Acute Kidney Injury (AKI). AKI often occurs without causing any symptoms or signs and its presence frequently goes unrecognised by patients and doctors alike.

"A patient with a complex physical and mental health background became unwell over a weekend. Despite persistent hypotension there was no record of fluid balance. Bloods were delayed until late Sunday night, indicating acute kidney injury. Acute kidney injury not recognised or commented on until mid way through the following day. Medications given to the patient over the weekend included drugs contraindicated in renal failure. The patient was admitted to ICU and on admission was unconscious/shocked. There were multiple systematic failures in the management of this patient including a life threatening delay in critical care of >12 hours and systems failure in the recognition of deteriorating patients."

Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) is a sudden reduction in kidney function. Complex long term medical conditions, medication and intercurrent illness are often complicated by AKI. It is estimated that 1 in 5 emergency admissions into hospital are associated with AKI, prolonging inpatient care and contributing to 100,000 deaths in secondary care. National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD) estimated that one quarter to one third of cases have the potential to be prevented.

A national algorithm, standardising the definition of AKI has now been agreed. This provides the ability to ensure that a timely and consistent approach to the detection and diagnosis of patients with AKI is taken across the NHS.

This algorithm has been endorsed by NHS England and it is recommended that the algorithm is implemented across the NHS. When integrated into a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) the algorithm will identify potential cases of AKI from laboratory data in real time and produce a test result. The laboratory system will then send the test result, using existing IT connections to patient management systems.

NHS England in partnership with the UK Renal Registry has launched a National AKI Prevention Programme which will include the development of tools and interventions. A priority for the Programme is the development and adoption of e-alert systems, based on the test result, which will proactively notify clinicians when a patient has AKI, supporting implementation of AKI NICE guidance (CG169).

Although primary care is an important focus for detection and prevention of AKI, it is anticipated that AKI results will be sent to primary care in a second phase of the programme. Meanwhile Trusts are expected to discuss with primary care representatives the management of AKI test results, particularly at times when deputizing services are providing medical cover.

Further support will be provided by the National Programme as exemplar e-alerting system are developed: www.england.nhs.uk/AKIProgramme

The AKI detection algorithm can be found at the following link:
www.england.nhs.uk/aki-algorithm

Actions

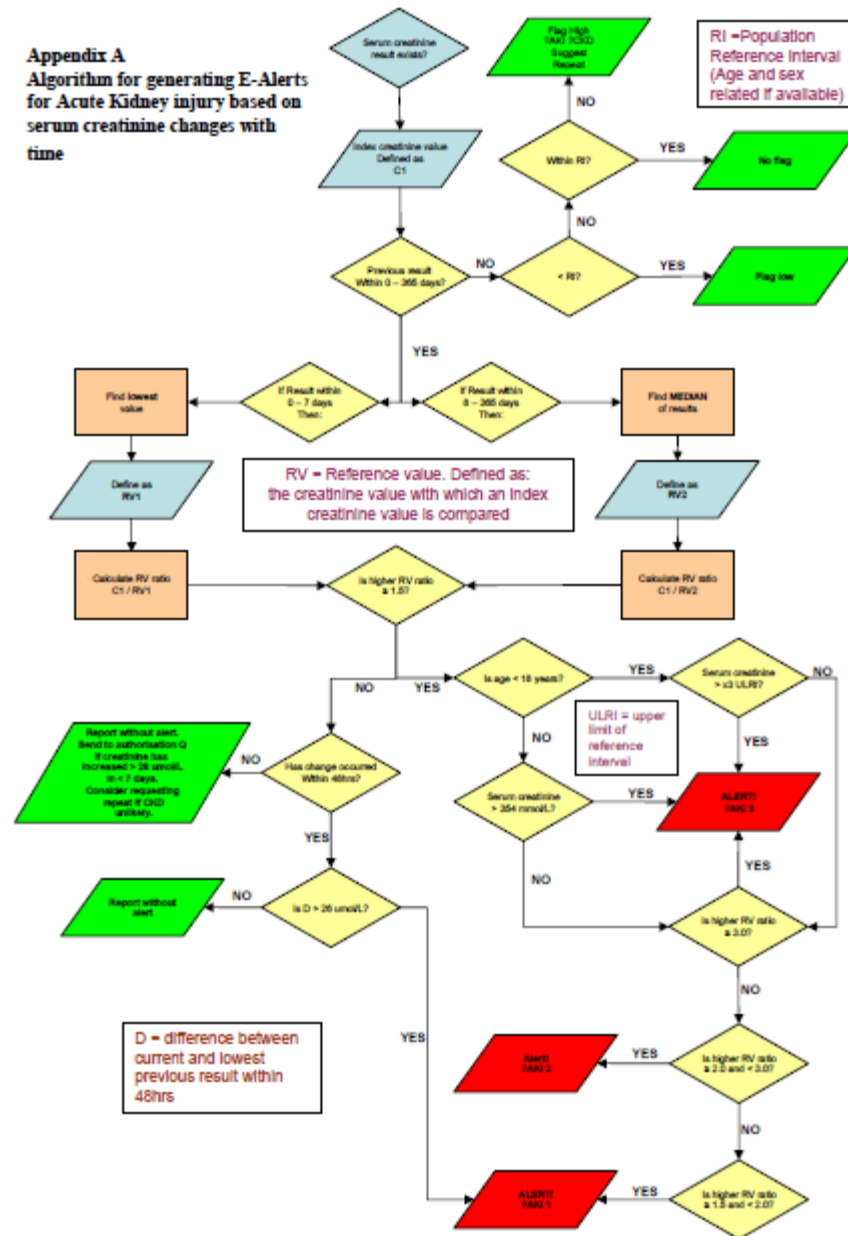
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trusts providing
pathology services

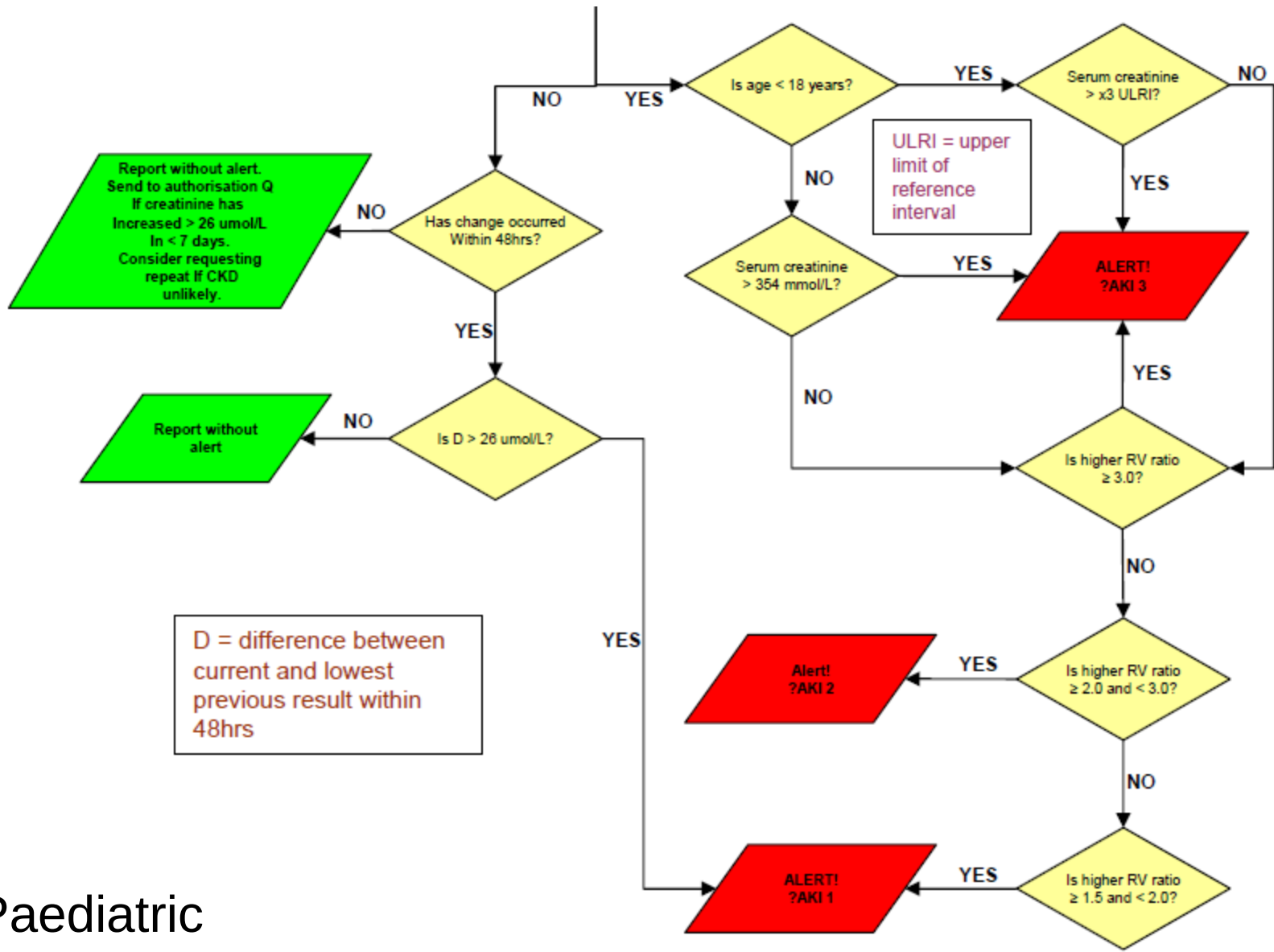
When: By 9 March 2015

- 1 Bring this alert to the Director of Pathology/IT with responsibility for the upgrading of LIMS systems
- 2 Work with local LIMS supplier to integrate AKI algorithm into LIMS system
- 3 Work with local LIMS supplier to ensure the test result goes to local Patient management systems and into a data message sent to a central point for national monitoring purposes
- 4 Communicate with appropriate primary care providers to ensure they seek advice if test results are received
- 5 Regularly access NHS England AKI website where additional resources and information will be provided as developed

Supporting information
For further information to support the implementation of this alert go to www.england.nhs.uk/aki-algorithm

Appendix A
Algorithm for generating E-Alerts
for Acute Kidney injury based on
serum creatinine changes with
time

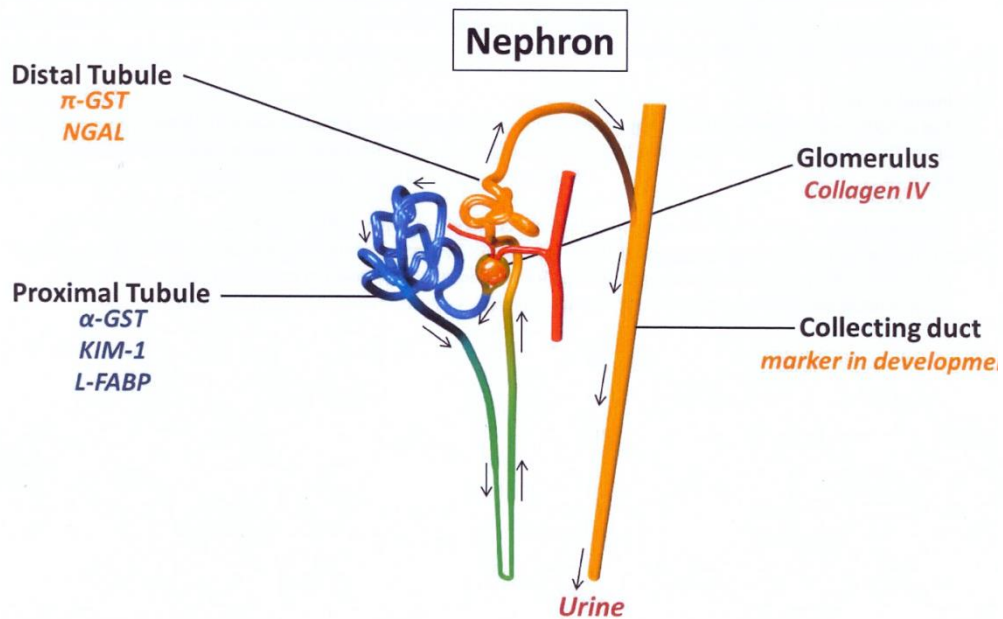




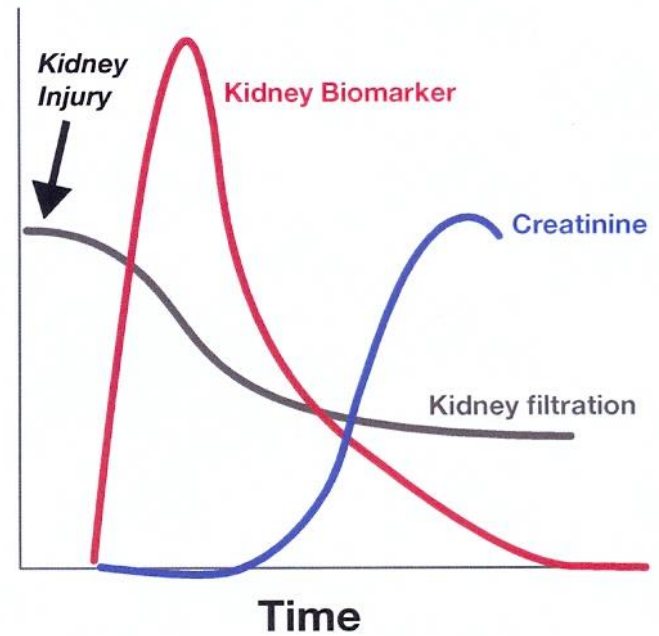
Paediatric
guidelines to be developed

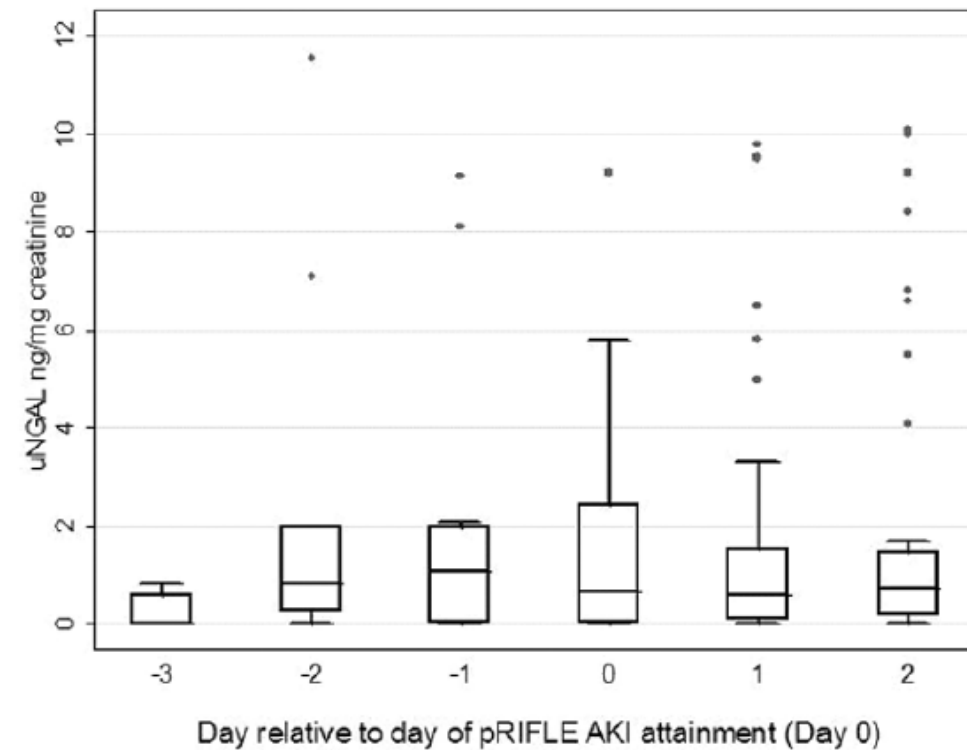
Emerging strategies in AKI

- clinical scoring to identify patients at risk, compare therapies
 - RIFLE/pRIFLE/AKIN/KDIGO
- biomarkers
 - NGAL, IL-18, KIM-1
 - will differ in
 - disease specificity (eg sepsis)
 - time course (early v. late)
 - prognostic value (acute or long term)

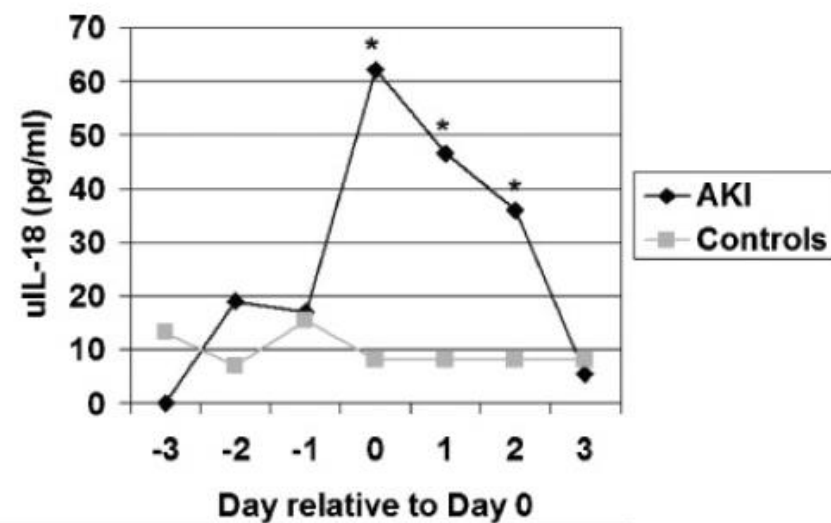


Response Time Kidney Markers





Zappitelli et al Critical Care 2007; 11: R84



Day	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
AKI patients (n)	5	9	13	20	47	45	49
Controls (n)	18	34	52	65	63	65	65

Washburn et al. NDT 2008;
23:566

Conclusions – AKI

- AKI is often part of MODS
- AKI may be prevented/ameliorated if recognised early and appropriate steps taken
- Early AKI can be successfully managed conservatively if recognised early
- ‘uraemia’ or plasma creatinine alone is seldom an indication for RRT – fluid balance, acidosis or electrolyte imbalance more important

Questions/comments

Urine output in AKI

- Urine output is more sensitive to changes in renal function than biochemical markers.
- It is not specific except when severely decreased or absent. Severe AKI can exist despite normal urine output (high output AKI)
- Changes in urine output often occur before biochemical changes are apparent.

Diuretic Effects in ARF

- Diuretics have been commonly used to enhance urine output, and convert oliguric to non-oliguric ARF
- Despite the frequent use of diuretics there is no evidence that this intervention shortens the duration of ARF, reduces the need for dialysis or improves outcomes in patients with ARF.
- Loop diuretics might even be deleterious for the kidney because they disturb the protective corticomedullary redistribution of blood flow

Indications for RRT

- fluid overload with oliguria
- electrolyte imbalance (K^+)
- acidosis
- control of urea, creatinine = 'uraemia'
- removal of 'toxins'
 - metabolic eg ammonia
 - drugs, myoglobin, cytokines

Emerging strategies in AKI

- **Tubular obstruction**

- rasburicase (synthetic urate oxidase)
- synthetic RDG peptides (anti-integrin therapy)

- **Tubular cell regeneration/protection**

- IGF-1
- erythropoietin
- stem cell transfusion

- **Blood flow**

- vasodilating prostaglandins (PGE2, PGI)
- synthetic ANP (anaritide)
- anti-endothelin
- ROS/peroxynitrile scavengers
- iNOS inhibitor
- theophylline (may block adenosine receptor)
- fenoldopam (DA-1 receptor agonist)

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EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

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Acute kidney injury in children: the dawn of a new era

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