Other Questions

Pathophysiology of DKD



- Hyperfiltration
 - Haemodynamic changes
 - RAAS activation
 - Afferent arteriole dilatation
- Glucose-dependent shear stress
- Renal hypertrophy
 - Hyperglycaemia stimulates IGF-1, PDGF, VEGF & Ang II
- Glomerular enlargement

Podocyte Effacement

Non-diabetic

Diabetic



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Transplantation Benefits



Ojo, J Am Soc Neph, 2001;12:589

Transplant Register Waiting times

- Average wait for Kidney only approx 500 days
- Longer for BAME recipients aim for LDTx as better outcomes

Tier grouping

Tier A	Patients with matchability score = 10* or	
	Patients with 100% calculated reaction frequency* or	
	Patients that have accrued 7 years of waiting time	
Tier B	All other eligible patients	

*(based on comparison with pool of 10,000 donor HLA types on national database)

Tier A includes kidney only, simultaneous kidney/pancreas (SPK) and simultaneous kidney/islet (SIK) patients meeting the criteria. Patients waiting for a SPK or SIK are eligible to accept the offer of a kidney only. Within Tier A, patients are prioritised according to matchability score and waiting time.

Tier B includes kidney only patients. Within Tier B, patients are prioritised according to a pointsbased system (highest score first), based on 8 elements, these include:

- · Waiting time from earliest of start of dialysis or activation on the list
- Donor-recipient risk index combinations
- HLA match and age combined
- Location of patient relative to donor
- Matchability
- Donor-recipient age difference
- Total HLA mismatch
- Blood group match

SGLT2i in Transplant patients

 Assessment of primary and secondary outcomes, specificity analysis, and outcome controls in SGLT-2i users (n = 1970) versus non-users (n = 1970) among diabetic KTR.



aHR [95%CI]

Sheu, JY. et al. Nat Commun 15, 10043 (2024). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-024-54171-8

Stopping ARB/ACEi?

- Variable practice across different trusts
- Stop if developing refractory hyperkalaemia (consider using Lokelma to allow continuation)
- Some would argue continuing even down to starting dialysis depending on indication for initiation i.e. post-MI remodeling, hypertension

STOP ACEi

- 411 patients
 - eGFR < 30 (median 18)</p>
 - randomized to continue RAASi or stop
 - followed up 3 monthly for 3 years
 - primary outcome was eGFR at 3 years

- i.e. no significant difference between groups.
- Adverse events were the same in both groups.

STOP ACEi

Renal-Replacement Therapy or End-Stage Kidney Disease



Bhandari, Sunil, et al. STOP-ACEi trial. *Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation* 31.2 (2016): 255-261.



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Glucose in Dialysis

Missed insulin doses Uraemia-induced insulin resistance Reduced insulin clearance Reduction in Gluconeogenesis HIGH Hypoglycaemia in 3rd hour of HD LOW

Peritoneal Dialysis – ISPD guidelines

- HbA1c monitored every 3 months (1C)
- HbA1c be targeted around 7% (53 mmol/mol) in PD patients with diabetes (2D)
 - may be up to 8.5% (69 mmol/mol) in older PD patients with diabetes. (2D)
- Once daily icodextrin be considered as the long-dwell dialysis solution in PD patients with diabetes for better glycemic control. (2C)

Wang, Angela Yee Moon, et al. "ISPD cardiovascular and metabolic guidelines in adult peritoneal dialysis patients part I ¹/₂ Peritoneal Dialysis International 35.4 (2015): 379-387.

Pregnancy, DM and Renal disease

- Extremely specialised
- Must involved multiple specialties and requires frequent monitoring



Figure. Mean Serum Creatinine Concentrations With 50th, 75th, and 95th Percentile Values Among 243 534 Women With Singleton Pregnancies and Apparently Healthy Renal Function

A, Dashed curves indicate upper and lower 95% CI bounds. B, Values adjacent to each curve indicate the percentile-specific corresponding serum creatinine values at each time point. To convert creatinine values to mg/dL, divide by 88.4.

JAMA 2019 Jun 4;321(21):2136

Pregnancy & Renal disease

Foetal and maternal complications			
anaemia	placental detachment	polyhydramnios	
infections	haemorrhage	low birth weight	
premature rupture of membranes	uncontrolled arterial hypertension	small for gestational age	
preeclampsia/ eclampsia	need for a caesarean section	miscarriage	
pre-term birth	maternal death	stillbirth	

Recommendations: Goals during pregnancy

- Close control of urea <12.5mmol/L
- Phosphate and magnesium supplementation
- Bicarbonate (>20 mmol/L)
- Avoidance of abnormal K+ and Ca++
- Blood pressure <140/90, avoid intradialytic BP <120/70
- Frequent weight and fluid assessment
- Anaemia (>10 g/dL). Iron and EPO
- Heparin as needed during HD
- LMWH if urine PCR >150mg/mmol high thrombo-embolic risk
- Aspirin for pre-eclampsia prevention
- Folate and multi-vitamins supplementation
- Adaption of protein to 1.5-1.8 g/kg(or 20 g supplementation) for foetal growth and sufficient calorieintake
- Avoidance of teratogenic drugs
- Diabetes HbA1c<6.5–7 %

MDT management

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