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Acute Kidney Injury in Cancer

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OBJECTIVES

- Provide an overview of anti-cancer agents and their associated nephrotoxicities
- Review mechanisms of renal injury with anti-cancer agents
- Review clinical and basic research literature using an evidence-based approach.
- Discuss the prevention and management of nephrotoxicity from anti-cancer agents



Renal Impairment in Cancer patients

Rates of AKI in cancer patients are higher than non-cancer patients¹

- 1 yr risk: 17.5%
- 5 yr risk: 27%

Cancer patients with AKI²

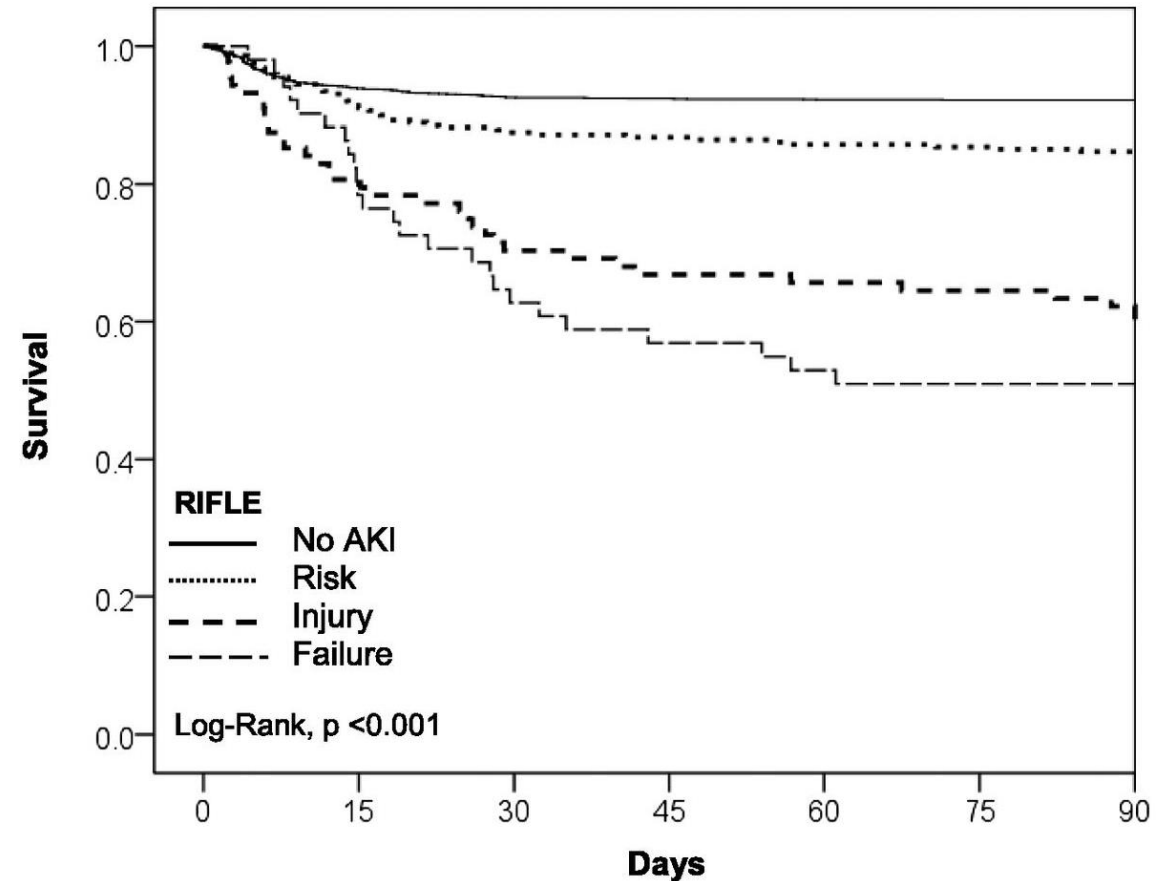
- ↑mortality, inferior outcomes overall
- Stage of AKI confers high relative risk for mortality

AKI associated with worse malignancy outcomes in newly diagnosed hematologic malignancies³

- Lower 6 month CRR (39% in AKI group vs 68% in non-AKI group)
- 14.6% patients received suboptimal chemotherapy doses

Renal impairment often excludes patients from large prospective studies, clinical trials

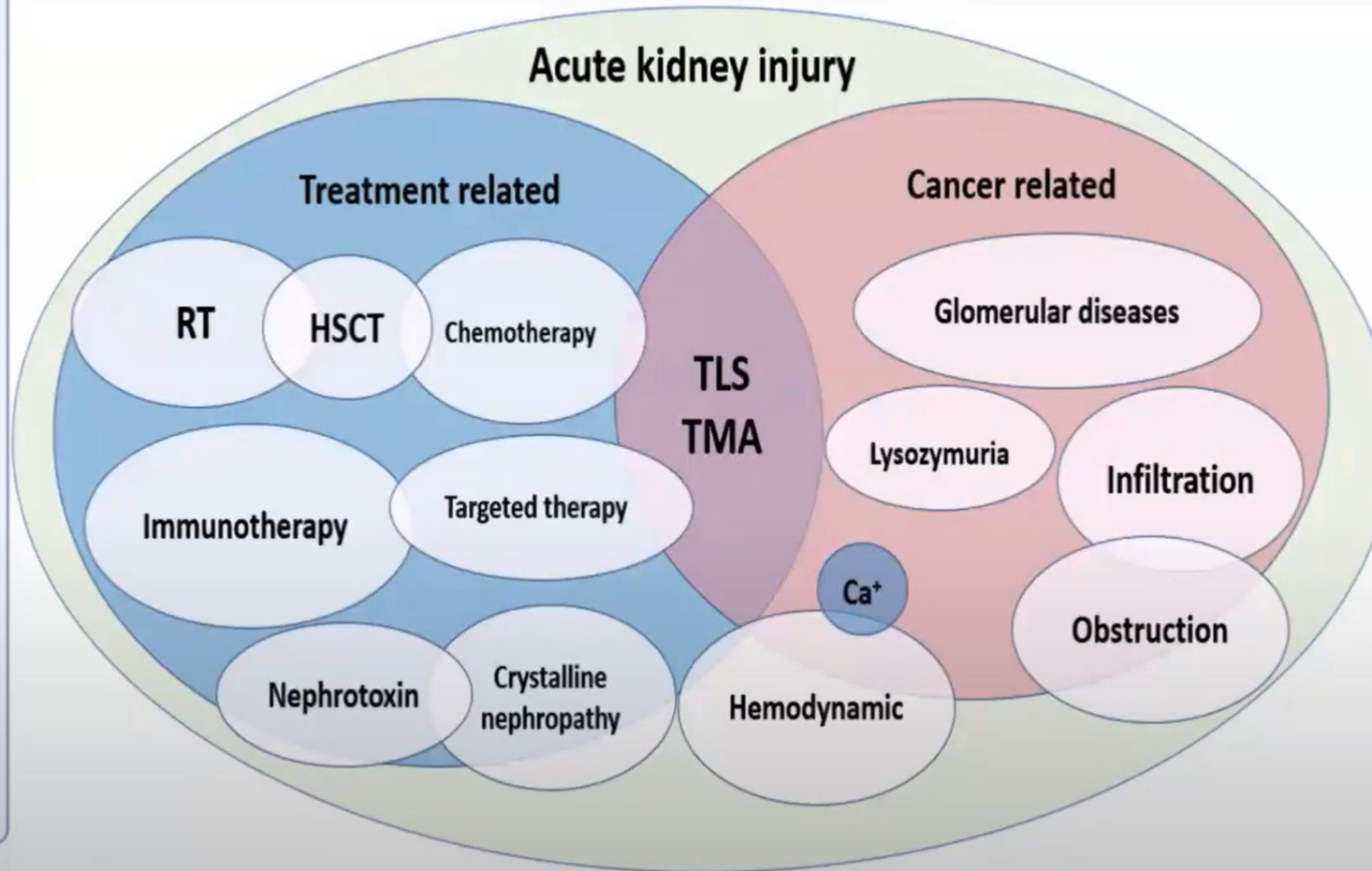
- Limits therapeutic options for our cancer patients



AKI in Cancer Patients

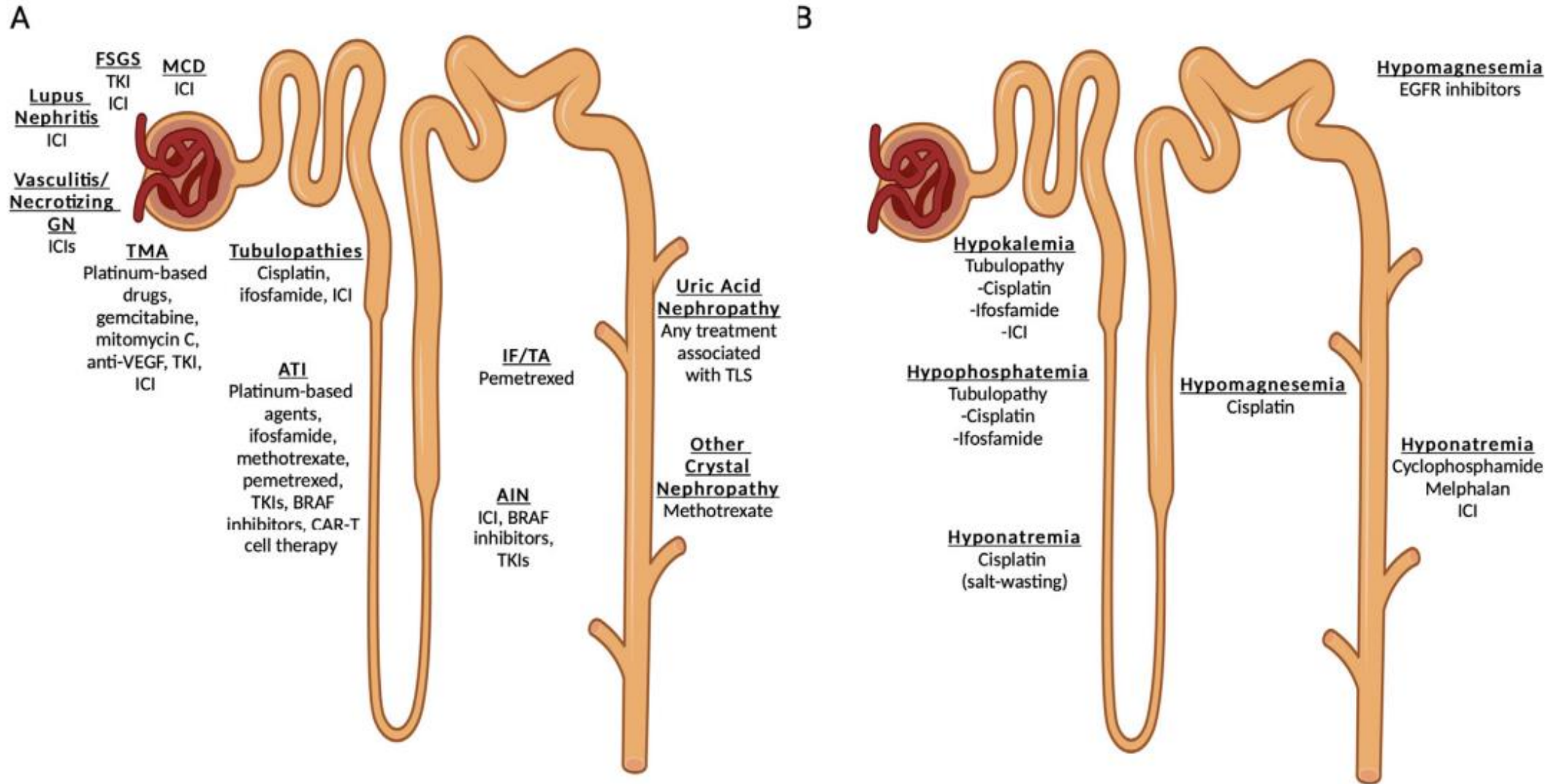
Cancer specific factors

RCC
 Post nephrectomy
 Hematological malignancies
 Obstructive nephropathy
 Hepatopoietic stem cell
 transplant (HSCT)
 Hypercalcemia of malignancy
 (Ca⁺)
 Nephrotoxic chemotherapy
 Paraneoplastic glomerular
 diseases
 Tumor lysis syndrome (TLS)
 Neutropenic sepsis



Patient Specific Factors

Age > 65 years
 Baseline CKD
 Diabetes mellitus
 Hypertension
 Concomitant treatment with
 renin angiotensin inhibitors,
 diuretics and NSAIDS
 Antibiotics
 Electrolyte imbalance (e.g.
 hyponatremia)
 Admission to ICU



Case 1

HPI: 65 yr old female with metastatic lung adenocarcinoma presents for cycle 3 of her treatment with carboplatin, pemetrexed and pembrolizumab. She is found to have a new AKI with serum Cr 3.6 mg/dl (baseline Cr 0.8 mg/dl).

PMHx: HTN, Gout

Medications: losartan 50 mg, omeprazole 20 mg

Labs:

Hgb 9, WBC 6, platelets 120k

Na 134, K 4.4, HCO₃ 22, BUN 52, Cr 3.6 (baseline Cr 0.8 mg/dl),

CRP 30 mg/L

Urinalysis bland, Urine Protein/Cr 0.5 g/g, Urine RBP/Cr 15 151 mcg/g

Imaging: No hydronephrosis on renal ultrasound



Case 1

What is the most likely cause of the patient's kidney injury?

- a) Pauci-immune glomerulonephritis from pembrolizumab
- b) Acute interstitial nephritis from pembrolizumab
- c) Acute tubular injury from pemetrexed
- d) Acute tubular injury from carboplatin
- e) All of the above are possible



Conventional Chemotherapy



Platinum Agents

AKI Incidence: 30% of pts (receiving cisplatin)

- Cisplatin >> Carboplatin > Oxaliplatin

Renal manifestation

- Early direct tubular toxicity (ATI) – typically week 1
- Tubulopathies/electrolyte derangements
 - Fanconi syndrome (complete vs partial), hypoPO₄, hypoK, hypoMg, distal RTA
 - HypoNa (salt-wasting nephropathy) → Cisplatin
 - TMA (rare)

RF:

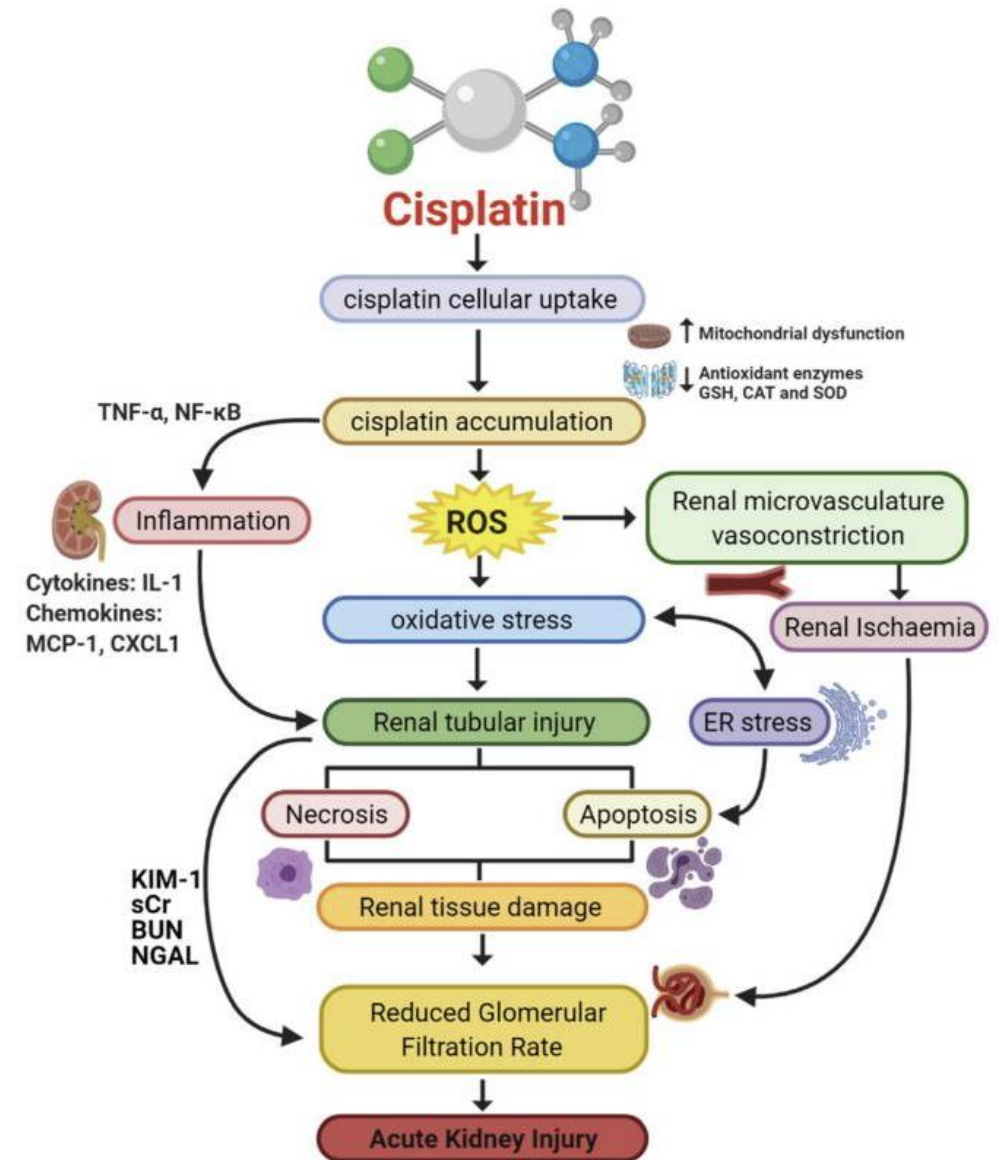
- Age >60 yr
- Dose-dependent
 - Single cycle dosing of >60 mg/m²
 - Cumulative cycle dosing >300 mg/m²



Platinum Agents

Mechanism of Injury:

- Cisplatin enters proximal tubule cells via transporters (ie. OCT-2)
- Intracellular accumulation → cascade of ER stress + mitochondrial damage
 - Activation of apoptotic pathways
 - Oxidative stress/ROS generation
 - Inflammation



Platinum Agents

Risk Prediction?

- CP-AKI Risk Calculator

Prevention Strategies?

- Volume expansion
- Amifostine
- Cilastatin
- Mannitol
- SGLT2i
- Magnesium

Cisplatin-Associated Acute Kidney Injury (CP-AKI) Risk Calculator

Predicts the risk of acute kidney injury in patients treated with intravenous cisplatin.

Instructions

- Utilize the most recent lab values obtained prior to receiving cisplatin.
- This tool calculates the risk of CP-AKI, defined as a ≥ 2 -fold rise in serum creatinine or the need for kidney replacement therapy within 14 days following cisplatin administration.

When to Use ▾

Pearls/Pitfalls ▾

Why Use ▾

Age

years

History of hypertension

No

Yes

History of diabetes mellitus

No

Yes

Cisplatin dose

Norm: 25 - 200

mg

Serum creatinine

Norm: 0.7 - 1.3

mg/dL ↔

Albumin

Norm: 3.5 - 5.5

g/dL ↔

Magnesium

Norm: 1.7 - 2.2

mg/dL ↔

Hemoglobin

Norm: 12 - 18

g/dL ↔

White blood cell count

Norm: 3.7 - 10.7

$\times 10^3$ cells/ μ L ↔



Original Investigation

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Intravenous Magnesium and Cisplatin-Associated Acute Kidney Injury

Shruti Gupta, MD, MPH^{1,2,3}; Ilya G. Glezerman, MD⁴; Jamie S. Hirsch, MD, MA, MSB^{5,6,7}; [et al](#)

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Multicenter cohort study, 13719 cancer patients

- 5 US Cancer Centers
- 2006-2022

Results:

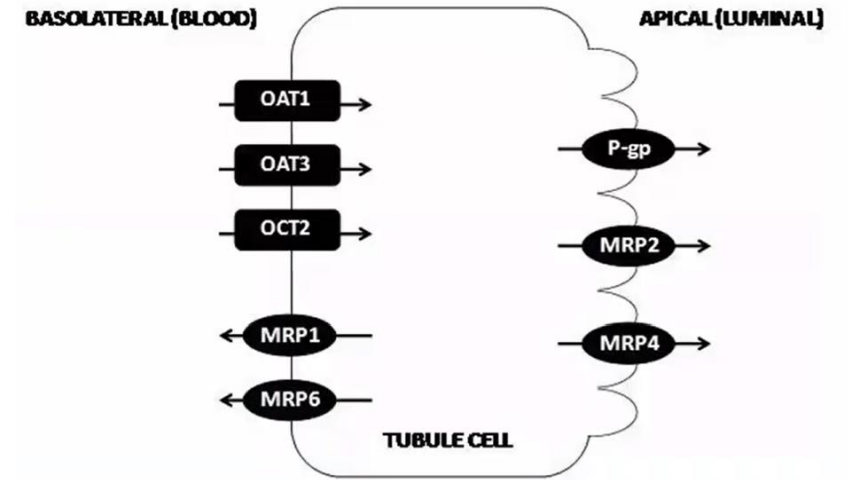
- Prophylactic IV magnesium on the day of cisplatin chemotherapy had a lower risk of developing cisplatin associated acute kidney injury compared to those that did not receive IV magnesium (2.7% versus 5.3%, adjusted odds ratio 0.8)
- Median dose of IV magnesium administered 2 g, stronger protective effect with doses >2g

Proposed mechanism:

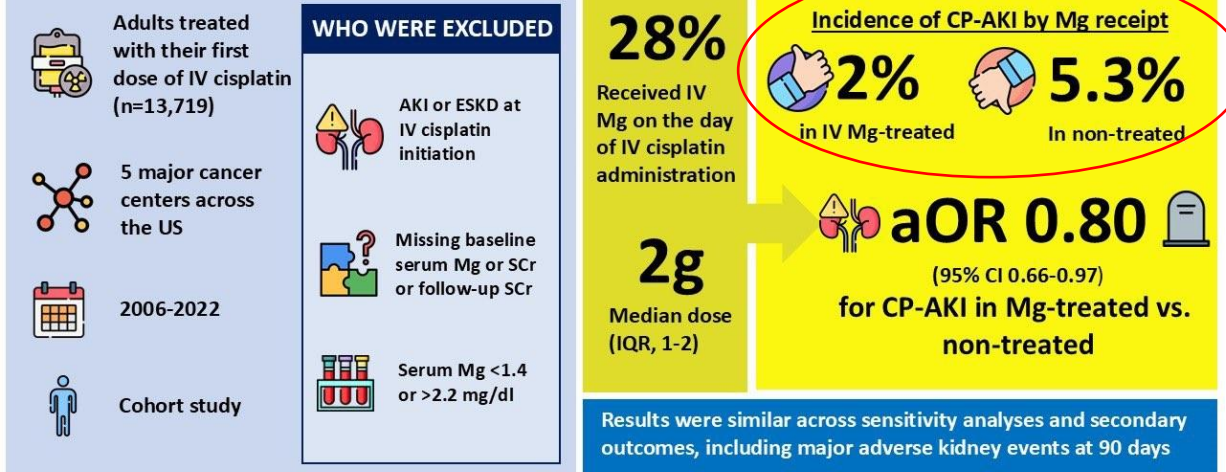
- Mg deficiency = downregulates drug efflux transporters in PTEC cells (secretes cisplatin into PCT lumen)
- Mg repletion = restores expression of these transporters

Limitations

- Baseline differences between groups with cisplatin dosing
- Only 28% received IV Mg on day of cisplatin dosing
- Data only collected for 1st cycle of IV cisplatin
- Insufficient data on IV fluid administration before/after cisplatin treatment



Is IV Magnesium (Mg) Effective in Preventing Cisplatin-Associated AKI (CP-AKI)?



Conclusion: This multicenter cohort study found that patients with cancer receiving IV Mg on the day of treatment with IV cisplatin had a lower risk of CP-AKI compared to those who did not receive IV Mg.

Shruti Gupta, Ilya G. Glezerman, Jamie S. Hirsch, et al. *JAMA Oncol.* doi:10.1001/jamaoncol.2025.0756.

Visual Abstract by Edgar Lerma, MD, FASN



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Platinum Agents

Treatment

- Hold platinum agent, usually reversible
- Limited role for cisplatin clearance via dialysis → highly protein-bound after 24 hrs

GFR thresholds

- Cisplatin: eGFR > 45 ml/min/1.73 m²
- Carboplatin: Dose with BSA adjusted eGFR (Calvert formula)
- Oxaliplatin: Dose reduction if eGFR <30 ml/min/1.73 m²



Methotrexate

AKI Incidence ~ 10%

Cancers: CNS Lymphoma and Leukemia, osteosarcoma

MOA: anti-metabolite

- inhibits dihydrofolate reductase = deficiency of thymidylate/purines needed for nucleic acid synthesis
- Active against rapidly dividing cells

Elimination:

- Renal excretion (80-90% in 24 hrs)

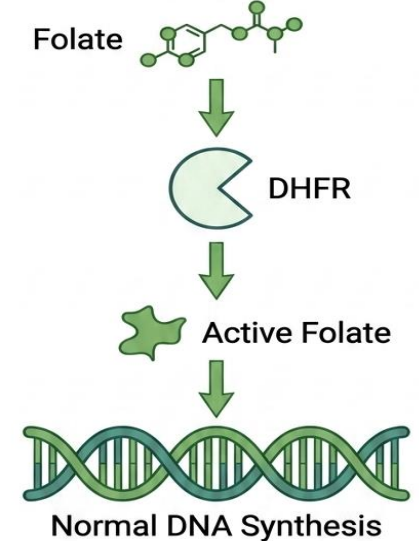
Risk Factors

- Treatment-related
 - High dose, low urine pH, volume depletion
 - Prolonged clearance (3rd spaced fluid collections), CKD, drug-drug interaction (NSAIDs, sulfa drugs, penicillin, Ppi)
- Patient-specific
 - Older age, DM, CKD, genetic (mutations in MRP2)

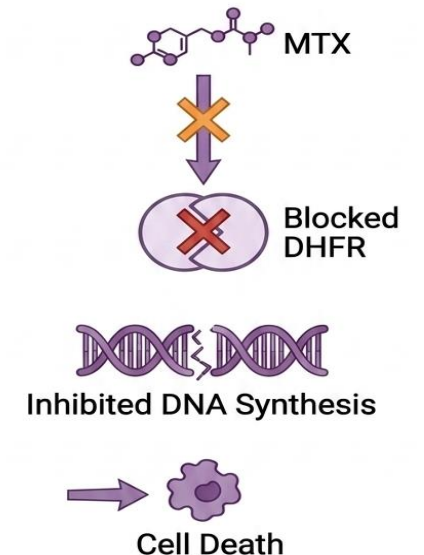


METHOTREXATE MECHANISM

NORMAL FOLATE PATHWAY



METHOTREXATE ACTION



Methotrexate

Renal Manifestation

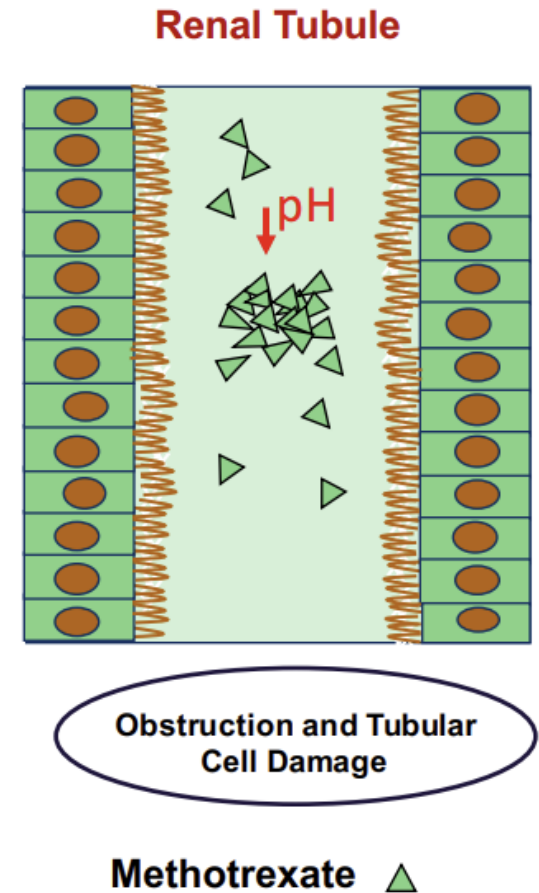
- Acute tubular injury
 - Renal vasoconstriction
 - Intra-tubular crystal formation (low urine flow, $\text{pH} < 7$)

Extra-renal Manifestations

- Myelosuppression, Mucositis, Dermatitis, Hepatitis

Management

- Urine alkalinization with serial monitoring of urine pH ($\text{pH} > 7$)
- Urine output $> 2.5\text{L}$
- Leucovorin Rescue
 - Folic acid derivative (allows purine/pyrimidine synthesis)
 - Decreased efficacy at high MTX levels
- Glucarpidase
- Hemodialysis



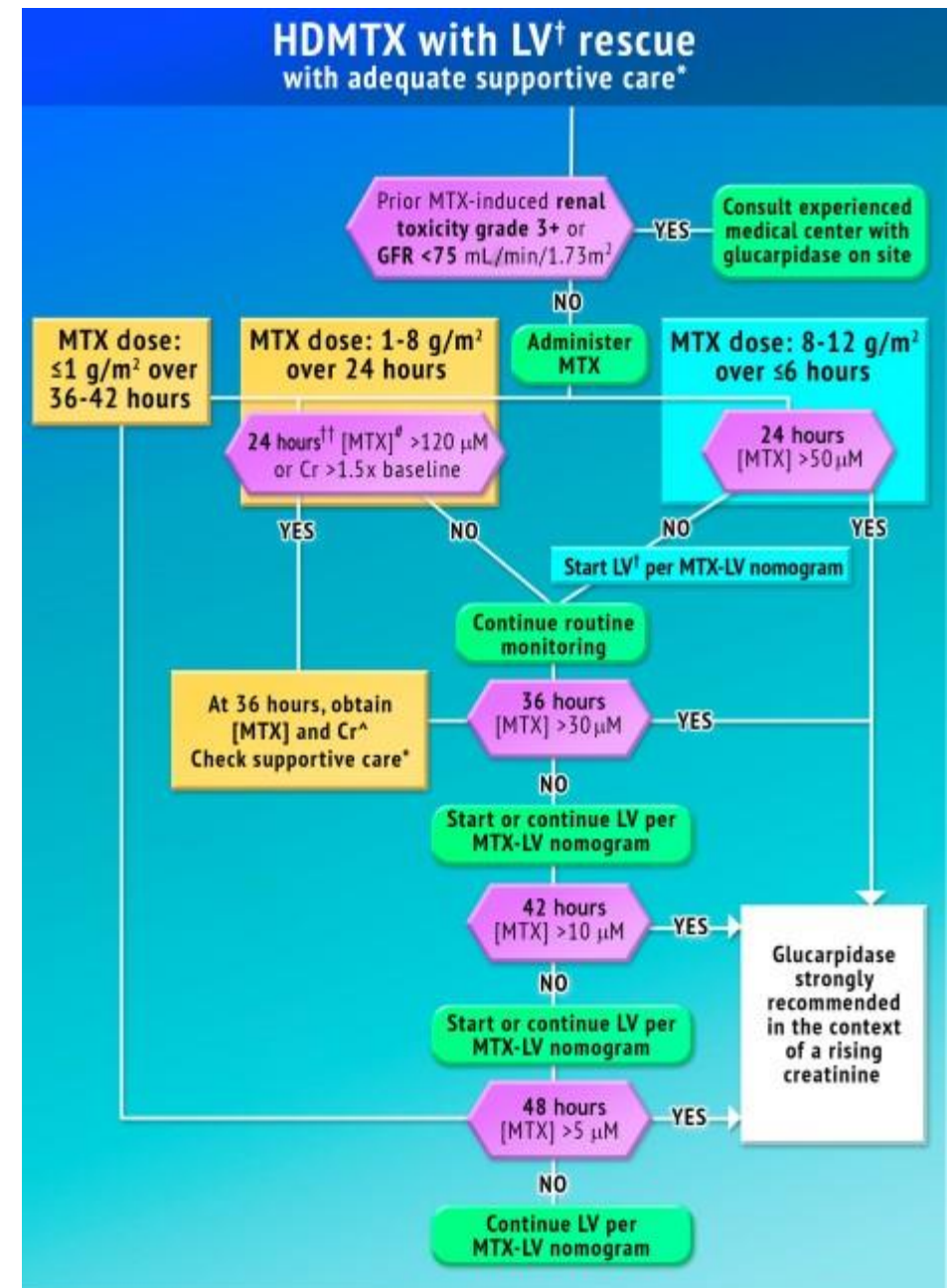
Methotrexate

Glucarpidase

- Recombinant bacterial enzyme = cleaves MTX to inactive metabolites
- Reduces plasma levels by >95% within 15 minutes
 - Does not penetrate cell membrane (cannot reverse intra-tubular toxicity)
- Varying site-specific protocols
- Use HPLC to measure MTX levels post-glucarpidase

Prevention?

- Prophylactic Glucarpidase
 - Faster time to kidney recovery (multiple cycles of HD-MTX)
 - Lower risk of extra-renal manifestations (neutropenia, transaminitis)
 - Cost (\$27k per 1000 units)
 - Anti-body formation



Glucarpidase for Treatment of High-Dose Methotrexate Toxicity

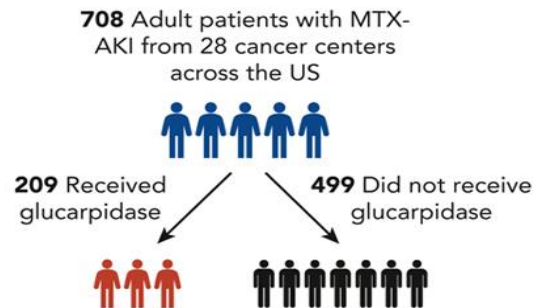
Context of Research

- Glucarpidase is a recombinant bacterial enzyme that cleaves methotrexate (MTX)
- No study examined whether glucarpidase improves clinical outcomes in patients with MTX toxicity, including recovery from MTX-related acute kidney injury (MTX-AKI)



Patients and Methods

- Sequential target trial emulation
- Multivariable adjustment for demographics, comorbidities, MTX infusion characteristics, acute organ injury, medications, and labs



Main Findings

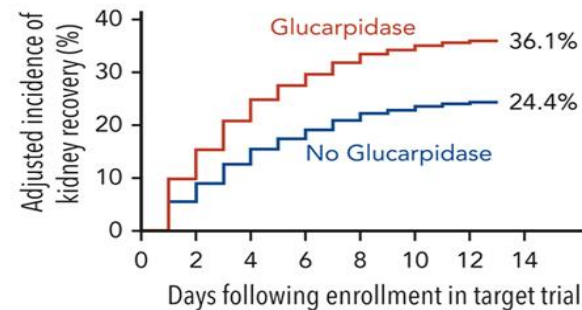
Glucarpidase vs. No Glucarpidase:

Kidney recovery: OR 2.70 (95% CI, 1.69–4.31)

Neutropenia: OR 0.50 (95% CI, 0.28–0.91)

Transaminitis: OR 0.31 (95% CI, 0.13–0.77)

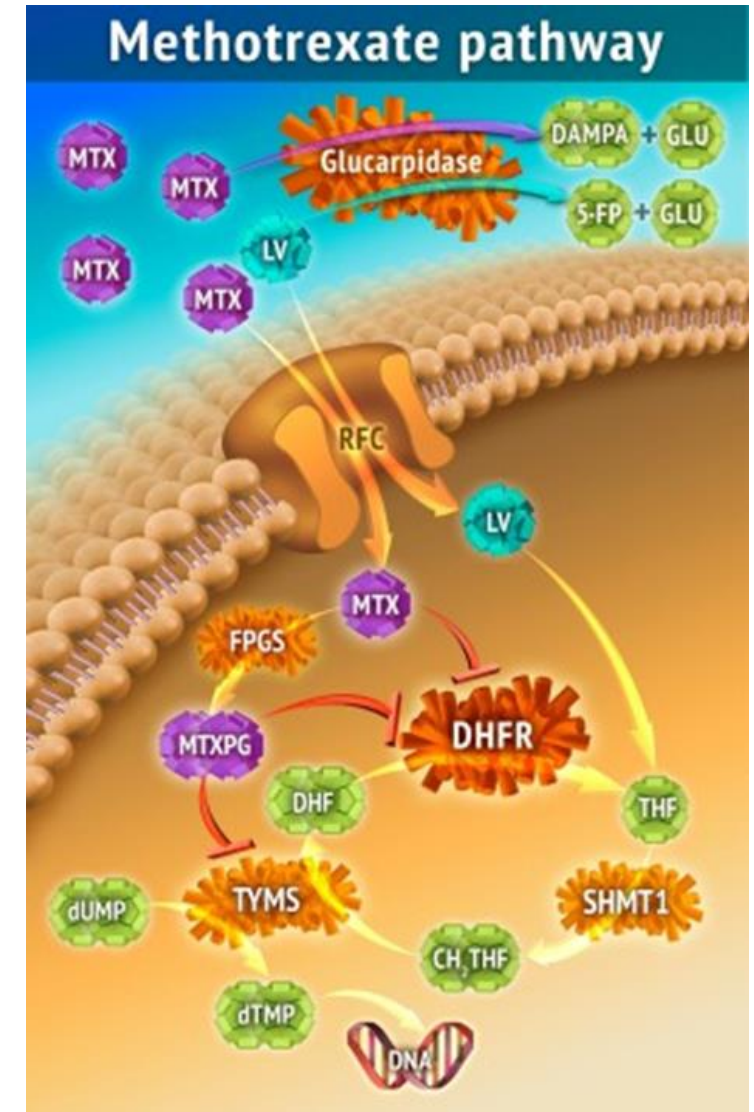
Time-to-kidney recovery: HR 1.88 (95% CI, 1.18–3.33)



Conclusions: In patients with MTX-related acute kidney injury, glucarpidase was associated with a higher adjusted odds ratio of kidney recovery and a faster time-to-kidney recovery. Glucarpidase receipt was also associated with a lower adjusted odds ratio of transaminitis and neutropenia.

Gupta et al. DOI: 10.1182/*blood*.2024026211

 **blood**
Visual
Abstract



Case 2

HPI: 70 yr old female with metastatic pancreatic cancer initially treated with FOLFIRINOX and later switched to Gemcitabine and Abraxane after disease progress. She presents for cycle 8 of treatment and was found to have a new AKI with serum Cr 2.4 mg/dl (baseline Cr 0.9 mg/dl).

PMHx: Breast Cancer

Medications: Hydralazine 25 mg TID, coreg 37.5 mg BID, Eliquis 5 mg BID

Vitals: Temperature 98.6F, BP 180/110, HR 110

Labs:

Hgb 8.4, WBC 12, platelets 135k

Na 136, K 3.4, HCO₃ 32, BUN 52, Cr 2.4

C3 115 C4 14,

LDH 365, haptoglobin <5

Peripheral smear = no schistocytes seen

Urinalysis 51-100 RBCs, no WBCs, Urine Protein/Creatinine ratio 1.79

Imaging: Renal ultrasound unremarkable



Case 2

The patient was diagnosed with a thrombotic microangiopathy. Which of the following are risk factors associated with TMA?

- a) Uncontrolled hypertension
- b) Presence of schistocytes
- c) Low C4 levels
- d) High LDH, low haptoglobin
- e) Use of gemcitabine
- f) All of the above



Gemcitabine

Anti-metabolite: Pyrimidine analog disrupting DNA synthesis

Clinical Use:

- ovarian cancer, pancreatic cancer, and other solid tumors

Incidence

- 0.3%-2.2%
- Underdiagnosed → renal-limited TMA w/o systemic sx

Risk Factors:

- Duration of exposure
- Cumulative dose

Assessment of epidemiology and outcomes of adult patients with kidney-limited thrombotic microangiopathies.

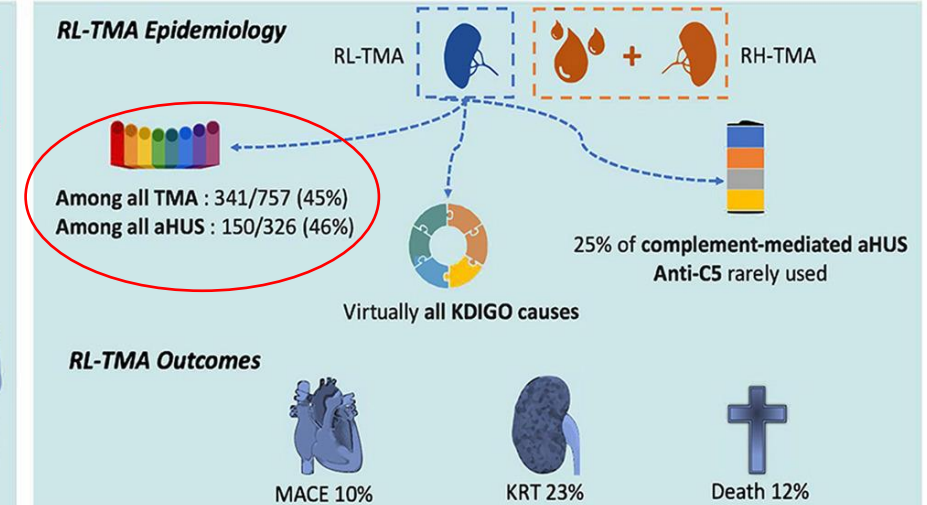


Cohort

- French consortium group "MATRIX"
- 20 nephrology departments
- n=757 adult with biopsy of native kidney and TMA : some limited to the kidney (RL-TMA), some with hematological features (RH-TMA)
- KDIGO classification
- Follow-up: 28 months (IQR: 7-72)



RL-TMA Epidemiology



Maisons et al, 2023

CONCLUSION

RL-TMA represent a very high proportion of renal TMA, result from virtually all causes, including 25% of with complement-mediated aHUS. Outcome is poor. The effect of anti-C5 therapy needs to be assessed in RL-TMA.

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A microscopic view of numerous red blood cells, appearing as bright red, biconcave discs against a dark background. The cells are scattered across the frame, with some in sharp focus and others blurred in the background.

Gemcitabine

Renal Manifestations

- Insidious/Delayed onset
 - Median time ~ 156 days
- Systemic TMA = TCP, schistocytes + AKI, proteinuria
- New onset or worsening of controlled HTN

Pathophysiology

- Unknown mechanism → Proposed direct endothelial damage exposing the subendothelial extracellular matrix, which promotes complement activation (C5b9 deposits in kidney)
- Often irreversible

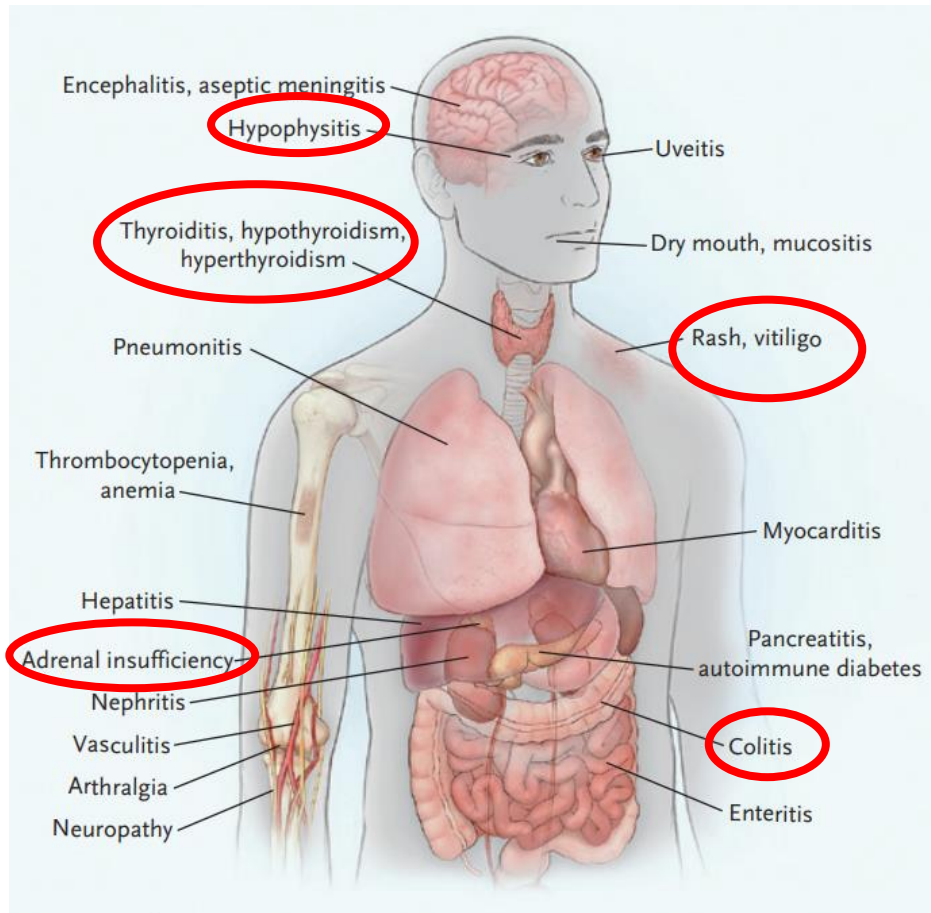
Treatment

- Stop gemcitabine + supportive care (BP control)
- No role for PLEX
- Eculizumab?

Immunotherapy



Immune-related Adverse Events (irAE)



- NON-SPECIFIC T-cell activation
- Incidence = 60-80%

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irAEs

Time Course

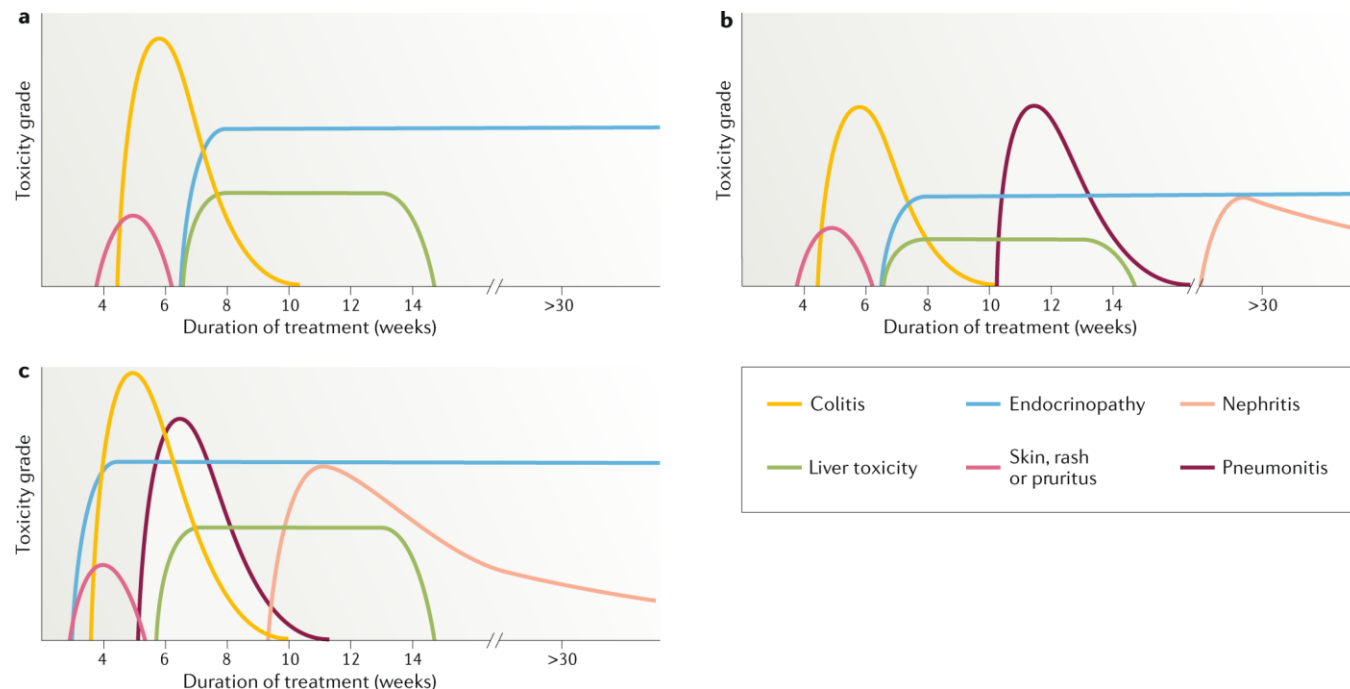
- Weeks to months, but can occur anytime

Most common

- Derm (Skin, rash, pruritic)
- GI (Colitis)

Positive association between irAE development and clinical response and survival outcomes

- Development of irAEs are representative of a robust immune reaction



Kinetics of ICPIs

- CTLA-4 antibody
- PD-1 or PD-L1 antibodies
- CTLA-4 and PD-1 antibody

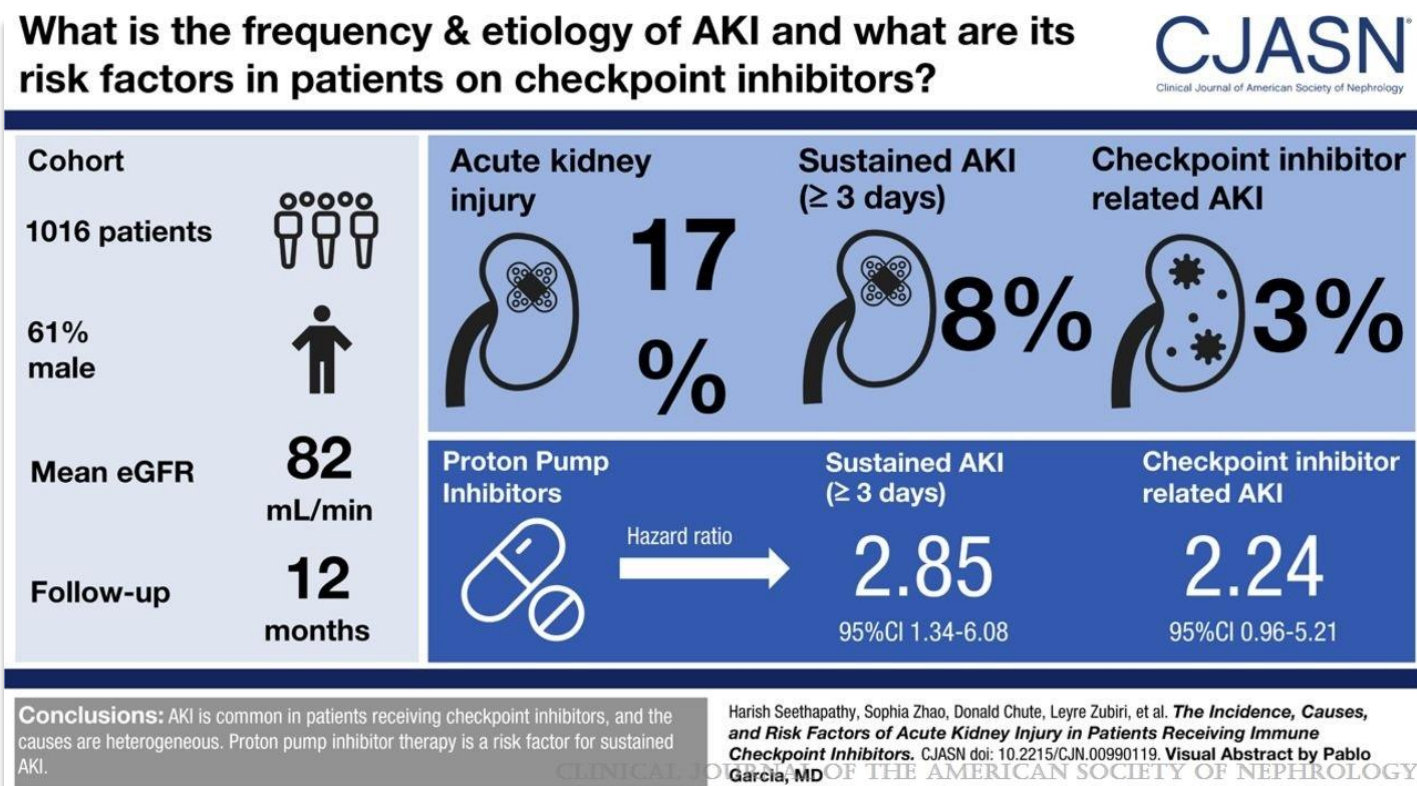
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ICPI-AKI

Incidence

- All cause AKI in cancer ≈15-25 %
- IPCI-AKI → 2-5%



Immunotherapy

Incidence: 2-5%

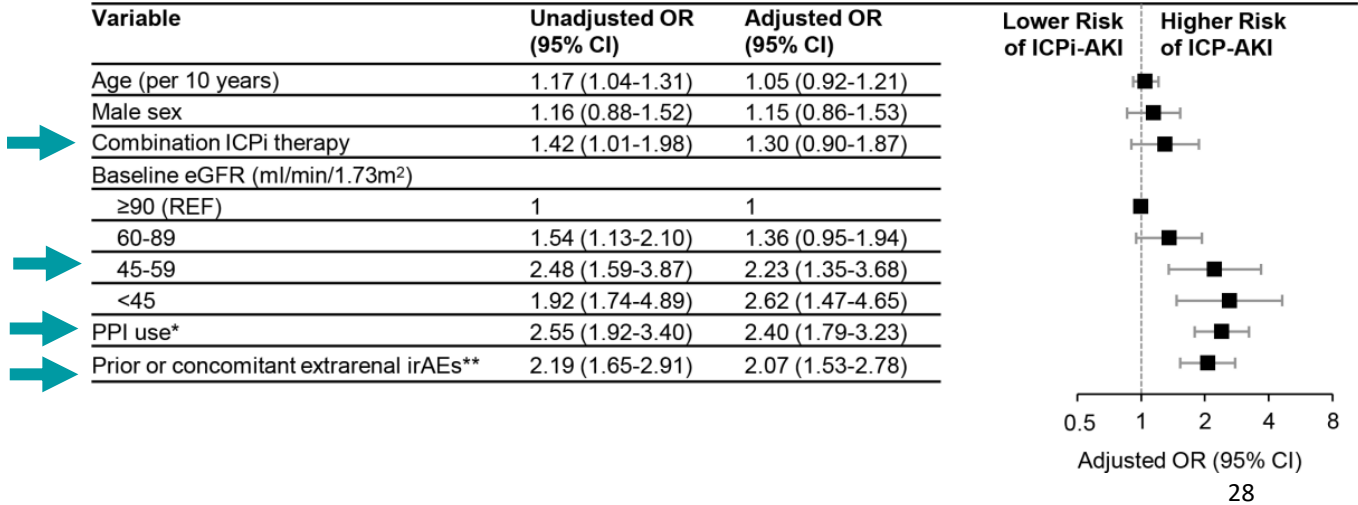
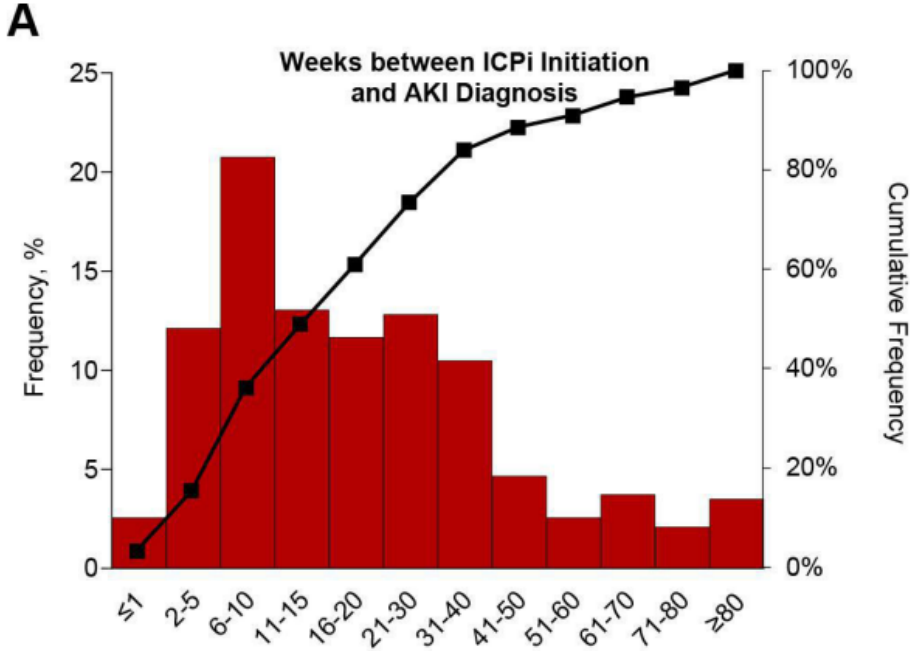
- PD-L1 <1%
- PD-1 ~ 2%
- CTLA-4 ~ 2-5%
- Combined ~ 5%

Time to onset = Anytime

- Median ~ 12-16 weeks
- 10% of cases >1 yr after ICPI

Risk Factors

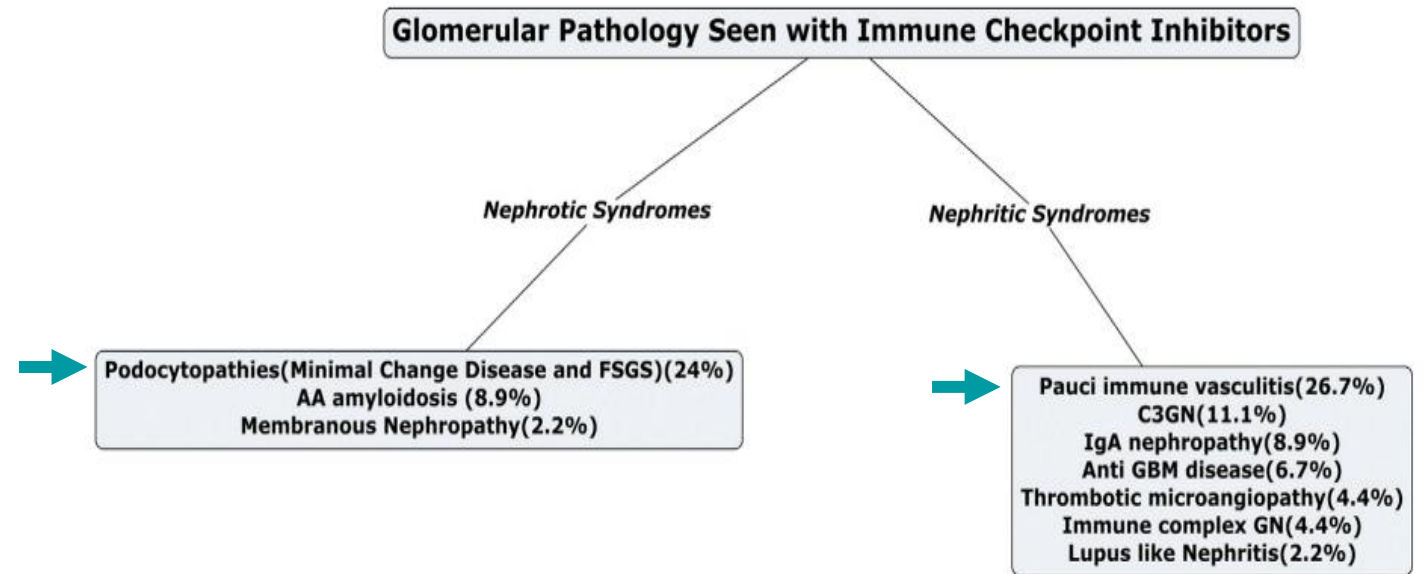
- Low eGFR
- Nephrotoxic Drugs (PPI, NSAID, Vit K antagonists)
- Combination ICPI therapy
- Prior irAEs



ICPI-AKI

Histopathologic Features

- **ATIN (80-90%)**
 - Can be concurrent with glomerular disease
- ATN
- Glomerulopathies (<10%)
 - Pauci-immune GN (ANCA-negative)
 - Podocytopathies
 - IgAN
 - LN
 - Membranous Nephropathy
 - C3 GN
- Vasculitis



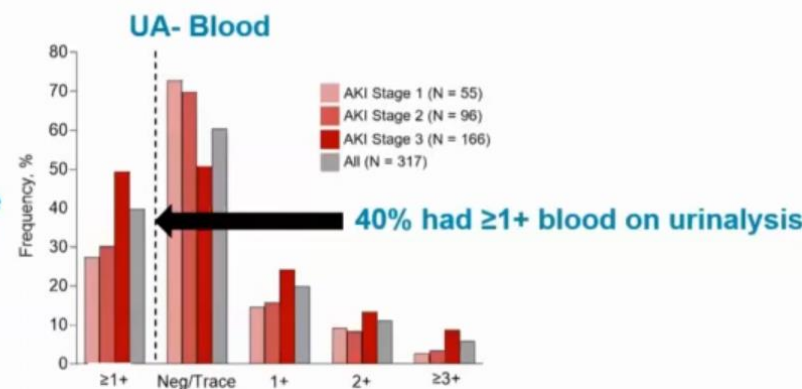
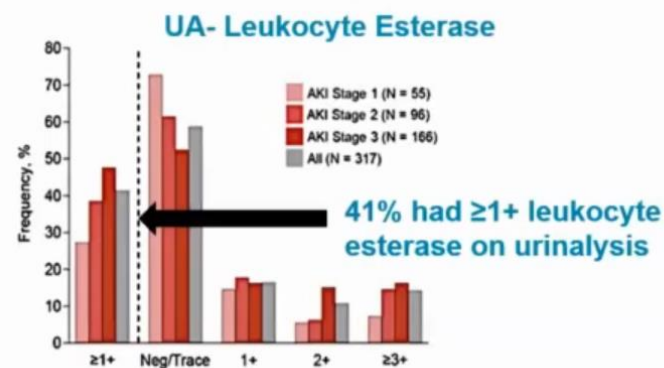
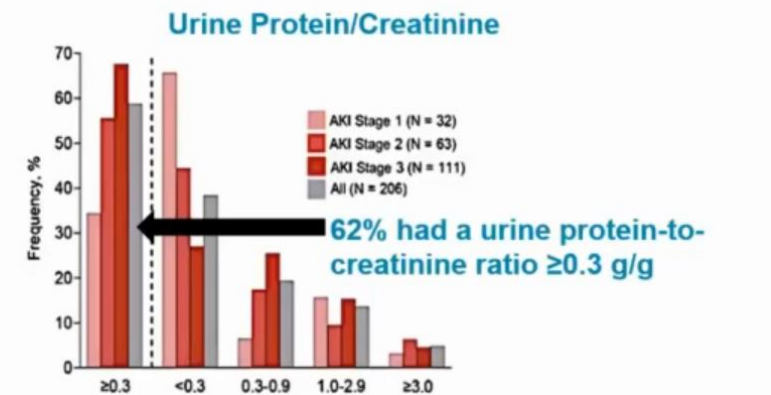
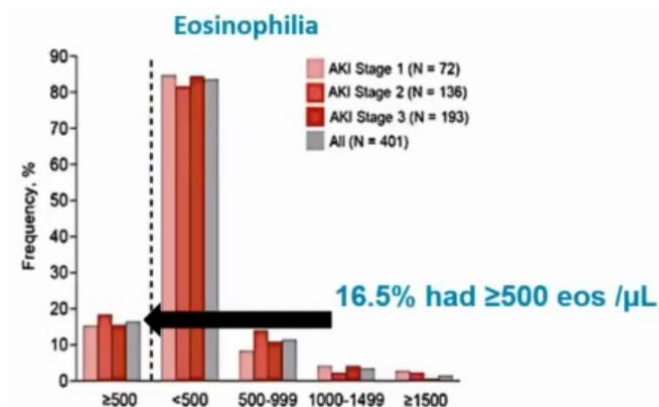
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ICPI-AKI

Diagnosis

- Absence of reliable clinical or laboratory features
 - Distal RTA
- Urinary Findings are highly variable
 - 16.5% had eosinophilia
 - 40% had $\geq +1$ blood
 - 41% had $\geq +1$ LE
 - 62% had UPCR >0.3 g/g
- Urine biomarkers
 - Urinary CXCL9
 - CRP + Urine RBP/Cr ratio
- PET-CT (JCI)
- Renal Biopsy



Adapted from ASON-ISON Webinar



Management of ICPI-AKI

1. Hold ICPI

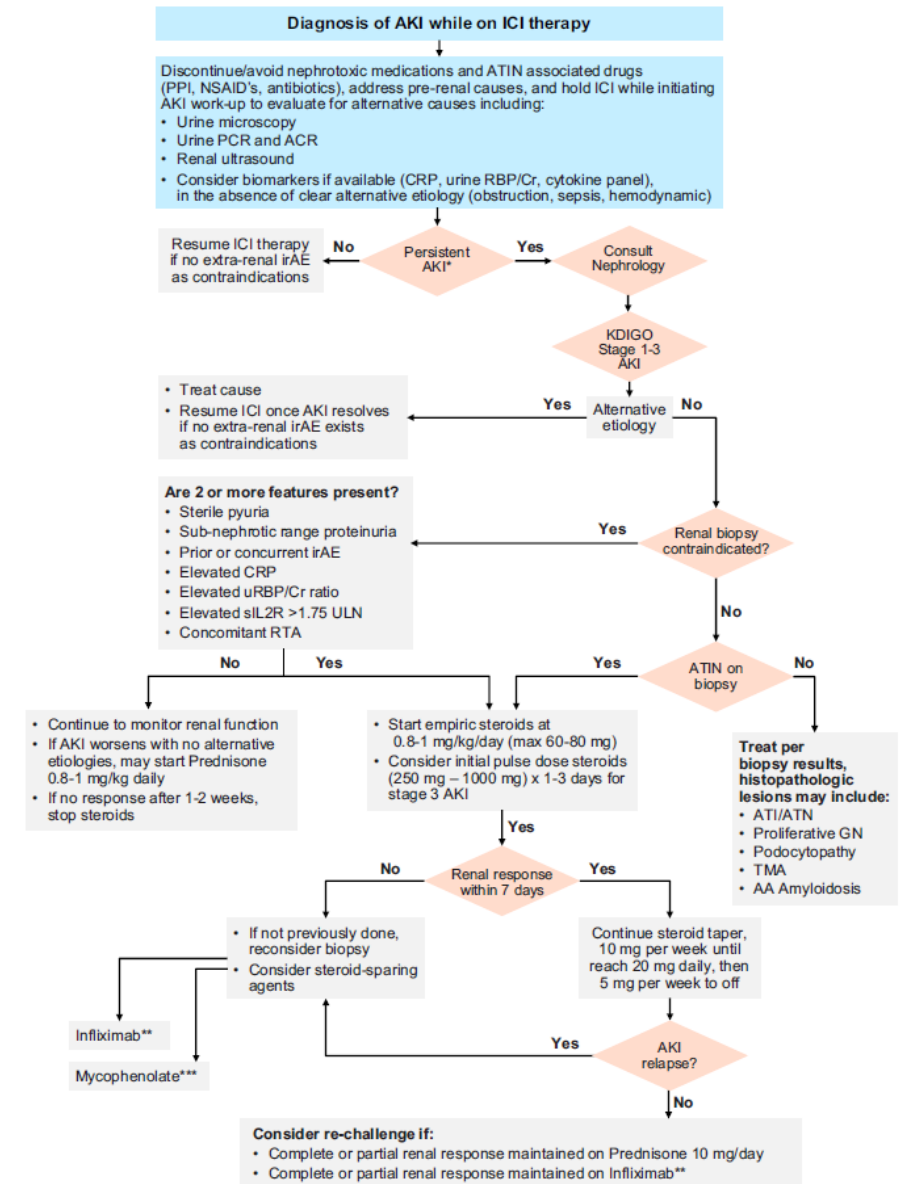
- Resolution of AKI or stabilization of renal function
- Permanently discontinue any ATIN-associated medications
- PPI, allopurinol, NSAIDs, Antibiotics

2. Start Corticosteroids

- Stage 1 or 2 AKI → Prednisone 0.8-1 mg/kg (max 60-80 mg/day)
- Stage 3 AKI → IV Methylprednisolone (0.25-1 g/day) for 1-3 days followed by an oral steroid taper
- Duration: 6-8 week taper vs 3-4 wks
- Prophylaxis
 - PCP ppx → non-ATIN inducible drugs (pentamidine, atovaquone)
 - GI ppx (ie. famotidine)

3. Refractory ICPI-AKI

- Infliximab
- Tocilizumab
- MMF



ICPI Re-challenge?

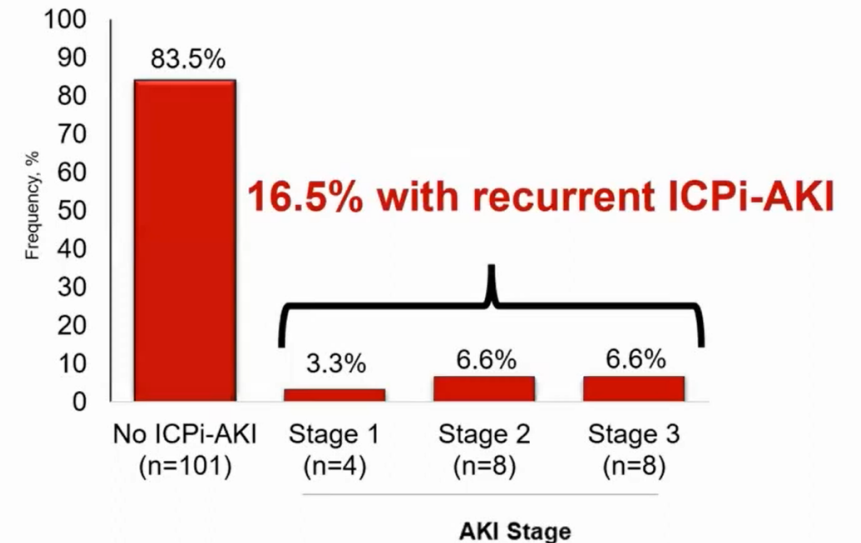
Oncology Guidelines

- ASCO 2021
 - recommend PERMANENT ICPI discontinuation for grade 3 (Scr >3-4x baseline)
- ESMO, SITC → no clear guidelines on re-challenge
- NCCN 2024
 - Consider rechallenge for CTCAE grade 3 if AKI resolves to grade 1

Nephrology Data

- **16-25% risk of recurrent ICPI-AKI with rechallenge**
 - Cortazar et al, J Am Soc Nephrol, 2020
 - 31/138 pts rechallenged
 - Recurrent ICPI-AKI occurred in 23%
 - Gupta et al, J Immunother Cancer, 2021
 - Largest cohort study of ICPI-AKI
 - 121/429 pts rechallenged
 - 42 pts w/ Stage 3 AKI
 - Only 16.5% had recurrent ICPI-AKI

**121 (28.2%)
Patients
Rechallenged**



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ICPI Re-challenge?

Recommendations

- Patients who develop ICPI-AKI with concomitant use of ATIN-associated drugs
 - Can consider rechallenge without secondary steroid ppx
- Rechallenge can occur with same class of ICPI
- If combination ICPI, discontinue one class of ICPI
- Our practice
 - use low dose prednisone (10 mg/day) for the first 2 cycles



Targeted Therapies



VEGF inhibitors

Direct VEGFi = ie. bevacizumab

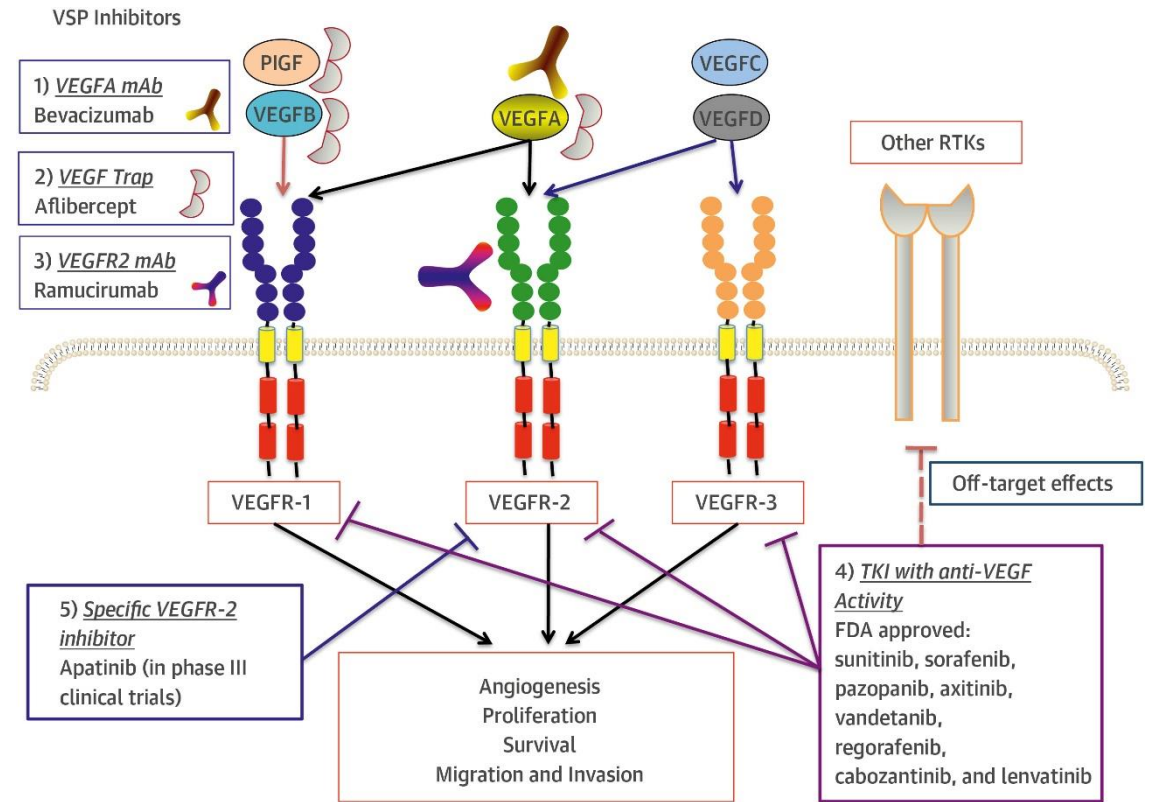
- TMA

Indirect VEGFi/TKi = ie. axitinib

- Podocytopathies (MCD, cFSGS)

Renal Manifestations:

- **HTN:** 30-80%
 - New onset or worsening hypertension
 - Lenvatinib (70%) > Axitinib (40%) > Sunitinib (20%)
- **Proteinuria:** 21-63%
 - Bevacizumab (20-60%) > Ramucirumab (10%)
- **TMA**
 - often renal-limited
- **Thromboembolic events**
 - Renal Vein thrombosis



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VEGF inhibitors

Mechanism of injury

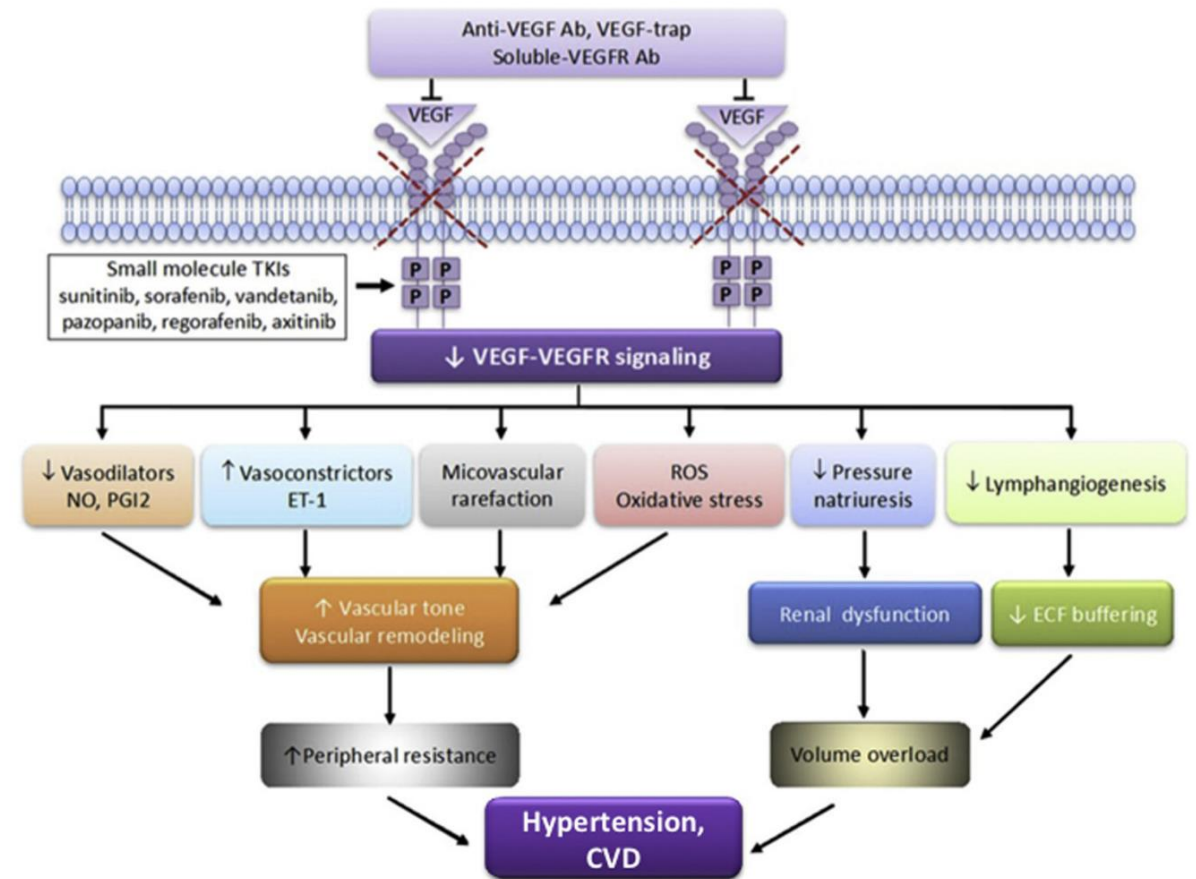
- Vasoconstriction → ↑ endothelin, ↓ NO
- Endothelial rarefaction
- Podocyte damage
- Pressure natriuresis
- Decreased lymphangiogenesis

Treatment:

- Hold offending medication
 - Urine protein >2 g/24 hr
- BP control
 - Enhance vasodilation = DHP-CCB vs ACEi/ARB vs Long acting nitrates (NO donors)
 - Avoid NDHP-CCB, diuretics
- Anti-complement therapy

Re-challenge?

- Prophylactic anti-complement therapy



Case 4

HPI: 84 yr old male with combined NSCLC (adenocarcinoma) and small cell lung cancer with MET exon 14–skipping mutation had disease progression after 4 cycles of carboplatin/etoposide. He was started on capmatinib 400 mg BID.

1 week after initiation, his serum creatinine increased from a baseline of 1.3-1.6 mg/dl to 2.44 mg/dl.

ROS: No dizziness, nausea/emesis, pain

PMHx: CKD3, HTN, Afib, Gout, Tobacco use

Medications: allopurinol, atorvastatin, spironolactone, levetiracetam, losartan, metoprolol

Labs:

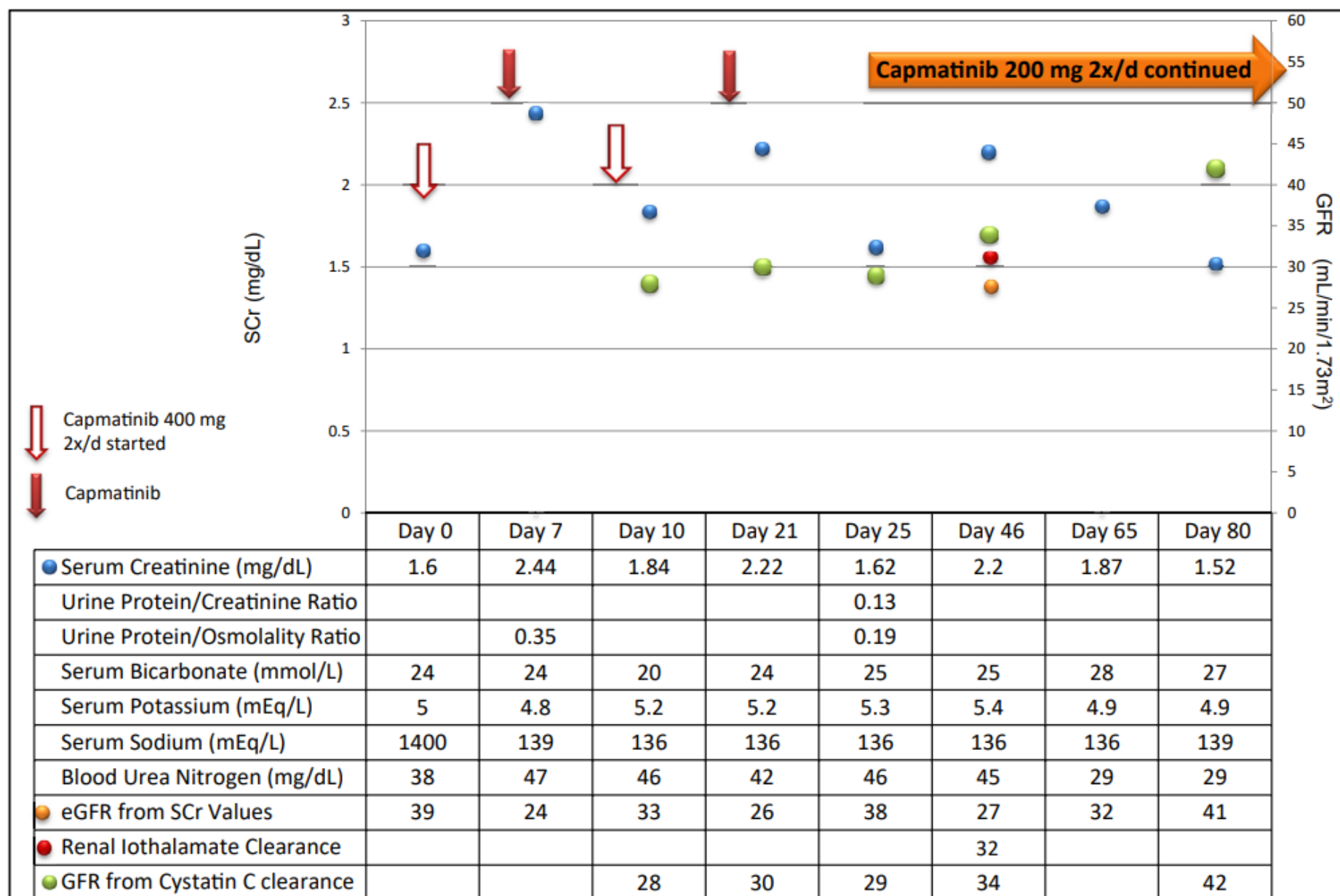
Hgb 12, WBC 6, platelets 150k

Na 139, K 4.8, HCO₃ 24, BUN 47, Cr 2.44 (baseline Cr 1.3-1.6 mg/dl),

Urinalysis bland, Urine Protein/Cr 0.13 mg/mg

Imaging: No hydronephrosis on renal ultrasound





MET inhibitors

Use: NSCLC

Mechanism of renal injury:

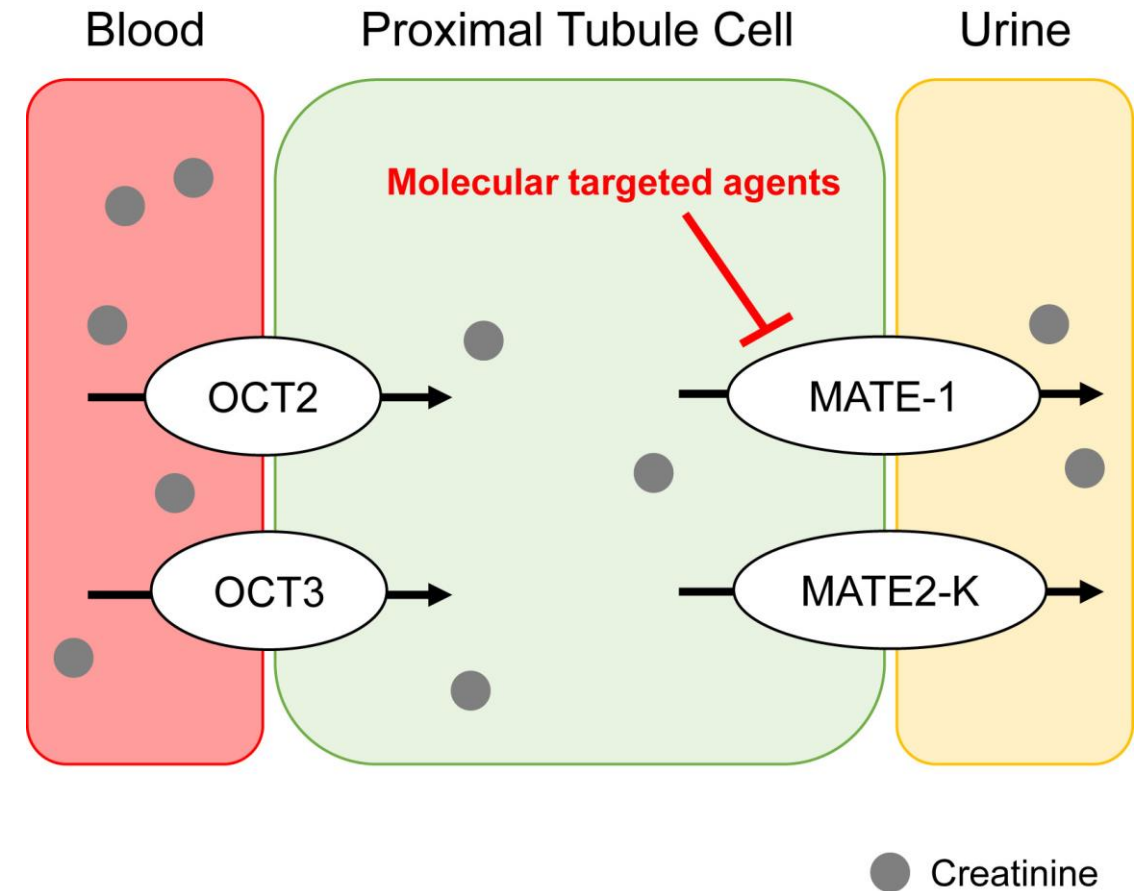
- 10-40% of Scr clearance via SLC transporters in the PCT (MATE 1/2, OCT2/3)
- MET Inhibition of MATE 1 & 2 and/or OCT

Renal Manifestations:

- Pseudo-AKI

Management

- eGFR via Cystatin C
- mGFR



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Pseudo-AKI

Drug class	Drug names	Cancer	Mechanism	Kidney effect
Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase (ALK) inhibitors	Crizotinib Alectinib Lorlatinib	NSCLC (3-7% ALK+)	Inhibits MATE1 & OCT of creatinine secretion, Renal arteriolar myocyte vacuolization	Pseudo-AKI ATI Peripheral edema Kidney cyst (Criz) Podocytopathies (rare)
Cyclin Dependent Kinase (CDK) 4/6 inhibitors	Palbociclib Ribociclib Abemaciclib (10-25%)	Breast	Inhibit MATE1&2 transporters	Pseudo-AKI True AKI AIN Electrolytes (HypoNa, hypoK 2/2 diarrhea)
Poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase (PARP) inhibitors	Olaparib (~30%) Rucaparib Niraparib Talazoparib	Breast Ovarian	Inhibit MATE1&2 and OCT1&2 of creatinine secretion	Pseudo-AKI
Mesenchymal-epithelial transition (MET) tyrosine kinase	Capmatinib Tepotinib	NSCLC	Capmatinib Inhibit MATE 1 & 2 transporters of creatinine secretion Tepotinib inhibits OAT1	Pseudo-AKI



Case 5

A 62-year-old business executive presents with a three-week history of fatigue and back pain

VS: 125/ 75 HR: 95 Temp 99.0F on Room Air.

BMP: Ca 14 mg/dl , Cr 2.9 mg/dl (bsl 1.7-1.s)

CBC: Hgb 7g/dl, rest WNL

SPEP: M spike 3.9 g/d

FLC: L 3000 mg/l K 30 mg/l R 100

UA: bland, pr/cr 8g, albumin/cr 500

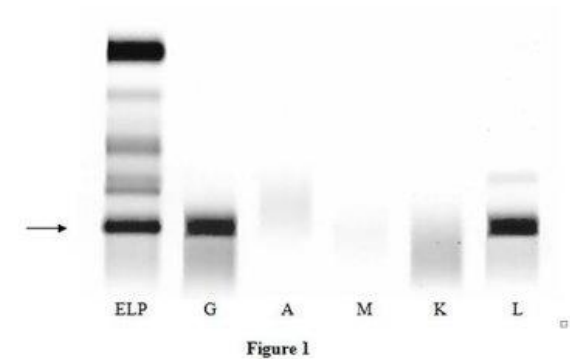


Fig 7. Serum Electrophoresis-Immunofixation, Reproduced from UCSD Laboratory Medicine. <http://ucsdlabmed.wikidot.com/chapter-7-laboratory-diagnosis-of-protein-abnormalities>

AKI: Intrinsic Renal Disease, Myeloma Diagnosis

Criteria 1: Clonal Proliferation of >10% or Biopsy
Proven Extramedullary Plasmacytoma

AND

≥ 1 CRAB

OR

≥ 1 SLIM

OR MDE

Which of the following can precipitate cast formation?

- 1)ACE/ARB
- 2)Diuretics
- 3)NSAID
- 4)All of the above

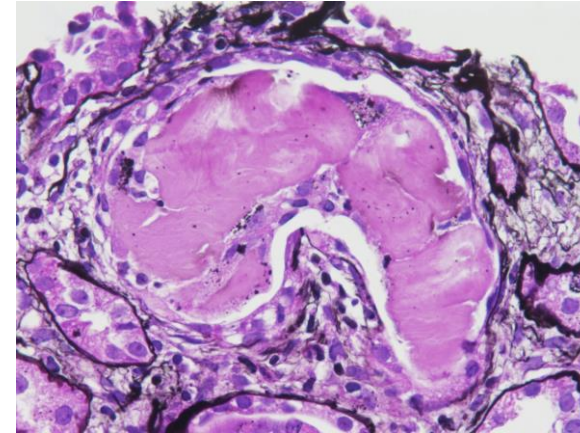


Fig. 7 Cast Nephropathy, LM, Reproduced from AJKD atlas of Renal Pathology.

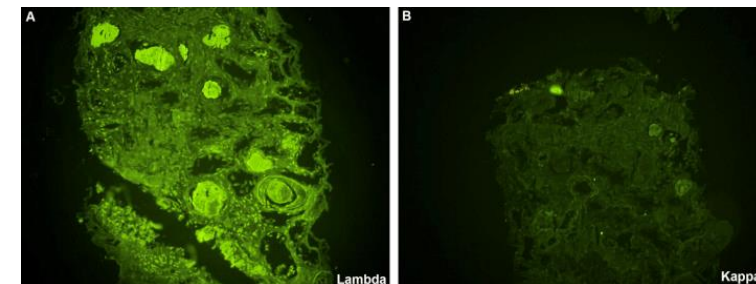


Fig. 8 Cast Nephropathy, IF, Reproduced from AJKD atlas of Renal Pathology.



AKI: Cast Nephropathy

Can occur as a presenting feature or later in the course

Incidence varies from 16-31% in Myeloma Patients⁶.

50% of all Myeloma patients will develop some form of kidney disease

Renal impairment has the highest impact on survival in Myeloma Patients

Risk factors

- degree of sFLC elevation. Rare <50 mg/dl (500 mg/l)
- ACE/ARB/Diuretics/NSAIDS can precipitate cast formation



AKI: Cast Nephropathy

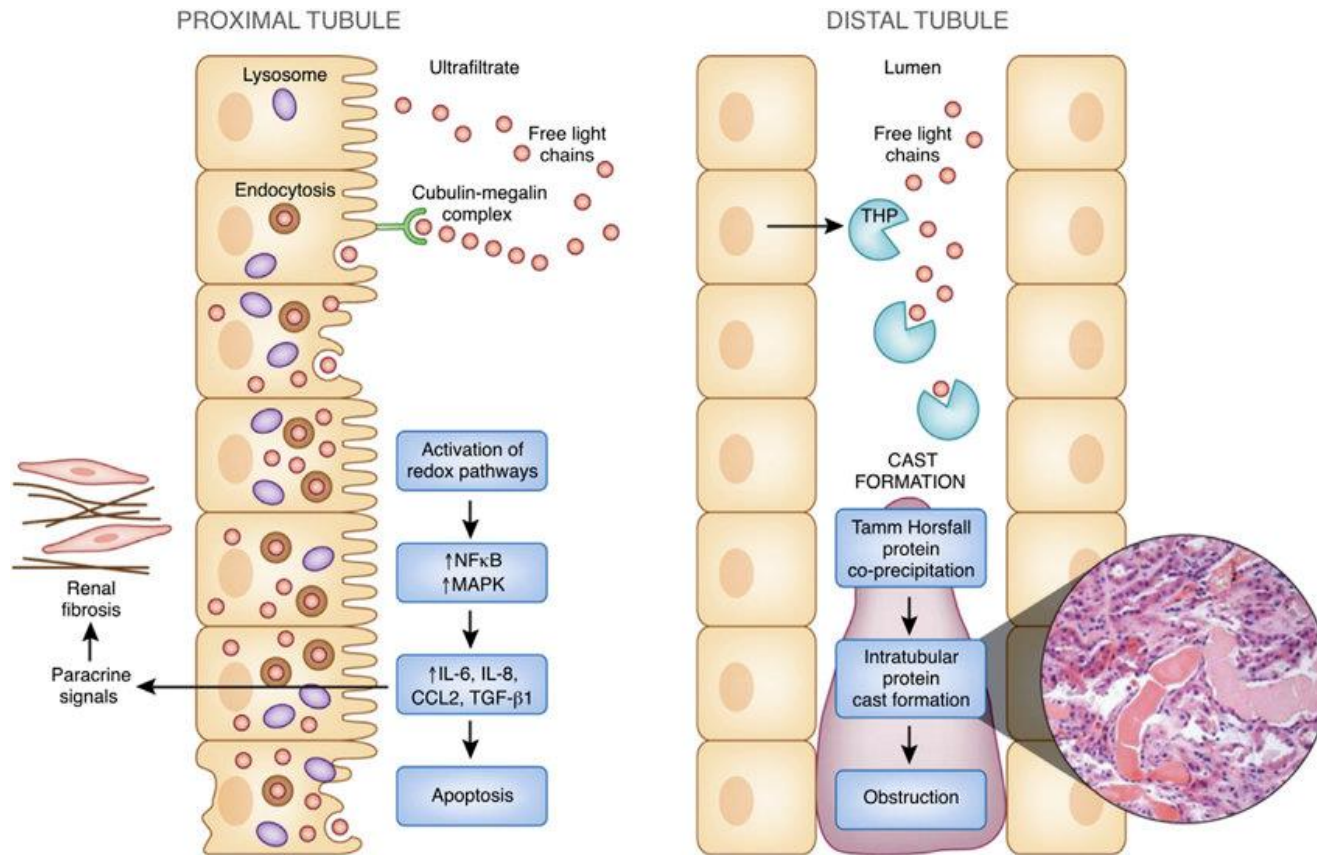


Fig 9. Mechanism of Cast Nephropathy. Reproduced from Lam, A.Q., Humphreys, B.D. (2012). CJASN

Renal Impact:

-Decrease OS, response rates⁷

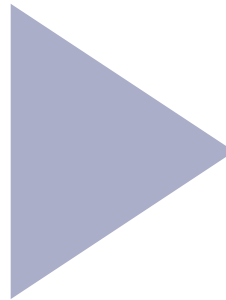
-MM patients requiring RRT have median OS 0.91 vs 4.46 MM non-RRT

AKI: Cast Nephropathy

Goal = reduce light chain burden, suppress further light chain formation, address precipitating causes (volume depletion, hypercalcemia)

Volume Expansion = 2-3L UOP

Clone Directed Therapy (PI) +
Alkylating Agent (Cytoxan) + Steroids
+/- Daratumumab



Bortezomib

- Proteasome inhibitor that induces apoptosis, decreases tumor growth/angiogenesis of myeloma cells in BM⁸.
- VISTA Trial: Bortezomib increased ORR, CR, and renal recovery rate⁹
- Phase II Trial by Ludwig et al. Bortezomib arm better ORR, eGFR improvement correlated with depth of heme response
- Is Bortezomib nephrotoxic?¹⁰
- 5 Landmark trials, >2000 patients, significant renal adverse events extremely sparse



AKI: Cast Nephropathy

Extracorporeal Management

High Cut Off Dialyzers

- 50kd pore size vs ~15Kd
- H+L 150 Kd vs IgM >1000 Kd
- MYRE Trial¹¹
 - High cut off Dialyzers vs conventional dialysis
- **trends towards higher hematological response and renal recovery**
- Most experts will favor the use of High Cut off Dialyzers



AKI: Cast Nephropathy, Plasmapheresis

No Benefit

- Clark et al, 2005¹²
- 104 patients with AKI and MM
- Conventional therapy vs 5-7 sessions of PLEX
- No difference in death, dialysis dependence, or eGFR improvement >30

Benefit

- Leung et al. 2008¹³
- 14 patients with biopsy proven LCCN treated with PLEX
- Renal response 78% in PLEX treated patients.
- FLC reduction >50% had a renal response rate of 71%
- Survival higher in renal response group

Expert Opinion: involved FLC >150 mg/dl with bence jones proteinuria > Dara+Bort+Cytosan+Dex + daily PLEX.

Goal: target 50% reduction by the end of cycle 1



This may change!

My Approach:

- First episode vs relapsed?
- Diagnosis Correct?
 - Prior LCCN?
 - What is the rate of Light Chain and Cr Rise
 - Biopsy?
- Do they meet Criteria for LCCN?
 - Involved Light Chain >1500 mg/L (150mg/dl)
 - bence jones proteinuria
- Risk of PLEX
 - DIC
 - Infectious
 - Electrolytes
- Next line of therapy?
 - Discussion with Myeloma Team



TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- AKI is a common complication in cancer and can be a result of the cancer specific factors, treatment-related factors or both
- AKI has implications on cancer treatment (dose, therapeutic options), cancer prognosis and mortality
- Consider the type (ie. conventional chemotherapy vs immunotherapy) and mechanism of cancer treatments when formulating renal differentials



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Clinical Trials	Change in Management	
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