

# Pediatric Nutrition and Kidney Disease

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# Objectives

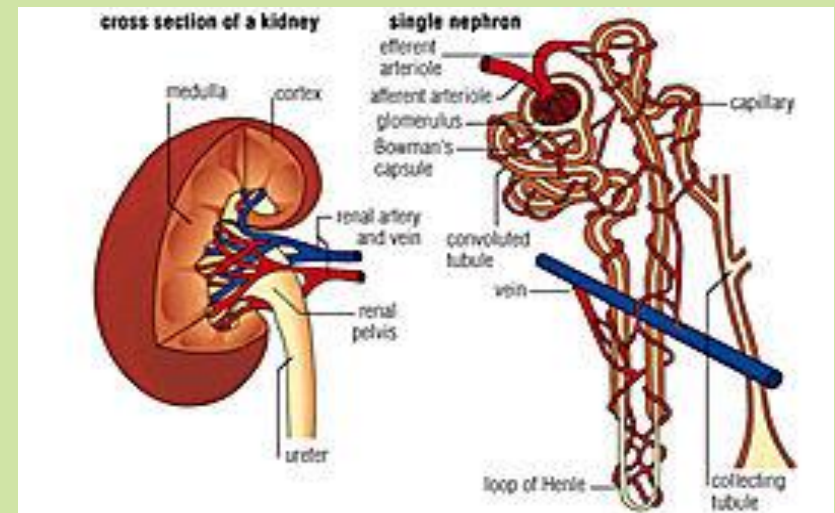


- To learn the components of nutrition assessment of the pediatric renal patient
- To understand the factors that contribute to poor nutrition and growth among children with kidney disease
- To know nutrient recommendations for children in different stages of chronic kidney disease and renal replacement therapy

# Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)



- Normal GFR is 100-120 ml/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>
- Stage 1: Kidney damage GFR  $\geq$ 90
- Stage 2: GFR 60-89
- Stage 3a: GFR 45-59
- Stage 3b: GFR 30-44
- Stage 4: GFR 15-29
- Stage 5: GFR <15  
(ESRD)



# Causes of Pediatric ESRD: 2006-2010



CAUSE	Incidence (Percentage)
<b>Cystic/Congenital malformations</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Glomerular Disease (e.g. FSGS)</b>	<b>23.2%</b>
<b>Secondary Glomerular Disease/Vasculitis</b>	<b>11.3%</b>
<b>Interstitial nephritis/pyelonephritis (chronic)</b>	<b>5.2%</b>
<b>Hypertensive/large vessel disease</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Diabetes Mellitus</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Neoplasms/Tumors</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Complications of transplant</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
<b>Miscellaneous (e.g. SCD, HIVAN)</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>9.7%</b>
<b>Missing data</b>	<b>3.9%</b>

# Goals of Nutrition Therapy in Pediatric Renal Disease



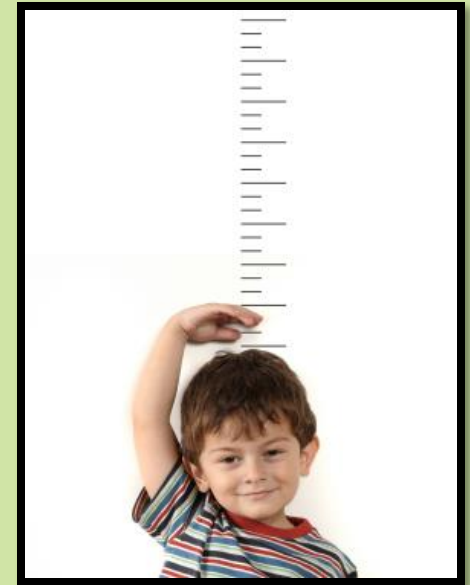
- Maintain adequate intake of macro and micronutrients
- Avoid uremic toxicity, metabolic imbalances, and renal bone disease (MBD)
- Optimize growth and development
- Reduce risk of chronic morbidities and mortality in adulthood

# Growth in Chronic Kidney Disease



Factors that impact growth include:

- ✓ Poor nutrition
- ✓ Sodium wasting
- ✓ Renal osteodystrophy
- ✓ Corticosteroids therapy
- ✓ Metabolic acidosis
- ✓ Growth hormone (GH) resistance



# Growth in Chronic Kidney Disease



- Nutrition is primary factor during infancy
- Growth hormone during childhood
  - Decreased production of IGF-1
  - Decreased expression and function of growth hormone receptor
- Sex hormones during adolescence
- Nutrition support proven to improve growth in infants (no clear evidence in older children)



# Body Composition



- Studies suggest lean mass deficit and excess fat mass relative to height in children with CKD
- GH therapy may promote lower fat mass and greater lean mass for height in these children



# Growth Hormone Therapy



- RCTs have shown benefit of rGH in children with CKD (ht SDS and growth velocity)
- International database of 240 children on rGH
  - Demonstrated continuous catch up growth
  - 40% reached normal adult height

# Growth Hormone Therapy



## Indicated for children with kidney disease when:

- Height or growth velocity SDS score  $< -1.88$
- No metabolic acidosis ( $\text{CO}_2 \geq 22$ )
- Growth potential documented by open epiphyses and good bone health (PTH within acceptable range)
- Adequate nutritional status...but how is this defined?



# Defining Malnutrition

- World Health Organization defines as wt/age, ht/age, and wt/ht  $\leq$  -2 SDS for general pediatric population
- Definitions may not apply to children with CKD due to many non-nutritional causes of stunting and delayed maturation
- Wt/age SDS may not accurately reflect nutritional status and must be evaluated in context of ht/age (BMI for age, BMI for ht-age, or wt/length)

# Nutrition Assessment: Parameters to be monitored



- Dietary intake (3 day record or recall)
- Est dry weight-for-age %ile/SDS
- Ht-for-age %ile/SDS and growth velocity
- BMI-for-height-age %ile or SDS
- Head circumference-for-age %ile/SDS ( $\leq 3$  yrs)
- Normalized protein catabolic rate (nPCR)

# Malnutrition in Kidney Disease



## Altered/decreased taste sensitivity

- Accumulation of uremic toxins
- Micronutrient deficiencies (Zinc)
- Decreased # of taste buds



## Reduced appetite and nutritional intake

- Unpalatable prescribed diet and binder regimens/ restriction of favorite foods due to low sodium, potassium, and phosphorus diets
- Delayed gastric motility, reflux, and vomiting
- Uremic inflammation
- Alterations in hormonal and neuropeptide signaling



# Malnutrition in Kidney Disease

- Dialysis procedure may promote wasting:
  - AA, peptides, protein, glucose, water- soluble vitamins, and other bioactive compounds
- Polyuria and urinary wasting:
  - Sodium and other electrolytes
- Chronic Inflammatory state
  - Hypercatabolism, anorexia, and increased cytokines.

# Neuropeptide Alterations and Appetite

Decline in GFR  
with CKD  
progression



Increased  
cytokines, leptin,  
and insulin



Down-regulate  
Neuropeptide Y



Inhibit appetite



# The “Renal Diet”

- There is not a standard “Renal Diet”
- Individualized dietary recommendations determined based on:
  - ✓ GFR and diagnosis
  - ✓ Age and sex
  - ✓ Protein and energy status
  - ✓ Growth parameters
  - ✓ Fluid status: urine output, electrolyte-wasting
  - ✓ Oral motor skills
  - ✓ Renal Replacement Modality



# Nutrient Needs in CKD Pre-dialysis



Nutrient	Estimated Need
<b>Calories</b>	<b>100% EER chronological age (Calculated per equations)</b>
<b>Protein</b>	<b>100 -140% of DRI (stage 3) 100 – 120% of DRI (stage 4 &amp; 5) Avoid excessive intake</b>
<b>Sodium / Fluid</b>	<b>Supplement or restrict</b>
<b>Potassium</b>	<b>Restrict if levels elevated (1-3 mEq/kg/d)</b>
<b>Phosphorus</b>	<b>100% DRI in early CKD 80% DRI when phos elevated</b>

# Fluid and Sodium Dichotomy in CKD



- Chronic intravascular depletion and impaired growth will occur in children with polyuric salt-wasting CKD, so supplemental NaCl and fluid are needed
- Conversely, fluid and sodium restriction may be needed in children with hypertension, nephrotic syndrome, and/or oliguria

# Factors to Consider in Determining Pre-dialysis Protein Needs



- **Nutrition intervention with low protein diet does not delay progression of renal failure in children**
- **Concern over possible harms of strict low protein diet effect on growth in infants**
- **Excess protein intake contributes to uremia and metabolic acidosis**

# Factors to Consider in Determining Pre-dialysis Protein Needs

**Increased protein intake  
correlates with**

- **Increased phosphorus load**
- **Increased risk of calcifications  
and bone disease**



# Potential Renal Solute Load (PRSL) ✨

- The PRSL refers to all solutes of dietary origin that require excretion by the kidney

- **$PRSL = N \text{ (mg)}/28 + Na + Cl + K + Pa$**

Electrolyte units in mM, Pa=total mM phos in milk-based formulas or 2/3 of soy formulas; N(g)= g protein/6.25





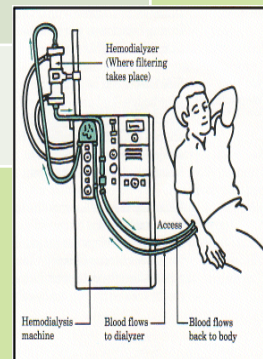
# Potential Renal Solute Load

- For patients with decreased renal concentrating ability, choose formula with low PRSL
- PRSL of:
  - Whole cows milk= 46 mOsm/100 kcal
  - Soy infant formula= 24 mOsm/100 kcal
  - Milk infant formula= 20 mOsm/100 kcal
  - **Human breast milk= 14 mOsm/100 kcal**

# Nutrient Needs in ESRD Hemodialysis



Nutrient	Amount
Calories	100% EER chronological age
Protein	100%DRI + Dialytic losses (0.1 g/kg/d)
Sodium	Restrict (usual 2g/d)
Potassium	Restrict 1-3 mEq/kg/d
Phosphorus	Limit to 100%DRI (80% DRI when elevated)
Fluid	Replace UOP + other losses



# Normalized Protein Catabolic Rate (nPCR)

- Calculated measure of dietary protein intake per kg of patient weight
- Trends in nPCR have been shown to correlate with changes in dry weight in adolescent HD patients
- nPCR should be monitored monthly and targeted to age-specific protein guidelines for HD
- Modified Borah equation=  $5.43 \times G/V1 + 0.17$

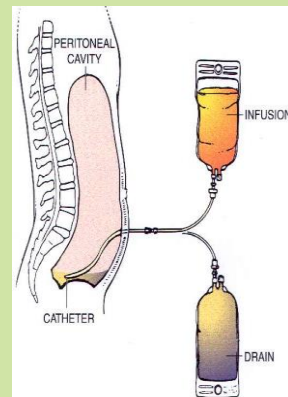


# Nutrient Needs in ESRD

## Peritoneal Dialysis



- Calories: usual for chronological age – calories absorbed from PD solution (~40%)
- Protein: 100%DRI + dialytic losses
  - Losses range from 0.15-0.3 g/kg/d depending on age
- Fluid and Electrolytes: Individualize therapy
- Phosphorus: limit to 100% DRI (80% DRI when elevated)
- Potassium restriction rarely needed



# Estimating Kcals Absorbed from PD

- Multiply total dialysate volume (24hrs) x concentration of dextrose solution (1.36%, 2.27%, or 3.83%) = Total grams of dextrose
- Multiply total grams of dextrose by estimated absorption (40% for CCPD; 43% +/-15% absorbed for acute PD in critical care setting)
- Multiply grams dextrose by 3.4 Kcal/gram

# KDOQI: Protein Recommendations



**Table 12. Recommended Dietary Protein Intake in Children with CKD Stages 3 to 5 and 5D**

Age	DRI				
	DRI (g/kg/d)	Recommended for CKD Stage 3 (g/kg/d) (100%-140% DRI)	Recommended for CKD Stages 4-5 (g/kg/d) (100%-120% DRI)	Recommended for HD (g/kg/d)*	Recommended for PD (g/kg/d)†
0-6 mo	1.5	1.5-2.1	1.5-1.8	1.6	1.8
7-12 mo	1.2	1.2-1.7	1.2-1.5	1.3	1.5
1-3 y	1.05	1.05-1.5	1.05-1.25	1.15	1.3
4-13 y	0.95	0.95-1.35	0.95-1.15	1.05	1.1
14-18 y	0.85	0.85-1.2	0.85-1.05	0.95	1.0

\*DRI + 0.1 g/kg/d to compensate for dialytic losses.

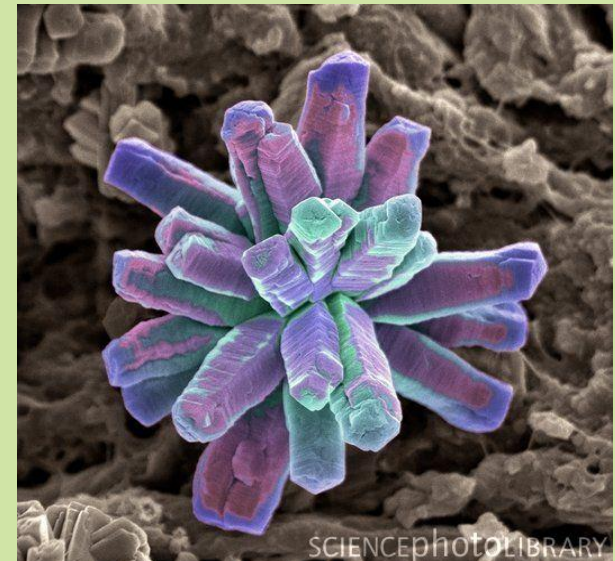
†DRI + 0.15-0.3 g/kg/d depending on patient age to compensate for peritoneal losses.

# Bone Management: Calcium CKD and Dialysis



- Minimum calcium intake: 100% DRI from diet + binders
- Maximum calcium: 200% DRI from diet + binders

AGE GROUP	DRI (mg/d)	MAX Calcium Intake (200%)
0-6 mon	200	400
6-12 mon	260	520
1-3 years	700	1400
4-8 years	1000	2000
9-18 years	1300	2600



# Bone Management: Phosphorus



Limit intake to 80% of DRI when PTH and PHOS are elevated

AGE	PHOS DRI (mg/d)	HIGH PTH, HIGH Phos Limit (mg/d)
0-6 mon	100	80
6-12 mon	275	220
1-3 years	460	370
4-8 years	500	400
9-18 yrs	1250	1000

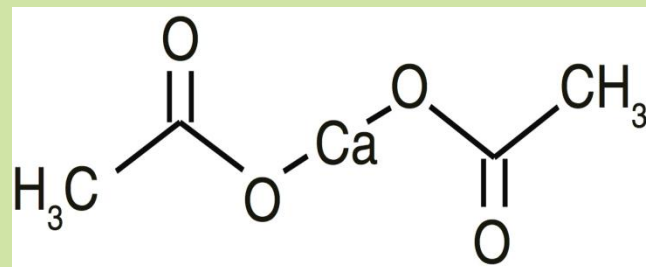




# Phosphorus Binders

## Calcium Based

- ❖ Calcium carbonate
- ❖ Calcium acetate
- ❖ Calcium carbonate suspension



## Non-Calcium Based

- ❖ Renagel (Sevelamer hydrochloride)
- ❖ Renvela (Sevelamer carbonate)
- ❖ Fosrenol (Lanthanum carbonate)\*



# Vitamins and Trace Elements

## CKD Stage 3-5 and Dialysis



**CKD 3-5**: goal to meet 100% DRI from diet for all vitamins, copper, and zinc; supplement only if deficient

**Dialysis**: add a daily water soluble vitamin supplement (dose for age):

- » Nephrovite (tablet)
- » Nephrocap (capsule)
- » Nephronex (liquid)

# Vitamin D

## CKD and Dialysis



- 25-OH Vitamin D: monitor levels yearly; if <30, supplement with cholecalciferol or ergocalciferol  
5-15 ng/dL: 4000 Units/d x 12 weeks  
16-30 ng/dL: 2000 Units/d x 12 weeks
- 1,25-OH Vitamin D: initiate when serum PTH above target range for CKD stage

CKD Stage	GFR Range	Target PTH (pg/ml)
2	60-89	35-70
3	30-59	35-70
4	15-29	70-110
5	<15	200-300



# Nutrition After Renal Transplantation

- Goal is to meet nutritional requirements while minimizing comorbidities associated with chronic immunosuppressive medications:
  - ✓ Rapid weight gain/obesity
  - ✓ Dyslipidemia
  - ✓ Hypertension
  - ✓ Post-Transplant diabetes mellitus
  - ✓ Steroid- related osteoporosis

# Dietary Modifications After Transplant



- Frequent dietary counseling to manage post-transplant weight gain, especially in the first 6 months
- Healthy diet with emphasis on limiting intake of saturated fats, simple sugars, and sodium
- Calcium and Vitamin D intake should meet 100% DRI



THANK YOU!

