

Renal system study guide

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Renal System Study Guide Med/Surg I Major Functions of Kidney: Regulation of Homeostasis -Filters blood & regulates contents (water content & blood volume) -Maintain acid-base balance -Control fluid & electrolytes -Excrete metabolic waste products -Control BP (renin-angiotensin-aldosterone)

Urinary System Structure: Kidneys (produce urine), Ureters (transport urine to bladder), Bladder (stores urine), Urethra (conduct urine outside body)

*Nephron- working unit of kidney *Kidneys receive 25% of cardiac output= approx. 1 Liter GRF= 125ml/min & increases at night Renal Hormones: ADH- works in DISTAL CONVOLUTED TUBULE Aldosterone- made in ADRENAL CORTEX ANP- inhibits secretion of renin-angiotensin-aldosterone & water absorption by kidney tubules Erythropoietin- stimulates marrow to make more RBC's Renin- made & released in JUXTAGLOMERULAR APPARATUS RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN-ALDOSTERONE decreased renal perfusion= low BP ; JGA releases renin ; Liver releases angiotensin I ; Lungs convert angio I to angiotensin II ; Increase in BP due to VASOCONSTRICTION, myocardial contractility, VOLUME INCREASE because ALDOSTERONE is released by ADRENAL CORTEX ; Aldosterone causes sodium & water to be REABSORPTION & potassium excretion ***** This stops once BP is normal because it is a NEGATIVE feedback system Lab Tests/Diagnostics: Creatinine- 0. 6-1. 2 End product of muscle & protein metabolism -reflects GFR, renal disease is the only condition to increase creatinine level (not effected by hydration status) BUN- 8-16 measures amount of urea (byproduct of protein metabolism in liver) -factors affecting BUN: hydration/ urine flow, hypoperfusion, metabolic rate, drugs, diet Elevated BUN with normal creatinine= DEHYDRATION/Volume depletion/low perfusion -Elevated BUN &

Creatinine = RENAL FAILURE/Dysfunction Specific Gravity- 1.003-1.030
measures ability of kidneys to concentrate urine -increased spec. grav =
(more concentrated urine) dehydration, low perfusion, too much ADH -
decreased sep. grav = (less concentrated urine) too much fluid,
diabetes insipidus, or inability of kidneys to concentrate urine Creatinine
Clearance- evaluates how well kidneys remove creatinine from blood -best
estimate for GFR renal threshold of glucose = blood glucose level of at least
180 before it spills over in urine *bacturia- males 10,000 colonies, females
100,000 colonies of bacteria Renal Calculi/stones: Causes: dehydration,
infection, change in urine pH, obstruction, diet, immobilization, metabolic
factors S/S: CVA (Costal-vertebral angle) pain, N, abdominal distention, fever,
chills, hematuria, pyuria DX: KUB, US, Urine cx, stone analysis, serum
calcium & phosphorus to detect hormonal problems TX: hydration/push
fluids, abx, toradol (relaxes ureters), diuretics NSG: strain urine, stone
analysis, push fluids 3-4L/day, teach diet & s/s of obstruction

Acute Poststreptococcal Glomerulonephritis - bil. inflammation of glomeruli
Causes: Strep infection, impetigo S/S: edema, azotemia, hematuria, oliguria,
fatigue, HTN, Na retention DX: elevated ASO (antistreptolysin-O titer),
elevated electrolyte, BUN, & Creatinine, KUB-bil kidney enlargement TX: relief
of symptoms, bedrest, fluid & sodium restrictions, abx, daily BUN &
creatinine, diet- high calories, low protein sodium potassium & fluids. Acute
Pyelonephritis sudden bacterial inflammation of kidney risk factors: urinary
stasis, inability to empty bladder (BPH/enlarged prostate), obstruction, sex,
pregnancy, DM S/S: urinary freq. & urgency, dysuria, hematuria, elevated
temp, chills, flank pain, anorexia, malaise UA: show pyuria, hematuria, low

spec. gravity, alkaline pH, proteinuria, glycosuria, kentonuria TX: abx, analgesic, reculture urine 1 week after abx complete NSG: antipyretics, increase fluids, monitor for fever

Nephrotic syndrome -clinical manifestations caused by protein wasting secondary to diffuse glomerular damage usually after stress to immune system s/s: proteinuria, low albumin, edema, hyperlipidemia, hypovolemia nsg: low protein high calorie diet, i/o's, sodium & fluid restriction, weights, treat underlying cause Renal Failure Prerenal- obstructs flow to kidneys ex: CV disease, hypovolemia, peripheral vasodilation, severe vasoconstriction Intrarenal- poisons kidney tissue x: acute glomerular nephritis, pyelonephritis, sickle cells, lupus Postrenal- bladder obstruction, ureteral obstruction S/S of Acute Renal Failure: anorexia, uremic breath, oliguria, n/v/d -elevated BUN/creatinine & K⁺ -low pH, Bicarb, Hgb & Hct Tx: reestablish effective renal function, high calorie diet, diet low in protein sodium & potassium, restrict fluid, vitamin supplements, MONITOR FOR HYPERKALEMIA NSG: i/o's, monitor electrolytes, h, & vitals, check for pericarditis, small frequent meals BPH (Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia) prostatic growth that may block urethra -blockage can cause UTI's, delayed urinary emptying detrusor muscles weakens results in urinary retention-- pt unable to urinate can cause uremia, bladder rupture & peritonitis TURP (Transurethral Resection of Prostate) -surgery that uses a resectoscope to go in urethra & clip out portions of prostate -continuous bladder irrigation to prevent clots nsg: keep penis clean. never remove foley, Kegel exercises