

Anomalies and cystic diseases of the kidney

Fast introduction 🤔:

- 10% of individuals have urinary tract malformations (many of them asymptomatic)
- 15% of congenital urogenital anomalies → secondary to chromosomal disorder
- Children → 20% of chronic renal failure → due to renal dysplasia or hypoplasia
- Adults → 10% of chronic renal failure → due to polycystic Kidney disease

Agenesis	Duplication of ureter	Ectopic (displaced) kidney	Horseshoe kidney	Hypoplasia
<p>Meaning: Complete absence of renal tissue unilateral or bilateral</p> <p>Bilateral agenesis: incompatible with life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • associated with large adrenal glands <p>→ leads to Potter (oligohydramnios) sequence;</p> <p>possible causes include: maternal insulin dependent diabetes mellitus and male sex of fetus but usually no specific etiology</p> <p>Unilateral agenesis: not fatal</p>	<p>Usually asymptomatic</p> <p>may be associated with obstruction</p>	<p>ال kidney ما بتكون في مكانها</p> <p>Usually at pelvic brim</p> <p>may have kinking of ureters</p>	<p>1) Most common congenital kidney anomaly</p> <p>2) 90% → fused at lower pole</p> <p>3) Associated with obstruction, anomalous superior vena cava</p> <p>4) Complete fusion of the kidneys produces a formless mass in the pelvis (pancake kidney)</p> <p>↳ Fused at upper and lower lobes</p> <p>5) Has a clear association with turner syndrome</p>	<p>1) Rare</p> <p>2) failure of kidney to develop to normal size without scarring</p> <p>3) Usually unilateral with a reduced number of nephrons and pyramids (6 or less)</p> <p>4) normal architecture</p> <p>5) Associated with PAX2 mutations</p> <p>6) Oligomeganephronia: type of hypoplasia with small kidney but hypertrophied nephrons due to compensatory hypertrophy caused by reduced number of nephrons</p>

Affect adults

Autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease

1) mutations in genes coding for:

- **polycystin 1** (PKD1, **chromosome 16p**, **most common**)
- **polycystin 2** (PDK2, **chromosome 4q**)

**PKD1,2 encode proteins present in renal tubular epithelia cells

**PDK1:

-transmembrane protein

-located on **primary cilia and cell membranes** of renal tubular epithelial cells

-85% of ADPKD



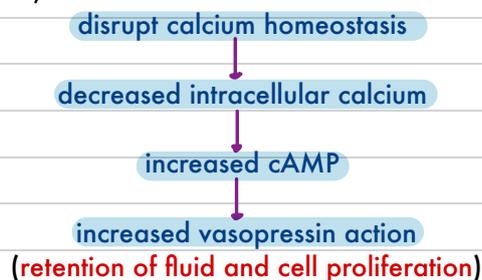
**PDK2:

-Cation channel

-located on **primary cilia and cell membranes** and **endoplasmic reticulum** of renal tubular epithelial cells

-15% of ADPKD

**Defect in PC1,2:



- Can lead to impaired regulation of pathways.

2) Associated with **TSC2 / PKD1 contiguous gene syndrome**

3) Usually **inherited**

**new mutations without a family history occur in approximately 10%

4) Births 1,000 / 2 - 1 (كل ألف مولود ممكن تطلع عند ١ أو ٢)

5) $M = F$ (مدى تأثيره على الذكور مساوٍ للإناث)

Pathophysiology

6) Mutated proteins are involved in:

- **cell differentiation**
- **polarization**
- **proliferation and membrane transport**

7) The **exact mechanism of cyst formation is not yet understood**

8) Cysts form in all regions of the nephron, enlarging and expanding throughout life

9) **Normal renal function is maintained until mid adulthood in most patients**

Clinical features

10) Third most common cause of end stage renal disease

11) Patients present with:

haematuria, abdominal pain, hypertension, urinary tract infection or urolithiasis (stones formation)

Affect children

Autosomal recessive polycystic kidney disease

1) **Mutations in PKHD1 gene**

(**Polycystic Kidney and Hepatic Disease 1**)
(produces fibrocystin / polyductin)

** at 6p12 expressed in kidney, pancreas and liver

2) Usually presenting with **bilateral renal cystic disease**

3) birth 1 per 20,000 live births

4) Patients present prior to or at birth with frequent **complications due to:**

- **limited urine output including oligohydramnios**
- **Potter sequence**
- **joint deformities**
- **pulmonary hypoplasia**



5) Early mortality is most common

(usually due to **pulmonary complications**)

6) Perinatal mortality 30 - 50%

5 year survival is 80 - 95% if survive first month of life

7) In surviving cases with pulmonary hypoplasia

(**kidneys must be removed to allow for growth of lungs**)

8) **no cysts other than kidney and liver** but liver is always affected

9) (every portal triad, every case) with:

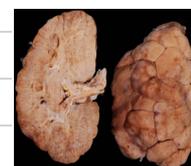
- **herring duct cysts** (ductal plate malformation)
- **congenital hepatic fibrosis**

10) Patients later develop:

- **hypertension**
- **renal insufficiency**
- **portal hypertension**
- **splenomegaly or cholangitis**

11) May also include older patients presenting with:

- **hepatosplenomegaly**
- **hypersplenism**
- **variceal bleeding and cholangitis**



1 2) Gross Description

1) **enlarged kidneys with smooth surface**

2) Small cysts in **cortex and medulla** (collecting ducts)

3) **Dilated channels are perpendicular to cortical surface**

1 3) Microscopic (Histologic) Description

1) **Radially arranged**

2) **Elongated cysts** that form as dilations of all collecting tubules with fluid accumulation

3) Cysts lined by **cuboidal or flattened cells** from collecting tubules

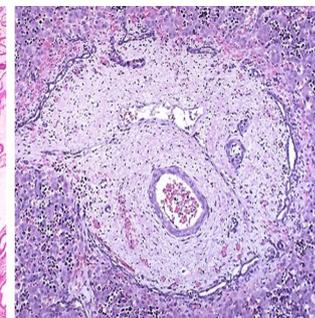
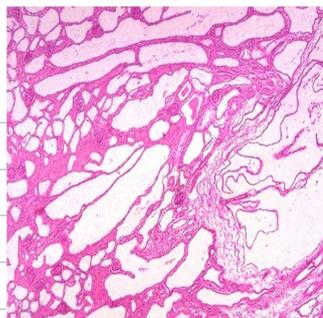
4) Normal nephrons without cystic change

(**interstitial fibrosis** are present in between the cysts)

5) The liver shows **portal fibrosis** with complex bile ductular profiles

12) Associated with:

- Extrarenal cysts
- In CVS:
mitral valve prolapses (20%) and aortic aneurysms
- In CNS:
berry aneurysms (10% - 30%)
- In GI:
1) Cysts in pancreas, lung, spleen, pineal gland and seminal vesicles
- 2) Hepatic fibrosis and intestinal diverticula
- Von Meyenburg Complexes in liver
- Hepatic cysts (40% - 88%)



13) Causes of death:

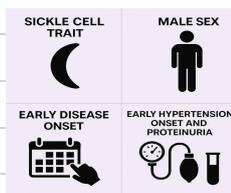
- 25% die from infection
- 40% from hypertension and heart disease
- 15% from berry aneurysms or stroke
- (MC cause of death is ruptures berry aneurysms)

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14) Prognostic factors

** Poor prognosis:

- 1- Male
- 2- Early disease onset
- 3- Sickle cell trait
- 4- Early hypertension
- 5- Proteinuria



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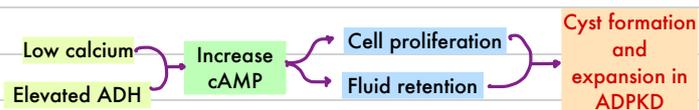
Healthy nephrons compensate for damaged nephrons in early stages of ADPKD

** Treatment:

- 1- Laparoscopic nephrectomy
- 2- Transplant

Vasopressin (AVP or ADH)

- 1) powerful modulator of cytotogenesis
- 2) Act through binding V2 receptors and stimulation of cAMP production
- 3) Elevated in ADPKD



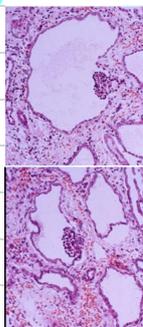
15) Gross description

- Markedly enlarged kidneys (up to 8 kg) composed of sub-capsular cysts up to 4 cm
- Cysts contain clear to brown fluid
- Cysts in cortex and medulla



16) Microscopic (histologic) description

- 1) Cysts are lined by cuboidal or flattened epithelium, may have papillary projections or polyps
- 2) Functional nephrons exist between cysts with areas of global sclerosis, tubular atrophy, interstitial fibrosis and chronic inflammation
- 3) Infants may show primarily cystic dilatation of Bowman's space have renal adenomas 20%



Note

Progression of ADPKD can be difficult to track because kidney function alone is not an effective indicator of disease advancement

Acquired Cystic Kidney Disease

General features

- 1) Three or more cysts per kidney
- 2) Occurs:
10-20% → first 3 years of dialysis
50% → first 5 years of dialysis
90% → after 10 years of dialysis
- 3) occurs in patients with long term uremia prior to dialysis
- 4) Increased (7 - 50x) risk of renal cell carcinoma ((7% at 10 years), but death is rare)

Cause:

longstanding hemo- or peritoneal dialysis for end stage renal disease (unrelated to underlying renal pathology)

Affect Males > females (during first ten years of dialysis)

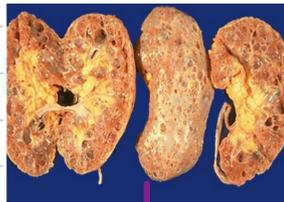
** Not restricted to adults

(occurs in children and young adults on dialysis)

Gross Description

Moderately enlarged kidneys (usually < 800 g) with cortical and medullary cysts (containing clear fluid)

replacement of kidney with cysts < 40%



Microscopic (Histologic) Description

- 1) Cysts lined by: flattened or cuboidal epithelium that may show focal pseudo papillae with:
 - 1) nuclear enlargement
 - 2) loss of polarity
- 2) Cysts may contain oxalate crystals
- 3) Surrounding parenchyma shows:
 - global glomerulosclerosis
 - interstitial fibrosis
 - tubular atrophy

kidneys are about normal in size have few scattered small cysts

(none of which is over 2 cm in size)

This is cystic change associated with chronic renal dialysis

Medullary Sponge Kidney

(Sporadic cystic disease)

congenital disease but most often occurs sporadically without a defined inheritance pattern

General features

0.1 to 0.5 cm cysts involving the inner medullary and papillary regions in this kidney

- 1) Bilateral cystic dilations of medullary collecting ducts
 - ** normal cortex
 - ** incidental and found only on radiologic imaging studies
 - ** incidence of 0.5 to 1% in adults

2) 1 per 5000 births

3) no gender preference (not familial)

4) Associated with:

- hemihypertrophy of body (25% of cases)
- Marfan's syndrome
- Caroli's syndrome
- Ehlers-Danlos syndrome

5) Usually presents in adulthood

6) Usually asymptomatic with normal renal function

There will be:

- Calcifications on X-rays
- stones
- haematuria
- infection at age 30+ years

7) Does not progress to end stage renal disease

8) Diagnosed with intravenous pyelography

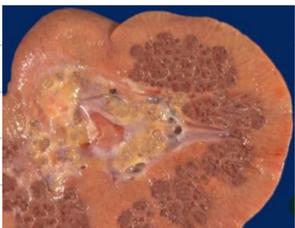
9) MSK may become symptomatic in young adults

- with onset of recurrent hematuria
- and/or urinary tract infection as a consequence of formation of calculi (which develop in 60% of cases)

10) Renal failure is unlikely to occur, but may result from severe pyelonephritis

Gross Description

- 1) Normal sized kidneys
- 2) multiple, small cysts in medullary pyramids
- 3) papillae, giving medulla a sponge-like appearance
- 4) Most often bilateral



Microscopic (Histologic) Description

- 1) Medullary cysts lined by cuboidal epithelium or urothelium
- 2) May have concretions adherent to cyst wall
- 3) Often severe inflammation
- 4) Scarring in interstitium
- 5) Tubular atrophy near papillary tips.

stones due to acidity
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Management

- Cranberry juice to maintain urinary acidity
- Nephrectomy is NOT recommended

multicystic dysplastic kidney



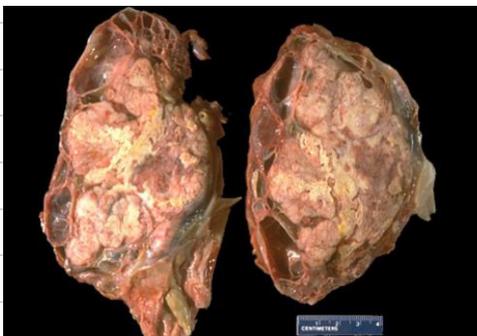
must be distinguished from ARPKD, why??

- 1- occurs **only sporadically**
 - 2- not with a defined inheritance pattern
(it is more common than ARPKD)
 - 3- Cysts are **larger**
(more variably sized than those of ARPKD)
- ** Often is **unilateral**
- If bilateral, it is often **asymmetric**
 - If bilateral, **oligohydramnios** and its complications can ensue,
(just as with ARPKD)

Simple renal cysts



- 1) **Thin walls and are fluid filled**
- 2) They can be multiple, but:
 - they **are never as numerous as with polycystic change**
 - They **do not predispose to chronic renal failure or to neoplasia.**
- 3) **become more common as persons become older**



- Cystic change resulting from long-term renal dialysis **may rarely give rise to renal cell carcinoma**
- A large **irregular tan variegated mass is seen**

UGS-Pathology

Lecture 5

1. One of the following causes end stage renal disease :

- a. Autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease
- b. horseshoe kidney
- c. floating kidney
- d. ectopic kidney

Clinical features

10) Third most common cause of end stage renal disease

11) Patients present with:

haematuria, abdominal pain, hypertension, urinary tract infection or urolithiasis (stones formation)

Ans: a

2. which of the following is false :

- a. Autosomal dominant PKD is most commonly caused by polycystin 2 mutation
- b. Acquired cystic kidney disease may progress to renal cell carcinoma and is not exclusive to adults
- c. Autosomal recessive PKD is caused by fibrocystin mutation

Ans: a

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