

## .CYSTIC MASS IN ABDOMEN

In female-ovarian cyst(m/c)

:after 25 weeks

more common in diabetic,Rh isoimmunization

resolve spontaneously in neonatal period

In both-mesenteric cyst

:obstructed lymphatic drainage

midline cystic lesion of variable size

multiseptate or unilocular

duplication cyst

tubular or cystic,variable size

Hepatic syst

right lobe of the liver

unilocular

ass.polycystic kidneys(30%)

Urachal cyst

Choldochal cyst(rt)

Splenic cyst(It)

Lymphangiomatous

Umbilical vein varix

:extrahepatic vein enlargement

normal upper limits(3mm at 15weeks,8mm at term)

associated with fetal hydrops and third trimester demise

Reference:

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ultrasound,Saunders,1997

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# FETAL GENITOURINARY SYSTEM

## Contents:

- Embryology
- Assesment
- Renal anomalies
  - Renal agenesis
  - Renal ectopia
  - Horst shoe kidney
  - Hydronephrosis
  - MCDK
  - Hereditary plocystic kidney disease
  - Renal mass and cyst
- Urinary bladder
- Reproductive organ

## Study target :

- 1.To evaluate fetal urinary tract systemically.
- 2.To know the definition and prognosis of Pyelectasis.
- 3.To explain the principles of intrauterine fetal treatment.
- 4.Can diagnosis the various cystic renal anomalies.

## .EMBRIOLOGY;

### A. Intermediate mesoderm-

Pronephros: transitory, non-functioning tissue in cervical region

Regress during 4<sup>th</sup> week

Mesonephros: rudimentary renal tissue, mesonephric duct connects to the cloaca,

From upper thoracic to lumbar region.

Urine production between 6 ~ 10 weeks.

Metanephros: nephron from ureteric bud(which from distal mesonephric duct), differentiates

Into the collecting tubules, calyces, pelvis, ureter

In the sacral region

6-9wks ; ascend to their permanent position in lumbar region.

10th weeks:becomes functional(connection bet.nephron and collecting system)

Second trimester ; major contributor to the amniotic fluid volume .

T-V sono ; 9wks

T-A sono ; 13wks ( fetal kidney are seen in most patients by 16-18wks)

\*bladder ; TV sono - 11wks, TA sono -16wks

Anomalies of urinary tract ; arrest development early in organogenesis  
failure of normal ascent  
obstruction of the collecting system  
abnormal formation of renal tubules

#### B.Embryology of genital system

Internal;genital ridges are formed from primordial germ cells(migrate from the yolk sac)

External;5<sup>th</sup> week-clacal folds

.cloaca devided into bladder and rectum by urorectal septum.

7<sup>th</sup> week-meet to form the urogenital fold and anal fold

late 7<sup>th</sup> weeks-urogenital folds breaks down

#### .ASSESSMENT OF URINARY TRACT

Renal size

Pelvic dimension

Calyceal dimension

Renal echogenicity-compare to liver

Ureteric dilatation

Bladder size, wall (at UA) and emptying (q. 30 ~ 40 min)

Renal artery Doppler

Fetal sex

A. Increased renal parenchymal echo.

Total 19 ; normal 4

Survived with renal abnormality 10

Died 5

B. Fetal urine : Na < 50 mMol

Calcium, beta-2 microglobulin level

## . CONGENITAL RENAL ANOMALIES

A. Renal agenesis

; failure of development of the ureteric bud

; 1 / 2000 ( unilateral agenesis) -> good prognosis

be avoid by recognizing that the adrenal gland doesn't have central sinus echoes

and doesn't have a reniform shape in the longitudinal plane

; Bilateral agnesis – lethal (1 / 5000), (M : F = 2.5 : 1)

; severe oligohydramnios – from 17 weeks.

; potter's syndrome (oligo-, pulmonary hypoplasia, anomaly facies, limb positional anomalies)

; sono-diagnosis - severe oligo.

- nonvisualization of the kidneys and urinary bladder (from 14 weeks)

- dolichocephaly , small thorax

B. Renal ectopia

; fail to ascend normally into the renal fossa ( one or both)

; 1 / 1200 births

; pelvic kidney - most common

; sono - findings - kidney in pelvis adjacent to the urinary bladder  
empty renal fossa with a flattened adrenal gland

### C. Horst shoe kidney

; may be associated with Turner syndrome,  
inferior located

### D. Hydronephrosis

incidence-1%,

; Mild pyelectasia (AP diameter of pelvis) <Benacerraf, 1990>, ass. trisomy 21

>4 mm at 15 ~ 19 weeks: >4 at 16 ~ 23 weeks

>5 mm at 20 ~ 29 weeks: >6 at 24 ~ 30 weeks

>7 mm at 30 ~ 40 weeks: >8 at 31 ~ 40 weeks

-about 20%: underlying abnormalities (UPJ obstruction, VUR requiring surgery)

Moderate pyelectasia (>10mm)

-more than 50% need surgery during the first 2 years.

### Natural history of renal pelvic dilatation

; stable in 39.6%

worse in 14.3%

returns to normal in 46% <Morin. Et al, 1996>

### Interventional approach .

In utero- does not prevent renal insufficiency

May have respiratory effect, not proved

Postnatal- observation for recovery

### Potential candidates for intrauterine surgery

1. Bilateral moderately severe pelvicalyceal dilatation  
with Normal cortical echogenicity

2. Severe megacystis and oligohydramnios

with Normal levels of urinary sodium, calcium, beta-2 microglobulin

## Assesment of significance of mild RPD

Gestational age

Side(male, left)

Bladder effect

Maternal effect

Modify postnatal F/U:

-delay 3~5 days postnatally(early dehydration)

-F/U 6 weeks later.

### 1. Ureteropelvic junction obstruction

; most common cause of hydronephrosis

; M : F = 2 : 1

; sono findings - dilated renal pelvis with/or without dilated calyces

- ureters are not dilated

- AFV is usually normal.

Management-Surgery if

: A-P diameter over 50 mm

differential renal function less than 35%

Pain

Urinary tract infection

### 2. Vesicoureteral reflux

; abnormal relationship between the distal ureter and bladder wall

; ureter has a steep, short course through the bladder wall

; male > female

; often bilateral

; sono-findings - hydronephrosis , hydroureter

- intermittent dilatation of the upper urinary tract

; Prenatal diagnosis<Tibbali, 1996>

-prenatal US diagnosis correlates poorly with VUR

-58% of male kidneys with grade 3 reflux had normal postnatal US.

-75% of female kidneys with grade 3 reflux had normal postnatal

US.

PPV of RPD for VUR-17%, Sensitivity-31% by criteria 5mm . <Malch, 1996>  
; often resolves spontaneously within the first 1-2 years of life.

### 3. Primary megaureter

; functional obstruction at the distal ureter  
; aperistaltic distal ureteral segment  
; good prognosis  
; sono - findings - hydronephrosis, hydroureter  
DDX( reflux and megaureter) ;can't in utero.

### 4. Bladder outlet obstruction

; exclusively in males  
; most often as a result of posterior urethral valves  
; occur with urethral atresia or caudal regression syndrome  
; sono-fondings - dilated urinary bladder with thick wall( > 2mm)  
- dilated posterior urethra, ureters  
- variable appearance of kidneys  
; variable prognosis - on the basis of AFV  
the lower ,the worse .  
; prenatal treatment. (selection criteria)  
- presence of oligo.  
- preivable gestational age and normal appearing renal  
parenchyma  
- no other lethal anomalies and a normal karyotype  
- normal renal function

### 5. Renal duplication

; affects female  
; diagnosis - hydronephrosis that differentially affects the upper and lower  
poles  
of the kidneys  
; associated dilated ureter , ectopic ureterocele (in the urinary bladder)

; mimic a cyst or hydronephrosis of the entire kidney

#### E. Multicystic dysplastic kidney (MCDK, Potter type 2)

; 1 in 1,000 births

; complete obstruction or atresia at the level of the renal pelvis and infundibulum

or of the proximal ureter before 10 weeks gestation.

; noncommunicating cysts of variable sizes replacing the normal renal parenchyma

; contralateral renal anomalies; 40% (most common of which is UPJ obs.)

; fatal condition

; sono-findings - a mass in the renal fossa composed of the multiple cysts of

various sizes

; AFV is usually normal.

(lower fluid volume - careful inspection of the contralateral kidney, searching

for obstruction dysplasia or genesis)

; associated defects (50%) - trisomy 18, cardiac defects

; unilateral - normal prognosis,

prophylactic nephrectomy - not recommended.

; parents and family - should be examined.

#### F. Hereditary polycystic kidney disease

; autosomal recessive abnormality or autosomal dominant -

. Autosomal recessive polycystic kidney disease (Potter type 1)

; 1 per 30,000 births, lethal

; infantile polycystic kidney disease

; short arm of 6th chromosome

; often with hepatic fibrosis

; impaired or absent renal function

; sono - findings; enlarged kidney with homogenous echogenicity

enhanced through-transmission.  
bladder is often absent  
severe oligohydramnios ( as early as 16wks, may not  
apparent 24 weeks)  
pulmonary hypoplasia secondary to the severe oligo.

- . Autosomal dominant polycystic kidney
- ; 1 in 1,000
- ; usually asymptomatic until the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> decade
- ; multiple renal cysts, hypertension, renal failure.
- ; sono-findings –enlarged hyperechoic with or without multiple systs.
  - AF, reduced or normal
  - kidney size, usually smaller than infantile type.
- ; prenatal diagnosis by CVS, or Amnio.

#### G. Renal mass and cysts

- ; solid mass - mesoblastic nephroma, which is hamatoma of the kidney
- ; wilms's tumor
- ; isolated cyst

### . ABNORMALITIES OF THE URINARY BLADDER

#### A. Megacysts

- ; ineffective emptying of the urinary bladder
- ; leading to marked dilation of the bladder
- ; hydronephrosis and hydroureter
- ; mimic posterior urethral valves.
- ; diminished AF

#### B. Extropy

- ; failure of regression or incompletely regression of the  
cloacal  
membrane .
- ; male = female x 2

- ; sono findings - absence of the urinary bladder
- soft tissue mass on the surface of the lower abdominal wall.
- ; exposed bladder mucosa

## . ABNORMALITIES OF THE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM AND EXTERNAL GENITALIA

### A. Ovarian cysts and masses

- ; most follicular cyst
- ; simple cyst in the lower abdomen
- ; ovarian torsion - acute change in a previously identified ovarian cyst with increase size and development of echoes within the cyst.
- ; congenital ovarian solid masses is rare.

### B. Hydrometrocolpos

- ; cystic pelvic mass, lower level echoes.
- ; located posterior bladder and extending into the abdomen

### C. Hydrocele

- ; collection of fluid between the layers of the tunica vaginalis in the scrotum .
- ; little or no clinical significance(without asites).

D. Cryptorchidism

- ; undescended testicle
- ; at least 10% (mid -third trimester)

E. Ambiguous genitalia

- ; external genitalia that are not clearly of either sex.
- ; abnormal hormone level