

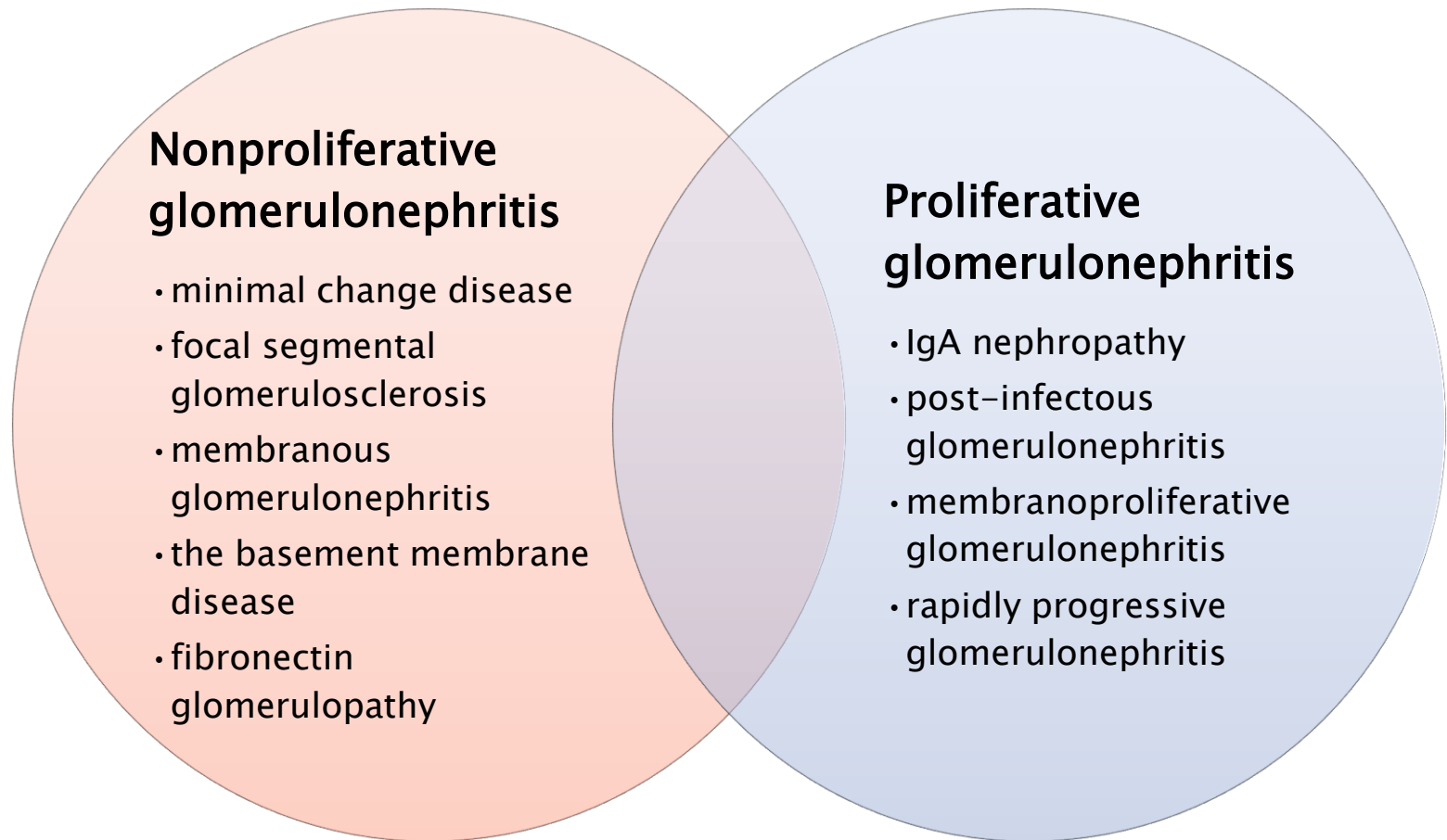
# Nephrotic and nephritic syndrome



# Nephrotic vs nephritic syndrome

- ▶ causes are **glomerulonephritis/nephrosis**
  - **nephritic** affect basement membrane/endothelium injury which leads to hematuria
  - **nephrotic** affect podocytes
    - cause proteinuria

# Nephrotic vs nephritic syndrome




# Nephrotic syndrome

## causes

- *primary*
  - minimal change disease
  - focal segmental glomerulosclerosis
  - membranous nephropathy
  - according histology:
    - focal segmental glomerulosclerosis
    - membranous glomerulonephritis
    - membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis
    - rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis
- *secondary*
  - DM
  - SLE
  - syphilis, sarcoidosis, MM, cancer, genetic disorders, drugs

# Nephrotic syndrome



## minimal change disease

- idiopathic
- unknown pathomechanism
- loss of visceral epithelial cells foot processes (podocyte effacement)
- vacuolisation
- growth of microvilli


## focal segmental glomerulosclerosis

- only some of glomeruli are affected (sclerosis)
- damage of renal podocytes
- associated with gene defects
- NPHS1 (encodes protein nephrin)
- NPHS2 (encodes podocin)
- INF2 (encodes actin-binding protein formin)

## membranous glomerulonephritis

- inflammation of glomerular membrane (suspected is autoimmune mechanism)
- 85% are primary
- accumulation of immune complexes in basement membrane
- activation of complement response

# Nephrotic syndrome



## membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis

- deposits of antibodies in glomerular membrane and mesangium
- Type I – caused by immune complexes
  - subendothelial and mesangial immune deposits
  - associated with classical complement pathway
- Type II – C3 glomerulopathy
  - associated with alternative complement pathway
- type III – rare, mixture of subendothelial and subepithelial immune and/or complement deposits

## rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis

- crescent moon shape of glomeruli (scars)
- 3 types
  - Type I – autoantibodies against collagen type IV in basement membrane
  - Type II – deposition of immune complexes (usually secondary)
  - Type III – associated with ANCA react with Neu and degranulate in place of injury

# Nephrotic syndrome

## secondary causes:

- **Minimal change disease**
  - associated with Hodgkin lymphoma, allergy, NSAIDs
- **Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis**
  - toxins (steroids, heroin)
- **Membranous glomerulonephritis**
  - SLE
  - syphilis, malaria, hepatitis B and C, HIV
  - drugs (captopril, NSAIDs, penicilin, anti-TNF...)
  - cancer
- **Membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis**
  - hepatitis C, SLE, rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma, celiac disease, Sjögren's syndrome
- **Rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis**
  - Type I – Goodpasture syndrome
  - Type II – SLE, Henoch-Schönlein purpura, IgA nephropathy
  - Type III – ANCA-associated vasculitis

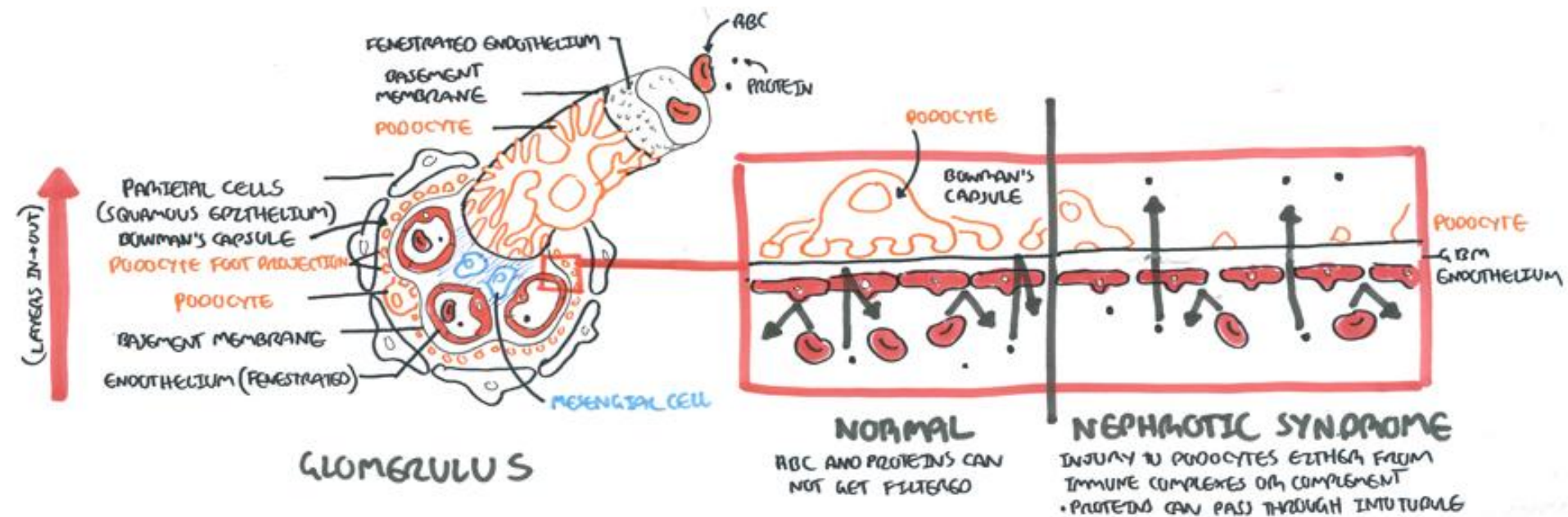
# Nephrotic syndrome

## According histology:

- **Membranous nephropathy**
  - Sjörgen's syndrome
  - SLE
  - DM
  - sarcoidosis
  - drugs (gold, corticosteroids, heroin..)
  - cancer
  - leprosy syphilis
  - malaria
- **Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis**
  - hypertensive nephrosclerosis
  - HIV
- **Minimal change disease**
  - drugs (NSAIDs)
  - Hodgkin's lymphoma
  - allergies
  - bee sting
- **Membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis**
  - hepatitis C



# Nephrotic syndrome



# Nephrotic syndrome

## ① MINIMAL CHANGE DISEASE

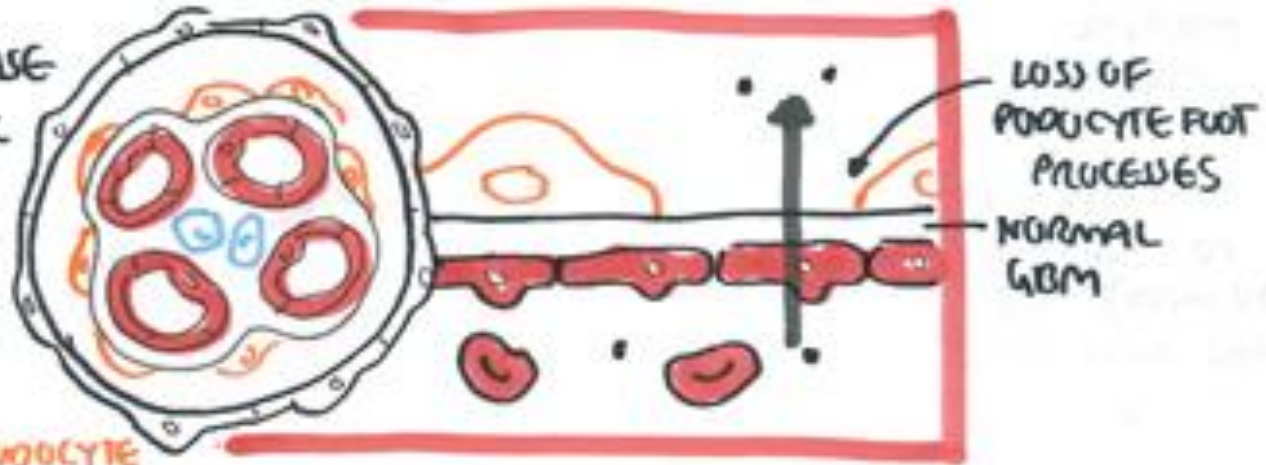
• CAUSES 70-90% OF NEPHROTIC SYNDROME IN CHILDHOOD

### • RENAL BIOPSY

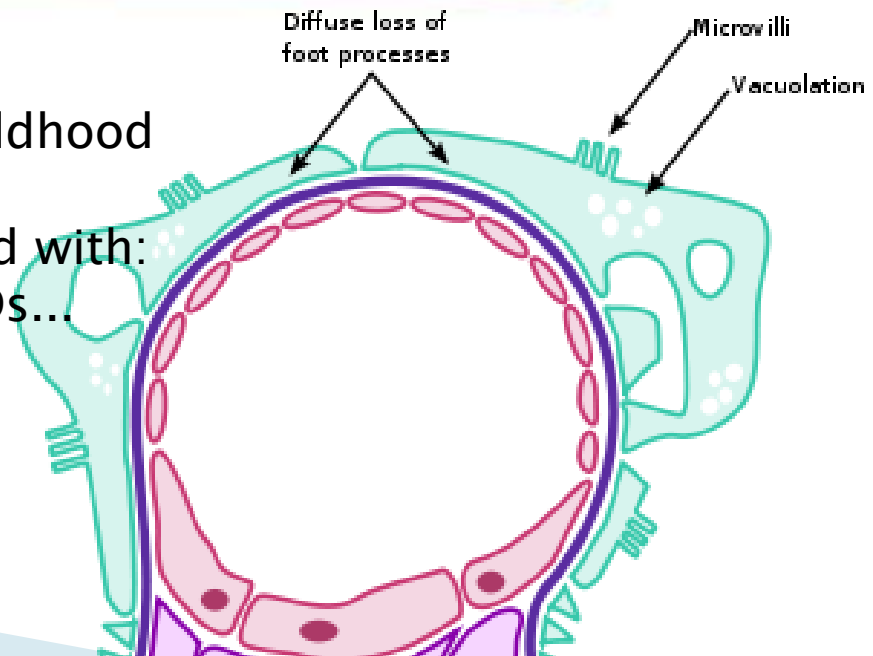
#### • LM:

• IMMUNOFL: OCCASIONAL IgM IN MESANGIUM

• ECM: EFFACEMENT OF **PODOCYTE FOOT PROCESSES**



70–90% of nephrotic syndrome in childhood  
 only 10–15% in adults  
 usually primary, but can be associated with:  
 allergies, Hodgkins lymphoma, NSAIDs...

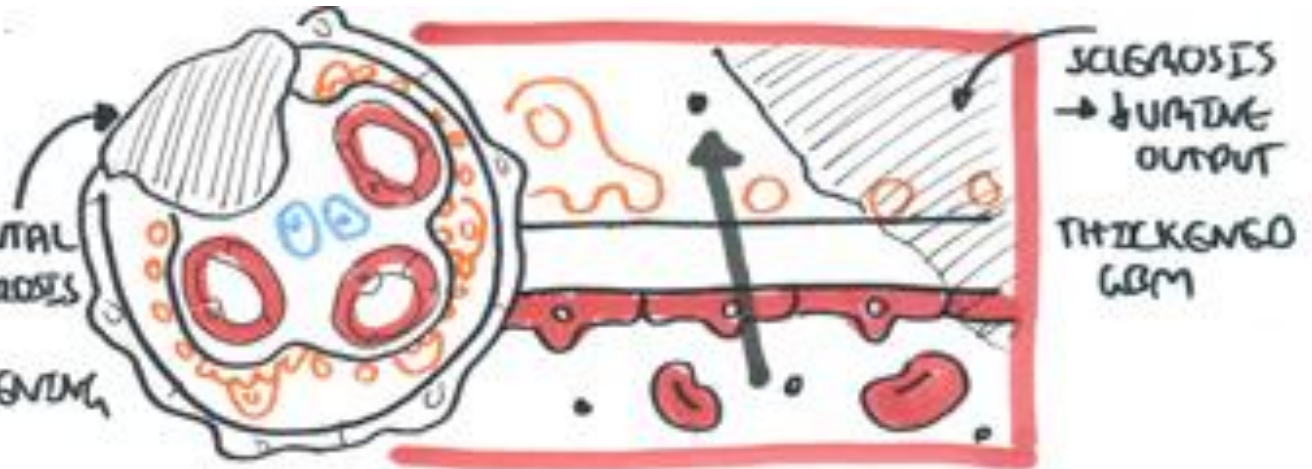


# Nephrotic syndrome

## ③ FOCAL SEGMENTAL GLOMERULOSCLEROSIS

### • RENAL BIOPSY

- LM: FOCAL, SEGMENTAL GLOMERULUM SCLEROSIS
- IF:
- ECM: GBM THICKENING

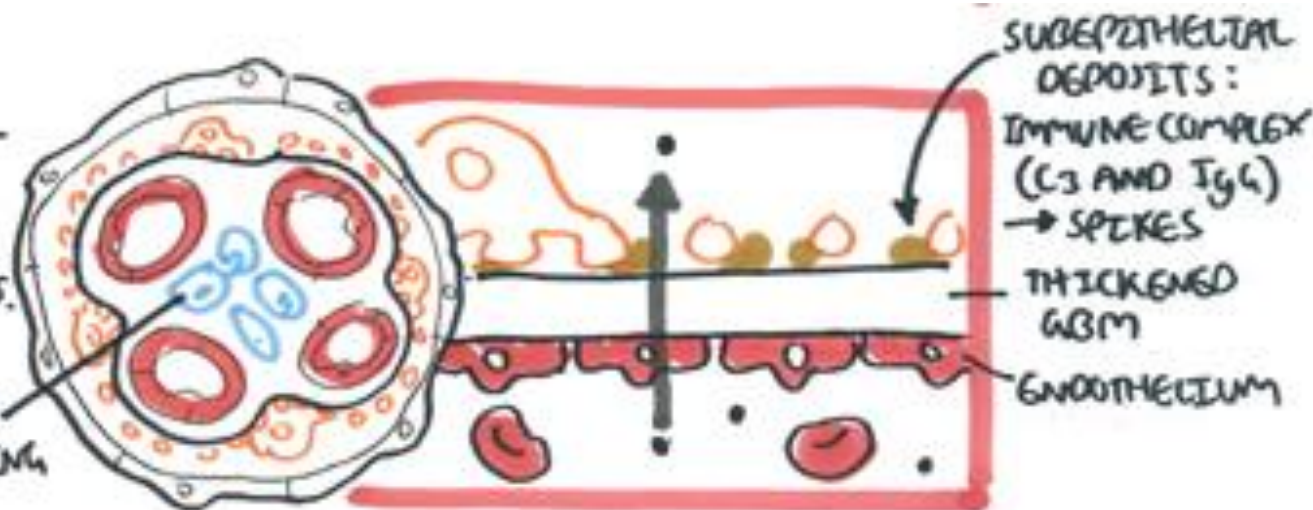


## ③ MEMBRANOUS GLOMERULONEPHRITIS

- ACCOUNTS FOR 30% OF NEPHROTIC SYNDROME IN ADULTS

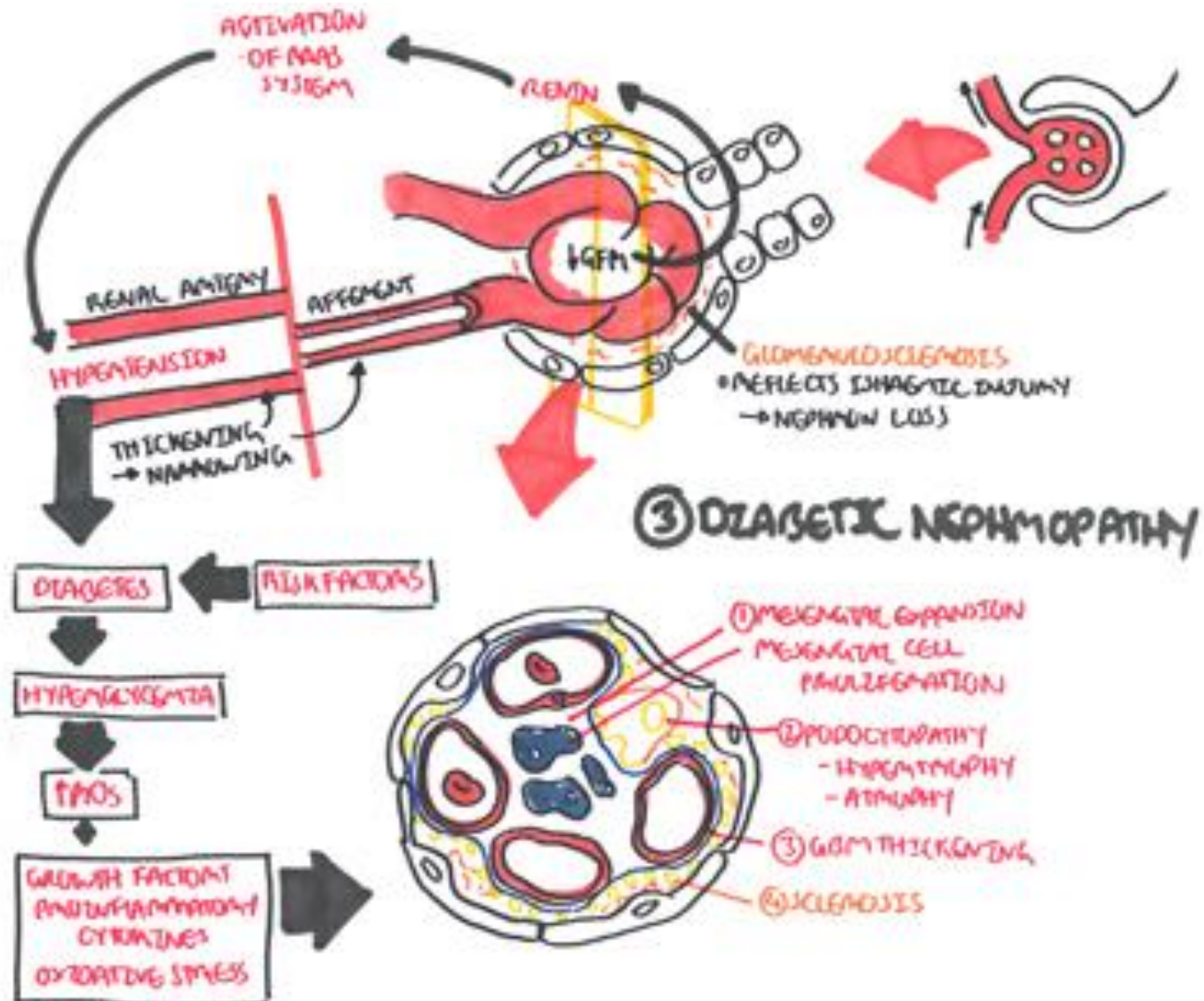
### • RENAL BIOPSY

- LM: MESANGIAL EXPANSION CAPSULAR WALL THICKENING
- IF: IgG AND C3
- ECM: GBM THICKENING





# Nephrotic syndrome



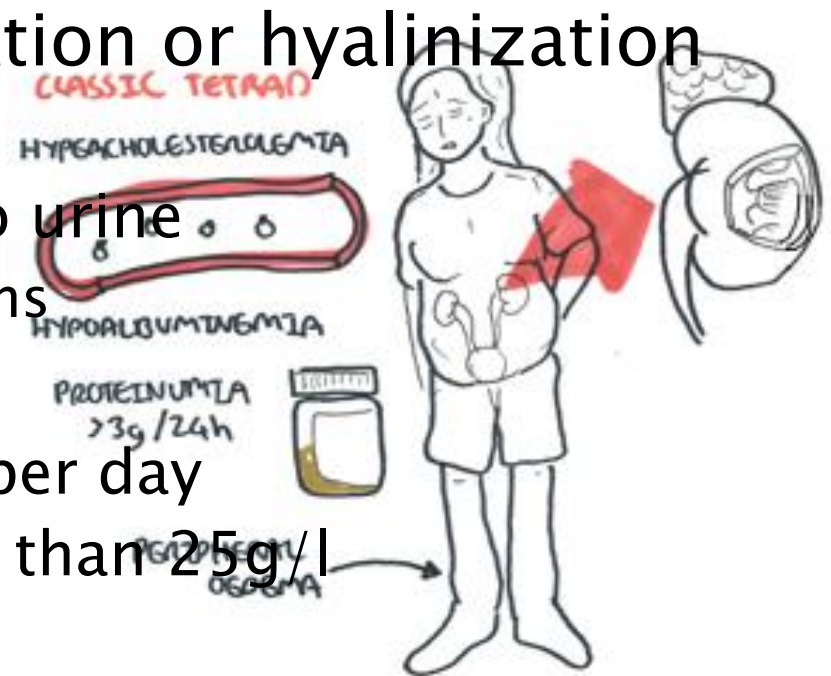
# Nephrotic syndrome – DM

## Staging

Class I	Isolated glomerular basement membrane thickening. There is no evidence of mesangial expansion, increased mesangial matrix, or global glomerulosclerosis involving >50 percent of glomeruli.
Class II	Mild (class IIa) or severe (class IIb) mesangial expansion.
Class III	At least one Kimmelstiel-Wilson lesion (nodular intercapillary glomerulosclerosis) is observed on biopsy and there is <50 percent global glomerulosclerosis.
Class IV	Advanced diabetic sclerosis. There is >50 percent global glomerulosclerosis.

# Nephrotic syndrome

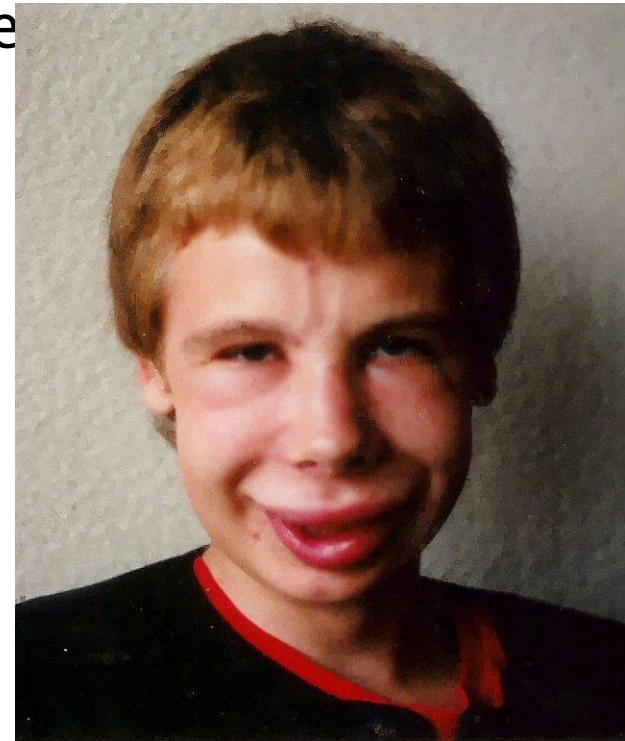
- ▶ in normal circumstances larger molecules (over 40 kDa) are not able to be filtered to urine
- ▶ because of inflammation or hyalinization defect of podocytes
  - filtration of proteins to urine
    - a lot of types of proteins
- ▶ **Main findings:**
  - proteinuria over 3,5g per day
  - hypoalbuminemia less than 25g/l
  - hypercholesterolemia
  - edema



# Nephrotic syndrome

## ► edema

- is result of:
  - decreased oncotic pressure
  - affected sodium metabolism
- puffiness around the eyes in the
- pitting edema of legs
- pleural effusion
- ascites
- anasarca





# Nephrotic syndrome

- ▶ **hyperlipidemia**
  - decreased levels of lipoprotein lipase = decreased lipid catabolism
  - stimulation of lipoprotein synthesis because of hypoproteinemia
- ▶ **normotension or hypertension**
- ▶ **anemia** because of transferrin loss (iron resistant microcytic hypochromic anemia)
- ▶ **dyspnea** (pleural effusion)
- ▶ **foamy urine**
- ▶ **Muehrcke's nails**





# Nephrotic syndrome

- ▶ **thrombophilia**

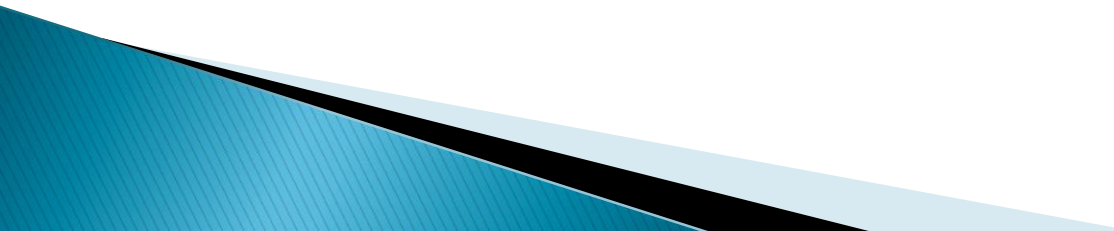
- decrease levels of antithrombin III
- increased risk of thromboembolism

- ▶ **lipiduria**

- ▶ **Complications**

- infections
  - loss of immunoglobulins
- kidney failure
  - hypovolemia

# Nephrotic syndrome

- ▶ **pulmonary edema**
  - ▶ **hypothyroidism**
    - lack of thyroglobulin
  - ▶ **vitamin D deficiency**
    - loss of vitamin D binding protein
  - ▶ **hypocalcemia** as result of hypovitaminosis D
  - ▶ **growth retardation**
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# Nephritic syndrome

- ▶ affect glomerular basement membrane (thinning) and podocytes (small pores)
- ▶ **Causes**
  - main mechanism is **inflammation**
    - infection, autoimmunity or thrombosis

# Nephritic syndrome



## In children

- IgA nephropathy
- post-streptococcal glomerulonephritis
- Henoch – Schönlein purpura
- hemolytic-uremic syndrome

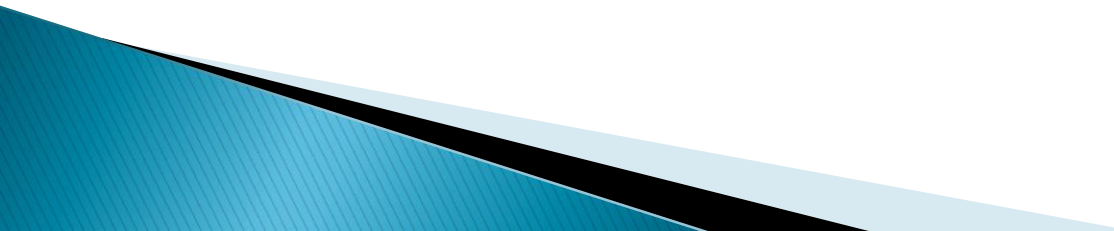
# Nephritic syndrome




## Adults

- Goodpasture syndrome
- systemic lupus
- rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis
- infective endocarditis
- cryoglobulinemia
- membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis
- ANCA small vessel vasculities

# Nephritic syndrome


- ▶ pathomechanism is dependent of disease which cause it
  - ▶ because of damage of different parts of glomerulus
  - ▶ but all leads to defect of basal membrane and enlargement of pores in podocytes
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# Nephritic syndrome – children



<b>IgA nephropathy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• deposits of IgA in mesangium</li><li>• no explanation for pathophysiology of deposits</li><li>• associated with upper respiratory tract infections (postpone about 1–2 days)</li></ul>
<b>Post–streptococcal glomerulonephritis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• similar to IgA nephropathy</li><li>• 2–3 weeks after upper respiratory infection</li><li>• type III hypersensitivity reaction (immune complex mediated)</li><li>• interaction with properdin activate complement</li></ul>
<b>Henoch – Schönlein purpura</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• systemic IgA vasculitis</li><li>• often preceded by infection</li><li>• deposition of IgA complexes and C3</li></ul>
<b>Hemolytic – uremic syndrome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• infectious diarrhea with O157:H7 E coli, or S. pneumoniae, Shigella, Salmonella</li><li>• atypical HUS – genetic mutation</li><li>• thrombotic angiopathy and thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura</li></ul>


# Nephritic syndrome – adults



<b>Goodpasture syndrome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• autoantibodies against basement membrane in lungs and of glomerules in kidneys</li><li>• exact cause unknown</li><li>• predisposition HLA-DR15</li><li>• triggers: chloroform, tobacco, flu, cocaine, sepsis...</li><li>• abnormal plasma cells produce anti-GBM antibodies</li></ul>
<b>SLE</b>	
<b>Rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis</b>	
<b>Infective endocarditis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• septic embolus (deposition into glomerulus)</li></ul>



# Nephritic syndrome – adults

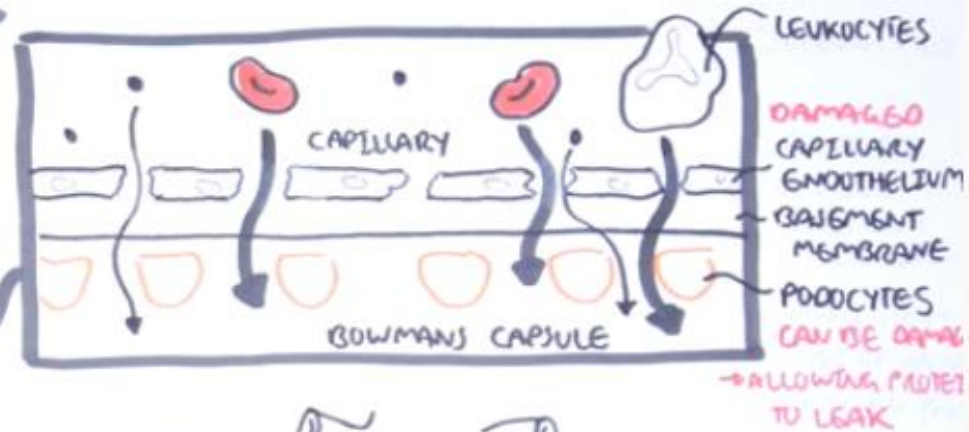


<b>Infective endocarditis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• septic embolus (deposition into glomerulus)</li></ul>
<b>Cryoglobulinemia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• antibodies sensitive to cold</li><li>• hyperviscosity syndrome and forming immune complexes (deposits in small vessels)</li><li>• associated with cancer, infections and autoimmunity</li><li>• 3 types (type I associated with cancer, type II with infections (most common), type III with AI diseases)</li></ul>
<b>Membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis</b>	
<b>other ANCA small-vessel vasculitides</b>	

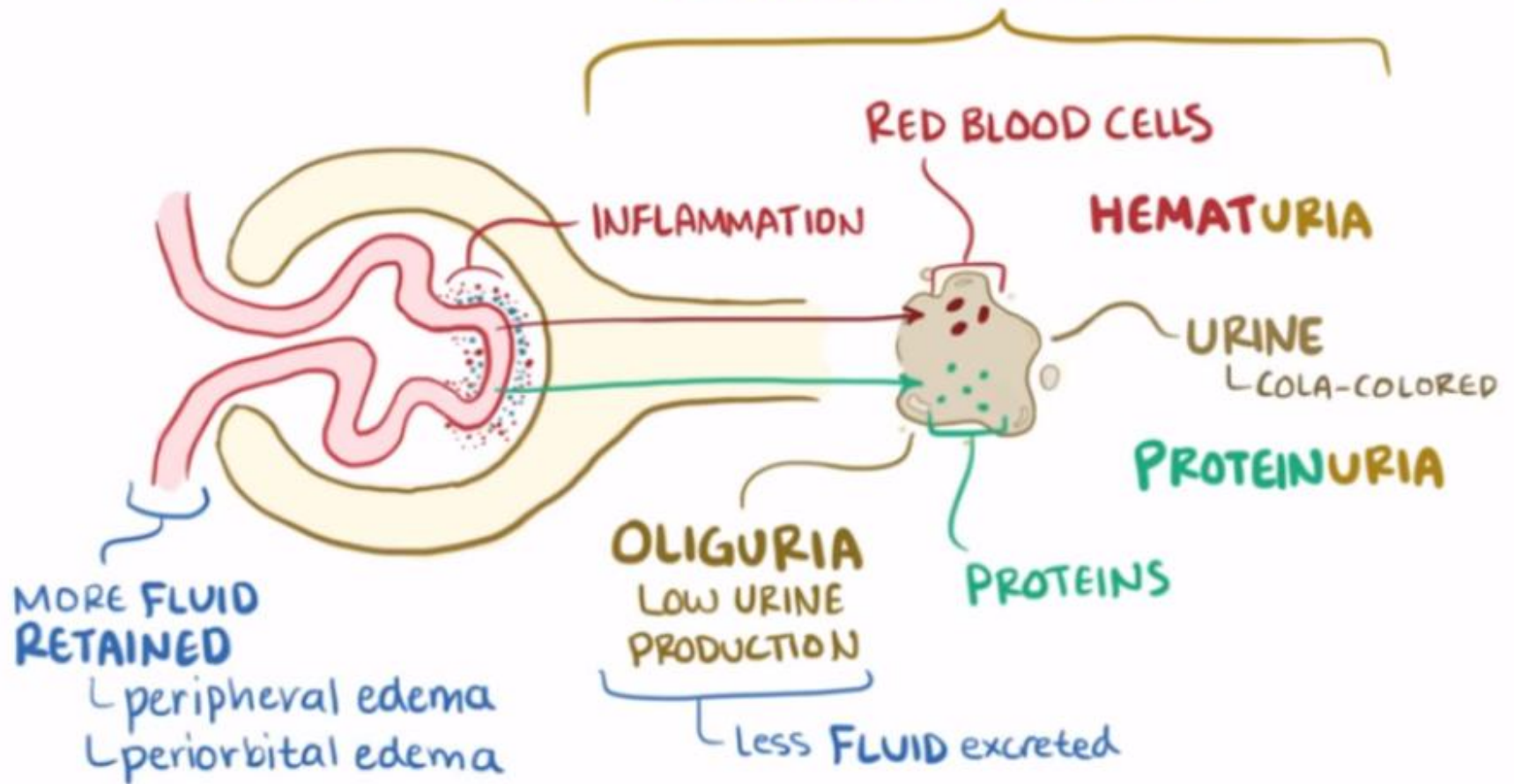
# NEPHRITIC SYNDROME

GLOMERULONEPHRITIS

INFLAMMATION OF THE  
GLOMERULUS



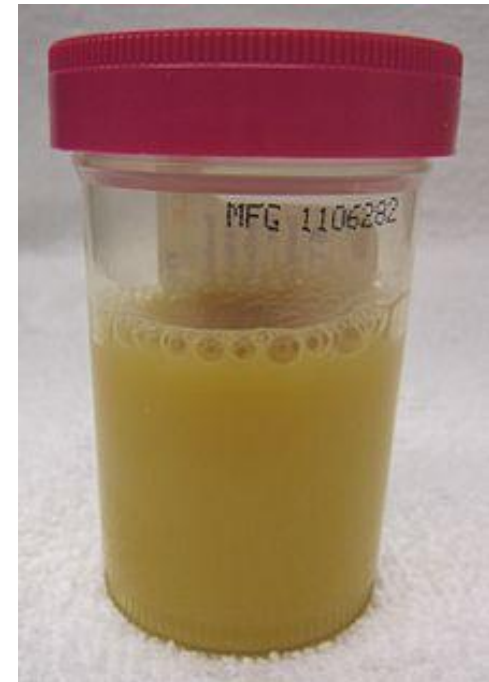
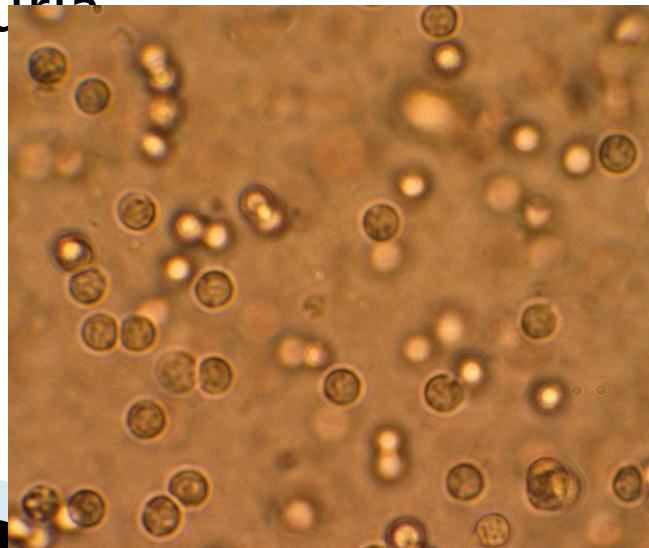
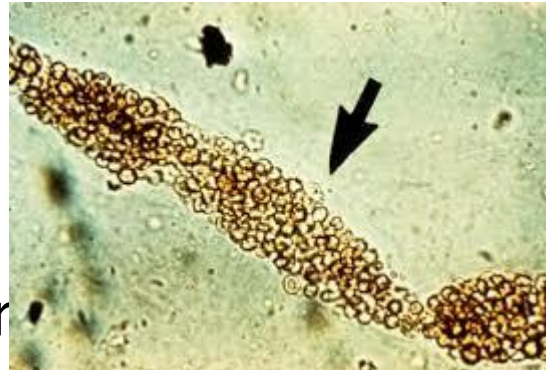
# NEPHRITIC SYNDROME



# Nephritic syndrome

## ► Symptoms

- hematuria
- hypertension
- oliguria (under
- **red blood cell casts**
- pyuria
- mild proteinuria
- **edema**
- azotemia





# Glomerulopathies



# Glomerulopatie s nefritickým obrazom

## ▶ Acute nephritic syndrome

- characterized by a sudden onset, with the appearance of blood, erythrocyte casts, and proteinuria in the urine
- This finding is associated with **worsening kidney function, oliguria, retention of salt and water, and varying degrees of hypertension**
- It is present in **acute glomerulonephritis** (the prototype for this type of glomerulopathy), in **other types of glomerulonephritis**
- also occurs in systemic lupus erythematosus and cryoglobulinemia

# Glomerulopathies with nephritic manifestations

- ▶ **Acute glomerulonephritis (poststreptococcal)**
  - is caused by immune complexes
  - this is typically exogenous in nature, but can also be endogenous
  - often occurs after an infectious disease of the skin or pharynx
  - **most often occurs in children**
  - the onset is manifested by **oliguria, hematuria, edema and varying degrees of hypertension**
  - usually occurs on the 6th – 21st day after infection
  - **hematuria** may only be microscopic
  - **proteinuria** is usually moderate up to 3.5 g per 24 hours
  - **erythrocyte casts** in the sediment – the most important for the diagnosis of glomerulonephritis

# Glomerulopathies with nephritic manifestations

- leukocytes, tubular cells, hyaline and glomerular casts may also be present
- glomerular filtration (creatinine clearance) is reduced
- creatinine elevation is mild and albumin levels are normal
- but there is a clear tendency for fluid retention and edema
- glomerulonephritis results from the formation of antibodies directed against *Streptococcus pyogenes* type I antigens
  - these cross-react with the autoantigen vimentin – soluble immune complexes are formed
  - deposits are found in the mesangium and subendothelial spaces
  - soluble complexes are present in the circulation



# Glomerulopathies with nephritic manifestations

- in a favorable case, phagocytosis of immune complexes in deposits may begin with gradual adjustment of renal function
- in other cases, the damage is irreversible
- fibrosis develops at the sites of damage
- persistence of this type is associated with proteinuria and hematuria
- in the histological picture, all glomeruli are affected
- glomeruli are enlarged and there is a pronounced hypercellularity of the glomeruli
- increased cellularity is caused by proliferation and edema of endothelial and mesangial cells and the presence of neutrophils and monocytes

# Glomerulopathies with nephritic manifestations

- along the basement membrane and in the mesangium there are deposits of IgG and C3 fragment of complement
- sometimes there are thrombi in the lumen and necrosis in the capillary wall
- these findings are in a very unfavorable development of the disease
- in a favorable case, diuresis increases spontaneously in 1–2 weeks
- cure may be without consequences
- sometimes hypertension and proteinuria persist
- **Postinfectious nonstreptococcal glomerulonephritis**
  - acute glomerulonephritis can also occur with other infections
  - staphylococci, pneumococci, Klebsiella pneumoniae, meningococcal infections, syphilis, leptospirosis, herpes virus, mononucleosis, hepatitis B, rubella, etc.
  - clinic and histology as in streptococcal infection

# Glomerulopathies with nephritic manifestations

- **Glomerulonephritis in infective endocarditis**
  - patients may present with hematuria, proteinuria, and deterioration of renal functions
  - this finding occurs in patients with negative blood cultures
  - histological findings are similar to poststreptococcal nephritis
- **Glomerulonephritis in visceral abscess**
  - most common in patients with lung abscess
  - histologically tends toward proliferative glomerulonephritis

# Glomerulopathies with nephritic manifestations

## ▶ **Rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis**

- deterioration of renal function up to complete failure
- precondition for making the diagnosis is an increase in serum creatinine level with simultaneous finding of proteinuria and hematuria
- erythrocyte casts are present in the sediment
- half-moon-shaped formations of fibrin are present in about 50% of glomeruli
  - the cause of fibrinogen leakage through the capillary walls is changes in the basement membrane
  - from it fibrin deposits are formed in Bowman's capsule
  - deposits stimulate proliferation of parietal epithelial cells of Bowman's capsule and act as an attractant for circulating monocytes


# Glomerulopathies with nephritic manifestations

- therefore, the cellularity of the glomeruli increases
- large deposits compress the capillaries and act as an obstruction on the proximal tubules to the point that the nephron is completely disabled
- extracapillary cells are gradually replaced by fibroblasts
- at least three types can be distinguished by immunofluorescence techniques:
  - **1. type – autoantibodies against the basement membrane (IgG or IgA) are formed**
    - deposits are formed along the basement membrane
    - similar antibodies occur in 90% of patients
    - the alveocapillary network of the lungs may also be affected
    - Goodpasture syndrome is clinically manifested by hemoptysis

# Glomerulopathies with nephritic manifestations

- **Type 2 – granular deposits of immunoglobulins and complement**
  - deposition along capillaries and in the mesangium
  - vasculitis often develops – manifests as purpura
  - soluble immune complexes and cryoglobulins
  - are detected in the blood along with reduced complement activity
- **Type 3 – immunofluorescence–negative rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis**
  - such a picture arises because all deposits have already been eliminated by macrophages or there is a completely different pathological mechanism (unexplained)
  - occurs in older men and is often associated with systemic vasculitis
- **2. typ – granulárne depozity imunoglobulínov a komplementu**
  - ukladanie pozdĺž kapilár a v mezangiu
  - často sa vyvíja vaskulitída – prejavuje sa ako purpura
  - v krvi sa zistí užijú solubilné imunokomplexy a kryoglobulíny súčasne so zníženou aktivitou komplementu
- **3. typ – imunofluorescenčne negatívna rýchlo progredujúca glomerulonefritída**
  - takýto obraz vznikne tým, že všetky depozity sú už zlikvidované makrofágmi alebo ide o celkom iný patologický mechanizmus (neobjasnený)
  - vyskytuje sa u starších mužov a býva spojený so systémovou vaskulitídou

# Glomerulopathies with nephritic manifestations

- Complement levels are usually unchanged.
  - Antineutrophil antibodies – ANCA – are very often present.
  - Glomeruli are normocellular or hypercellular, often with segmental necroses.
  - Linear deposits of IgG and C3b, less commonly IgA
  - Subepithelial, subendothelial, and mesangial deposits may be present
  - A consistent finding is the presence of gaps in the glomerular capillary basement membrane
  - Prognosis is poor
  - Without therapy, renal failure develops within several weeks to months
  - Immune complex-mediated disease with granular deposits has a better prognosis
  - Hypertension, azotemia, and worsening histological findings are indicators of poor prognosis
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# Glomerulopathies with nephritic manifestations

## ▶ Slowly Progressive Glomerulonephritis (Membranoproliferative Glomerulonephritis)

- A group of glomerulonephritides with many synonyms:
- Mesangiocapillary, nodular, chronic mesangioproliferative, hypocomplementemic
- There are two types:
  - **Type 1** –
    - Characterized by decreased levels of circulating complement.
    - Subendothelial and mesangial deposits are present → immune complex-mediated pathogenesis.
    - Proteinuria or a nephrotic syndrome picture is present.
  - **Type 2** –
    - Complement activation caused by C3 nephritic factor.
    - Intramembranous deposits are present.
    - Proteinuria or a nephritic syndrome picture is present, similar to rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis.



# Glomerulopathies with nephritic manifestations

- The clinical presentation is similar in both types. The onset of the disease is extremely variable:
  - One-third of patients present with a nephritic picture,
  - One-third with nephrotic syndrome,
  - One-third with proteinuria and hematuria.
- It encompasses a group of disorders characterized by mesangial cell proliferation, thickening of the basement membranes with a double contour, and variable disruption of glomerular architecture.
- Immunofluorescence reveals C3b deposits:
  - In Type 1, these are subendothelial,
  - In Type 2, they are within the thickened basement membrane (ribbon-like).
- The course of the disease is variable.  
A nephrotic syndrome picture and hypertension are associated with poor prognosis.
- The disease usually progresses to kidney failure over several decades.

# Nefrotic syndrome

- ▶ It is defined as proteinuria of such severity that it causes hypoalbuminemia and leads to edema, hyperlipidemia with lipiduria, and hypercoagulability.
  - Proteinuria represents a loss of proteins exceeding 3.5 g/day per 1.74 m<sup>2</sup>.
- ▶ The cause may be immunopathological mechanisms.  
In many patients, idiopathic nephrotic syndrome occurs.
- ▶ The cause of proteinuria is damage to the glomerular capillary basement membrane and podocytes.
- ▶ It is not the only cause of hypoalbuminemia.
  - Contributing factors include increased albumin catabolism in the renal vascular endothelium and proximal tubular epithelium.
  - Increased hepatic synthesis cannot compensate for the losses.

# Nefrotic syndrome

- ▶ **Edema** is the main symptom.
  - It is localized in tissues with low tissue pressure.
  - The extent of edema corresponds to the degree of hypoalbuminemia.
  - Most pronounced in the morning, around the eyes.
  - In very severe cases: anasarca, pleural and pericardial effusions, and ascites.
- ▶ **Two theories explain edema:**
  - **Hypoalbuminemia theory** – decreased plasma albumin reduces oncotic pressure.
  - **Sodium retention theory** – associated with impaired renal sodium excretion.
    - The result is increased blood volume and blood pressure.
    - Hydrostatic pressure rises → edema formation.
    - Resistance to atrial natriuretic peptide is likely present.


# Nefrotic syndrome

- ▶ Attempts to reduce edema with diuretics may lead to decreased plasma volume and renal failure.
  - Persistent proteinuria has catastrophic consequences:
  - It stimulates the release of cytokines, growth factors, and other mediators that trigger interstitial inflammation and subsequent fibrosis.
  - Loss of plasma proteins leads to decreased IgG and IgA concentrations and an increase in IgM.
  - Proteins excreted in the urine include vitamin D-binding protein, CSBG (corticosteroid-binding globulin), TBG (thyroid-binding globulin), and transferrin.
  - Low vitamin D levels result in hypocalcemia and secondary hyperparathyroidism.

# Nefrotic syndrome

- Usually, there is no deficiency of T3 and T4.
- Microcytic anemia may result from transferrin deficiency.
- Anemia can also be caused by erythropoietin deficiency.
- Deficiency of IgG and complement explains the increased susceptibility to infections.
- In severe nephrotic syndrome, malnutrition and loss of muscle mass may occur.

## ► Hyperlipidemia

- A result of lipid metabolism abnormalities in nephrotic syndrome.
  - The liver increases the synthesis of lipoproteins, including apolipoproteins.
  - Triggers for this synthesis are protein losses, reduced oncotic pressure, and hypoalbuminemia.
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# Nefrotic syndrome

- A certain contribution comes from disruption of the lipoprotein regulatory system.
  - LDL and cholesterol increase, and with more severe decreases in oncotic pressure, VLDL and triglycerides also rise.

## ► Lipiduria

- Associated with the presence of lipid casts.
- Under the microscope, they exhibit a “Maltese cross” appearance.
- **Coagulation abnormalities**
- Hypercoagulability is caused by urinary losses of coagulation inhibitors (antithrombin III, proteins C and S), increased hepatic synthesis of fibrinogen and factors V and VIII, increased platelet aggregability, and impaired fibrinolysis.

Hemoptysis and dyspnea are negative prognostic signs.



# Nefrotic syndrome

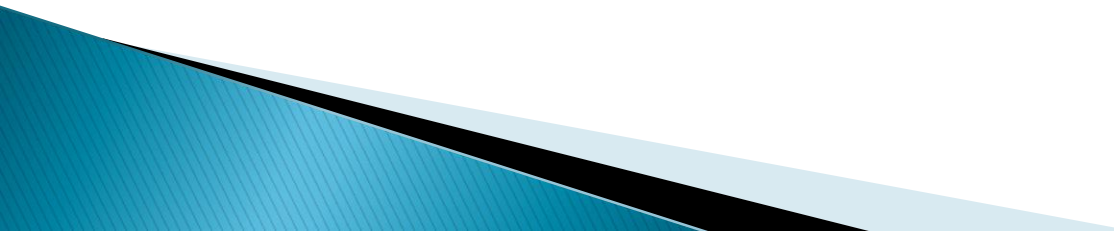
## ▶ Minimal Change Glomerulopathy (Lipoid Nephrosis)

- Idiopathic nephrotic syndrome occurring mainly in children.
- Associations are known with immunization, atopy, viral infections, and Hodgkin's disease.
- Can occur after administration of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and in toxin-induced interstitial nephritis.
- Pathogenesis is unclear.
- Proteinuria is usually of significant degree, sometimes associated with microscopic hematuria.
- Reduction in effective circulating volume can lead to prerenal azotemia.
- This condition may progress to reversible renal failure.

# Nefrotic syndrome

- The core abnormality is increased glomerular permeability to proteins.
- Histological changes are minimal.
- Mortality in the pre-steroid era was up to 50%.

## ▶ **Focal (Segmental) Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS)**

- Some patients with idiopathic nephrotic syndrome show focal and segmental lesions in the glomeruli.
  - Likely represents a continuation of mesangioproliferative glomerulonephritis.
  - Nonselective proteinuria is not pronounced.
  - Marked hematuria and hypertension are present.
  - Erythrocyte casts are never observed.
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# Nefrotic syndrome

- Glomerular damage is uneven
- Certain segments of the glomeruli show increased cellularity
- Hyaline with lipid vacuoles is present in these segments
- Lesions begin in juxtamedullary glomeruli; cortical glomeruli may appear normal
- In sclerotic segments, IgG and C3 deposits are found
- Mesangial matrix is increased in the glomeruli
- Foam cells and degeneration of capillary epithelial cells are present
- Persistent proteinuria and hypertension may continue for years
- Prognosis is better in children

# Nefrotic syndrome

## ▶ Membranous Glomerulopathy (Nephropathy)

- The most common cause of nephrotic syndrome in adults.
- Characterized by diffuse thickening of the glomerular capillary walls with accumulation of electron-dense material on the subepithelial side of the membrane.
- Can occur in various disorders.
  - Antigens may be viral in origin or associated with cancers such as lung or colorectal carcinoma, among others.
- Glomeruli show increased mesangial cells and matrix.
- Deposits contain C3b, and less frequently IgA and IgM.
- The disease progresses slowly.
- All patients exhibit proteinuria; 40% have hematuria.
- Hypertension and renal failure develop later.
- Can occur in patients with malignancies.

# Nefrotic syndrome

## ▶ IgA Nephropathy (Berger's Disease)

- Patients present with mild proteinuria and hematuria, which worsen during fever and physical exertion.
- The most common cause is IgA nephropathy.
- Histologically: mesangioproliferative glomerulonephritis with deposits of IgA and C3, sometimes IgM or IgG.
- Deposits are located in the mesangium.
- Clinically, it most often manifests during viral infections.
- Soluble complexes containing IgA are present in the blood.
- In Henoch–Schönlein purpura, the kidney shows almost identical changes.
  - Later, it was recognized that IgA nephropathy is one of its forms.

# Nefrotic syndrome

## ▶ Glomerulopathies Associated with Systemic Diseases

- Renal syndromes can occur in various systemic diseases.
- Histological findings are characteristic for each disorder type.
- **Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)**
  - Clinically manifests in only 60% of patients, but renal involvement is found in all.
  - Typical kidney disease occurs in 30% of cases.
  - Deposits of IgG, IgM, and IgA, along with complement proteins, are present.
  - Deposits may also be found along the tubular basement membranes.
  - Renal involvement in SLE can be the most serious complication.
  - **WHO Classification of Lupus Nephritis – Classes I to VI:**
    - Normal glomeruli
    - Mesangial glomerulonephritis
    - Focal proliferative nephritis
    - Diffuse proliferative nephritis
    - Membranous nephropathy
    - Glomerular sclerosis




# Nefrotic syndrome

- **Wegener's Granulomatosis (Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis)**
  - Disease of the upper and lower respiratory tracts.
  - Renal involvement with ANCA positivity and systemic vasculitis.
  - Rapidly progressive course.
  - Marked hematuria and proteinuria.
  - Often leads to renal failure.
- **Polyarteritis Nodosa (PAN)**
  - Involves medium-sized arteries of the kidneys and other organs.
  - Most pronounced changes occur in interlobar arteries.
  - Juxtamedullary apparatus is hyperplastic.
  - Deposits in glomeruli may be present.
  - Can lead to renal failure.
  - **Hypersensitivity Angiitis (Microscopic Polyangiitis)**
    - A microscopic variant.
    - Can develop as progressive glomerulonephritis.

# Renal failure

# Acute kidney injury

- Definition: **fast decrease in kidney functions which leads to accumulation of nitrogen substances in organism**
  - **Causes::**
    - prerenal
    - renal
    - postrenal
  - **According occurrence:**
    - States connected with kidney hypoperfusion
    - Obstructive uropathies
    - Primary kidney diseases
    - Therapy of other diseases
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# Acute kidney injury

- The most common cause is renal ischemia
- **causes:**
  - Fast hemorrhagia
  - Marked decrease of circulating blood
  - Perioperative hypotension
  - Cardiogenic shock
  - Surgical operations connected with interruption of blood circulation
- Duration of hypoperfusion is limited factor
  - Can cause reversible or irreversible changes
- **During mild hypoperfusion**
  - Leads to prostacyclin and NO production – dilation of afferent arterioles
  - Angiotensin II cause peripheral vasoconstriction and mainly vasa efferens = increase of intraglomerular pressure

# Acute kidney injury

- During strong hypoperfusion this mechanism doesn't function
- Acute failure can be caused by **nephrotoxic substances**
  - E. g. heavy metal or solvents organic
  - Here belongs some drugs or their combinations
    - Aminoglycosidic ATB in combination with cyclosporins or cisplatina, some anesthetics, **contrast substances**
- Can occur in **last trimester or after birth**
- **After birth** as consequence of acute bleeding
- **In liver disease** without visible cause
  - Mild oliguria with moderate findings
    - Most commonly in hepatal cirrhosis with icterus, ascites and encephalopathy

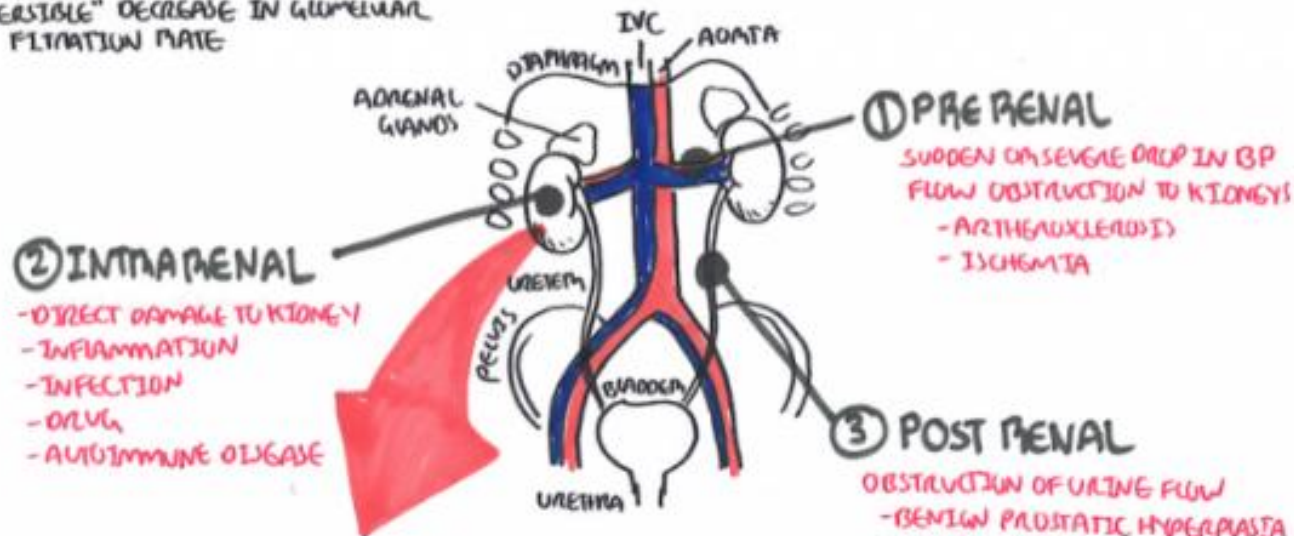
# Acute kidney injury

- Release of huge amount of myoglobin (**rhabdomyolysis**)
  - crush syndrome, non-traumatic in heat shock, extreme muscle work, hypokalemia, hypophosphatemia, hyperlipidemia therapy by fibrates, genetic defects
  - Myoglobin alone has not nephrotoxic effect
  - Negative effect has its precipitation
- **Intravascular hemolysis**
  - Hb is not nephrotoxic
  - Bigger influence have substances which are released from Ec stroma + hypoperfusion
- **In acute kidney injury dominates nitrogen substances = azotemia**



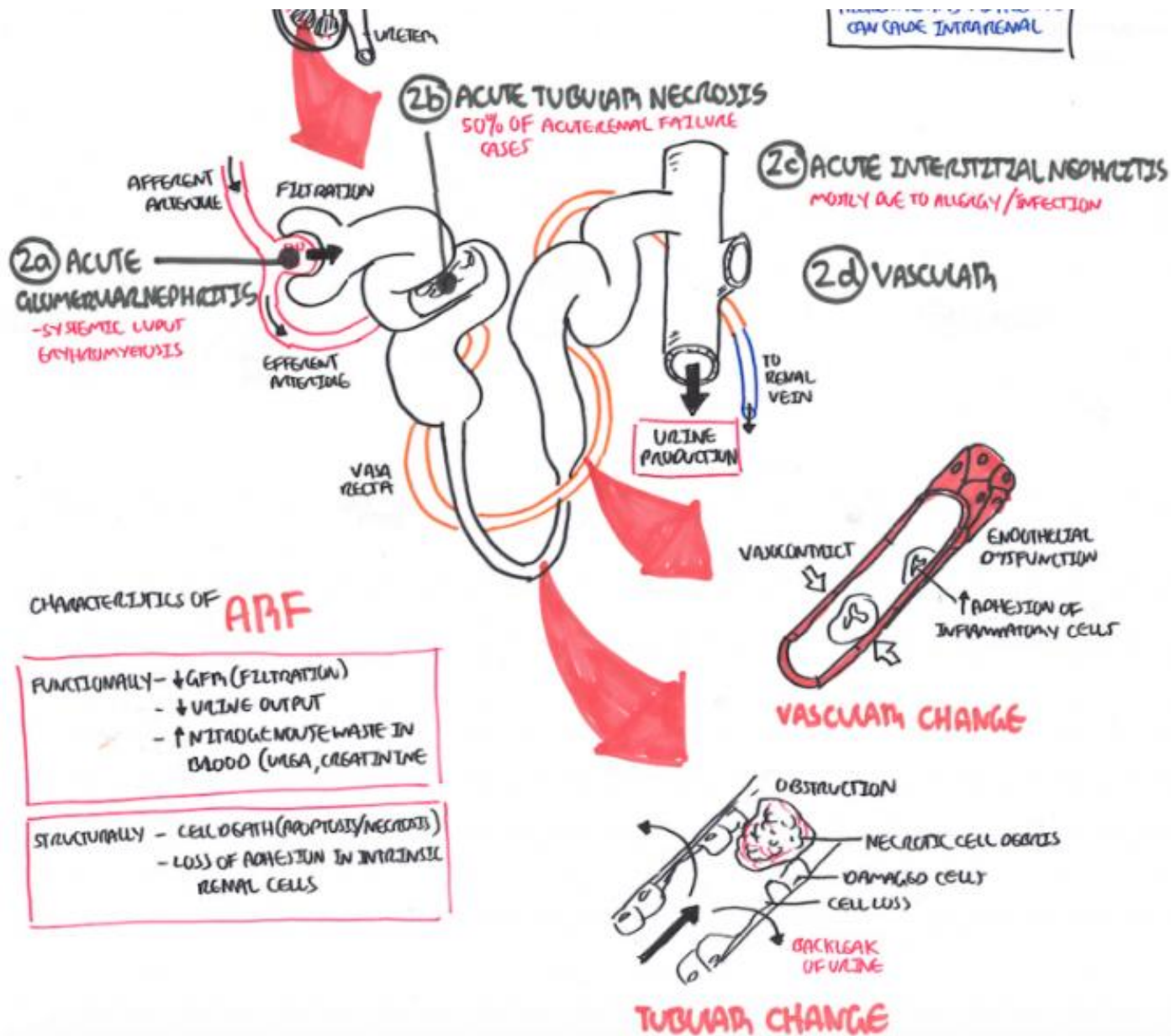
# ACUTE RENAL FAILURE

"REVERSIBLE" DECREASE IN GLOMERULAR FILTRATION RATE



**2b) ACUTE TUBULAR NECROSIS**  
 50% OF ACUTE RENAL FAILURE

PRE RENAL AND POST RENAL CAN CAUSE INTRA RENAL



# Pathophysiology of Acute Kidney Injury

## Pre-renal

Hypovolemia  
Traumatic injury  
Shock  
Severe illness

## Intrinsic

Nephrotoxicity  
Contrast Dyes  
Rhabdomyolysis

Hypoxia/Ischemia  
Vascular damage  
Prolonged hypotension

Inflammation  
Sepsis  
Infection

## Post-renal

Obstruction  
Malignancy

### Tissue damage

- Hemoprotein/metal ion release
- Lipid peroxidation
- Loss of antioxidants

### Hypoxia/Ischemia

- Energy loss
- Mitochondrial dysfunction
- Reperfusion ROS

### Nephrotoxin

- Toxin oxidants
- Mitochondrial damage
- Loss of GSH

### Endothelium activation

- Cytokine release
- Phagocyte recruitment
- Altered eNOS function

### Inflammation

- Phagocyte oxidants
- iNOS up-regulation

## ROS

Oxidative damage

Signal disruption

Organelle dysfunction

Cell apoptosis/necrosis

Vascular dysfunction

# Acute kidney injury

## ▶ Prerenal causes of azotemia

- **hypovolemia**

- Bleeding, burns, bleeding to GIT, osmotic diuresis, pancreatitis, trauma, hypoalbuminemia, peritonitis, diarrhoe, vomiting

- **Decrease in minute cardiac output**

- Myocardial diseases, heart tamponade, lung embolia

- **Change in ratio of systemic and renal vessel resistance**

- Vasodilation in sepsis, anaphylaxis, anesthesia, cirrhosis with ascites

- **hyperviscosity syndrome**

- Polycythemia, macroglobulinemia

# Acute kidney injury

- **Renal causes of azotemia**

- **Disorders of big renal vessels**

- Thrombosis, embolism, aneurysm dissection, venous obstruction, vasculitis, compression

- **Disorders of renal circulation**

- Glomerulonephritis, vasculitis, hemolytic-uremic syndrome, DIC, thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura, radiation nephritis, toxemia in pregnancy

- **Ischemia and nephrotoxic substances**

- Bleeding, complication of pregnancy after birth, radiocontrast substances, cyclosporin, cisplatin, hemolysis, aminoglycosides, ATB

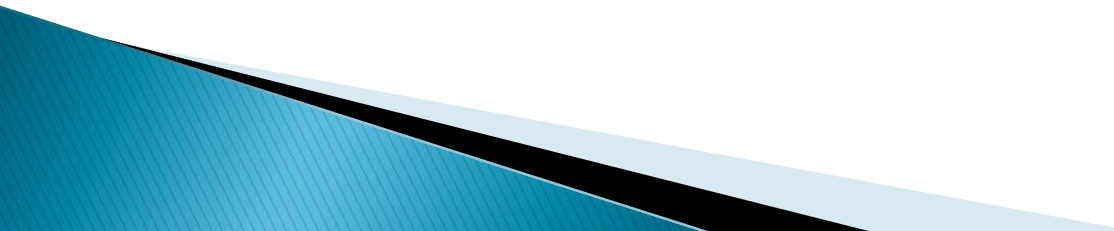
- **Tubulointerstitial diseases**

- Acute and chronic tubulointerstitial nephritis, infections, leukocytic infiltration, diuretics, acute tubular necrosis, intratubular obstruction

- **Rejection of transplant kidney**



# Acute kidney injury

- **Postrenal causes of azotemia**
    - **Ureters obstruction**
      - Stones, extrarenal compression, retroperitoneal fibrosis
    - **Urine bladder and uretra**
      - Prostatic hypertrophy, strictures, neoplasia, neurogenic causes
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# Acute kidney injury

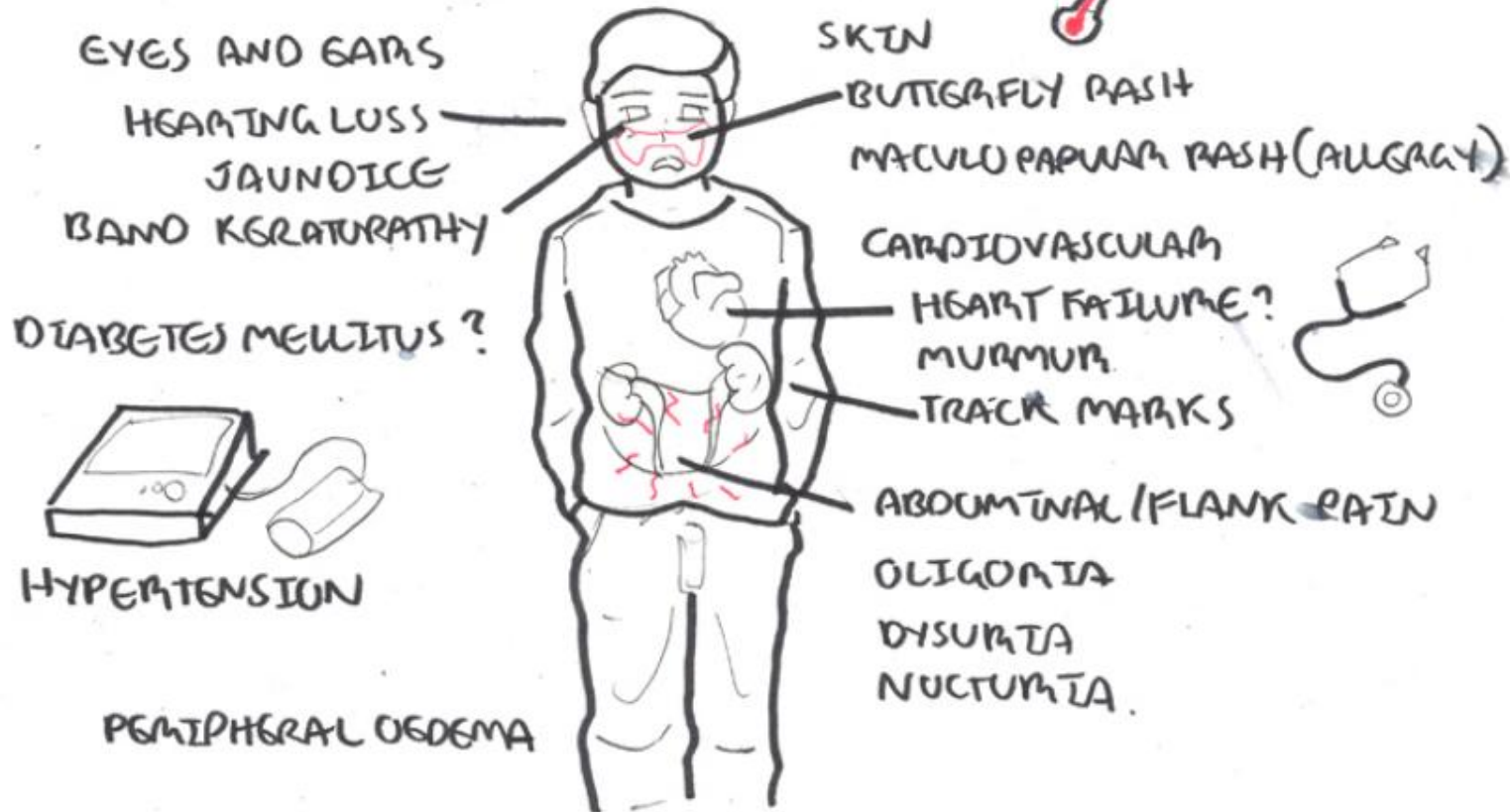
- **Symptoms**

- ARI starts with **oliguria**

- Is main symptom but not necessarily present in all patients
    - Azotemia can develop in patients without oliguria too
    - Last 10–14 days

- In oliguric patients **creatinin and urea increased**

## CLINICAL PRESENTATION



# Acute kidney injury

- **Hyponatremia, edemas and lung congestion develop**
  - Hyponatremia is result of water retention and edemas are result of  $\text{Na}^+$  retention
- **Decreased kalium elimination**
  - Increase over 6,5 mmol/l changes in ECG
  - Deviation of electric axis to left, peaked T waves, prolonged QRS and PQ interval and decrease of P wave
  - Bradycardia and heart arrest can occur
- **Hyperphosphatemia** because of decreased excretion of phosphates
  - Not enormous values
  - Connected with hypocalcemia and hypermagnesiemia
- **Metabolic acidosis**
  - Retention of organic acids causes decrease in plasma bicarbonates

# Acute kidney injury

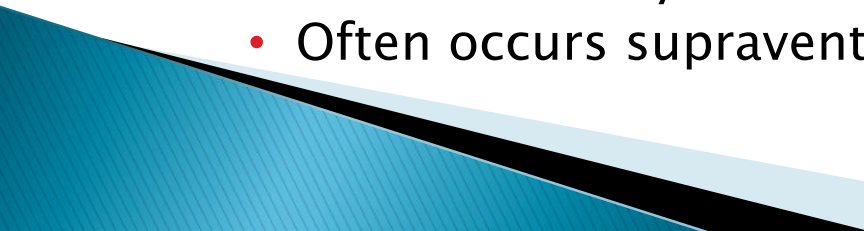
- **hyperurikemia**

- Decreased excretion of uric acid
- Slight increase in its concentration

- **Anemia from multifactorial causes**

- Decreased production of EPO, hemolysis, bleeding, hemodilution, short life of Ec
- **Normocytic normochromic anemia**
- Thrombocytes decreased because of blood marrow depression
- Lc count increased

- **Cardiovascular complications**

- Most important: hypertension, arrhythmias, pericarditis
  - Increased load of circulation causes water and Na retention
  - Not marked hypertension, occurs around second week of ARI
  - Cause is mainly water retention
  - Often occurs supraventricular arrhythmias
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# Acute kidney injury

- **Metabolic changes**
  - Mainly in older patients cause neurologic complications
  - Lethargy, somnolency, confusion
- **Nearly in all cases detection of GIT changes**
  - Anorexia, nausea, vomitus, ileus, diffuse abdominal pain
  - Complication is bleeding in GIT
- **infection**
  - Serious complications are lethal
- **In benign cases after oliguric period we can detect increase in diuresis and glomerular filtration (polyuric phase)**
  - It is sign of recovery
- **Complications can persist (improvement in 1–2 weeks)**

# Acute kidney injury

- ▶ Improvement of changed functions up to 1 year
- ▶ Can stay small changes in kidney functions and hypertension
- ▶ It differs from chronic failure by affected kidney ability excrete nitrogen substances
- ▶ Causes are different but this is not permanent structural change of kidney as in chronic kidney failure
- ▶ **ARI is functional failure in dynamics**
- ▶ **CKF is progressive decrease of functional parenchyma**

# Chronic kidney failure


- Kidney diseases are dangerous because of destructive processes which lead to nephrones destruction
- Result is chronic kidney failure which one clinic picture is uremia
  - The most important finding
- It is clear that it is defect of more mechanisms which cause changes in whole organism
- The final result depends on reduction of nephrones count and how fast they are destructed
- **CKF is state of irreversible and progressive kidney defect**
  - Is consequence of big spectrum of kidney defects



# Chronic kidney failure

- ▶ In majority of patients glomerular filtration is lower than 25ml/min
- ▶ Clinical manifestation usually occurs after decrease of function under 10%
- ▶ **Picture of CRF:**
  - Decrease of glomerular filtration
  - Retention of nitric substances
  - Disability to regulate metabolism of water and electrolytes
  - Defect of kidney endocrine functions
- ▶ It differs from acute failure not by duration but by different clinical development

# Chronic kidney failure – staging

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) staging - CKD G1-5 A1-3 glomerular filtration rate (GFR) and albumin/creatinine ratio (ACR)						
				ACR		
				A1	A2	A3
				Normal to mildly increased	Moderately increased	Severely increased
				<30	30-300	>300
GFR	G1	Normal	90+	1 if kidney damage present	1	2
	G2	Mildly decreased	60-89	1 if kidney damage present	1	2
	G3a	Mildly to moderately decreased	45-59	1	2	3
	G3b	Moderately to severely decreased	30-44	2	3	3
	G4	Severely decreased	15-29	3	4+	4+
	G5	Kidney failure	<15	4+	4+	4+

Numbers 1 - 4 indicates risk of progression as well as frequency of monitoring (number of times a year).

Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes - KDIGO 2012 Clinical Practice Guideline for the Evaluation and Management of Chronic Kidney Disease <sup>[46]</sup>

# Chronic kidney failure

- CKF is irreversible structural change of kidney which causes loss of basic functions of kidney (to hold equilibrium of internal environment)
  - Difficult and pathological process
  - at the beginning the cause is present and known, causes damage and destruction of nephrones
    - Destruction is compensated by decrease in proglomerular vessel resistance
    - It increases flow in but pressure gradient too in glomerular capillaries
- It ensure hyperfiltration still functional glomeruli

# Chronic kidney failure

- Hyperfiltration lead to consequent nephrones failure
- Circulus vitiosus – less functional glomeruli lead to increased hyperfiltration and it lead to increased glomeruli destruction
- If systemic hypertension is present, progression is very fast
- ACE inhibitors have protective effect
- Progression is most boosted by growth factor TGF- $\beta$ 
  - It is polypeptid which has influence to chemotaxis, regulation of other growth factors, inhibition of T and B cells and induction of cell proliferation and fibrinogenesis
  - Stimulates cell production of extracellular matrix and decreases production of matrix degradated proteases
  - This way activates process of fibrinogenesis

# Chronic kidney failure

- ▶ angiotensin II acts as growth factor and induces expression of TGF- $\beta$  in smooth muscle cells and mesangial cells
- ▶ PDGF (platelet derived growth factor) is next growth factor which has influence to production of collagen by mesangial cells
  - This effect is accelerated by hypoglycemia
- ▶ IGF-1 stimulates cell hyperplasia – increased production of mesangial matrix
- ▶ Probably system of protease inhibitors is involved

# Chronic kidney failure


- ▶ Serum from uremic patient has toxic influence to biological systems
  - Toxic effect have metabolites of proteins and aminoacids
  - Products of protein metabolism are excreted mainly by kidneys
  - Urea presents 80% of nitrogen which is excreted by urine in patients with CRF
  - Next important substances are guanidine substances
    - Guanidin, metyl- and dimetylguanidin, creatine, creatinin, guanidinsuccinyl acid
- ▶ Clinical symptoms:  
Anorexia, fatigue, vomitus, headache

# Chronic kidney failure


- ▶ Some metabolites are not toxic but can have influence on other substances which under their effect become toxic
- ▶ During uremia there is retention of nitrogen substances
- ▶ There is increase of polypeptidic hormones in plasma
  - Parathormon, insulin, glucagone, growth hormone, luteinizing hormone, prolactin
    - Participate kidney defect + increased secretion



# Chronic kidney failure– manifestation

- **Fluids and electrolytes**
    - fluids overload/hypervolemia
    - edemas
    - hyperkalemia
    - Metabolic acidosis
  - **calcium, phosphorus and bones**
    - hyperphosphatemia
    - hypocalcemia
    - Secondary hyperparathyroidism
    - Renal osteodystrophy
  - **Hematological changes**
    - anemia
    - Hemorrhagic diatesis
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# Chronic kidney failure– manifestation

- **Cardiopulmonal changes**
    - hypertension
    - Congestive heart failure
    - Lung edema
    - Uremic pancreatitis
  - **Gastrointestinal changes**
    - nausea and vomiting
    - GIT bleeding
    - Esophagitis, gastritis, colitis
  - **Neuromuscular changes**
    - myopathies
    - Peripheral neuropathy
    - encephalopathies
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# Chronic kidney failure– manifestation

- **Dermatological changes**
  - Yellow discoloration of skin
  - pruritus
  - dermatitis
- Uremia is connected with changes in intracellular and extracellular fluids
- Uremic toxins damage ion transports, mainly sodium transport
  - Sodium is permanently in increased concentration in extracellular compartment
  - Uremia inhibits change of Na with K in cells (activity of  $\text{Na}^+\text{K}^+\text{ATPase}$ )

# Chronic kidney failure– manifestation

- Most highlighted change is in Ec, Lc and in bone muscle cells
- Defects of ion exchange are seen mainly in membrane potential of excitatory tissues
- Worsen Na transport is cause of osmotic hyperhydration of cells – different stage
  - Because of this reason there is water retention
  - Successfull dialysis causes rapid decrease of weight
- Retention of Na in cell participate on development of heart failure, hypertension and ascites
- Decrease in volume of extracellular water worsen kidney function

# Chronic kidney failure– manifestation

- urea and next toxins cause hypothermia
  - Active transport of Na through membrane is proportional with basal energy production
- Ability to metabolize glucose is worse
  - Production of insuline decreases and its degradation increases (in plasma)
  - Glucose intolerance is effect of peripheral resistance to insulin action
  - Production of glucagon decreases
- Uremic patients have increased levels of TAG and lipoproteins
  - Lipase activity is decreased and hepatal production of VLDL is increased
  - Abnormalities in sugar and lipid metabolism are risk factors of atherosclerosis development

# Chronic kidney failure– manifestation

- ▶ Intracellular kalium is decreased
  - Extracellular kalium is in normal level or increased
  - Most common reason for kalium transfer from cells is metabolic acidosis
  - Transfer of kalium to cell is subdued
  - Oliguria can lead to hyperkalemia with serious heart rhythm disorder
- ▶ Phosphate concentration increases
  - If glomerular filtration decreases under 20% of norm
  - Increase of phosphates increase Ca transfer to bones = hypocalcemia

# Chronic kidney failure– manifestation

- Hypocalcemia is cause of increased level of parathormon in blood plasma
- Hypocalcemia is caused by lack of active form of vit. D
- There is no occurrence of tetany
- Uremic osteodystrophy starts to occur
  - Include osteomalacia, osteosclerosis, osteofibrosis and disorders in children growth
  - Clinical symptoms occur only in 10% of patients, histological in 35–95%
  - Cause of bone changes is increased production of parathormon, disorders in vit. D metabolism, chronic metabolic acidosis and high loss of calcium via faeces
  - Spontaneous fractures can occur
- Joint pain
  - Increased accumulation of calcium deposits in bursae and periarticular structures



# Chronic kidney failure

## ► Consequences of changes in CRF

- Retention of fluids presents huge load for heart
    - Progressively develops ARDS
  - Very common complication is **arterial hypertension**
    - Can be present without water and salts retention
      - In this case increased renin activity is detected
      - In rare cases can continue to malignant hypertension
      - Systolic and diastolic pressure increase, renin activity increases, occurrence of hypertension encephalopathy, changes of retina and papilar edema
      - In these cases therapy is ineffective
      - Only bilateral nephrectomy is helpful
  - Progressive uremia causes pericarditis
- Despite hemodialysis, atherosclerosis develops

# Chronic kidney failure

- Affects coronary, brain and peripheral vessels
- Factors like hyperlipidemia, hypertension, glucose intolerance and metastatic vascular calcification participate
- Normocytic normochromic anemia develops
  - Kidneys are not able synthesize EPO
  - Depression of erythropoiesis (toxins+lack of EPO)
  - Premature hemolysis of blood is caused by toxic substances
  - Blood loss in GIT
  - Loss is accelerated by heparin administration because of hemodialysis
  - Bleeding to GIT, pericardium, subdural and intracerebral bleeding
  - There is prolonged time of bleeding (decrease of platelet factor 3) – connected with increased concentration of guanidinsuccinyl acid)

# Chronic kidney failure

- Affected production and function of Lc
  - Occur lymphopenia and atrophy of lymphatic tissue
  - Neu are less affected
  - All types of Leu are affected
  - Chemotactic response is decreased
  - Despite serious infection there is no occurrence of fever
  - Infection development helps acidosis, hyperglycemia, azotemia, decreased Ig and complement
- CNS disorders
  - Discrete changes and sleep disorders
  - Later affected concentration, loss of memory, neuromuscular inability
  - Twitching of large/big muscles

# Chronic kidney failure

- **Peripheral neuropathy**
  - Affects more lower than upper limbs
  - Is signal of worsening of status
  - In chronic dialysis signs of dialasing dementia
  - Probably Is connected with increased concentration of Al
  - symptoms: dysartria, myoclonus, dementia
- **anorexia, singultus, nausea, vomiting**
- Urea is excreted via saliva, here is decomposed to ammonia and is cause of **uremic smell**
- In all GIT can occur mucosa ulcerations
  - Ulcerations and enteritis are causes of blood loss
  - Common are peptic ulcers (in 25% of patients)
  - Causes of origin are: gastric hyperacidity, increase gastric secretion, secondary hyperparathyreoidism

# Chronic kidney failure

- Anemia together with urochromes retention is cause of typical skin color
- Urea is excreted by sweat
- Can participate on skin pruritus occurrence
- ▶ Patients most common die because of:
  - CVS complications (50%)
  - sepsis (25%)