

# CYSTIC DISEASES OF THE KIDNEY



- Types of cysts

**1-Simple Cysts**

**2-Dialysis-associated acquired cysts**

**3-Autosomal Dominant (Adult) Polycystic  
Kidney Disease**

**4-Autosomal Recessive (Childhood) Polycystic  
Kidney Disease**

**5-Medullary Cystic Disease**

# 1-Simple Cysts

- **Multiple or single**
- **1-5 cm in diameter**
- **filled with clear fluid.**
- **confined to the cortex.**
- **no clinical significance.**
- **Usually discovered incidentally or because of hemorrhage and pain**
- **Importance: to differentiate from kidney tumors**

# Simple renal Cysts



## **2-Dialysis-associated acquired cysts**

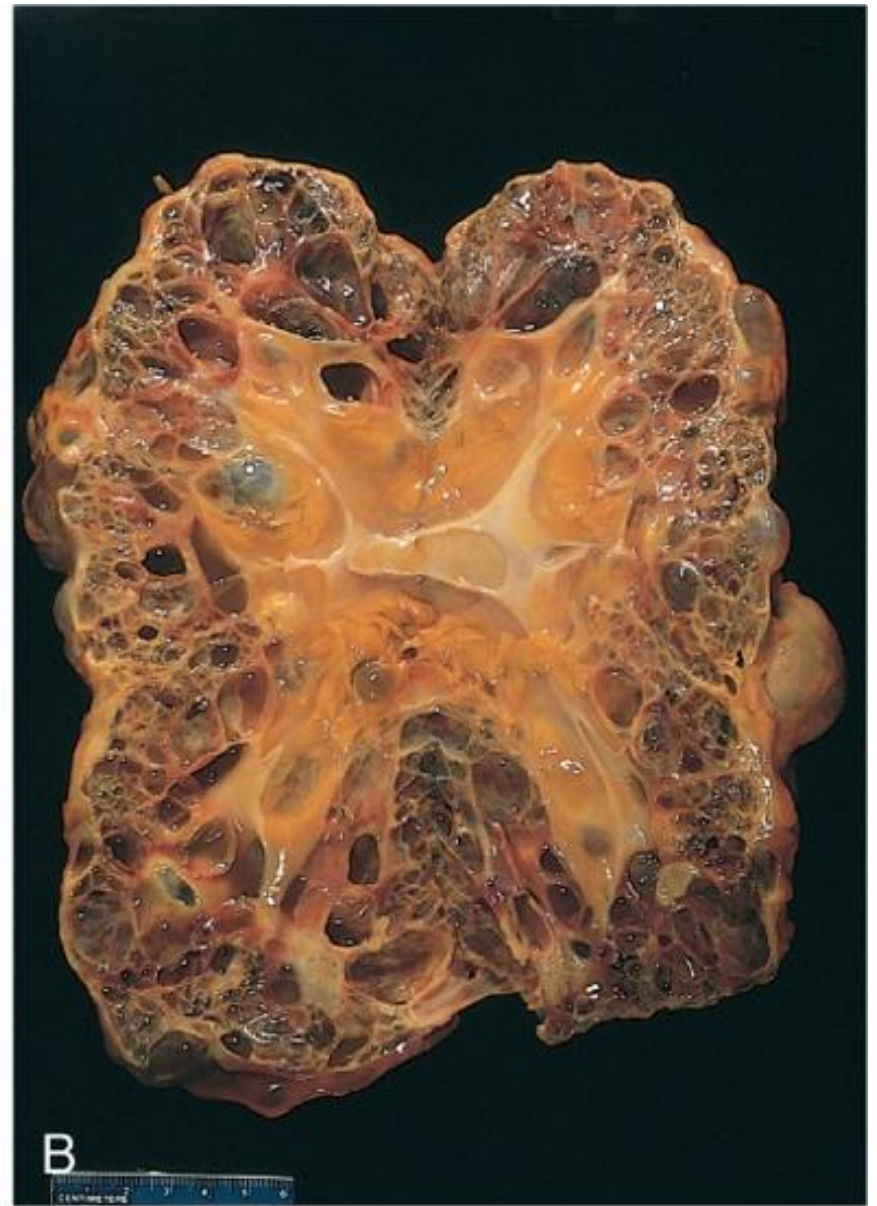
- in patients with renal failure who have **prolonged dialysis.**
- both cortex and medulla
- **Complications: hematuria; pain**
- **Increased risk of renal carcinomas** (100 times greater than in the general population)

# Cysts associated with chronic dialysis.



# 3-Autosomal Dominant (Adult) Polycystic Kidney Disease

- multiple bilateral cysts
- eventually destroy the renal parenchyma.
- Incidence (1: 500-1000) persons
- 10% of chronic renal failure.
- inheritance of one of 2 autosomal dominant genes:
  - (1)- ***PKD1***: 85-90% (encodes ***polycystin-1***)
  - (2)- ***PKD2*** :10-15% (encodes ***polycystin- 2***).



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# 3-Autosomal Dominant (Adult) Polycystic Kidney Disease – cont.

- **Clinical presentation**

- small cysts start to develop in adolescence.
- **asymptomatic until the 4<sup>th</sup> decade**
- Symptoms: ***flank pain*** , heavy dragging sensation, abdominal mass, hemorrhage, obstruction, ***Intermittent gross hematuria***

- **Complications**

1- ***hypertension ( 75% )***.

2- ***urinary infection***.

3- **vascular aneurysms of circle of Willis (10% -30%)→ (subarachnoid hemorrhage )**.

4- **renal failure at age 50**

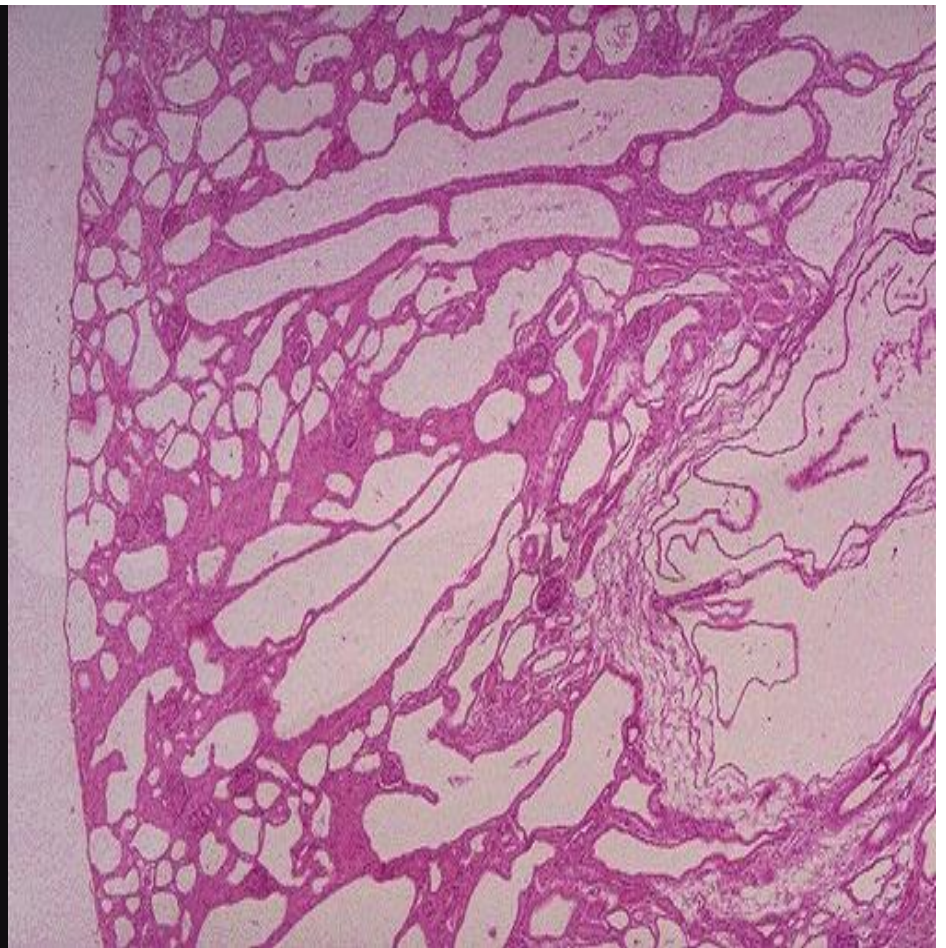
# 4-Autosomal Recessive (Childhood) Polycystic Kidney Disease

- autosomal recessive
- 1:**20,000** live births.
- Types: perinatal, neonatal, infantile, and juvenile.
- Associated with liver cysts
- Mutations in *PKHD1* gene coding for *fibrocystin*.
- **Fibrocystin** may be involved in the function of cilia in tubular epithelial cells .

# Normal term infant kidneys



Cysts are fairly small but uniformly distributed throughout the parenchyma so that the disease is usually symmetrical in appearance with both kidneys markedly enlarged.



# 5-Medullary Cystic Disease

- 2 major types:
  - *1-medullary sponge kidney*
    - common and innocent condition.
  - *2-nephronophthisis-medullary cystic disease complex*
    - almost always associated with renal dysfunction.
    - usually begins in childhood.
    - Cysts are at cortico-medullary junction

# 5-Medullary Cystic Disease

- **Clinical features**
- polyuria and polydipsia (↓ tubular function).
- renal failure over 5-10-year
- A positive family history and unexplained chronic renal failure in young patients should lead to suspicion of medullary cystic disease.

# **URINARY OUTFLOW OBSTRUCTION**

- **Renal Stones (*Urolithiasis*)**
- **stone formation at any level in the urinary collecting system.**
- **Most common in kidney.**
- **(1%) of all autopsies.**
- **Symptomatic more common in men**
- **Familial tendency toward stone formation**
- **unilateral in 80%**
- **Variable sizes**



- **Stone = inorganic salt (98%) + organic matrix (2%)**
- **Types are according to inorganic salt:**
  - 1- **calcium oxalate/ calcium oxalate+ calcium phosphate-- (80%) .**
  - 2- **Struvite (magnesium ammonium phosphate) (<10%)**
  - 3- **uric acid (6-7%)**
  - 4- **cystine stones (2%)**

- **Causes of Renal Stones**

**1-increased urine concentration of stone's constituents exceeds solubility in urine (supersaturation).**

- **50% of *calcium stones* pts have hypercalciuria with no hypercalcemia.**
- **5% to 10% → hypercalcemia and hypercalciuria.**

- **2-The presence of a nidus**

- Urates provide a nidus for calcium deposition.
- Desquamated epithelial cells
- Bacterial colonies

- **3-urine pH**

- *Magnesium ammonium phosphate (struvite) stones* occur with **alkaline urine** due to UTIs.
- Uric acid stones form in acidic urine (under pH 5.5).

- **4-infections**

- urea-splitting bacteria (*Proteus vulgaris* and staph).

# Hydronephrosis

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- **dilation of the renal pelvis and calyces due to obstruction, with accompanying atrophy of kidney parenchyma.**
- **sudden or insidious**
- **Obstruction at any level from the urethra to the renal pelvis.**
- **The most common causes are :**

- **1-Congenital:**

- **examples**

- **Atresia of urethra**
- **Valve formations in ureter or urethra**
- **Aberrant renal artery compressing ureter**
- **Renal ptosis with torsion or kinking of ureter**

- **2-Acquired: causes**
- **Foreign bodies:** Calculi, necrotic apillae
- **Tumors:** prostatic hyperplasia, prostate cancer, bladder tumors, cervix or uterus cancer.
- **Inflammation:** Prostatitis, ureteritis, urethritis,
- **Neurogenic:** Spinal cord damage
- **Normal pregnancy:** rare, mild and reversible



**Hydronephrosis of the kidney, with marked dilation of the pelvis and calyces and thinning of renal parenchyma.**



# **DISEASES AFFECTING TUBULES AND INTERSTITIUM**

# Tubulointerstitial Nephritis

- Causes :
- 1- bacterial infection.
- 2- drugs.
- 3- metabolic disorders
- 4- physical injury (irradiation).
- 5- immune reactions.
- divided into :
- **1-acute**
- **2-chronic**

# Urinary tract infections

- 1- lower UT (cystitis, prostatitis, urethritis).
- 2- upper UT (pyelonephritis).

# Infectious : Acute Pyelonephritis

- inflammation of kidney and renal pelvis, **usually due to bacterial infection.**

- **Most commonly:**

1- *Escherichia coli*

Others:

2- *Proteus.*

3- *Klebsiella.*

4- *Enterobacter.*

5- *Pseudomonas.*

6- Staphylococci and *Streptococcus faecalis* (uncommon).

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# Drug-Induced Interstitial Nephritis

- **Two forms:**
- **1-Acute Drug-Induced Interstitial Nephritis**
- **2- chronic (Analgesic) Nephropathy**
- **Acute TIN**
- **Most common: synthetic penicillins (methicillin, ampicillin)**
- **Others: synthetic antibiotics; diuretics; NSAIDs; other drugs**

- **Pathogenesis**
- **immune mechanism.**
- **? type I hypersensitivity.**
- **? T cell-mediated (type IV) hypersensitivity reaction.**
  
- **Morphology**
  
- **interstitium : infiltration by lymphocytes and macrophages, eosinophils and neutrophils**
  
- **glomeruli are normal**

# Clinical course

- 2-40 days after exposure to drug.
- ***fever, eosinophilia & rash*** (25%)
- ***renal abnormalities:*** hematuria, minimal or no proteinuria, and leukocyturia
- withdrawal of the offending drug is followed by recovery

# Analgesic Nephropathy: chronic drug-induced

- Consumption of large quantities of analgesics over long periods may cause **chronic interstitial nephritis** *often with renal papillary necrosis*.
- **Aspirin and acetaminophen are common**
- Pathogenesis not entirely clear.
  - *covalent binding and oxidative damage*
  - *inhibition of prostaglandin synthesis*

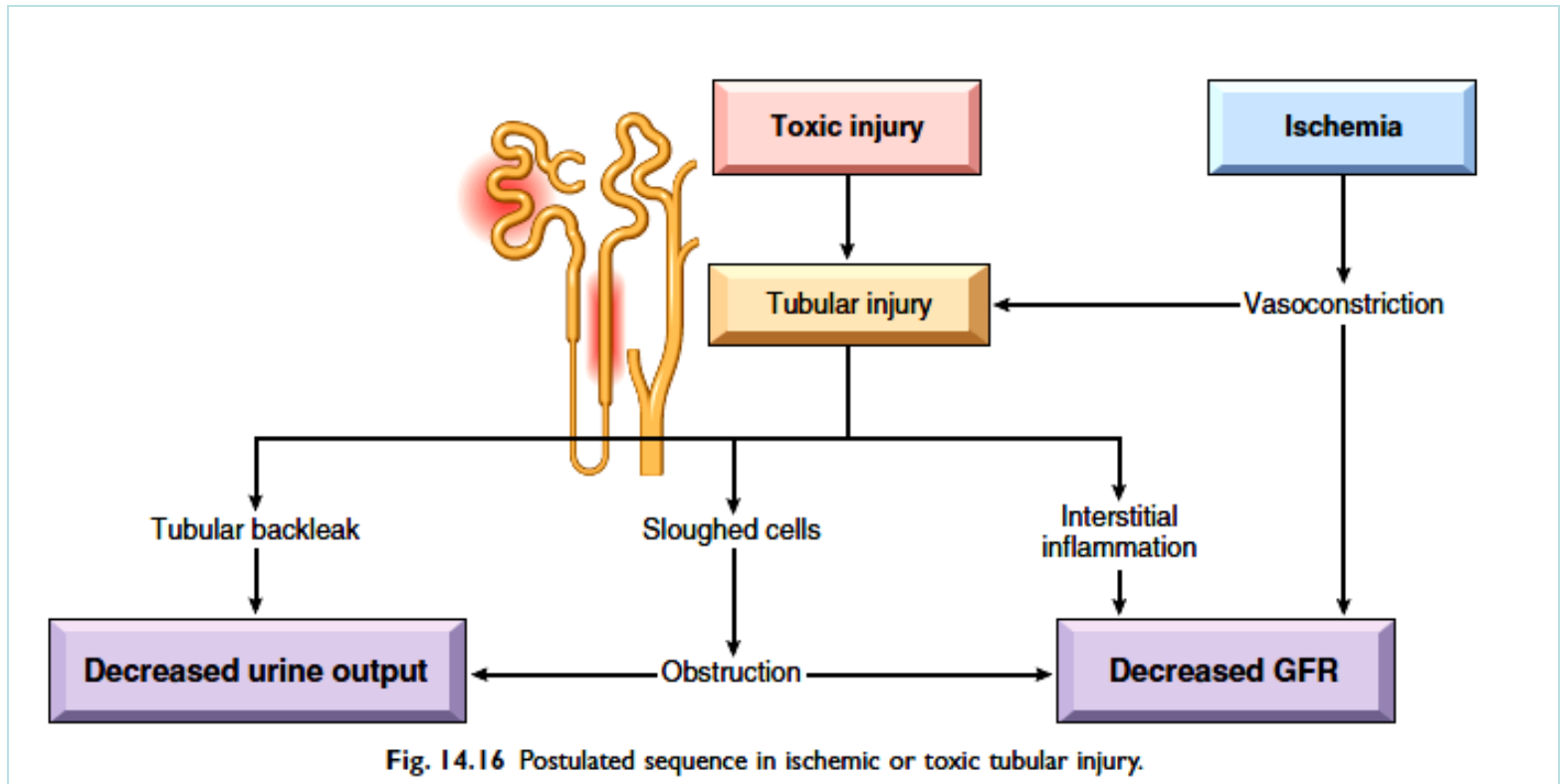


# ***Clinical Course***

- Chronic renal failure, hypertension, and anemia (results from damage to red cells)
- **A complication of analgesic abuse is: *increased incidence of transitional-cell carcinoma* of the renal pelvis**

# Acute Tubular Necrosis (ATN)

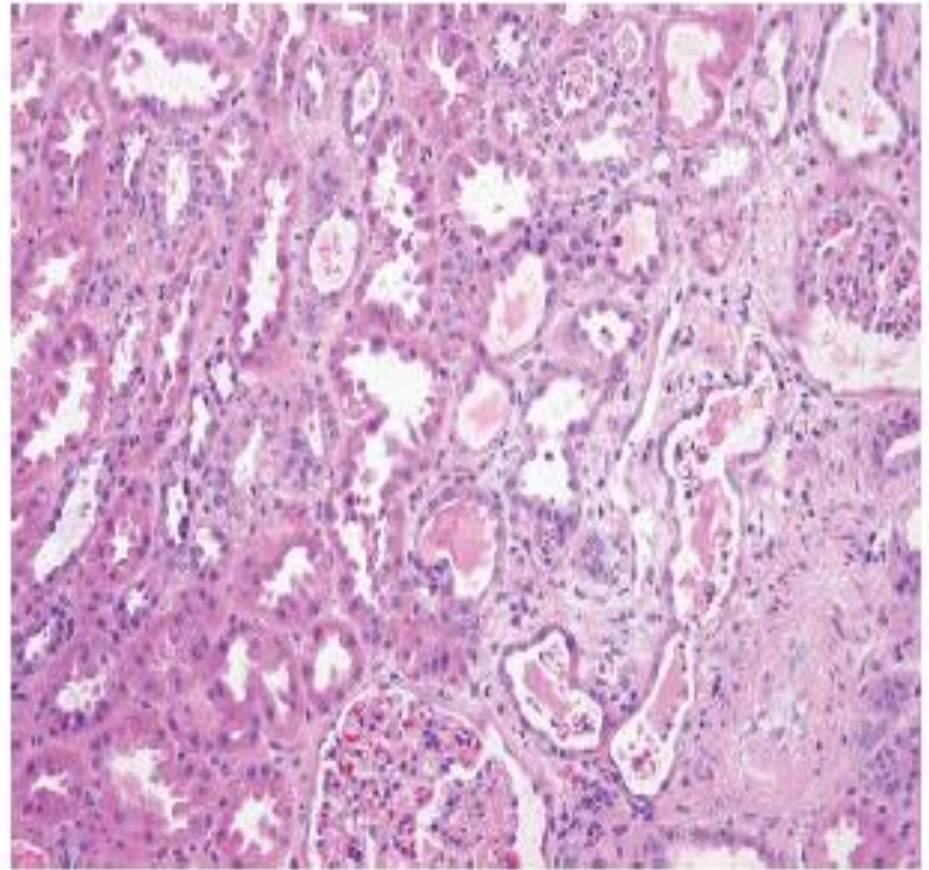
- characterized morphologically by damaged tubular epithelial cells and clinically by acute suppression of renal function.
- ***It is the most common cause of acute renal failure.***
- **ATN is a reversible condition if treated properly and quickly.**
- **Clinical manifestations: electrolyte abnormalities, acidosis, uremia, signs of fluid overload, often oliguria.**
- Proximal tubular epithelial cells are particularly sensitive to hypoxemia and toxins



- *Types:*
- *1- ischemic ATN :*
  - *most common*
  - *associated with shock (e.g. severe trauma; acute pancreatitis; septicemia; mismatched blood transfusions, hemolytic crises, myoglobinuria, etc)*

- **2- nephrotoxic ATN**
- **poisons** including heavy metals (e.g., mercury)
- **organic solvents** (e.g., carbon tetrachloride)
- **drugs** such as gentamicin and other antibiotics, and radiographic contrast agents.

Acute tubular  
epithelial cell injury  
with blebbing at the  
luminal pole,  
detachment of tubular  
cells from their  
underlying basement  
membranes,  
and granular casts



# ATI

- repair and tubular regeneration lead to gradual clinical improvement
- With supportive care, patients who survive have a good chance of recovering renal function
- those with preexisting chronic kidney disease, complete recovery is less frequent