


## Management of CKD-MBD in Pediatric Patients The Basics

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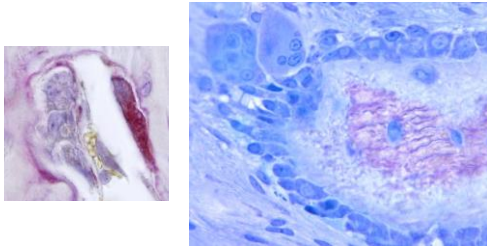
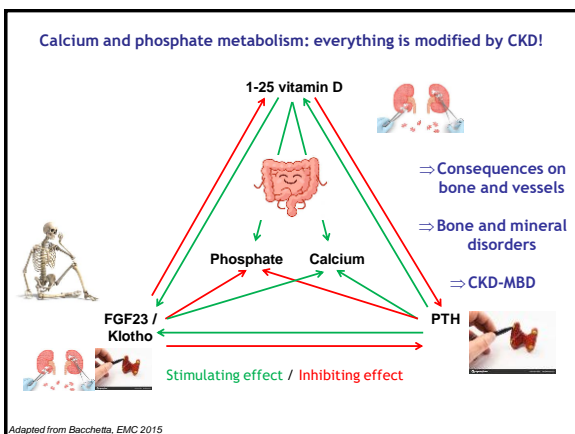
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### Outline of the talk

- Epidemiology of CKD-MBD in pediatric CKD
- CKD-MBD evaluation in pediatrics: what are our targets?
- Management of CKD-MBD in pediatric CKD
- CKD-MBD in infants less than 2 years: the 2023 European consensus
- Genetic renal diseases, specific bone impairment and future targeted management?

### Epidemiology of CKD-MBD in pediatrics

### CKD-MBD as a multi-systemic disease, also in children... Leading to our two main challenges as pediatric nephrologists!

**Growth and fracture risk**

- Renal osteodystrophy
- Growth retardation
- GH resistance
- Proximal myopathy

**CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE—MINERAL AND BONE DISORDER**

- Hypocalcemia
- Hyperphosphatemia
- HyperPTH
- Decreased 1-25 D

**CKD-MBD**

- Pruritus
- Skin necrosis
- Keratitis
- Corneal calcifications

**Cardiovascular disease**

- Vascular calcifications

**CKD-MBD** (Central Concept):

- LABORATORY ABNORMALITIES
- BONE ABNORMALITIES
- CVD FRACTURES MORTALITY
- VASCULAR CALCIFICATION

GFR < 60 mL/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

## Bone disease in CKD children

N=249 young adults with ESRD  
between 0 and 14 years, born before 1979



	Total cohort*
Height <-2 SD	153 (61.9%)
Clinical manifestations of bone disease	91 (36.8%)
Deformities	63 (25.5%)
Pathological fractures	33 (13.4%)
Aseptic bone necrosis	32 (13.0%)
Mild disabling bone disease	26 (10.5%)
Severe disabling bone disease	18 (7.3%)
Invalidating bone disease (all)	44 (17.8%)

Groothoff et al., *Kidney International* 2003

## Fracture risk in CKD children

- CKiD cohort, 537 CKD children
- Median age at baseline 11 years, 16% past of fracture
- Median follow-up 3.9 years, 43 boys and 24 girls with fracture
- Fracture risk: 2 to 3 fold higher than in general populations (113/10000 persons/year)

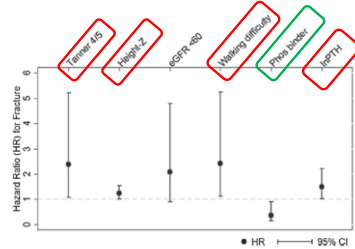
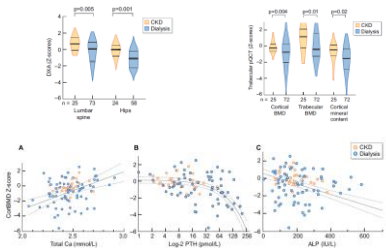


Figure 1. Final multivariable Cox regression model: correlates of incident fracture. \*HR for males  $\geq 15$  years versus females  $\geq 15$  years = 3.94\*0.67 = 2.6. <sup>a</sup>PTH natural log transformed.

Denburg, *JASN* 2015

## Bone symptoms in CKD teenagers and young adults

- UK cross-sectional multicentre study in 26 patients with CKD4-5 and 77 on dialysis
- Between 5 and 30 years
- Clinical evaluation, DXA, pQCT and biomarkers
- Significant bone pain that hindered activities of daily living was present in 58% of patients!
- And 10% had at least one low-trauma fracture



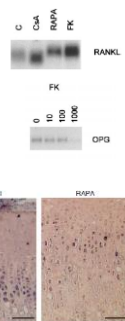
Lalayanis *NDT* 2021

## Causes of bone impairment in pediatric CKD

- The factors we cannot control
  - Growth failure, impaired GH-IGF1 axis
  - Muscle deficits
  - Hypogonadism / delayed puberty
  - Long-term use of corticosteroids and other drugs
  - Underlying renal disease (oxalosis, cystinosis, etc)
- The factors we can control (at least try!)
  - Acidosis
  - Inflammation
  - Vitamin D deficiency
  - Hyperparathyroidism
  - Inadequate intake of calories and proteins / nutrition
  - Long-term use of corticosteroids => sparing strategies

## Drugs inducing bone toxicity

- Calcineurin inhibitors
    - Increased RANKL expression
    - Activation of osteoclastic activity
    - VDR inhibition
  - mTor inhibitors
    - Animal models +++, clinical data
    - Impaired growth
    - Direct toxicity on growth plate
  - Anti-epileptic drugs
    - Secondary rickets
  - Anti-acid drugs
    - Hypophosphatemia
    - Impaired mineralization
  - Long-term use of heparin
- This list is not exhaustive!**



Alvarez-Garcia, *Kidney* 2010  
Gonzalez, *Ped Neph* 2011

Holbauer, 2001  
Fukumaga 2004  
Lee, *Am J Nephrol* 2011

## Cardiovascular disease as the leading cause of mortality in CKD

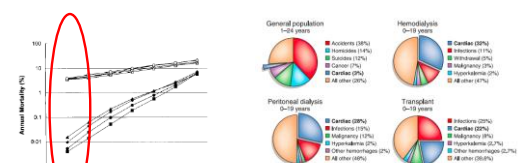


Figure 1. Leading causes of death in general pediatric population and in children on renal replacement therapy. Data are presented as percentages. Data for dialysis and transplant patients are from the USRDS (2011).<sup>1</sup> Data for general pediatric population are from Mathews et al. (2011).<sup>2</sup>

Foley et al, *Am J Kidney Dis* 1998;32:S12-19

Mitsnes, *JASN* 2012

## CKD-MBD

*A balance between bone and vessels*

**Renal osteodystrophy**  
Fracture risk  
Growth retardation  
Bone pains and deformations

**Adults**  
The better the bone  
The better the vessels

**Growing skeleton**  
The better the bone  
The worse the vessels

**Cardiovascular disease**  
Vascular calcifications  
Cardio-vascular morbi-mortality

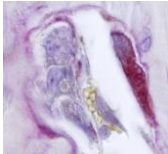
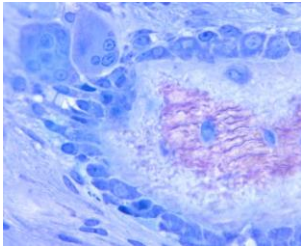
Ziolkowska, Ped Nephrolgy 2008; Preka Pediatr Nephrol 2018; Lalayiannis KIR 2023 Epub  
Cejka, Bone 2014 / Malluche JASN 2015

## What should be the exquisite balance of calcium in pediatric CKD?

- **Not giving enough calcium supplements may be deleterious for bone in pediatric CKD**
- **Histomorphometry:** defective skeletal mineralization associated with lower calcium levels.
- **Histomorphometry:** 160 children on PD; serum calcium concentrations inversely related to mineralization (but not turnover)
- **Tibial pQCT:** lower calcium levels independently associated with baseline and progressive cortical deficits
- **Recent data from CKID:** phosphate binder treatment (predominantly calcium-based) associated with a significant lower fracture risk
- All these data thus provide a **strong rationale for giving calcium supplementation in pediatric CKD**, at least for bone quality and quantity.
- European consensus ongoing...
- **Giving too much calcium supplements may also be deleterious for vessels**
- Meta-analysis in adults: increased mortality risk with calcium-based phosphate binders
- Pediatric data are scarce

Wesseling-Perry c.JASN 2012; Denburg JCEM 2013; Wesseling-Perry Kidney 2011; Bakkaoglu c.JASN 2010; Denburg JASN 2016; Jamal Lancet 2013; Preka Pediatr Nephrol 2018; Mc Alister Pediatr Nephrol 2020; Oh Circulation 2002


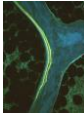

## CKD-MBD evaluation in pediatrics: what are our targets?

## How to evaluate CKD-MBD in pediatric CKD in daily practice?


- **Growth / nutrition / bone symptoms**
- **58% of children/teenagers with advanced CKD have bone symptoms!**
- **Routine Biomarkers**
  - Calcium, phosphate
  - PTH, 25OH-D
  - ALP
  - Bicarbonates
- **Bone imaging**
  - Wrist X-ray for skeletal age
  - Targeted X-ray in case of clinical symptoms
  - No interest for DXA
- **Cardio-vascular evaluation**
  - BP, Ambulatory BP monitoring
  - Cardiac US
- **Research tools**
  - FG23, sclerostin, other bone biomarkers
  - Bone MRI, pQCT, HR-pQCT, US...
  - Bone biopsy
  - Carotid IMT, PWV

**2020 European guidelines on Bone Evaluation**

Bakkaoglu, NDT 2020; Lalayiannis NDT 2021; Bacchetta Pediatric Nephrol 2023 Epub

Nephrol Dial Transplant (2020) 1–13  
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## Bone evaluation in paediatric chronic kidney disease: Clinical practice points from the European Society for Paediatric Nephrology CKD-MBD and Dialysis working groups and CKD-MBD working group of the ERA-EDTA

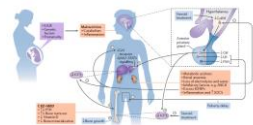
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## First target: keep it simple... Growth

- **Parameters affecting growth**
- Age
- Primary disease
- GFR level
- Duration of CKD
- Birth parameters and parental height
- **Causes of growth retardation in CKD**
- **Inadequate intake of calories and proteins**
- **Water, electrolyte and acid-base imbalance**
- **Malnutrition**
- **Bone disease and CKD-MBD**
- **Impaired GH-IGF1 axis**
- **Hypogonadism**
- **Long-term use of corticosteroids**
- **Anemia**
- **Inflammation**

**Box 2 | Factors that contribute to growth failure in children with CKD**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genetic factors</li> <li>• Prenatal heights</li> <li>• Gender</li> <li>• Syndromic kidney diseases</li> <li>• Birth-related factors</li> <li>• Prematurity</li> <li>• Small for gestational age</li> <li>• Intensive care requirement</li> <li>• Comorbidities (for example, central nervous system, liver or heart involvement)</li> <li>• Age at onset of chronic kidney disease (CKD)</li> <li>• Severity of CKD and residual renal function in patients on dialysis</li> <li>• Metabolic disturbances</li> <li>• Salt and water metabolism</li> <li>• Metabolic acidosis</li> <li>• CKD-mineral and bone disorder (CKD-MBD)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anemia</li> <li>• Malnutrition</li> <li>• Altered taste sensation</li> <li>• Anorexia</li> <li>• Nausea</li> <li>• Dietary restrictions</li> <li>• Nutrient losses in dialysate</li> <li>• Infections and inflammation</li> <li>• Protein-energy wasting</li> <li>• Infections and inflammation</li> <li>• Uraemic toxins</li> <li>• Oxidative stress</li> <li>• Inflammatory cytokines</li> <li>• Hormonal disturbances affecting</li> <li>• Somatotropic hormone axis</li> <li>• Parathyroid hormone and vitamin D metabolism or action</li> <li>• Gastrointestinal hormones</li> </ul>
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Drube, Nature Reviews in Nephrology, 2019



## Focus on phosphate: beware of hidden phosphates in the diet, and particularly in food additives

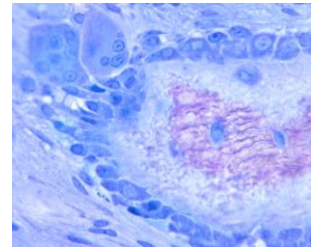
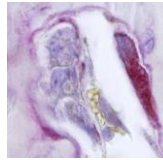
Table 3 Main food additives containing phosphate

Name of additive	Food where the additive can be found	Function of the additive
Orthophosphoric acid (E 338)	Cola	Acidification
Sodium orthophosphate (E 339)	Pizza, food preparation as preparation bags for deserts	Anti-oxidation, acidification, texture
Potassium orthophosphate (E 340)	Cappuccino, soja drink, dessert cream	Acidification regulation, texture, water retention
Calcium orthophosphate (E 341)	Dairy products	Anti-oxidation, stabilization, firming agent
Magnesium orthophosphate (E 343)	Butter, ice cream, breakfast cereals, appetizers	Anti-oxidation, anti-agglomeration, thickening agent, emulsifier
Diphosphate (E 450)	Soft cheese	Modification of the repartition between fat and proteins in the cheese
Triphosphate (E 451)	Chocolate powder	Water retention
Polyphosphate (E 452)	Ham	Water retention
Other food additives containing phosphate: E 442, E 626-635, E 101, E 1410, E 1412, E 1413, E 1414, E 1415 and E 541	Cacao and chocolate dessert/chocolate-based sweets	Emulsifier, binding agent, modified starch



Mc Alister et al Pediatr Nephrol 2020, Baccietto et al Calcif Tissue Int 2020

## Third (not so simple) targets: biomarkers



## Acidosis and the risk of CKD progression in children

European 4C study  
Threshold here 18 mmol/L  
704 patients

No association with longitudinal growth...

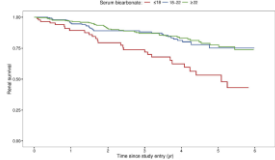
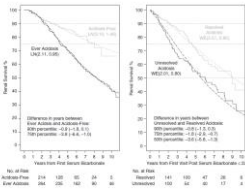
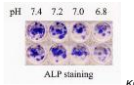


Figure 1 Standardized mean eGFR decline (95% CI) according to bicarbonate levels in children with CKD



North-American CKID study  
Threshold here 22 mmol/L  
Only 36% of patients with acidosis were supplemented

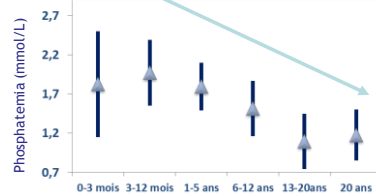


Acidosis is also deleterious for bone!!!

Kraut, Kidney International 1986  
Kato, BioScience Trends 2013c

Harambat Kidney Int 2017; Brown CJASN 2020

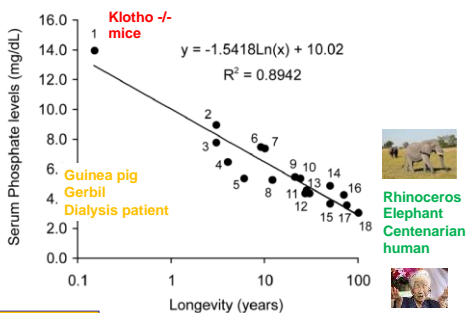
## The variation of phosphate levels with age is of utmost importance



⇒ Z-score of phosphate depending on age +++

Conversion factors from mg/dL to mmol/L  
Calcium 4 and phosphate 3,1

## Humans are not mice... But still, there is an association between phosphate levels and longevity



Conversion mg/dL: 0.323 mmol/L

Kuro-O Mech Ageing Dev 2010

## Reference values must be adapted to age and sometimes to gender +++

Table 4. Age-specific and CKD stage-based reference ranges for commonly used biomarkers of CKD-MBD [7, 12, 13, 21, 46, 52, 72]

	Age-specific values			Age- and sex-specific values		CKD stage-dependent values	
	iCa mmol/L	Ca mg/dL	P mg/dL	ALP U/L	PTH pg/mL	25(OH)D <sup>3</sup> ng/mL	
0-5 months	1.22-1.40	8.7-11.3	5.2-8.4	0-15 days	90-273	CKD Stage 3	35-70 [12]
6-12 months	1.20-1.40	8.7-11.0	5.0-7.8	15-30 days	134-518	CKD Stage 4	>30 [11,72]
1-5 years	1.22-1.32	9.4-10.8	4.5-6.5	1-10 years	156-369	CKD Stage 5/5D	>30 [11,72]
							>30 [21]
6-12 years	1.15-1.32	9.4-10.3	3.8-5.8	10-13 years	141-408		2-8X ULN [7]
13-20 years	1.21-1.30	8.8-10.2	2.3-4.5	13-15 years	112-280		
				15-17 years	127-317		
				17-19 years	158-428		
					189-365		
					48-164		

M, males; F, females; ULN, upper limit of the normal.  
\*Based on CALPER study [5].  
†The same normal reference ranges as for healthy people.  
Numbers given in brackets are respective references.

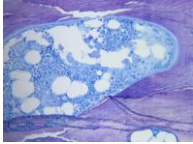
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### Pediatric renal osteodystrophy and PTH levels

**Adynamic bone**  
« Low PTH state »

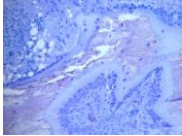
Mainly due to vitamin D analogs and calcium salts

**Growth retardation +++**  
**Calcifications +++**  
**Fractures +++**



**Osteitis fibrosa**  
« High PTH state »

**Growth retardation +**  
**Calcifications +++**

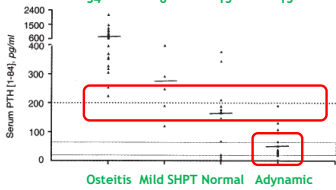


Safusky and Kuitzon, 2004

### PTH alone is not a good predictor of the underlying renal osteodystrophy

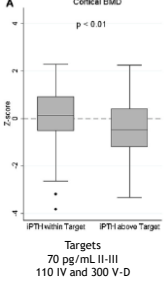
- « Old study » from UCLA
- 55 patients in PD
- 68 BB
- 13 ± 5 years
- IP high doses vitD analogs

- To predict adynamic bone disease
  - PTH < 200 pg/mL
    - Sensitivity 100%
    - Specificity 79%
  - PTH < 150 pg/mL AND Ca > 2.5 mmol/L
    - Sensitivity 100%
    - Specificity 92%



Moe et al. Kidney International 2006

### SHPT is a predictor of cortical impairment using 3D non-invasive bone imaging techniques



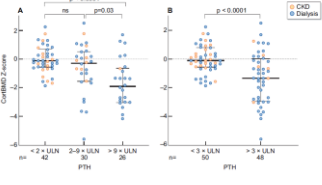
Targets  
70 pg/mL II-III  
110 IV and 300 V-D

- 156 CKD II-III children
  - 69 II-III: 42 (2-521) pg/mL for PTH
  - 51 IV-V: 140 (8 to 770) pg/mL
  - 36 dialysis: 267 (10 to 1139) pg/mL
  - Aged 5-21 years
- 831 healthy controls
- Tibia pQCT
- SHPT associated with
  - Significant reduction in cortical vBMD and area
  - Increased cortical porosity?

Wetzsteon et al JBM 2011 and then Denburg JCEM 2013

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- Between 5 and 30 years
- Clinical evaluation, DXA, pQCT and biomarkers



- SHPT associated with
  - Significant reduction in cortical vBMD and area
  - Increased cortical porosity?

Lalayiannis NDT 2021

### Can the combination of PTH with other biomarkers be helpful?

- The combined use of total ALP and PTH levels may improve our ability to detect the underlying type of renal osteodystrophy
- Cohort of 161 pediatric patients
- Maintenance peritoneal dialysis

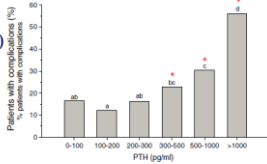
PTH levels < 400 pg/mL + total ALP levels < 400 IU/L  
The highest correct prediction rate for  
Normal bone turnover and normal mineralization

- Levels of PTH were higher and serum calcium levels were lower in patients with defective mineralization, irrespective of bone turnover

Bakkaloglu SA et al Clin J Am Soc Nephrol 2010

### PTH is not the perfect biomarker for the underlying renal osteodystrophy but... High PTH levels are associated with

- Longitudinal growth (>500 pg/mL)
- Vascular calcifications
- Anemia
- Left ventricular hypertrophy
- Cardiovascular disease
- Mortality



- Data from the IPPN registry
  - More than 1800 children
  - 87 centers
  - 31 countries

Fig. 3 Percentage of patients with alterations of bone and mineral metabolism (bone pain, limb deformities, extraosseous calcifications, radiological osteomalacia and/or osteopenia) stratified by time-averaged mean parathyroid hormone (PTH) levels. Groups sharing same letters do not differ significantly. (Fig. adapted from 39, used with permission)

Hallfrer Pediatr Nephrol 2013

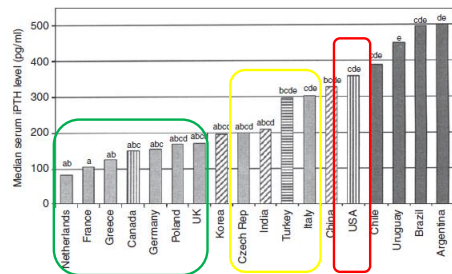
## PTH levels depend on the assays...

Name of the assay	Manufacturer	2nd or 3rd generation	Automated	Tracer	Epitope of coated Ab	Epitope of labeled Ab	Detection limit (pg/ml)	Highest measurable value (ng/l)	Intra-assay CV (%)	Inter-assay CV (%)	Normal range (ng/l)	
Allegro-intact PTH	Nichols Institute San Clemente, CA, USA	2nd	No	125I	39-44	1-36	5.0	1815	<3.4	<5.4	10-65	
Neost PTH IRMA	DiaSorin (Salerno, MN, USA)	2nd	No	125I	39-44	1-36	0.7	2000	3.7	4.3	13-54	
PTH IRMA	Beckman-Coulter (Marseille, France)	2nd	No	125I	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	2.0	2000	7.5	11	10-65
Immunoact ELISA-PTH	Schering-Plough Bio (Gif sur Yvette, France)	2nd	No	125I	39-44	1-36	3.0	1500	<4.3	<3.4	11-42	
Total intact PTH IRMA	Scantibody Laboratories (Garden, CA, USA)	2nd	No	125I	39-44	1-36	1.2	2456	<5.0	<7.0	14-66	
DS PTH IRMA	DSL (Webster, TX, USA)	2nd	No	125I	39-44	1-36	0.0	2000	2.8	3.6	9-55	
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Elcayc PTH	Becke Diagnostics (Meylan, France)	2nd	Yes	Alkaline phosphatase	Substratum	39-52	1.2	5000	<5.4	<7.1	15-65	
Immulin 2000 intact PTH	CPC (Los Angeles, CA, USA)	2nd	Yes	Alkaline phosphatase	Acridinium ester	44-64	1-36	3.0	2500	<5.7	<8.8	11-42
PTASCS 180	Bayer (Tarrytown, NY, USA)	2nd	Yes	Acridinium ester	Acridinium ester	39-64	1-36	1.5	1900	<4.1	<4.6	14-72
PTH	Bayer (Tarrytown, NY, USA)	2nd	Yes	Acridinium ester	Acridinium ester	39-64	1-36	2.5	1900	<5.2	<5.8	14-72
Advantear intact PTH advantage	Nichols Institute San Clemente, CA, USA	2nd	Yes	Acridinium ester	Acridinium ester	39-64	1-36	1.0	1800	<6.7	<9.2	10-65
UNISON intact PTH	DiaSorin (Salerno, MN, USA)	2nd	Yes	Labelled	Labelled	39-64	1-36	1.0	2000	<4.8	<5.9	11.7-72.9
Cart PTH	Scantibody Laboratories (Garden, CA, USA)	2nd	No	125I	39-64	1-4	1.0	2100	<5.0	<6.0	5-36	
Intact PTH advantage	Nichols Institute San Clemente, CA, USA	2nd	Yes	Acridinium ester	Acridinium ester	39-64	1-5	1.5	1800	<5.5	<6.7	9-36

DSL, diagnostic system laboratories; ELISA, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay; IRMA, immunoradiometric assay; PTH, parathyroid hormone. The intra- and inter-assay CVs are for concentrations > 10 ng/l. The right column identifies the member of our group (initials) who performed the assay.

Souberbielle Kidney Int 2006

## PTH levels depend on geography!



Borzych, Kidney International 2010

## PTH levels: different guidelines... different targets...

- K-DOQJ 2005**
  - PTH 3-5 times above the upper normal limit : **200-300** pg/mL
- European guidelines 2006**
  - European Pediatric Dialysis Working Group
  - Keep PTH levels within 2-3 times the upper normal limit: **120-180** pg/mL
- K-DIGO 2017**
  - PTH 2-9 times above the upper normal limit : **120-540** pg/mL
- Limited clinical evidence**
- Data from IPNN in PD: optimal range 1.7-3 times above the upper normal limit: **100-200** pg/mL

It is not a problem of numbers, rather a problem of trends and global philosophy!

Haffner Pediatr Nephrol 2013

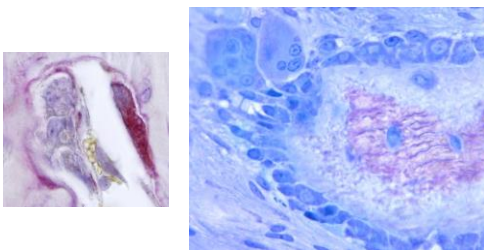
## KDIGO 2009/2017: one CRUCIAL point to keep in mind for the evaluation of CKD-MBD

It is recommended that therapeutic decisions are based on trends rather than on a single laboratory value, taking into account all available CKD-MBD measurements

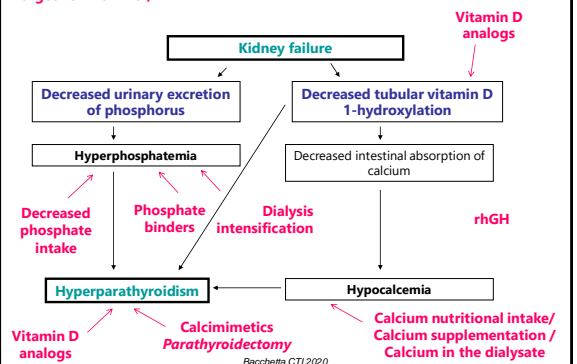
14-year old boy HD CAKUT	M1	M2	M3
Calcium (mmol/L)	2.29	2.26	2.29
Phosphorus (mmol/L)	1.56 2.15	1.67 2.03	1.96 1.96
25 OH (nmol/L)			43
PTH (15-65 pg/mL)	500	688	830
PTH (pg/mL)	1200	920	830

Kidney International Supplements 2017: KDIGO 2017 clinical practice guideline for the diagnosis, evaluation, prevention and treatment of CKD-MBD

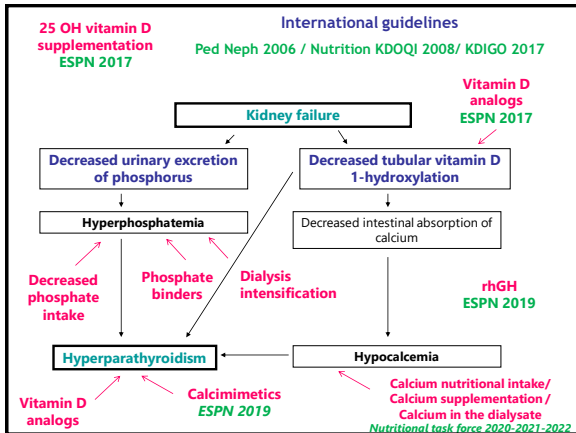
## CKD-MBD management in pediatrics



## 25 OH vitamin D supplementation Target 75-120 nmol/L



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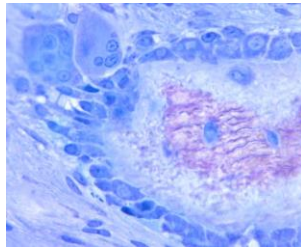
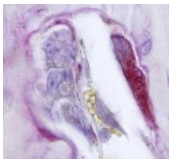
## Just a reminder from the KDIGO2017...

- Treatment of CKD-MBD targeted at lowering high serum phosphate and maintaining serum calcium

- Suggested to lower elevated phosphate levels toward the normal range
- Suggested to maintain serum calcium in the age-appropriated normal range
- In adults suggested to restrict the dose of Ca-based binders
- **In children reasonable to base the choice of phosphate-lowering treatments on serum calcium levels**
- Suggested to limit dietary phosphate intake and to consider phosphate source (e.g., animal, vegetal and additives) to make dietary recommendations

Kidney International Supplements 2017; KDIGO 2017 clinical practice guideline for the diagnosis, evaluation, prevention and treatment of CKD-MBD

## CKD-MBD in infants less than 2 years of age: the 2023 European consensus



### Diagnosis and management of mineral and bone disorders in infants with CKD: clinical practice points from the ESPN CKD-MBD and dialysis working groups and the Paediatric Renal Nutritional Taskforce

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## CKD-MBD in infants: a reality with a peculiar severity

- Infants with CKD are especially prone to MBD
- Period of the most rapid growth
  - High demands of Ca and phosphate
  - To obtain a positive mineral balance and adequate endochondral ossification
  - However this balance is exquisite to avoid vascular calcifications
- Particularly vulnerable for complications such as rickets, skeletal deformities, bone pain, and growth retardation
- Secondary hyperparathyroidism
  - May really be tricky...
  - Calcium deficiency may worsen SHPT
  - Feeding difficulties
- Beware of CAKUT, TCF2/HNF1B and severe SHPT... « Challenge the faculty » session, ADC 2018...



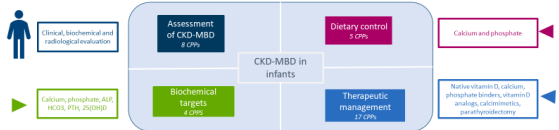
Personal data; Ferré JCEM 2013

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**HYPOTHESIS:** Infants with CKD form a vulnerable population who are highly prone to mineral and bone disorders

**DESIGN & OUTCOMES:** Position paper with 34 Clinical Practice Points (CPPs) on the diagnosis and management of CKD-MBD in infants less than 2 years



**CONCLUSION:** Due to rapid bone growth and difficulties with nutrition, an adequate control of CKD-MBD in infants is particularly challenging. Given that there are very few high quality studies to guide evidence-based practice, these statements must be carefully considered by the treating physician and adapted to individual patient needs as appropriate.

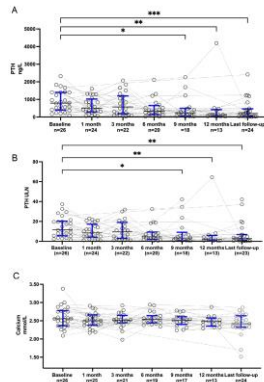
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## CKD-MBD in infants: the use of off-label cinacalcet

- Survey on the use of Cinacalcet in dialysis patients less than 3 years
- Median age of 19[12-27] months
- 26 patients
- At the start of cinacalcet
  - PTH 792[411-1397] ng/
  - 12[6-20] ULN
  - Calcium 2.56[2.43-2.75] mmol/L
  - Phosphate 1.5[1.2-1.7] mmol/L
  - ALP 660[492-905] IU/L
  - 25-D 69[50-89] nmol/L
- Initial cinacalcet dose 0.4[0.2-0.8] mg/kg/day
- Maximal dose 1.1[0.6-1.2] mg/kg/day
- Seven infants developed 11 hypocalcemic episodes <2.1 mmol/L



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## Cinacalcet use in paediatric dialysis: a position statement from the European Society for Paediatric Nephrology and the Chronic Kidney Disease-Mineral and Bone Disorders Working Group of the ERA-EDTA

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## The 2019 European consensus paper on the use of cinacalcet in children above 3 years undergoing hemodialysis: only if calcium is above 2.40 mmol/L (9.6 mg/dL)

In a child >3 years of age	Requirements before initiating cinacalcet therapy	Titration phase	Maintenance phase
Clinical parameters	Optimization of conventional management of CKD-MBD  Evaluation of calcium intake from diet, medications and dialysate Calculation of QTc interval  Evaluation of comorbidity of inter-ventricular conduction system (heart disease) Euphorasia to parents Calcium level >2.40 mmol/L	Evaluation of potential side effects at every visit Cinacalcet withdrawal in case of symptomatic hypocalcaemia, long QTc interval or severe side effects Evaluation of calcium intake from diet, medications and dialysate Reduction of an ECG in case of hypocalcaemia if ECG performed for another reason and increased QTc interval, cinacalcet withdrawal	Evaluation of potential side effects at every visit Cinacalcet withdrawal in case of symptomatic hypocalcaemia, long QTc interval or severe side effects Evaluation of calcium intake from diet, medications and dialysate Reduction of an ECG in case of hypocalcaemia if ECG performed for another reason and increased QTc interval, cinacalcet withdrawal
Biological parameters	Weekly evaluation of calcium and phosphate levels	At least monthly evaluation of calcium and phosphate levels, target range for calcium within the normal range for age and in any case <2.2 mmol/L	Cinacalcet withdrawal if calcium levels <2 mmol/L and decrease withdrawal if calcium levels between 2 and 2.2 mmol/L
Parent and secondary SHPT, no PTH threshold level clearly identified	Weekly evaluation of PTH levels, 12-24 h after cinacalcet administration	At least monthly evaluation of PTH levels, 12-24 h after cinacalcet administration, target range 100-200 pg/mL	Cinacalcet withdrawal if PTH levels <100 pg/mL
Therapeutic parameters	Verification of concomitant therapies that can interfere with cinacalcet	Starting dose of 0.2 mg/kg/day, increments by 0.2 mg/kg/day to a maximum of 2 mg/kg/day. Dose titration intervals should be at least 4 weeks	

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## Concomitant drugs that are contra-indicated with cinacalcet

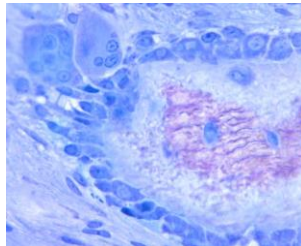
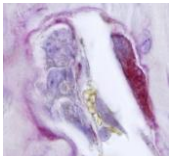
Mechanism	Example of drug that is contra-indicated in association with cinacalcet
Potential to increase QTc	Ondansetron Albuterol Salbutamol
Inhibitors of CYP3A4	Grapefruit juice Erythromycin Clarithromycin Ketconazole Itraconazole
Inhibitors of CYP2D6	Propafenone Metoprolol Desipramine Nortriptyline Cisapride

Risk of increased QT interval

This list is an indicative; before prescribing cinacalcet or once therapy is initiated, a study including cinacalcet, physicians in charge of the patients are responsible for checking the potential interactions and contra-indications.

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## Genetic renal diseases, specific bone impairment and future targeted management?



## The effect of primary kidney disease etiology on renal osteodystrophy: not only « genetic » diseases!

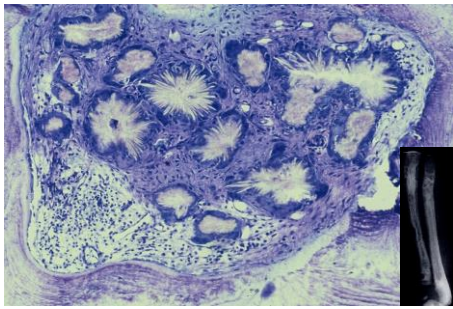
- CAKUT patients: greater mineralization defect with elevated ALP

Table 3. Bone Histomorphometric Variables According to Primary Kidney Disease

Parameter	Non-glomerular			Kruskal-Wallis p value	Normal range
	CAKUT (n = 82)	Hereditary (n = 22)	Glomerular (n = 85)		
Bone turnover					
SFR85 (µm <sup>3</sup> /µm <sup>2</sup> /yr)	79.5 (31.7, 124.4)	51.1 (25.5, 81.0)	59.9 (16.0, 94.5)	0.18	8.0-73.4
Bone mineralization					
OS/BS (%)	8.6 (5.0, 14.0)	4.9 (3.2, 6.7)*	6.9 (3.9, 11.2)*	0.01	0.2-5.9
OS/BS (µm)	47.7 ± 18.0	32.9 ± 11.1*	43.5 ± 18.4*	<0.01	4.3-31.7
OT/BS (µm)	13.6 (9.2, 20.4)	10.2 (8.3, 12.5)*	11.4 (9.2, 14.8)*	0.01	2.6-13.2
OMT (d)	13.6 (9.3, 23.6)	10.1 (6.4, 12.5)*	11.2 (8.2, 15.1)*	<0.01	1.2-11.5
MLT (d)	39.8 (23.2, 82.7)	27.8 (14.5, 44.3)*	31.5 (20.3, 78.7)	0.17	2.3-63.8
Bone volume					
BS/TV (%)	28.9 (25.3, 35.5)	27.4 (20.6, 32.5)	26.4 (22.0, 34.7)	0.07	8.9-34.4
Tb.Th (µm)	150 ± 32	139 ± 25	142 ± 32	0.08	72-177
Tb.Sp (µm)	2.0 (1.2, 2.2)	1.9 (1.2, 2.1)	1.9 (1.7, 2.2)	0.83	1.3-2.7
Tb.Sp (µm)	351 (286, 429)	366 (317, 477)	367 (301, 455)	0.42	299-587
Bone fibrosis					
Fb/TV (%)	1.00 (0.00, 1.00)	0.00 (0.00, 1.00)	0.15 (0.00, 1.00)	0.27	0

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## Primary hyperoxaluria 1 and bone: oxalate osteopathy What will be the effects of the new RNAi therapies???



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## The emerging concept of CMBD: cystinosis bone disease 2019 international guidelines

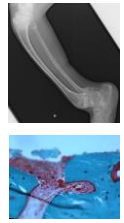
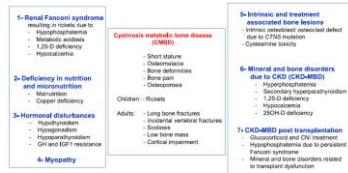


FIGURE 4 Current understanding of the abnormalities leading to cystinosis metabolic bone disease (CMBD). Virtually all individuals with classical nephropathic cystinosis suffer from CMBD, related to the renal Fanconi syndrome in infancy and progressive chronic kidney disease (CKD) later in life including CKD-associated mineral and bone disorders (CKD-MBD). Malnutrition and copper deficiency, but also hormonal disturbances, myopathy, and transplantation may worsen the clinical picture. The cystinosis defect also induces intrinsic bone defects such as osteoblastic and osteoclastic dysfunction. The impact of cystinamine on bone deserves further studies, but high doses of cystinamine may contribute to CMBD. Taken together, all these mechanisms can lead to bone deformities and pain, osteopenia, osteoporosis, fractures, cortical impairment, and short stature in teenagers and young adults.

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## 2019 international guidelines for CMBD: evaluation

TABLE 2 Recommended tests for CMBD

Assessment	Methods and frequency
Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calculate genetic target height based on parental height</li> <li>Plot height/length and weight on growth charts in infants (monthly) and preschool children (3 monthly) and older children (6 monthly)</li> <li>Calculate annual height velocity</li> <li>Measure head circumference every 3 months in infants and small children</li> </ul>
Bone metabolism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measure serum iPTH, calcium, phosphate, ALP, and bicarbonate levels every 1 to 6 months depending on the clinical status and CKD stage</li> <li>Consider iliac crest bone biopsies, with tetracycline labeling in cases of unclear severe bone disorder</li> </ul>
Bone deformities	Check for rickets and scoliosis by physical examination and/or radiographs (e.g. X-ray of the knees and/or the wrist), with regular follow-up
Growth hormone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate IGF-1 serum levels prior to starting treatment with GH to rule out GH deficiency</li> <li>Obtain X-ray of the left wrist in children aged &gt;5 years to assess bone age and prove growth potential (ie, open epiphyses) prior to initiation of GH treatment</li> </ul>
Thyroid function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check TSH and thyroxine levels annually, more frequently if following treatment</li> <li>Perform ultrasound of the thyroid to exclude other thyroid disease</li> </ul>
Gonadal function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For male patients at pubertal age: monitor levels of FSH, LH, testosterone, inhibin B, and prolactin annually after age 14 years</li> <li>For female patients at pubertal age (14 years): determine first menstrual cycle and monitor levels of FSH, LH, estradiol, anti-müllerian hormone, and prolactin annually</li> </ul>
Muscle function	Obtain mechanographic testing, for example, grip strength
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WBC: cystine levels to assess disease control</li> </ul>

Abbreviations: ALP, alkaline phosphatase; CKD, chronic kidney disease; FSH, follicle-stimulating hormone; GH, growth hormone; IGF-1, insulin-like growth factor 1; iPTH, intact serum parathyroid hormone; LH, luteinizing hormone; TSH, thyroid-stimulating hormone.

Hohenfellner, *J Inherb Metab Dis* 2019

## 2019 international guidelines for CMBD: management

TABLE 3 Treatment of CMBD

Treatment	Dosing
Phosphite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Starting dose of 30–40 mg/kg/d based on elemental phosphorus in 3 to 5 doses equally spaced throughout the day</li> <li>Treatment needs to be individualized in order to control rickets and a wider range of 20–80 mg/kg/d may be used. Minimal effective dosage should be used</li> <li>Dosage should be adjusted to the stage of CKD</li> </ul>
Citrus/bicarbonate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treat rickets with alkali (citrus or bicarbonate) administered 3–4 times daily</li> <li>Aim to return bicarbonate levels to normal levels (22–25 mEq/L)</li> <li>Levels &gt;20 mEq/L may not be achieved in all patients</li> </ul>
Calcium/active and native vitamin D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Starting dose of calcitriol or alfacalcidol 0.1 to 0.75 µg depending on patient size and severity of rickets</li> <li>Maintain at lowest possible dose to successfully treat rickets and keep PTH in the CKD stage-dependent target range (see below)</li> <li>Supplementation with native vitamin D (eg, cholecalciferol) if 25 OH vitamin D levels are reduced</li> <li>Oral calcium supplements in case of persistent hypocalcaemia based on albumin corrected calcium levels</li> </ul>
GH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indication: height below the 3rd percentile and height velocity below the 25th percentile in the presence of open epiphyses</li> <li>Dosage: 0.04 to 0.05 mg/kg body weight per day by subcutaneous injections in the evening</li> <li>Calcium, phosphorus, PTH, fasting glucose, and IBA<sup>1c</sup> levels should be monitored</li> <li>GH treatment should generally be stopped after kidney transplantation and may be reinstated in case of persistent growth failure at least 12 months after transplantation</li> </ul>
Parathyroid levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For CKD stages 1 to 2, maintain PTH levels within the normal range</li> <li>For CKD stages 3 to 5, maintain PTH levels as recommended for other renal diseases by dietary measures, active vitamin D, calcium salts, and/or phosphate binders</li> </ul>
Sex hormone replacement therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For pubertal osteoporosis, for pubertal males and hypogonadotropic hypogonadism</li> <li>Testosterone patch or intramuscular</li> </ul>
L-Thyroxine	In case of hypothyroidism to normalize free T <sub>4</sub> and TSH
Cystinamine	Ensure optimal dose adjustment and control of cystinosis

Abbreviations: CKD, chronic kidney disease; GH, growth hormone; IBA<sup>1c</sup>, glycated hemoglobin; PTH, parathyroid hormone; TSH, thyroid-stimulating hormone.

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## ADPKD and new insights into the pathophysiology of CKD-MBD

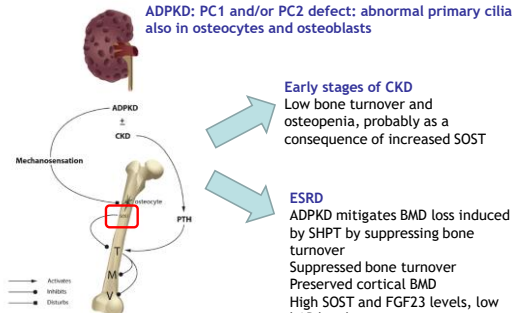
Table 1 | Demographics and parameters of mineral metabolism in ESRD patients with and without ADPKD

Demographics and laboratory parameters	ADPKD (n = 99)	Non-ADPKD (n = 419)	P value
Age, yr	56.0 (± 1.8)	54.2 (± 1.2)	0.8
Male sex, %	49.5	43.3	0.02
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	24.7 (± 0.4)	24.9 (± 0.3)	0.8
Dialysis vintage (M)	31.8 (17.0–42.3)	31.8 (18.8–50.9)	0.1
Renal diagnosis, %			<0.0001
Diabetic nephropathy	0	10.7	
Glomerulonephritis/vasculitis	0	31.0	
Interstitial nephritis	0	10.0	
Hypertensive/renal vessel disease	0	4.3	
Cystic/renal/vascular diseases	100	1.7	
Miscellaneous	0	8.4	
Etiology unknown or missing	0	25.6	
Diabetes mellitus, %	5.1	21.2	0.0002
CO <sub>2</sub> , %	27.3	42.3	0.0001
PTH, %	7.1	14.6	0.05
Fracture, %	4.7	5.7	0.9
Calcium, mg/dl	9.2 (± 0.6)	9.2 (± 0.8)	0.7
Phosphate, mg/dl	4.7 (± 1.5)	4.4 (± 1.4)	0.2
Magnesium, mg/dl	2.3 (± 0.3)	2.3 (± 0.4)	0.2
hPTHrP, ng/l	133.8 (68.1–220.8)	121.1 (66.2–236.6)	0.9
25(OH)D <sub>3</sub> , µg/l	37.7 (25.1–49.2)	35.5 (23.8–48.5)	0.3
Calcitriol, ng/l	21.4 (12.8–30.0)	20.6 (12.3–29.0)	0.4
FGF23, ng/l	3323 (1593–5948)	2046 (906–7173)	0.0001
Serum iron, µg/l	2.201 (68.2–56)	1.84 (1.28–2.57)	0.001
serum iron, µmol/l	127.9 (38.1–24)	102.1 (71–143)	0.7
sTFR <sub>1</sub> , pmol/l	0.075 (0.063–0.14)	0.097 (0.063–0.17)	0.001
sTFR <sub>2</sub> , pmol/l	0.009 (0.006–0.016)	0.010 (0.005–0.021)	0.2
C-reactive protein, mg/l	3.80 (1.50–8.30)	3.30 (1.30–7.50)	0.6
S-G <sub>6</sub> , µmol/l	1.71 (0.87–2.77)	1.26 (0.62–2.27)	<0.001
IL-6, pg/ml	0.72 (0.53–0.96)	0.60 (0.43–0.86)	<0.001
IL-18, pg/ml	114.1 (13.2–239)	224.1 (16.1–525)	<0.0001
hsCRP, mg/l	7.0 (4.0–14.9)	5.9 (3.9–8.9)	<0.001
hsCRP, U/L	4.0 (1.1–15.7)	3.4 (1.6–7.5)	0.006

ADPKD, autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease; BMI, body mass index; hPTHrP, intact parathyroid hormone; hBM, bone-specific alkaline phosphatase; ESRD, end-stage renal disease; FGF23, fibroblast growth factor 23; G<sub>6</sub>, glycated hemoglobin; CRP, c-reactive protein; PTH, parathyroid hormone; PTHrP, parathyroid hormone-related protein; sTFR<sub>1</sub>, soluble transferrin receptor-1; sTFR<sub>2</sub>, soluble transferrin receptor-2; IL-6, interleukin-6; IL-18, interleukin-18; hsCRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein.

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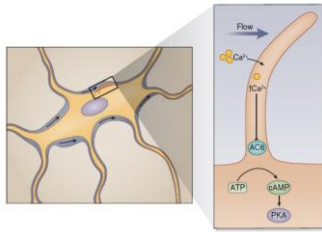


Figure 1 | Conceptual osteocyte microenvironment and the primary cilium. With loading, interstitial fluid flow (blue) may bend the primary cilium (brown) projecting from the osteocyte (orange) surface. Inset: Proposed adenylyl cyclase cilia-mediated pathway. The flow-induced calcium influx inhibits adenylyl cyclase isoform 6 (AC6; blue), which in turn leads to a decrease in cyclic adenosine monophosphate (cAMP; green) and a decrease in activated protein kinase A (PKA; purple). ATP, adenosine triphosphate. Adapted from Nguyen AM, Jaccob CJ. Emerging role of primary cilia as mechanosensors in osteocytes. *Bone*. 2013;54:198-204, with permission from Elsevier.

SOST antibodies are being developed for osteoporosis, but we will have to be cautious in CKD+++

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## Ciliopathies associated with skeletal developmental defects

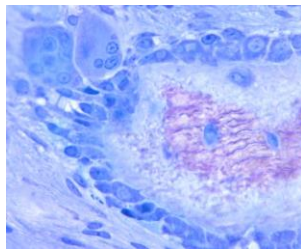
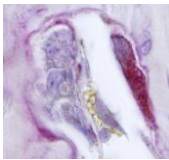
Table 1 | Ciliopathies associated with skeletal developmental defects

Alstrom syndrome  
Jeune asphyxiating thoracic dystrophy  
Bardet-Biedl syndrome  
Ellis-van Creveld syndrome  
Joubert syndrome  
Mainzer-Saldino syndrome  
Meckel-Gruber syndrome  
Nephronophthisis  
Oral-facial-digital syndrome  
Polycystic kidney disease  
Senior-Loken syndrome  
Simpson-Golabi-Behmel syndrome

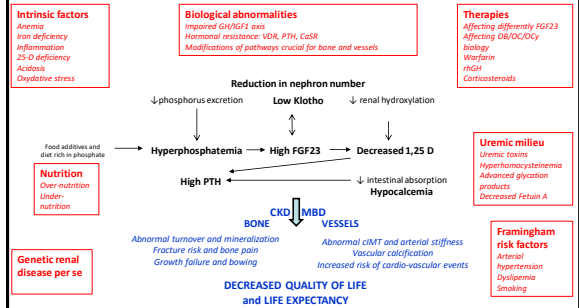
Primary cilia were noted in rat osteocytes in 1974!

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## Conclusion



## CKD-MBD: more and more complex!



CKD-MBD chapter from *Pediatric Nephrology 2021* Epub: Wesseling-Perry, Shroff and Bacchetta

## Take-home messages of CKD-MBD in pediatrics

- CKD-MBD: Bone and vessels
- A close interaction between these two compartments
- On the long-term
- Bone pain, fracture, deformations, vascular calcifications, but also...
- Quality of life, social and professional (re)integration, self-esteem
- The assessment of CKD-MBD is of utmost importance in pediatric CKD
- Biological markers are crucial
- Bone imaging techniques are interesting for research protocols
- We need to improve our evaluation of vessels for daily practice...
- Child with CKD = a growing skeleton
- The question of calcium supplementation in pediatric CKD remains open
- Exact threshold that would become too much?
- Guidelines
- To improve our daily management
- Many of them have been recently updated/written

## Conclusion

- Small changes every week are better than big changes every month...
- Especially in the youngest patients...
- Some may say that pediatric nephrologists are obsessional...
- Let's see us rather as « Swiss watch-makers »...



2023: to avoid uncontrolled PTH levels in pediatric KF, keep phosphate under control and do not forget calcium intake!