



GENERAL PRINCIPLES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF GLOMERULAR DISEASE

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Outline of Presentation

- Chapter 2- KDIGO-GN (2012)- Topic Headings
- Analysis of 2012 Topics and highlighting possible revisions of content
- Suggested New Topic Headings
- Conclusions and Recommendations
- Adaptive CPG incorporating SCAMPS



GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

Overview

- ❑ These are ***over-arching*** statements that apply broadly to many or all of the specific conditions to be analyzed by an evidence-based Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG)
- ❑ **Applications** of or specific ***exceptions*** to these general principles and the relevant rationales are delegated to the individual Chapters of a CPG
- ❑ The evidence underlying these General Principles varies widely and remains largely ***Ungraded or Non-***

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Topic Headings

(KDIGO-2012- Cattran and Feehally)

- **Kidney Biopsy**
- **Assessing Kidney Function**
- **Outcome Measures**
- **Impact of Age/Gender/Ancestry**
- **Management of Complications/Risk Avoidance**
- **Adverse Effects of Therapy**
- **Therapeutic Agent Monitoring**
- **Pregnancy**
- **Costs**
- **Post-Transplant Recurrent Disease**
- **Research Recommendations**

GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

Renal Biopsy

- ❑ **Indications/Contraindications/Technique/Specimen Adequacy/Risk of Complications**
- ❑ **Analysis requirements** (LM, special stains, IF, EM, LD-MS, antigen identification and rescue) – defining the minimum and optimal by specific disease
- ❑ **Scoring methods and classification criteria** (when available; e.g. OXFORD-MEST-C). Emphasis on **disease diagnosis and pathogenesis not „pattern of injury“**
- ❑ **Protocol or By-indication** repeat renal biopsies

GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

Assessment of Kidney Function

- ❑ ***Proteinuria (Albuminuria)***: Methods, Sources of error, Pitfalls, Albuminuria vs Total Protein, 24 hour vs untimed collections; Ratios (corrected and uncorrected for creatinine generation (UPCR/UACR). Protein selectivity (e.g. FEI_gG); Beta2 microglobulinuria
- ❑ **Uniform Definition of *Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrotic-Range Proteinuria***
- ❑ ***Estimation of GFR***: Equations, Biomarkers, Pitfalls and Limitations, Influence of Diet, Drug (e.g. Steroids) Sarcopenia, Obesity/Weight Loss; role of mGFR confirmation in clinical trials

GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

Outcome and Prognosis Measures

- ❑ ***Definitions of Remissions*** (Disease Specific): Proteinuria (Time-averaged or other), hematuria and eGFR/mGFR (slope, absolute change)
- ❑ ***Definition of ESRD***: Competing risks, CV vs all-cause
- ❑ ***Estimation of GFR*** : Pitfalls and Limitations; slopes, time to event, % change from BL. New Biomarker panels, Point-of-care mGFR;
- ❑ **Definitions of *Futility and Point-of-no-Return – Disease-specific***
- ❑ ***Quality of Life; Extension of Life Expectancy***



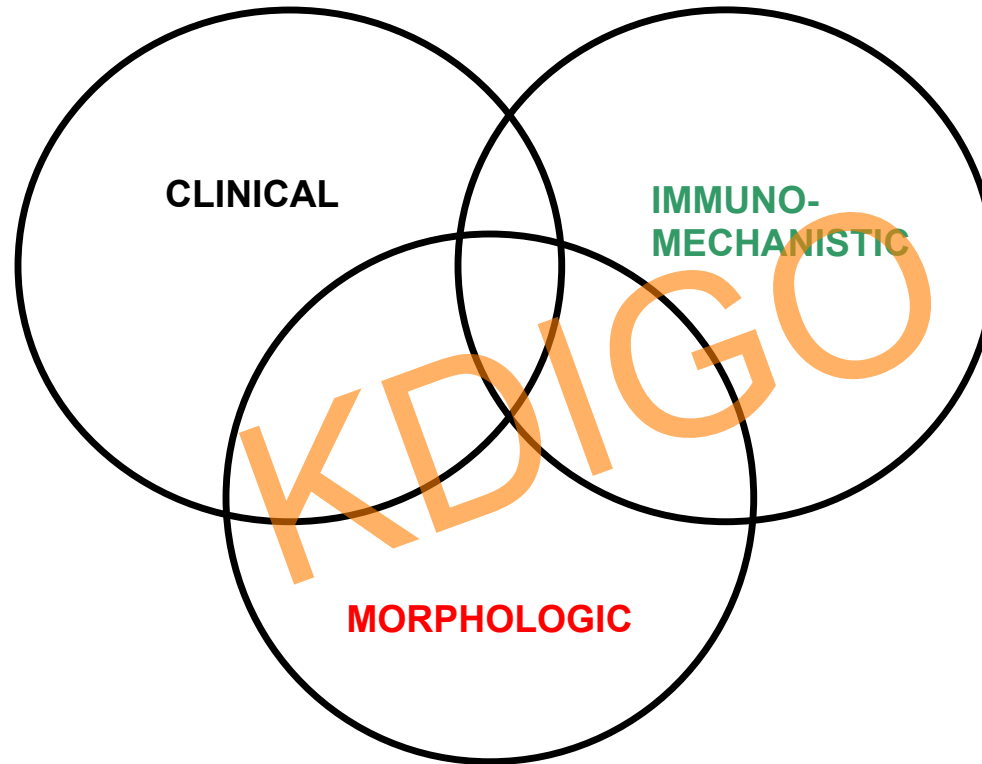
GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

Proteinuria as an Prognosis and Outcome Measure

- ❑ ***Choosing the optimal metric-*** Time averaged/Time-varying; UPCR or UACR; variability as an outcome measure
- ❑ ***Thresholds and prognosis-*** Must be disease specific. One size does not fit all
- ❑ ***Definitions of Proteinuria Remission-*** Relationship to mechanistic activity of disease; non-specific anti-protenuric actions of drugs (CNI)
- ❑ ***Quality of Proteinuria-*** Protein selectivity; FEIgG; Beta2 microglobulin; ATPR
- ❑ ***Effect of Proteinuria*** (and Hypoalbuminemia) on estimation of GFR
- ❑ ***Role of dual and monotherapy*** (ACEi/ARB)- Disease specific

GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

Outcome Measures- A New Paradigm?



GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

Impact of Age/Gender/Ancestry

- Age as a factor in Renal Biopsy interpretation (FGGS); Age as a factor in response rate, complications, drug pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics; age and eGFR/mGFR assesment
- Gender and disease/complications risk
- Ancestry as a determinant of disease risk, therapeutic response and adverse events



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Complications

- ❑ ***Hypertension***: Goals, Definitions, Management
- ❑ ***Proteinuria***: Threshold definitions (Disease specific), goals, non-specific Management (e.g. RAS, diet, etc)
- ❑ ***Dyslipidemia***: Definitions, Goals, Management
- ❑ ***Nephrotic Edema***: Management
- ❑ ***Thrombophilia and Venous/Arterial Thromboembolism***: Risks, Prevention and Therapy
- ❑ ***Infections***- Prophylaxis and Therapy

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Adverse Effects of Therapy

- ❑ ***Agent Specific Effects***: Avoidance by individualization of therapy based on risk profiling (?pharmacogenomics); prophylaxis
- ❑ ***Combination Therapy***
- ❑ ***Concomitant drugs***: Drug-Drug interactions
- ❑ ***Genetic analysis***: Pharmacogenomics



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Therapeutic Monitoring

- Trough, 2 hour and AUC assessment of individual drug levels (e.g. MMF, CNI)
- Pharmacodynamic monitoring of specific drug effects (e.g. CD19, anti-PLA2R, ANCA, C3, C5b-C9)
- Proteinuria and eGFR/mGFR
- Repeat Renal Biopsy (indications and timing); disease specific



GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

Pregnancy and Childbirth

- Effect of Disease on Pregnancy Outcomes (Mother and Child)
- Effect of Therapy of Fetus (FDA Pregnancy Risk Categories)- Lactation and drugs
- Effect of therapy on fertility
- Renal biopsy during Pregnancy



GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

Treatment Costs

- Costs and availability of treatment from a global perspective**
- Cost-effectiveness: basic principles- incremental cost-effectiveness – DALY gained per \$ expended**
- Generics and Bio-similars**



GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

Post-Transplant Recurrence

- Definitions of risk and impact on graft survival (Disease Specific)
- Identification of high- and low-risk categories (e.g. Saib in FSGS)
- Prevention and management of recurrent disease

GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

Some New Topic Areas for Consideration

- Social and Ecological determinants of Disease
- Better more Precise eGFR methods; Point-of-care mGFR methods
- Urinary proteomics; Renal biopsy transcriptomics
- Genetic analysis by whole exon or genome sequencing
- Cost-Effectiveness analyses
- „Adaptive“ CPG based on immuno-mechanistic analyses
- Limitations of evidence from RCT- pragmatic trials; n of 1 trials
- Categorization of Adverse Events and Drug-Drug interactions



GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

Potential Research Recommendations

- ❑ Need for better and more accurate classifications of disease used by RCT- pathophysiological instead of morphological. Definition of disease, not „patterns of injury“, should be as precise as feasible
- ❑ Better and optimal surrogate outcome measures for specific diseases having a patient-centered impact
- ❑ RCT of personalized, „adaptive“ strategies for management based on serum/urine biomarkers
- ❑ More Cost-Effectiveness research
- ❑ Better definition of specific roles and timing of genomic analyses and serial renal biopsy
- ❑ More and better non-invasive assesment of irreversible fibrosis (imaging, urine proteomics) for treatment stratification

GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

Concluding Remarks

- ❑ *The tension between „one-size-fits-all“ generic CPG and individualized therapy based on disease differentiating biomarkers is likely to increase over time!*
- ❑ **Response-**
 - **More individualized algorithms („adaptive“ CPG)**
 - **Step-wise cascade of multi-parametric evaluation (serology, genes, proteomics, metabolomics) linked to therapeutic interventions**
 - **Outcomes stratified into clinical (proteinuria/GFR/hematuria), immuno-mechanistic (antibodies/mediators) and morphologic (activity/chronicity) domains**

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Concluding Remarks

SCAMPS

(Structured Clinical Assessment
and Management Plan)

*Care pathways designed around
Clinical Practice Guidelines*

Farias M, et al Acad Med 2015; 90:143-145 and Sox H Acad Med
2015;90:129-132



SCAMPS

(Farias and Sox, Acad Med, 2015)

- ❑ Intended to Complement evidence-based CPG by adding Evidence-Based and Expert Opinion guided *Clinical Care Pathways* (algorithms) for diagnosis, prognosis or therapy
- ❑ Unlike CPG *multiple decision points* are incorporated, and tools are available to deconstruct CPG's to facilitate SCAMP development
- ❑ *Starting points* are literature reviews and evidence assessment (shared with CPG)
- ❑ Tend to be more dynamic and clinically useful for a personalized approach to specific diseases. *“CPGs are the items on the menu- SCAMPS are the recipe”* (Sox H, 2015)