







Pediatric CKD-MBD: pathophysiology and management





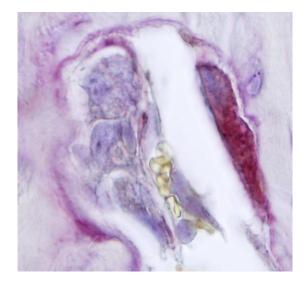
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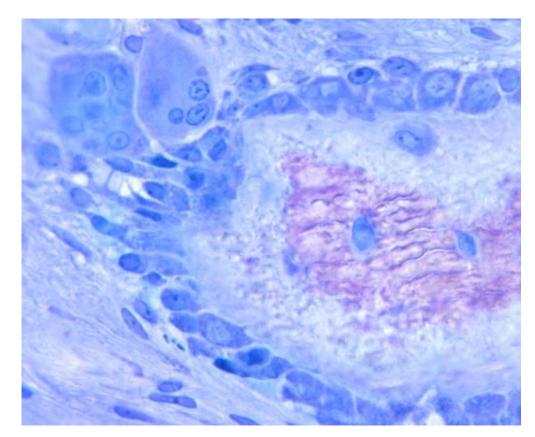


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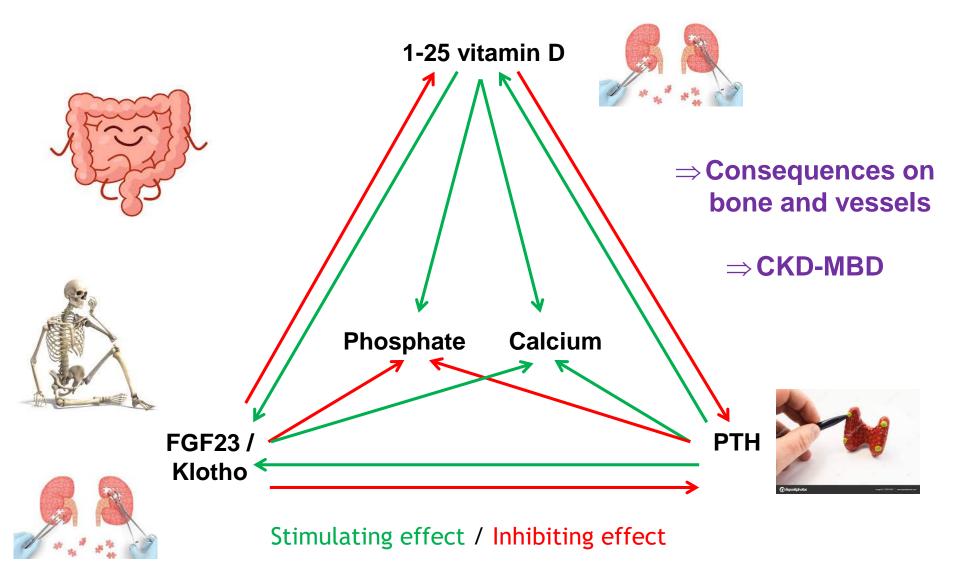


Overview of pediatric CKD-MBD

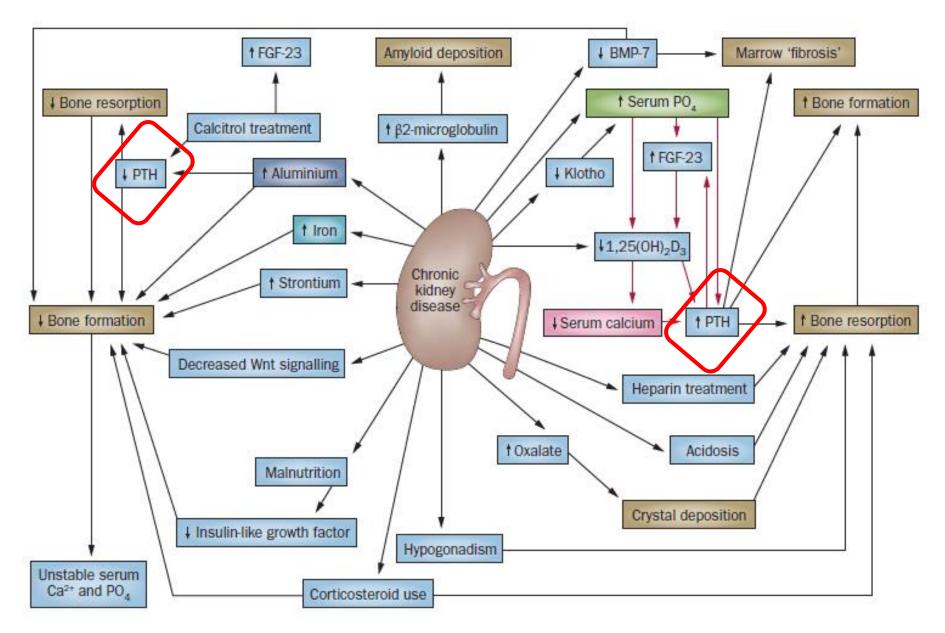




Overview of calcium and phosphate metabolism: everything is modified by CKD!

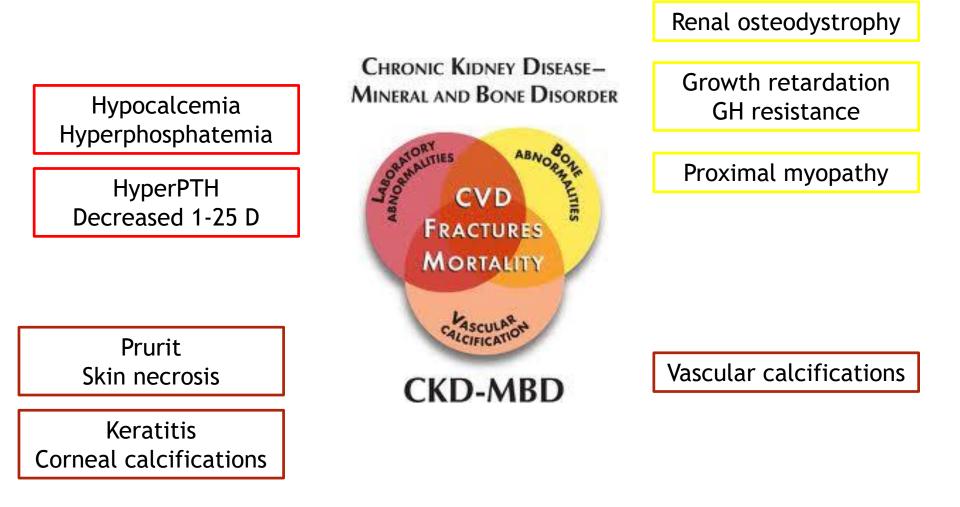


The complex interplay between bone and kidney



Ott, Nature Reviews Nephrology 2013

CKD-MBD A systemic disease



GFR < 60 mL/min per 1.73 m²

First challenge: bone and growth

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



Total cohort^a

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%)	

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)

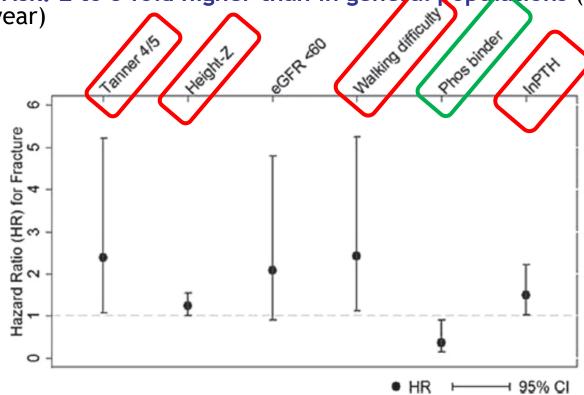


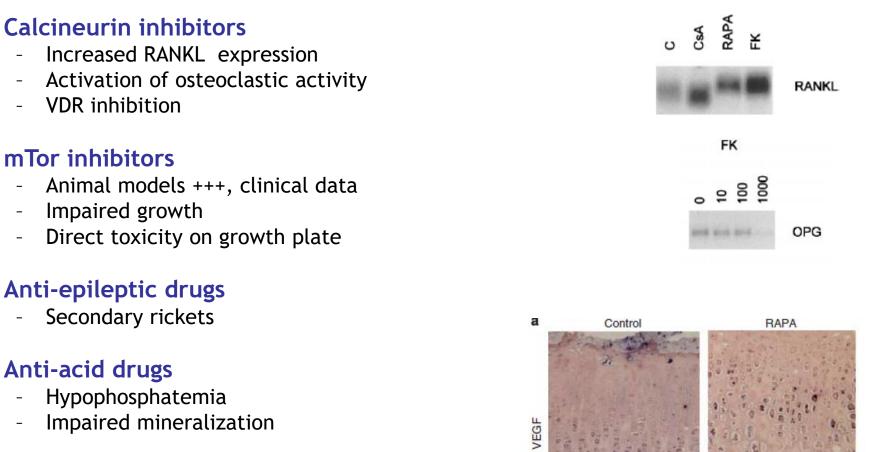
Figure 1. Final multivariable Cox regression model: correlates of incident fracture. ^aHR for males ≥15 years versus females ≥15 years=(3.94*0.67)=2.6. ^bPTH natural log transformed.

Denburg, JASN 2015

Causes of bone impairment in pediatric CKD

- Growth failure, impaired GH-IGF1 axis
- Inadequate intake of calories and proteins / nutrition
- Muscle deficits
- Hypogonadism / delayed puberty
- Acidosis
- Inflammation
- Vitamin D deficiency
- Hyperparathyroidism
- Long-term use of corticosteroids and other drugs

Drugs inducing bone toxicity



- Long-term use of heparin
- This list is not exhaustive!

Alvarez-Garcia, Kidney 2010 Gonzalez, Ped Neph 2011

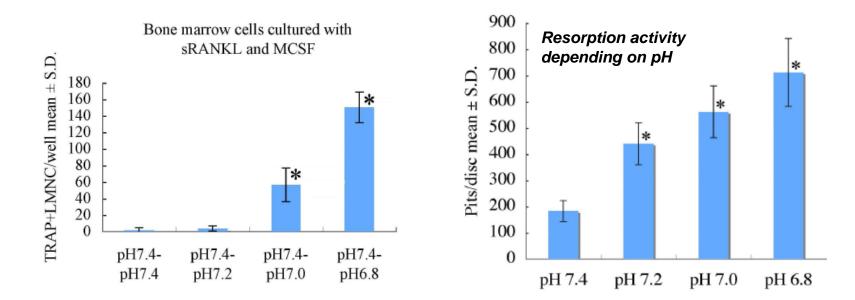
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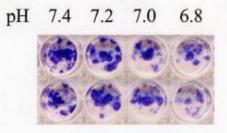
Hofbauer, 2001 Fukunaga 2004 Lee, Am J Nephrol 2011

Acidosis and bone metabolism

- Stimulation of osteoclastic differentiation
- Stimulation of osteoclastic resorption



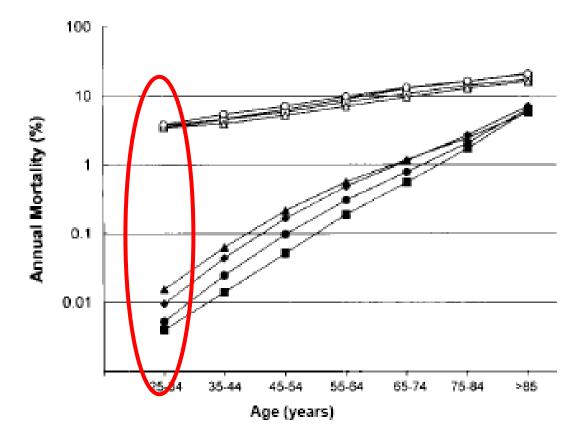
• Inhibition of osteoblastic differentiation



Kraut, Kidney International 1986 Kato, BioScience Trends 2013c

ALP staining

Second challenge: cardiovascular disease



Foley et al, Am J Kidney Dis 1998;32:S112-19

Cardiovascular disease as the leading cause of mortality in CKD children

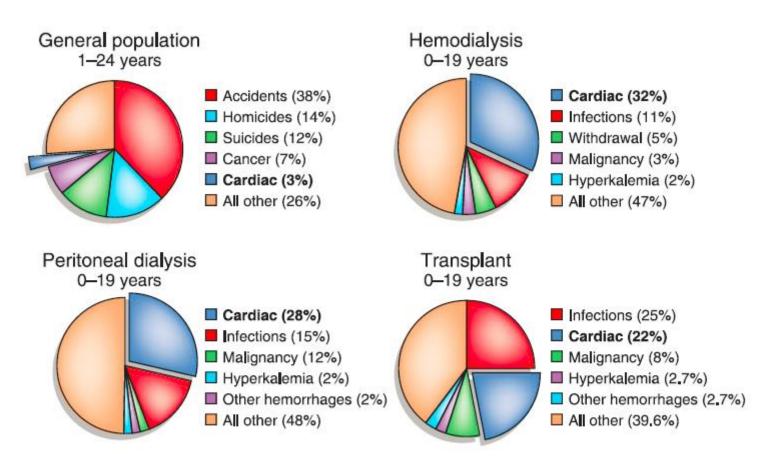
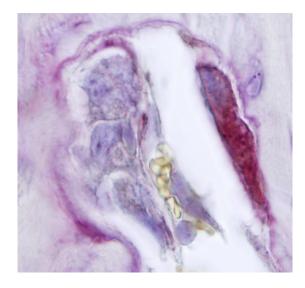
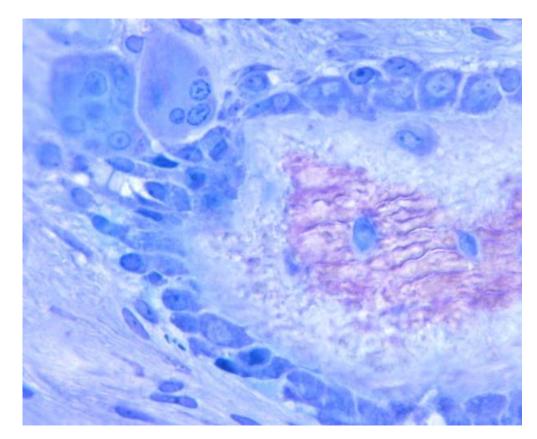


Figure 1. Leading causes of death in general pediatric population and in children on renal replacement therapy. Data are presented as percentages. Data for dialysis and transplant patients are from the USRDS (2011).² Data for general pediatric population are from Mathews *et al.* (2011).¹

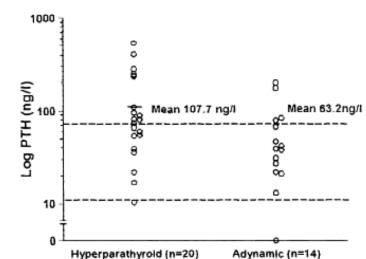
Evaluating CKD-MBD in pediatrics

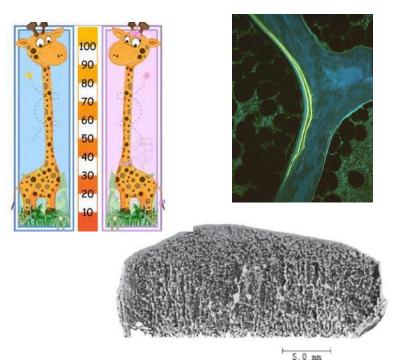




How to evaluate CKD-MBD in pediatric CKD in daily practice?

- Growth
- Biomarkers
 - Calcium, phosphate
 - PTH, 250H-D
 - ALP
 - ESPN next week
- Dual X-ray absorptiometry: DXA
 - ESPN next week
- Cardio-vascular evaluation
 - Ambulatory BP monitoring
 - Cardiac US
- Research tools
 - FGF23, sclerostin, bone biomarkers
 - Bone MRI, pQCT, HR-pQCT, US...
 - Bone biopsy: ESPN next week !
 - Carotid IMT, PWV





Do you perform DXA scans in the CKD children followed in your centre?

• Yes

• No=> 73%

Mehls, Pediatr Nephrol 2010; ISCD consensus papers 2014; Imori NDT 2012; Naylor cJASN 2015; West JBMR 2015; Yenchek cJASN

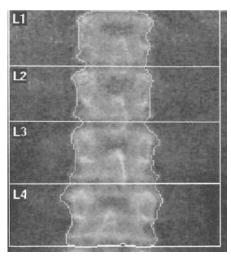
In daily practice: dual X-ray absorptiometry?

• Advantages

- "Gold standard" for assessing bone mineral density
- Minor irradiation: 2.7 to 3.6 μSv
- Not expensive and easily available
- Evaluation of body composition

Limitations

- Bidimensional technique: major technical concern in pediatrics
- Systematic underestimation of BMD in children with poor growth
- No distinction between cortical and trabecular bone
- No evaluation of geometry and microarchitecture
- BUT prediction of fracture risk in CKD adults



In daily practice: dual X-ray absorptiometry?

• Daily practice

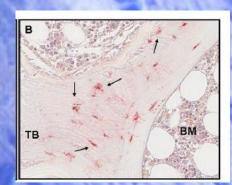
- Adults, KDIGO 2009: DXA no longer recommended
- Adults, new KDIGO 2017 : it is suggested to test BMD to assesse fracture risk if results will impact treatment decisions
- In CKD children: DXA no longer recommended in 2011
- But... 2013 ISCD position in pediatrics
 - Height-adjusted Z-scores
 - Total body less head and posterior-anterior spine
 - DXA when the patient may benefit from interventions to decrease their elevated risk of a clinically significant fracture and when the DXA results will influence that management

Have you already performed at least one bone biopsy in the CKD children followed in your centre?

• Yes

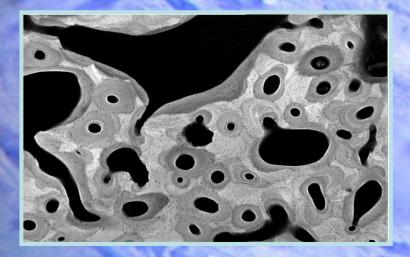
• No=> 100%

The gold standard: bone biopsy at the iliac crest



'Standard' histomorphometry Immuno-chemistry Micro-radiography

FTIRM Fourier Transform InfraRed Microspectroscopy





The gold standard: bone biopsy at the iliac crest

• Limitations

- Procedure
- Needle: Bordier versus Jamshidi
- Interpretation

Indications

- K-DIGO 2009: detailed list of indications
- K-DIGO 2017: in patients with CKD 3a-5 it is reasonable to perform a BB if knowledge of the type of renal osteodystrophy will impact treatment decisions

Perspectives

- EUROD initiative
- CKD-MBD working group of the ERA-EDTA
- Chair: P Evenepoel
- Mainly for adult patients
- An opportunity for European children???

Evenepoel, NDT 2017: unpublished data from MH Lafage-Proust

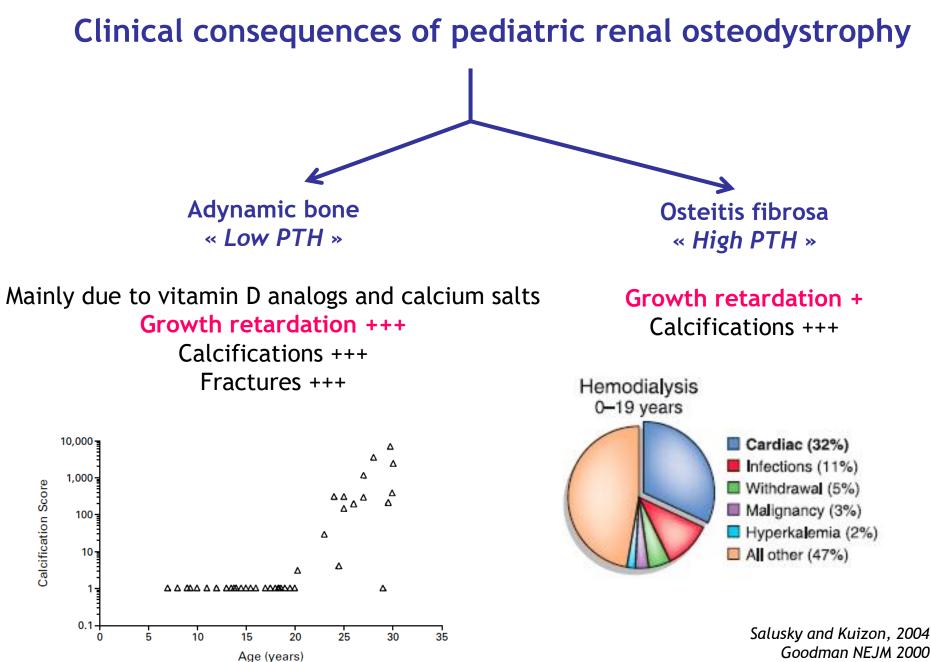


Trocart de Jamshidi ou Bell, (4 mm Ø, 8G)





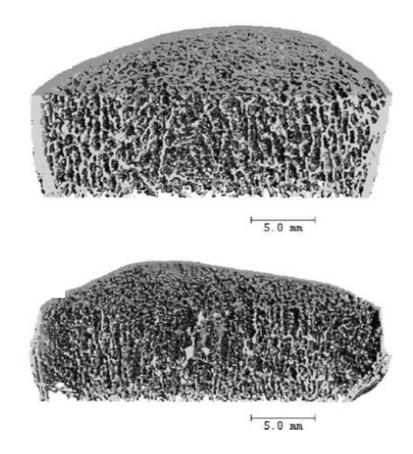
Trocart de Meunier (8mm Ø)



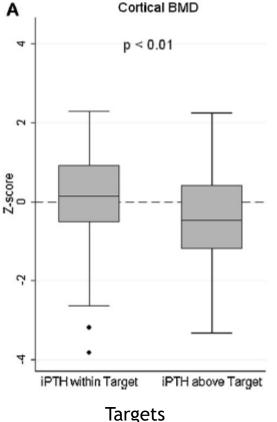
Mistnefes 2012

3D bone imaging techniques: pQCT, HR-pQCT, etc

- High Resolution Peripheral Quantitative Computed Tomography
- Resolution 82 µm³
- Irradiation \approx DXA (5 μ Sv)
- Acquisition time: 3 minutes
- Radius and tibia
- Bone mineral density
 - Total, cortical, trabecular
- Bone microarchitecture
 - Trabecular parameters
 - Cortical thickness / porosity
- Biomechanical evaluation
 - FEA: finite element analysis
 - Stiffness and failure load



Cortical impairment and hyperparathyroidism



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
- Secondary hyperparathyroidism associated with
 - Significant reduction in cortical vBMD and area
 - Increased cortical porosity
 - Greater trabecular vBMD in younger participants: anabolic effect of PTH?

Cortical impairment and hyperparathyroidism

- 171 patients aged 5-21 years with CKD stage 2-5D at enrollment
- 89 patients one year later
- Tibia pQCT
- Predictors of Cortical vBMD Z-scores at baseline
 - Lower calcium
 - Lower 25-D
 - Higher PTH
 - Higher 1-25 D
 - Independently associated with lower cortical vBMD at baseline
- Cortical vBMD Z-score at baseline: associated with increased fracture risk during follow-up
 - Hazard ratio for fracture 1.75 (95%CI: 1.15-2.67, p=0.009) per SD lower baseline cortical vBMD

Lower PTH levels in pre-dialysis and bone quality

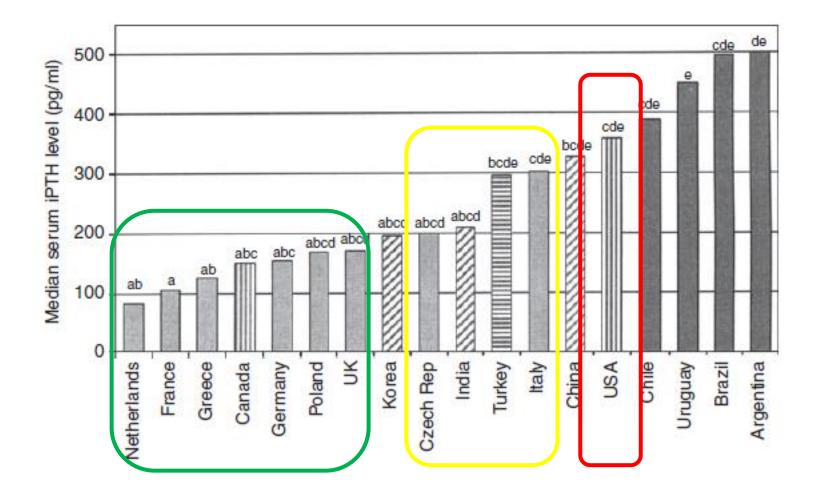
	CKD patients	Healthy peers
		Matched on age, gender and Tanner stage
Ν	32	
Age (years)	12.9 [10.2-17.9]	12.6 [10.0-17.8]
eGFR (ml/min/1.73 m ²) *	33 [11-72]	102 [73-135]
PTH (pg/mL) *	81 [9-359]	18 [9-34]
25-OH D (nmol/L)	70 [32-116]	60 [31-123]
Geometry		
- Tt.Ar [mm ²] *	588 [337-968]	626 [442-956]
- Ct.Ar [mm ²] *	66 [35-121]	82 [26-170]
- Ct.Th [mm ²]	0.69 [0.33-1.32]	0.80 [0.28-1.48]
- Tb.Ar [mm ²]	506 [265-886]	543 [360-804]
Density		
- Tt.vBMD [mg/cm ³]	265 [186-365]	259 [217-369]
- Tb.vBMD [mg/cm ³]	201 [126-268]	187 [151-250]
- Ct.vBMD [mg/cm ³]	740 [621-898]	733 [607-913]
Trabecular structure		
- BV.TV	0.17 [0.11-0.22]	0.16 [0.13-0.21]
- Tb.N [mm ⁻¹]	1.72 [1.38-2.62]	1.79 [1.58-2.43]
- Tb.Th [μm]	0.09 [0.06-0.12]	0.09 [0.07-0.12]
- Tb.Sp [µm]	0.49 [0.30-0.65]	0.47 [0.33-0.54]
- Tb.Sp.SD [µm]	0.20 [0.12-0.35]	0.20 [0.13-0.23]

No differences for cortical porosity and biomechanical properties (FEA)

Preka, Pediatr Nephrol 2018

When interpreting results of clinical studies on pediatric renal osteodystrophy...

Remember that PTH levels depend on geography!



PTH levels are associated with...

- Longitudinal growth (>500 pg/mL)
- Vascular calcifications
- Anemia
- Left ventricular hypertrophy
- Cardiovascular disease
- Data from the IPPN registry
 - More than 1800 children
 - 87 centers
 - 31 countries

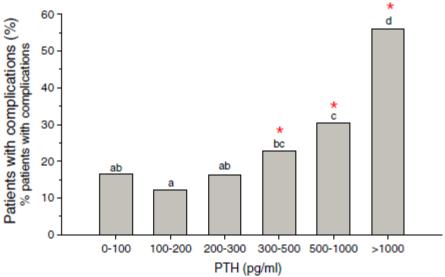


Fig. 3 Percentage of patients with alterations of bone and mineral metabolism (bone pain, limb deformities, extraosseous calcifications, radiological osteomalacia and/or osteopenia) stratified by time-averaged mean parathyroid hormone (PTH) levels. Groups sharing same letters do not differ significantly;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



Searching the optimal PTH target in dialysis...



- K-DOQI 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

Haffner Pediatr Nephrol 2013

KDIGO 2009: one main point to keep in mind!

• 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	М3
Calcium (mmol/L)	2.29	2.26	2.29
Phosphorus (mmol/L)	1.56 <i>2.15</i>	1.67 2.03	1.96 <i>1.96</i>
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

KDIGO2017: what's new (1)?

• Evaluation of fracture risk / osteoporosis

- BMD assessement and bone biopsy to be considered if clinical management can be modified by the results
- 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

KDIGO2017: what's new (2)?

• Treatment of abnormal PTH levels in CKD-MBD

- Optimal levels in pre-dialysis non known => evaluate for modifiable factors: hyperphosphatemia, hypocalcemia, high phosphate intake and vitamin D deficiency
- Pre-dialysis in children: calcitriol and vitamin D analogs may be considered to maintain serum calcium levels in the age-appropriate normal range
- Dialysis: suggested to use calcimimetics, vitamin D analogs or a combination to decrease PTH levels

• Treatment of bone with bisphosphonates, other osteoporosis medications and rhGH

- In patients with biochemical CKD-MBD abnormalities and low BMD and/or fragility fractures, suggested that treatment choices take into account the magnitude and reversibility of the biochemical abnormalities and the progression of CKD, with consideration of a bone biopsy

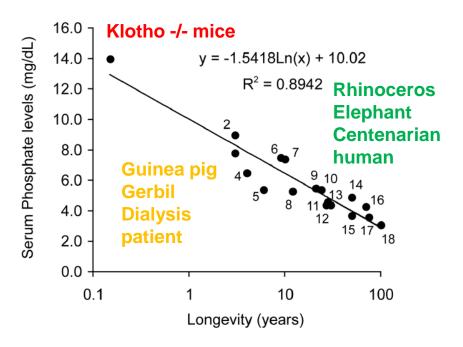
• R1: clinical, biological and radiological follow-up

Marker ¹	Frequency of measurement (every x month)		ry x month)	Target	
	GFR 59–30	GFR 29–15	GFR <15, dialysis (Evidence)		
Calcium or Ionized calcium	6	3	1	Normal range (corrected calcium) ² Normal range ²	
Phosphate Calcium phosphorus	6 6	3 3	1 1	Normal range for age band <5.0 mmol ² /l ²	
product Alkaline phosphatase	6	3	1	Target range 3.3–4.4 mmol ² /l ^{2, 3} Normal range for age band	
Serum bicarbonate/ base excess	6	3	1	Normal range, at least: bicarbonate >22 mmol/l Base excess >-5 mmol/l	
Intact PTH/whole PTH	6	3	1	Normal range in moderate CRF (GFR>29 ml/min/1.73m ²)	
25-(OH) vitamin D ₃ Left hand and wrist X-ray	As indicated ⁴	As indicated ⁴	As indicated ⁴ 6–12	Up to 2–3 times upper limit of normal in advanced CRF or on dialysis >20 ng/l No radiological signs of hyperparathyroidism No Looser zones or osteopenia	

Table 1 Frequency of measurements for biochemical and radiological markers of renal osteodystrophy

Calcium: mmol/l in mg/dl: x4, phosphate mmol/l in mg/dl: x3.0969; calcium phosphorus product: mmol²/l² in mg²/l²: x12.387. ² Corrected calcium (mg/dl) = measured calcium concentration (mg/dl) + 0.8 × [4-measured albumin concentration (g/dl)]; corrected calcium (mmol/l) = measured calcium concentration (mmol/l) +0.2 × [4-measured albumin concentration (g/dl)]. ³ Depending on age. ⁴Only in patients with suspected vitamin D deficiency

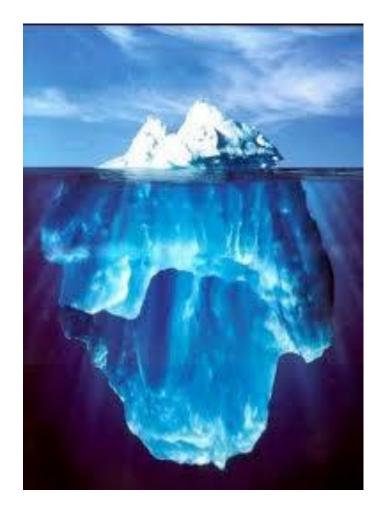
- R2: acidosis correction
 - Nutrition
 - Dialysis intensification
 - Sodium bicarbonate / citrate
- R3: phosphate control
 - Target depending on age +++
 - As soon as GFR < 40 mL/min/1.73 m²
 - Cardiovascular risk factor
- R4: first nutrition for phosphate control
- R5: then dialysis intensification
- R6: and last aluminum-free binders
 - Calcium-based first
 - If hyperCa: non Ca non Al binders



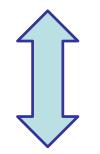
- R7: avoid 25-D deficiency (but outdated by the 2017 ESPNguidelines)
- R8: avoid hyperPTH
 - Active vit D analogs (but outdated by the 2017 ESPN guidelines)
- R9: PTH target: 2-3 upper normal limit in ESRD
- R10: if increased PTH levels and phosphate < 2 mmol/L
 - Active vit D analogs
 - Very few data for calcimimetics (in the mean time 2017 European approval by EMA for cinacalcet in pediatric dialysis)

- R11: no rhGH in case of severe hyperparathyroidism
 - Before rhGH: nutrition and acidosis correction => EPSN guidelines coming soon (D Haffner)
- R12: in case of hyperCa
 - Stop vit D analogs
 - Stop Ca-based binders
 - Decrease the calcium concentration in the dialysate
- R13: PxCa product
 - To keep it below 5 mmol²/L²
- R14: parathyroidectomy
 - Rarely performed

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

Vascular calcifications Pathophysiology Same biomarkers than bone Vitamin D, PTH, FGF23...

Bone and vessels in children with CKD Is there a relationship?

- Cross-sectional study (local ancillary from the 4C cohort)
 - 32 teenagers pre-dialysis CKD
 - Bone assessment HR-pQCT
 - Vascular evaluation, ABPM

- The greater the trabecular thickness and density
- The greater the ABPM, and notably the diastolic and the mean BP
- Two major determinants for blood pressure (mean and diastolic, night, day, and 24-hour) by multivariable analyses: serum calcium and trabecular thickness

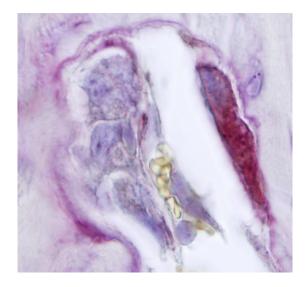
=> In a growing skeleton: 'the better the bone, the worse the vessel'

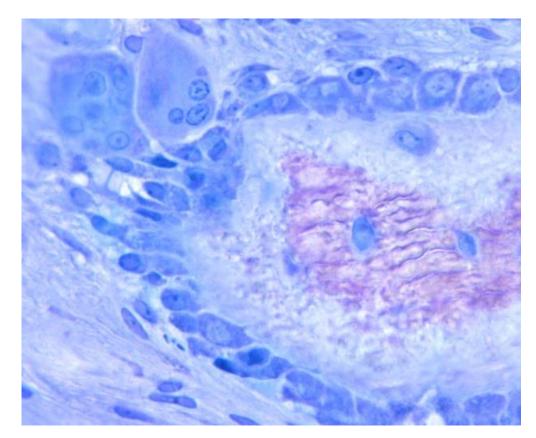
So... do we give too much calcium to CKD children (at least in Lyon)?

- 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 calciumbased) 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.
- Giving too much calcium supplements may also be deleterious for vessels
- Meta-analysis in adults: increased mortality risk with calcium-based phosphate binders
- No specific pediatric data

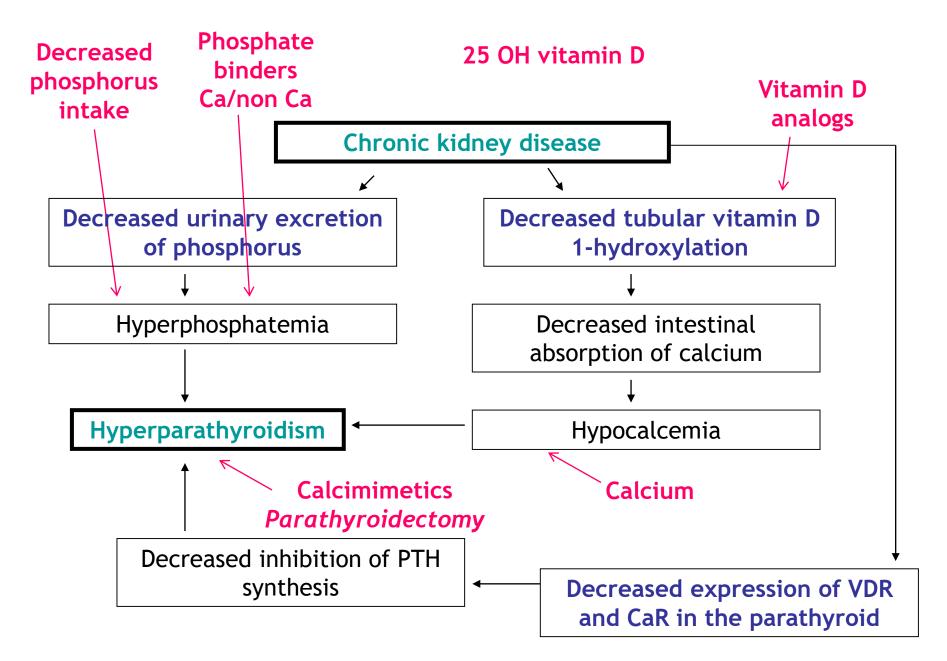
Wesseling-Perry cJASN 2012; Denburg JCEM 2013; Wesseling-Perry Kidney 2011; Bakkaloglu cJASN 2010; Denburg JASN2016; Jamal Lancet 2013

Management of CKD-MBD in children





The cornerstones of CKD-MBD management



Native vitamin D therapy and prevention of secondary hyperparathyroidism in pediatric CKD

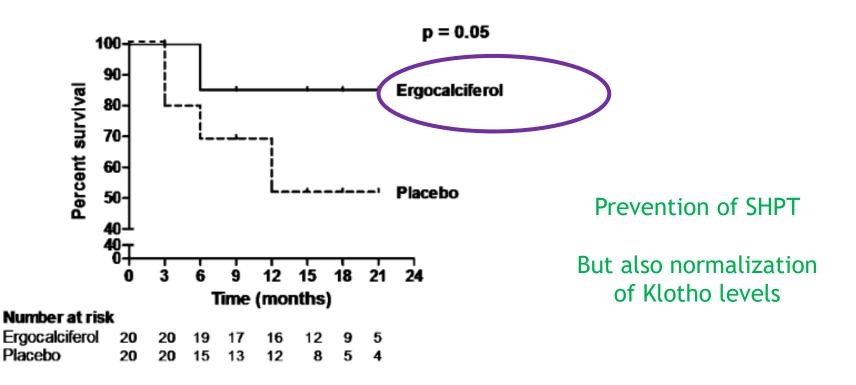


Figure 3. | Time to development of secondary hyperparathyroidism in ergocalciferol and placebo-treated patients.

Randomized controlled trial Ergocalciferol *versus* placebo, 20 CKD 2-4 per group

Shroff cJASN 2012

Lerck NDT 2018

Practical summary of the native vit D European guidelines

- Target 75-120 nmol/L
- Daily supplementation, D2 or D3; if sequential D3

Intensive replacement phase				
Age	25(OH)D serum (nmol/L)**	Vitamin D supplementation dose (daily)	Monitoring	
< 1 year		600 IU / day	- Serum calcium and urinary calcium	
	< 12	8000 IU / day	levels – 1-3 monthly based on	
>1 year*	12 - 50	4000 IU / day	CKD stage	
	50 – 75	2000 IU / day	- 25(OH)D level: after 3 months	
Maintenance phase				
< 1 year		400 IU / day	- 25(OH)D level: 6-12 monthly	
>1 year*	>75***	1000 - 2000 IU /day based on CKD stage		

- * Consider adjusting dose by body size (weight or body surface area)
- ** To convert nmol/L to ng/ml divide by 2.5
- *** If levels remain <75nmol/L, then give doses as per the 'Intensive replacement' schedule for a further course of intensive replacement and recheck levels

Shroff, NDT 2017

rhGH therapy improves mineralization, whatever the type of the underlying osteodystrophy

Study from USA

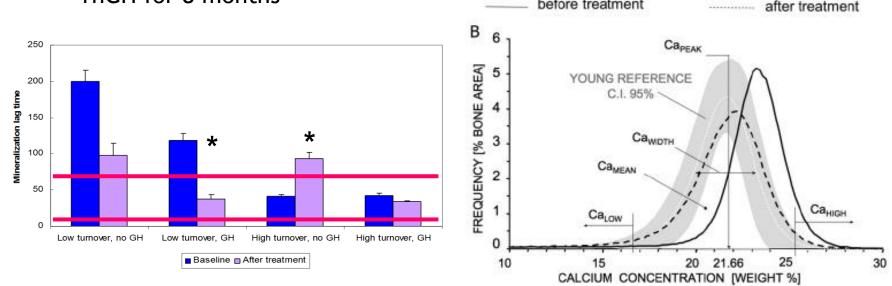
- Randomized trial: 33 children, PD
- Low Turnover LTO, n= 14, rhGH _ or nothing
- High Turnover HTO, n= 19, GH + _ calcitriol IP or calcitriol IP
- rhGH for 8 months

Study from Austria and Poland

- 18 children, hemodialysis
- rhGH for one-year _

before treatment

- Paired analysis before/after
- Baseline: high prevalence of low bone turnover



Bacchetta, cJASN, 2013

Nawrot-Wawrzyniak, AJKD 2013

Markers of bone metabolism are influenced by GH therapy in pediatric CKD

European study 4C

- 556 children
- CKD
- eGFR 10-60
- Age 6-18 years
- 41 rhGH
- 41 matched controls

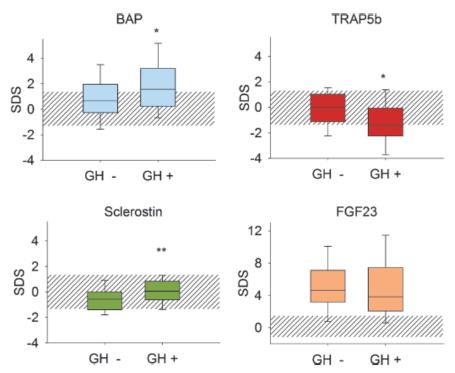
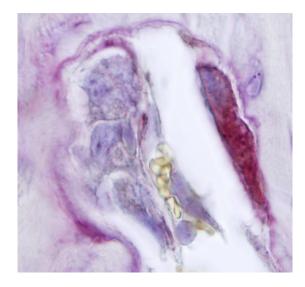
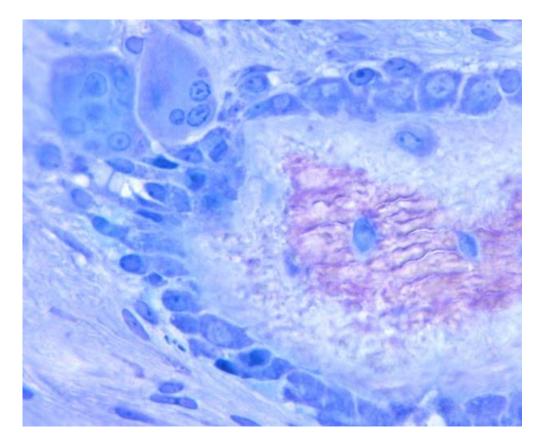


Fig 3. Distribution of serum bone marker concentrations in children with and without rhGH treatment (n = 41 per group). Data are expressed as standard deviation scores (SDS). The shaded area depicts the normal range (5th to 95th percentile of biomarker concentrations in healthy children)⁸. Asterisks indicate significant deviation from distribution in the reference population (*: p<0.05, **: p<0.01).

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Conclusion and perspectives





CKD-MBD in pediatric CKD... Which management in 2018?

- A global management
 - Denutrition
 - Anemia
 - Acidosis
- A management focused on mineral metabolism
 - Nutritional intake: phosphate
 - Native vitamin D deficiency: target 75-120 nmol/L
 - Phosphate binders
 - Calcium carbonate
 - Sevelamer
 - Lanthanum
 - New binders currently evaluated => sucroferric oxyhydroxide
 - Vitamin D analogs
 - Calcimimetics
 - Cinacalcet
 - Dialysis intensification
 - Parathyroidectomy
- And a management targeting not only growth but also bone
 - Recombinant growth hormone therapy

Take-home messages

- CKD-MBD: Bone and vessels
- A close interaction between these two compartments
- A growing skeleton
- The question of calcium supplementation in pediatric CKD remains open
- Exact threshold that would become too much?
- International trials required...
- On the long-term
- Bone pain, fracture, deformations
- Vascular calcifications, but also...
- Quality of life
- Social and professional reintegration
- Improved self-esteem

