



## A Study on Renal Failure in Gastroenteritis

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### ABSTRACT

Acute gastroenteritis is one among the important cause of preventable Acute kidney injury (AKI).

Acute kidney injury is rapid deterioration of kidney function associated with increased mortality.

Inadequate or delayed restoration of diarrheal losses result in very high incidence of AKI .

Sepsis and diarrhea leading to hypovolemia are risk factors for AKI. There should be increased focus on early detection and better management of AKI associated with gastroenteritis to prevent further worsening of clinical outcome.

**KEYWORD:** Renal failure ,acute kidney injury ,gastroenteritis ,acute tubular necrosis

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVE

- To study the clinical profile of patients with Acute renal failure (ARF) following gastroenteritis.
- To study the outcome of prompt rehydration and treatment in patient with ARF due to gastroenteritis.
- To analyze the laboratory parameters in patients with ARF following gastroenteritis.

- To correlate clinical features and laboratory parameters with outcome of ARF.

### I. INTRODUCTION

**Acute kidney injury (AKI)** is defined as sudden deterioration of kidney filtration and excretory function over days to weeks resulting in the retention of nitrogenous and other waste product.

#### Criteria for diagnosing renal failure:

Increase in serum creatine (S.Cr) with or without reduction in urine volume from the time of admission.

No previous history of chronic kidney disease.

### MECHANISM

Prerenal (40-80%) - marked reduction in renal perfusion pressure below the autoregulatory range lead to abrupt decrease in GFR and ARF

Intrinsic (20-50%) - most common being ATN , predisposing factor for ATN is renal ischaemia due to prolonged prerenal azotemia, especially septic shock

|                        | Pre Renal AKI | ATN   |
|------------------------|---------------|---|
| Urinalysis             | Normal        | Trace to 1+albumin<br>Casts- Muddy brown<br>Epithelial & WBC &<br>Eosinophils |
| BUN/Creatinine         | >20:1         | <10:1   |
| Urine Sodium           | <20meq        | >40meq  |
| Urine PH               | Acidic        | Alkaline  |
| Urine Specific Gravity | 1.020 – 1.030 | 1.010   |
| Fe Na                  | <1%           | >2%   |
| Urine Osmolality       | 700-800mosm   | 300 mosm  |



**GASTROENTERITIS**

Gastroenteritis is defined as diarrhoeal disease that may be accompanied by nausea ,vomiting or abdominal pain.

**Mechanism of ARF in GE**

Prerenal azotemia- reduced intravascular volume—→reduction in GFR

Acute tubular necrosis-sustained prerenal azotemia due to prolonged hypovolemia.

Septicemia in GE secondary to gram negative organisms can cause DIC which may cause ARF as a consequence of thrombosis that is thought to occur in microvascular circulation acute cortical necrosis.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

**Study design :** prospective observational study.

**Study Setting:** Tertiary Care Hospital, GGH,Kakinada

**Study Period:** 6 Months (March 2022 to August 2022)

**Sample Size:** 60 patients who developed Acute Kidney injury following Gastroenteritis who are admitted to department of general Medicine

**Inclusion criteria:** All patients of either sex diagnosed to have AKI due to gastroenteritis.

**Exclusion criteria:** All patients diagnosed to have AKI due to cause other than GE.

Detailed history and clinical profile was recorded with laboratory parameters such as Renal function test, CBC, stool examination,electrolytes

The clinical and laboratory parameters were analysed to assess the role of each of these factors as possible outcome (Recovery/ Death).

**II. RESULTS**

TABLE 1: CATEGORY OF AKI

| GROUP     | DISTRIBUTION |
|-----------|--------------|
| Pre Renal | 28(47%)      |
| ATN       | 32(53%)      |

TABLE 2 :AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION

| AGE   | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL   |
|-------|------|--------|---------|
| 21-30 | 5    | 4      | 9(15%)  |
| 31-40 | 6    | 6      | 12(20%) |
| 41-50 | 10   | 4      | 14(23%) |
| 51-60 | 10   | 5      | 15(25%) |
| >60   | 7    | 3      | 10(16%) |

Table 3: Duration of diarrhoea in relation with type of AKI

| CATEGORY         | DURATION OF DIARRHOEA |          |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------|
|                  | Less than 5 days      | ≥ 5 days |
| Overall patients | 38 (63%)              | 22 (36%) |
| Pre Renal AKI    | 18 (47.5%)            | 11 (50%) |
| ATN              | 20 (52.5%)            | 11 (50%) |
| Survivors        | 32 (64%)              | 18 (36%) |
| Non survivors    | 7 (70%)               | 3 (30%)  |



Table 4: Urinary output at time of admission

| CATEGORY7    | Total patients | Survivors | Death   |
|--------------|----------------|-----------|---------|
| Anuria       | 10 (16.6%)     | 7 (70%)   | 3 (30%) |
| Oliguria     | 43 (71.6%)     | 36 (83%)  | 7 (16%) |
| Non oliguria | 7 (11.6%)      | 7 ( 100%) |         |

TABLE 5– Mean creatinine level

| CREATININE (MEAN)    | OVERALL PATIENTS | PRERENAL  | ATN       | SURVIVORS | NON SURVIVORS |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| BASELINE             | 4.09±2.81        | 3.86±1.82 | 4.2±2.13  | 5.05±2.52 | 4.7±2.13      |
| PEAK                 | 5.6±2.67         | 5.01±2.15 | 6.4±2.62  | 5.95±1.62 | 5.1±2.81      |
| AT TIME OF DISCHARGE | 2.8±1.15         | 1.36±1.02 | 3.60±1.23 |           |               |

Creatinine at the time of admission ranged from 1.2 mg/dl to 20 mg/dl.

Table 6 -Mean urea level

| Blood urea           | Overall patients | Survivors   |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Baseline             | 154.0±70.52      | 143.26±71.2 |
| peak                 | 180.0±61.5       | 182.0±53.5  |
| At time of discharge | 101.5±38.6       |             |

Urea level at of admission ranged from 32 mg /dl to 401mg

TABLE 7 :Mode of treatment

|                        | Prerenal | ATN |
|------------------------|----------|-----|
| No of patients         | 28       | 32  |
| Conservative treatment | 28       | 11  |
| Hemodialysis           |          | 21  |

TABLE 8 Complication in AKI secondary to GE

| Complications         |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| septicemia            | 11 |
| Paralytic ileus       | 2  |
| Uremic encephalopathy | 8  |
| Pulmonary edema       | 2  |
| pneumonia             | 6  |



### III. CONCLUSION

- Among 60 patients prospectively studied 46.6% of the patient had prerenal azotemia, 53.3% of patient had Acute tubular necrosis.
- Oliguria was seen in 71.6% of patients, Anuria in 16.6%, while 11.6% of the patients were non oliguric.
- Male patients were more compared to females, as they were more exposed to contaminated food and sanitary condition during the course of occupation.
- The most common electrolyte abnormality noted was hypokalemia in 83% of patients. Mean potassium value  $4.59 \pm 3.82$
- The interval between onset of gastroenteritis and development of ARF nearly equal in prerenal and ATN groups
- Septicemia was the commonest complication, Out of 10 patients 7 with septicemia expired.
- Hemodialysis was done in 21 patients.
- Management consisted of fluid-replacement, correction of electrolyte abnormalities, administration of appropriate antibiotics.
- ARF following gastroenteritis differs from other causes of ARF by frequent occurrence of hypokalemia and has a better prognosis.

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