## Musculoskeletal Manifestations in the Setting of Chronic Renal Failure

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## Outline

#### Chronic Renal Failure

- Renal osteodystrophy

#### Dialysis

- Amyloidosis
  - Spondyloarthropathy

#### Renal Transplantation

- Osteonecrosis
- CIPS
- Gout



Sorry eh!











Calcitriol

– Net effect : 🕇 Ca & P



PTH
− Net effect: ↑ Ca, ↓ P



## CRD - Pathophysiology



## Renal osteodystrophy/CKD-MBD

 Also referred to as chronic kidney disease – mineral bone disorder (CKD-MBD)

- Key player:
  - 2° Hyperparathyroidism (HPT)
    - Affects osteoblasts and osteoclasts

## Renal osteodystrophy/CKD-MBD



## Bone resorption in Renal Osteodystrophy

- Subperiosteal
- Cortical
- Endosteal
- Trabecular
- Subchondral
- Subphyseal
- Subligamentous & subtendinous

## **Subperiosteal Resorption**





Case courtesy Edward Smitaman



Jalili P. Int Endodontic J. 2015

# Trabecular resorption



## Subchondral resorption



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Case courtesy Paul Fenton, Queen's U.

#### Subchondral and Subtendinous Resorption



## Subtendinous resorption



Murphey et al. Radiographics. 1993(2)

## **Endosteal and Cortical Resorption**



## Bone resorption – summary

- Earliest sign in 1° and 2° HPT
- Subperiosteal resorption most common (pathognomonic for HPT), responds to therapy
- Sites:
  - Subperiosteal: Radial aspects 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> middle phalanges (pathognomonic), phalangeal tufts, femur, tibia, humerus, ribs, lamina dura
  - Trabecular: skull (salt & pepper)
  - Subchondral: SI, AC, sternoclavicular, discovertebral, pubic symphysis, patella
  - Subligamentous/tendinous: femoral trochanters, ischial tuberosities, humeral tuberosities, conoid tubercle of clavicle, elbow, inferior calcaneus

# Brown Tumors (aka osteitis fibrosa cystica)



Resorption/osteopenia

Fibrovascular tissue ingrowth

Microfractures, hemorrhage, multinuclear macrophages

## Brown tumors - histopathology



- Fibrous stroma
- Multinucleated giant cells
- Hemorrhage/hemosid erin

## **Brown Tumors**

- Occurs in 1° and 2° HPT, very uncommon
- Osseous resorption should co-exist
- Sites: Pelvic girdle, hands, extremities, ribs, clavicle, facial (can be multiple)
- Focal bone pain
- Imaging:
  - Well-defined, expansile
  - MRI: low T2 signal, hemosiderin, enhancement
- Responds to therapy (sclerosis)













Knowles et al. J Mag Res Imag. 2008 ;28 :759-761

## Generalized osteopenia

- Osteomalacia (reduced osteoid mineralization)
  - Imaging:
    - Osteopenia
    - Poor trabecular/cortical distinction
    - Looser's zones (femoral neck, pubic rami, ilium, ribs, scapulae, acromion)
    - Rickets
- Osteoporosis
  - Aluminum may also have a role
  - BMD screening not routinely recommended in 2°HPT
  - Fractures  $\rightarrow$  vertebrae, distal forearm, femur

## Osteomalacia



Lim CY. Clin Rad. 2013

### Increased bone density - osteosclerosis

- Axial skeleton > appendicular skeleton
  - Spine (rugger jersey)
  - Pelvis, calvarium, clavicles
  - Metaphysis of long bones
- PTH action on osteoblasts
- Does not improve after dialysis

## Osteosclerosis





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## Bone formation – periosteal neostosis

- Late sign
- Mature
   periosteal bone
   formation with
   cleft
- Hand & feet, long bones, pelvis



## Soft tissue calcifications

- Periarticular
- Cartilaginous
- Arterial (pipestem, dorsalis pedis & radial)
- Visceral
- Ocular

## Periarticular calcifications

- Resemble tumoral calcinosis
- Metabolic panel (GFR, Ca, P)
- Often large joints (hip, shoulder, elbow, wrist foot)
- Often symmetric
- Imaging:
  - Cloud-like
  - May be cystic with Ca+ sedimentation (more active)
  - No bony erosion
- Can improve following dialysis


## Chondrocalcinosis

- Sites:
  - Knee
  - Wrist
  - Hip
  - Pubic symphysis
  - Shoulder
- More common in 1° than 2° HPT

#### Arthropathy of Hyperparathyroidism

- Mixed features:
  - Erosions
  - Relative preservation joint space
  - Periosteal whiskering
  - Subperiosteal resorption coexists



Resnick. Radiology. 1974;110: 263-269

#### Primary versus Secondary Hyperparathyroidism

Findings

Brown tumors Osteosclerosis Chrondrocalcinosis Periostitis Primary Hyperparathyroidism Common Rare Not infrequent Rare

Secondary Hyperparathyroidism\* Less common

Common Rare Not infrequent

*Resnick and Kransdorf, Bone and Joint Imaging 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. 2005* 







#### **Dialysis-related Bone Disease**



## Aluminum toxicity

Main source is aluminum salts (bind phosphate)

• Aluminum in dialysate is now less of an issue

# Aluminum toxicity

- Osseous
  - Osteomalacia
  - Fractures (ribs, vertebrae, pelvis, hips, sternum, clavicles)
  - Possible role in spondyloarthropathy, osteonecrosis
- Encephalopathy

### Amyloidosis 2° hemodialysis

• B2-microglobulin (B2-M)

- Three main forms:
  - Peripheral (arthopathy)
  - Destructive spondyloarthropathy
  - Carpal tunnel syndrome



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#### Amyloidosis – peripheral arthropathy

- Chronic hemodialysis (> 5 years)
- Sites: hip, wrist, shoulder (periarticular location)
- Osseous and soft tissue involvement (includes bursa)
- May result in pathologic fracture
- Imaging:
  - Joint space narrowing late feature
  - May show low T2 signal

- Chronic hemodialysis (> 4 years)
- B2-M deposition in disc and posterior elements
- Other predisposing factors?
  - Parathyroid mediated subchondral bone resorption
  - Aluminum

- Key findings:
  - Disc space narrowing
  - End plate erosions
  - Lack of osteophytes
  - Low T2 signal
  - No fluid collections



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*Theodorou et al. Seminars in Dialysis.* 2002; 15(4)

# Destructive Spondyloarthropathy – summary

- Sites: lower C-spine, craniocervical
- May be multilevel
- Often shows low T2 signal
- Rapidly progressive (months)
- Ddx
  - Early: ankylosing spondylitis
  - Advanced: infection, crystal

# Amyloid – carpal tunnel

- > 50% of patients with 10+ years dialysis
- Most common surgical indication in chronic dialysis
- Median > ulnar nerve
- Imaging:
  - Cysts (lunate, scaphoid), joint space preserved
  - Volar involvement > dorsal



Kiss et al. AJR. 2005;105:1460-67

### Dialysis-related Amyloidosis -Summary

• B2 microglobulin

- Three manifestations:
  - Peripheral arthropathy
  - Destructive spondyloarthropathy
  - Carpal tunnel syndrome
- Chronic dialysis (5+ years)

# **Erosive Arthropathy of Dialysis**

- Avg 5 years of dialysis
- Probably multifactorial

   HPT, amyloid, CPPD, aluminum
- Hands/wrists

   Radiocarpal, MCPs, DIPs
- Erosions with narrowing of joint space

Cotton et al. Skel Rad. 1997(26)



#### **Bone Disease Post Renal Transplantion**

Osteonecrosis

Crystal disease (gout)

CIPS (calcineurininhibitor induced pain syndrome)

# Osteonecrosis following renal transplantation

 Frequency of ON following transplantation has dramatically decreased with cyclosporine and tacrolimus

- 2 studies:
  - -232 patients  $\rightarrow$  11 with ON (4.7%)
  - -326 patients  $\rightarrow$  15 with ON (4.6%)

Takao et al. Rhematol Int. 2011;31:165-170

Hedri et al. Transplant Proc. 2007 May; 39(4): 1036-8

# ON following renal transplantation

- Main risk factors
  - Cumulative steroid dose
  - Acute rejection

• Hip > knee

• Timing

- 6 months onward (avg 3.5 years post transplant)

#### Osteonecrosis



Van De Berg et al. Eur J Radiol. 2006;58

• In patients treated with steroids, osteonecrosis more common when femoral neck and intertrochanteric region contain more fat

# Calcineurin-inhibitor induced pain syndrome (CIPS)

- Reversible symmetric lower extremity pain following transplantation
- 1989  $\rightarrow$  cyclosporine
- 2001  $\rightarrow$  tacrolimus
- Solid organ and bone marrow transplant
- Frequency: 1.5-14%
- Timing: several weeks to > 1 yr post transplant

### CIPS

- Mechanism(s):
  - Altered vascular tone & permeability  $\rightarrow$  marrow congestion
  - Altered bone metabolism  $\rightarrow$  elevated alkaline phosphatase (ALP)



Edler GJ. Nephrology. 2006;11:560-567
## CIPS

- Workup
  - Calcineurin-inhibitor serum level
    - Normal in first 3 months (5-15 ng/dL)
    - Trough levels not always elevated
  - Alkaline phosphatase (ALP)

## **CIPS** - Imaging

#### • Xrays:

- May be normal
- Epiphyseal osteoporosis
- Metaphyseal periosteal reaction
- Effusions
- Findings may persist following resolution of symptoms



## **CIPS** - Imaging

- Scintigraphy:
  - Uptake in flow and delayed phases



## **CIPS** - Imaging

- MRI
  - Edema around knees, ankles, feet (dependent)
  - Symmetric
  - Associated fractures
  - Findings may outlast symptoms

# CIPS – MR Imaging



#### **CIPS** - Treatment

• Calcium channel blocker (amlodipine)

• Alteration in immunosuppressive regimen

## CIPS

- DDx
  - Osteonecrosis
  - Complex regional pain syndrome/RDS
  - Transient osteoporosis
  - Infection

#### **Gout Following Renal Transplantation**

- 7.6% frequency of newly diagnosed gout within 3 years of renal transplantation (United States Renal Data System)
- Risk Factors
  - Males, age
  - BMI
  - Cyclosporine vs. tacrolimus
  - GFR (<44)



## Gout - Physiology



## Hyperuricemia in Renal Transplantation

- Cyclosporine > tacrolimus
  - Increased uric acid reabsorption
  - Decreased uric acid secretion
- Other factors
  - Diuretics
  - Poor graft function



### Gout - Distribution

• Classic sites:

- 1<sup>st</sup> MTP, TMT, CMC, popliteal groove

- Post renal tranplantation:
  - May see more proximal distribution
  - Increased burden of tophi







## Post Renal Tranplant Bone Disease -Summary

- Osteonecrosis incidence has dramatically decreased (~5%)
- CIPS symmetric dependent lower extremity pain, marrow edema on MRI +/- fractures
- Gout calcineurin-inhibitors predispose to hyperuricemia and more proximal distribution may be seen

## Thank you!



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