

#### Kidney and urinary tract pathology

## Kidney diseases





✗ Renal agenesis (bilateral)⇒ incompatible with life

#### × Renal dysplasia (uni-, bilateral)

developmental disorder due to abnormal morphogenesis and differentiation. Parenchyma with foci of immature renal tissue.

Clinically: diff.dg. x renal tumors of childhood



- ➤ Horseshoe kidney (ren arcuatus)
   ⇒ both kidneys fused by their lower poles
- ➤ Cysts and cystosis 2 main forms :
  ⇒ autosomal recessive polycystic kidney disease
  - Infantile, microcystic
  - death commonly soon after birth, kidneys completely replaced by multiple cysts < 2mm</li>



- ⇒ Adult polycystic kidney disease
  - common congenital disease, ↓of renal function in the 3.- 4. dec., autosomal dominant - gen usually on the short arm of chromosome 16
  - gross: symmetrical kidney enlargement lenght to 30 cm, multiple cysts 0,5-50mm



#### ⇒ Solitary kidney cysts

#### accidental finding . Important diff. dg x cystic renal carcinoma

#### Polycystic kidney





## Vascular kidney disorders

- **Kenal artery stenosis** 
  - renovascular hypertension (Goldblatt's)
  - ⇒ pressure ↓ in afferent arterioles
  - $\Rightarrow \downarrow$  of filtration pressure in the glomerulus
  - juxtaglomerular apparatus hyperplasia + renin overproduction
  - blood pressure \(\cap\$ by longer duration vascular atrophy.\)

## Vascular kidney disorders



#### Benign nephrosclerosis

- ⇒ by benign (compensated) hypertension
  - gross : symmetrical decrease in size, fine granulated surface

 micro : hyalinne insudates in arteriolar walls, median hypertrophy + intimal sclerosis, ischemic changes +/glomerular loss, vascular atrophy of the tubules, adjacent interstitial fibrosis.



#### Benign nephrosclerosis



Ischemic glomerular chamges, "wrinkling" of the GBM



#### Benign nephrosclerosis



## Vascular kidney disorders



#### Malignant nephrosclerosis

due to accelerated arterial hypertension (diastole >130mmHg), endothelial damage

•gross : renal oedema, infarctions possible

 micro: oedema, intimal mucoid seepage in arteries, fibrinoid necrosis of the arteriolar wall, possible trombi



#### Malignant nephrosclerosis



Singificant arteriolar luminal narrowing, endothelial oedema

#### Malignant hypertension





Fibrinoid necrosis of the hilar arteriole



#### Malignant nephrosclerosis





Oedema, mucoid intimal seepage, luminal narrowing in a muscular artery

## Vascular kidney disorders



- \* Thrombotic microangiopathy (HUS, TTP)
  - endothelial damage + platelet trombi formation in the systemic microcirculation
  - ⇒ platelets consumption
    - •gross: renal oedema, infarctions possible
    - micro: intimal oedema, endothelial distention, platelet trombi, infarctions



#### Thrombotic microangiopathy



Luminal thrombi in glomerular capillaries

## Vascular kidney disorders



#### renal infarction

- ischemic coagulative necrosis due to blockage of peripherale branches of the renal artery
  - gross: yellowish conical necrosis
  - micro: necrosis with haemorragic rim

#### **Renal infarction**







#### **Renal infarction**



coagulativeí necrosis

## Glomerular diseases



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- → vascular changes
- ⇒ metabolic diseases
- 🗢 familiar diseases
- immune-mediated disorders

#### Normal glomerulus





#### Mechanism of the glomerular damage

Immune-mediated damage
 circulating immune complexes
 in situ immune complexes
 anti-GBM antibodies
 antineutrophilic antibodies

### Mechanism of the glomerular damage

- × Non-immunological damage
  - haemodynamic factors
  - ⇒ hypertension
  - ⇒ ischemia

#### Glomerular reaction to the damage



#### proliferation:

hyperplasia of mesangial, endothelial, epithelial cells – hypercellularity. Epithelial cells (podocytes) may be a part of crescents filling the Bowman's capsule.

#### **×** exudation:

leukocytes + fibrin

\* thickening of the glomerular capillary wall

usually due to deposition of immune complexes and/or GBM reaction

#### Glomerular reaction to the damage



#### **x** sclerosis:

eosinophilic material consisting of the mixture of collapsed membranes, mesangial matrix and plasmatic proteins. PAS + silver impregnation highly positive

#### **\*** hyalinosis:

foci of refractive amorphous material comprising insudated plasmatic proteins and lipoproteins (PAS intensive positivity, silver impregnation negative)

## Clinical presentation of the glomerular disorders

According to the number of affected glomeruli
 diffuse changes (> 50% of gl.)
 focal changes

According to the extent of glomerular lesion
 global changes (the whole gl.)
 segmental changes

## Clinical presentation of the glomerular disorders

#### **\*** nephritic syndrome:

acute gl. damage, hematuria, proteinuria, oligouria, oedema, hypertension

#### nephrotic syndrome:

⇒ severe proteinuria with protein loss > 3,5g/24h, hypoalbuminemia, decrease of production of concentrated urine, oligouria → anuria, ↑ azotemia

## Clinical presentation of the glomerular disorders

#### acute renal failure:

Sudden decrease of production of concentrated urine, oligouria → anuria, ↑ azotemia

chronic renal failure:

→ gradual loss of renal functions

#### **Glomerular diseases classification**



Mostly according to the clinical signs

Glomerulopathy with proteinuria or nephrotic syndrome

Glomerulopathy with isolated or predominant hematuria

## **Glomerular diseases classification**



#### Glomerulopathy with acute nephritic syndrome

#### Glomerular/kidney involvment by SLE

Chronic glomerulonephritis

#### **Glomerular diseases classification**



- primary x secondary GN
  - primary GN disorder limited to the kidney, without systemic disease
  - secondary GN part of other disease (SLE, hepatitis C, neoplasia, ...)



#### Proteinuria with nephrotic syndrome

Minimal change disease

Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis

Membranous glomerulopathy

Amyloidosis

**Diabetic nephropathy** 

# Glomerulopathies with proteinuria/nephrotic sy



- Minimal glomerular change disease
- ➡ mostly in children's age
- ⇒ heavy selective proteinuria (albuminuria)
- ⇒ nefrotic syndrome responsive to steroid therapy
- ➡ normal renal functions
  - LM: normal glomerular morphology
  - IMF: negative, without immunodeposits
  - EM: diffuse fusion of podocytes' foot processes

### Minimal glomerular change disease





Normal glomerular morphology

## Minimal glomerular change disease (ЕМ)





diffuse fusion of podocytes' foot processes
# Glomerulopathies with proteinuria/nephrotic sy



- Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS)
  - ⇒ children, adults (↑ incidence)
  - ⇒ non-selective proteinuria up to nephrotic type
  - ⇒ nephrotic syndrome, steroid-resistant
  - ⇒ gradual progression to the renal failure
    - LM: Focal segmental sclerotic and hyalinne gl. changes due to capillary loops collapse and mesangial expansion
    - IMF: negative, without immune deposits
    - EM: fusion of podocytes' foot processes and podocytes' detachment from the GBM







Segmental sclerosis of the capillary tuft

# Glomerulopathies with proteinuria/nephrotic sy



- Membranous glomerulopathy
  - immune complex-mediated glomerulopathy, mostly in adults.
  - ⇒ proteinuria of nephrotic type, hematuria.
    - LM: diffuse and global gl. involvment, normocellular. Deposition of immune complexeson the outer aspect of the glomerular basal membrane (GBM), thickened in futher stages.
    - IMF: granular deposits along GBM (IgG, C3)
    - EM: subepithelial electron-dense immune deposits



#### Membranous glomerulopathy



Diffuse GBM thickening Glomerulus without inflammation or proliferation

#### Membranous glomerulopathy (IMF)





Granular deposits along the GBM in IgG

#### Membranous glomerulopathy (EM)





Diffuse subepithelial (outer aspect of the GBM) immune deposits

# Glomerulopathies with proteinuria/nephrotic sy



## x Amyloidosis

 extracellular deposition of pathological fibrilary protein with typical staining features
systemic amyloidoses most clinically important
4 main groups:

 AA amyloidosis (SAA protein precursor) in chronic diseases (RA, IBD, ...)



 AL amyloidosis (precursor - plasma cell product) in monoclonal plasma cell disorders

 hereditary amyloidosis: genetically determinated protein defect (transthyretin)

amyloidosis associated with haemodialysis



- ⇒ proteinuria with nephrotic syndrome
  - LM: structure-less eosinophilic masses in the glomeruli, tubules, intersticium and vessels
    - Positive Congo red staining, green dichroism in polarisation
  - IMF: positivity of AA amyloid, light chains
  - EM: non-branching, randomly orientated fibrils, size of 6-13nm





Amyloid deposition in the glomerulus





Congo red-positive amyloid deposition in the glomerulus

# Glomerulopathies with proteinuria/nephrotic sy



## Diabetic glomerulopathy

- → renal involvment by diabetic microangiopathy
- ⇒ proteinuria of nephrotic type

 LM: thickening of GBM, mesangial expansion by PAS positive mesangial matrix, mildly increased cellularity, glomerular enlargement – diffuse diabetic glomerulosclerosis

# **Diabetic glomerulopathy**



 later homogennous eosinophilic nodular formations, mesangial cells pushed to the periphery – nodular diabetic glomerulosclerosis.

Hyalinne insudations in arterioles

- •IMF: without immune deposits
- •EM: thickening of GBM



## **Diabetic glomerulopathy**



Mesangial nodules



Glomerulopathies with isolated or prevalent haematuria

IgA nephropathy (Berger's disease)

Henoch-Schönlein purpura

Alport syndrome / thin basement membranes sy



- IgA nephropathy (Berger's disease)
  - immune complex-mediated disorder with raised levels of circulating IgA
  - ⇒ IgA mesangial deposits by chronic GIT, respiratory tract mucosal inflammations, liver cirrhosis
  - episodic macroscopic haematuria in coincidence with respiratory infection



- LM: mesangial proliferation
- IMF: mesangial IgA granules
- EM: Mesangial and paramesangial ID

## Henoch-Schönlein purpura

extensor skin vasculitis with purpuric rash, GIT manifestations, arthralgia

renal involvment - IgA nephropathy







Mesangial IgA immune deposits



Alport syndrome/ thin basement membrane lesion

mutation in genes for collagen IV, part of basement membranes, (mostly gene COL4A5 encodedon the X. chromosome).

gradual progression of renal failure
in the fully evolved Alport sy – bilateral hearing disorders, ocular abnormities

# Alport syndrome/ thin basement membrane lesion

\* thin basement membrane lesion

 without progression into renal failure, mild clinical signs (benign familiar haematuria)
typical morphology possible in female carriers of X-linked

Alport syndrome

#### Alport syndrome/ thin basement membrane lesion ELMI





Characteristic picture of lamellar glomerular basement membrane in hereditary nephropathy.





Glomerulopathies with acute nephritic syndrome

Acute diffuse endocapillary proliferative GN

Membrano-proliferative GN

Rapidly progressive GN (RPGN)

# Glomerulopathies with acute nephritic syndrome



usually proliferative glomerulonephritis with increased mesangial and endocapillary cellularity, commonly with crescent formation.

Acute diffuse endocapillary proliferative GN
*syn. acute post-infective, acute proliferative, exudative GN immune complex-mediated disorder*

## Acute diffuse endocapillary proliferative GN



usually post-infective glomerulonephritis ( beta-hemolytic streptococcus, staph., G-bacteria, viruses, parasites )

⇒ systemic disorders (SLE, infective endocarditis, nectorising arteritis) may be accompanied by this GN

most commonly children , 1-4 wks. after streptococcal infection



haematuria, proteinuria, hypertension, oedemas, renal failure

➡ possible asymptomatic course

⇒ raised ASLO titre and drop of C3 ,C4 complement in serum



⇒ benign course in children

protracted course in adults, with hypertension, variable grade of renal failure



•IMF: diffuse segmental IgG and C3 granules in capillary loops, in mesangium

EM: humphs – electron-dense subepithelial immune deposits





hypercellularity, neutrophils





#### Granular IgG deposits on GBM and in mesangium





Granular subepithelial deposits

## Glomerulopathies with acute nephritic syndrome



Membrano-proliferative GN (mesangio-capillary)

*Type I.-III. according morphology* 

Type I. – immune complex-mediated, cryoglobulinemia (esp. hepatitis C), other causes - more common in children, teens

serum complement, nephritic syndrome, nephrotic sy possible.

•LM: diffuse glomerulopathy, endocapillary and mesangial hypercellularity, accentuation of capillary tuft lobular architecture,

GBM duplication ("tram track") in PAS, silver impregnation.

## Membrano-proliferative GN



 EM: subendothelial immune deposits + mesangial interposition (inclusion of mesangium + new layer of BM inbetween the immune deposits and original BM – duplication, "splitting"), subendothelial + mesangial ID.

#### ⇒ Type II.

⇒ > 60% of patients with antibody C3nephritic factor (NeFa) binding to C3 convertase → stabilisation (no enzymatic degradation), → permanent C3 activation of alternative pathway of complement cascade

## Membrano-proliferative GN



- •EM: dense-deposit disease (DDD). Ribbon-like immune deposits in the GBM and mesangium,
- ⇔ Typ III. rare
  - LM: same findings as in the type I.
  - EM: + subepithelial ID.

#### Membrano-proliferative GN





Lobulisation of the capillary tuft, hypercellularity in mesangium + endocapillary

#### Membrano-proliferative GN (EM)





Subendothelial immune deposits 2.
podocyte foot processes fusion
mesangial interposition

# Glomerulopathies with acute nephritic syndrome



- **x** Rapidly progressive GN (RPGN), crescentic
  - ➡ Hematuria, proteinuria
  - ⇒ Rapid loss of renal functions
  - Extensive crescentic formation




- ➡ Variable group of diseases:
- ⇒ pauci-immune GN (part of systemic vasculitis, sm. ANCA+)
- ⇒ Anti-GBM disease
- ⇒ immune-complex mediated GN

complication of other GN (IgA, post-infectious GN, SLE)







Cellular crescents within the Bowman capsule







1. Fibrin in the crescent

2. Cellular crescent (incipient)



#### **RPGN**



Fibrinoid necrosis of capillaries

Systemic vasculitis

anti-GBM vasculitis immune-complex mediated vasculitis ANCA-associated vasculitis

Hypertensive kidney disorders

Thrombotic microangiopathy

Others

renal infarction renal artery stenosis



- Systemic vasculitis
- Anti-GBM glomerulonephritis

⇒ antibodies against Goodpasture antigen (part of noncollagenous portion of the GBM)



 $\Rightarrow$  binding of anti-GBM antibody  $\rightarrow$  complement + proteases activation  $\rightarrow$  GBM destruction

⇒LM: RPGN appearance

•IMF: diffuse linear IgG deposits positivity of GBM

Immune complex-mediated vasculitis
 ⇒ Henoch-Schönlein purpura
 IgA nephropathy morphology



\* ANCA-associated vasculitis (antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies)

 ⇒ Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Wegener granulomatosis)
 ⇒ Microscopic polyangiitis
 • RPGN morphology







- 1. Cellular compressive crescent
- 2. Collapsing capillary tuft







Linear peripheral IgG positivity (on the GBM)



#### Thrombotic microangiopathy

Haemolytic uremic syndrome, Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura – formation of platelet thrombi in small vessels of systemic circulation, platelets consumption, endothelial damage and haemolysis

Intimal and endothelial oedema, fibrinoid necrosis of the arteriolar wall, fibrin thrombi in capillaries

⇒types:

- epidemic (E.coli shiga-like toxin)
- other drugs, irradiation, infection
- TTP hereditary/acquired excessive activation of platelets

### Chronic glomerulonephritis

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gross: kidney contracted, granulated
micro: high percentage of globally obliterated glomeruli, interstitial fibrosis, tubular atrophy, vascular changes.

#### Chronic glomerulonephritis





- 1. Obliterated glomeruli
- 2. Vascular changes

both parts (tubules + interstitium) affected
 Two main categories:
 Ischemic and toxic lesion (acute tubular necrosis ATN)

Inflammatory (tubulointerstitial nephritis TIN)



\*Acute tubular necrosis

⇒ etiology: ischemic , toxic

acute renal failure with oligouria/anuria, hemodialysis necessary

•gross: kidney edema, markedly pale cortex

 micro: variable grade of tubular cells injury, from loss of brush border to necrosis.

Ischemic – segmental lesions along the whole tubular lenght

toxic – proximal tubules



#### Acute tubular necrosis



Tubular dilatation, simple flat epithelium



#### Acute tubular necrosis





- **\*** Acute tubulo-interstitial nephritis
  - Etiology: infectious bacterial (acute pyelonephritis)
  - ⇒ toxic drug-induced ( post ATB)
  - metabolic (diseases with crystal formation)
  - ➡ viral (hantaviruses)
    - micro: interstitial inflammatory infiltrate, variable grade of tubular epithelium injury



Acute pyelonephritis

⇒ acute pelvis + kidney inflammation - mostly ascennding - bacterial infection – i.e. E. coli

descending - in sepsis

⇒ febrile ilness, lumbal pain, dysuria + urging, pyuria with numerous neutrophils



- •gross : swollen kidney, yellow subcapsular abscesses.
- edematous, hyperemic pelvis, sm. with pus, progression of purulent inflammation to the adjacent tissues paranephritic abscess
- •micro: interstitial + tubular neutrophils



#### Acute pyelonephritis





Chronic pyelonephritis

⇒ one of the most common causes of renal failure

possible insidious start, manifestation due to hypertension, commonly after multiple attacks of acute pyelonephritis.

- gross: irregular shrunken kidney, flat scars, commonly + nephrolithiasis, progressive atrophy end-stage kidney
- micro: interstitial fibrosis, tubular atrophy, dilatation
   + casts (follicular colloid-like), glomerular hyalinisation



#### Drug-induced TIN

- ➡ Antibiotics, NSAIDs
  - micro: interstitial oedema, mixed interstitial inflammatory infiltrate with eosinophils







Eosinophils in inflammatory infiltrate





Oxalate crystals/deposits in tubules





Myeloma nephropathy

- ⇒ renal damage due to myeloma
- ⇒ excretion of light chains (BJ protein) into primary urine, toxic to epithelia
- ⇒ + casts formation → nephrohydrosis, blockage of urine outflow within renal parenchyme.
- tubular epithelial damage, multinucleated macrophages



#### Myeloma nephropathy



- 1. Protein casts
- 2. Giant multinucleated macrophages

### Renal tumors



- Benign x malignant
- × Benign
  - ⇒ angiomyolipoma
    - Mesenchymal (perivascular epithelioid cell PEComa) more common in patients with tuberous sclerosis
  - ⇒ cortical adenoma
    - micro: papillary structure
    - gross: ochre colour, size< 5mm</p>
    - accidental finding

### Benign tumors



#### ⇒ renal oncocytoma

•gross: demarcated tumor of red-brown colour, variable size central scar

 micro: eosinophilic, granular cytoplasm, cells in acinar, tubular, solid nests; central hyalinne scar



#### Renal oncocytoma



#### Renal cell carcinoma (RCC)



More common in males; middle-older age
 Smoking as major risk factor
 mostly sporadic tumors, 4% part of hereditary syndromes

#### Clear cell RCC



#### ⇒ 70-80% of all RCC

•gross : demarcated tumor, yellowish colour commonly with haemorrhagic, necrotic, fibrotic foci

- angioinvasive tendency direct grow into renal vein, vena cava;
- invasion into pelvis haematuria





•Metastases via blood mostly (lungs, bones, brain)

 micro : large cells with clear granular cytoplasm (glycogen + lipids)







#### Clear cell RCC



- clinical : local symptoms late, haematuria. Fever, paraneoplastic syndromes
- prognosis according to the tumor size/stage
## **Papillary RCC**



#### ⇒ 15% of all RCC

- •gross: well-demarcated, regressive changes, commonly multifocal and bilateral
- micro: malignant epithelial cells covering stromal papillae, with stromal foam macrophages







## Chromophobe RCC



#### *⇒* 5% of RCC.

gross: well demarcated, partial lobulisation, brown colour
micro: eosinophilic granular cytoplasm, distinctive cell membranes, shrunken ("raisin") nucleus









3rd most common malignant pediatric tumor
 Diagnosed mostly in the 3rd-4th year of age
 Sporadic, or part of some syndromes

•gross: large, well demarcated tumor, greyish colour, regressive changes



 micro: structures attempting to recapitulate variable stages of nephrogenesis

Triphasic combination of blastemal, stromal and epithelial cell types in variable percentage
Highly cellular foci resembling embryonal blastema divided by strands of immature mesenchyme



clinical: large tumor, palpable, complications
 due to compression of adjacent organs, hematuria

prognosis: good, CHT (RT carefully, second malignancies possible)















## Urinary tract disorders





# Urinary tract

- ⇒ Calices
   ⇒ Pelvis
   ⇒ Ureters
- ⇒ Urinary bladder
- ⇒ Urethra

#### Inflammations



Mostly ascending infection
 *urethritis urocystitis possible progression into kidney*

 etiology: E.coli, Proteus, Klebsiella, Enterococcus, Neisseria gonorrhoeae, etc.
 Candida, Schistosoma,

#### Inflammations



 dysuria, polakisuria (urging), raised temperature
 gross: haematuria, pyuria

 Hypeaemic mucosa, possible pseudomembrane, ulceration

 complications : progression of inflammation into adjacent structures: glands, interstitium – phlegmona, periurethral abscess

## Inflammations



#### • micro:

 acute inflammation with prevalence of neutrophils, regressive changes of transitional cell epithelium

 – chronic inflammations - reactive changes of transitional cell epithelium, squamous/glandular metaplasia. Brunn nests – cystitis cystica

urethra – caruncula urethrae – pseudotumorous hyperplastic polyp in the region of urethral orifice.

## Hydronephrosis



# Pathological dilatation of the renal pelvis and calyces

- Causes:
  - Impacted stone, ...
  - -Tumors

- External compression (pregnancy, prostatic hyperplasia, ...)

## Tumors



\* benign x low malignant potential x frankly malignant \* flat x papillary lesions ➡ Mostly urothelial **Precursor lesions:** ⇒ Urothelial dysplasia ⇒ risk factors: • M:F 3:1 smoking professional exposure (aromatic amines, etc.)

## Urothelial dysplasia



LG (low grade) IUN (intraurothelial neoplasia) x HG IUN (CIS)



## Urothelial ca in situ



## Papillary urothelial neoplasm



## × urothelial papilloma

 Solitary papillary lesion covered by normal urothelium without cytological or architectonic atypias.

## Papillary urothelial neoplasm



papillary urothelial neoplasm of low malignant potential (PUNLMP)

recurrent tumor

 papillae covered by hyperplastic urothelium with preserved stratification, minimal cytonuclear atypia, sporadic mitoses.

## Papillary urothelial neoplasm



non-invasive papillary urothelial carcinoma

- low grade
- high grade

Papillary neoplasia without signs of invasion into stroma (suburothelial mesenchymal tissue)

- ⇒ LG
- altered papillary architectonics,
- mild cytonuclear atypia
- basal layer mitoses

## Low grade non-invasive papillary urothelial carcinoma





# Non-invasive papillary urothelial carcinoma



#### ⇒ **HG**

- papillary fusion, solid foci
- ➡ loss of cell polarity
- moderate high grade of anisocytosis and anisokaryosis

atypical mitoses in upper layers of neoplastic epithelium



## High grade urothelial carcinoma







## Invasive (infiltrating) urothelial carcinoma



ca invasion into sub-urothelial fibrotic tissue or deeper (muscle, ...)

## Invasive urothelial carcinoma





## **Bladder carcinoma**



- **×** Less common carcinomas
  - ⇒ squamous cell carcinoma (schistosomiasis)
  - ⇒ adenocarcinoma
  - ⇒ neuroendocrine carcinoma



## Mucinous adenocarcinoma

