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RESPONSE OF THE FETAL LAMB KIDNEY TO SOLUTE LOADING. S.S. Daniel, M-N Yeh, L.S. James, Div. of Perinatal Med., Coll. of P & S, Columbia Univ., N.Y.

In order to study the role of the fetal kidney in water and electrolyte homeostasis, the effect of a solute or salt load was examined in the chronically instrumented fetal lamb 113-137 days gestation. Four groups, each of 6 fetuses, received 0.3M NaCl (Group I); 0.6M glucose (Group II); 0.075M NaCl (Group III); or 0.15M glucose (Group IV) administered in a volume of 50 ml/kg over 90 minutes.

Fetuses in Groups I, III and IV excreted 30-40% of the water load while those in Group II conserved water. Changes in urine osmolality, Na and Cl concentrations were much smaller than the corresponding change in urine volume, hence excretion of electrolyte load depended mainly on changes in urine output. The average changes in urine output from control were Groups I and III +0.06 ml/kg/min, Group IV +0.07, while there was no significant change in Group II. At the end of the infusion changes in plasma osmolality were Group I +15, Group II +16, Group III -9, and Group IV -6 mOsm/kg. The corresponding changes in Na were +8, -7, -9 and -5 mEq/L respectively. No significant changes in urine osmolality or Na concentration were observed in Groups II and III while changes in Groups I and IV were +32.6 and 37.4 mOsm/kg and +11.8 and -17.0 mEq/L respectively.

These studies show that the kidney of the fetal lamb during the last trimester can respond to both a volume and osmolar stimulus and thus make a substantial contribution to both electrolyte and water homeostasis.

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URINARY LACTIC DEHYDROGENASE (LDH) ISOENZYME IV AND V IN THE DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF PYELONEPHRITIS AND CYSTITIS. Udayakumar P. Devaskar, William C. Montgomery.

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A prospective study was undertaken to determine if urinary LDH isoenzyme assays could differentiate site of infection in patients with urinary tract infection. Thirty children, with a mean age of 6.1 years (23 female and 7 male), were assigned to control, cystitis or pyelonephritis categories based on clinical, laboratory and radiologic criteria. LDH isoenzyme concentrations were measured by a thin film agarose electrophoresis (Pol-E-Stret, Pfizer Co.) and expressed as % of I, II, III, IV and V. Of the 10 controls, one had isoenzyme IV and V in 1.2% and 2.3% concentrations. Of 11 patients with cystitis, one had isoenzyme IV and V in 2.6% and 1.3% concentrations. However, in all 9 patients with pyelonephritis, there was a significant percentage concentration of LDH IV (13.8 + 8.08) and V (15.1 + 9.8) activity in the urine. It was concluded that patients with pyelonephritis had significant concentrations of LDH IV and V isoenzymes in their urine, unlike normal children or those with cystitis. The source of these enzymes is postulated to be the renal parenchyma itself as modified by the disease process. The diagnosis of site of infection could be made by measuring LDH isoenzyme IV and V concentration in all the patients with urinary tract infection.

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IDIOPATHIC RAPIDLY PROGRESSIVE GLOMERULONEPHRITIS WITH C3NeF AND HYPOCOMPLEMENTEMIA. Charles A. Davis, Robert J. Wyatt, A. James McAdams, Paul T. McEnery

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Hypocomplementemia with circulating C3NeF occurs in membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis and occasionally in acute post-streptococcal and lupus nephritis. A 7 year old boy with idiopathic rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis (IRPGN), with a serum C3 level of 16 mg/dl, a circulating 7S factor splitting C3 with the classical pathway blocked (C3NeF), and circulating IgG-containing complexes reactive with C1q, is reported. Crescents were present in 50% of the glomeruli. As in normocomplementemic IRPGN, ultrastructure showed subepithelial deposits located exclusively in that part of the basement membrane in apposition to the mesangium (capillary waist) and composed, by immunofluorescence, of C3, C5, and properdin. Following the initiation of therapy with corticosteroid, renal function greatly improved with concurrent fall in the levels of C3NeF and of C1q reactive complexes and rise in C3 concentration. At 8 months, 45% of glomeruli were globally sclerotic and IgG, C3, C5 and properdin could not be demonstrated. The observations emphasize that C3NeF can be present in many types of GN and that hypocomplementemia in RPGN is not necessarily indicative of a streptococcal origin.

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DEFECTIVE RENAL TUBULAR FUNCTION IN DIABETIC CHILDREN CAUSING HYPERCALCIURIA AND AN INCREASED URINARY pH. Nick M. Drayer, Rita van Damme-Lombaerts, Catrienus

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In a group of 47 diabetic children 19 had a urinary calcium excretion above 5.2 mg/kg/24 hr or 2 SD above the mean (2.4 mg/kg/24 hr) of a control group of 58 healthy children. In 13 of these 19 children the hypercalciuria was independent of the degree of glucose excretion and persisted on follow-up. In fasting urine samples the calcium/creatinine ratio of the hypercalciuric group (0.21+0.11, mean + SD) differed (p<.001) from that of the normocalciuric group (0.08+0.06), also the urinary pH of the hypercalciuric group (6.27+0.74) differed (p<.05) from that of the normocalciuric group (5.57+0.40). The blood pH, bicarbonate, glucose and the serum fosfate, ionised calcium, alkaline fosfatase, iPTH, hCT, hGH were not different. After an oral calcium load the urinary cAMP and the TmP/GFR increased (p<.05 and p<.01 respectively) in the hypercalciuric group but not the urinary calcium/creatinine ratio. Indomethacin lowered (p<.02) the calcium/creatinine ratio in fasting urine samples of 10 hypercalciuric children from 0.32+0.18 to 0.17+0.15 but not that of the normocalciuric children. The correlation between the excretion of sodium and the calcium/creatinine ratio was significant in the normocalciuric group, but became only so in the hypercalciuric group after indomethacin administration. It is suggested that prostaglandins contribute to a defective renal tubular function causing hypercalciuria in these diabetic children.

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INTRARENAL BLOOD FLOW (RBF) AFTER ENDOTOXIC SHOCK (ES). L.B. deLeon, L.S. Weiss, E.S. Moore, M. Goto, B. Bernheim, B.J. McMann, D.A. Vitullo and P. Chiemongkolkitip.

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The purpose of this study was to determine distribution of IRBF in infant puppies in response to ES. Studies were performed in 18 mongrel puppies age 10-20 days. Cardiac output (CO), total renal blood flow (RBF) and IRBF was determined by dye dilution and the injection of 25 µ radiolabeled microspheres into the left ventricle. ES was produced by IV injection of 10 mgm/kg of E coli 0111 B4.

	Control	5 min.	20 min.
MAPA	70	72	69
CO*	266	131	167
SAR#	0.47	0.85	0.84
RBFo	7.88	4.89+	6.00+
OC°	4.54	4.34	3.61+
IC°	1.39	1.36	1.52+
OC/IC	3.27	3.19	2.38

ΔMean Art. Press. mmHg; *ml/min/kgBW; #Systemic Art Resistance; °ml/min/gm; OC-outer cortex; IC-inner cortex; +statistically significant.

These data demonstrate that RBF falls significantly 5 min. after ES and begins to increase by 20 min. OC and IC flow is initially unchanged; in late ES, IC flow is maintained as a result of a significant fall in OC flow. This response of IRBF may play a role in renal functional response to ES.

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PULMONARY FUNCTION STUDIES IN CHILDREN WITH JEUNE SYNDROME POST-RENAL TRANSPLANTATION. Robert S. Fennell, Gerald M. Loughlin, Eduardo H. Garin,

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Three children ages 6 through 10 years with Jeune Syndrome (asphyxiating thoracic dystrophy) and end stage renal failure underwent successful kidney transplantation using parents as donors. They were evaluated by pulmonary function studies 5, 14 and 30 months following their renal transplantation. The patients, 2 males and 1 female, exhibited the typical physical and radiologic findings of the syndrome consisting of congenital narrowing of the thorax, shortened ribs and limbs, and abnormalities of the bones of the pelvis and extremities. The patients weighed 14, 16 and 22kg at the time of transplantation. Renal function, post-transplantation, was good to excellent with creatinine clearances ranging from 70cc to 190cc/min/1.73 meters² and serum creatinines ranging from 0.4 to 1.2mg%. Pulmonary function studies including lung volumes and flow volume loops were consistent with a pure restrictive pulmonary defect. The patients were followed serially with pulmonary function studies and as somatic growth occurred lung volumes increased proportionately to growth in height. Preliminary data would indicate that renal transplantation is practical and desirable in this syndrome since the restrictive pulmonary disease appears not to be a limiting factor in children surviving infancy.