

**Plasma cell dyscrasia and renal diseases**  
 Pathophysiology, diagnosis, clinical management, complications

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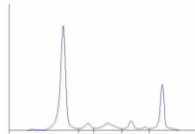
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Case 1

Men, 60j  
 28/9/2011:  
 No complains.



Physical examination: hypertension

Laboratory:

- Increase of the paraproteine level  
 paraproteine pike: 1,94 g/dl  
 -> bone marrow: plasmocytosis 8%
- **creatinine 1,25 mg/dl** (eGFR: 59 ml/min)
- 24 hour urine collection: **4,21 g/24 uur**
- urine sediment: hematuria **dysmorfe rode bloedcellen**




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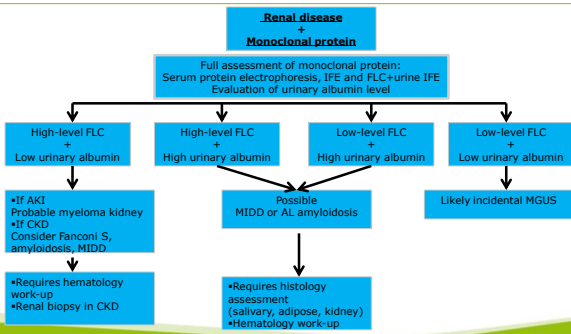
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Diagnostic approach to a patient with renal failure and a Mig



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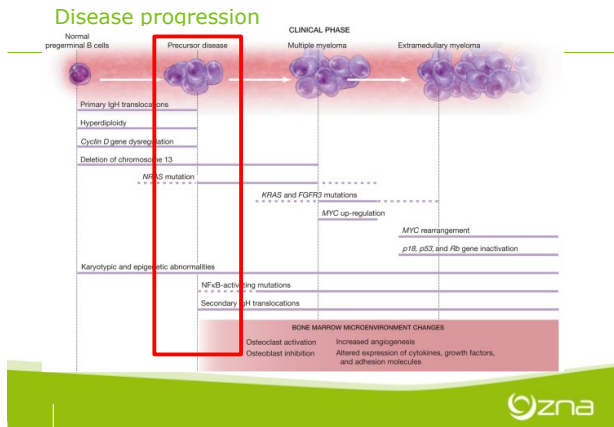
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**Monoclonal gammopathy of renal significance**  
**MGRS**

Dangerous small B-cell clone

- MGRS are due to deposition of Mig fragments with distinct localization and pattern of ultrastructural organization
  - Organized deposits
    - Fibrillar
      - AL (amyloidosis : light chain)
      - AH (amyloidosis : heavy chain)
      - ALH (amyloidosis : light and heavy chain)
    - Microtubular
      - Type I and II cryoglobulinemia
      - ITG: immunotactoid glomerulopathy
  - Nonorganized deposits
    - Randall type monoclonal immunoglobulin deposition disease (MIIDD)
    - Non Randall type proliferative glomerulonephritis with monoclonal deposits (PGNMID)
  - Tubular
    - Fanconi syndrome

**Coexist**

Fernand JP: Blood 2013, vol 122 No 21

**Clinic & APO & Deposits**

	AL AH ALH	Randall MIIDD	Type I Cryo	Type I Cryo	ITG	PGNMID	FS
<b>Underlying disorder</b>	Low grade plasma cell clone AL: λ > κ AH / ALH	>10% bone marrow plasma cells (MM) ; K > λ	Single Mig RA factor: neg MGUS MM WM lymphoma	IgM K + polyclonal Ig RA factor pos Hepatitis C B Auto-immune Spigen B-cell clone -> WM lymphoma	CLL Small L L (plasma cell clone)	Frequent no detectable Mig Only in 30%	K MGUS Smouldering MM (WM)
<b>Clinic/Renal</b>	36% proteinuria in the nephrotic range	proteinuria *** Hematuria Hypertension	IgG+ IgM Nephritic S Chronic RF Hypertension	Nephritic S Chronic RF Hypertension	Proteinuria Nephrotic S Hematuria, RF Hypertension	CKD	CKD 1-3 Urine loss: Phos, glucose, aminoacids RTA type 2
<b>Extra renal manifestations</b>	70 % Cardiac involvement & prognosis	Rare	Tumor related	Vasculitis Arthralgia Peripheral neuropathy	Rare	Rare	Osteomalacia Other rare (crystal stone histiocytosis)
<b>APO</b>	Renal biopsy is not mandatory if Other organ +	Nodular Glomerulo-sclerosis	MPGN Mig Glomerular trombi	MPGN Mig +Poli Ig Glomerular trombi	Membranous/ MPGN Mig IgG +complement	Mesangial /Membranous/ MPGN Mig IgG3c	Proximal tubular cells desquamation fragmentation
<b>Deposits</b>	Fibrillar	Non organised Linear amorphous deposits	Organised Microtubular deposits	Organised Microtubular deposits 10-60nm//	Non organised Microtubular Deposits 10-60nm//	Non organised Linear amorphous granular deposits	Proximal tubules intracytoplasmic crystalline & Fibrillar inclusions

Mig: monoclonal immunoglobulin, MM: multiple Myeloma, WM: Waldenström, LL: lymphocytic lymphoma  
MGUS: monoclonal gammopathy of unknown significance  
MPGN: membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis, RTA: renal tubular acidosis

### Miscellaneous

- POEMS
  - Polyneuropathy
  - Organomegaly: Enlarged spleen, liver or lymph nodes
  - Endocrinopathy: hypothyroidism, diabetes, sexual problems
  - M-protein
  - Skin abnormalities: more color than normal on your skin, possibly thicker skin and increased facial or leg hair, with nail
  
  - Renal manifestations: vascular and thrombotic microangiopathy including mesangiolyis
  - Etiology VGE production by the clonal population
  - Treatment HDM/ASCT
  
- Glomerulonephritis with isolated C3 deposits



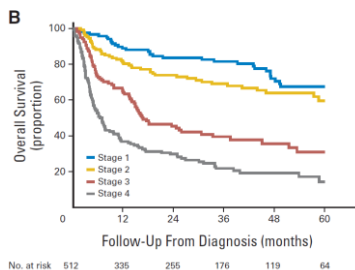
### Miscellaneous

- POEMS
  
- Glomerulonephritis with isolated C3 deposits
  - Glomerulonephritis with C3 deposits
  - Mig IgG
  - Auto-antibody against a complement alternative pathway regulatory protein: hypocomplementemia ( due to the activation of the alternative pathway) and absence of a detectable anti-C3 convertase ( nephritic factor)
  - Chemotherapy
  - High risk of recurrence in transplant kidney



### MAYO CLASSIFICATION for Amyloidosis pro-BNP & troponin T & FLC

Pro-BNP	≥ 1,800 pg/ml
Troponin T	≥ 0,025 ng/ml
FLC	≥ 18 mg/dl
Stage	Score
I	0
II	1
III	2
IV	3



A positive troponin T was virtually 100% specific and 100% predictive for a future cardiac event I. Yet its negative predictive value was only 50%.  
 Cardiac troponin T is 100% sensitive in detecting dialysis patients who would have future cardiac events, with a negative predictive value of 100%.



**TREATMENT of MGRS**

Mayo stage	AL AH ALH	C K	Randall MIDD	Type I Cryo	Type II Cryo	ITG	PGNMID	FS
Stage I	CBD + HDMASCT in selected patients	CKD 1	Slow Progression CBD	Plasmacytic IgG & IgA	HCV Free symptoms Antiviral Treatment Most symptoms	Cy & Bende +Corticosteroids	Proteinuria < 1g/d Wet and dry (spontaneous remissions) Proteinuria > 1g/d	Slow progression Take into account treatment side effects (MDS)
Stage II	CTD	CKD 2	+ HDMASCT (if no extra renal disease and if PR on CBD)	CBOR CTD + HDMASCT Lympho-plasmacytic IgM Rituximab	No HCV rituximab WML lymphoma Rituximab Bende	If overt CLL + rituximab	CBD Young patients HDMASCT	CBD Thalidomide Bendamustine If no response HDMASCT
Stage III		CKD 3		CLL & B-lymphoma				-Prevention of osteomalacia
Stage IV	CBD In young patients cardiac transplantation after hematological remission + anti CD38 + others	CKD 4	Candidate RT 3x4 X CBD + HDMASCT No Candidate RT CBD	CLL lymphoma therapy Bende	+ plasma Exchange + steroids	If gammopathy + anti B2	Candidate RT HDMASCT If no MIG or clonal disease ? No Candidate RT conservative	Candidate RT Chemotherapy HDMASCT No Candidate RT conservative
		CKD 5						

**CBD/CBOR:** cyclofosfamide/ Bortezomib/Dexa  
**HDM/ASCT:** high dose melphalen/ autologous stemcell transplantation  
**CTD:** cyclofosfamide/thalidomide/dexa. **BD:** bortezomib dexamethasone  
**Bende:** bendamustine, **Cy:** cyclofosfamide  
**HCV:** hepatitis C, **CLL:** chronic lymphatic leukemia, **RT:** renal transplantation

**CYBorD**

**Treatment**

**Cyclophosphamide** 300 mg/m<sup>2</sup> orally weekly)

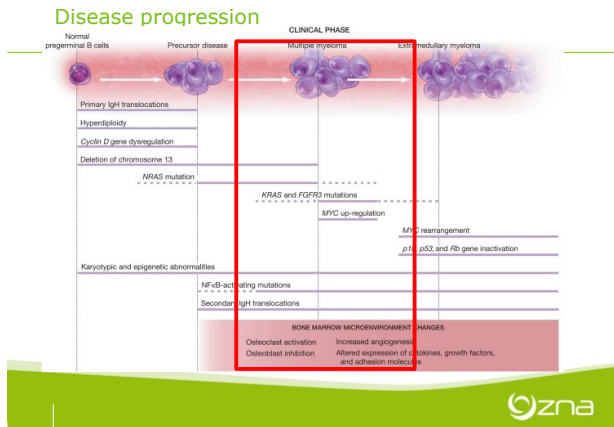
**Bortezomib** 1.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup> weekly (IV & SC)

**Dexamethasone** 40 mg weekly

All patients were given antiviral prophylaxis.

**MGRS What have we learned?**

- Survival of MGRS is better than multiple myeloma but renal outcome are not (exception AL amyloidosis with cardiac involvement)
- In patients with MGRS look for
  - Characteristics of the monoclonal gammopathy
  - Is there an overt lymphoid or plasmacytic disorder
  - Search for extra renal manifestations
  - Kidney biopsy ( IF and EM) ( exception AL)
- When end-stage renal disease occurs MGRS should not be a contraindication to renal transplantation because the risk of patients dying from their clone is low. The decision for renal transplantation should be taken considering the underlying MGRS characteristics (AL slow recurrence, PGNMID rapid recurrence), initial therapeutic response, presence of extra renal manifestations, and patient status. Post renal transplantation careful surveillance of Mig and reintroduction of clonal therapy is mandatory.




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### Case 2 Jos 66 years

• **2009 MGUS**

- IgG-kappa : 20,3 g/l
- free κ : 97,7, free λ : 14,5 mg/l, κ/λ:6,74
- Bone marrow: 5% plasmacellen.  
Flowcytometry: 10,6% plasma cells:  
CD38+HD/CD138+/CD56-.
- No skeletal lesions

High Intermediate risk: control every 6 months

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### Follow-up of a MGUS

Risk-stratification models to predict progression of MGUS to MM or related disorders

Risico groep	Relatief risico	Absoluut risico voor progressie na 20 jaar	Absoluut risico voor progressie na 20 jaar, rekening houdend met overlijden als competitief risico
<b>Laag risico</b> (serum M proteïne < 1.5 mg/dl, IgG subtype, normaal FLC ratio (0.26 - 1.65))	1	5%	2%
<b>Laag intermediair risico</b> (1 factor abnormal)	5.4	21%	10%
<b>Hoog intermediair risico</b> (2 factoren abnormal)	10.1	37%	18%
<b>Hoog risico</b> (alle 3 de factoren abnormal)	20.8	58%	27%

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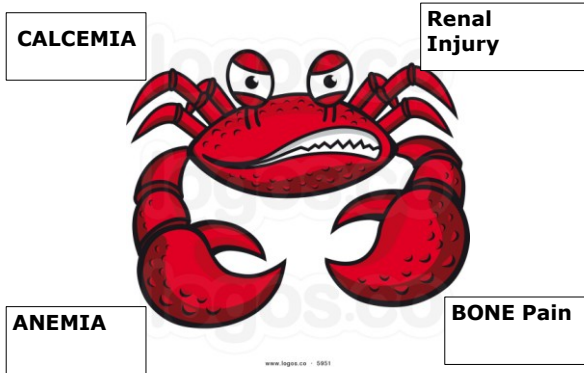
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**CRAB Symptoms**




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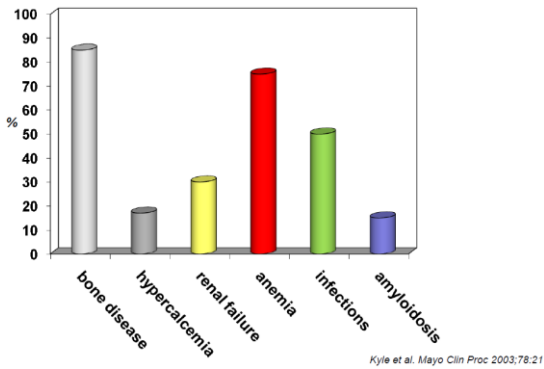
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**CRAB criteria for symptomatic Myeloma**




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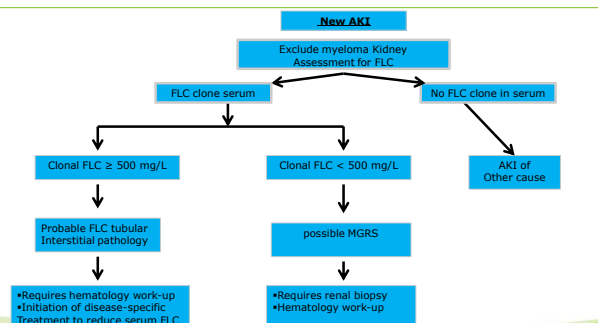
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### Acute Kidney Injury in MM

- In 1970 Survival of patients with AKI and MM was 2 months in comparison with 3 years in MM without AKI. Recently it was 10 months instead of 8,5 years
- In normal situation 500 mg polyclonal FLC which are produced daily by our lymphoid system is catabolized by the proximal tubule. Only 10 mg of polyclonal FLCs appear in the urine
- In plasma cell dyscrasia monoclonal FLC production is increased by > X 100. The capacity of the multiligand endocytic receptor complex is quickly exceeded. FLC appears in the tubular fluid = Bence Jones protein.
- Monoclonal FLC induces proximal tubular injury, cast nephropathy or both.
- FLC interact with the proximal tubule cell -> inflammation -> interstitial fibrosis
- FLC interact with tamm-Horsfall (uromodulin) proteins -> cast formation -> block the flow -> tubular atrophy -> interstitial fibrosis.




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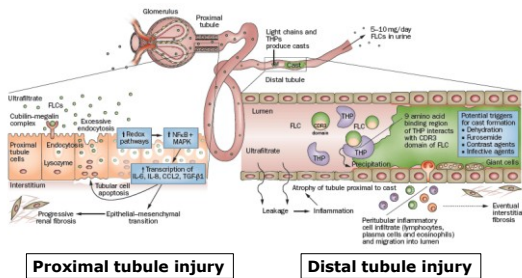
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### Acute Kidney Injury in Multiple Myeloma



**Proximal tubule injury**

**Distal tubule injury**




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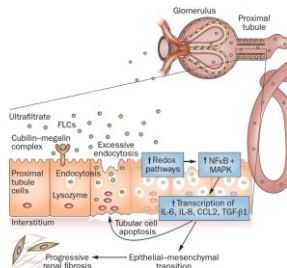
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### Proximal Tubule injury



The very high concentrations of FLCs present in the ultrafiltrate of patients with multiple myeloma can result in direct injury to PTCs. The excessive endocytosis of FLCs by the cubilin-megalyn complex expressed on PTCs can trigger apoptotic, proinflammatory and fibrotic pathways. Activation of redox pathways occurs, with increased expression of NFκB and MAPK, which in turn leads to the transcription of both inflammatory and profibrotic cytokines, such as IL-6, IL-8, CCL2 and TGF-β1.




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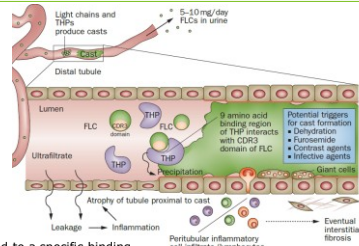
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**Distal tubule injury ( Cast nephropathy)**



In the distal tubules, FLCs can bind to a specific binding domain on Tamm-Horsfall protein and co-precipitate to form casts. These casts result in tubular atrophy proximal to the cast and lead to progressive interstitial inflammation and fibrosis.

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**Nephrotoxic potential of BJ Proteins**

**Conclusions**

A Particular Light chain is primary responsible for producing of distinctive types of protein deposition in renal tissue and the clinical manifestations that occur in patients with light-chain associated diseases. ( reinfusion study of Light chain from patients in mouse)

FLC proteinuria > 2g/d → AKI ( V domain & related to pathology)

- Casts
- Light-chain depositions (basament membrane)
- Crystals
- Amyloid
- Renal biopsy is mandatory to determine the lesion. This is important concerning later renal transplantation.
- Nephrotoxicity is related to the light chain. Be aware for FLC escape in patients with intact Ig ( 5% in IgG en 15% in in IgA)

Solomon A: New Engl J Med 1991, vol 324, No 26




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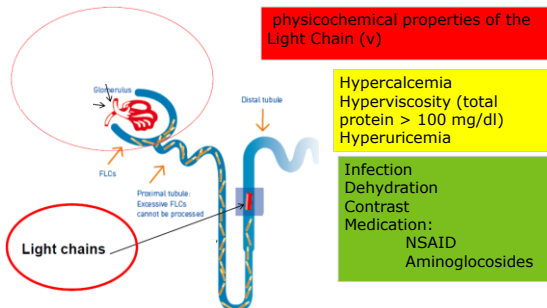
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**Etiology of Multiple Myeloma**




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### Treatment goals

#### restoration of the kidney function anti-myeloma therapy

- Hydration + monitoring van de fluid balance
- Correction of the hypercalcaemia
  - Biphosphonates ( adaptation to the Cr clearance)
- Avoid the use of van nefrotoxic medication and Contrast
- Rapid institution of quick-acting and efficient anti-myeloma
- Others
  - Plasmapheresis ( if hyperviscosity)
  - Hemodialysis
  - Medium cut off dialysis to remove the FLC

Bladé et al. Arch Intern Med 1998;158:1889  
Dimopoulos et al. J Clin Oncol 2009;27:6068

### Quick-acting High efficient Anti Multipel Myeloma therapy. De IMWG consensus

- **Bortezomib + high dose Dexamethasone +anti-CD38 ( Daratumimab)**
- **Lenalinomide is an option in mild and moderate renal insufficiency. Adaptation to the kidney function is required**
- **Thalidomide should be used with caution.**
- **New:**
  - inhibition of fibril formation (EGCG)
  - SAP depletion (CPHPC)
  - Anti-amyloid antibodies ( NEOD001)
  - Anti-SAP:
  - Fibril disruption:doxycycline

### Renal treatment

- **Plasmapheresis is indicated if hyper viscosity.**
- **Hemodialysis is necessary when CDK 5.**
- **If FLC are involved anti-myeloma therapy will be combined with a Medium cut-off membrane.**
  - Theralite: Eulite study ( negative results) Myre-trial ( positive results)
  - Theranova ( Baxter):cheep and efficiënt

### AKI in MM What have we learned?

- The tubulointerstitial injury, cast nephropathy, is the most common cause of severe acute kidney injury in patients with multiple myeloma
- Histology findings of acute tubular necrosis and acute tubulointerstitial nephritis should raise a 'red flag' for potential injury from high levels of free light chains in patients with multiple myeloma
- Standard assessment of renal histology by light microscopy, immunofluorescence and electron microscopy might require the addition of specialist techniques to detect subtle injuries in patients with a monoclonal protein
- Serum immunoassays can provide a rapid alternative to urine electrophoresis for the identification of monoclonal free light chains
- Early diagnosis and intervention remain key to preventing irreversible renal injuries in patients with MM

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