

# SURGICAL MANAGEMENT of URINARY CALCULI

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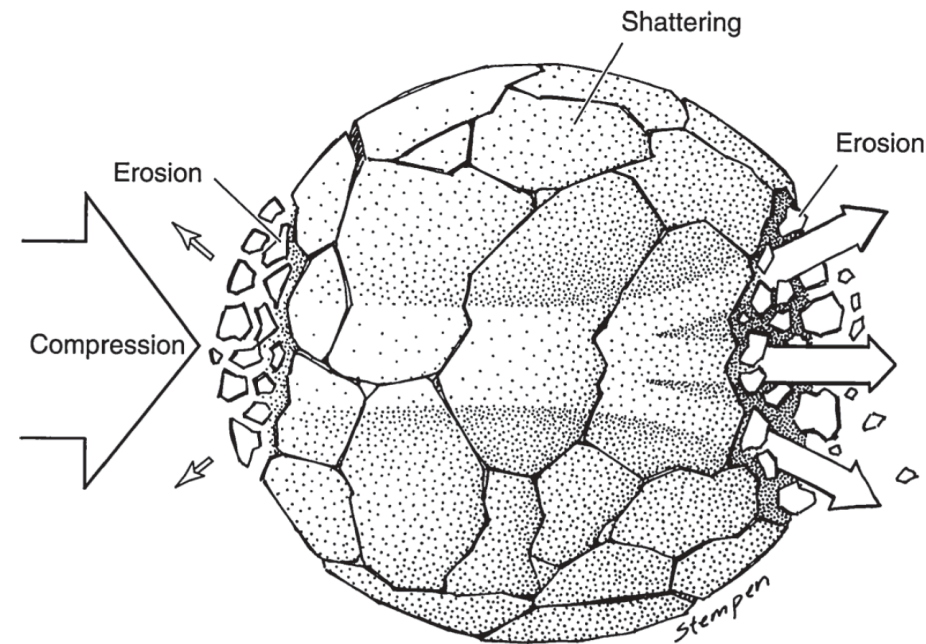


# **SHOCKWAVE LITHOTRIPSY**



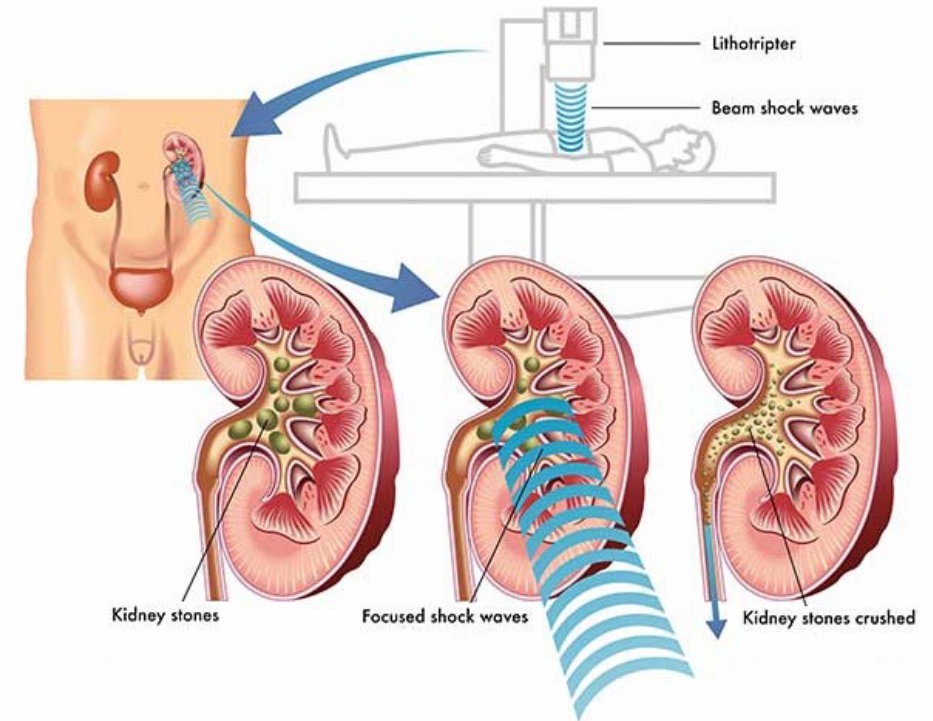
# SHOCKWAVE LITHOTRIPSY (SWL)

- Revolutionized the tx of urinary stones
- First clinical application: 1980 (Dornier Co.)



# SWL (cont'd)

- Success depends on
  - Efficacy of the lithotripter
  - Stone features
    - Size
    - Location (ureteral, pelvic or calyceal)
    - Composition
  - Patient's habitus
  - Performance of SWL



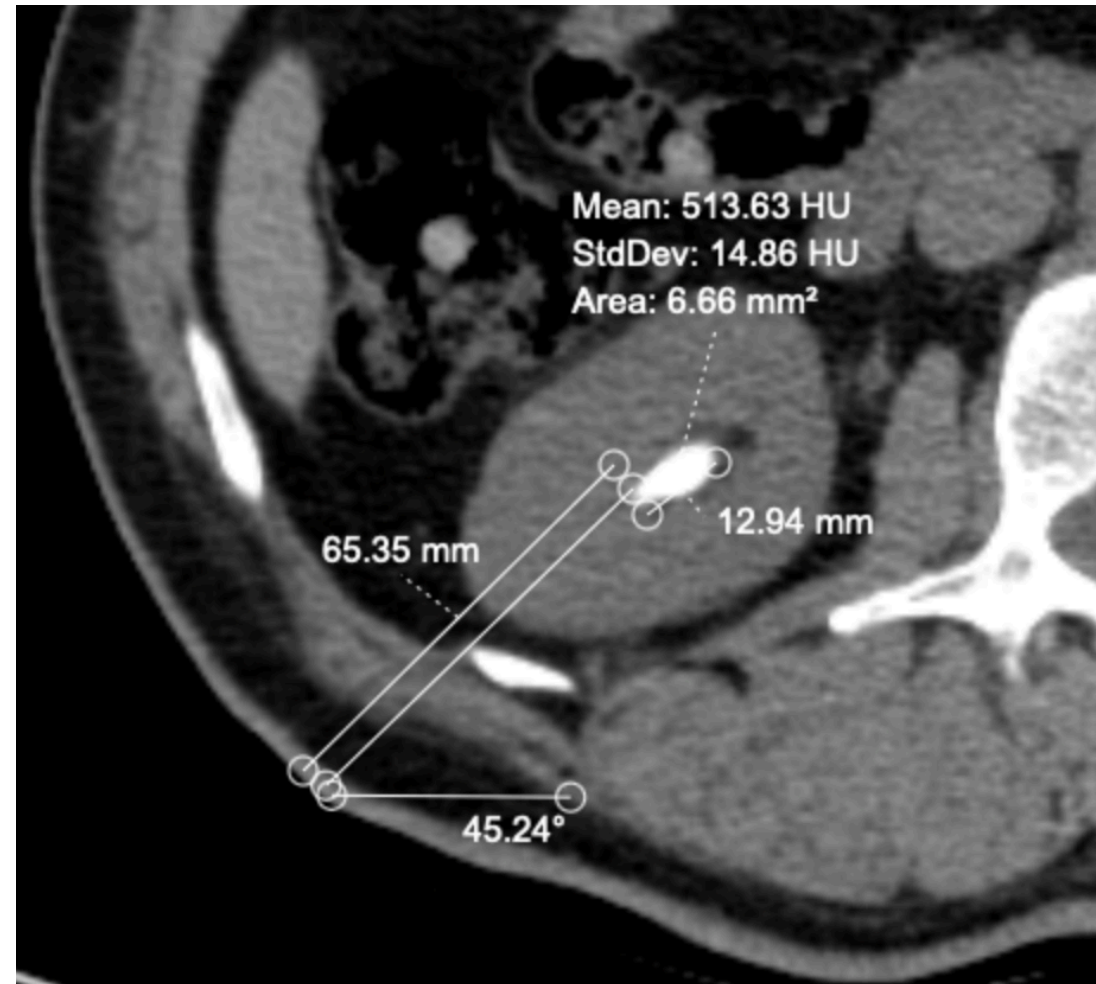


# SWL (cont'd)

- Factors that impair successful stone treatment by SWL
  - Steep infundibular-pelvic angle
  - Long calyx
  - Long skin-to-stone distance
  - Narrow infundibulum
  - Shock wave-resistant stones (calcium oxalate monohydrate, brushite, or cystine)

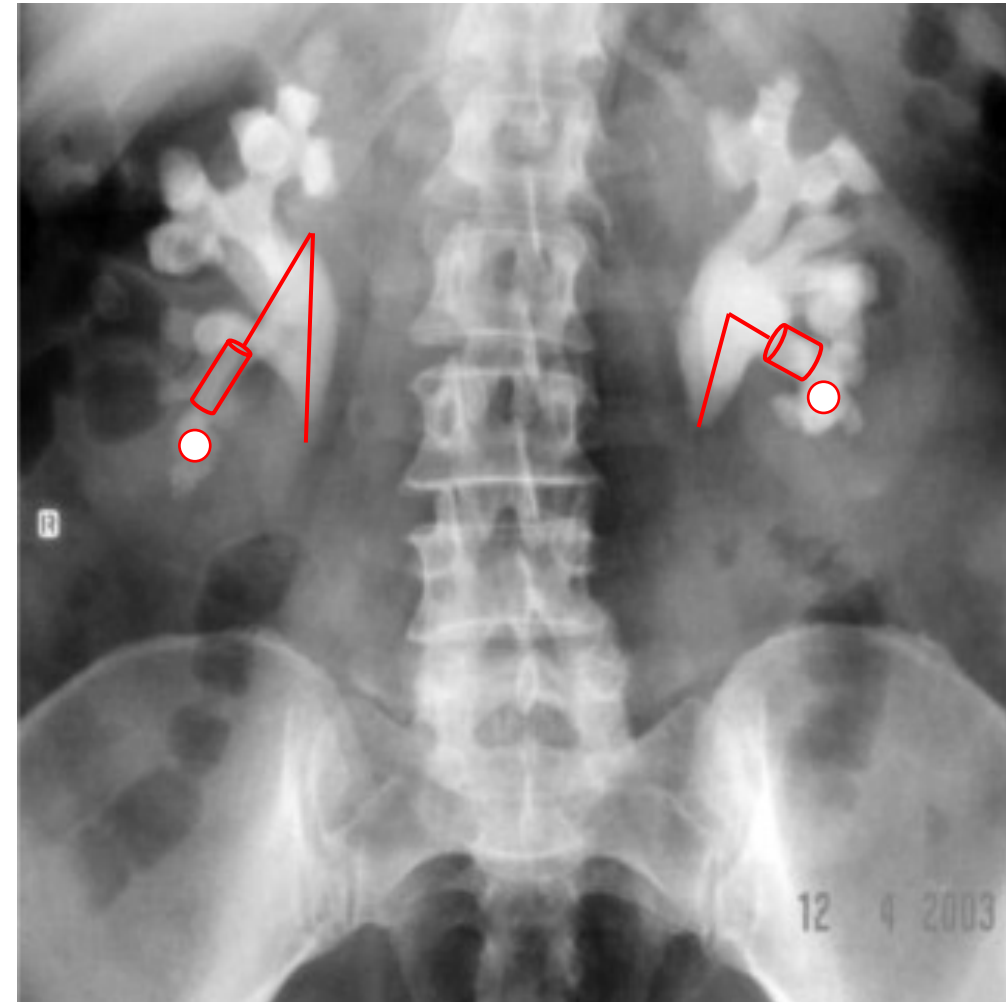
# SWL (cont'd)

SSD & HU



# SWL (cont'd)

## ANATOMICAL INDICES



# SWL (cont'd)

- Contraindications
  - Pregnant women
  - Large abdominal aortic aneurysms
  - Uncorrectable bleeding tendency
  - Urinary tract infection
  - Severe skeletal malformations and severe obesity
  - Anatomical obstruction distal to the stone
- Caution
  - Pacemaker





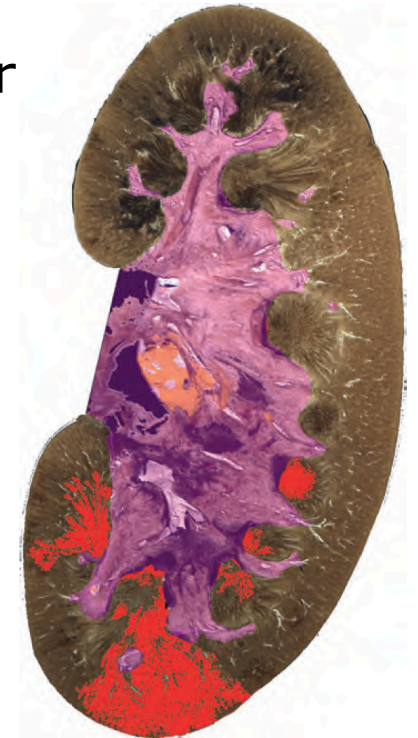
## SWL (cont'd)

- No standard antibiotic prophylaxis before SWL is recommended
- Prophylaxis is recommended when
  - Internal stent placement ahead of anticipated treatments
  - In the presence of increased bacterial burden
    - Indwelling catheter
    - Nephrostomy tube
    - Infectious stones

# SWL (cont'd)

- Fewer complications compared to PCNL and ureteroscopy
- Relationship between SWL and hypertension or diabetes is unclear

Complications			%
Related to stone fragments	Steinstrasse		4 – 7
	Regrowth of residual fragments		21 – 59
	Renal colic		2 – 4
Infections	Bacteriuria in non-infection stones		7.7 – 23
	Sepsis		1 – 2.7
Tissue effect	Renal	Haematoma, symptomatic	< 1
		Haematoma, asymptomatic	4 – 19
	Cardiovascular	Dysrhythmia	11 – 59
		Morbid cardiac events	Case reports
	Gastrointestinal	Bowel perforation	Case reports
		Liver, spleen haematoma	Case reports



# SWL (cont'd)

## **BOX 94.1** Acute Renal Side Effects: Risk Factors for Shock Wave Lithotripsy

Age  
Obesity  
Coagulopathies  
Thrombocytopenia

Diabetes mellitus  
Coronary heart disease  
Preexisting hypertension  
Body mass index  $>30$  or  $<21.5$

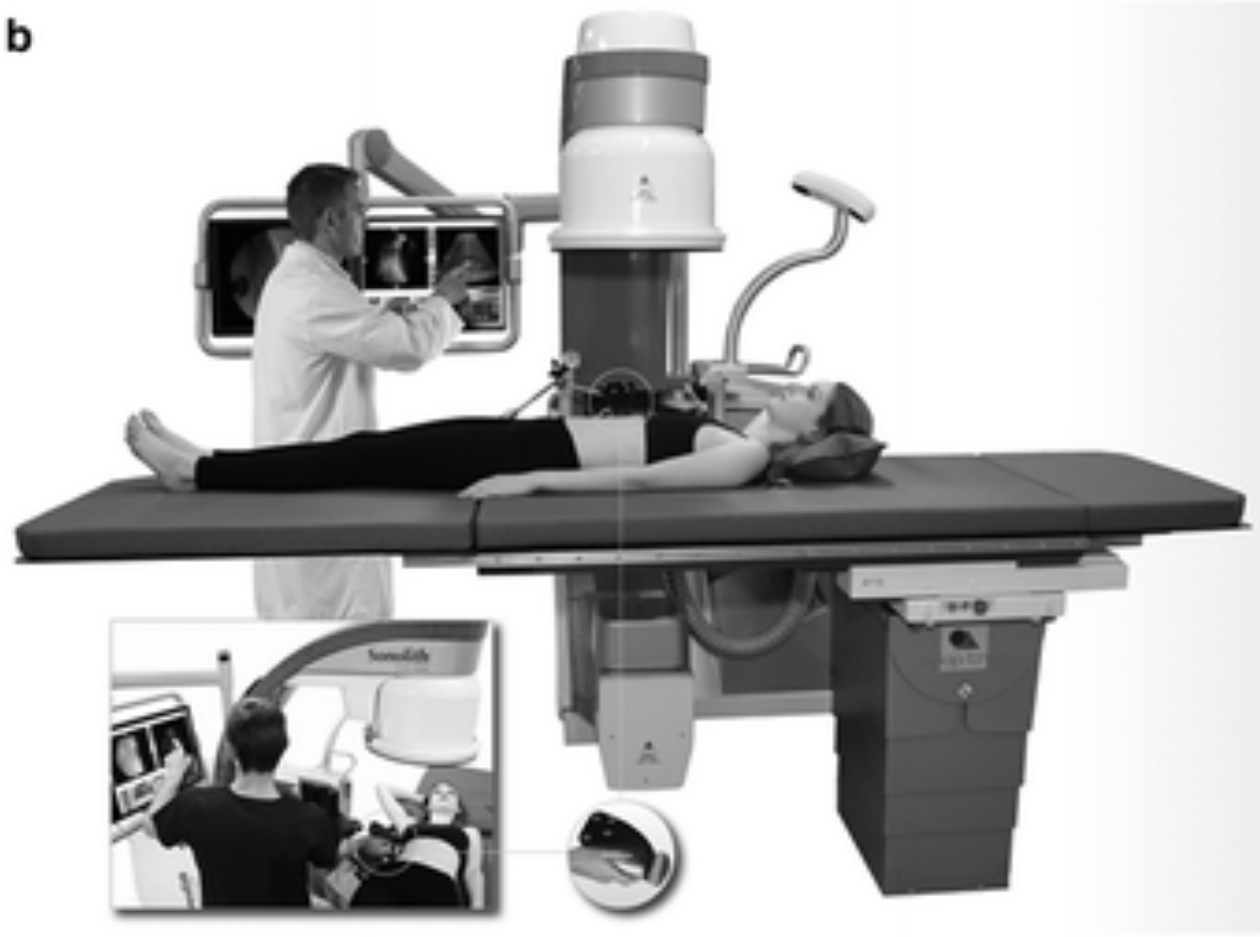
# SWL (cont'd)

- Future direction
  - Visio-Track (VT) locking system
  - Ultrasonic propulsion of renal and ureteral calculi
  - Burst wave lithotripsy
    - Potential to revolutionize the future of SWL



# SWL (cont'd)

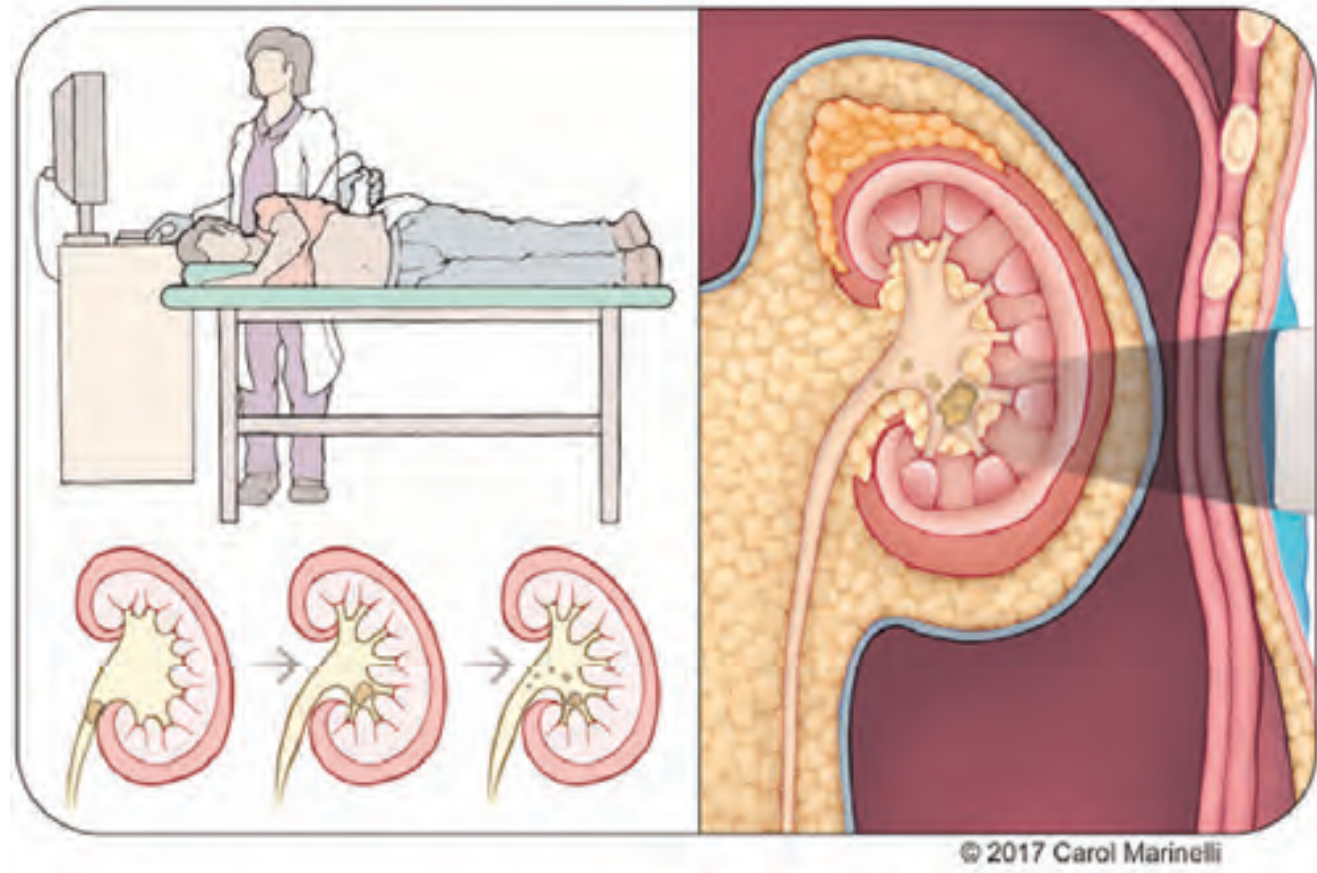
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Visio-track configuration

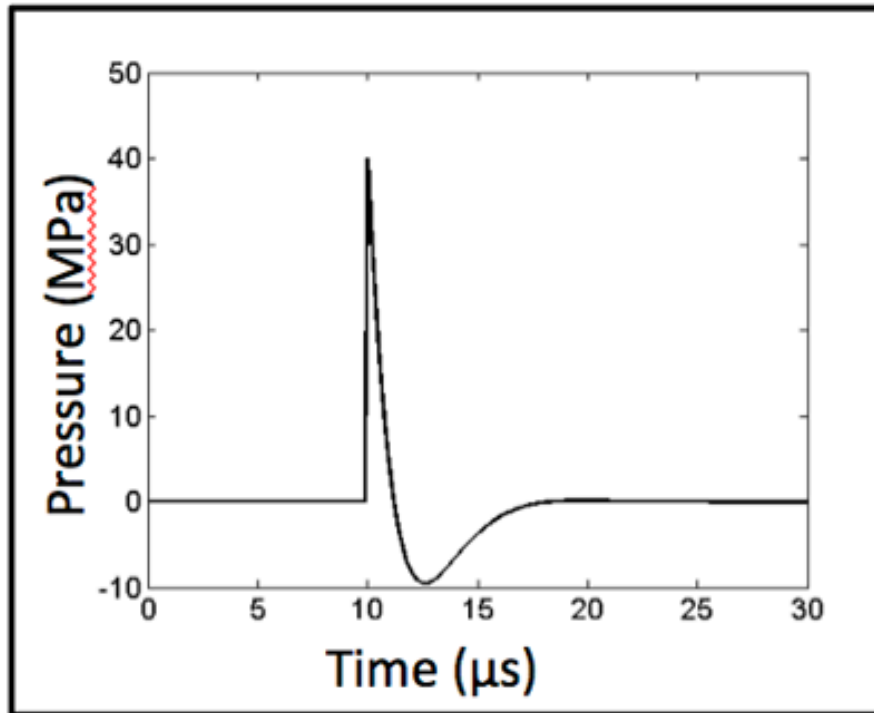
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## ULTRASONIC PROPULSION

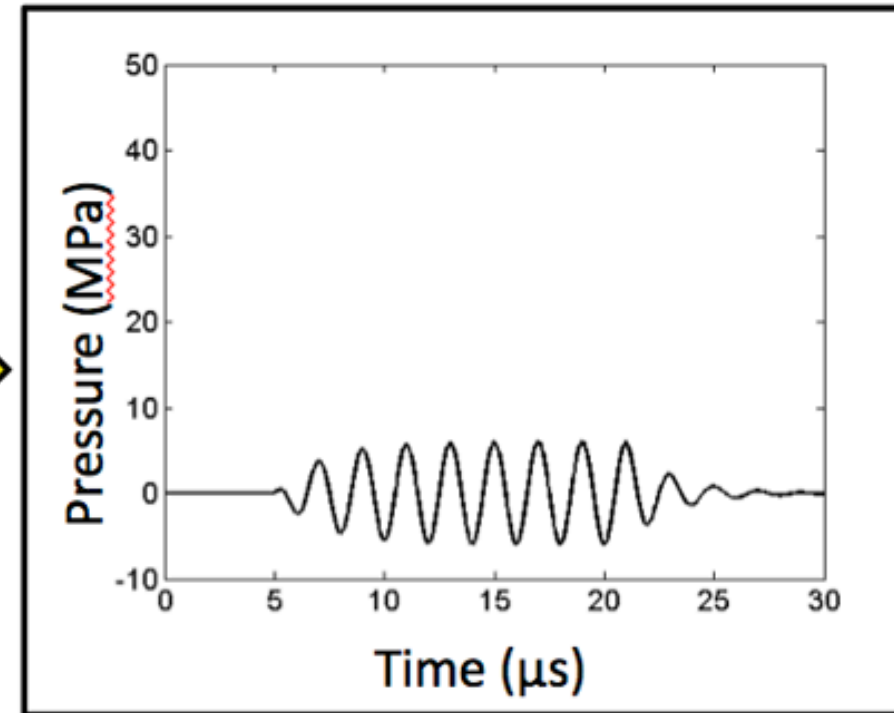


# BURST WAVE LITHOTRIPSY (BWL)

SWL - Shock Waveform



BWL - Burst Waveform



# BWL (cont'd)

## Shock Wave Lithotripsy



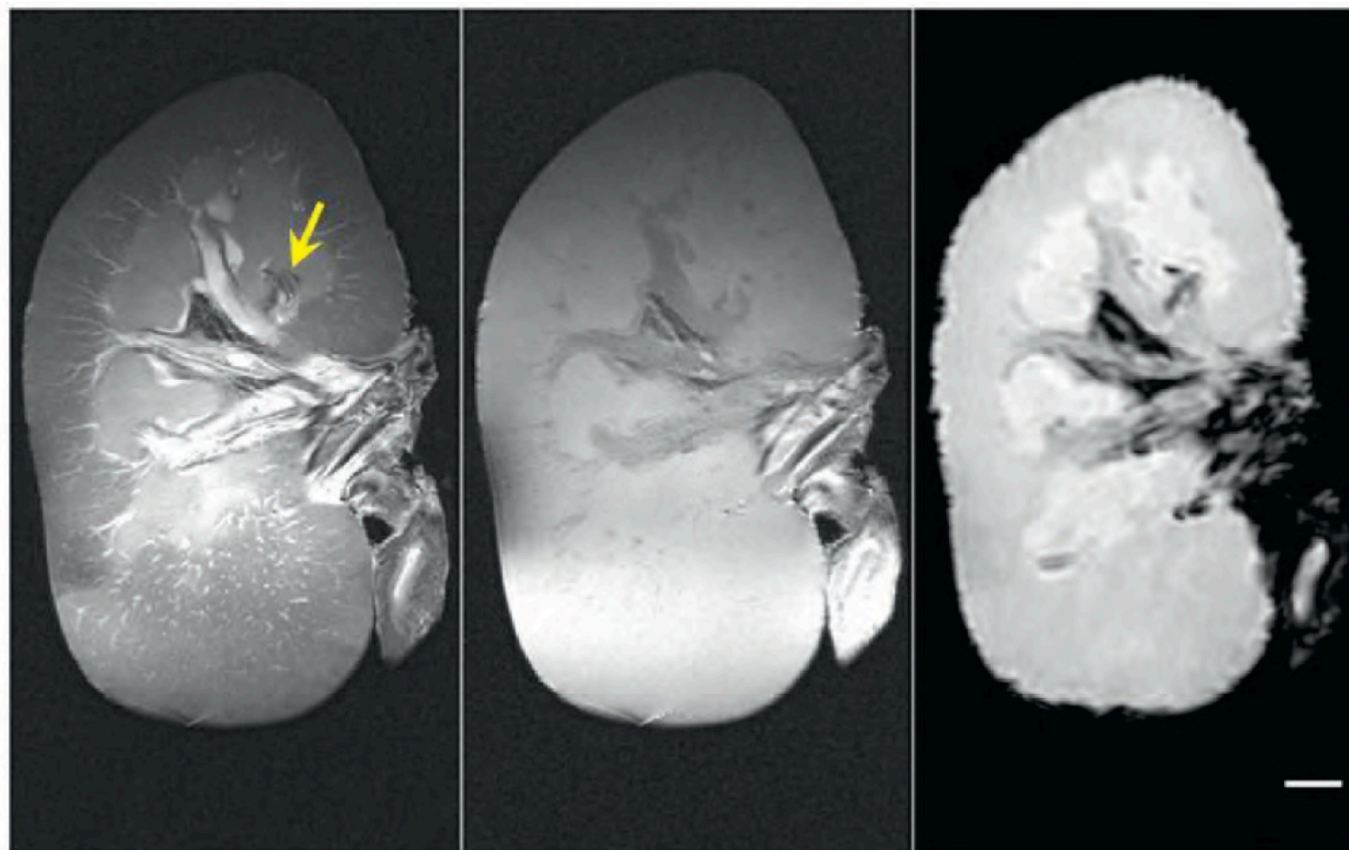
Treatment Progression



## Burst Wave Lithotripsy



## BWL (cont'd)





# URETEROSCOPY



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- Current standard for rigid ureteroscopes is a tip diameter of  $< 8$  French
- Reusable and disposable flexible ureteroscopes allow access to the entire upper collecting system.
- Rigid URS can be used for the whole ureter
  - Rigid, semirigid: mid and distal ureteral stones
  - Flexible: proximal and intrarenal



# URETEROSCOPY (cont'd)





# URETEROSCOPY (cont'd)

- Stone-free rates approach 95–100%
  - Dependent on
    - Stone burden
    - Location
    - Length of time that the stone has been impacted
    - Hx of retroperitoneal surgery
    - Experience of the operator.

# URETEROSCOPY (cont'd)

- URS is the modality of choice for patients with
  - Obesity
  - Hard stones
  - Pregnant
  - Have a bleeding diathesis



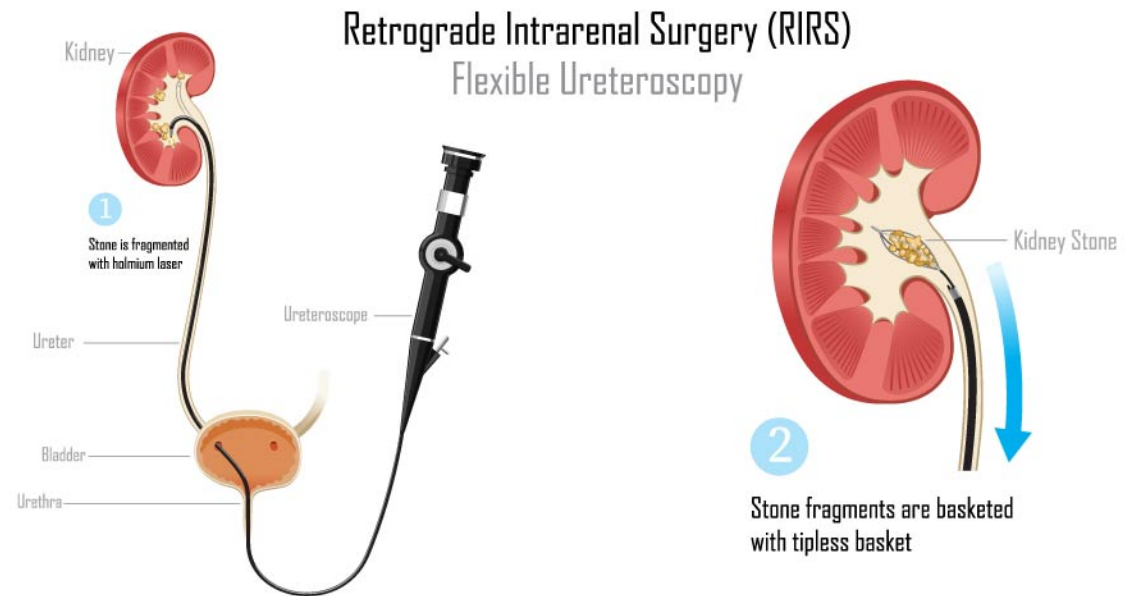
# URETEROSCOPY (cont'd)

- Variety of lithotrites
  - Electrohydraulic
  - Ultrasonic probes
  - Laser systems (most effective)
  - Pneumatic (stone migration)



# URETEROSCOPY (cont'd)

- Ureteroscopy for renal stones (RIRS)
- Because of
  - Endoscope miniaturization
  - Improved deflection mechanism
  - Enhanced optical quality and tools
  - Introduction of disposables



# URETEROSCOPY (cont'd)

- Stents should be inserted in patients who are at increased risk of complications
  - Ureteral trauma
  - Residual fragments
  - Bleeding
  - Perforation
  - UTIs
  - Pregnancy
  - Doubtful cases

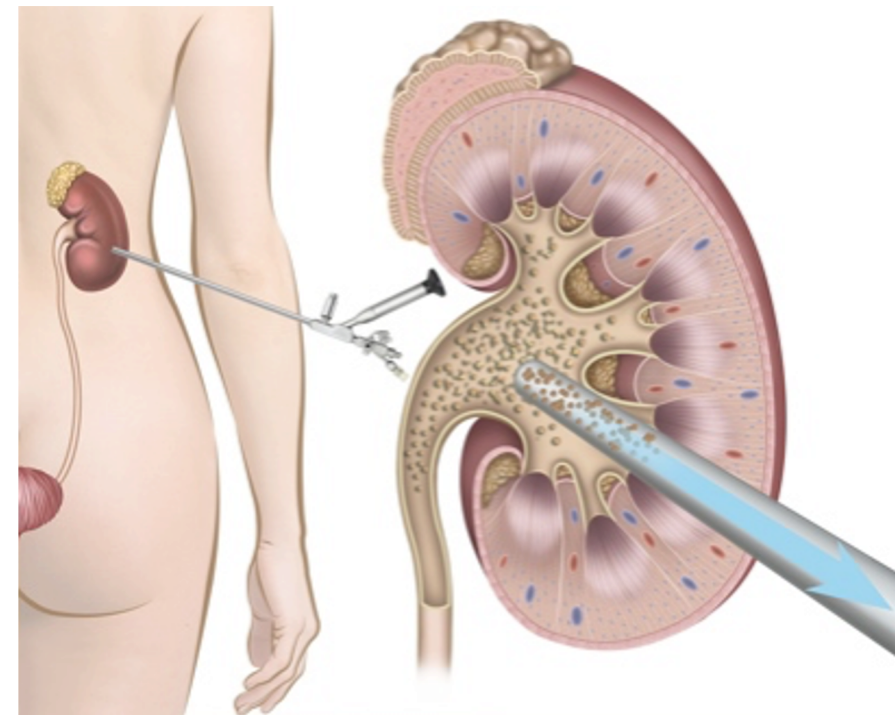
# URETEROSCOPY (cont'd)

- Complication rates are rare (overall 9-25%)
- The rates increase → in proximal ureter
- Excessive force with any instrument → ureteral injury
- Complications
  - Ureteral stent discomfort (>25 %)
  - Post-operative urosepsis (up to 5%)
  - Ureteral wall injury (5 %)
  - Ureteral avulsion and strictures are rare (1%)



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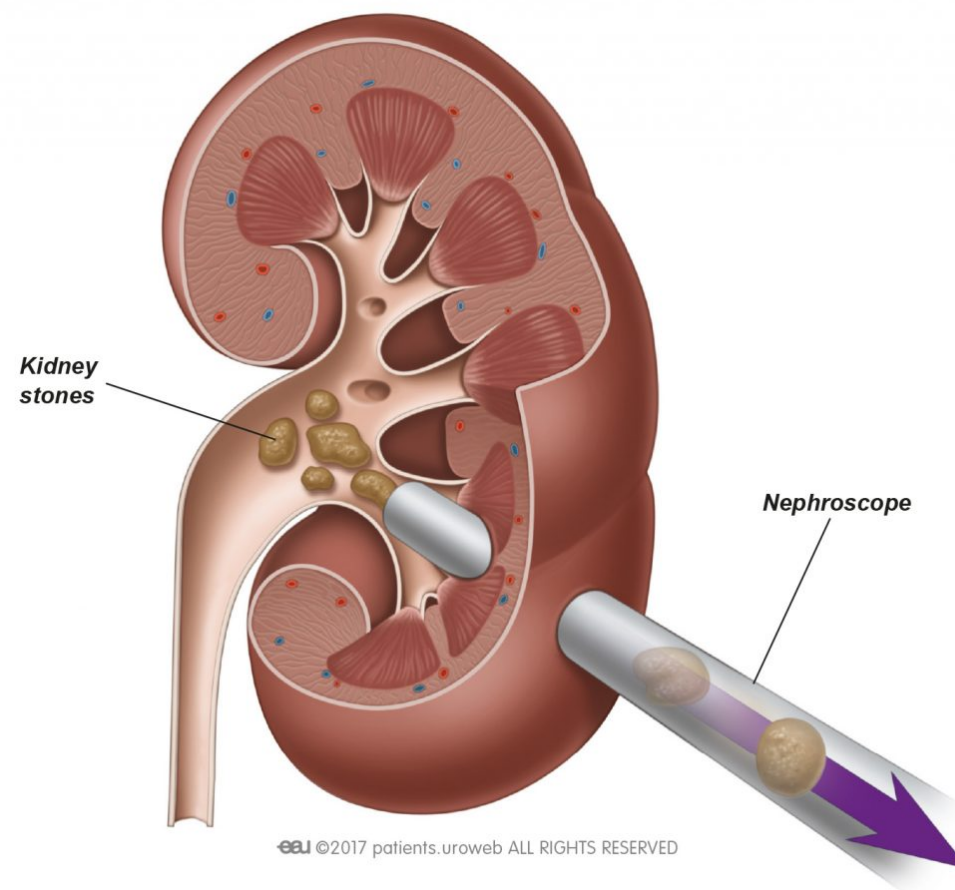
# PERCUTANEOUS NEPHROLITHOTOMY



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- The standard procedure for large renal calculi
- Usually under GA
- Rigid and flexible endoscopes
- Standard access tracts are 24-30 F
- Prone or supine position
- Fluoroscopy or ultrasound guided
- Inpatient hospital stay of one to three days

# PCNL (cont'd)





## PCNL (cont'd)



# PCNL (cont'd)

- Contraindications
  - Uncorrected coagulopathy
  - Untreated UTI
  - Tumor in the presumptive access tract area
  - Potential malignant kidney tumor
  - Pregnancy



# PCNL (cont'd)

- Rigid nephroscopy
  - Pneumatic
  - Ultrasonic
  - Laser (for miniaturized devices)
- Flexible endoscope
  - Ho:YAG laser (standard)



Fig.1 20 W  
Ho:YAG Laser  
Calculase II



Fig. 2 Storz  
Flexible  
Ureteroscope  
Flex – XC

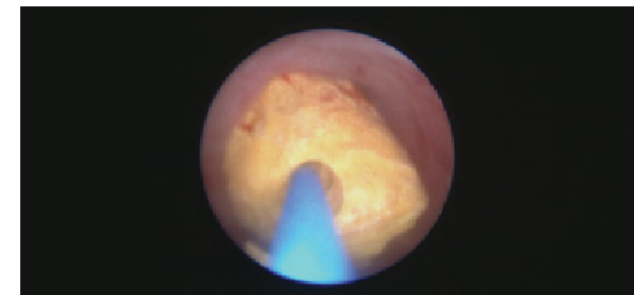


Fig 3. Laser  
fragmenta-  
tion of pyelic  
calculi



## PCNL (cont'd)

- Higher complication rate compared with URS and SWL
  - Fever 10.8%
  - Transfusion 7%
  - Thoracic complication 1.5%
  - Sepsis 0.5%
  - Organ injury 0.4%
  - Embolization 0.4%
  - Urinoma 0.2%
  - Death 0.05%





# OTHER PROCEDURES

## Complications

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# OTHER PROCEDURES

- Open, laparoscopic, and robotic surgeries are rarely performed
- Selected patients



# APPROACH TO URETERAL STONES

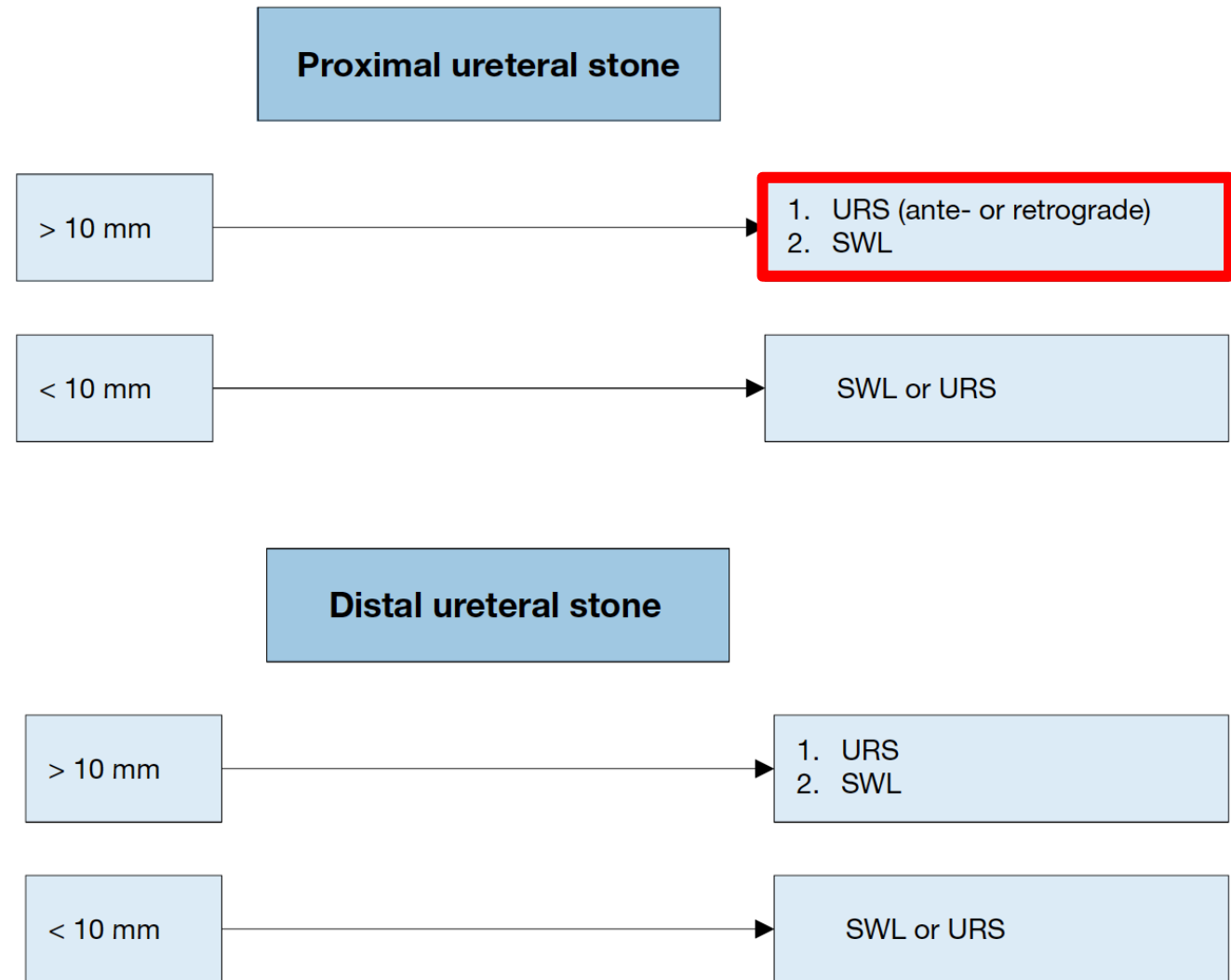


# URETERAL STONES

- Indications for active removal of ureteral stones
  - Stones with a low likelihood of spontaneous passage
    - >10mm
    - No movement after 2-3 weeks
    - Not expelled after 4-6 weeks
  - Persistent pain despite adequate analgesic medication;
  - Persistent obstruction;
  - Renal insufficiency (renal failure, bilateral obstruction, or single kidney).

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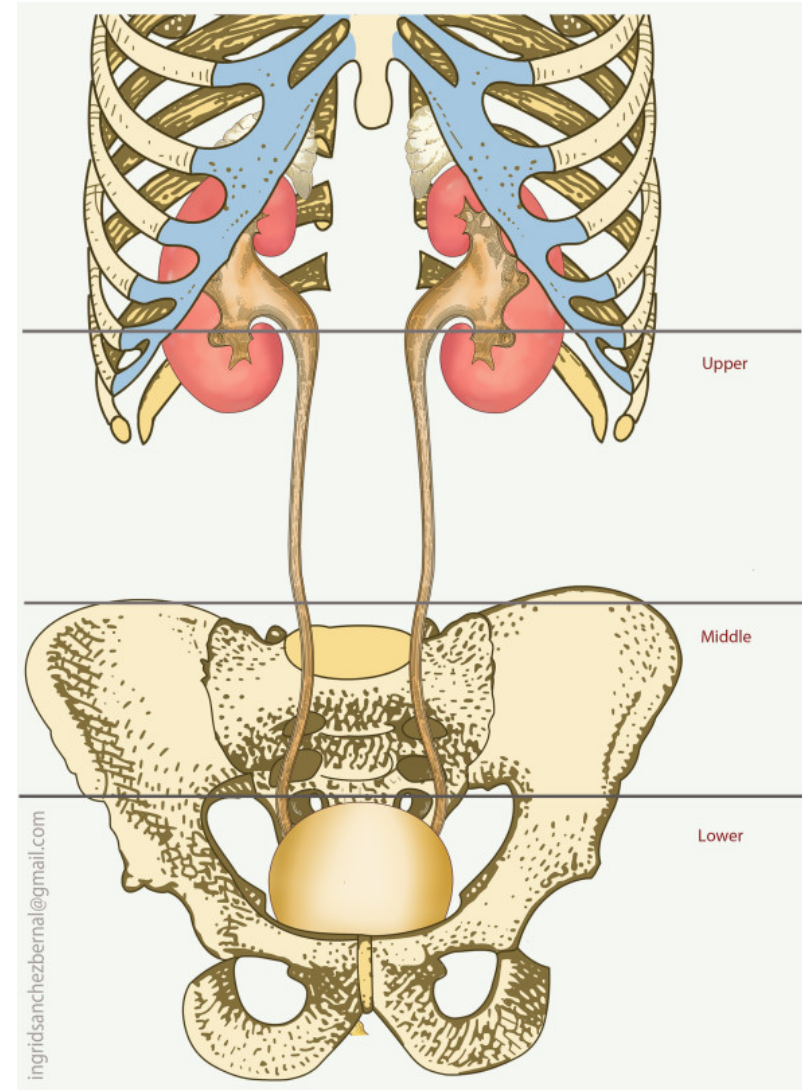
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# LOCAL APPROACH

- **Proximal ureteral stone > 10 mm**
- Preferred: flexible URS
- SWL (only favorable cases)
  - <15 mm
  - SSD < 10 cm
  - HU < 1000
- Otherwise
  - Try rigid URS
  - Push-back and SWL
  - Push-back and PCNL





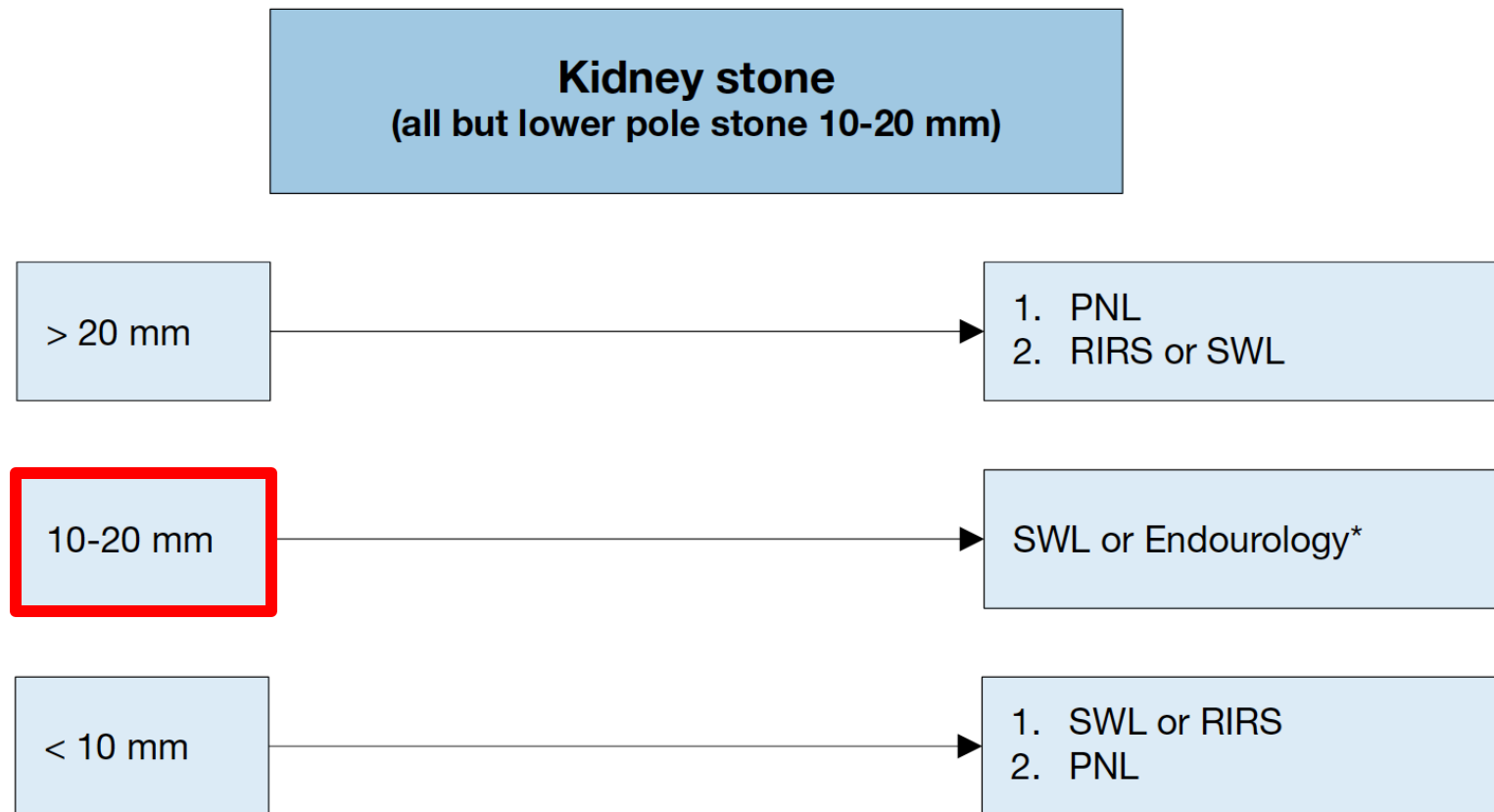
# APPROACH TO RENAL STONES



# RENAL STONES

- Indications for the removal of renal stones:
  - stone growth;
  - stones in high-risk patients for stone formation;
  - obstruction caused by stones;
  - infection;
  - symptomatic stones (e.g., pain or hematuria);
  - stones > 15 mm;
  - patient preference;
  - comorbidity;
  - social situation of the patient (e.g., profession or travelling);
  - choice of treatment.

# RENAL STONES (cont'd)



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