

Proteinuria & cancer

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Onconeurology: The intersections between the kidney and cancer

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- Onconeurology is a new subspecialty of nephrology that recognizes the important intersections of kidney disease with cancer
 - Includes drug-induced nephrotoxicity
 - Electrolyte disorders
 - **Paraneoplastic glomerulonephritis**
 - Interactions of chronic kidney disease with cancer.



Paraneoplastic Diseases of the Glomerulus

- Glomerular diseases are associated with many solid and hematologic malignancies
- Exact pathogenesis is unclear



Pathophysiology of proteinuria

- Proteinuria is consequence of two mechanisms:
 1. Abnormal transglomerular passage
 2. Impaired reabsorption by the epithelial cells of the proximal tubuli.

Review > [Kidney Int. 2003 Mar;63\(3\):809-25. doi: 10.1046/j.1523-1755.2003.00840.x.](#)

Pathophysiology of proteinuria

Giuseppe D'Amico ¹, Claudio Bazzi

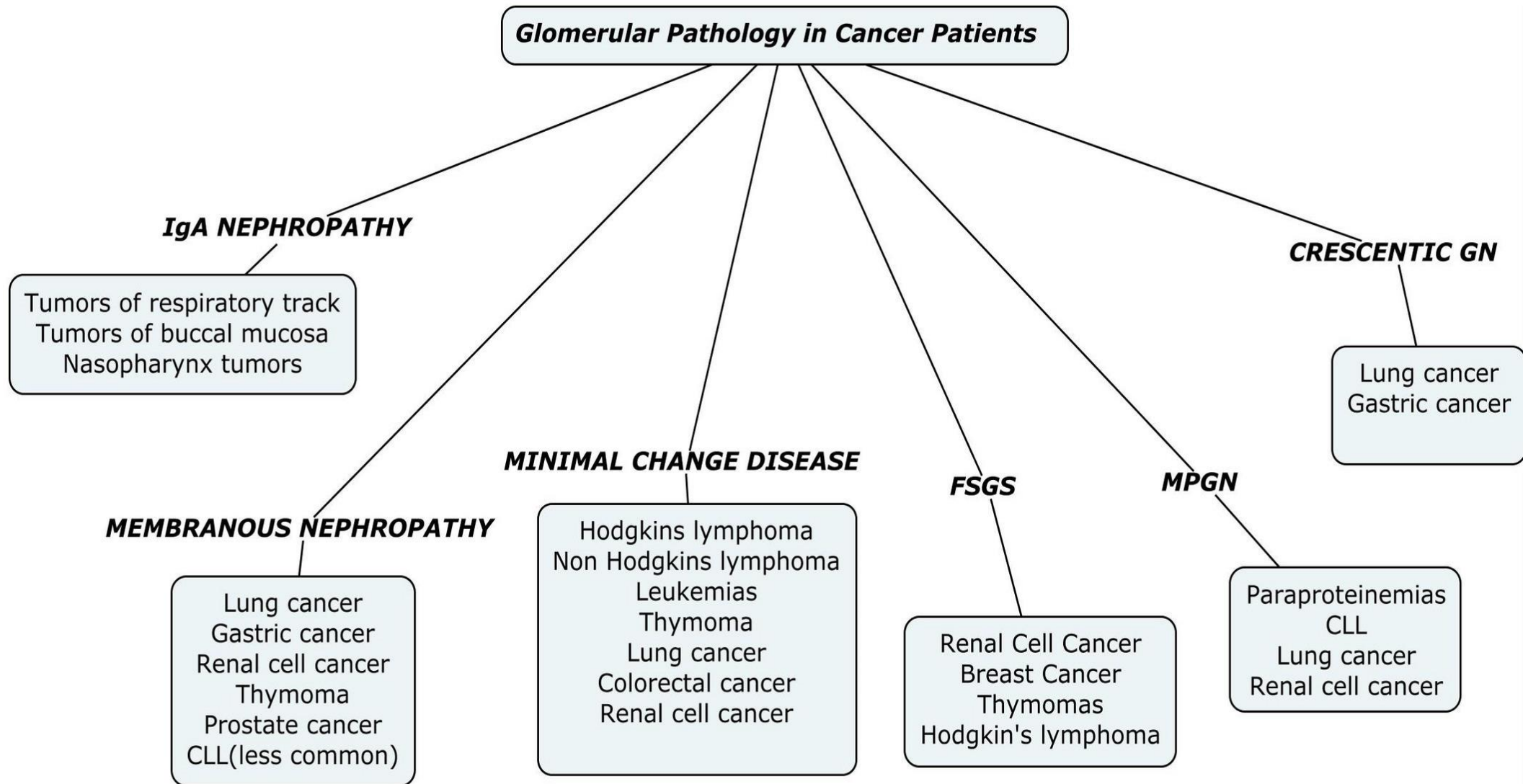
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Membranous nephropathy

- MN is the most common glomerular pathology described in patients with solid tumors.
- In the largest systematic review of 240 patients with biopsy-proven MN, Lefaucheur et al reported a prevalence of malignancy of 10%

> [Kidney Int. 2006 Oct;70\(8\):1510-7. doi: 10.1038/sj.ki.5001790. Epub 2006 Aug 30.](#)

Membranous nephropathy and cancer: Epidemiologic evidence and determinants of high-risk cancer association

C Lefaucheur¹, B Stengel, D Nochy, P Martel, G S Hill, C Jacquot, J Rossert,
GN-PROGRESS Study Group



Membranous nephropathy

- Only approximately one-half of these patients had symptoms related to cancer at the time of kidney biopsy
- The most common solid tumors (in order)
 1. lung
 2. Gastric cancers
 3. RCC
 4. Prostate
 5. Thymoma
- Other cancers reported
 - Colorectal , pancreatic, esophageal, and hepatic carcinomas



Membranous nephropathy primary or secondary

- **Biomarkers in Primary Membranous Nephropathy, A Guide to Precision Medicine**
- M-type phospholipase A2 receptor (PLA2R)
- Thrombospondin type-1 domain-containing 7A (THSD7A)
- There are too many unanswered questions on the use of biomarkers in MN

Review > Iran J Kidney Dis. 2020 Sep;14(5):335-347.

Biomarkers in Primary Membranous Nephropathy, A Guide to Precision Medicine

Mohsen Nafar, Nooshin Dalili, Shiva Samavat ¹



Other glomerular diseases in solid tumors

- MCD
 - lung cancer, colorectal cancer, RCC, and thymoma and
- IgA nephropathy:
 - RCC and solid tumors of the respiratory tract, buccal mucosa, and nasopharynx.
- Crescentic GN
 - RCC, gastric cancer, and lung cancer.



Glomerular diseases consistent with a paraneoplastic process

GLOMERULAR DISEASE PATHOLOGY	CLINICAL AND PATHOLOGY CLUES
Membranous nephropathy	Age >65 y, smoking history, negative anti-PLA2R in the serum, negative staining on kidney biopsy for anti-PLA2R, presence of >8 inflammatory cells in the glomeruli, absence of IgG4 deposits, presence of THSD7A staining, clinically resistant to several cytotoxic agents (cyclophosphamide, rituximab, calcineurin inhibitors)
Minimal change disease	Age >65 y; no other secondary cause found, such as medications or infections, clinically resistant to several cytotoxic agents (steroids, cyclophosphamide, rituximab, calcineurin inhibitors)
Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis	No secondary cause obviously found, clinically resistant to several cytotoxic agents (steroids, cyclophosphamide, rituximab, calcineurin inhibitors)
IgA nephropathy	New diagnosis at age >65 y
Membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis	Monoclonal on immunofluorescence, electron microscopy shows immunotactoid or cryoglobulin-like features, no autoimmune cause found—important to screen for certain hematology malignancies, such as CLL, CML, WM, and plasma cell dyscrasias
ANCA vasculitis	Clinically resistant to several cytotoxic agents (steroids, cyclophosphamide, rituximab, calcineurin inhibitors) and plasmapheresis, and no drug-induced cause found



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Anticancer Agents & proteinuria



Nephrotoxicity Associated with Novel Anticancer Agents (Aflibercept, Dasatinib, Nivolumab)

- Cancer patients have an incidence of about 60% kidney disease
- Renal adverse effects may range from asymptomatic proteinuria to renal failure



[Int J Mol Sci](#). 2020 Jul; 21(14): 4878.

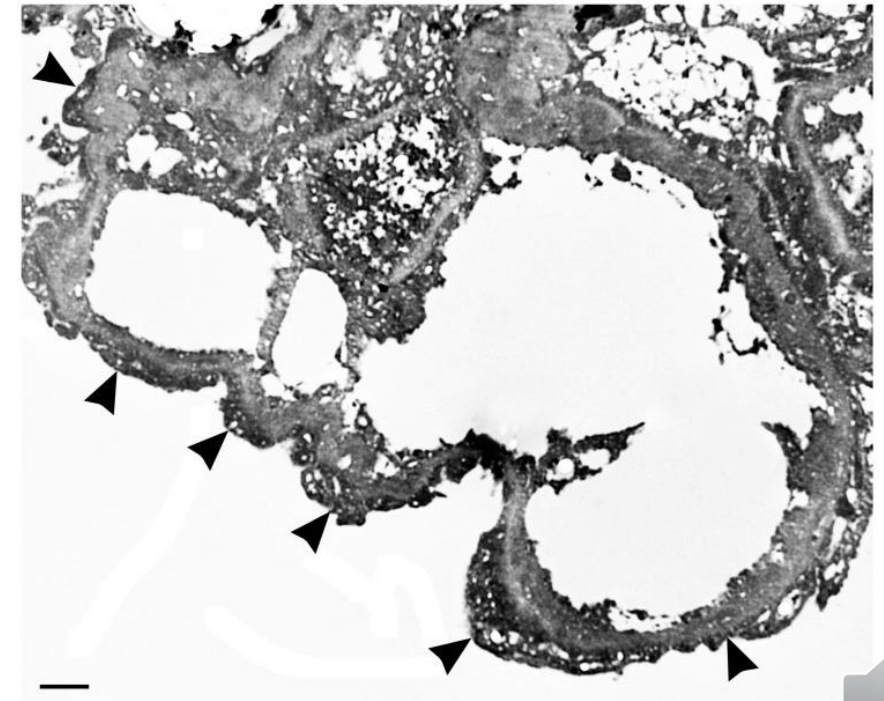
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Nephrotoxicity Associated with Novel Anticancer Agents (Aflibercept, Dasatinib, Nivolumab): Case Series and Nephrological Considerations

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> Gan To Kagaku Ryoho. 2019 Feb;46(2):245-249.

[Proteinuria in Patients with Gastric Cancer Treated with Ramucirumab]

[Article in Japanese]

Yutaka Kimura ¹, Jota Mikami, Yoichi Makari, Chika Fujii, Yoko Hiraki, Motohiro Imano, Junya Fujita, Takushi Yasuda

- Ramucirumab, an antiangiogenic agent
 - Frequency of proteinuria was 43.5%
 - Grade 1: 26.1%
 - Grade 2: 8.7%
 - Grade 3: 8.7%)
- **Conclusions:** In patients with gastric cancer, treated with ramucirumab, the protein/creatinine ratio should be examined in cases of 2+, 3+ or 4+ via a qualitative examination.



Predictive factors for the development of proteinuria in cancer patients treated with bevacizumab, ramucirumab, and aflibercept: a single-institution retrospective analysis

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- The development of proteinuria restrict
- Significant factors for development of proteinuria
 - SBP
 - Number of cycles
 - Calcium channel blocker use
- There was no difference among the three anti-angiogenic agents or among cancer types.



Bevacizumab increases risk for severe proteinuria in cancer patients

Shenhong Wu¹, Christi Kim, Lea Baer, Xiaolei Zhu

- Humanized mAb that neutralizes vascular endothelial growth factor
- Analyzed data from 16 studies comprising 12,268 patients with a variety of tumors.

Categories	No. of Studies	Bevacizumab (Events/Sample Size)	Control (Events/Sample Size)	Incidence (%; 95% CI)	RR (95% CI)
Overall	16	186/6482	24/5786	2.2 (1.2 to 4.3)	4.79 (2.71 to 8.46)

- In conclusion, the addition of bevacizumab to chemotherapy significantly increases the risk for high-grade proteinuria and nephrotic syndrome.



➤ J Endocrinol Invest. 2021 Jan;44(1):95-103. doi: 10.1007/s40618-020-01272-y. Epub 2020 May 3.

Proteinuria is a late-onset adverse event in patients treated with cabozantinib

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- Tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs)
 - Proteinuria was observed in 4/18 patients (22.2%)
 - Associated with previous chemotherapy ($p = 0.005$)
 - Treatment with other TKIs ($p = 0.04$),
 - Prolonged use of cabozantinib ($p = 0.0004$)



We should Be aware

Cancer and its treatment can induced proteinuria
in multiple different way



THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION