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Intrinsic Acute Kidney Injury Not ATN, So What?



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Intrinsic renal AKI, but not acute
tubular necrosis: So what?

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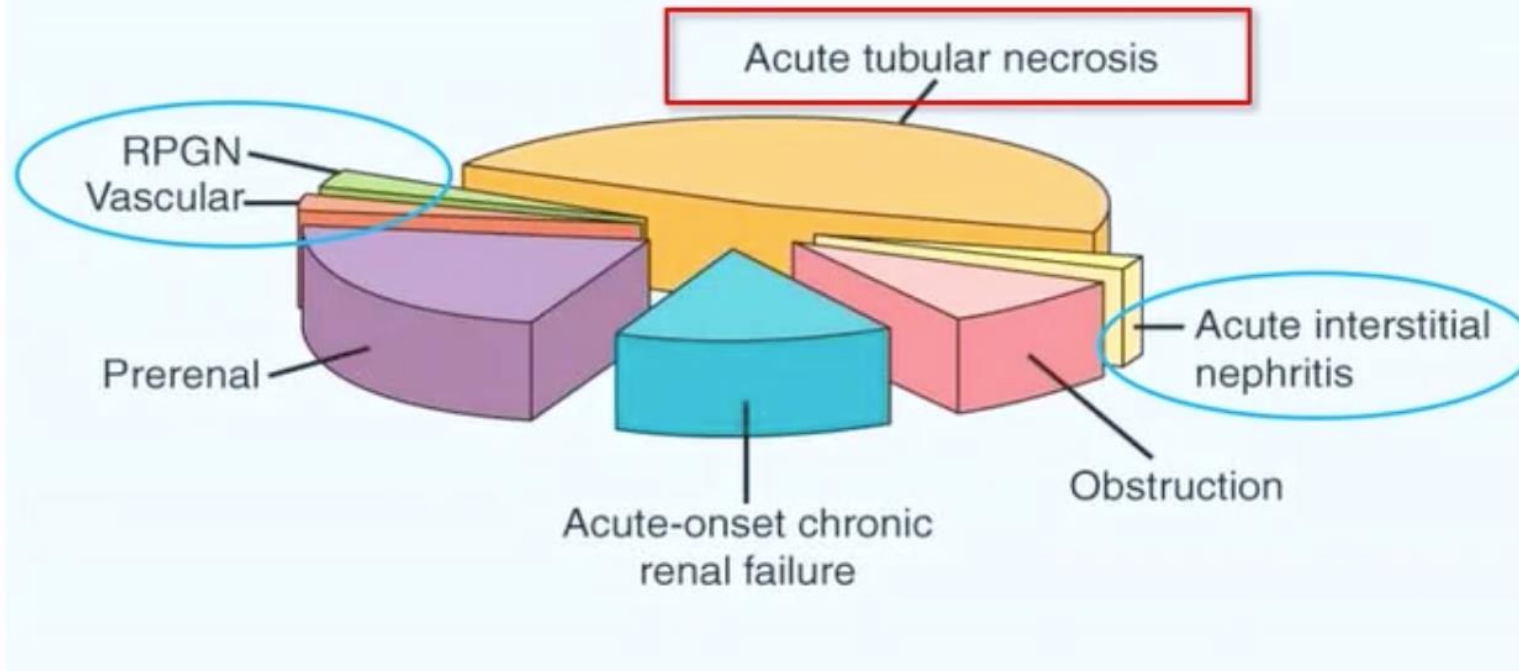
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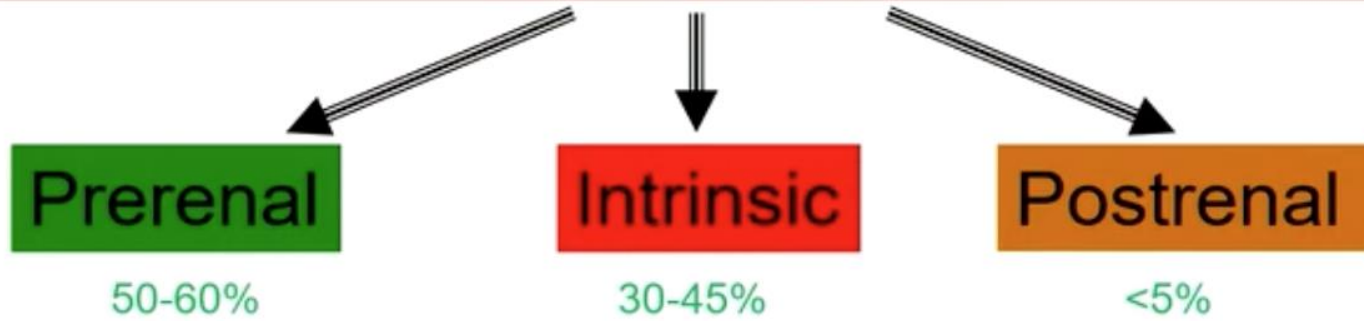


Is all AKI equal?

Causes of ARF in hospital setting



A more pragmatic distinction of AKI....



- Large vessels
 - *e.g. bilateral thrombosis/dissection*
- Glomeruli/renal microvasculature
 - *e.g. acute GN, vasculitis, TMA*
- Tubules ("ATN")
 - *e.g. toxins, ischemia*
- Tubulointerstitium
 - *e.g. acute interstitial nephritis*
- Everything
 - *e.g. sepsis*



Necrotising Renal Tubules in Severe Trauma

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CRUSH INJURIES WITH IMPAIRMENT OF RENAL FUNCTION

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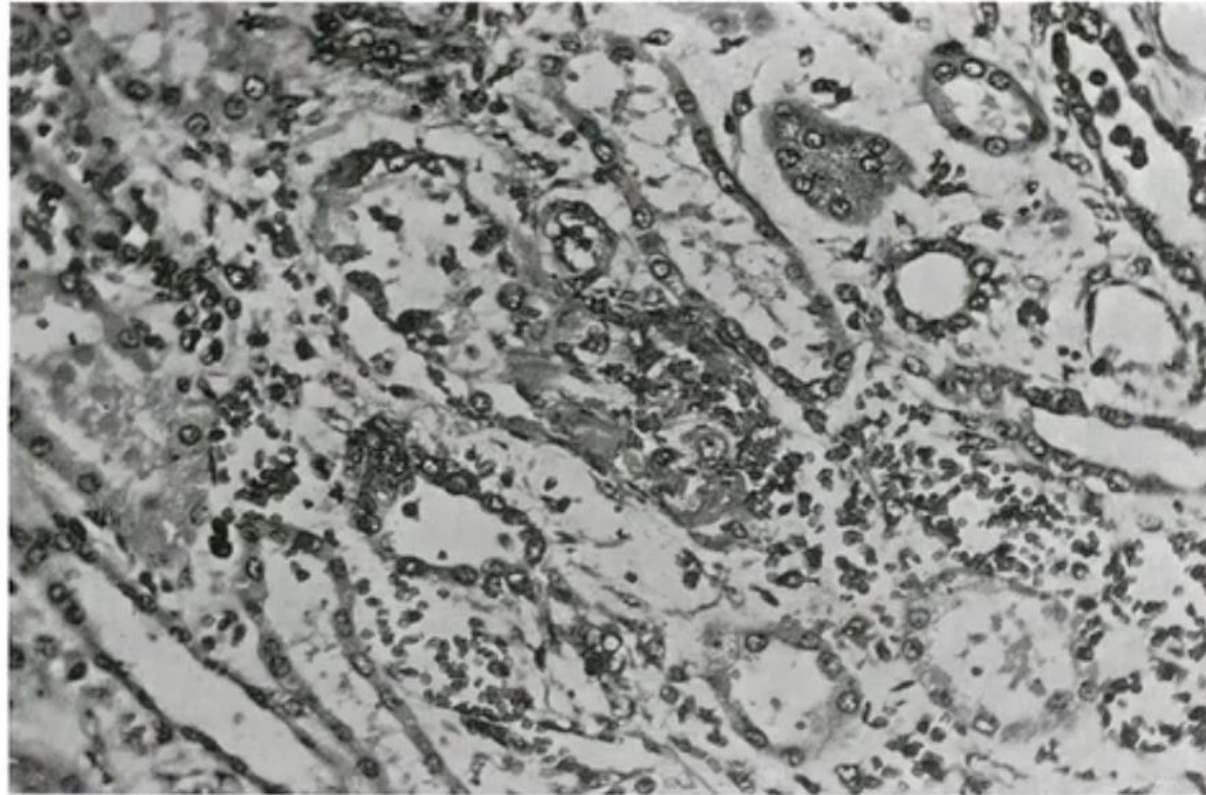
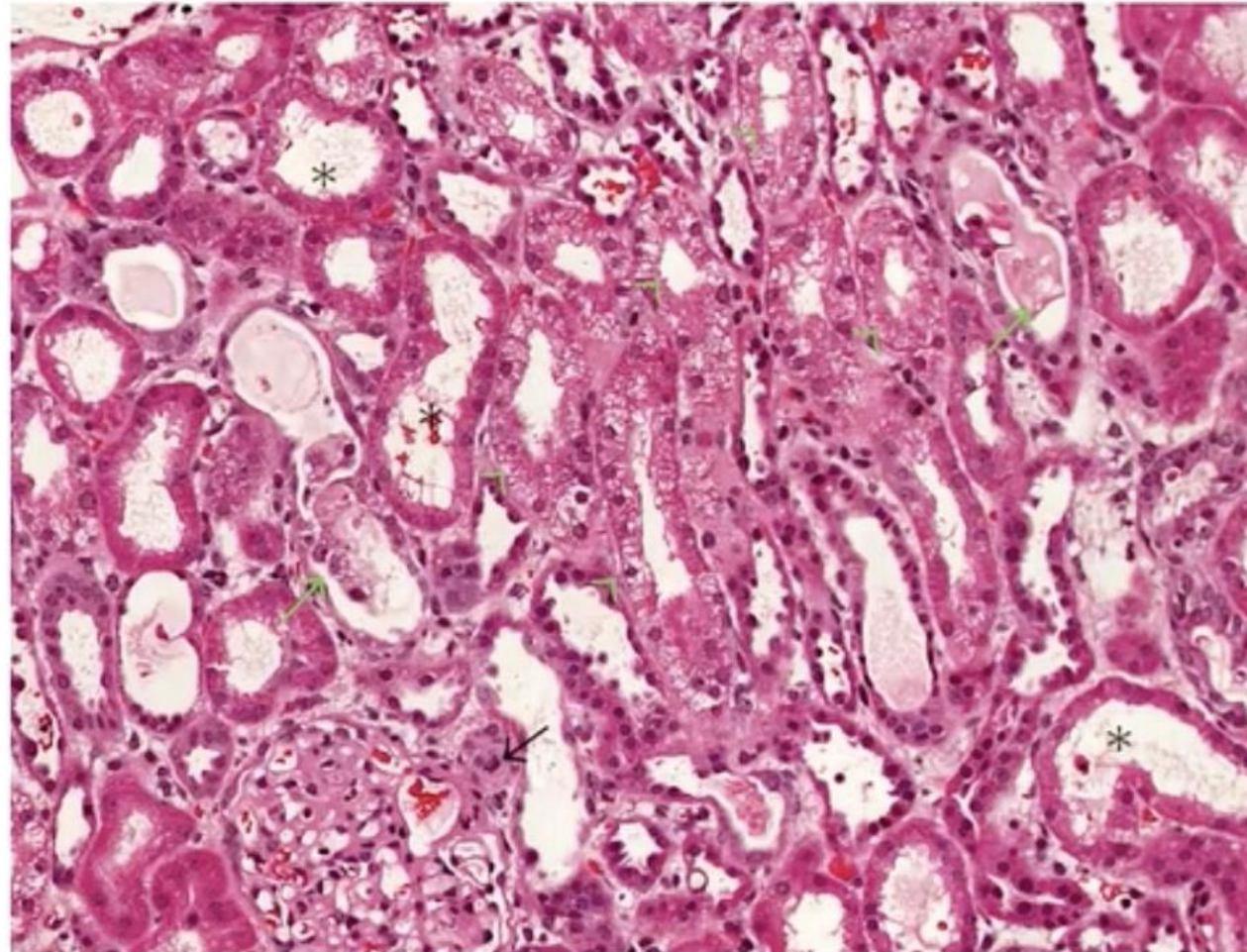


FIG. 2.—Photomicrograph of renal tubule from boundary zone, stained haematoxylin and eosin, showing necrosis of wall and commencing reactive changes. $\times 280$.



Tubular cell necrosis occasionally detected in nephrotoxic AKI

Vancomycin induced AKI



Shah-Khan F et al, Int J Nephrol. 2011; 2011: 436856.



Case series of 10 native kidney biopsies in patients with COVID-19 and AKI

Cohort



10 patients with COVID-19

Mean age = 65 years



AKI, proteinuria \pm hematuria



8 required dialysis

Kidney Biopsy Findings



Pathologic Findings



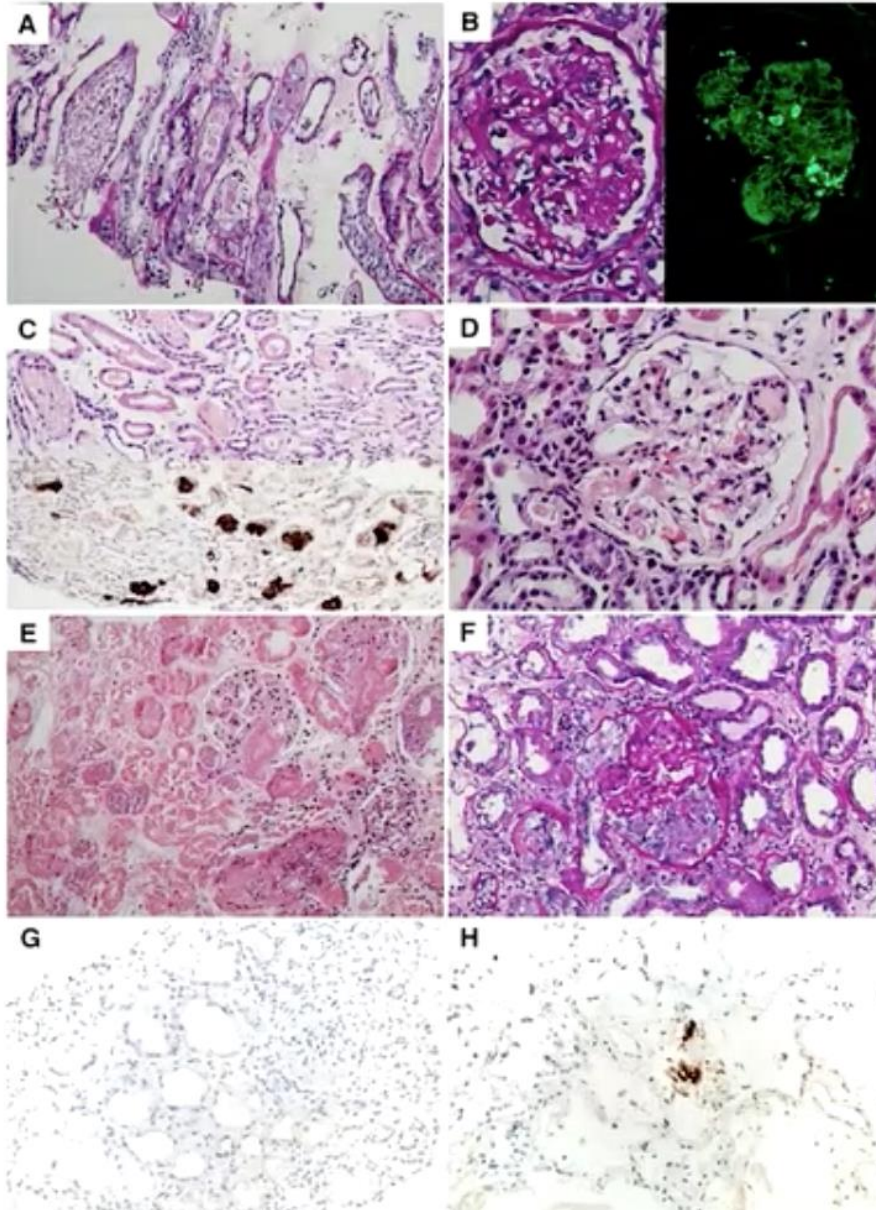
SARS-CoV-2

- All patients had varying degree of ATN
- 2 had TMA
- 1 had myoglobin cast nephropathy
- 1 had pauci-immune crescentic GN
- 1 had FSGS with features of collapsing glomerulopathy

-All negative for SARS-CoV-2 by immunohistochemistry
-No viral particles identified via electron microscopy

Conclusion: This kidney biopsy series showed ATN as the most common finding in patients with COVID-19 and AKI. We found no evidence of significant viral presence in the kidney.





Case series of 10 native kidney biopsies in patients with COVID-19 and AKI

A variety of kidney histopathological findings seen in our patients with COVID-19 and AKI:

- (A) ATN is often manifested by accumulation of cellular debris in lumens of distal tubules (periodic acid–Schiff [PAS]: $\times 200$).
- (B) Segmental glomerulosclerosis with features of healing collapse and protein reabsorption granules in podocytes (left, PAS; right, FITC IgG immunofluorescence stain: $\times 400$).
- (C) Red-brown casts in the tubules in the patient with rhabdomyolysis, staining positively for myoglobin stain (upper, hematoxylin and eosin [H&E]; lower, myoglobin immunohistochemistry stain: $\times 200$).
- (D) Diffuse and early nodular diabetic glomerulosclerosis (H&E, $\times 400$).
- (E) Diffuse cortical necrosis in a patient with severe TMA (H&E, $\times 200$).
- (F) Cellular crescent in a glomerulus and surrounding acute tubular injury with flattening of the tubular epithelium in a patient with ANCA disease (PAS, $\times 200$).
- (G) Representative section of negative immunohistochemistry staining for SARS-CoV-2 nucleocapsid protein after antigen retrieval ($\times 200$).
- (H) (H) Lung tissue as positive control for immunohistochemistry staining for SARS-CoV-2 ($\times 200$).



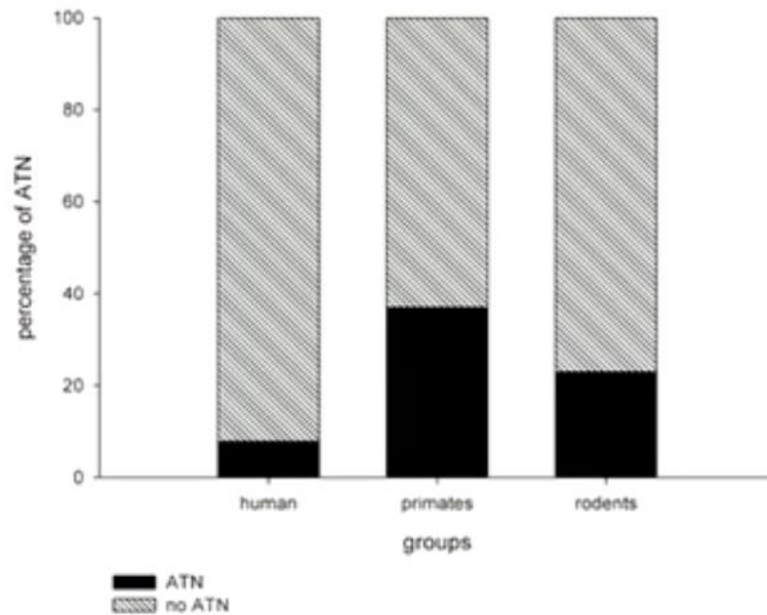
ATN is rarely seen human sepsis

Table 1

Human studies

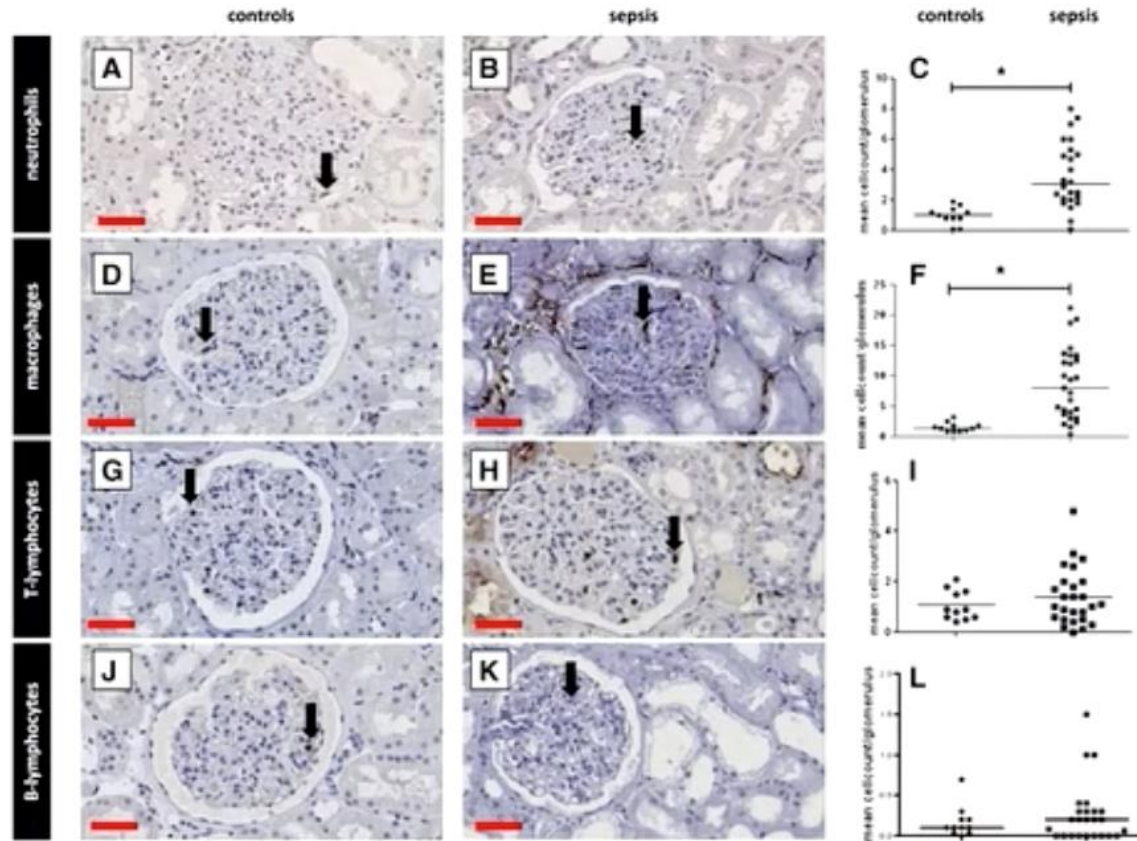
Study	Cause	Acute kidney injury definition	Method	Cases of AKI/number of patients (%)	Acute tubular necrosis (%)
Hotchkiss and colleagues [10]	Sepsis/septic shock	Serum creatinine >2 mg/dl and urine output <20 ml/kg/hour x 6 hours	Postmortem	12/20 (60)	1 (5)
Sato and colleagues [13]	Sepsis	Not available	Postmortem	6/6 (100)	1 (17)
Mustonen and colleagues [9]	Sepsis/shock/hypovolemia	Not available	Biopsy	57/57 (100)	4 (7)
Rosenberg and colleagues [12]	Sepsis	Serum creatinine >3.5 mg/dl and urine/plasma osmolality >1	Biopsy	1/1 (100)	0 (0)
Zappacosta and Ashby [14]	Sepsis	Not available	Biopsy	1/1 (100)	0 (0)
Diaz de Leon and colleagues [11]	Severe sepsis	Serum creatinine, urine output, urine/plasma osmolality (not specified)	Biopsy	107/332 (32)	20 (50)*

*Renal biopsy was only performed in 40 patients (37% of the acute kidney injury (AKI) cohort, 12% of the total cohort).

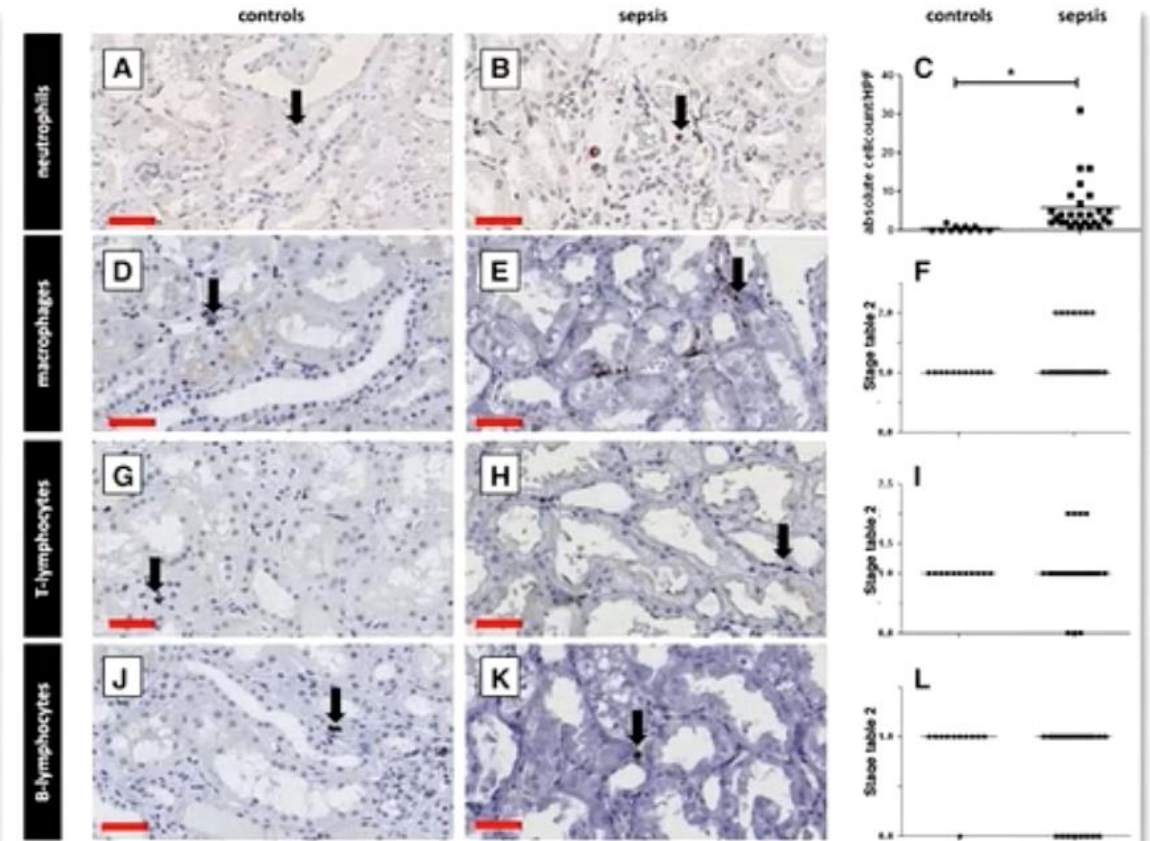


Kidney histopathology in lethal human sepsis

Leukocyte infiltration in the glomeruli



Leukocyte infiltration in the tubulointerstitium



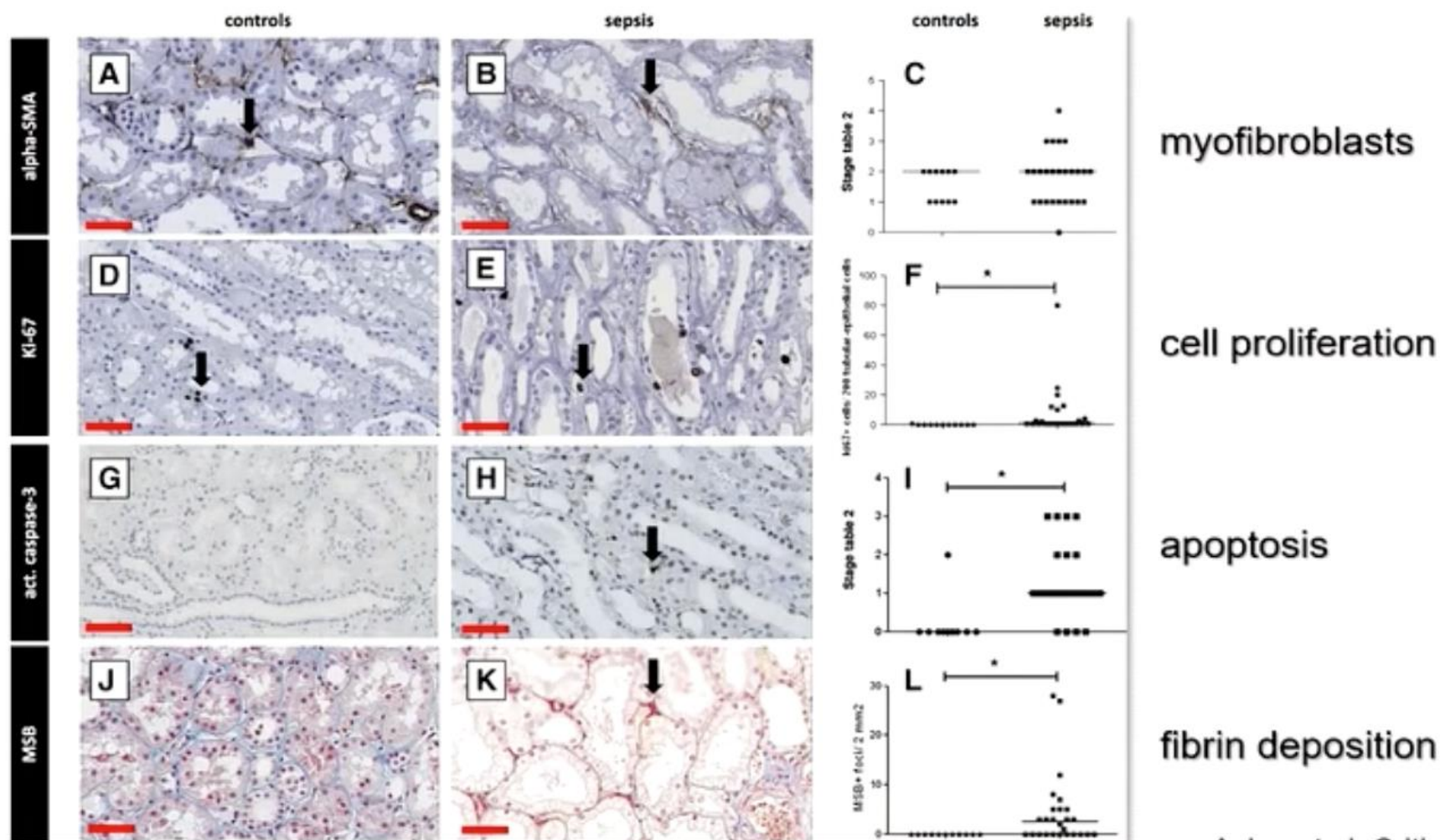
Sepsis (n=27): immediate post mortem biopsies
 Controls: unaffected tissue from kidneys reoved for renal cell coinoma

Aslan et al. Critical Care (2018) 22:35



Kidney histopathology in lethal human sepsis

Proliferation, fibrin deposition and apoptosis in the tubulointerstitium



ATN – Fact Check

- ATN is frequently used as synonym for ischemic, nephrotoxic or septic AKI
- You hardly ever see isolated tubular necrosis in AKI
- Some degree of tubular damage may observed in all AKI

The concept of ATN as a distinct disease entity for (intrinsic) AKI is fundamentally wrong



If ATN is not the predominant mechanism in AKI what is it?



Frequent etiologies of AKI in the critically ill

- Sepsis
- Fluid overload
- Organ “cross-talk”
 - Cardiorenal syndrome
 - Lung-kidney interaction (ARDS)





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Epidemiology of acute kidney injury in critically ill patients: the multinational AKI-EPI study

Etiology

Table 2 Variables at the time of acute kidney injury ($n = 666$)

Etiology of AKI

Sepsis	271 (40.7 %)
Hypovolemia	227 (34.1 %)
Drug related	96 (14.4 %)
Cardiogenic shock	88 (13.2 %)
Hepatorenal syndrome	21 (3.2 %)
Obstruction of the urine outflow tract	9 (1.4 %)

Panel 3: Main exposures for acute kidney injury

Level 1 and 2 countries

- Sepsis
- Circulatory shock
- Trauma
- Cardiac surgery (especially with cardiopulmonary bypass)
- Major non-cardiac surgery
- Nephrotoxic drugs and agents
- Burns

Level 2 (some areas) and level 3 countries

- Diarrhoea
- Obstetric complications (including septic absorption)
- Infectious diseases (malaria, leptospirosis, dengue fever, cholera, yellow fever, tetanus, and Hantavirus)
- Animal venoms (snakes, bees and wasps, *Loxosceles* spp [recluse] spiders, and *Lonomia* spp caterpillars)
- Natural medicines
- Natural dyes
- Prolonged physically overwhelming work in an unhealthy environment

Ravindra L Mehta et al, Lancet 2015



Sepsis-associated AKI

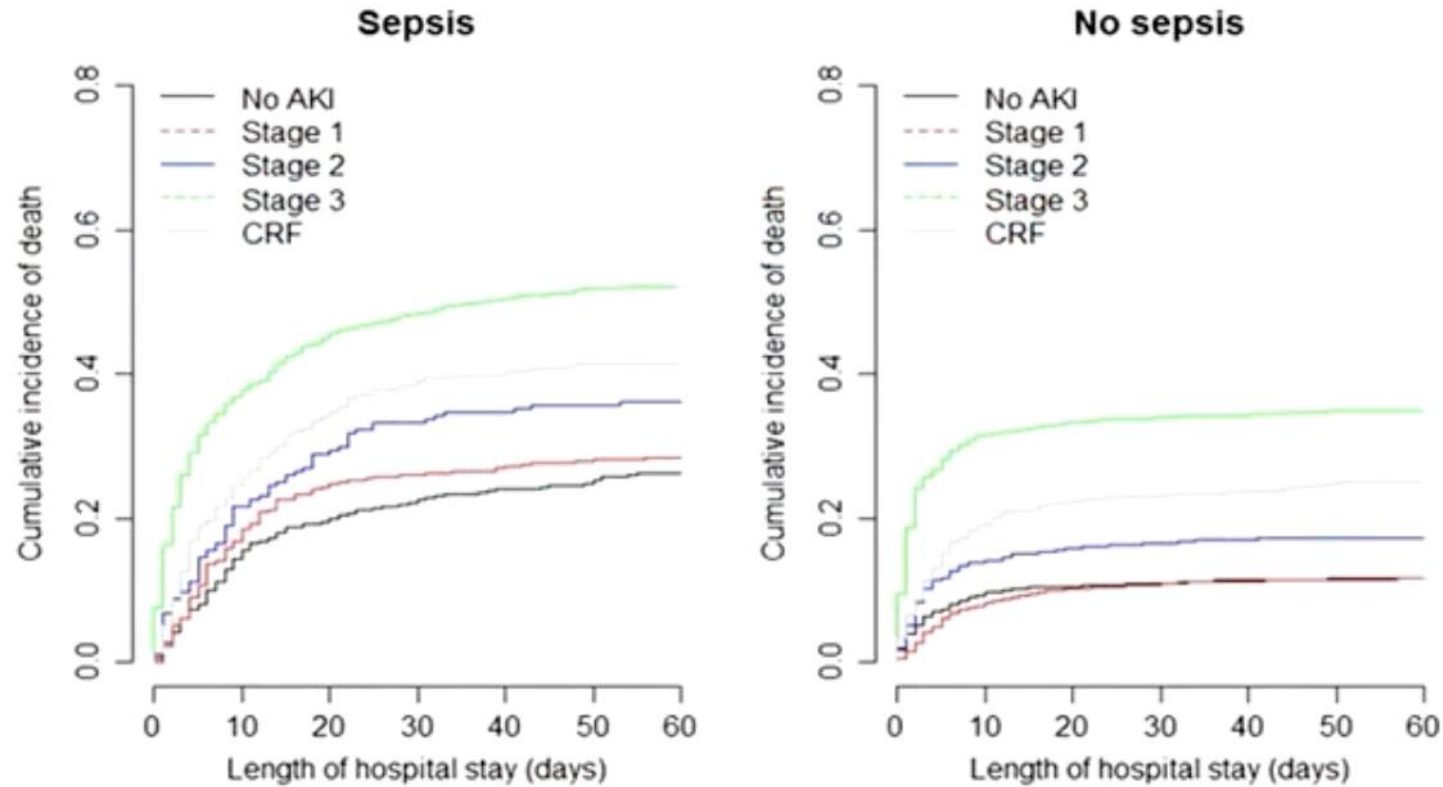
A worldwide multicentre evaluation of the influence of deterioration or improvement of acute kidney injury on clinical outcome in critically ill patients with and without sepsis at ICU admission: results from The Intensive Care Over Nations audit.

N=7970	Sepsis (N=1946)	No sepsis (n=6024)
AKI	68%	57%
AKI stage 3	40%	24%
RRT	20%	5%
Improvement to AKI<3 within 7days	21%	32%



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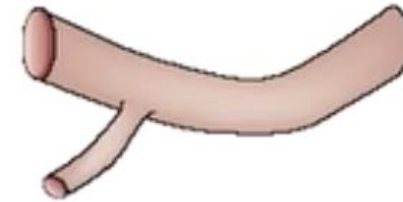


Peters E. et al, Crit Care. 2018; 22: 188.



Mechanism of septic AKI is complex and not completely understood

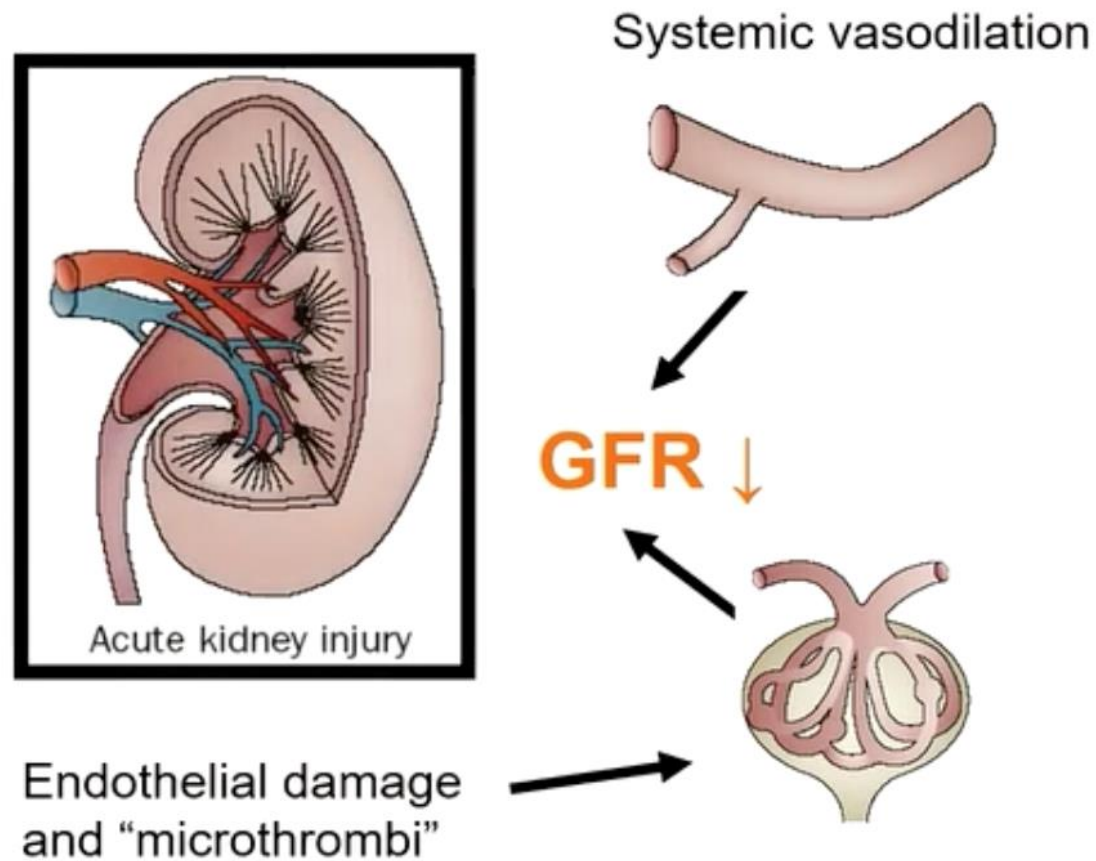
Systemic vasodilation



↑ **GFR**

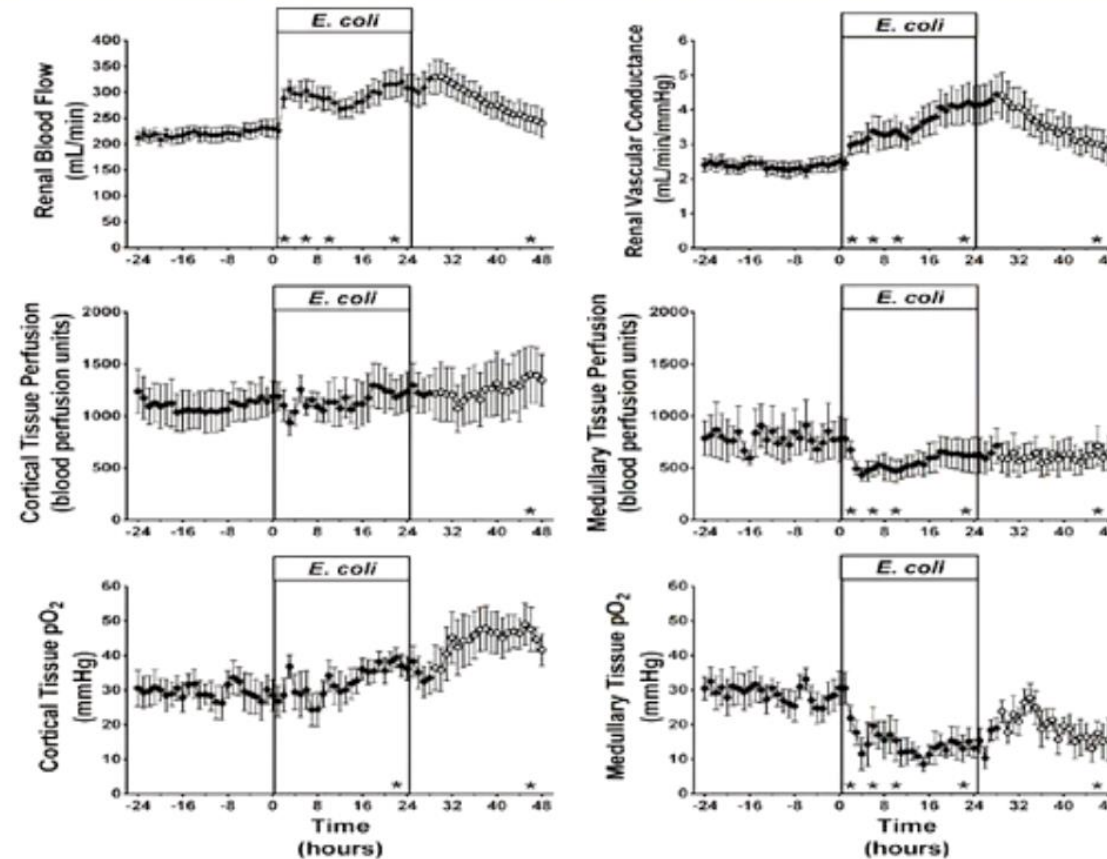


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Cortical and Medullary Tissue Perfusion and Oxygenation in Experimental Septic Acute Kidney Injury

Hyperdynamic
sepsis model in
sheep



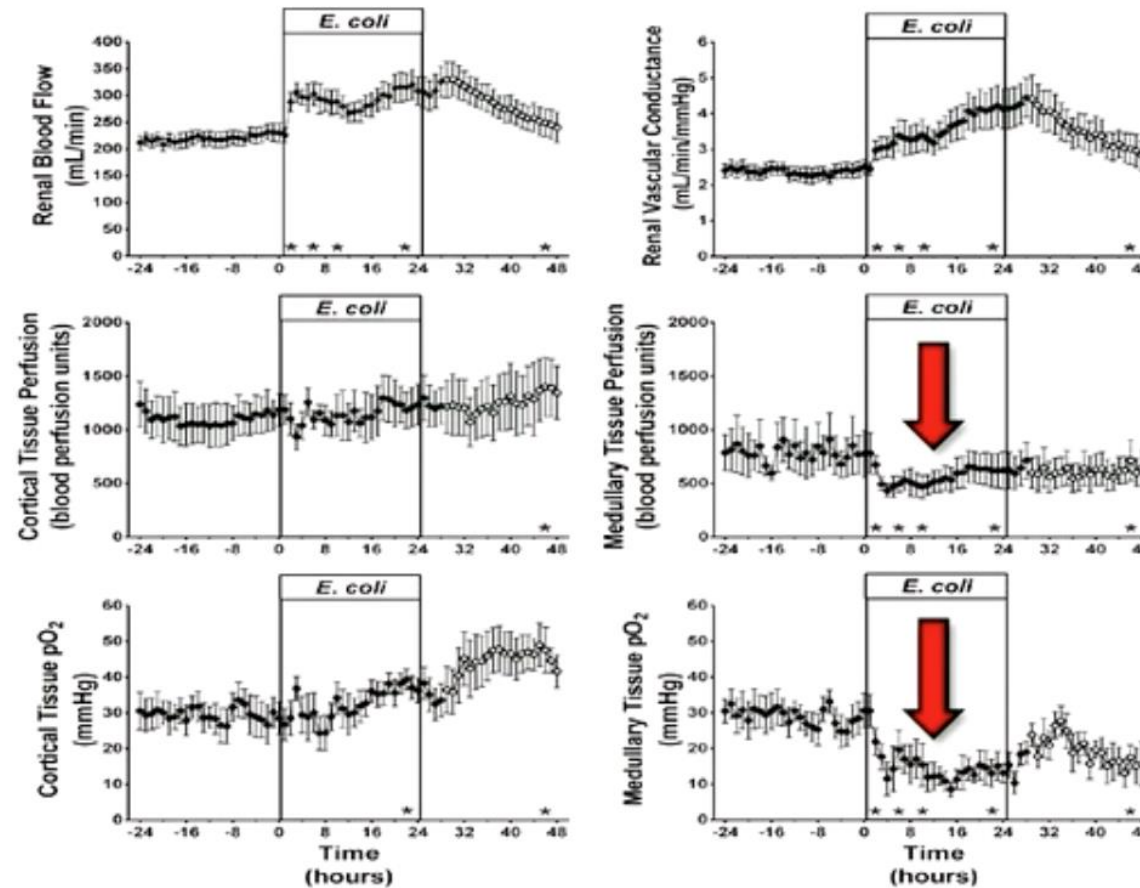
Calzavacca P et al, *Crit Care Med* 2015; 43:e431–e439



Cortical and Medullary Tissue Perfusion and Oxygenation in Experimental Septic Acute Kidney Injury

Hyperdynamic
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**Cortical blood
flow
is slightly
increased !**



**Medullary
blood flow
is decreased !**



Shunting in Renal Microvasculature of the Rat:
A Scanning Electron Microscopic Study
of Corrosion Casts

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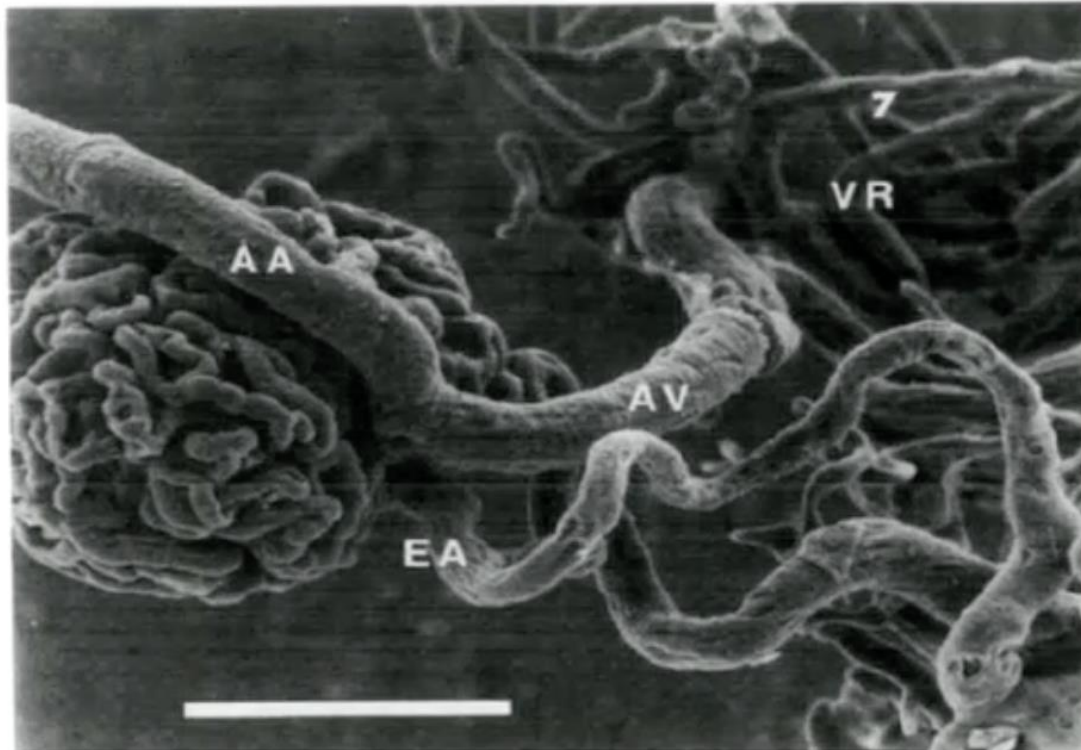
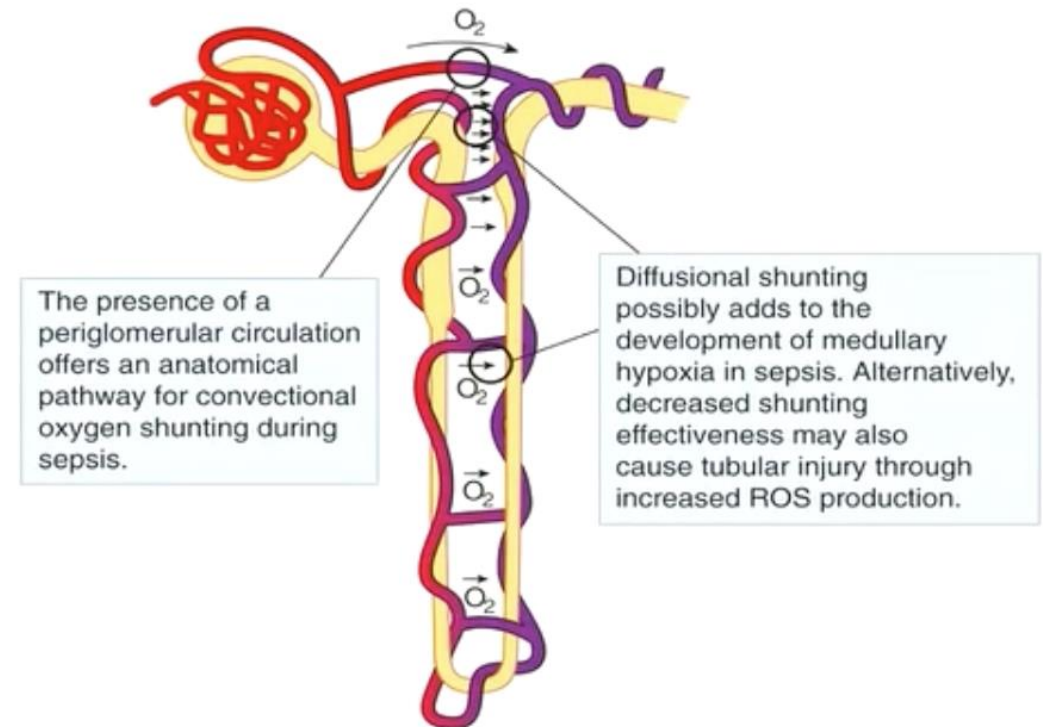
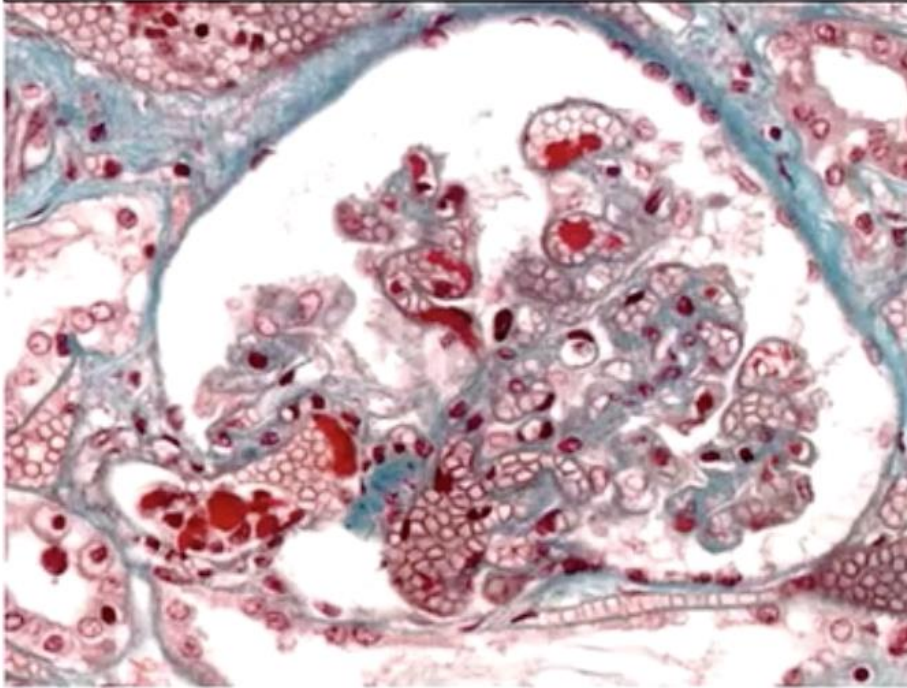


Fig. 7. Corrosion cast of a juxtamedullary glomerulus (539 g body weight). An aglomerular vessel (AV) arises from the afferent arteriole (AA) at the glomerular vascular pole. Note the presence of an efferent arteriole (EA). Bar: 100 μm . VR, vasa recta.

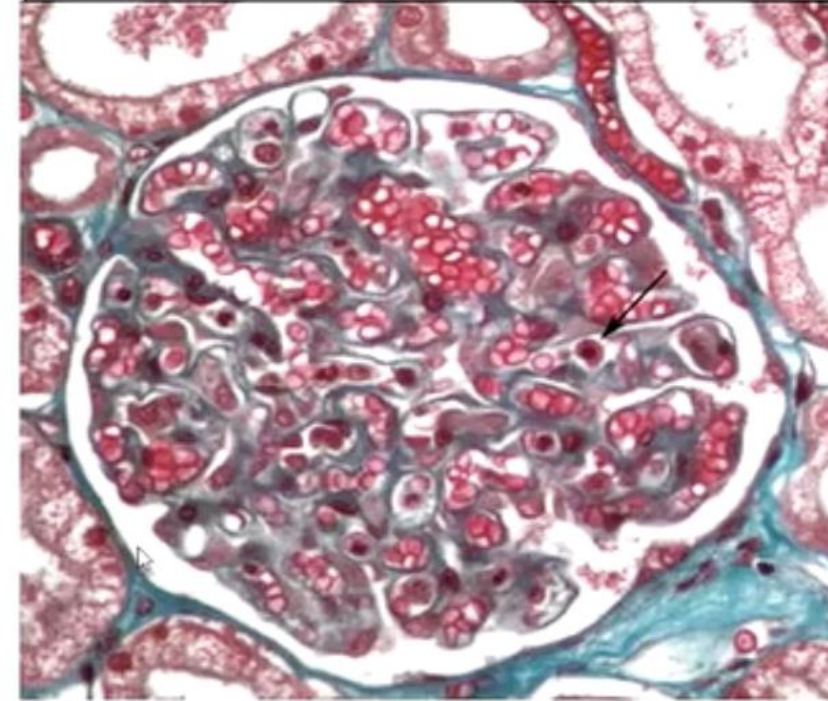


Histopathology of septic shock induced acute kidney injury: apoptosis and leukocytic infiltration

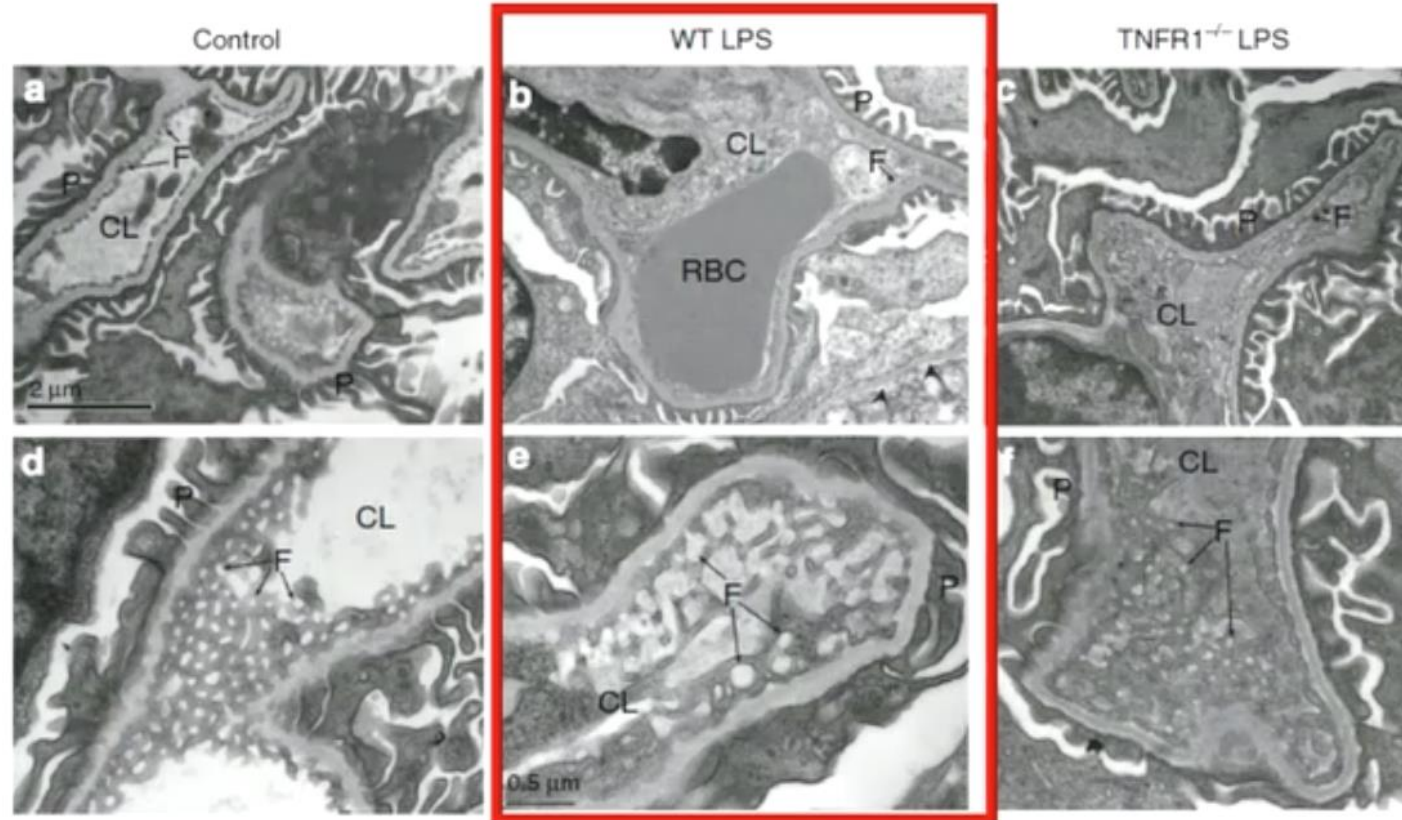
Partial thrombi in an afferent arteriole and glomerular capillaries



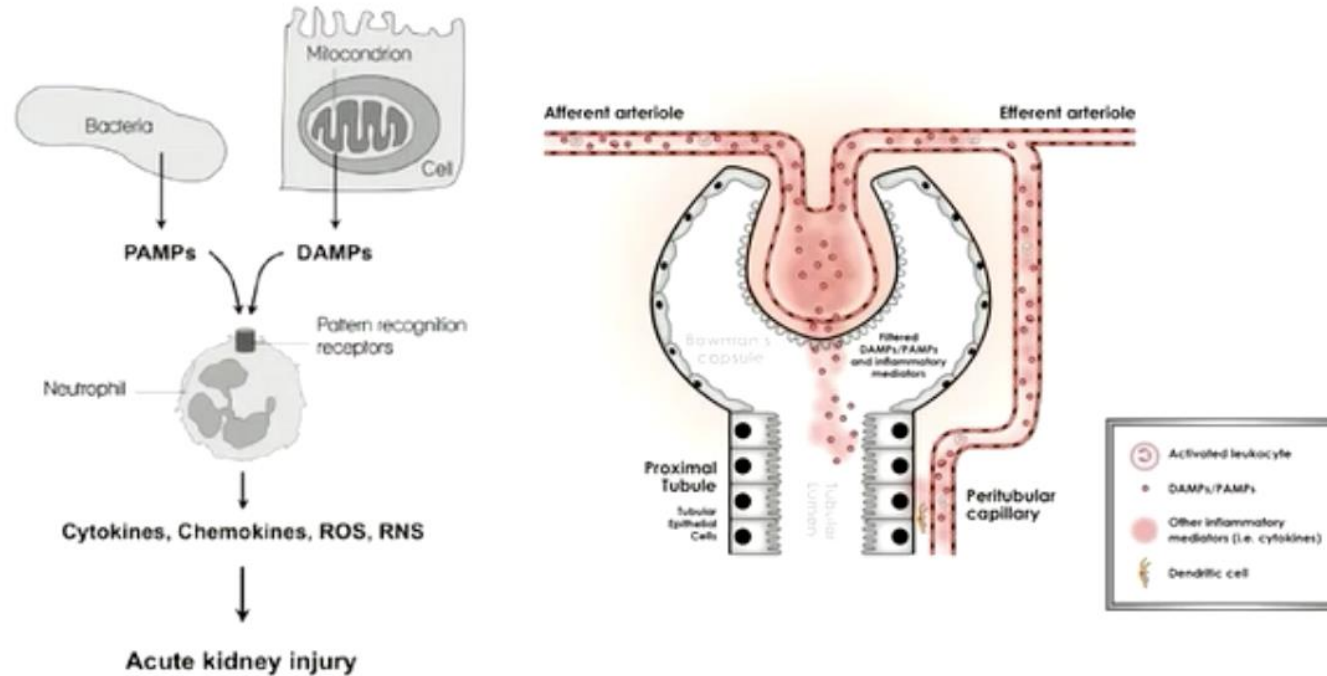
Glomerulus with extensive capillary leukocytic infiltration



**TNF-mediated damage to glomerular endothelium
is an important determinant of acute kidney injury
in sepsis**



A Unified Theory of Sepsis-Induced Acute Kidney Injury: Inflammation, microcirculatory dysfunction, bioenergetics and the tubular cell adaptation to injury

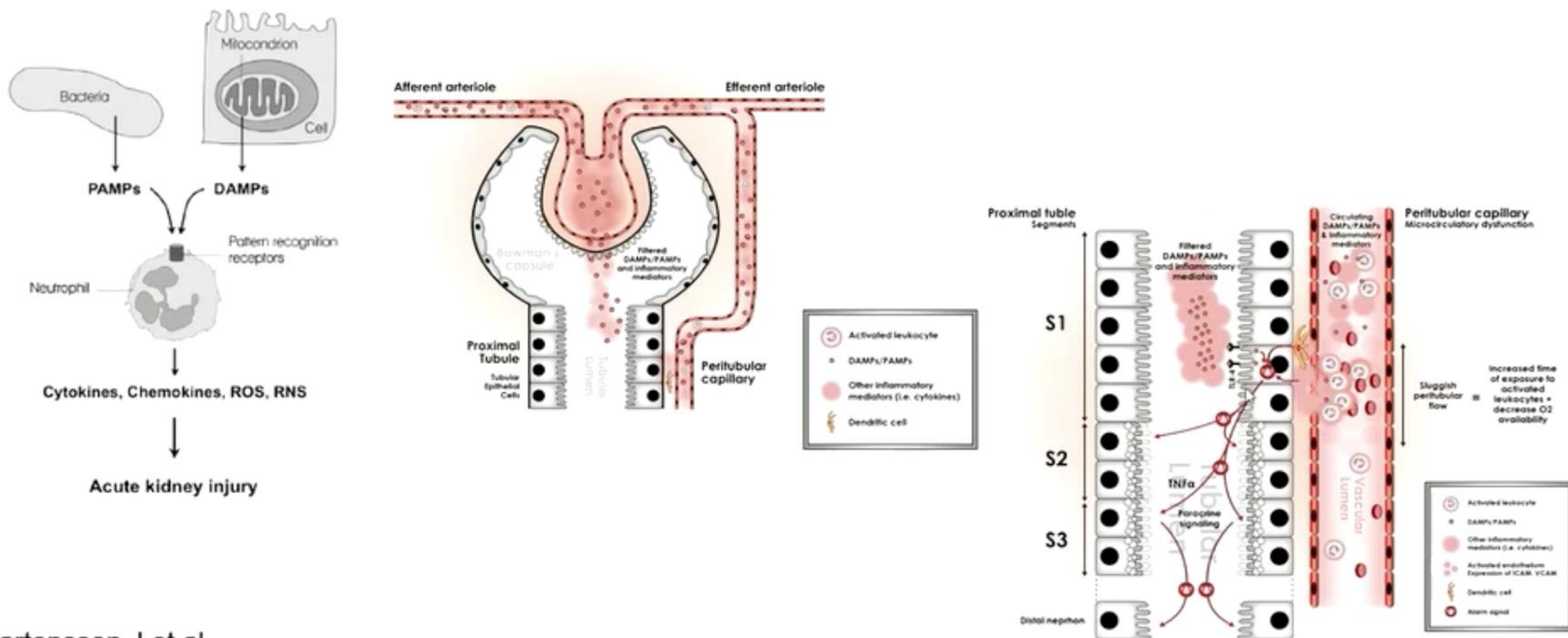


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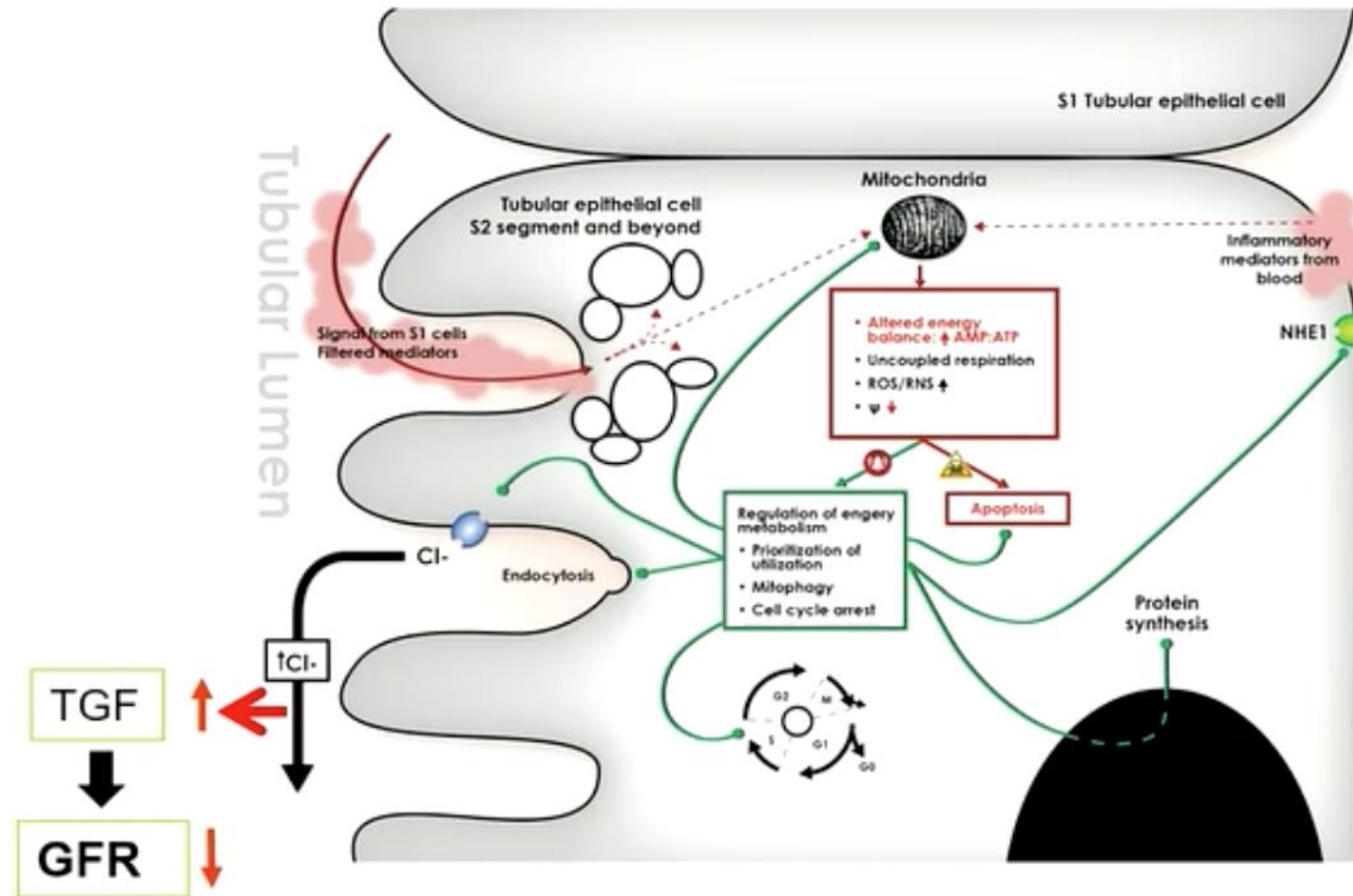


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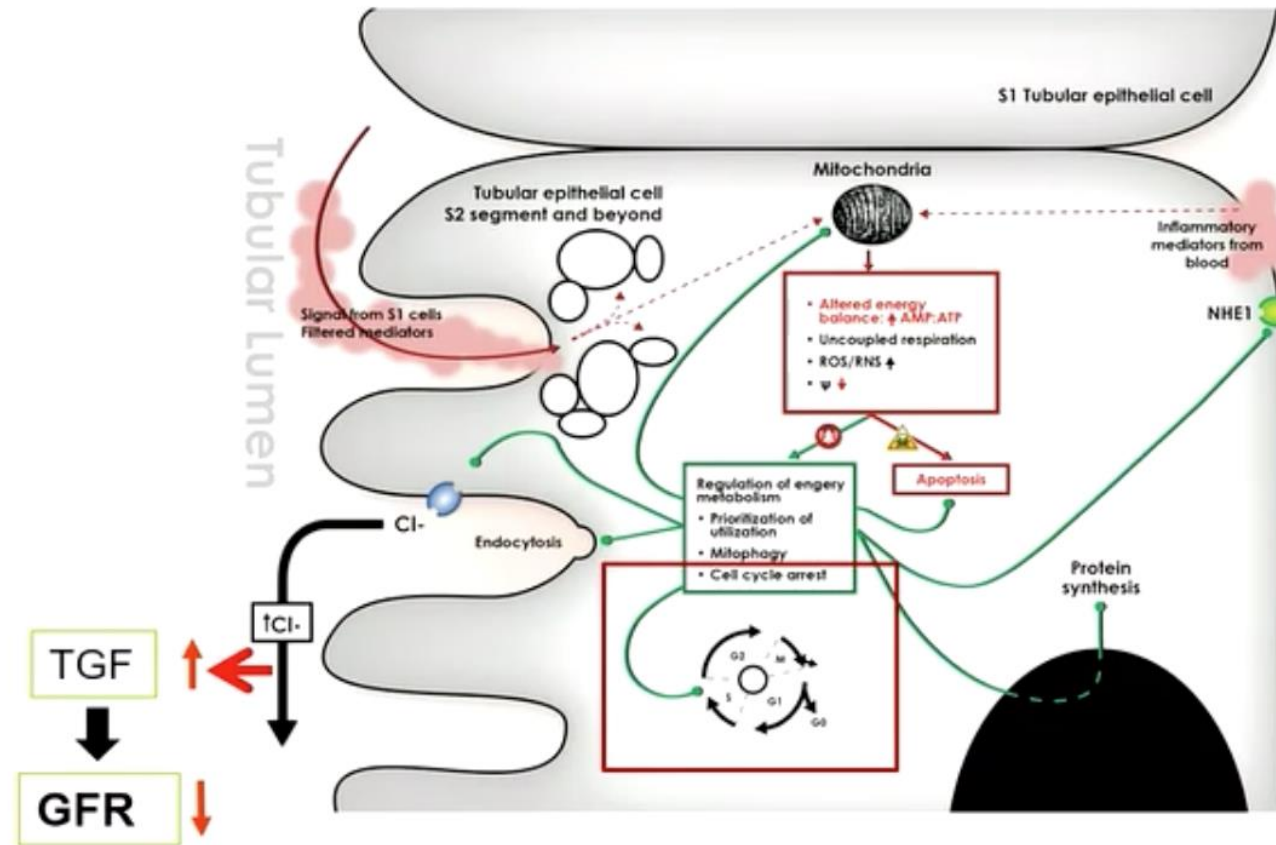
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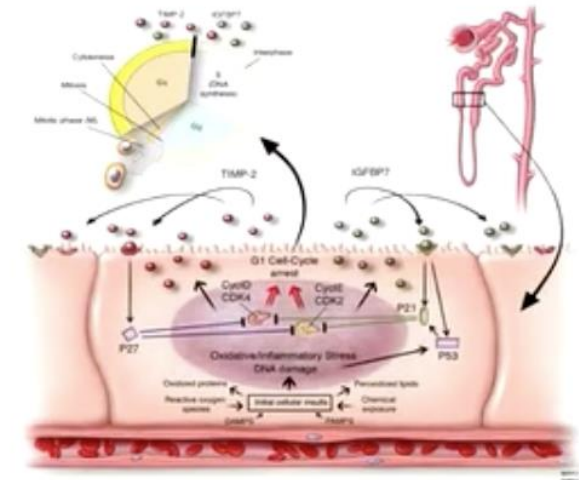
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Cell cycle arrest proteins (TIMP-2, IGFBP7) as biomarkers for AKI

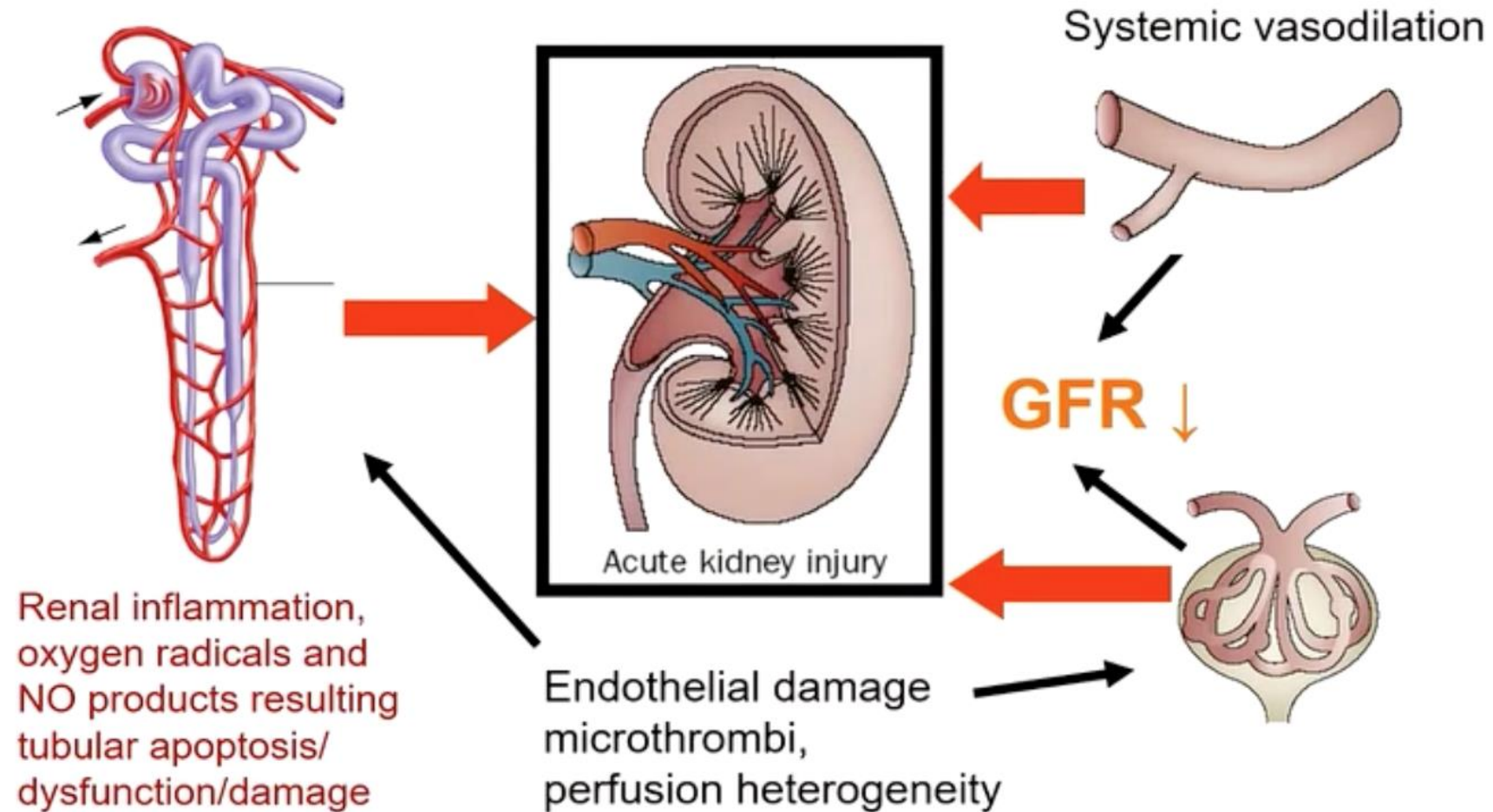


Kashani K et al, Crit Care 2013

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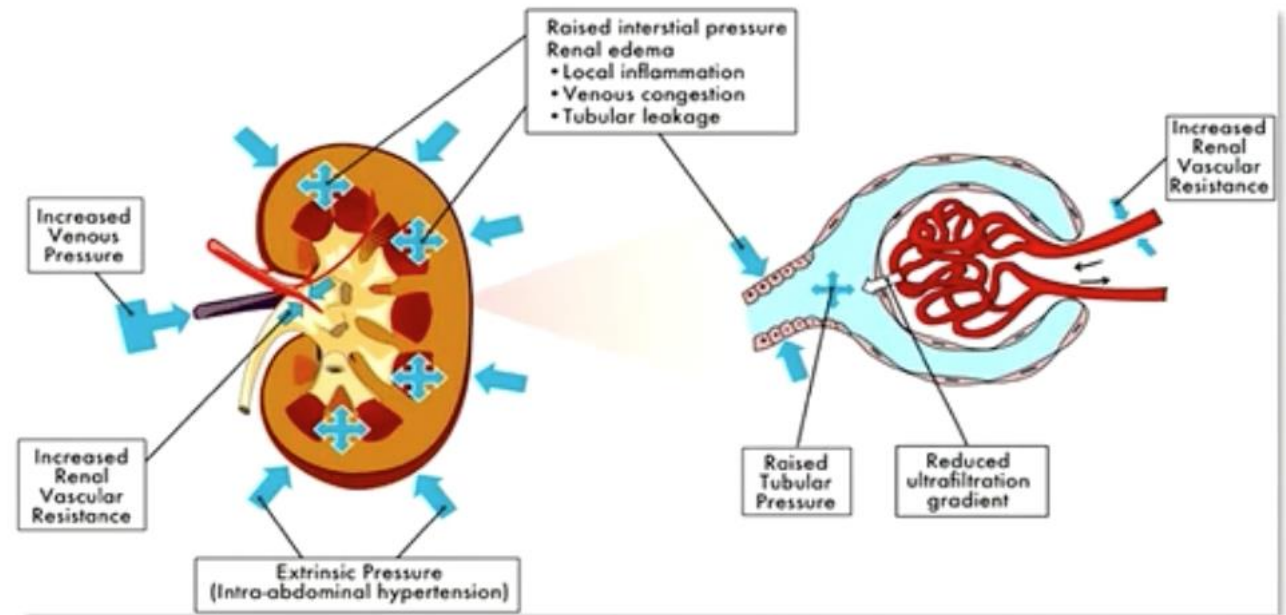
Fluid overload

Hospital acquired generalised interstitial edema



Lyons W. Crit Care Med 2000

Lyons W. J Trauma 2002



Perner A et al, *Intensive Care Med* (2017) 43:807–815



Peripheral Edema, Central Venous Pressure, and Risk of AKI in Critical Illness.

Incidence of AKI severity according to **peripheral edema** severity.

12,778 critically ill adult patients

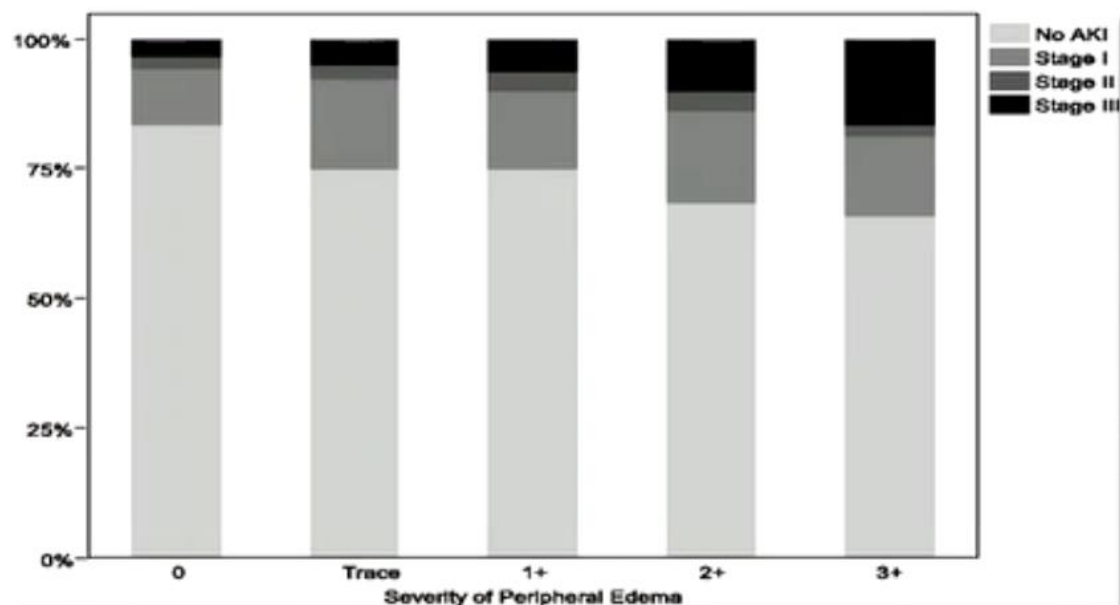
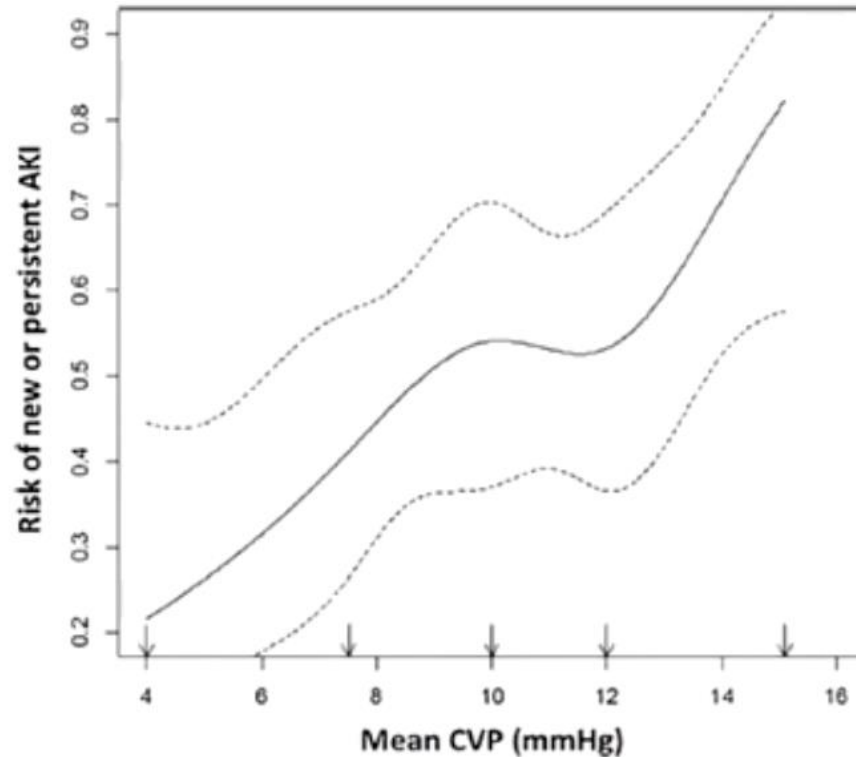


Table 4. Admission central venous pressure and subsequent risk of AKI

Risk	≤7 cm/H ₂ O	>7 to ≤10 cm/H ₂ O	>10 to ≤13 cm/H ₂ O	>13 cm/H ₂ O	Per 1 cm H ₂ O positive
N, % AKI	275 (21)	275 (22)	227 (23)	312 (26)	—
Odds ratio	Ref	1.06	1.08	1.18	1.02
95% CI		0.86 to 1.29	0.87 to 1.29	0.96 to 1.33	1.00 to 1.03
P value		0.57	0.46	0.09	0.02



Association between systemic hemodynamics and septic acute kidney injury in critically ill patients: a retrospective observational study

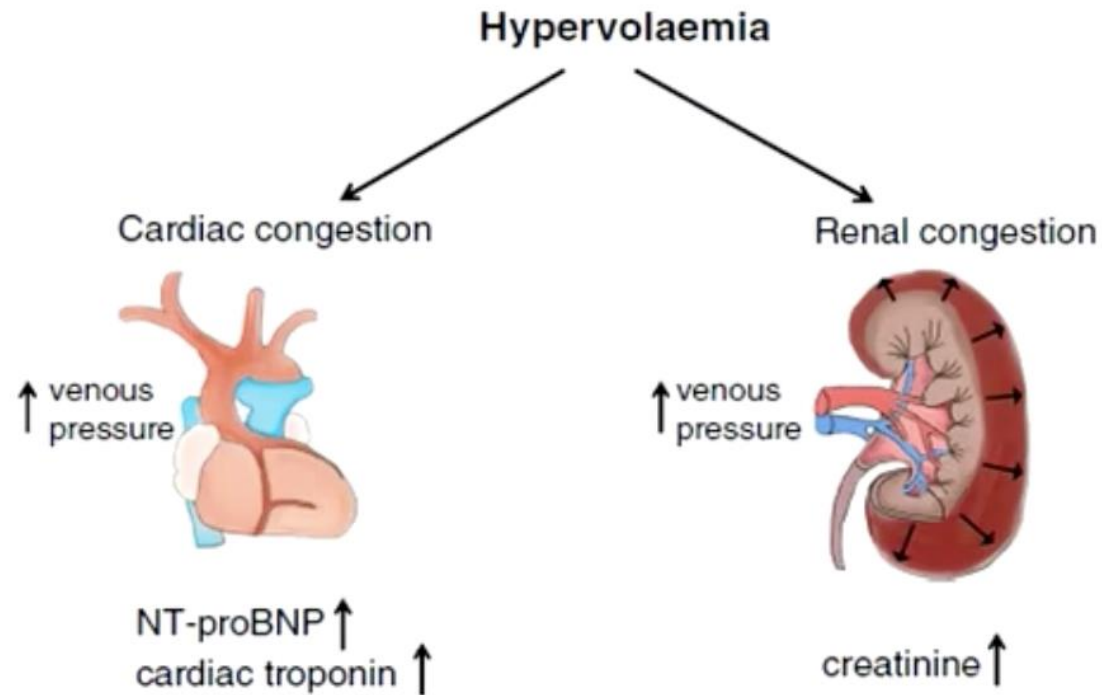


Statistical model of nonparametric logistic regression showing the relationship between mean central venous pressure during the first 24 hours after admission and the probability of new or persistent acute kidney injury.

Note the plateau for the incidence of acute kidney injury (AKI) when the lower limit of central venous pressure (CVP) was between 8 and 12 mmHg. Over this limit, the rise in CVP was associated with a sharp increase in new or persistent AKI incidence.



Cardiac biomarkers are associated with maximum stage of acute kidney injury in critically ill patients: a prospective analysis



Haines et al. Critical Care (2017) 21:88



Maintenance fluid therapy and fluid creep impose more significant fluid, sodium, and chloride burdens than resuscitation fluids in critically ill patients: a retrospective study in a tertiary mixed ICU population

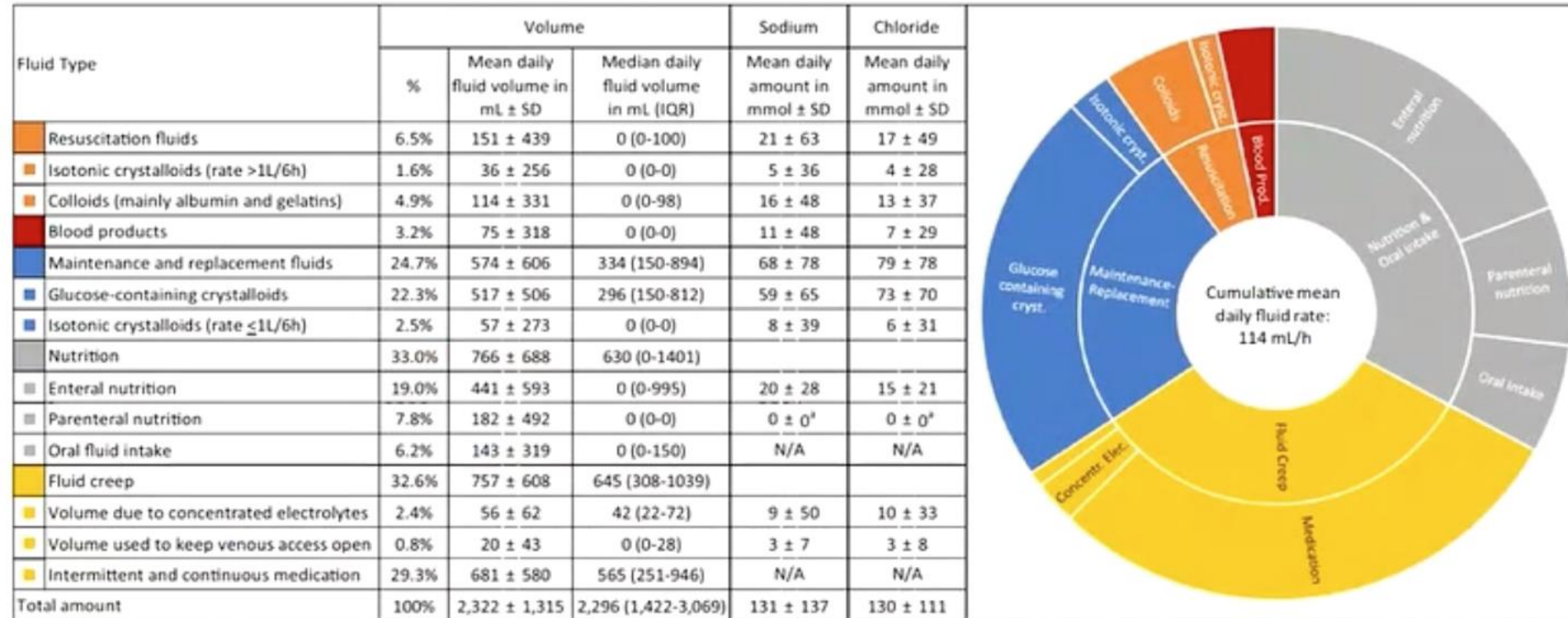


Fig. 1 Proportion, mean, and median fluid volumes, and mean sodium and chloride burdens of the different fluid types (average of 14,654 patients on their cumulative 103,098 days of ICU stay), including a graphic representation of the distribution of the different mean daily fluid volumes. Mean duration of one ICU day, 20.3 ± 6.7 h. SD standard deviation, IQR interquartile range, N/A data not available. ^aTo ensure optimal electrolyte management in our ICU, only electrolyte-free formulas of parenteral nutrition are prescribed, with separate administration of electrolytes



Restrictive fluid management versus usual care in acute kidney injury (REVERSE-AKI): a pilot randomized controlled feasibility trial

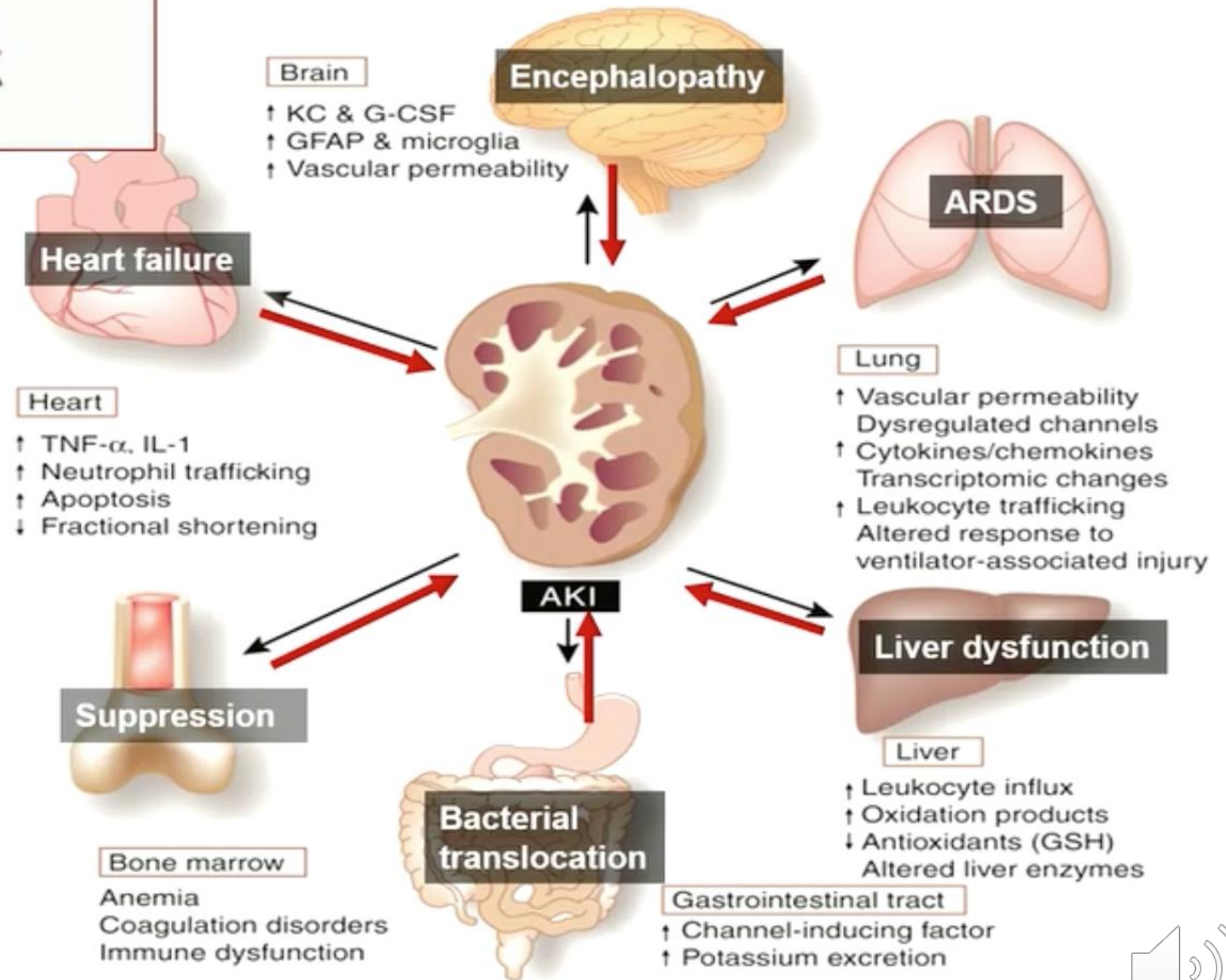
Table 2 Primary and secondary outcomes (adjusted for stratification variables)

Outcome	Restrictive fluid management (n = 49)	Usual care (n = 51)	Restrictive fluid management vs usual care (95% CI) ^a	P value ^b
Cumulative fluid balance at 72 h from randomization, mean (SD) mL ^c	− 1080 (2003)	61 (3131)	− 1148 (− 2200; − 97)	0.033
Duration of AKI (days), median [IQR] ^d	2 [1–3]	3 [2–7]	− 1 (− 3; 0)	0.071
Number of patients-receiving RRT, n (%) ^e	6/46 (13)	15/50 (30)	0.42 (0.16; 0.91)	0.043
Cumulative fluid balance at 24 h from randomization, mean (SD) mL ^c	− 416 (1194)	409 (1566)	− 822 (− 1381; − 264)	0.004
Cumulative fluid balance at ICU discharge/day 7, mean (SD) mL ^c	− 2166 (2988)	− 650 (4469)	− 1532 (− 3036; − 29)	0.046
Cumulative dose of furosemide per day, median [IQR] mg ^f	0 (0–19)	1.4 (0–26.2)	0 (− 11; 5.7)	0.700

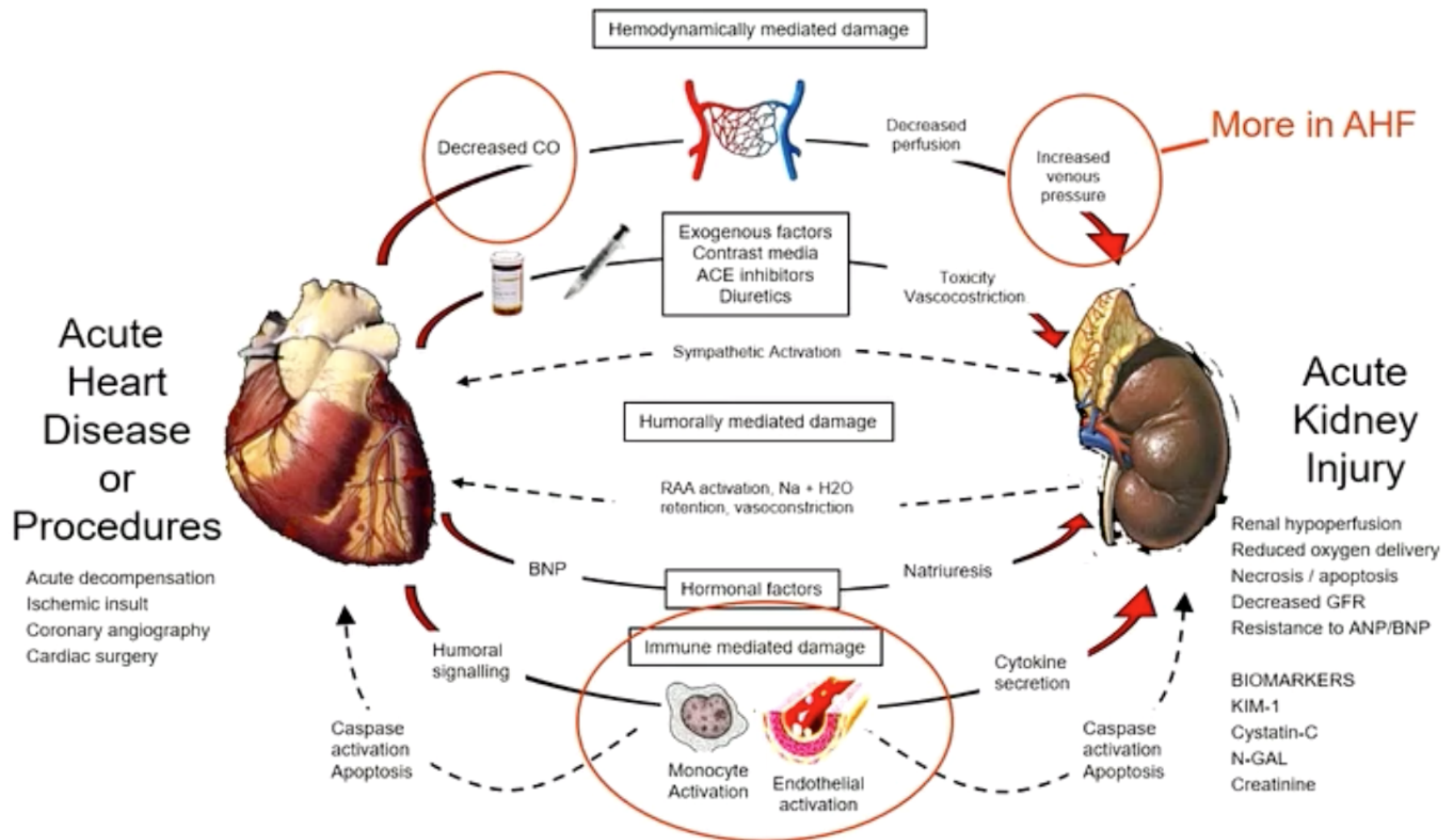
AKI acute kidney injury, RRT renal replacement therapy



Organ cross-talk

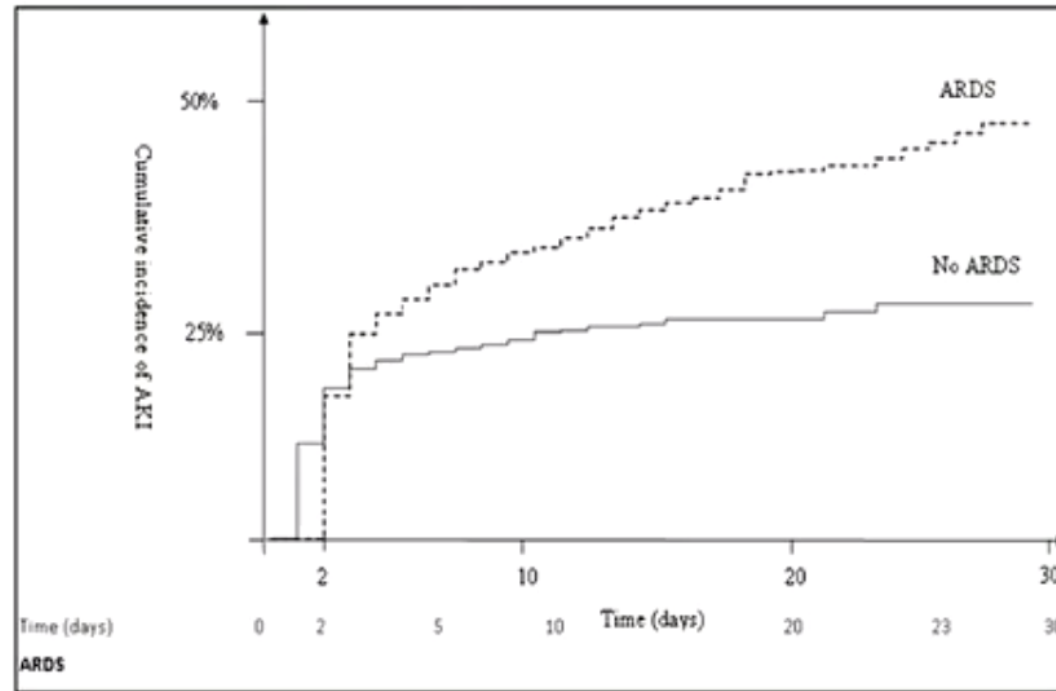


Pathophysiology of CRS Type 1



Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome and Risk of AKI among Critically Ill Patients

Cumulative risk of AKI in patients with and without ARDS

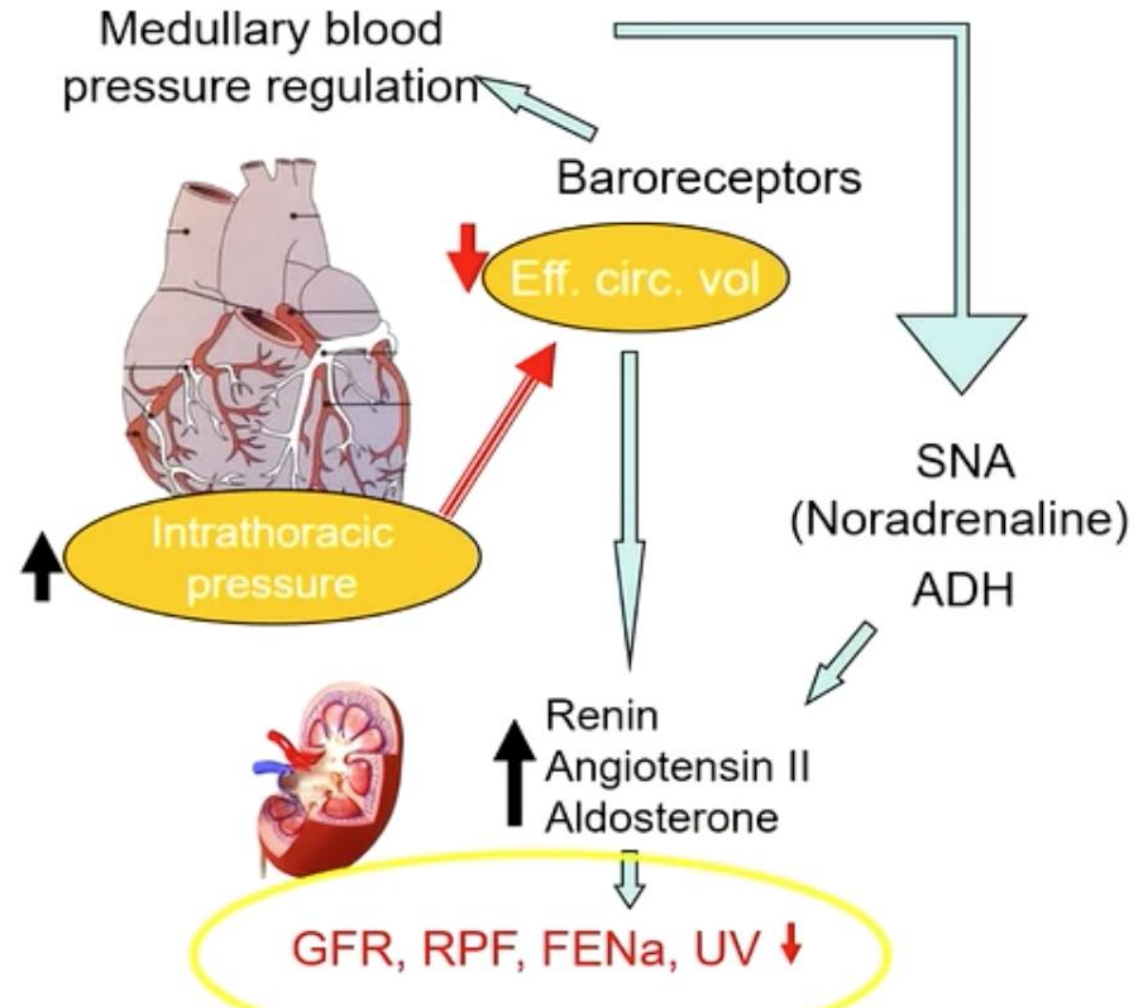


Patients with ARDS, who developed AKI had a higher hospital mortality rate than those without AKI (42.3% versus 20.2%; $P < 0.001$)

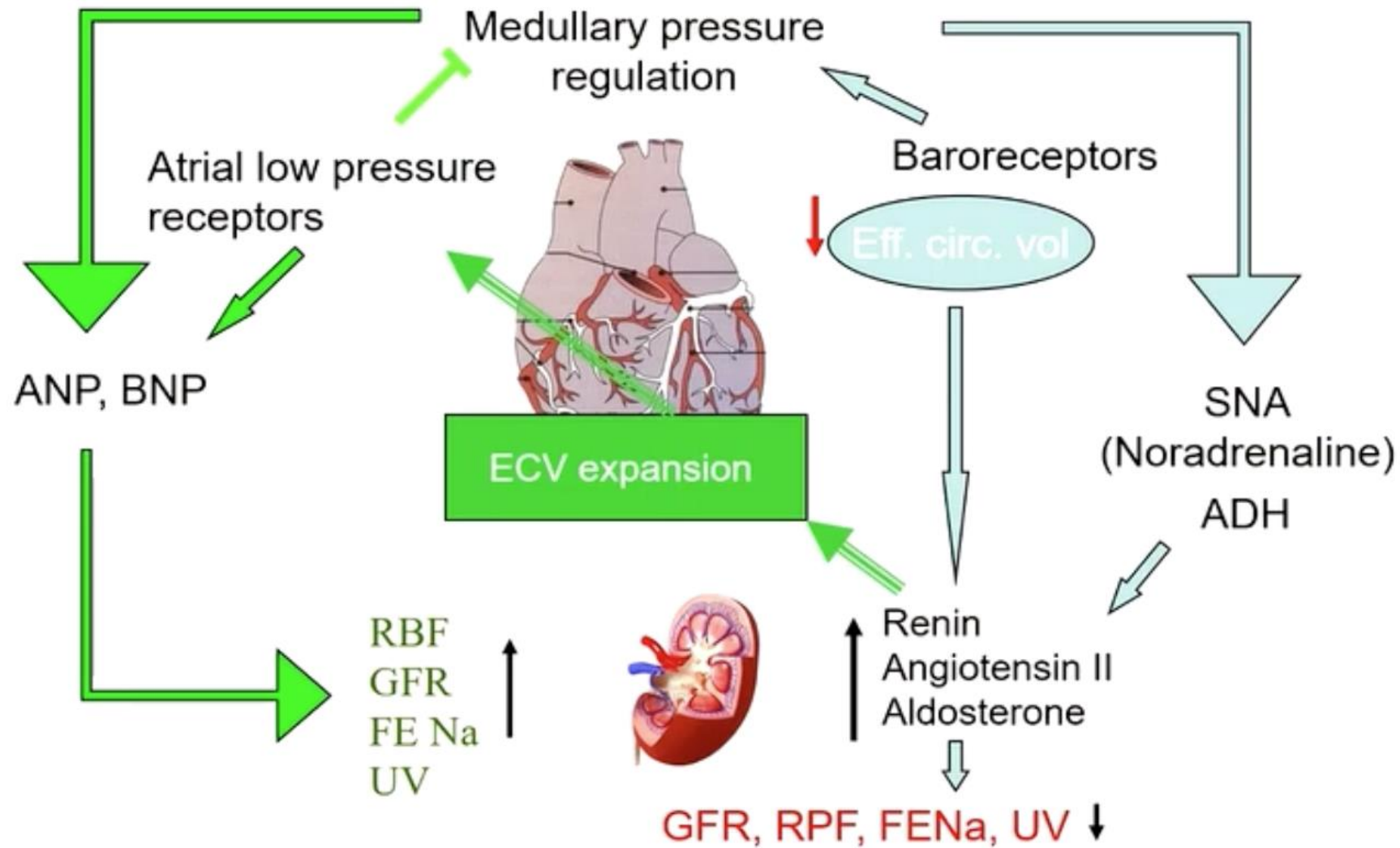
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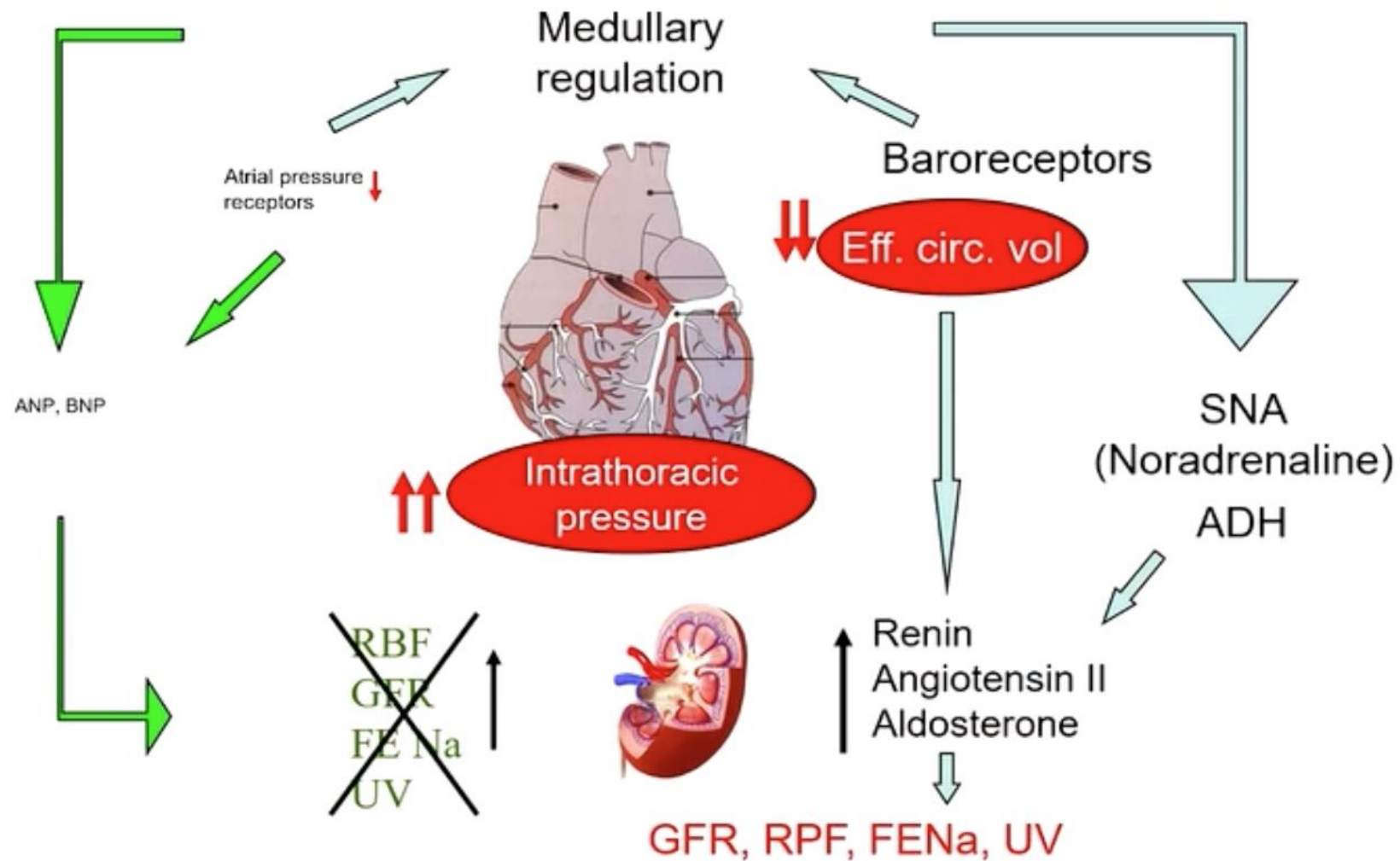
Effects of mechanical ventilation on renal function



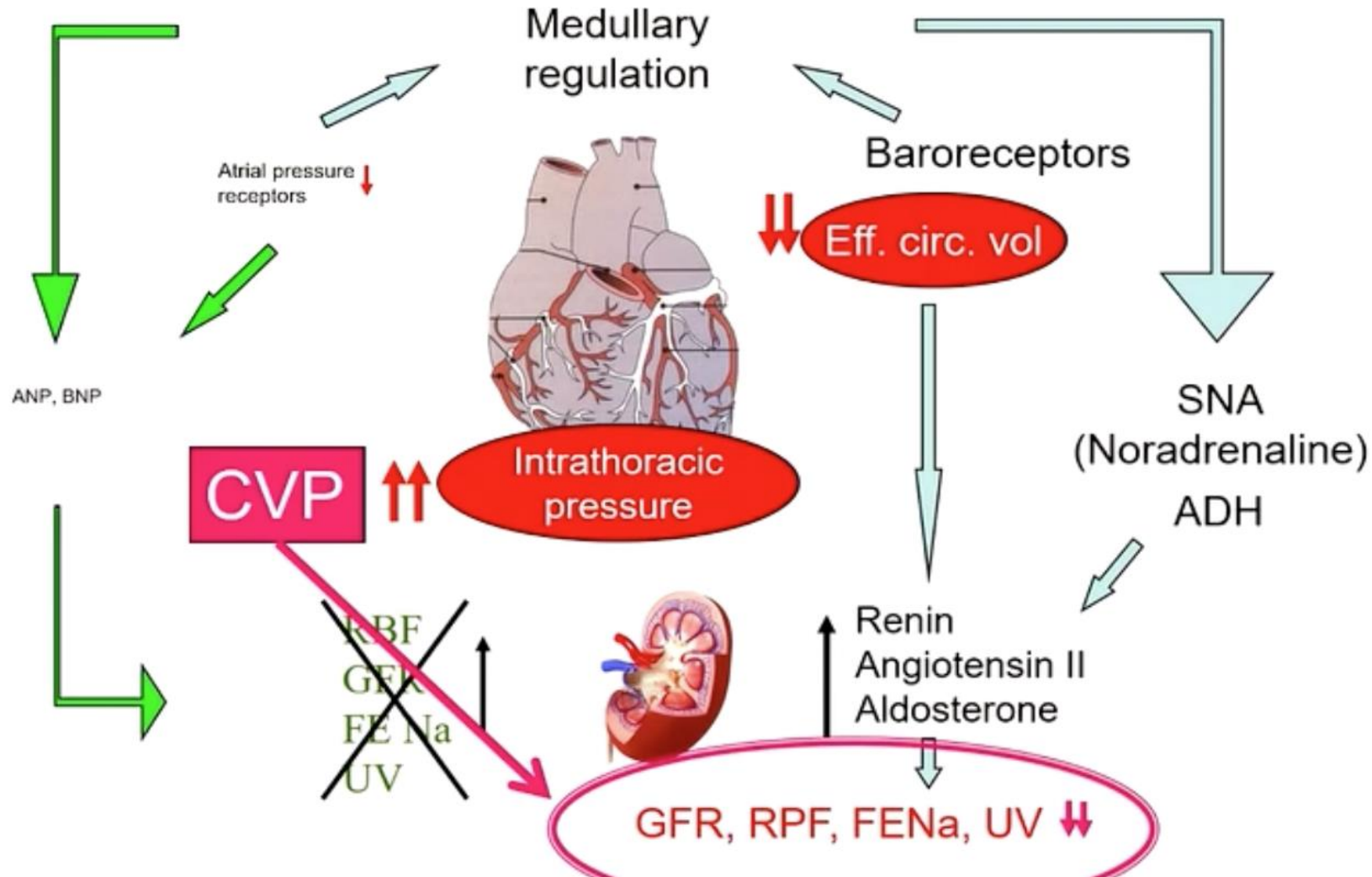
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Effects of mechanical ventilation on renal function (high airway pressures)

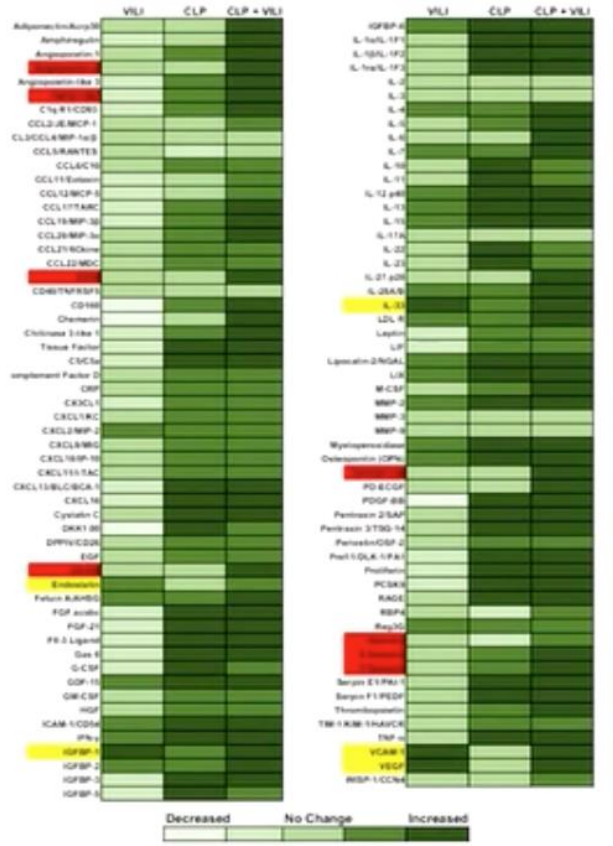


Effects of mechanical ventilation on renal function (high airway pressures)



Ventilator-induced lung injury increases expression of endothelial inflammatory mediators in the kidney

Proteome array analysis of inflammatory mediator levels in different injury models (mice)



- sham
- ventilator induced lung injury (VILI)
- cecal ligation and puncture (CLP)
- CLP+VILI ($n = 4$ for each group)

2x upregulated proteins:

Resistin
E-Selectin
P-Selectin
Angiopoietin 2
TNFRSF11B
TNFRSF13B
CD14
CD105

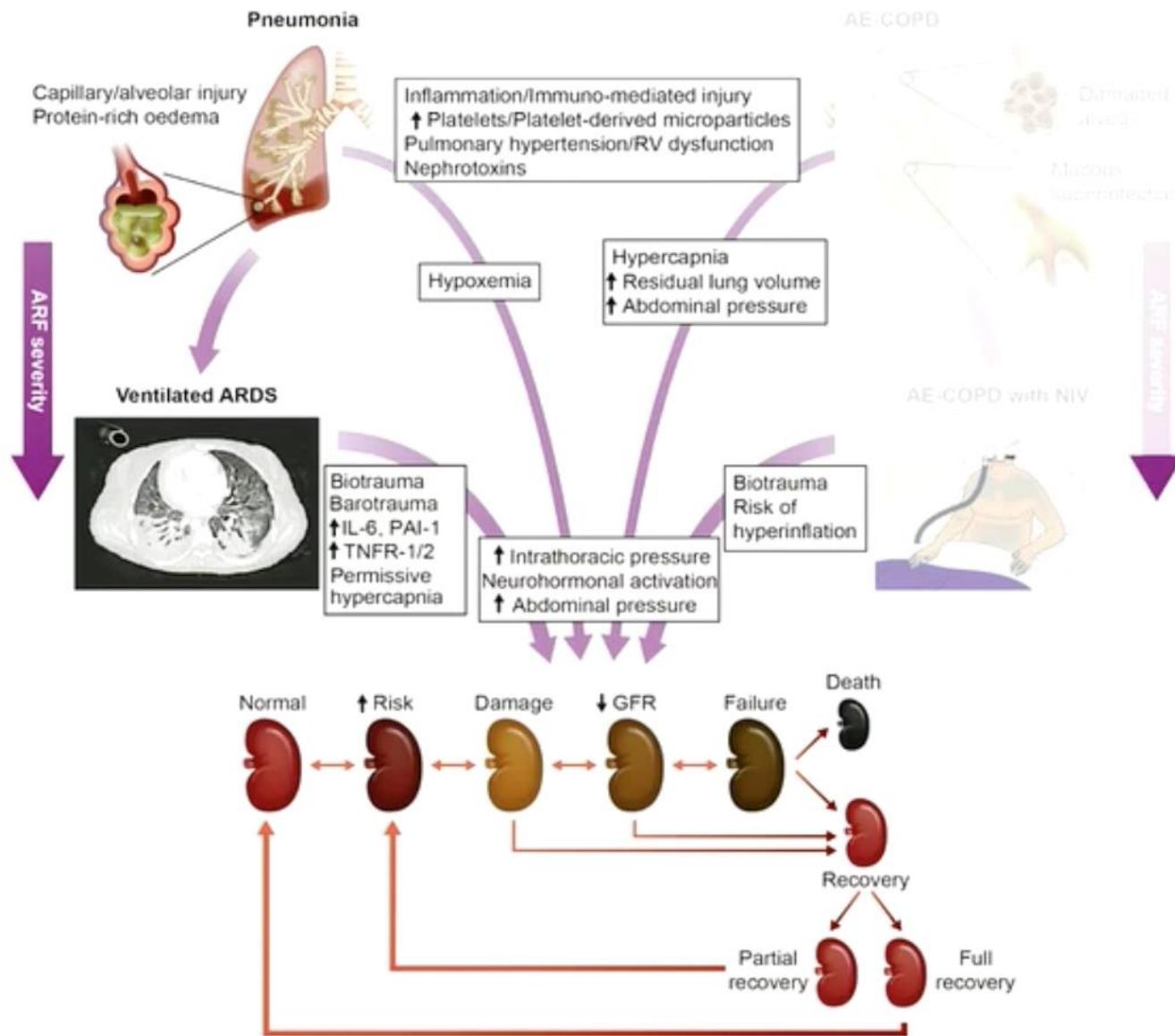
Increased proteins:

IGFBP1
VCAM-1
VEGF
IL-33
CLCX2/MIP-2

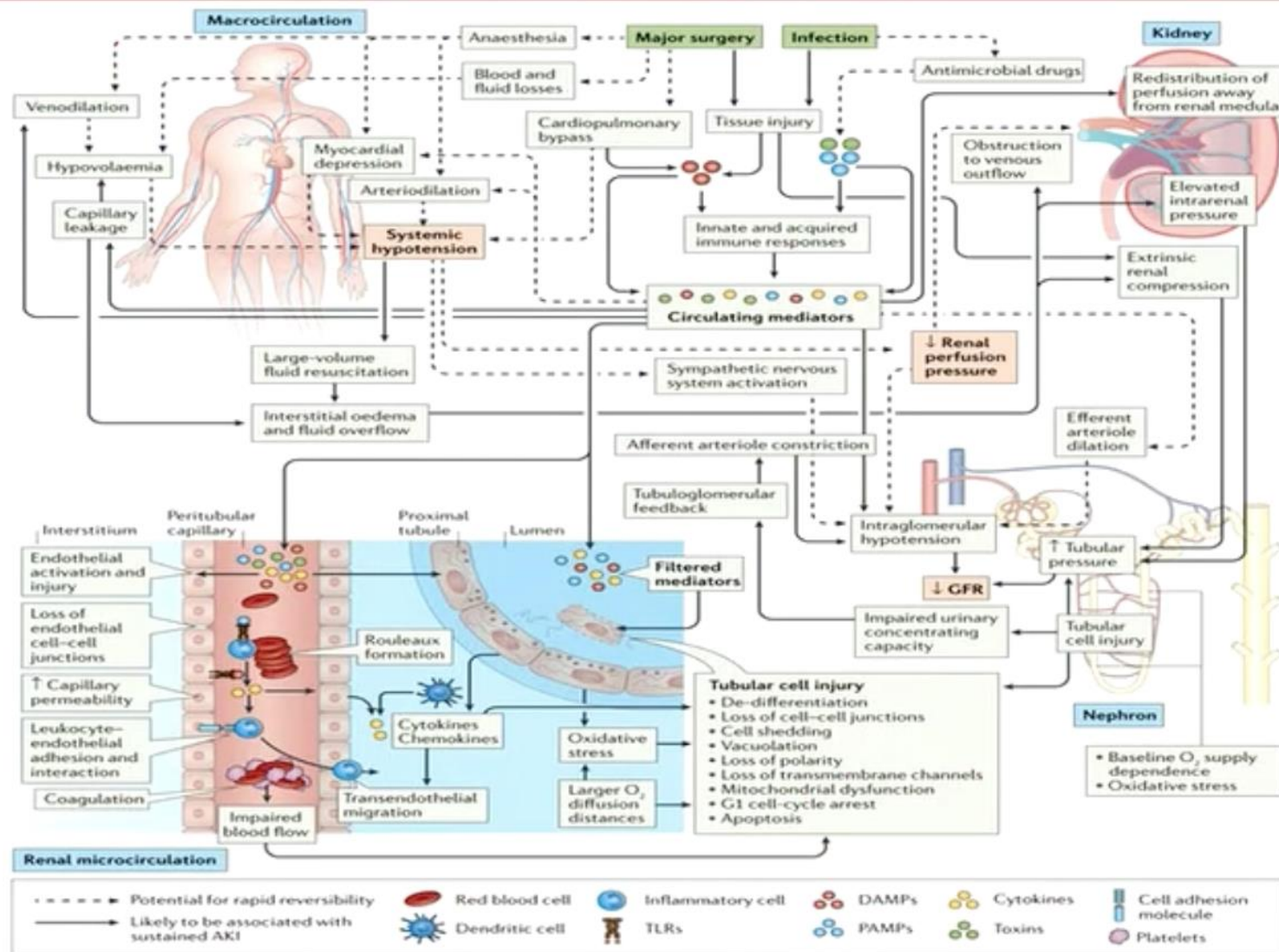
Hepokoski M et al, Am J Physiol Renal Physiol. 2017 Apr 1; 312(4): F654–F660.



Possible effects of acute respiratory failure and invasive/non-invasive ventilation on renal function

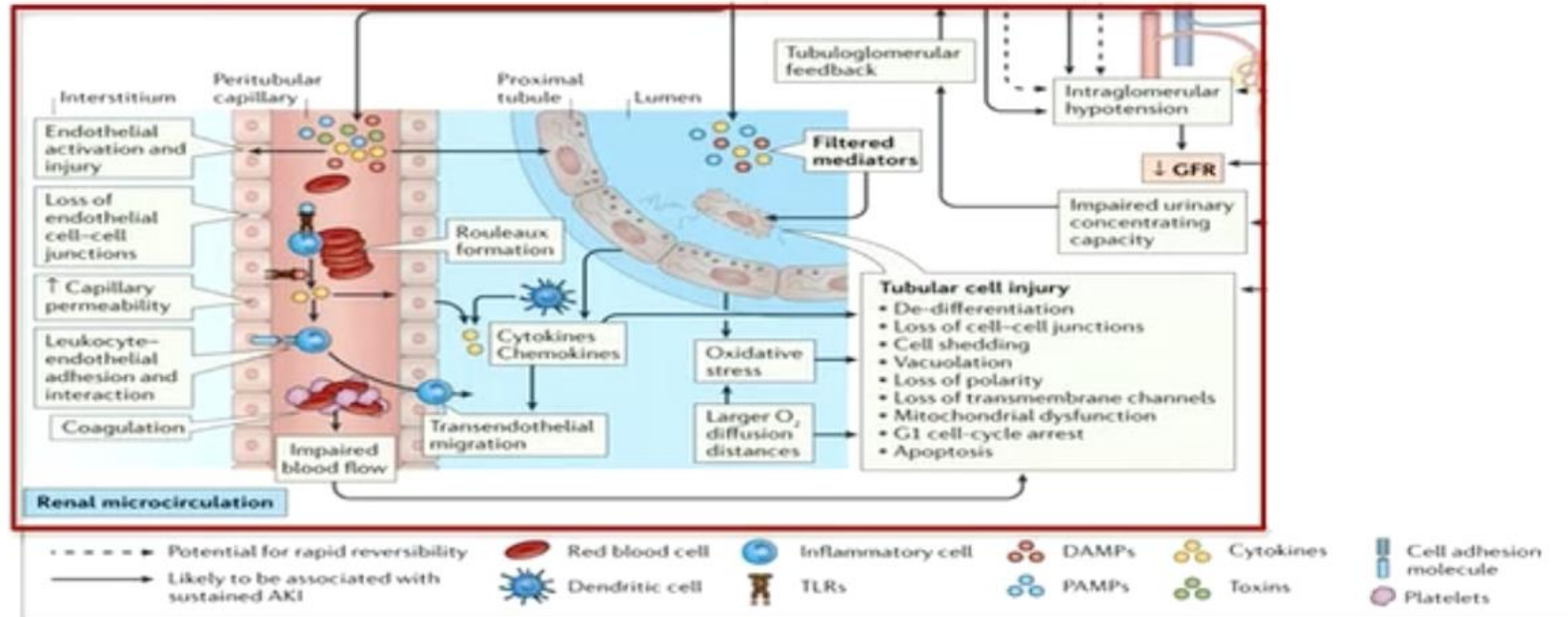


Pathophysiology of AKI



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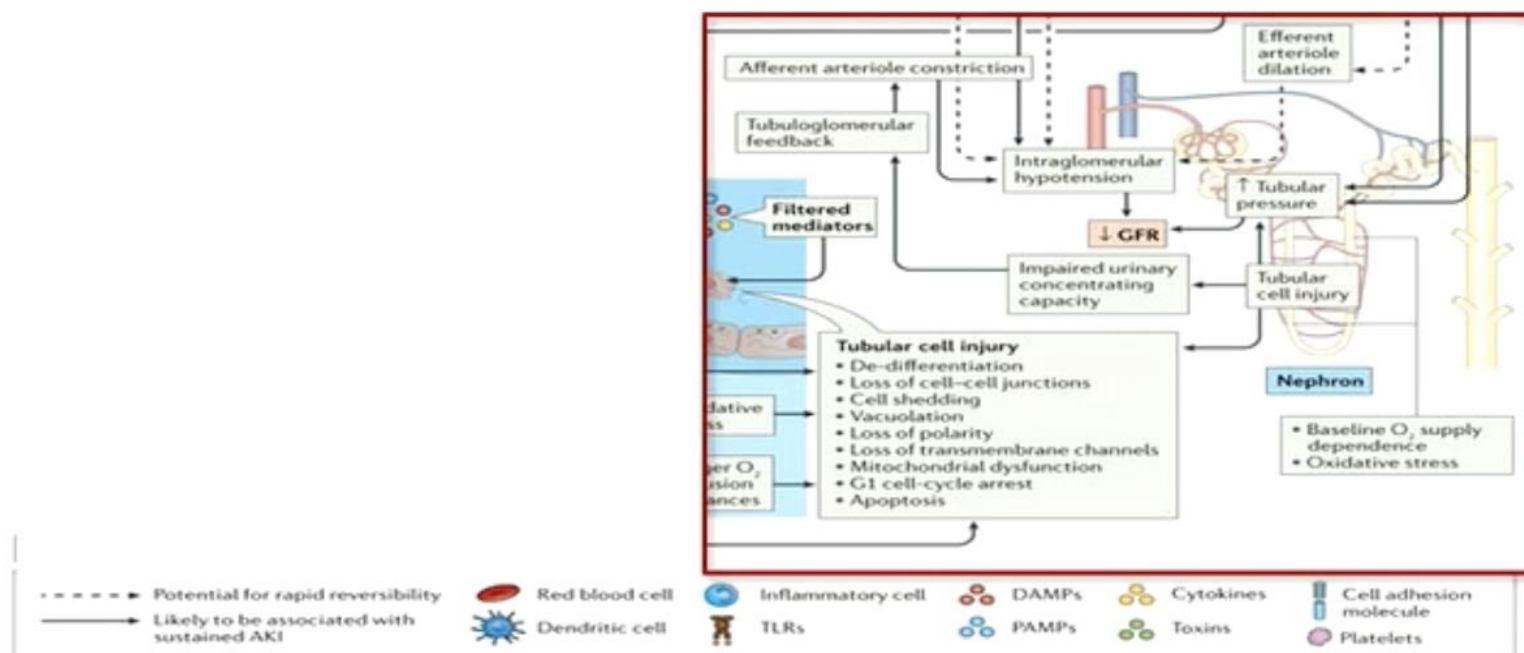
- Tubular cell damage (hypoxia, toxins, DAMP/PAMPS, O₂ radicals)
- Tubulo-Interstitial inflammation
- Impaired microcirculation



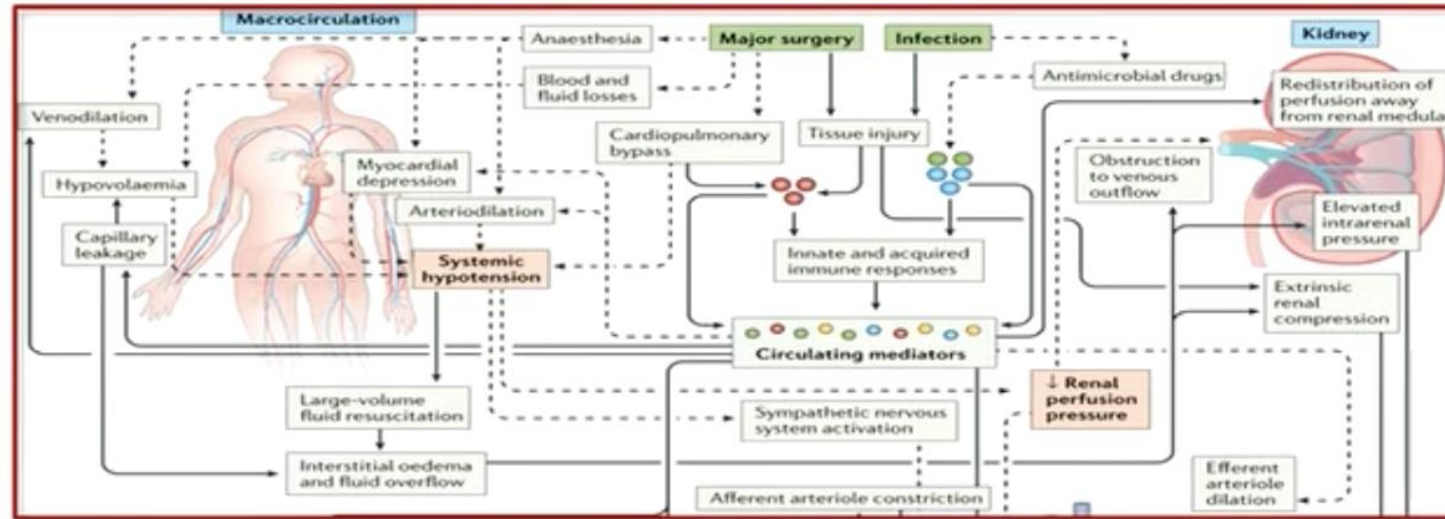
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Reduced GFR due to:

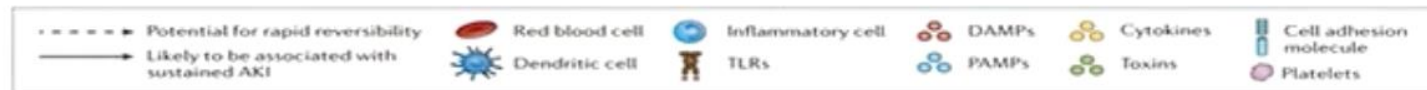
- Intraglomerular hypotension
- Increased tubular pressure
- Intrarenal edema
- Tubuloglomerular feedback (TGF)



Pathophysiology of AKI



Reduced kidney perfusion (shock, cardiac failure)
and/or
Reduced perfusion of renal medulla



Kellum J & Prowle J Nature Reviews Nephrol 2018

Nature Reviews | Nephrology



AKI : A Broad Clinical Syndrome

We Can Define AKI...

Stages defined by
creatinine and
urine output
are surrogates

But

**Etiology in the Critically Ill is
Multifactorial.**

Thus,

**We Cannot Expect a Single
Pathomechanism**

Antecedents
Intermediate Stage
AKI
Outcomes



Complications

Death

Markers such
as NGAL, KIM-1,
and IL-18 are
surrogates



Thank You

