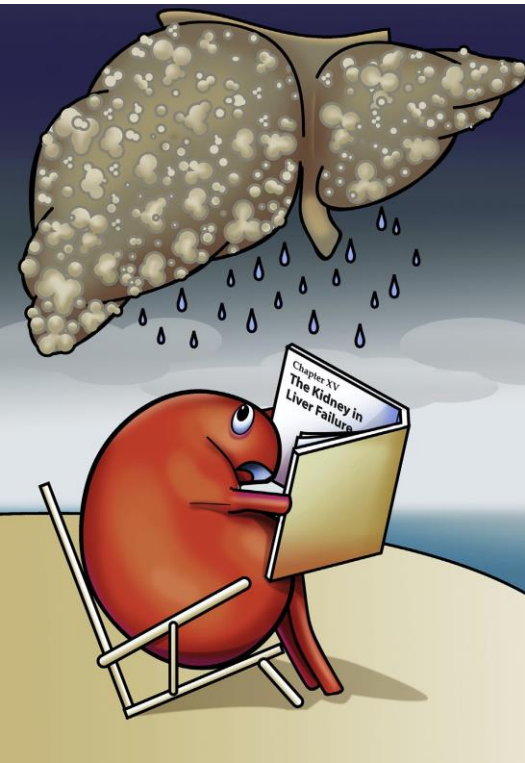


# Update in AKI in Patients with Cirrhosis



## *Kidney Dysfunction in Patients with Cirrhosis: ADQI-ICA Consensus Conference*

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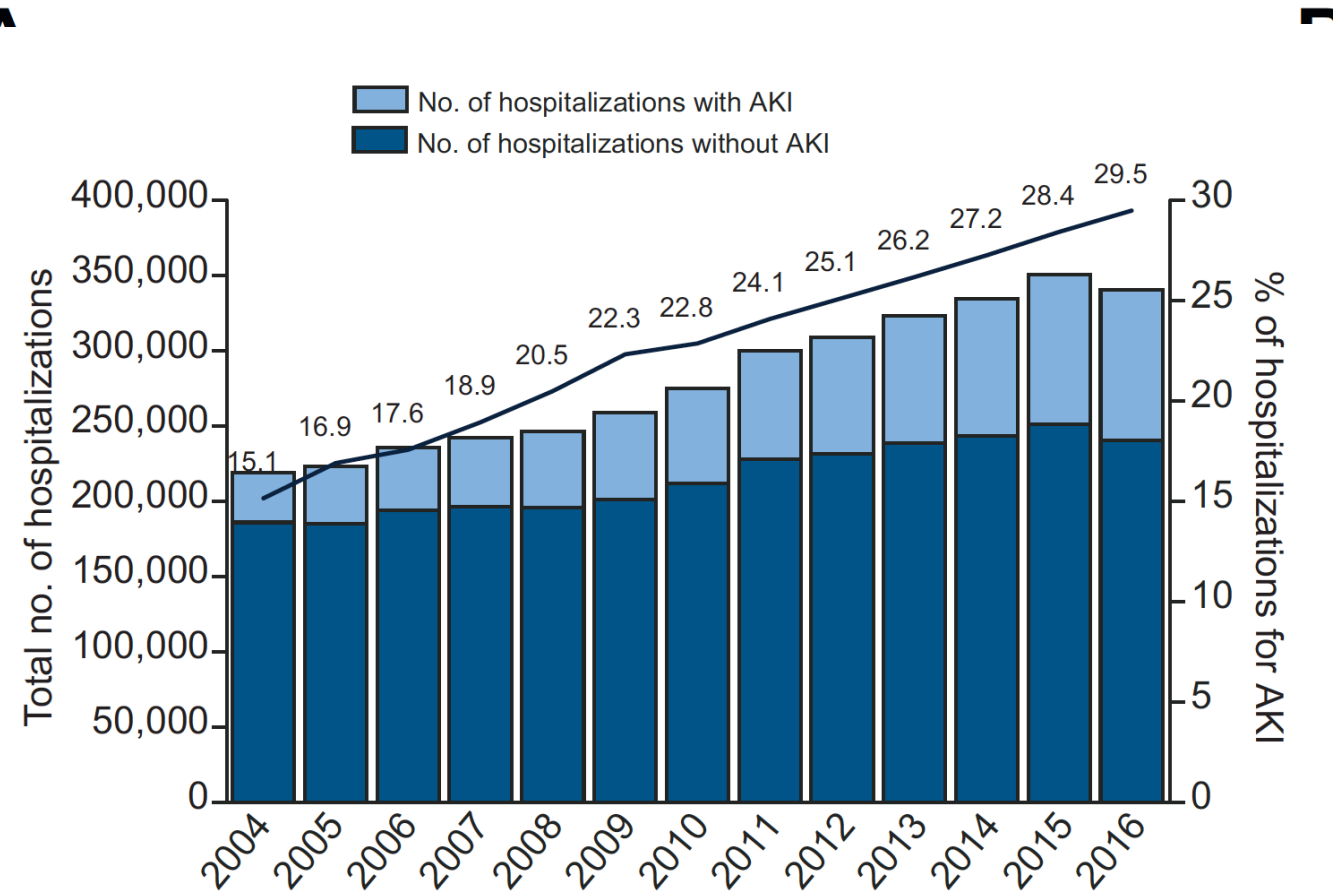


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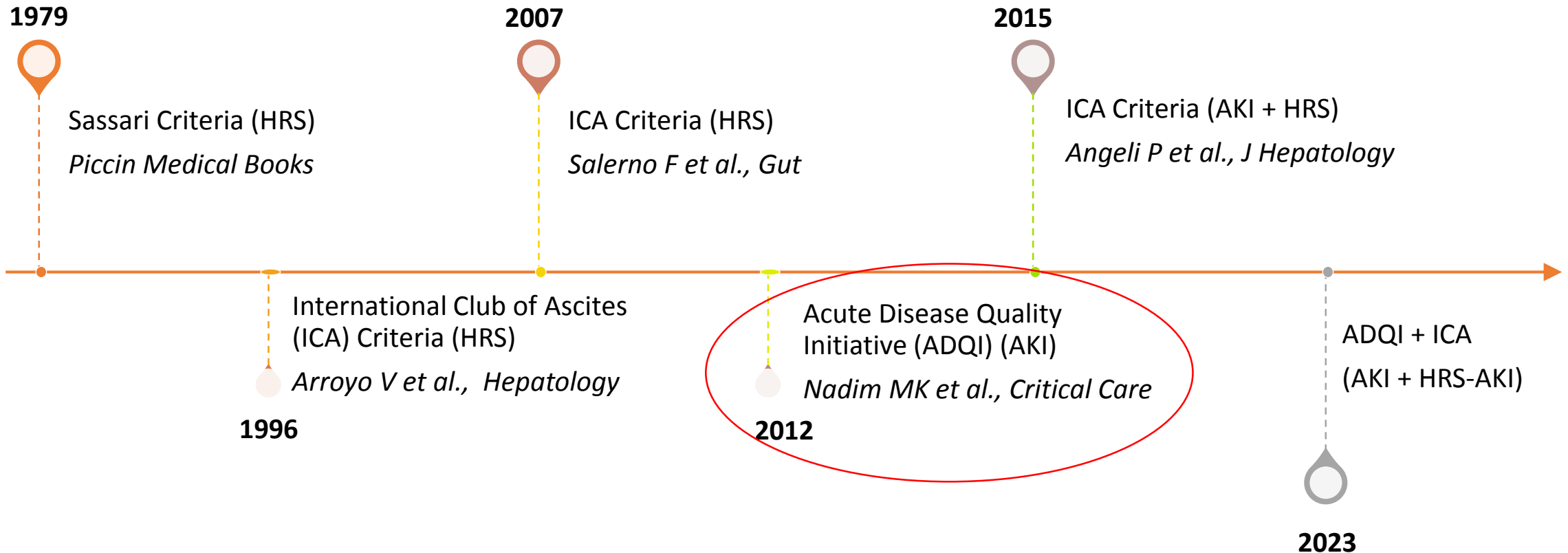


## Changing epidemiology and outcomes of acute kidney injury in hospitalized patients with cirrhosis – a US population-based study

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# Evolution of AKI / HRS Definition



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TABLE 1. The Sassari's Diagnostic Criteria of Hepatorenal Syndrome

Major criteria

Renal insufficiency (plasma creatinine >1.5 mg/dL) that progresses over days or weeks in the presence of severe liver disease and in the absence of recognized nephrotoxic agents.  
Tubular function initially intact as measured by:  
U/P Osm >1.0  
U/P creatinine >30  
UNa remarkably low: <10 mEq/L, often <5 mEq/L  
The above findings undergo no sustained improvement with expansion of the intravascular space to achieve a central venous pressure up to 10 cm H<sub>2</sub>O.

Additional Minor Criteria

The urine may or may not contain trace amounts of protein and the sediment may or may not contain hyaline and/or granular casts.  
Urine volume usually small (<800 mL/d) but not invariably so.  
The onset of renal failure may occur spontaneously in the course of liver disease or may be associated with infection or bleeding, paracentesis, diuretic therapy or other forms of volume loss.  
The initial characteristics of the renal failure may be followed in a few to several days by tubular dysfunction characterized by isotonic urine, increased UNa, and a fall in U/P creatinine. These changes may be accompanied by an accelerated increase in plasma creatinine concentration.  
Post-mortem renal histology is variable, nonspecific and may be normal.



TABLE 2. International Ascites Club's Diagnostic Criteria of Hepatorenal Syndrome

Major Criteria

Chronic or acute liver disease with advanced hepatic failure and portal hypertension.  
Low glomerular filtration rate, as indicated by serum creatinine of >1.5 mg/dL or 24-h creatinine clearance <40 mL/min.  
Absence of shock, ongoing bacterial infection, and current or recent treatment with nephrotoxic drugs. Absence of gastrointestinal fluid losses (repeated vomiting or intense diarrhea) or renal fluid losses (weight loss >500 g/d for several days in patients with ascites without peripheral edema or 1,000 g/d in patients with peripheral edema).  
No sustained improvement in renal function (decrease in serum creatinine to 1.5 mg/dL or less or increase in creatinine clearance to 40 mL/min or more) following diuretic withdrawal and expansion of plasma volume with 1.5 L of isotonic saline.  
Proteinuria <500 mg/dL and no ultrasonographic evidence of obstructive uropathy or parenchymal renal disease.

Additional Criteria

Urine volume <500 mL/d.  
Urine sodium <10 mEq/L.  
Urine osmolality greater than plasma osmolality.  
Urine red blood cells <50 per high power field.  
Serum sodium concentration <130 mEq/L.



New diagnostic hepatorenal syndrome criteria in cirrhosis

- ▶ Cirrhosis with ascites.
- ▶ Serum creatinine >133 μmol/l (1.5 mg/dl).
- ▶ No improvement of serum creatinine (decrease to a level of ≤133 μmol/l) after at least 2 days with diuretic withdrawal and volume expansion with albumin. The recommended dose of albumin is 1 g/kg of body weight per day up to a maximum of 100 g/day.
- ▶ Absence of shock.
- ▶ No current or recent treatment with nephrotoxic drugs.
- ▶ Absence of parenchymal kidney disease as indicated by proteinuria >500 mg/day, microhaematuria (>50 red blood cells per high power field) and/or abnormal renal ultrasonography.





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# Hepatorenal syndrome: the 8<sup>th</sup> international consensus conference of the Acute Dialysis Quality Initiative (ADQI) Group

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Diagnosis	Definition
AKI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\uparrow</math> Scr <math>\geq</math> 50% from baseline or <math>\uparrow</math> Scr <math>\geq</math> 0.3mg/dL &lt; 48 hours</li> <li>• HRS Type I is a specific form of AKI</li> </ul>
CKD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GFR &lt; 60ml/min for &gt; 3 month, calculated by MDRD-6</li> <li>• HRS Type II is a specific form of CKD</li> </ul>



## Baseline SCr

- Stable SCr  $\leq$  3 months
- If not available, a stable SCr closest to the current one
- If no previous SCr at all, use admission SCr

## Definition of AKI

- Increase in SCr  $\geq$  26.5  $\mu$ mol/l (0.3 mg/dl) < 48 h, or
- Increase 50% from baseline

## Stages of AKI based on KDIGO Scr Criteria

UO criteria were not included because (a) these patients are frequently oliguric with avid sodium retention (b) may have an increased UO because of diuretics, and (c) on a regular ward, urine collection is often inaccurate

## Stages of AKI based on AKIN Scr Criteria

## Diagnosis and management of acute kidney injury in patients with cirrhosis: Revised consensus recommendations of the International Club of Ascites<sup>☆</sup>

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## HRS-AKI

- Diagnosis of cirrhosis and ascites
- Diagnosis of AKI according to ICA-AKI criteria
- No response after 2 consecutive days of diuretic withdrawal and plasma volume expansion with albumin 1 g per kg of body weight
- Absence of shock
- No current or recent use of nephrotoxic drugs (NSAIDs, aminoglycosides, iodinated contrast media, etc.)
- No macroscopic signs of structural kidney injury\*, defined as:
  - absence of proteinuria (>500 mg/day)
  - absence of microhaematuria (>50 RBCs per high power field),
  - normal findings on renal ultrasonography

\*Patients who fulfil these criteria may still have structural damage such as tubular damage. Urine biomarkers will become an important element in making a more accurate differential diagnosis between HRS and acute tubular necrosis.







	<u>UO Only</u>				
<u>SC Only</u>	<u>No AKI</u>	<u>Stage 1</u>	<u>Stage 2</u>	<u>Stage 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>No AKI</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Patients, no.</u>	<u>604<sup>a</sup></u>	<u>235<sup>b</sup></u>	<u>563<sup>b</sup></u>	<u>54<sup>b</sup></u>	<u>1456</u>
<u>Dead (%)</u>	<u>4.97</u>	<u>6.38</u>	<u>8.17</u>	<u>22.22</u>	<u>7.07</u>
<u>Stage 1</u>	-	-	-	-	
<u>Patients, no.</u>	<u>212<sup>c</sup></u>	<u>131<sup>d</sup></u>	<u>496<sup>d</sup></u>	<u>168<sup>d</sup></u>	<u>1007</u>
<u>Dead (%)</u>	<u>8.96</u>	<u>12.21</u>	<u>14.31</u>	<u>34.52</u>	<u>16.29</u>
<u>Stage 2</u>	-	-	-	-	
<u>Patients, no.</u>	<u>59<sup>c</sup></u>	<u>41<sup>e</sup></u>	<u>230<sup>e</sup></u>	<u>162<sup>e</sup></u>	<u>492</u>
<u>Dead (%)</u>	<u>15.25</u>	<u>24.39</u>	<u>23.48</u>	<u>40.74</u>	<u>28.25</u>
<u>Stage 3</u>	-	-	-	-	
<u>Patients, no.</u>	<u>30<sup>c</sup></u>	<u>43<sup>f</sup></u>	<u>130<sup>f</sup></u>	<u>300<sup>g</sup></u>	<u>503</u>
<u>Dead (%)</u>	<u>13.33</u>	<u>30.47</u>	<u>40.77</u>	<u>48.33</u>	<u>45.33</u>

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# Significance of Oliguria in Critically Ill Patients With Chronic Liver Disease

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## EASL Clinical Practice Guidelines for the management of patients with decompensated cirrhosis<sup>☆</sup>

European Association for the Study of the Liver\*

It should be highlighted that the KDIGO criteria also include criteria based on urinary output in the diagnosis of AKI.... these criteria may also be applied whenever a patient with cirrhosis requires a bladder catheter.

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## Diagnosis, Evaluation, and Management of Ascites, Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis and Hepatorenal Syndrome: 2021 Practice Guidance by the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases

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Measurement of urine volume, a component in the diagnosis of AKI, is important because oliguria is associated with poor prognosis.





## News in pathophysiology, definition and classification of hepatorenal syndrome: A step beyond the International Club of Ascites (ICA) consensus document<sup>☆</sup>

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**Table 1. New classification of HRS subtypes.**

Old classification	New classification	Criteria
HRS-1 <sup>#</sup>	HRS-AKI	a) Absolute increase in sCr $\geq 0.3$ mg/dl within 48 h <i>and/or</i> b) Urinary output $\leq 0.5$ ml/kg B.W. $\geq 6$ h* <i>or</i> c) Percent increase in sCr $\geq 50\%$ using the last available value of outpatient sCr within 3 months as the baseline value
HRS-2 <sup>#</sup>	HRS-NAKI	a) eGFR $< 60$ ml/min per $1.73 \text{ m}^2$ for $< 3$ months in the absence of other (structural) causes b) Percent increase in sCr $< 50\%$ using the last available value of outpatient sCr within 3 months as the baseline value
	HRS-AKD	
	HRS-CKD	a) eGFR $< 60$ ml/min per $1.73 \text{ m}^2$ for $\geq 3$ months in the absence of other (structural) causes

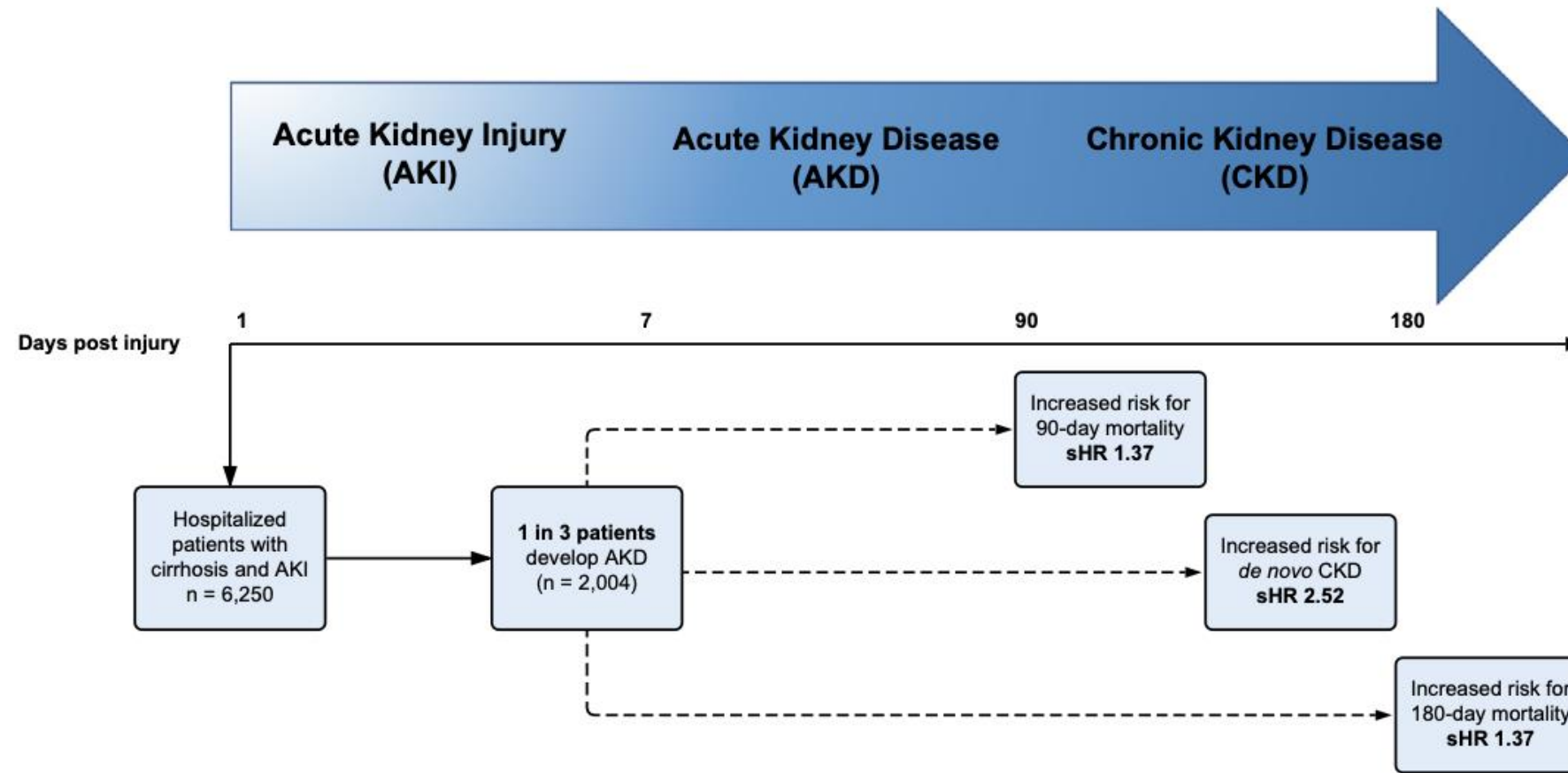






## Acute kidney disease is common and associated with poor outcomes in patients with cirrhosis and acute kidney injury

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## Group 1: Epidemiology, and definition of kidney dysfunction

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1. What is the epidemiology and outcomes of kidney dysfunction in patients with Compensated, Decompensated Cirrhosis, and acute on chronic liver failure (ACLF)?
2. How should the definitions AKI / AKD / CKD / AKI on CKD, and recovery be harmonized with current KDIGO and ICA definitions?
3. What baseline Scr should be used to define AKI?
4. How should HRS be defined?





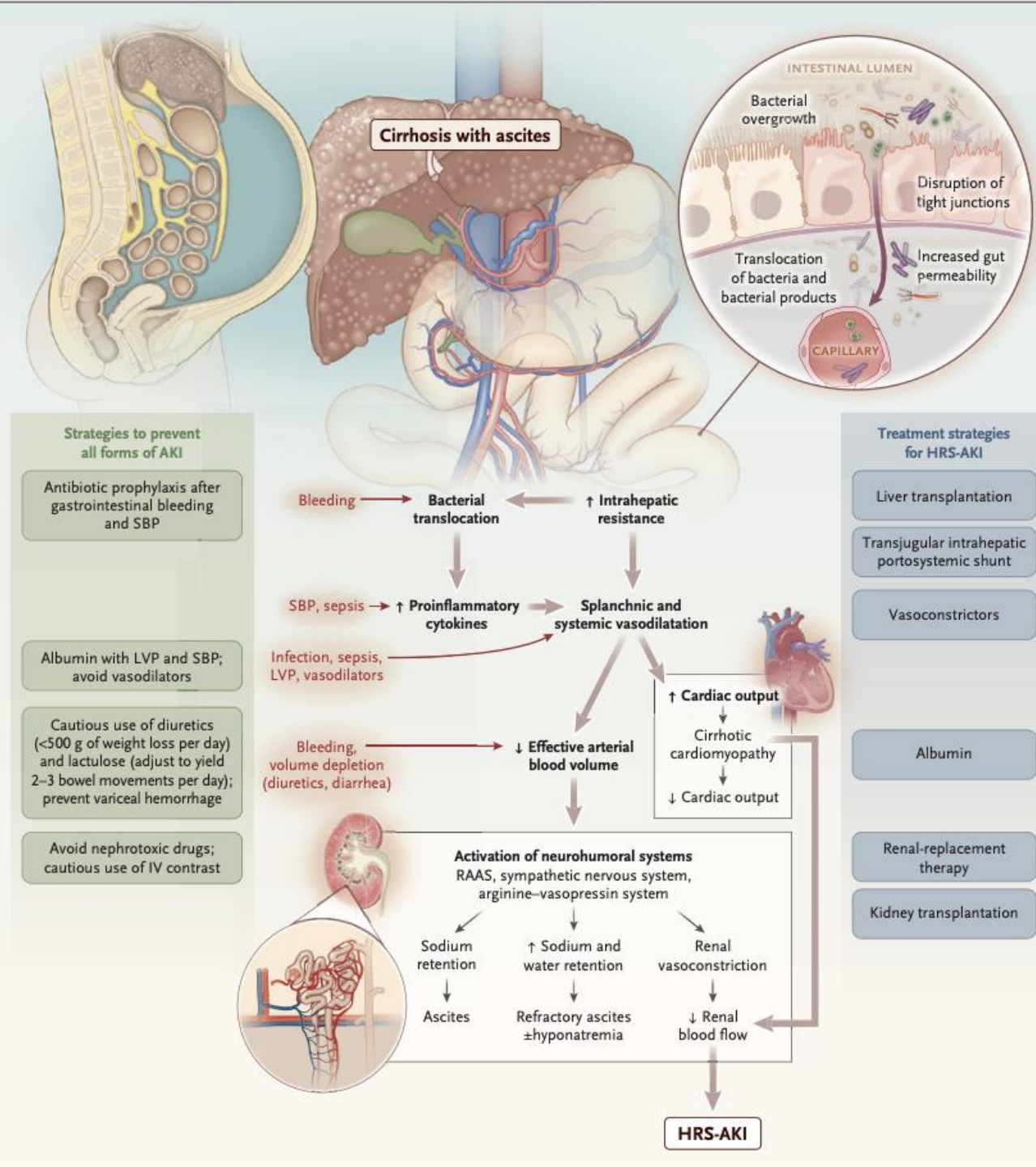
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## REVIEW ARTICLE

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# Acute Kidney Injury in Patients with Cirrhosis

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## Group 2: Pathophysiology and Risk Factors



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1. What is the pathophysiology of kidney dysfunction in patients with Compensated, Decompensated Cirrhosis, and acute on chronic liver failure (ACLF)?
2. What are the risk factors for developing AKI / HRS-AKI in compensated, decompensate and ACLF?



# Protecting the Kidney in Liver Transplant Candidates: Practice-Based Recommendations From the American Society of Transplantation Liver and Intestine Community of Practice



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Risk factors	Preventive strategies
Hepatorenal syndrome development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antibiotic prophylaxis following gastrointestinal bleeding for 7 days (grade 1A)</li> <li>• Albumin infusion during large-volume paracentesis (&gt;5 L, 6–8 g/L of ascitic fluid removed) (grade 1A)</li> <li>• Secondary and primary SBP prophylaxis with daily antibiotics, preferably norfloxacin (grade 1B)</li> <li>• Early recognition and treatment of SBP with antibiotics and IV albumin at the dose of 1.5 g/kg of body weight at the time of diagnosis of SBP and 1 g/kg of body weight on the third day of treatment (grade 1B)</li> <li>• Judicious use of diuretics</li> <li>• Avoid dehydration with lactulose use</li> </ul>
Exposure to nephrotoxic medications (e.g. NSAIDs, aminoglycosides, amphotericin, vancomycin)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close monitoring of drug toxicity and early recognition of drug-induced AKI and discontinuation of offending agent if possible (grade 1A)</li> <li>• Use lipid formulations of amphotericin B rather than conventional formulations of amphotericin B (grade 2A)</li> <li>• Use azole antifungal agents and/or the echinocandins rather than conventional amphotericin B, if equal therapeutic efficacy can be assumed (grade 1A)</li> <li>• Avoid nephrotoxic medications whenever possible</li> </ul>
Radiocontrast exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider alternative imaging methods or avoidance of IV contrast if possible</li> <li>• Use low or iso-osmolar agents with lowest volume possible (grade 1B)</li> <li>• Optimize fluid status prior to administration of IV contrast with IV normal saline or IV bicarbonate (grade 1A)</li> </ul>
Hemodynamic instability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider N-acetylcysteine use in combination with IV hydration (grade 2D)</li> <li>• Increase mean arterial pressure in setting of shock to &gt;65 mmHg (grade 1C)</li> <li>• Use of protocol-based management of hemodynamic and oxygenation parameters (grade 2C)</li> <li>• Optimal fluid resuscitation with crystalloids or colloids (grade 2B)</li> <li>• Vasopressors in patients with persistent hypotension (grade 1C), consider norepinephrine as first line (grade 2D)</li> </ul>





EFFECT OF INTRAVENOUS ALBUMIN ON RENAL IMPAIRMENT AND MORTALITY  
IN PATIENTS WITH CIRRHOSIS AND SPONTANEOUS BACTERIAL PERITONITIS

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- RCT, unblinded, Abx vs Abx+ albumin (1.5 g/kg/day day 1; 1g/kg day 3); Labs checked every 3 days
- Renal failure defined as BUN > 30 mg/dL & Scr > 1.5 mg/dL.
- Renal impairment defined as a nonreversible deterioration of renal function , diagnosed when BUN and Cr increased >50 % of the pretreatment value, to levels higher than 30 mg/ dL or 1.5 mg/dL.

TABLE 1. BASE-LINE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE 126 PATIENTS  
ACCORDING TO THE ASSIGNED TREATMENT.\*

CHARACTERISTIC	CEFOTAXIME (N=63)	CEFOTAXIME PLUS ALBUMIN (N=63)
Age — yr	62±1	60±1
Sex — M/F	38/25	43/20
Alcoholic cirrhosis — no. (%)	19 (30)	18 (29)
Hepatocellular carcinoma — no. (%)	7 (11)	10 (16)
Hepatic encephalopathy — no. (%)	15 (24)	13 (21)
White-cell count — per mm <sup>3</sup>	9221±814	7883±560
Ascitic-fluid polymorphonuclear cells — per mm <sup>3</sup>	4228±750	5223±1541
Serum bilirubin — mg/dl	6±1	4±1
Serum albumin — g/dl	2.5±0.1	2.7±0.1
Prothrombin time — % of control	58±2	55±2
Child–Pugh score‡	10±0.2	10±0.2
Renal failure — no. (%)	28 (44)	25 (40)
Diuretic treatment — no. (%)	41 (65)	45 (71)
Spironolactone — mg/day	73±5	81±6
Furosemide — mg/day	19±1	18±2
Previous prophylactic treatment with norfloxacin — no. (%)	5 (8)	6 (10)
Isolated organisms — no. (%)‡	36 (57)	32 (51)
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	22	20
Other gram-negative bacilli	6	7
Other bacteria	8	5



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TABLE 2. CLINICAL OUTCOME ACCORDING TO  
THE ASSIGNED TREATMENT.\*

OUTCOME VARIABLE	CEFOTAXIME (N=63)	CEFOTAXIME PLUS ALBUMIN (N=63)	P VALUE
Resolution of infection — no. (%)†	59 (94)	62 (98)	0.36
Duration of antibiotic therapy — days	6±1	5±1	0.48
Paracentesis for ascites after resolution of infection — no. (%)‡	16 (25)	14 (22)	0.83
Hospital stay — days	13±1	14±1	0.48
Renal impairment — no. (%)	21 (33)	6 (10)	0.002
Death — no. (%)			
In hospital§	18 (29)	6 (10)	0.01
At three months¶	26 (41)	14 (22)	0.03

TABLE 3. RENAL FUNCTION, SERUM SODIUM LEVELS, AND MEAN  
ARTERIAL PRESSURE AT ENROLLMENT AND DURING THE FIRST  
NINE DAYS OF HOSPITALIZATION IN THE 126 PATIENTS.\*

VARIABLE	CEFOTAXIME (N=63)	CEFOTAXIME PLUS ALBUMIN (N=63)	P VALUE
Blood urea nitrogen — mg/dl (no. of patients)			
Day 0	31±3 (63)	28±3 (63)	0.48
Day 3	34±3 (59)	25±3 (58)	0.03
Day 6	36±3 (58)	22±3 (57)	0.003
Day 9	36±3 (48)	22±3 (53)	0.01
Serum creatinine — mg/dl (no. of patients)			
Day 0	1.1±0.1 (63)	1.2±0.1 (63)	0.66
Day 3	1.3±0.1 (61)	1±0.1 (60)	0.16
Day 6	1.3±0.1 (59)	1±0.1 (59)	0.03
Day 9	1.4±0.1 (48)	1±0.1 (55)	0.04
Serum sodium — mmol/liter (no. of patients)			
Day 0	133±1 (63)	134±1 (63)	0.24
Day 3	130±1 (59)	134±1 (61)	0.001
Day 6	130±1 (56)	134±1 (57)	<0.001
Day 9	130±1 (51)	134±1 (53)	0.002
Mean arterial pressure — mm Hg (no. of patients)			
Day 0	86±2 (63)	86±2 (63)	0.91
Day 3	81±2 (59)	81±2 (59)	0.91
Day 6	79±2 (55)	80±1 (57)	0.71
Day 9	81±2 (51)	81±2 (55)	0.72



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## A Randomized Trial of Albumin Infusions in Hospitalized Patients with Cirrhosis

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- A randomized, multicenter, open-label, parallel-group trial involving hospitalized patients with decompensated cirrhosis who had a serum albumin level of less than 30 g / L
- Patients were randomly assigned to receive either targeted 20% human albumin solution for up to 14 days or until discharge, whichever came first, vs standard of care.
- Treatment started within 3 days after admission
- Composite primary end-point was new infection, kidney dysfunction, or death between day 3 and 15 after initiation of treatment.



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**Table 2. End Points.\***

Variable	Albumin Group (N=380)	Standard-Care Group (N=397)	Adjusted Odds Ratio (95% CI) <sup>†</sup>	P Value
Composite primary end point — no. (%)	113 (29.7)	120 (30.2)	0.98 (0.71–1.33)	0.87
Components of composite primary end point — no. (%) <sup>‡</sup>				
Incidence of new infection	79 (20.8)	71 (17.9)	1.22 (0.85–1.75)	
Incidence of kidney dysfunction	40 (10.5)	57 (14.4)	0.68 (0.44–1.11)	
Incidence of death	30 (7.9)	33 (8.3)	0.95 (0.56–1.59)	
Death at 28 days	53 (14.0)	62 (15.6)	0.86 (0.57–1.30)	
Death at 3 mo	92 (24.2)	93 (23.4)	1.05 (0.74–1.48)	
Death at 6 mo	132 (34.7)	119 (30.0)	1.27 (0.93–1.73)	
Total median albumin infused per patient (IQR) — g	200 (140–280)	20 (0–120)	143 (127–158) <sup>§</sup>	

**There were more severe or life-threatening serious adverse events, especially pulmonary edema or fluid overload, in the albumin group than in the standard-care group**

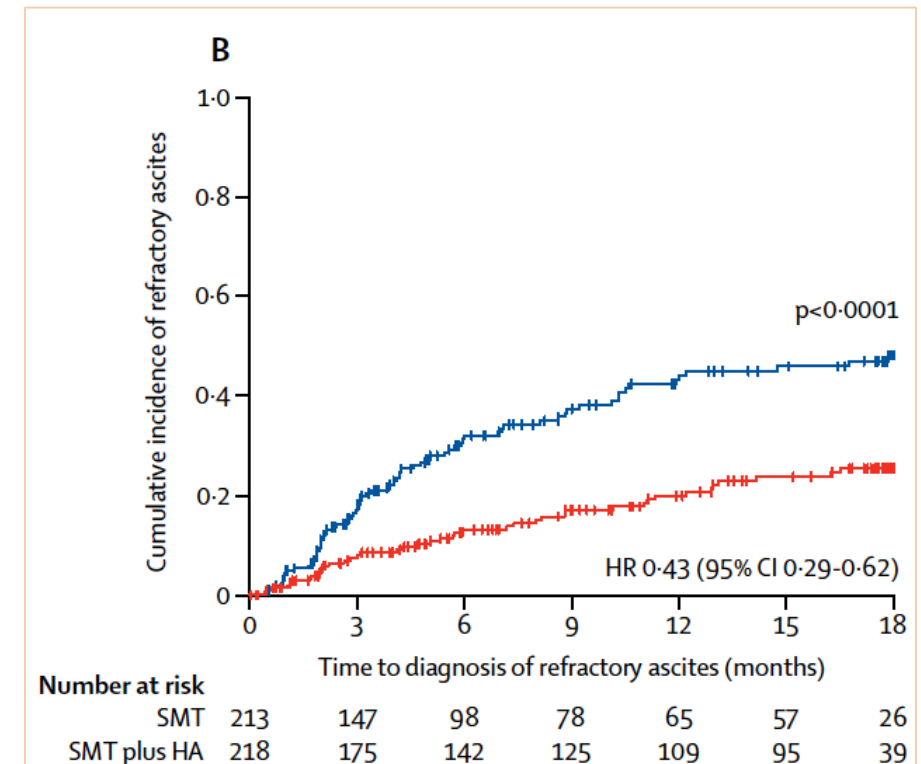
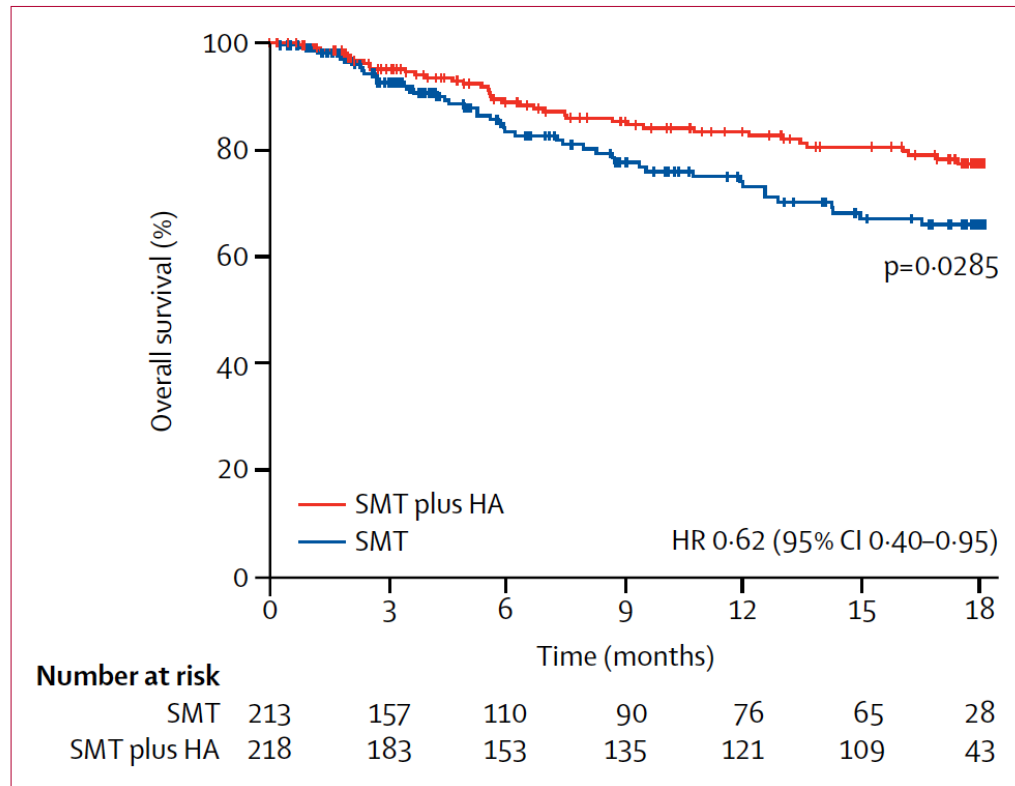




# Long-term albumin administration in decompensated cirrhosis (ANSWER): an open-label randomised trial



- Multi-center, randomized trial in 33 academic and non-academic Italian hospitals
- Patients with cirrhosis and uncomplicated ascites on diuretics ( $\geq 200$  mg/d aldosterone +  $\geq 25$  mg/day lasix) to receive SMT or SMT + Albumin (40 g twice weekly x 2 weeks, and then 40 g weekly ) x 18 months





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# Acute Kidney Injury in Patients with Cirrhosis

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## Acute Kidney Injury in a Patient with Cirrhosis

Conduct history and physical examination: consider risk factors that may suggest cause of AKI (e.g. recent shock, fever, recent initiation of diuretics, diarrhea)

- Review medications list for active or recent nephrotoxin or IV contrast exposure
- Discontinue diuretics, NSAIDs, ACEI/ARB, NSBB
- Perform diagnostic paracentesis to rule out SBP
- Perform urinary tests: microscopical assessment of urinary sediment, FeNa, FeUrea, albumin, NGAL (if available)

### Renal Hypoperfusion (most common)

- Hypovolemia
  - diuretics, diarrhea, GIB, LVP
- Hepatorenal Syndrome (HRS-AKI)\*

### Intrinsic / Parenchymal

- ATN (most common): sepsis, IV contrast, medications, bile-cast nephropathy
- AIN: antibiotics, NSAIDs, PPI
- Glomerular Diseases: e.g. IgA, MPGN, Cryoglobulinemia, membranous

- ATN: discontinue nephrotoxic agents
- AIN: discontinue offending agent
- Consider kidney biopsy
- Glomerular disease: specific treatment

### Urinary Obstruction (least common)

- Urethral / ureteral obstruction

- Determine post-void residual
- Renal ultrasonography

**Diuretics may need to be initiated or continued if there is evidence of volume overload. Volume overload (presence of anasarca, JVD, CXR with pulmonary congestion, or elevated RVSP).**



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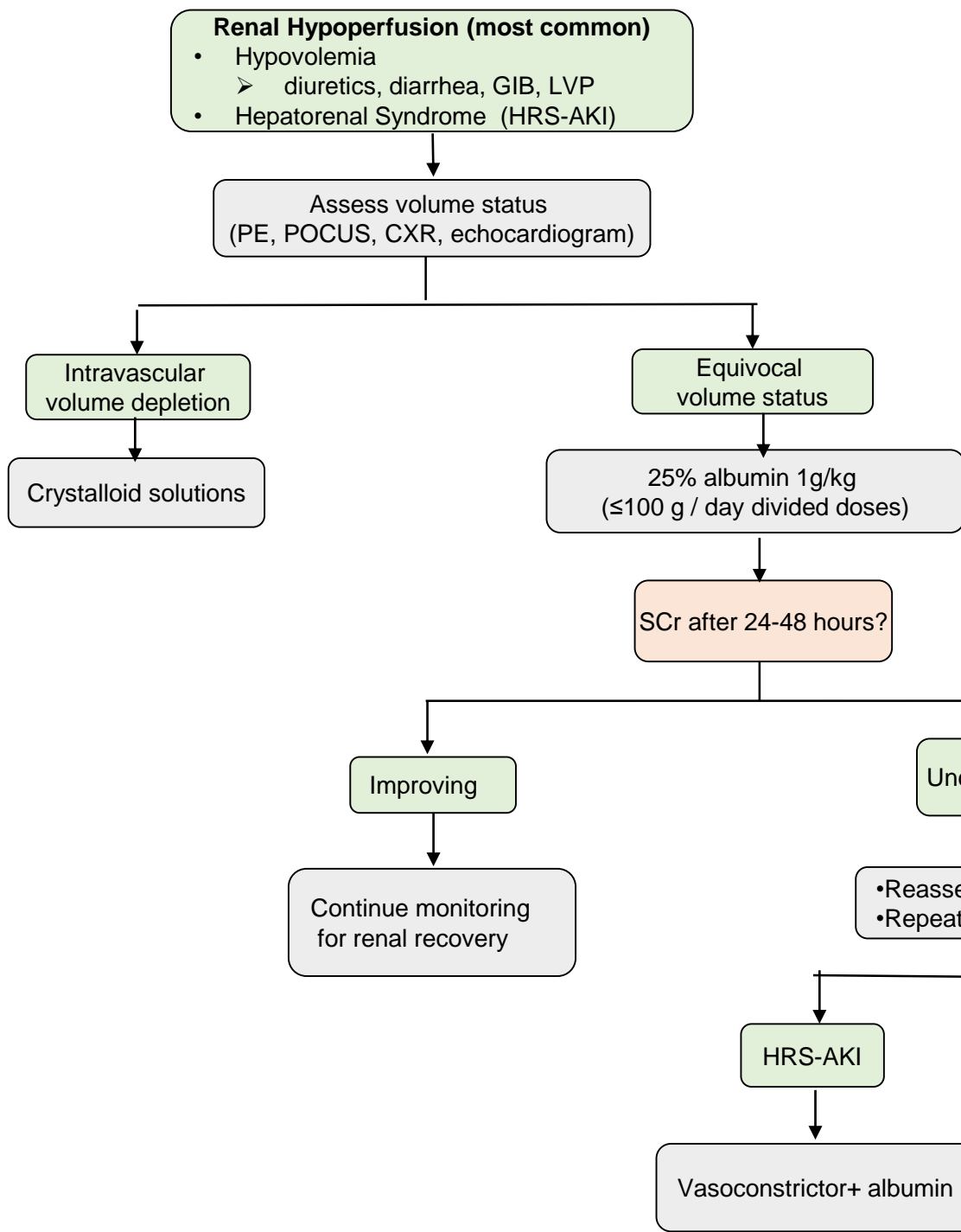
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*A sine qua non for the development of HRS-AKI is the presence of ascites, and is often associated with hyponatremia, a low MAP, and oliguria.*

*Findings suggestive of HRS-AKI: normal urinary sediment,  $\text{FeNa} < 01\%$  and  $\text{FeUrea} < 21\%$ . Urine  $\text{NGAL} > 220\text{--}244\text{ }\mu\text{g} / \text{Cr}$  is suggestive of ATN.*



## Poor correlation between kidney function, UA & kidney biopsy !



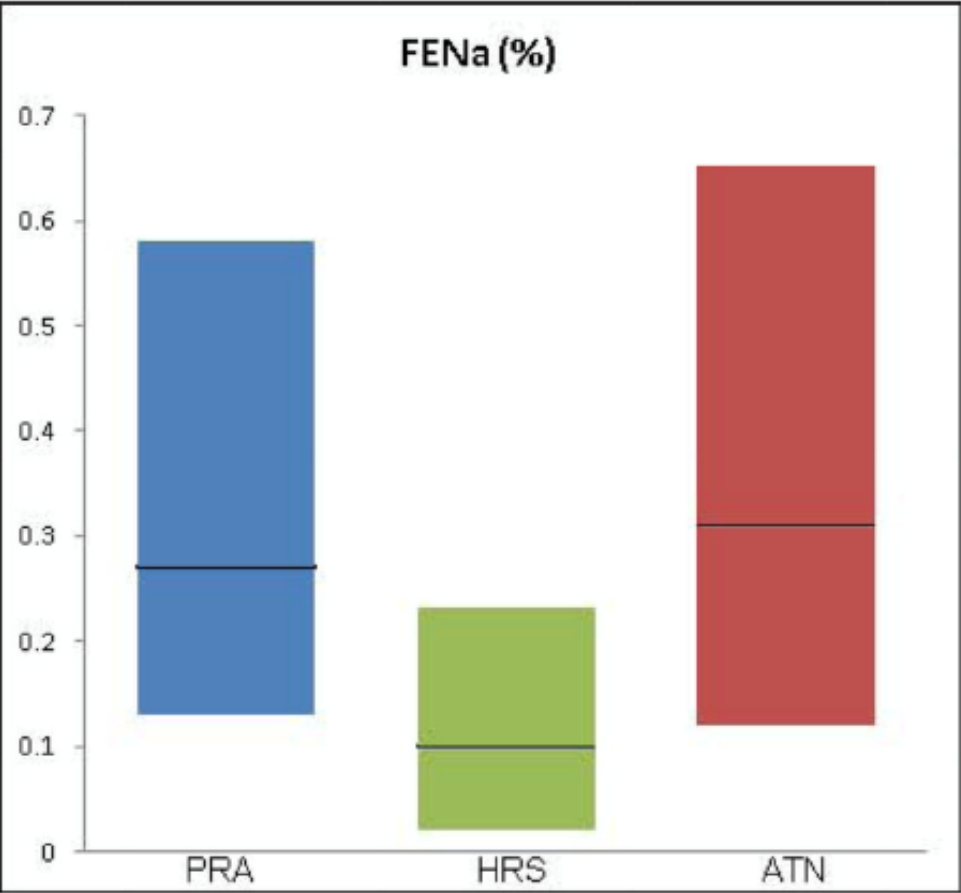
Author	Year	N	Results
<b>Jouet et al</b>	1996	70	No correlation between degree of renal dysfunction and severity of renal lesion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28% pts with severe renal dysfunction had mild or no renal lesions</li> <li>• 55% pts without overt renal failure had moderate /severe renal lesions</li> <li>• 51% : no clinical or laboratory element predictive of presence or absence and the type of renal lesions</li> </ul>
<b>Arase et al</b>	1998	188	Autopsy of 188 patients with hepatitis C <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45% with normal glomeruli. Abnormal UA observed in 12% of cases</li> </ul>
<b>McGuire et al</b>	2006	25	60% with immune-complex GN had normal urinary findings
<b>Wadei et al</b>	2008	44	87% with ATN on biopsy (n=7) and 90% patients with normal biopsy (presumed HRS) (n=10) with FeNa < 1%
<b>Trawale et al</b>	2010	65	55% with renal impairment but proteinuria < 500 mg and no hematuria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 55% with glomerular lesion, 72% with chronic interstitial , 67% with acute tubular interstitial</li> </ul>



# Kidney Biomarkers and Differential Diagnosis of Patients With Cirrhosis and Acute Kidney Injury

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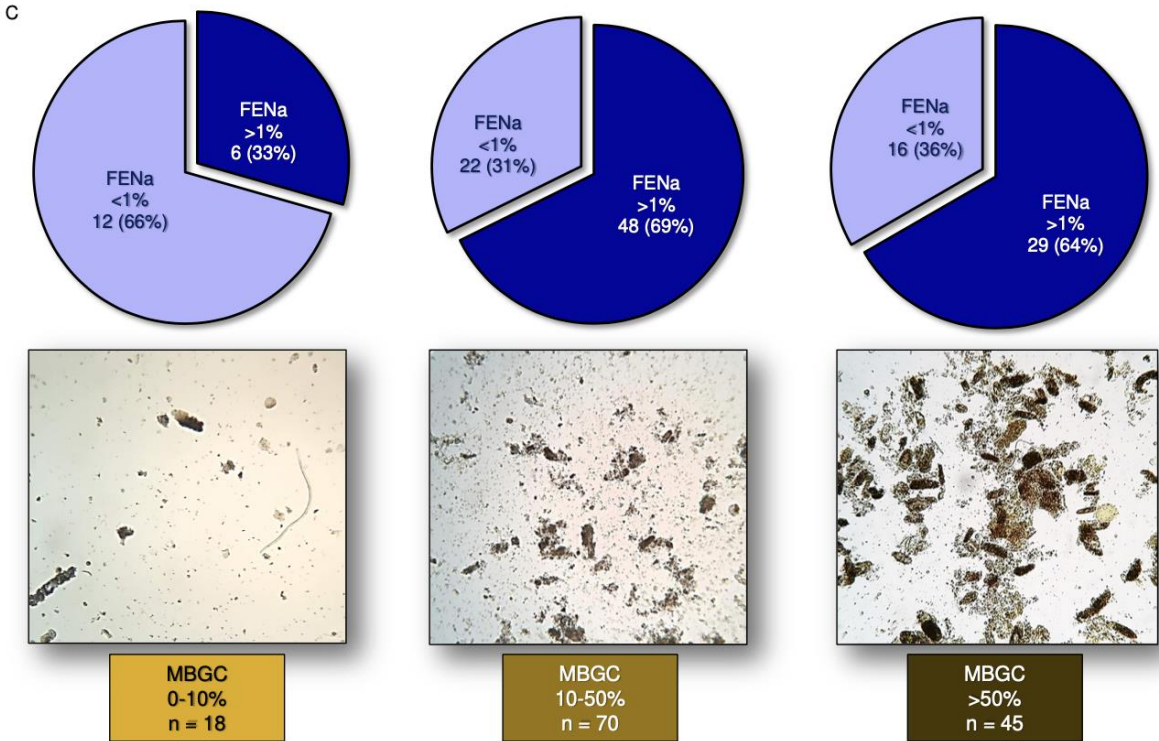
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## Group 3: Workup and Prevention of AKI

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1. What diagnostic tools should be included in the workup of patients with kidney dysfunction? (ex: POCUS, biomarkers)
2. Can biomarkers be used to guide different treatment protocols?
3. What strategies exist for prevention of kidney dysfunction – SBP prophylaxis, GIB, LVP etc.?
4. What fluids should be used for prevention of kidney dysfunction?

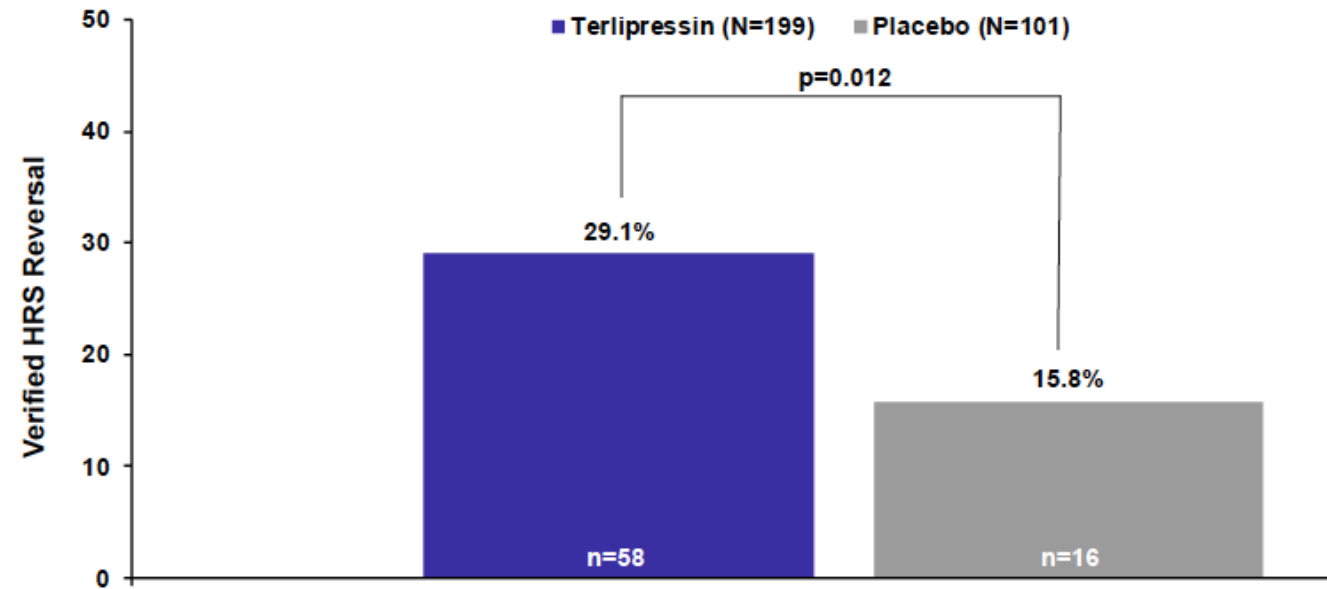
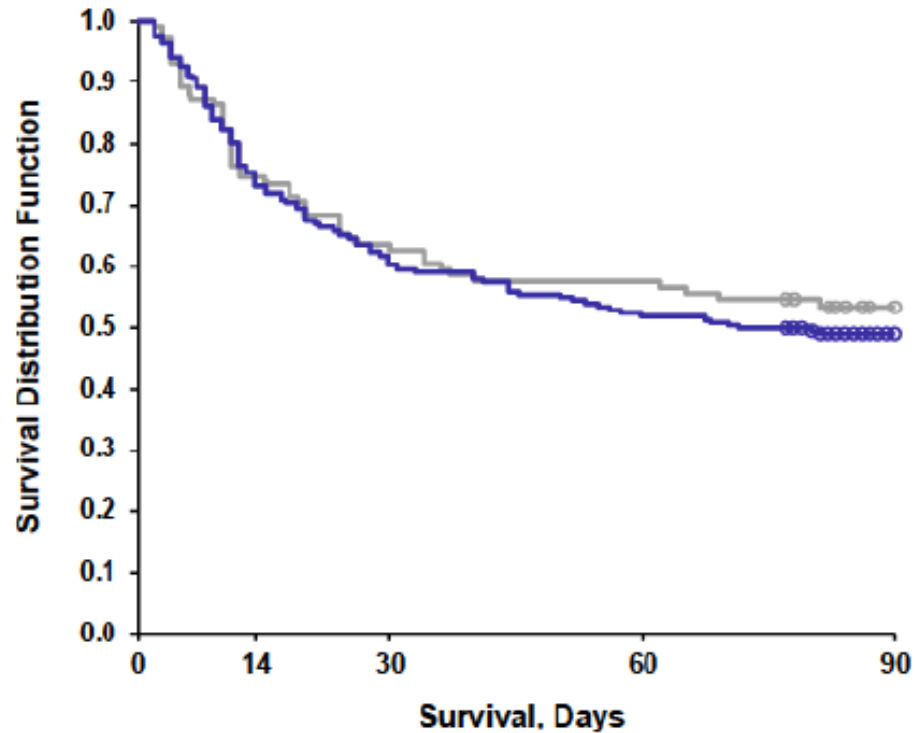




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Preferred Term <sup>a,b</sup>	Integrated Phase 3 Studies	
	Terlipressin N=349 n (%)	Placebo N=249 n (%)
Any SAE	227 (65.0)	149 (59.8)
Respiratory failure	29 (8.3)	6 (2.4)
MODS	26 (7.4)	8 (3.2)
Chronic hepatic failure	21 (6.0)	15 (6.0)
Hepatic failure	21 (6.0)	23 (9.2)
Sepsis	18 (5.2)	4 (1.6)
Abdominal pain	15 (4.3)	2 (0.8)
Acute respiratory failure	11 (3.2)	5 (2.0)
HRS	11 (3.2)	12 (4.8)
GI hemorrhage	10 (2.9)	1 (0.4)
Hepatic encephalopathy	10 (2.9)	9 (3.6)
Renal failure	10 (2.9)	6 (2.4)
Pneumonia	9 (2.6)	8 (3.2)
Septic shock	9 (2.6)	2 (0.8)
Acute kidney injury	8 (2.3)	5 (2.0)
Esophageal varices hemorrhage	7 (2.0)	4 (1.6)

- Death within 90 days due to respiratory disorders occurred in 11% in terlipressin vs. 2% in placebo
- Risk for respiratory failure with terlipressin:
  - MELD  $\geq 37$
  - Baseline Grade 3 HE
  - ACLF Grade 3
  - Significant history of prior or treatment-emergent cardiorespiratory events (eg, dyspnea, wheezing, cardiomegaly, pneumonia/aspiration pneumonia, atelectasis)
  - Recent upper GI hemorrhage

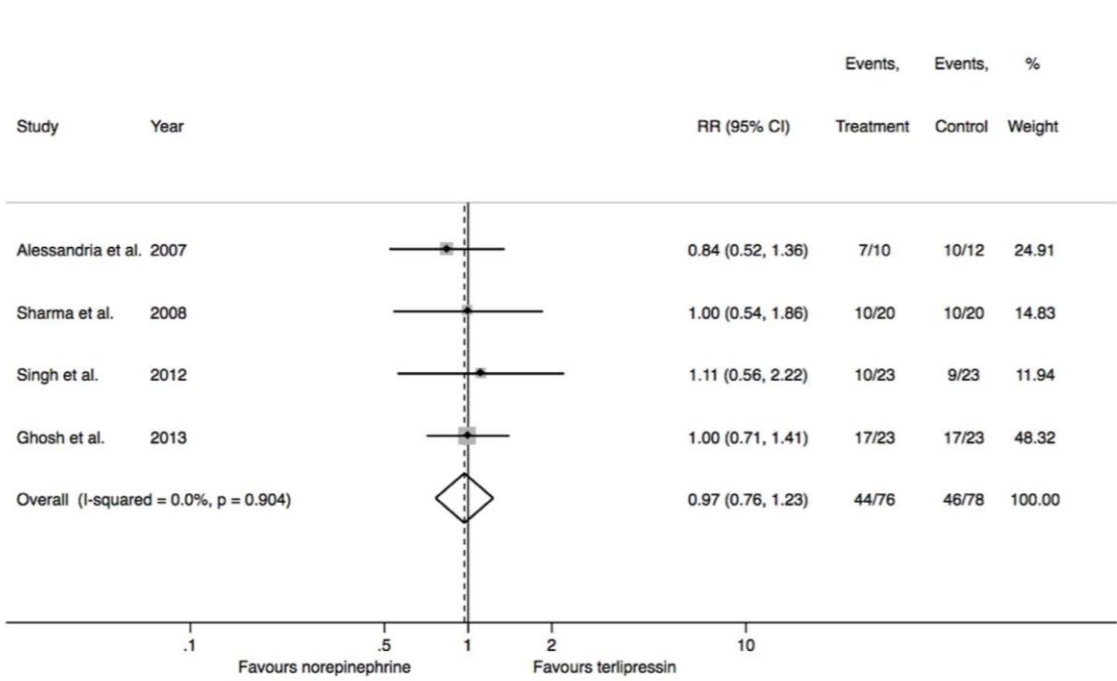




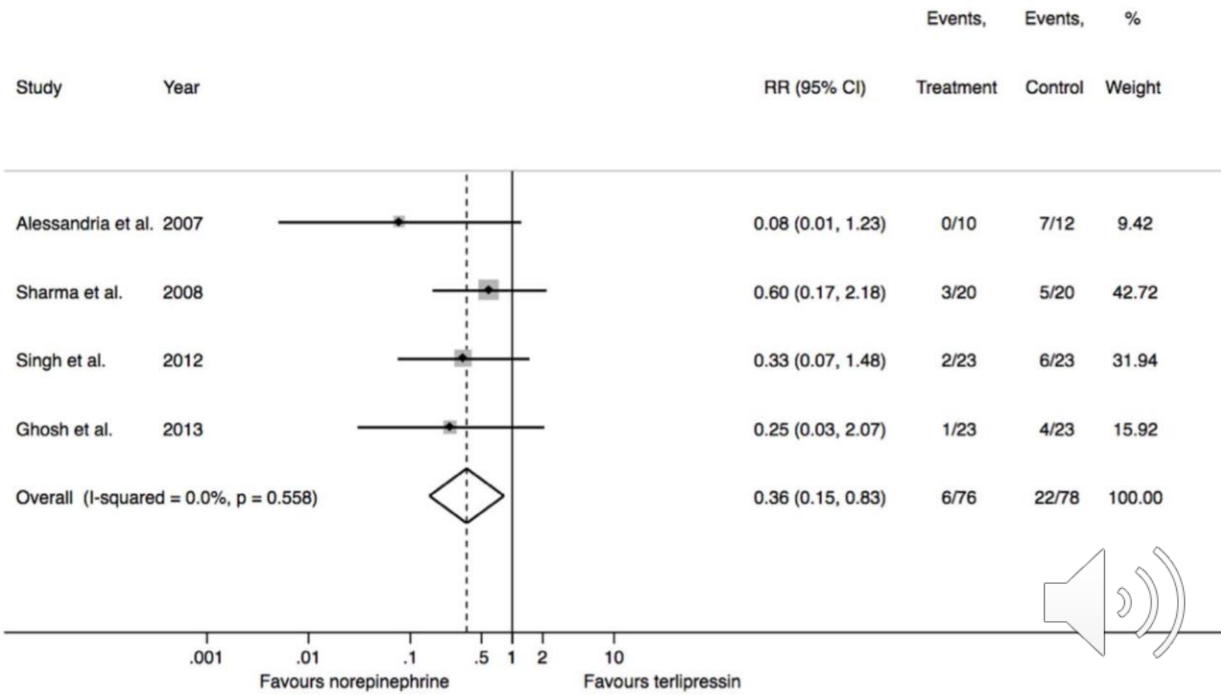
# Terlipressin versus Norepinephrine in the Treatment of Hepatorenal Syndrome: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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## HRS Reversal



## Adverse Events



# Terlipressin Given by Continuous Intravenous Infusion Versus Intravenous Boluses in the Treatment of Hepatorenal Syndrome: A Randomized Controlled Study

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- N=78 patients receiving terlipressin: comparison of boluses versus continuous IV
- Maximum dose 12 mg/day in both groups
- No difference in the rate of response to treatment
- Lower rate of adverse events in the continuous IV group 35% vs 62%)
- Mean daily dose of terlipressin lower in the continuous infusion group

	TERLI-INF Group (n = 34)	TERLI-BOL Group (n = 37)	<i>P</i>
Patients, no. (%)	7 (20.59)	16 (43.24)	<0.05
Suspected intestinal ischemia	—	3	—
Peripheral ischemia	1	—	—
Circulatory overload	2	5	—
Angina pectoris	3	3	—
Arrhythmia	—	1	—
Arterial hypertension	1	—	—
Persistent diarrhea	—	2	—

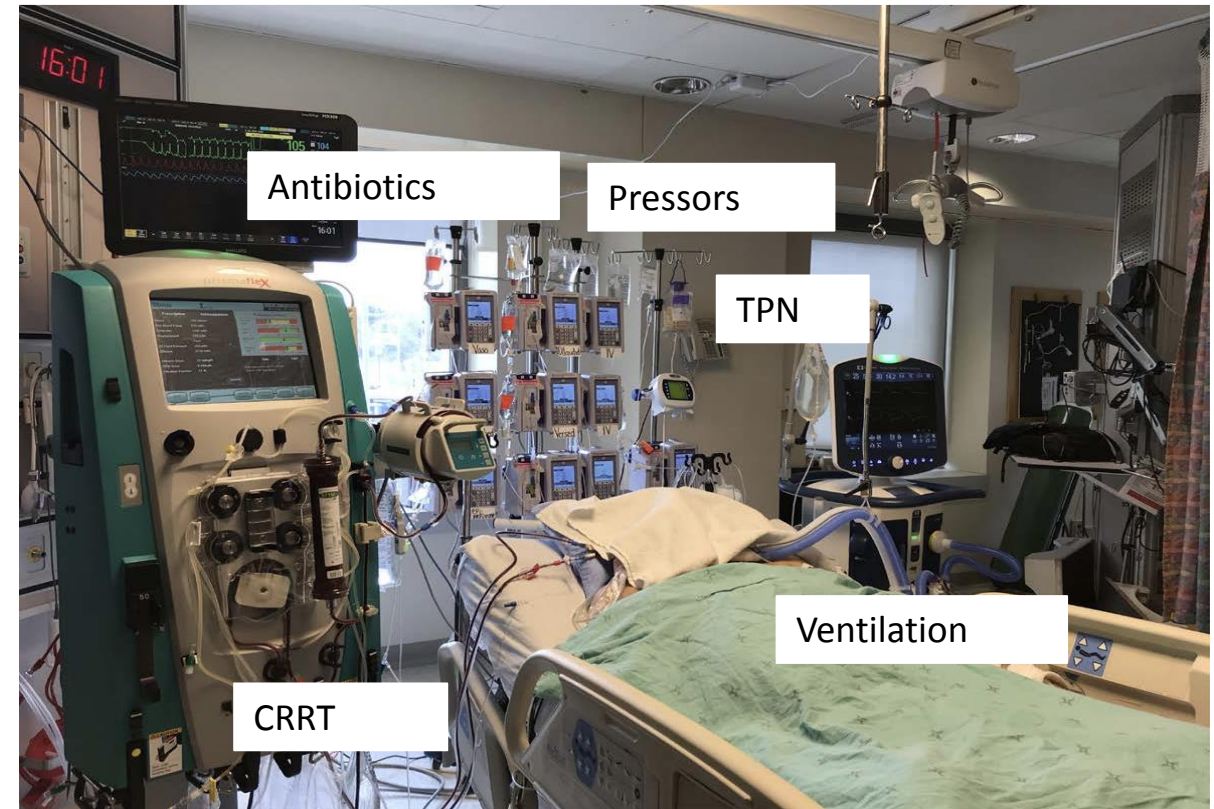


# Clinical scenario in the ICU in high MELD regions

## *To Dialyze or Not to Dialyze: That is the Question!*



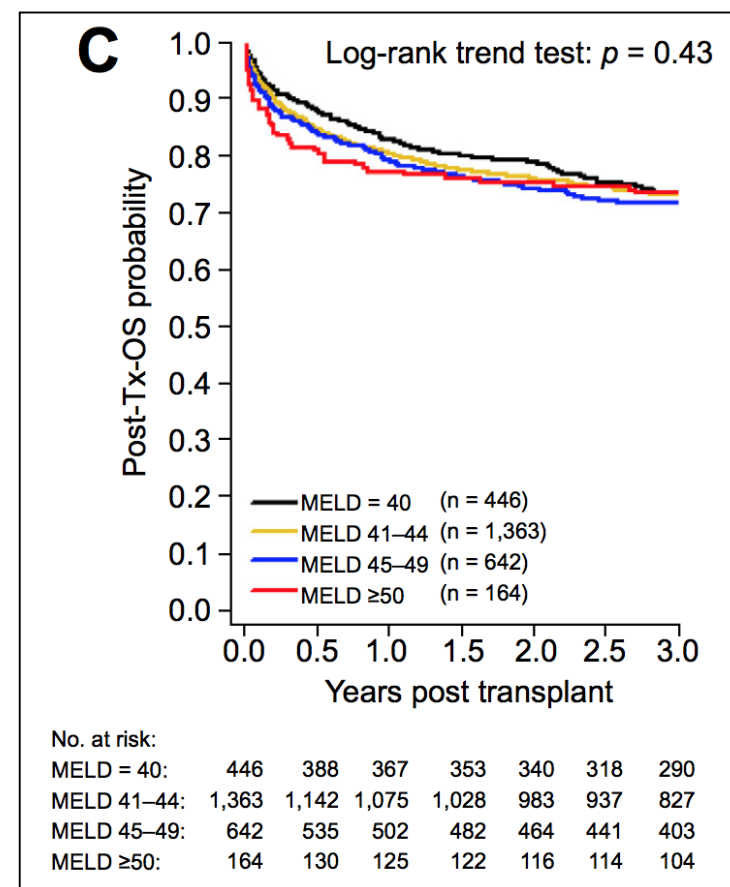
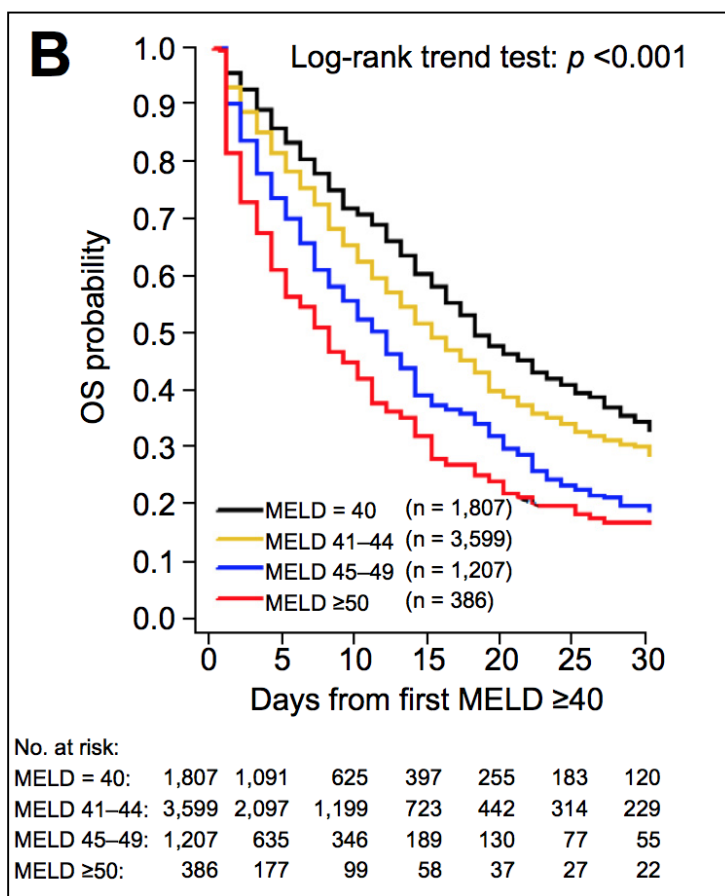
Whether or not to offer dialysis and when to withdraw dialysis is one of the many choices we face on a daily basis when caring for critically ill cirrhotic patients





# Inequity in organ allocation for patients awaiting liver transplantation: Rationale for uncapping the model for end-stage liver disease

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# Clinical Course of Acute-on-Chronic Liver Failure Syndrome and Effects on Prognosis



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**Table 1. Clinical Course Patterns and Types in Those Patients With ACLF Studied\***

Initial Grade	Final Grade			
	No ACLF (n = 165)	ACLF-1 (n = 70)	ACLF-2 (n = 59)	ACLF-3 (n = 94)
ACLF-1 (%)				
Prevalence (n = 202)	110 (54.5)	49 (24.3)	18 (8.9)	25 (12.4)
28-day tx-free mortality (n = 190)	7/104 (6.7)	10/47 (21.3)	8/15 (53.3)	21/24 (87.5)
90-day tx-free mortality (n = 172)	19/95 (20.0)	17/41 (41.5)	10/13 (76.9)	23/23 (100)
ACLF-2 (%)				
Prevalence (n = 136)	47 (34.6)	19 (14.0)	35 (25.7)	35 (25.7)
28-day tx-free mortality (n = 118)	1/42 (2.4)	2/17 (11.8)	8/27 (29.6)	29/32 (90.63)
90-day tx-free mortality (n = 110)	5/39 (12.8)	5/16 (31.3)	18/23 (78.3)	32/32 (100)
ACLF-3 (%)				
Prevalence (n = 50)	8 (16.0)	2 (4.0)	6 (12)	34 (68)
28-day tx-free mortality (n = 45)	1/8 (12.5)	0/2 (0.0)	4/6 (66.7)	28/29 (96.6)
90-day tx-free mortality (n = 45)	1/8 (12.5)	1/2 (50.0)	4/6 (66.7)	28/29 (96.6)

ACLF: resolution or improvement (green boxes); steady or fluctuating course with unchanged final ACLF grade (uncolored boxes); and worsening (red boxes).

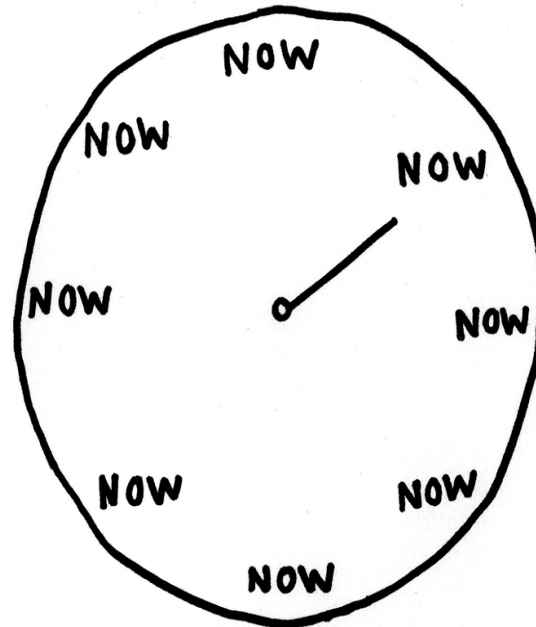


# Timing of RRT



## Biochemical threshold

- Cr, BUN, potassium, pH



Transplant Candidacy

## Onset of Symptoms

- Encephalopathy
- Fluid overload
- Oliguria

Relative to onset of AKI











## Management of the critically ill patient with cirrhosis: A multidisciplinary perspective

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## Diagnosis, Evaluation, and Management of Ascites, Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis and Hepatorenal Syndrome: 2021 Practice Guidance by the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases

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1. The initiation of RRT should be made on clinical grounds, including worsening AKI, worsening volume overload despite diuretic therapy, worsening metabolic acidosis, hyperkalemia and hyponatremia not responding to medical management, and diuretic intolerance/resistance (1D)
2. RRT should be considered even in non-oliguric patients if the daily fluid balance cannot be maintained as even or negative (Ungraded)

- RRT should be used in candidates for LT with worsening renal function or electrolyte disturbances or increasing volume overload unresponsive to vasoconstrictor therapy. Initiation of RRT in patients who are not candidates for LT must be made with a clear endpoint in mind.



## Group 4: Management of Kidney Dysfunction in Patients with Cirrhosis

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1. What fluids should be used for treatment of AKI?
2. What is the role of vasoconstrictors in patients and which type of vasoconstrictors should be first line therapy for patients with HRS?
3. What are the targets / endpoints for patients started on vasoconstrictors – MAP, CVP, recovery?
4. What is the indication, timing, and patient characteristic for initiation of ECOS in patients with AKI ?



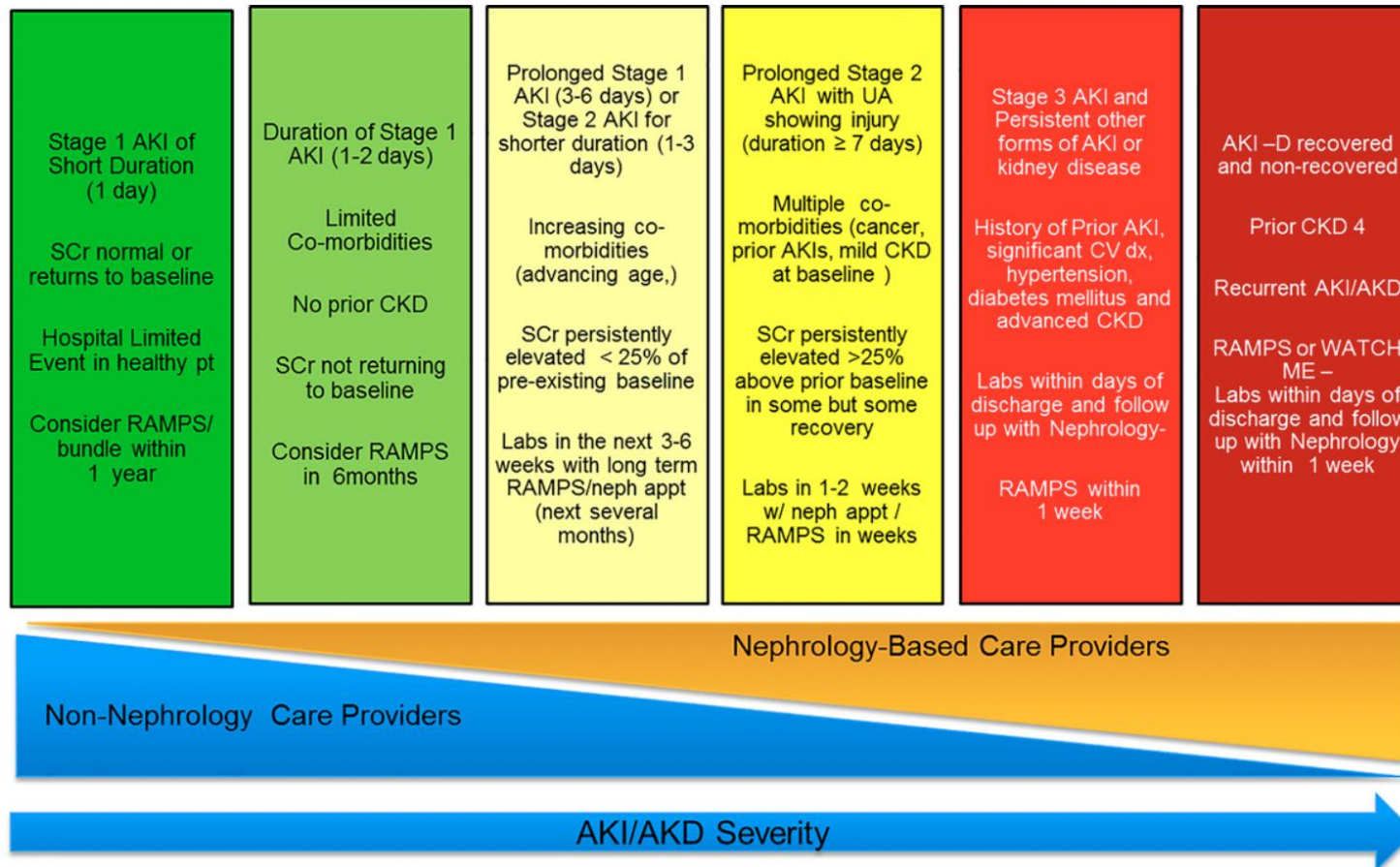


# Quality Improvement Goals for Acute Kidney Injury

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## Schematic for AKI/AKD follow-up.



## Group 5: Follow up and rehabilitation of patients with kidney dysfunction in setting of cirrhosis



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1. How should patients be monitored following an episode of AKI?
2. What outcomes should be assessed following episode of AKI?
3. What is the role of palliative care in patients with kidney dysfunction who are not transplant candidates?





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