



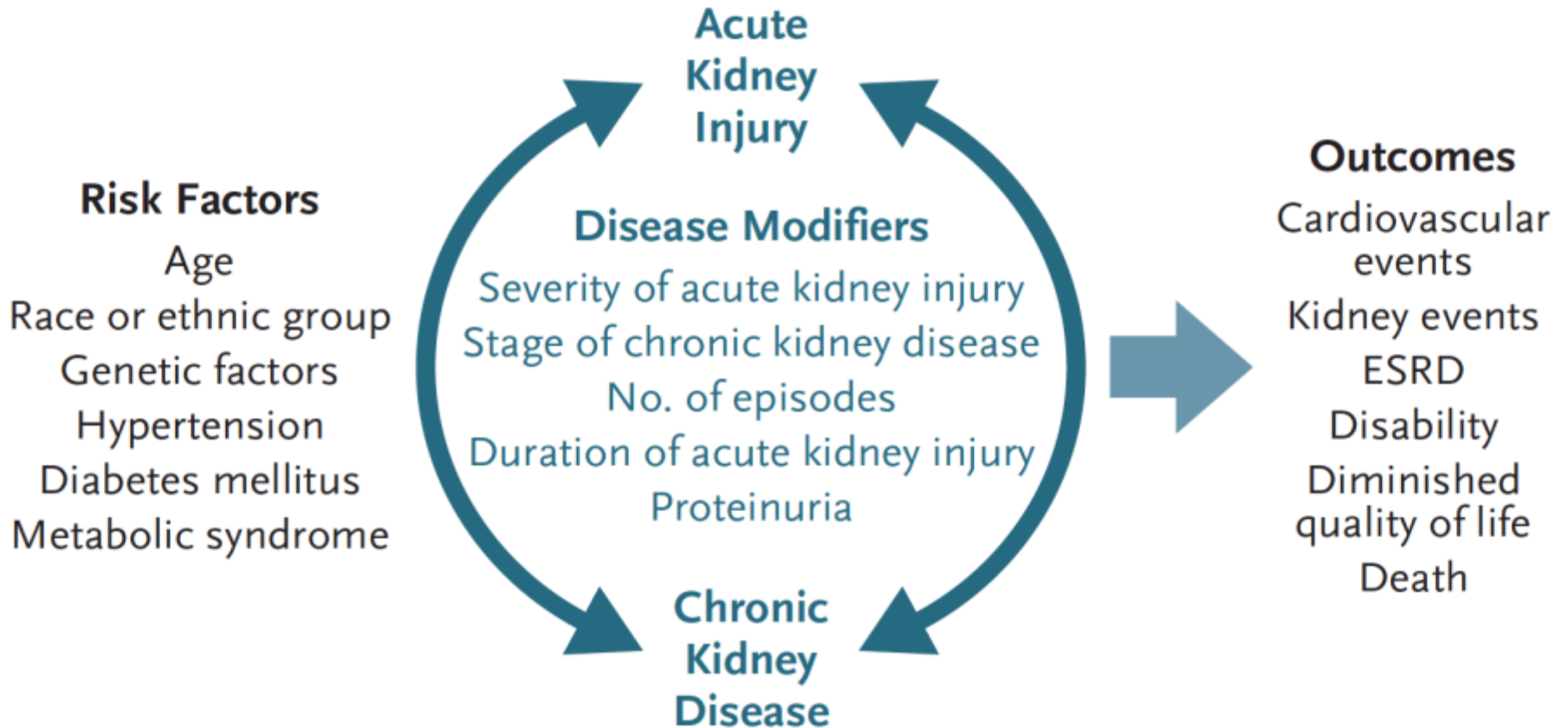
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# Acute Kidney Injury as a continuum



*Claudio Ronco, MD*

# The continuum of acute and chronic kidney disease



# AKI issues in 2024

- Community awareness
- Recognition & diagnosis
- Prevention & Protection
- Management of AKI-AKD
- Management of recovery
- Transition to CKD

Observational Study

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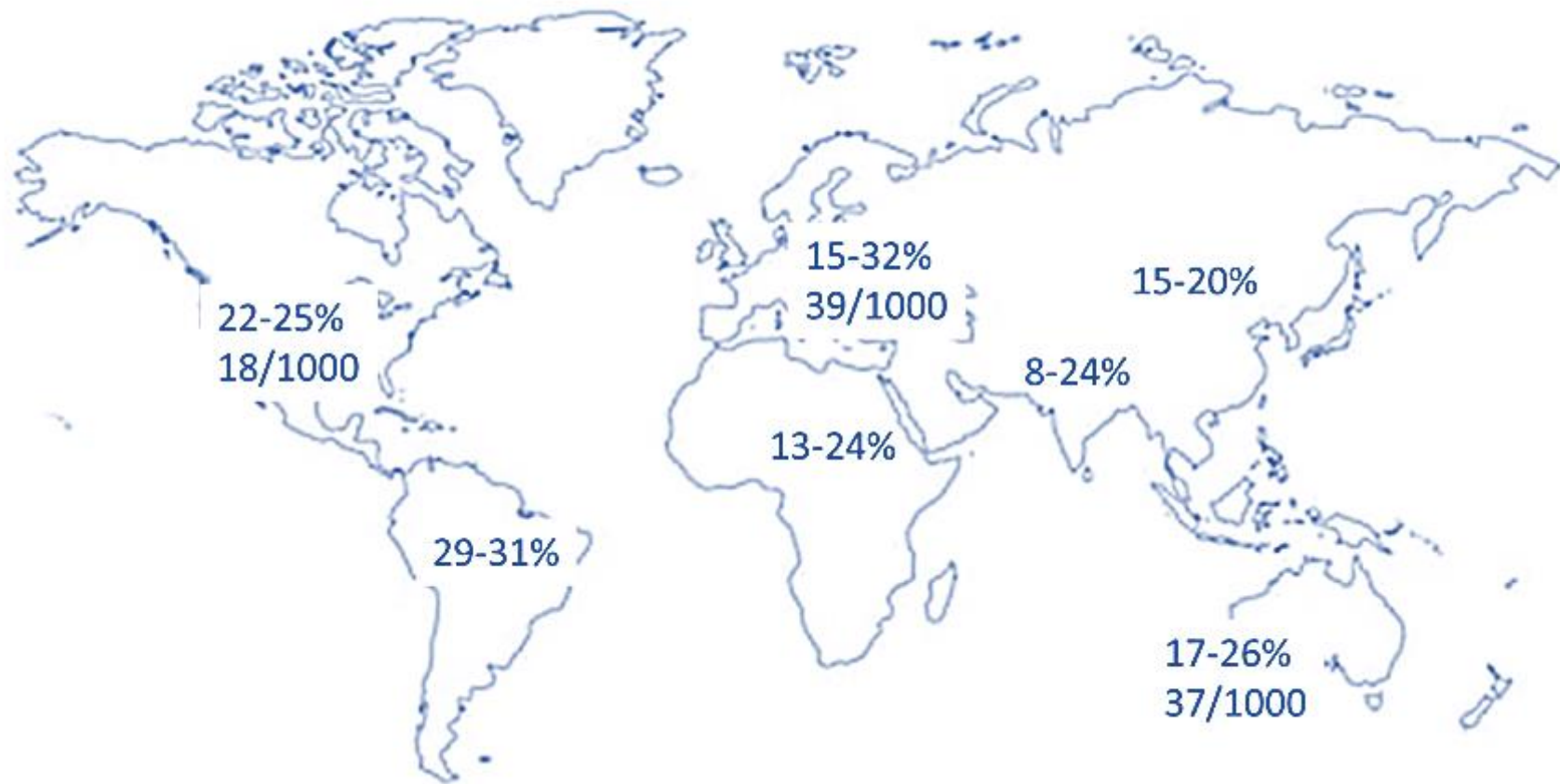
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# Recognition and management of acute kidney injury in the International Society of Nephrology oby25 Global Snapshot: a multinational cross-sectional study

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# AKI is common across the continents



## Year 2012

### Acute kidney injury

*Rinaldo Bellomo, John A Kellum, Claudio Ronco*

*Lancet* 2012; 380: 756-66

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Acute kidney injury (formerly known as kidney's excretory function and is typically (urea and creatinine) or decreased urine output the kidney acutely. Acute kidney injury is one of these patients. it is most often secondary

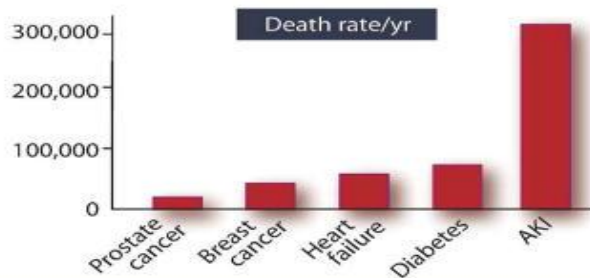
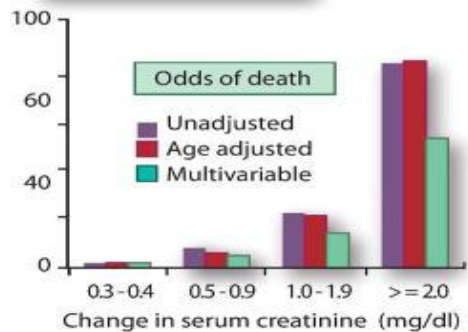
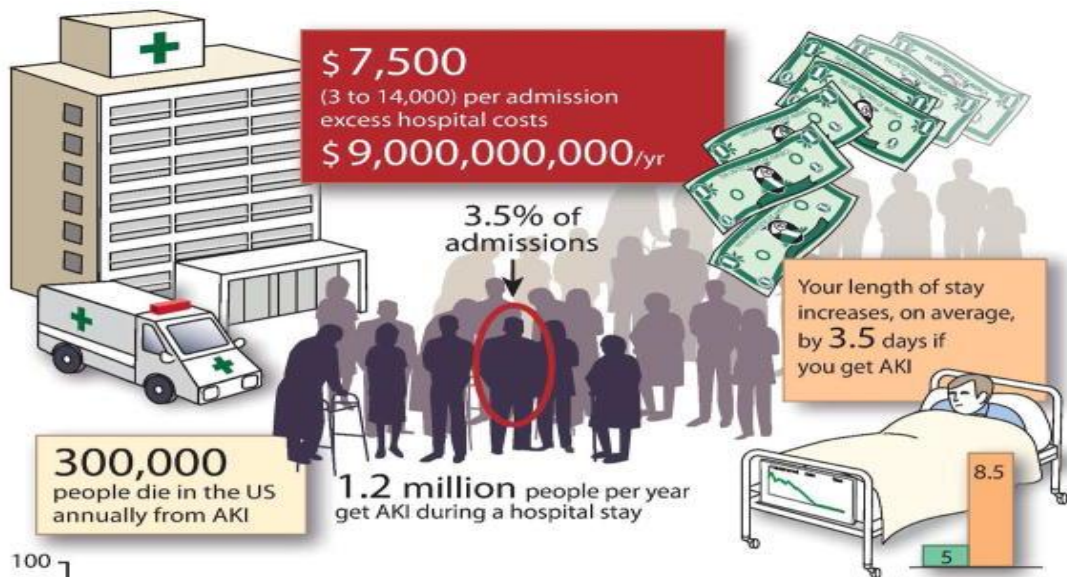
## Year 2020

### Acute kidney injury

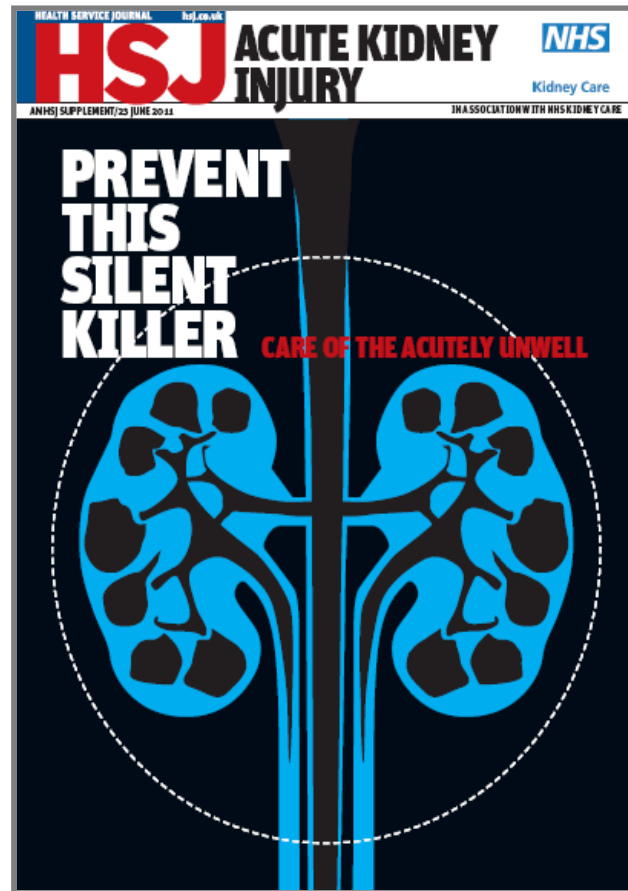
*Claudio Ronco, Rinaldo Bellomo, John A Kellum*

Acute kidney injury (AKI) is defined by a rapid increase in serum creatinine that occurs in approximately 10–15% of patients admitted to hospital in more than 50% of patients. Kidney dysfunction or damage with acute and chronic kidney disease. Biomarkers of kidney injury possibly guide therapy. AKI is not a single disease but

# Are the societal costs of the AKI epidemic known?

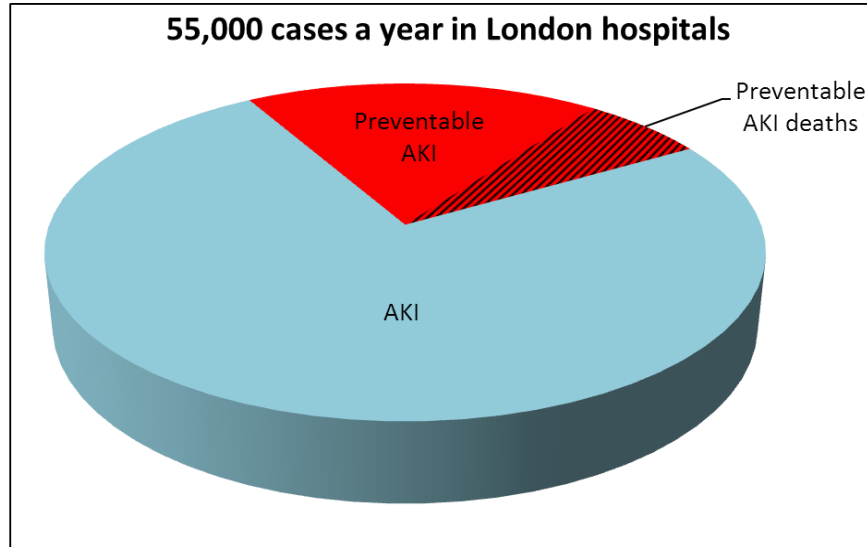


Death rate more than breast cancer, prostate cancer, heart failure and diabetes, combined

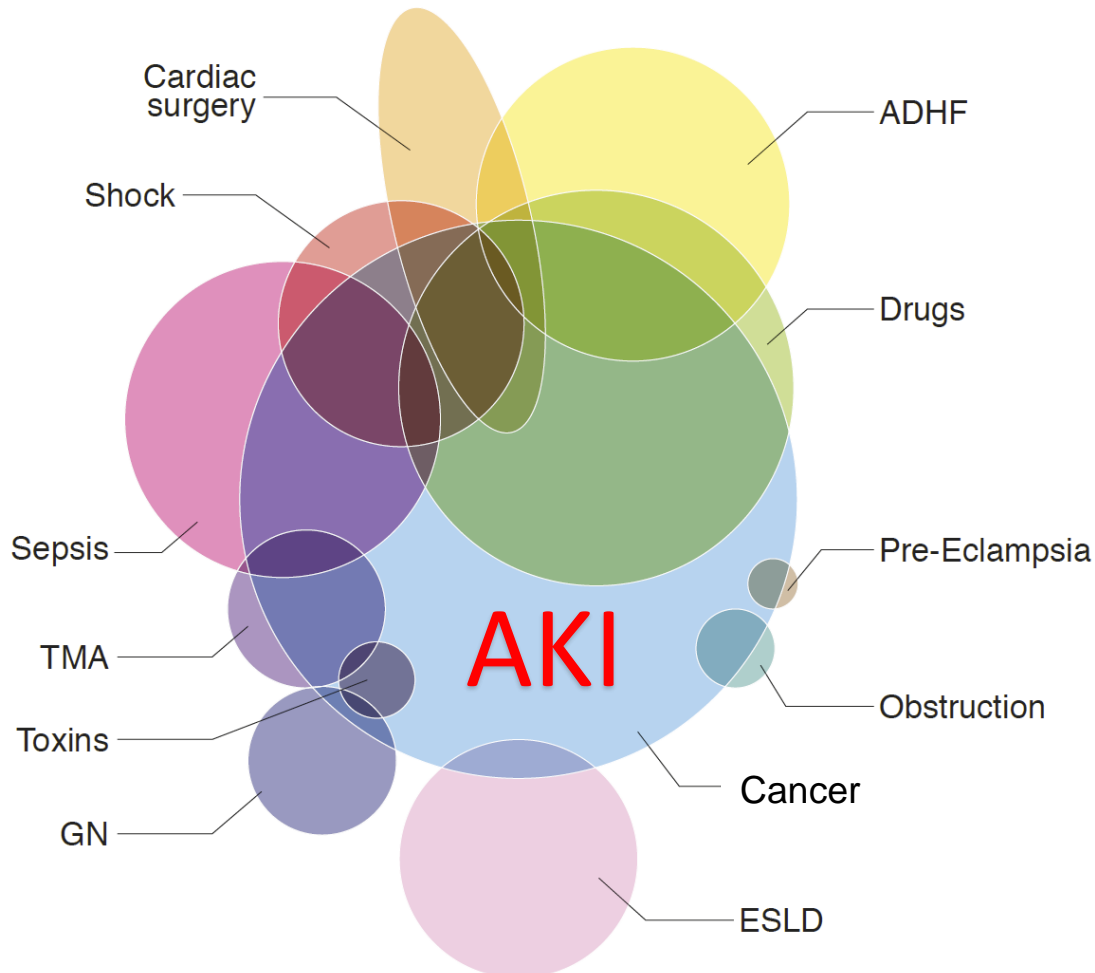


## UK data:

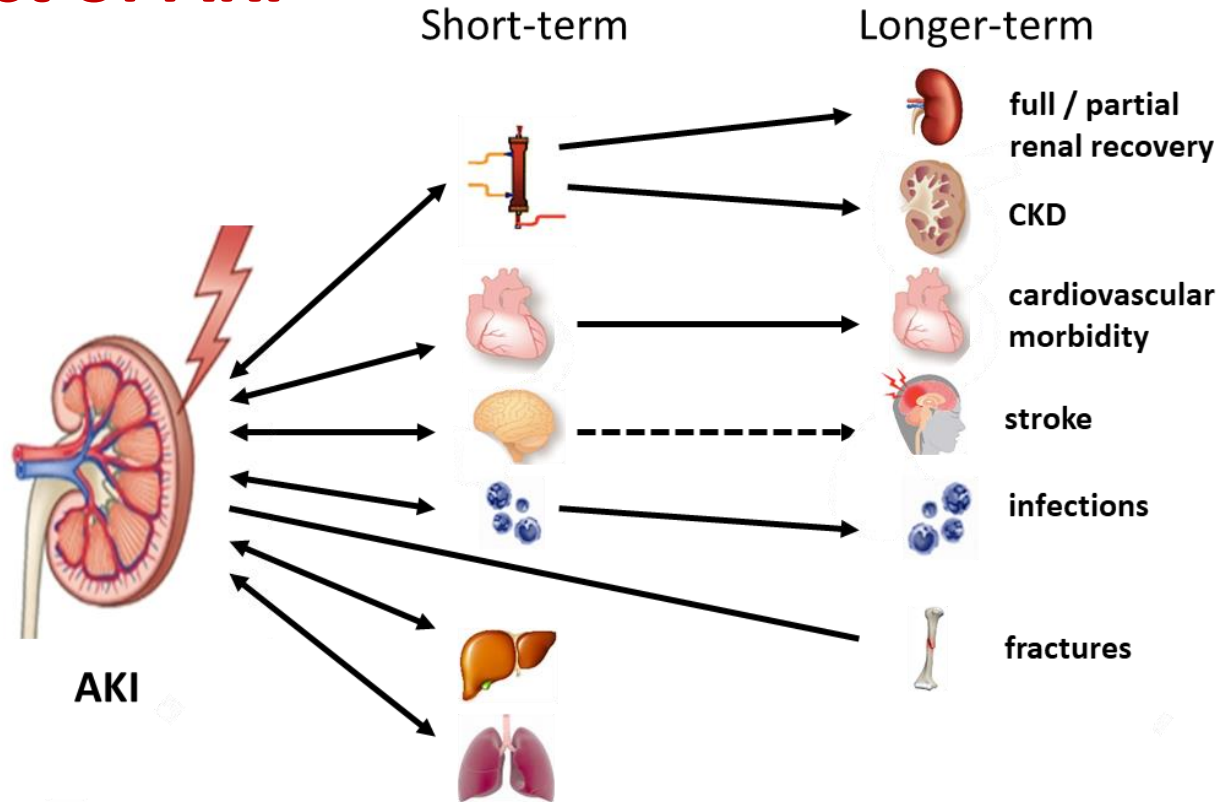
**20% - 30% of AKI is considered preventable**



- 11,000 - 16,000 preventable cases of AKI in London hospitals each year
- 3,000 - 4,000 preventable AKI-related deaths each year



# Impact of AKI

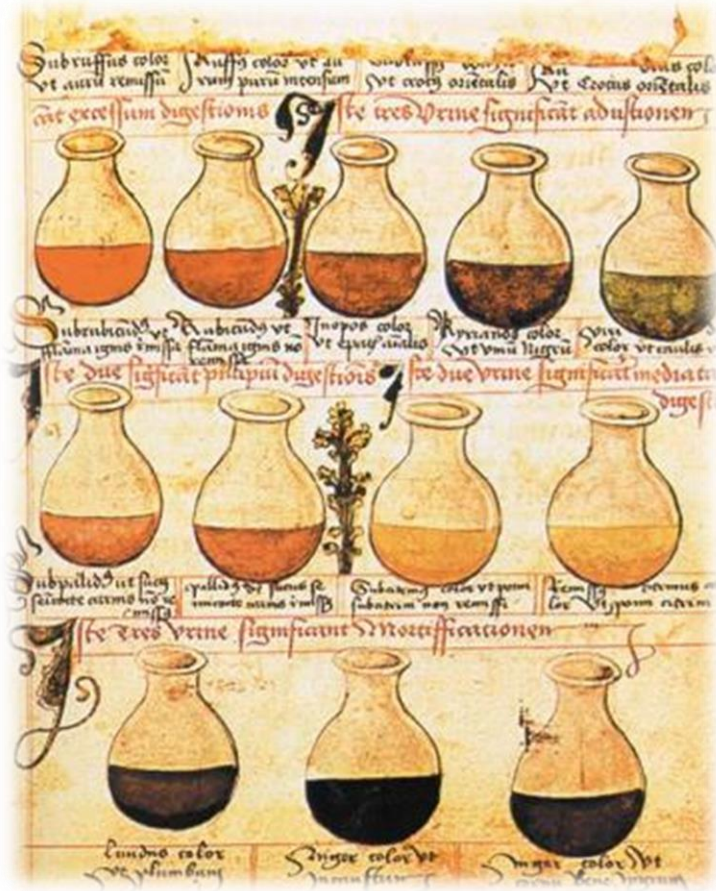


**Recognition & Diagnosis**



# Medicine in Bisantium

(Book «de pestilentia» VIII century)

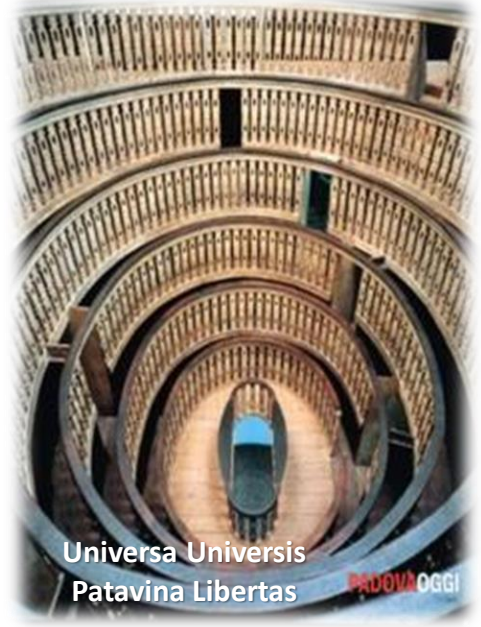
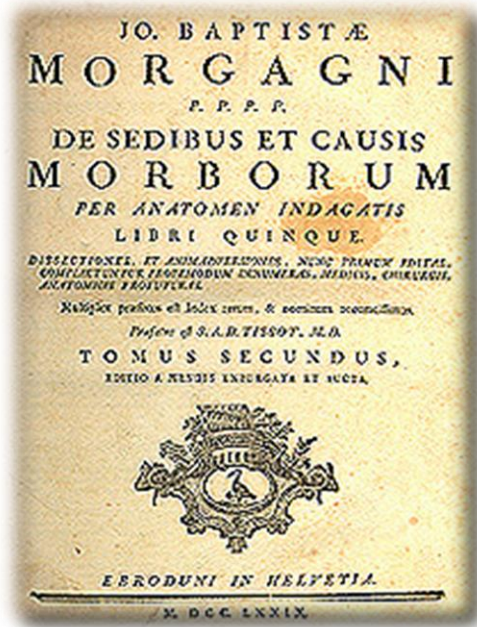


# Salerno Urinoscopy

(Instrument «Matula» VIII century)



# Medicine of the Renaissance



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G. Morgagni nel 1760 became famous for the anatomical models of diseases that he proposed based on the autoptic evaluation and the pathology examination.

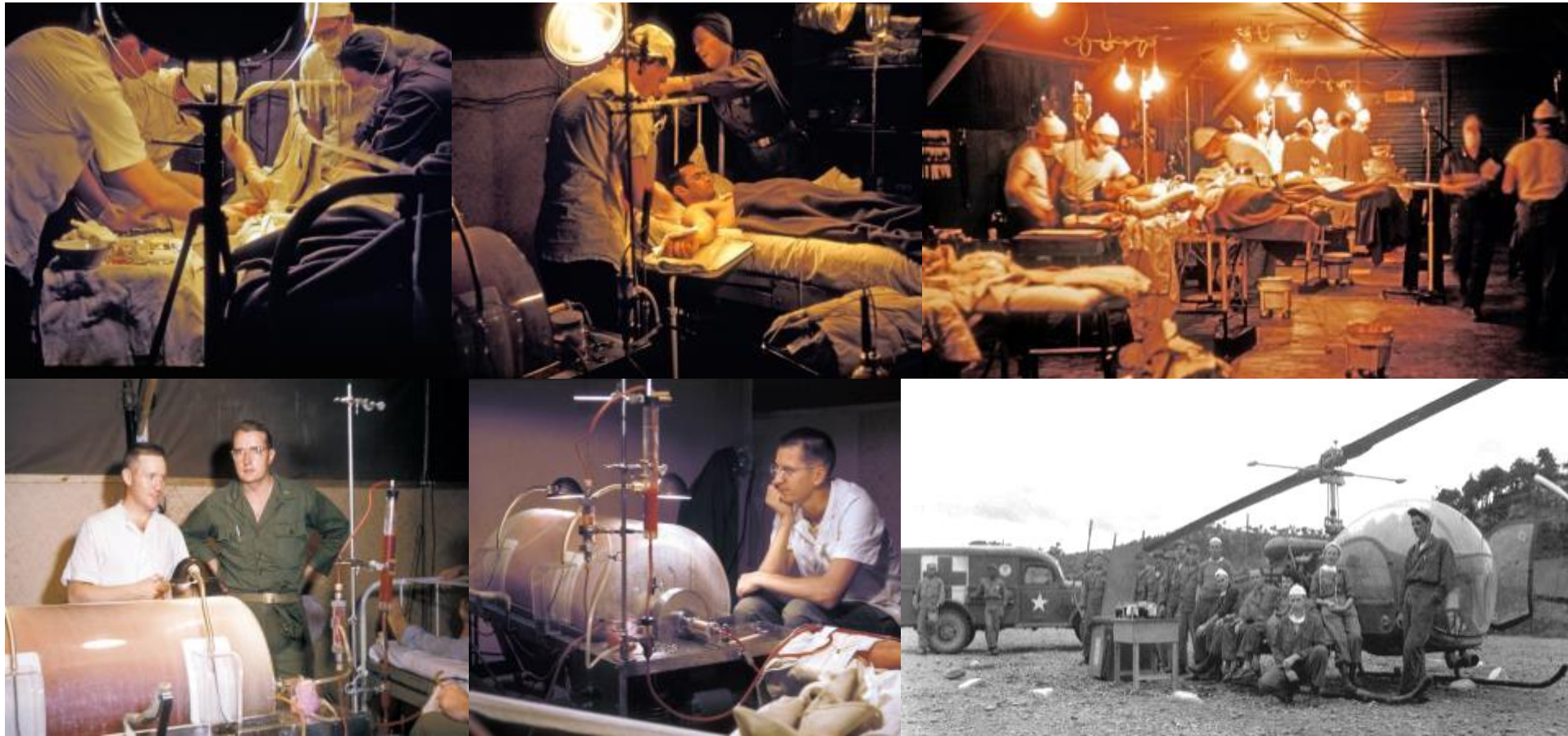


# ARF=ATN: autoptic diagnosis

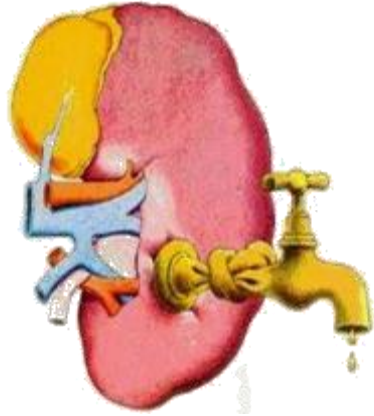
During the bombing of London in world war II, in 1941 Bywaters described cases of acute loss of kidney function in severely injured crush victims. Histological evidence for patchy necrosis of renal tubules at autopsy, suggested him to use the term Acute Tubular Necrosis (ATN) for this clinical entity. The diagnosis was made by autopsy.



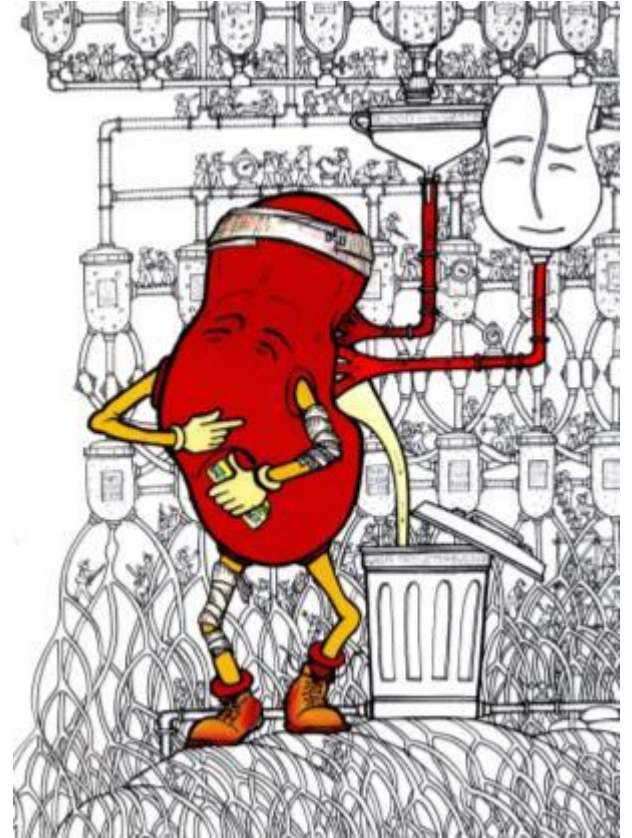
# The concept of «functional & reversible» ARF



# ARF in 1900: the clinical diagnosis



ARF was diagnosed from signs and symptoms such as oliguria, fatigue, vomiting, GI bleeding.  
«Disorders of the Renal Glands»



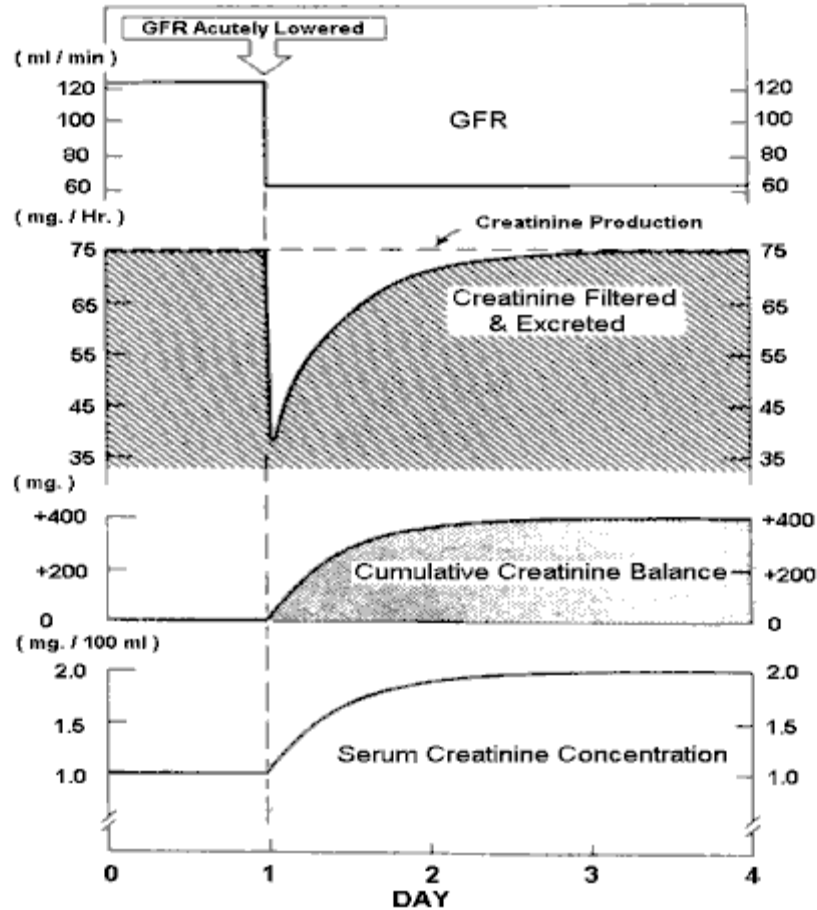
*Dimitrios Petras*



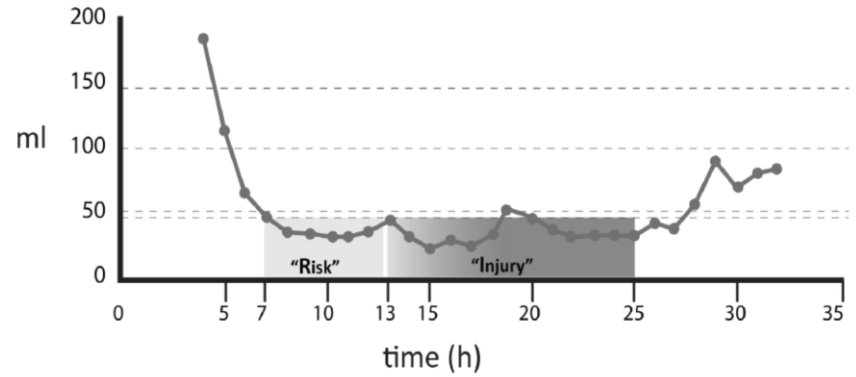
# From a purely clinical diagnosis to the use of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine



# Creatinine Kinetics



# Urine Output



# Over 30 definitions of ARF existed in the literature

1. Creat  $\Delta$  0.1 mg/dL
2. Creat increase  $>0.5$  mg/dL
3. Creat  $\geq 0.5$  mg/dL
4. Creat  $\geq 1.7$  mg/dL
5. Creat  $\geq 1.5$  mg/dL
6. Creat  $\geq 2$  mg/dL
7. Creat  $\geq 2.1$  mg/dL and  $\times 2$
8. Creat  $\geq 177\mu\text{mol/L}$   $\Delta > 62\mu\text{mol/L}$
9. Creat  $> 200\mu\text{mol/L}$  (2.36 mg/dL)
10. Creat  $> 3.2$  mg/dL or  $\times 2$
11. Creat  $> 5$  mg/dL or K  $> 5.5$
12. RIFLE
13. Creat increase  $\geq 25\%$
14. Creat increase  $\geq 50\%$
15. Creat increase  $\geq 100\%$
16.  $\Delta\text{Cr}_{72\text{h}} > 0\mu\text{mol/L}$
17.  $\Delta\text{Cr}_{72\text{h}} > 25\mu\text{mol/L}$
18.  $\Delta\text{Cr}_{72\text{h}} > 44\mu\text{mol/L}$
19.  $\Delta\text{Cr}_{72\text{h}} > 50\mu\text{mol/L}$
20.  $\Delta\text{Cr}_{72\text{h}} > 100\mu\text{mol/L}$
21. Cockcroft-Gault Cr Cl  $< 30$  mL/min
22. Cockcroft-Gault Cr Cl 30–60 mL/min
23.  $\Delta\text{Cockcroft-Gault}_{72\text{hr}} < 0\%$
24.  $\Delta\text{Cockcroft-Gault}_{72\text{hr}} < -15\%$
25.  $\Delta\text{Cockcroft-Gault}_{72\text{hr}} < -25\%$
26.  $\Delta\text{Cockcroft-Gault}_{72\text{hr}} < -50\%$
27. MDRD: 50% change in GFR
28. UO  $< 100$  q 8hr
29. U  $\alpha 1$ -microglob
30. U  $\beta 2$ - microglobulin
31. U N-acetyl-  $\beta$ -D-glucosaminidase
32. U glutathion transferase- $\pi$
33. U glutathion transferase-  $\alpha$
34. NGAL
35. RRT

Mr John Doo  
in the ward  
has ARF...

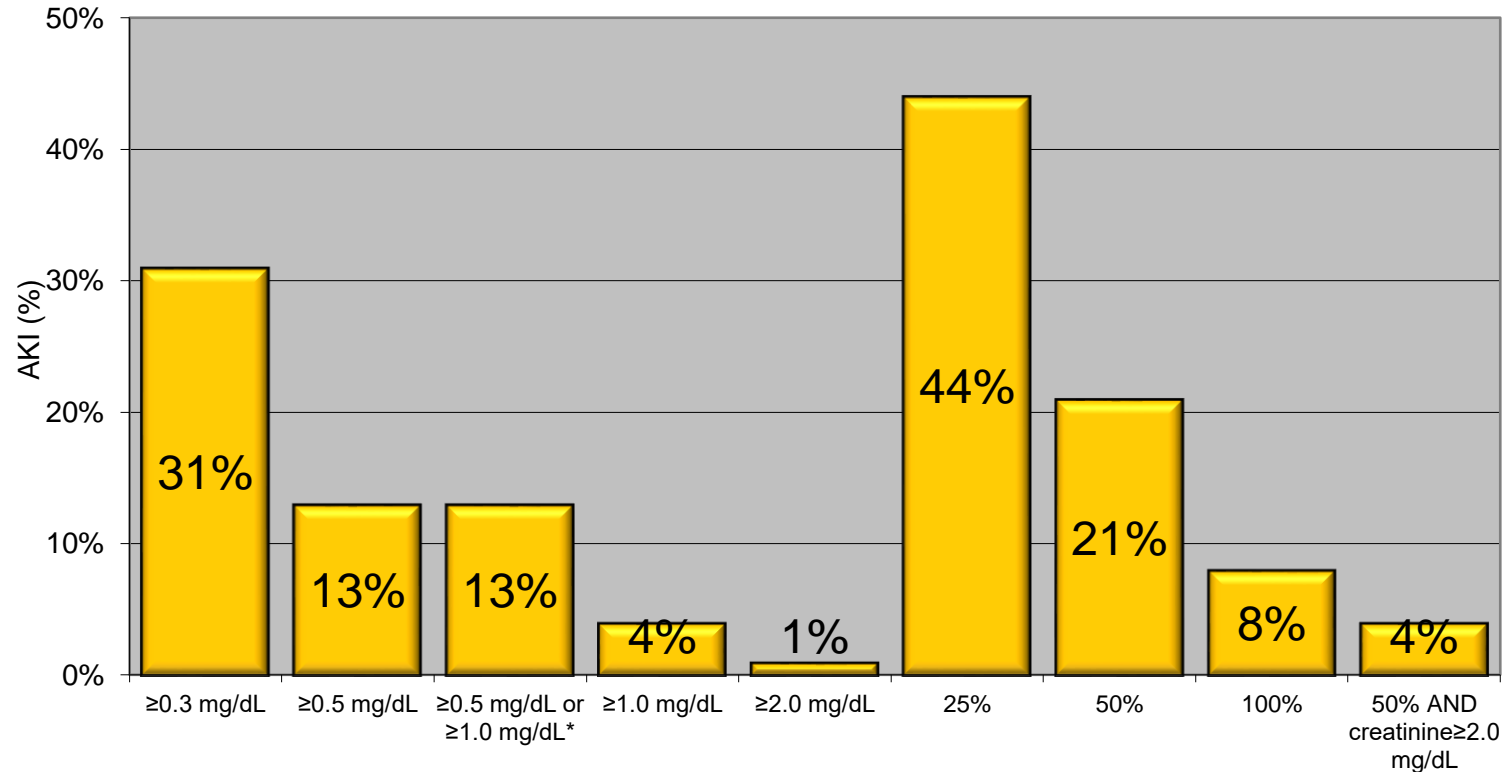
He needs  
RRT...

↑25% in  
Crea...



# Incidence of AKI

(Definition/Reporting Issues)



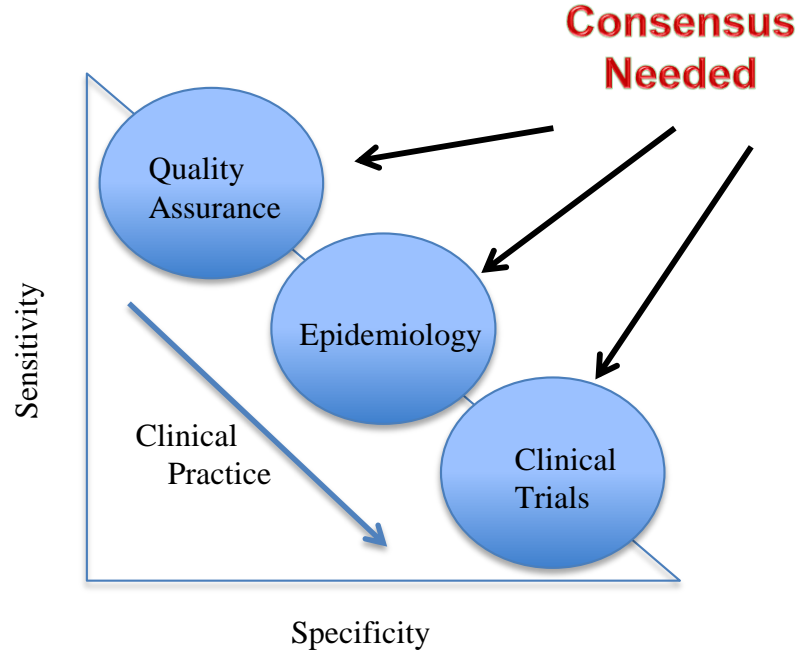




**ADQI**

**ADQI, May 10-12,  
2002 Vicenza**

# AKI Definition

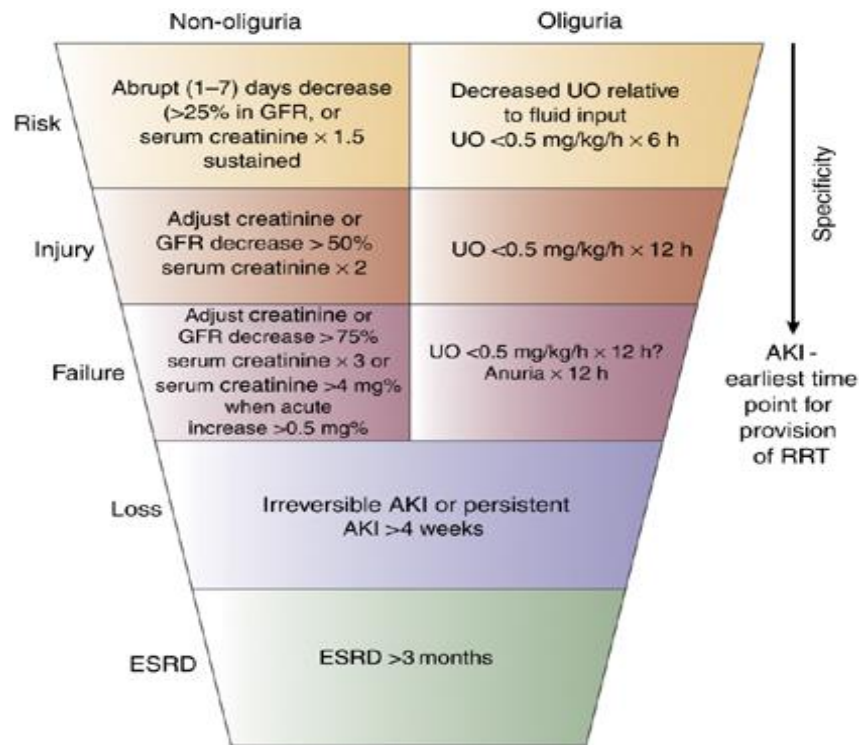


# From lab results to an organic classification

## RIFLE, AKIN, KDIGO

Over 30 definitions of AKI/ ARF in the literature

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. Creat $\Delta$ 0.1 mg/dL                                 | 19. $\Delta$ Cr72h $>$ 50 $\mu$ mol/L      |
| 2. Creat increase $>$ 0.5 mg/dL                             | 20. $\Delta$ Cr72h $>$ 100 $\mu$ mol/L     |
| 3. Creat $\geq$ 0.5 mg/dL                                   | 21. Cockcroft-Gault Cr Cl $<$ 30 mL/min    |
| 4. Creat $\geq$ 1.7 mg/dL                                   | 22. Cockcroft-Gault Cr Cl 30–60 mL/min     |
| 5. Creat $\geq$ 1.5 mg/dL                                   | 23. $\Delta$ Cockcroft-Gault72hr $<$ 0%    |
| 6. Creat $\geq$ 2 mg/dL                                     | 24. $\Delta$ Cockcroft-Gault72hr $<$ -15%  |
| 7. Creat $\geq$ 2.1 mg/dL and x 2                           | 25. $\Delta$ Cockcroft-Gault72hr $<$ -25%  |
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| 12. RIFLE   | 30. U $\beta$ 2- microglobulin             |
| 13. Creat increase $\geq$ 25%                               | 31. U N-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-glucosaminidase |
| 14. Creat increase $\geq$ 50%                               | 32. U glutathion transferase- $\pi$        |
| 15. Creat increase $\geq$ 100%                              | 33. U glutathion transferase- $\alpha$     |
| 16. $\Delta$ Cr72h $>$ 0 $\mu$ mol/L                        | 34. NGAL                                   |
| 17. $\Delta$ Cr72h $>$ 25 $\mu$ mol/L                       | 35. RRT                                    |
| 18. $\Delta$ Cr72h $>$ 44 $\mu$ mol/L                       | 36....                                     |

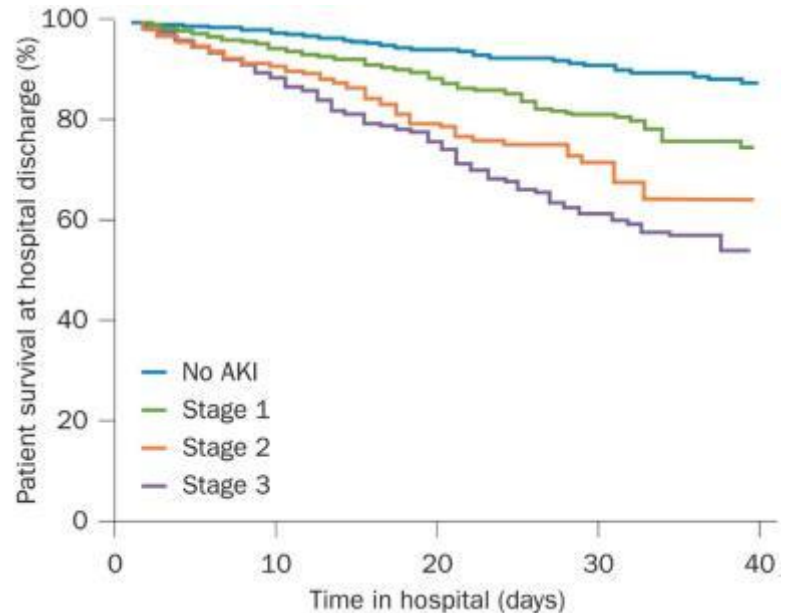
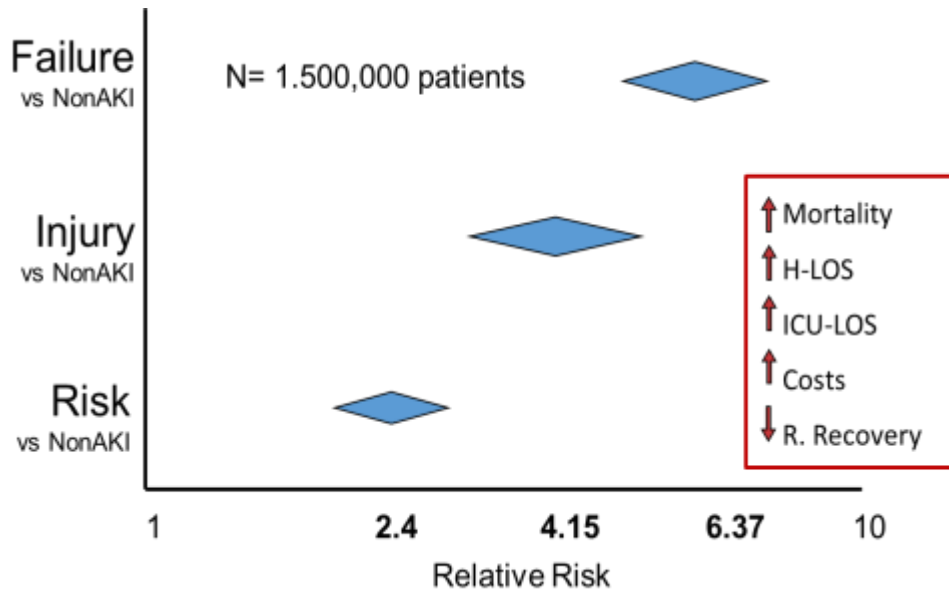


# The RIFLE criteria and mortality in acute kidney injury: A systematic review

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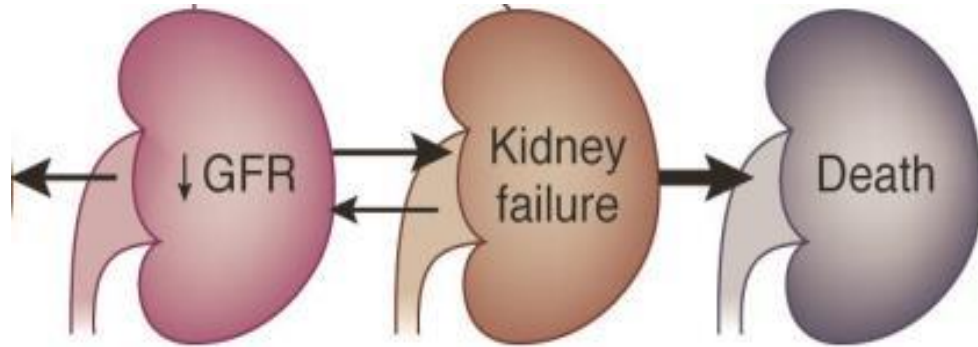
## Increase in All-Cause Mortality with worse RIFLE Class



## Limitations of Creatinine as a Marker

- Mainly a marker of glomerular function and not damage
- Generation is highly variable (age, sex, muscle mass and diet)
- 10-40% cleared by tubular secretion (hiding decline in GFR)
- Increases only when at least 50% of nephron mass is lost
- Drugs may impair secretion (i.e. trimethoprim, cimetidine).
- Actual levels do not depict real-time changes in GFR (leading to possible delay in diagnosis)

# KDIGO Definition of AKI



Stage 1

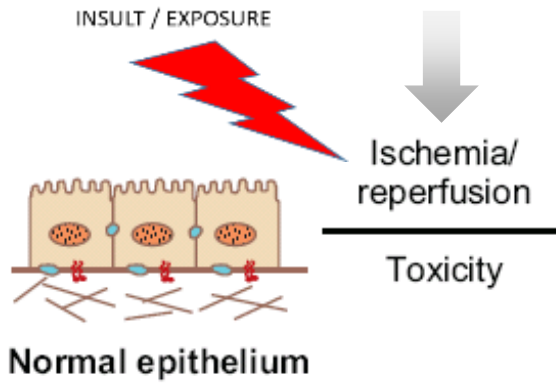
Stage 2

Stage 3

$\Delta$  sCr  
> 0.3  
mg/dL

sCr  
x 2

sCr  
x 3

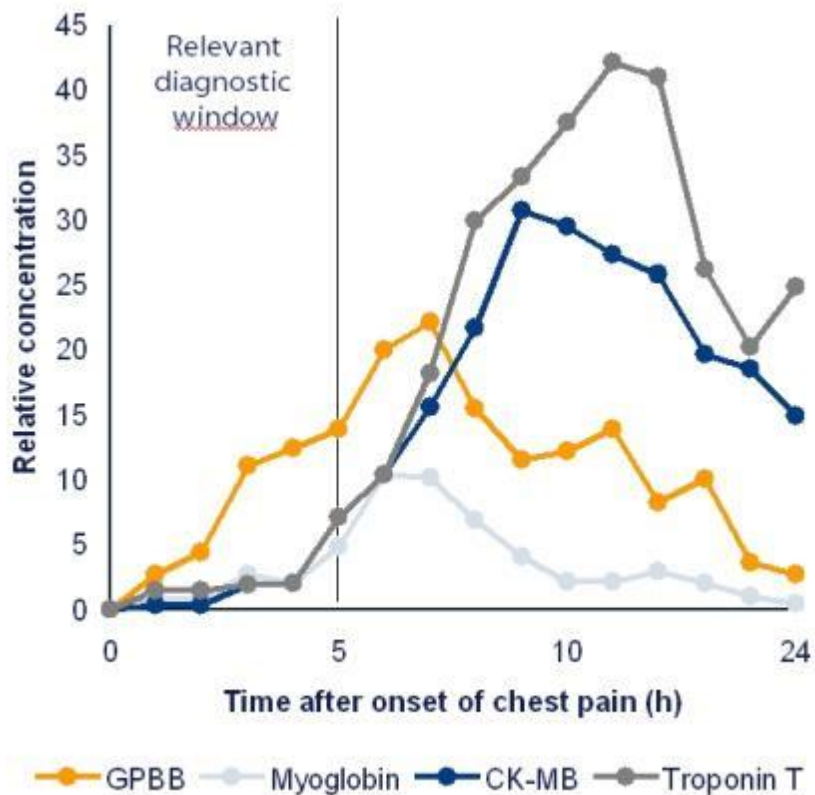


## Multiple Timezones of AKI and Organ Damage Clock



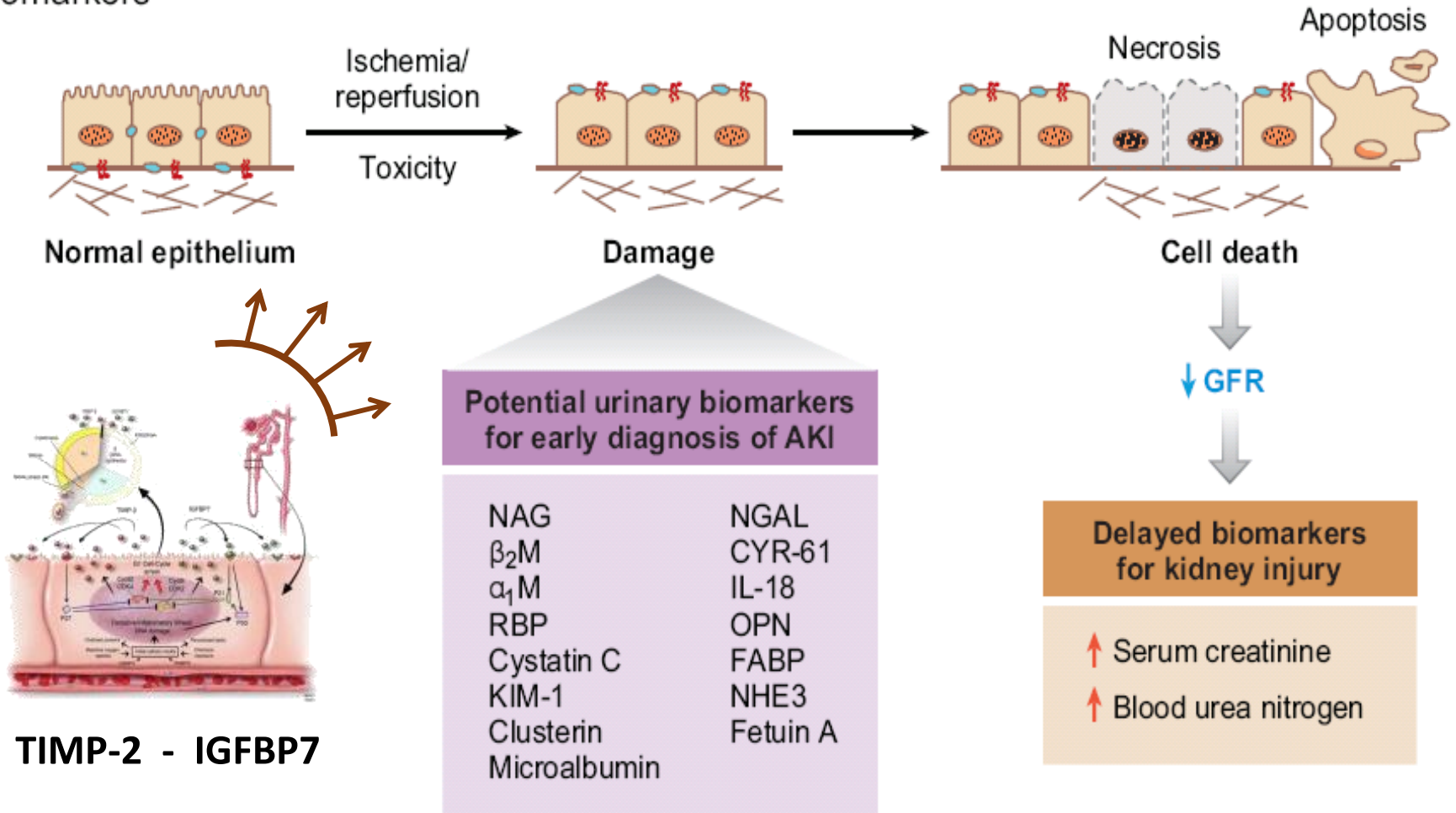
The sCreatinine clock is always late

# Why not learning from Cardiology?





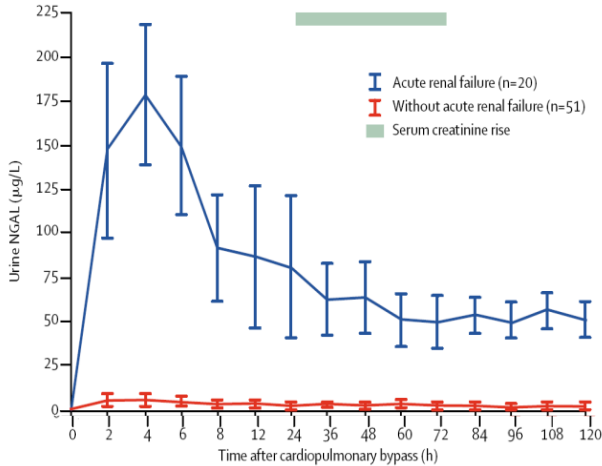
# Biomarkers



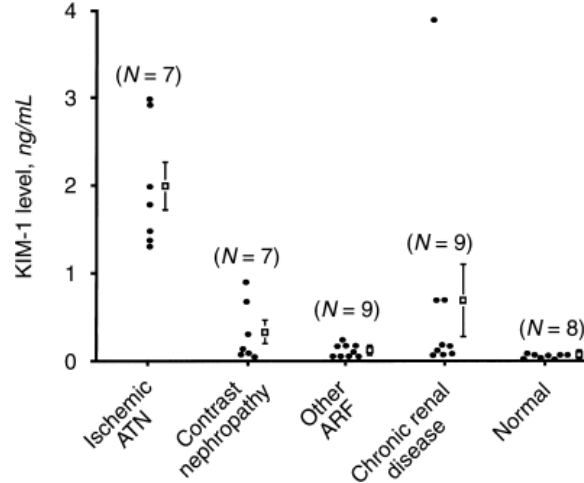


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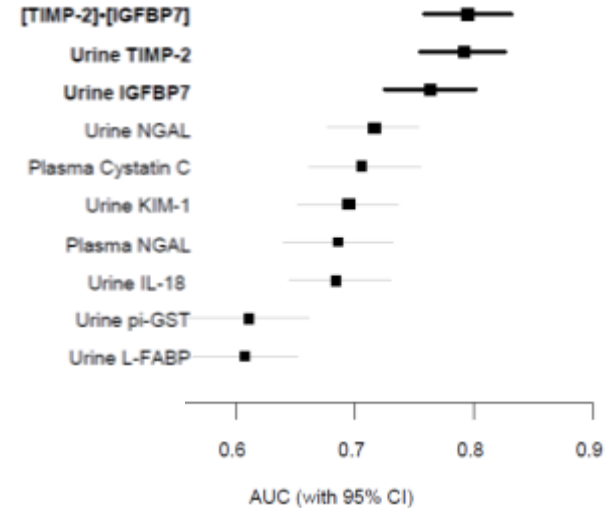
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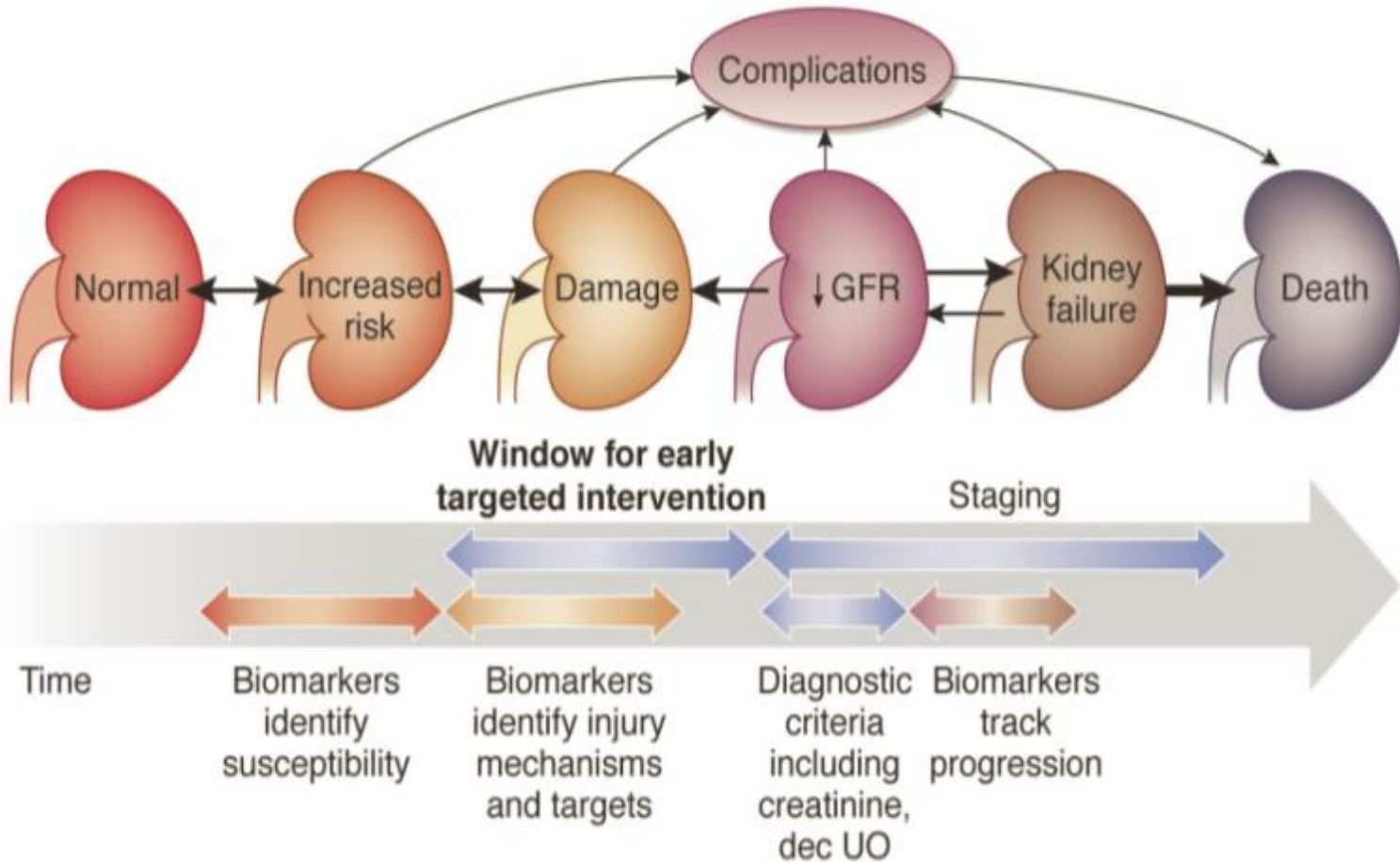
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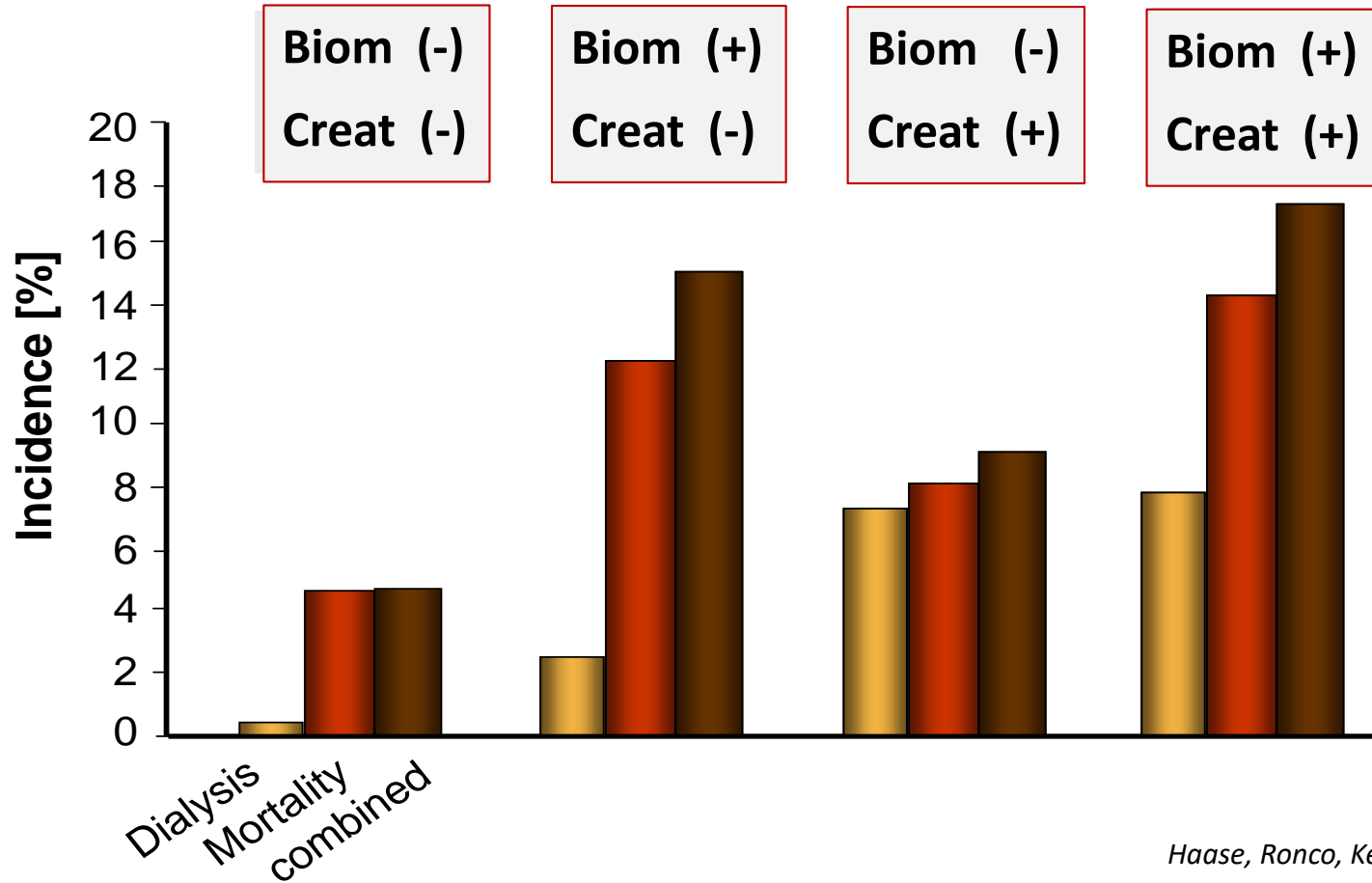
## Nephrocheck



# The Rise of AKI Biomarkers



# Creatinine, Biomarkers and AKI outcomes



**Biomarker Domain**      **Creatinine/Urine Output Domain**



Biomarker + (trend)

Biomarker +++ (Cut off)

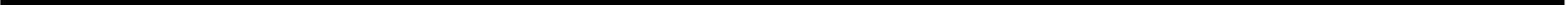
**Acute  
Kidney  
Stress**

Renal Angina

Rifle R / AKIN Stage I

Rifle I / AKIN Stage II

Rifle F / AKIN Stage III



Delta Biomarker Domain	0	< 0.3	> 0.3 B x 1.5	B x 2.0	> 4.0 B x 3.0 or Dialysis
	Serum Creatinine increase in mg/dl or from baseline (B)				

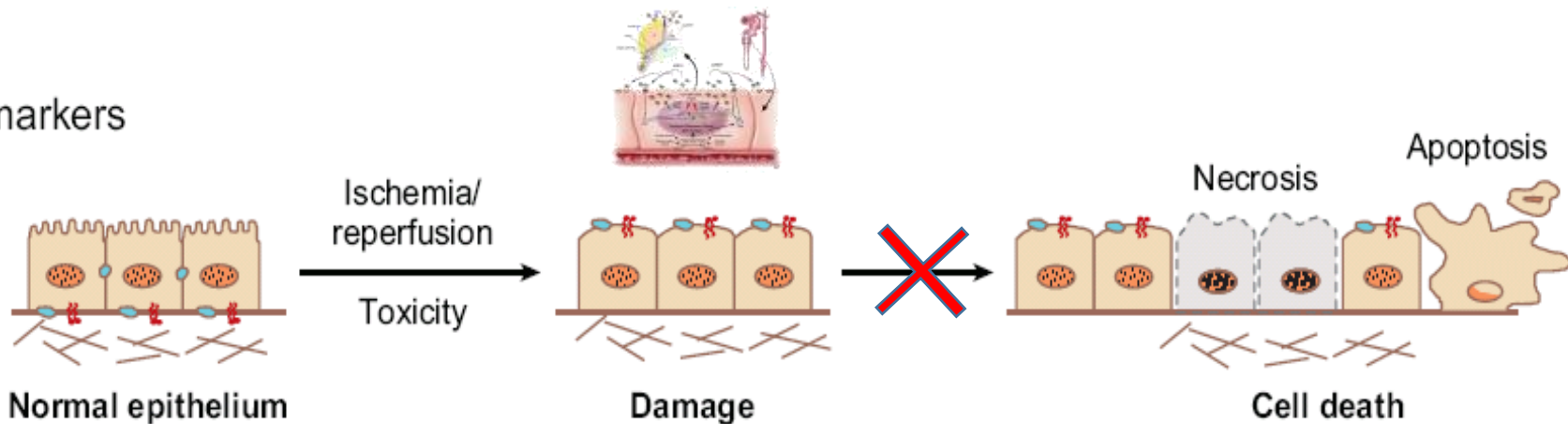


Consensus Statement | Critical Care Medicine

Recommendations on Acute Kidney Injury Biomarkers From the Acute Disease Quality Initiative Consensus Conference  
A Consensus Statement

Functional criteria	Stage	Damage criteria
No change or sCr level increase <0.3 mg/dL and no UO criteria	1S	Biomarker positive
Increase of sCr level by $\geq 0.3$ mg/dL for $\leq 48$ h or $\geq 150\%$ for $\leq 7$ days and/or UO <0.5 mL/kg/h for >6 h	1A	Biomarker negative
	1B	Biomarker positive
Increase of sCr level by >200% and/or UO <0.5 mL/kg/h for >12 h	2A	Biomarker negative
	2B	Biomarker positive
Increase of sCr level by >300% ( $\geq 4.0$ mg/dL with an acute increase of $\geq 0.5$ mg/dL) and/or UO <0.3 mL/kg/h for >24 h or anuria for >12 h and/or acute KRT	3A	Biomarker negative
	3B	Biomarker positive

## Biomarkers



ACUTE KIDNEY INJURY

## AKI: the myth of inevitability is finally shattered

*John A. Kellum*

Acute kidney injury continues to challenge physicians, researchers and patients. To date, there is no efficient treatment for acute kidney injury and its occurrence in many critically ill patients seems inevitable. However, a new study might just change the way we approach this seemingly intractable problem.

# PREVAKI

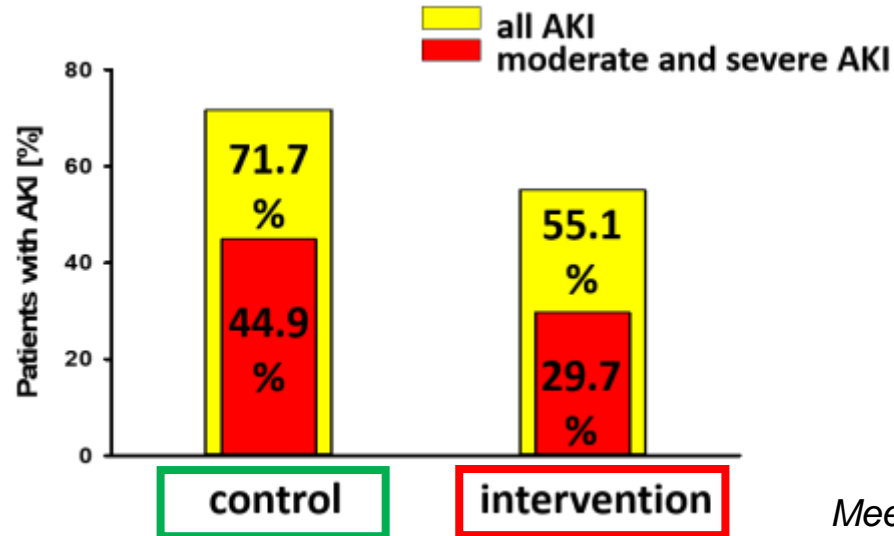
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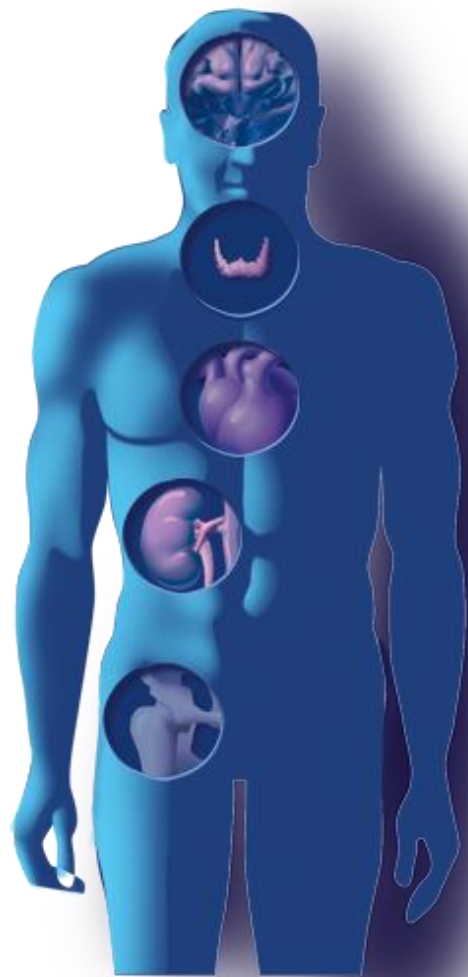


Randomization

Control group (Standard)

Intervention group (KDIGO)





# **The Biomarker Alliance and the Nephrology Rapid Response Team**



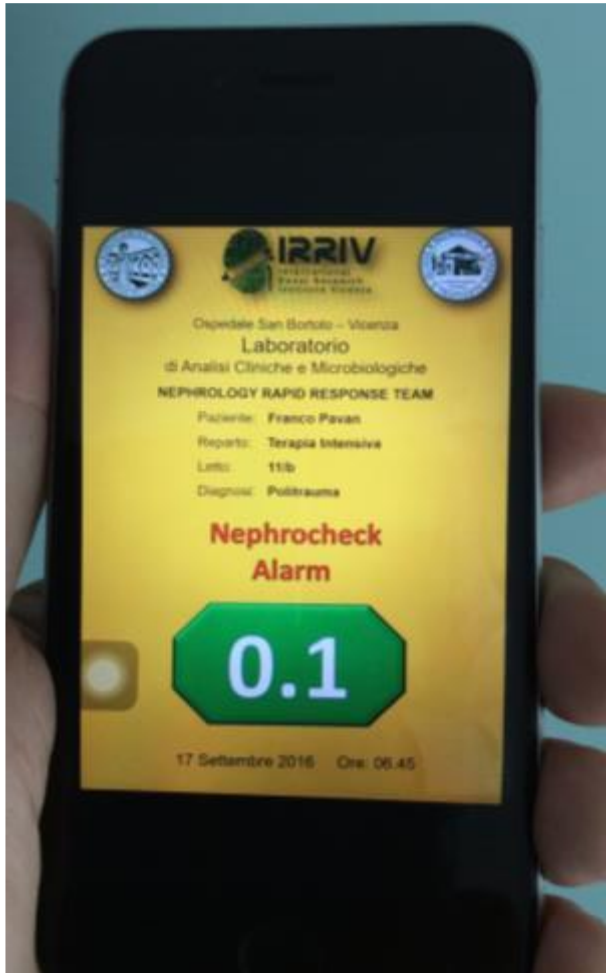
# Our Pathway to Adoption of Biomarkers

2014 Clinical Prediction Model

2015 Additional Value of BM

2016 BM + intervention (NRRT)

2017 Routine Adoption (analysis)





## F1 Clinical Scenario

Codice

Major/cardiac surgery  ?

Major/noncardiac surgery  ?

Coronary angiography  ?

Polytrauma  ?

Burns  ?

Sepsis  ?

Diarrhea  ?

Mechanical ventilation  ?

Medication  ?

Vasopressors  ?

Contrast media  ?

## F3 Physical Examination

Codice  ?

Hemodynamic instability  ?

HR  ?

MAP  ?

Dehydration  ?

Peripheral edema ....  ?

Ascites/Rales  ?

Urinary output  $\leq 0,5$  ml/kg/h for 6-12 hours

## F2 Clinical History

id  ?

Age >65  Previous AKI

Low income country  Heart failure  ?

Black race  Liver disease  ?

BMI  $\Rightarrow$  30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>  lung disease  ?

Diabetes  ? Cancer  ? e

Hypertension  Medications and  ?  
or Nephrotoxins

CKD  ?

## F4 Clinical Chemistry & Biomarkers

Codice  ?

Serum creatinine or Urine  ?

e GFR <60 ml/m'

Anemia (HB <11 g/dl)

Proteinuria >300 G/+

Hematuria

CPK U/l

+AKI biomarkers  ?

Report

**Score**  
  
**AKI Risk Assessment**  
[ARA Moderate](#)

ICU



INPUT



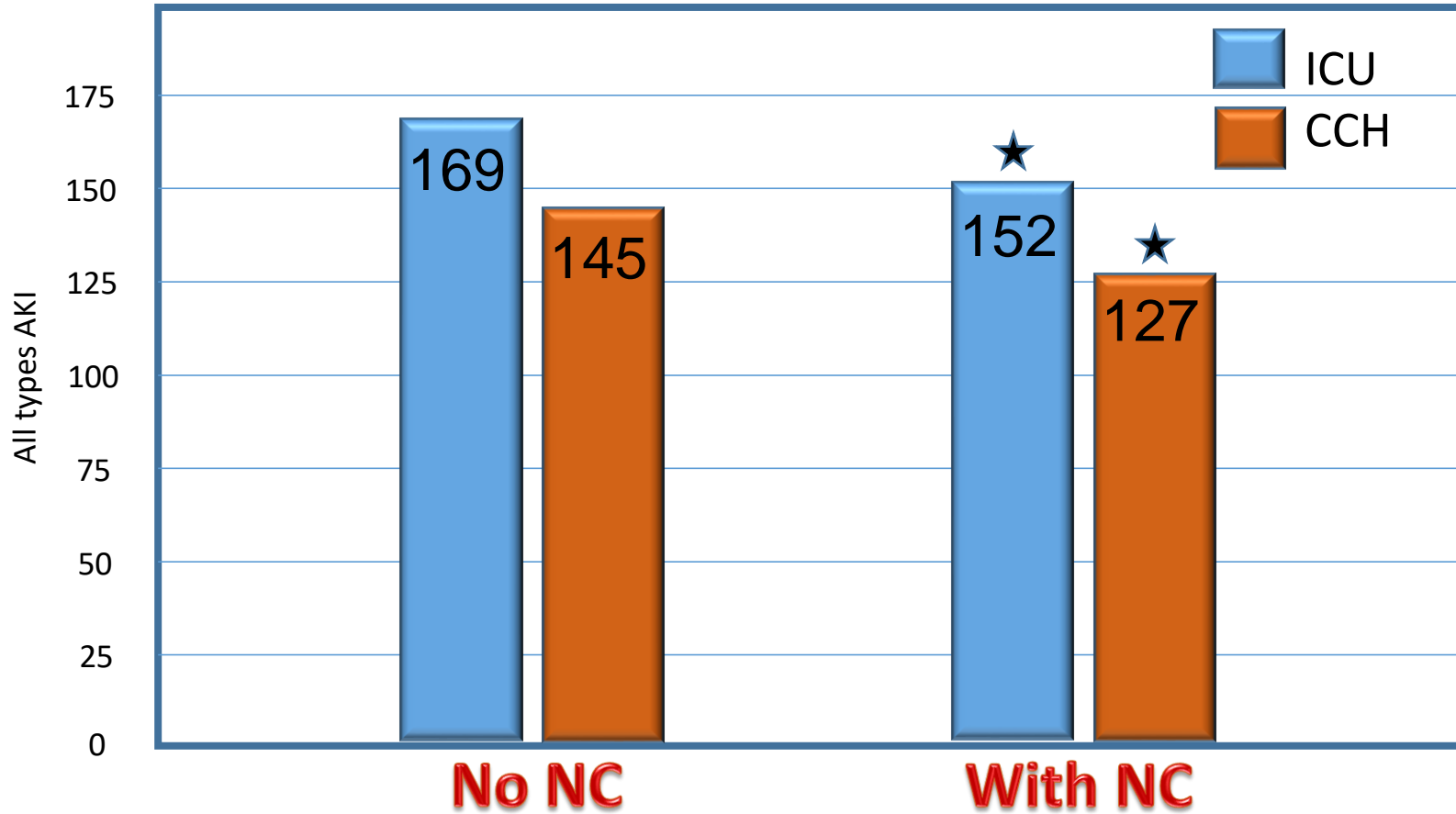
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Checklist

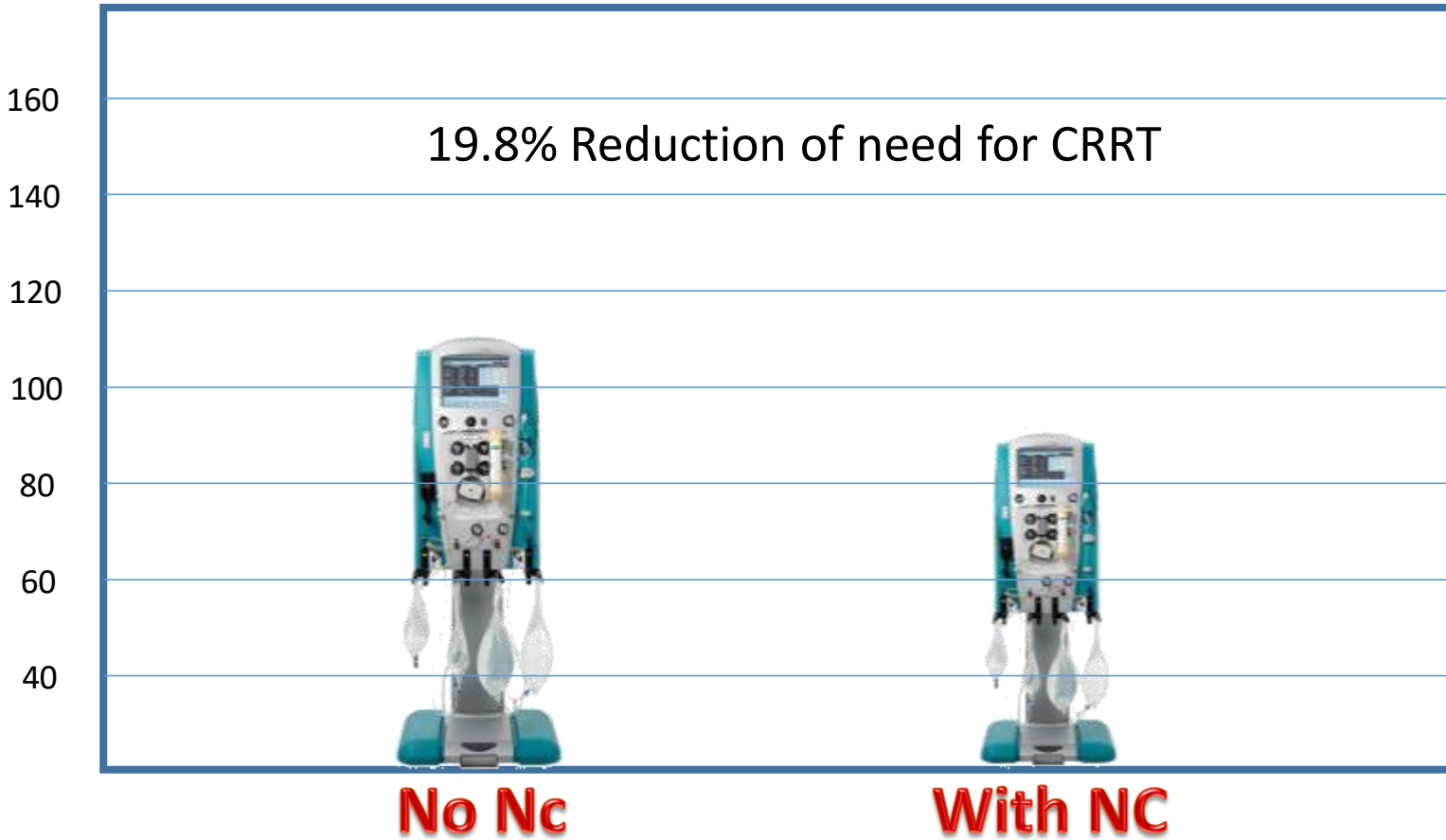
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# Vicenza NRRT Study



# Number of Patients requiring CRRT

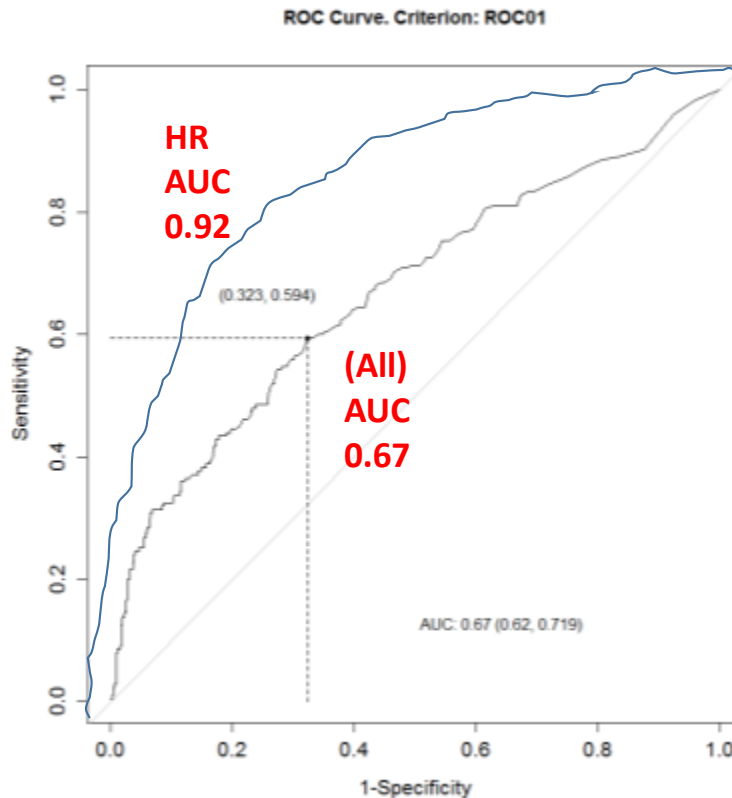


# ROC

(All patients admitted to ICU versus high risk patients)

- Number of optimal cutoffs: 1

	Estimate	95% CI lower limit	95% CI upper limit
<b>cutoff</b>	<b>0.5900000</b>	-	-
Se	0.5942857	0.5175908	0.6677304
Sp	0.6770833	0.6332154	0.7187528
PPV	0.4015444	0.3558555	0.4793100
NPV	0.8207071	0.7702682	0.8480037
DLR.Positive	1.8403687	1.5399260	2.1994282
DLR.Negative	0.5992088	0.4956900	0.7243462
FP	155.0000000	-	-
FN	71.0000000	-	-
Optimal criterion	0.2688793	-	-



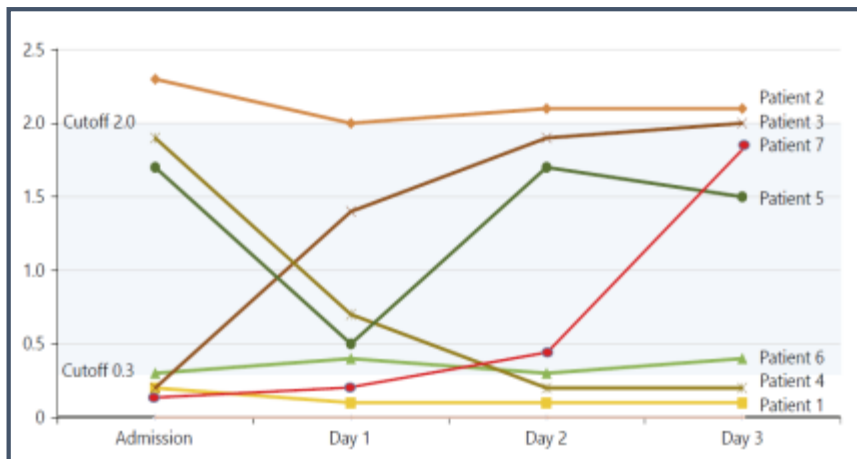
Optimal NC Cut-off value for All patients is 0.59



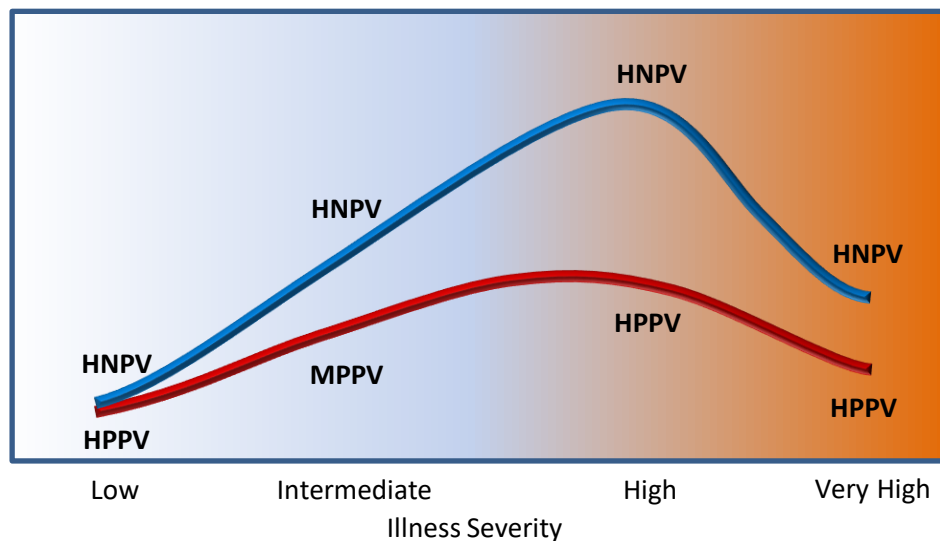
## Acute Kidney Injury Biomarkers: Are We Ready for the Biomarker Curve?

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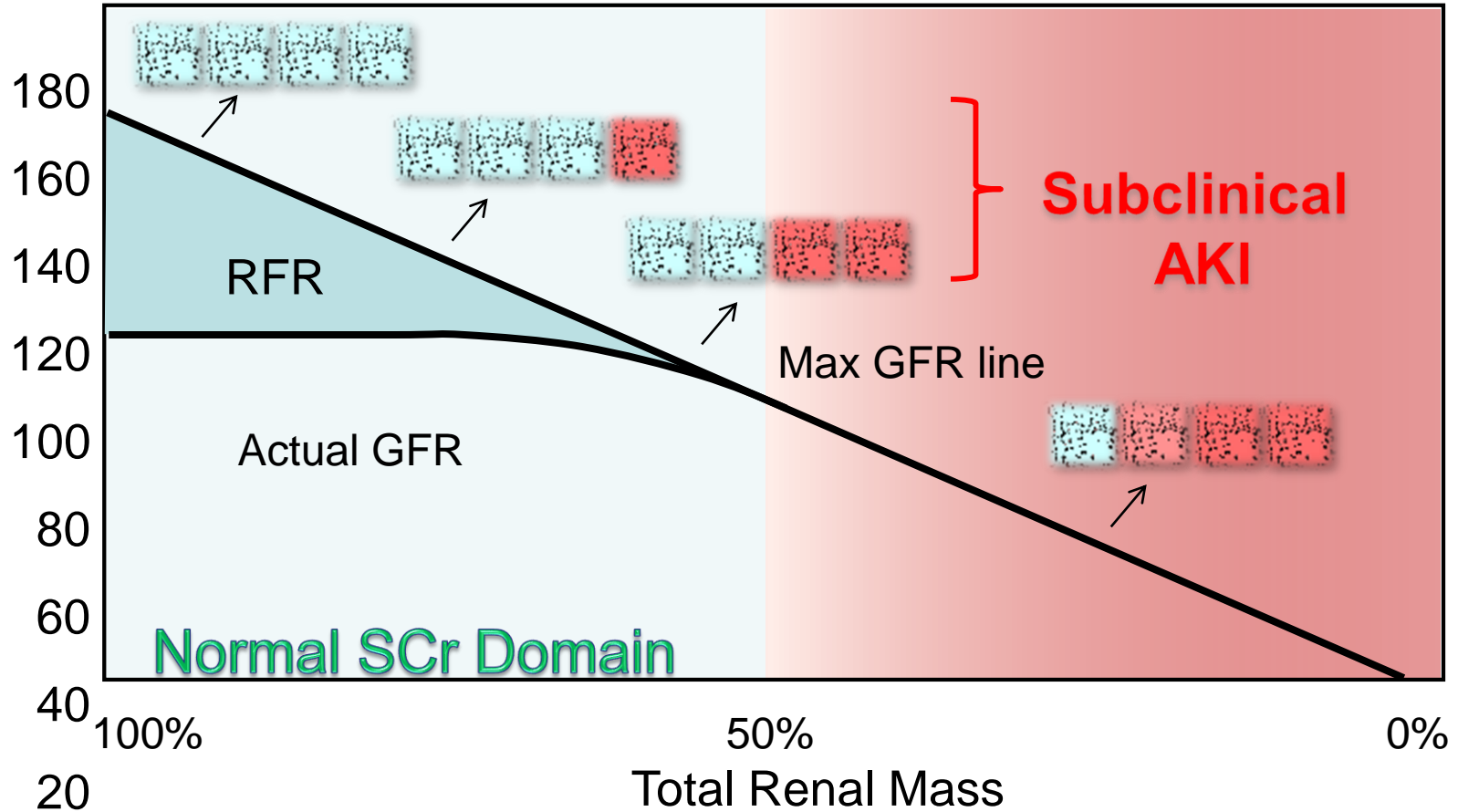
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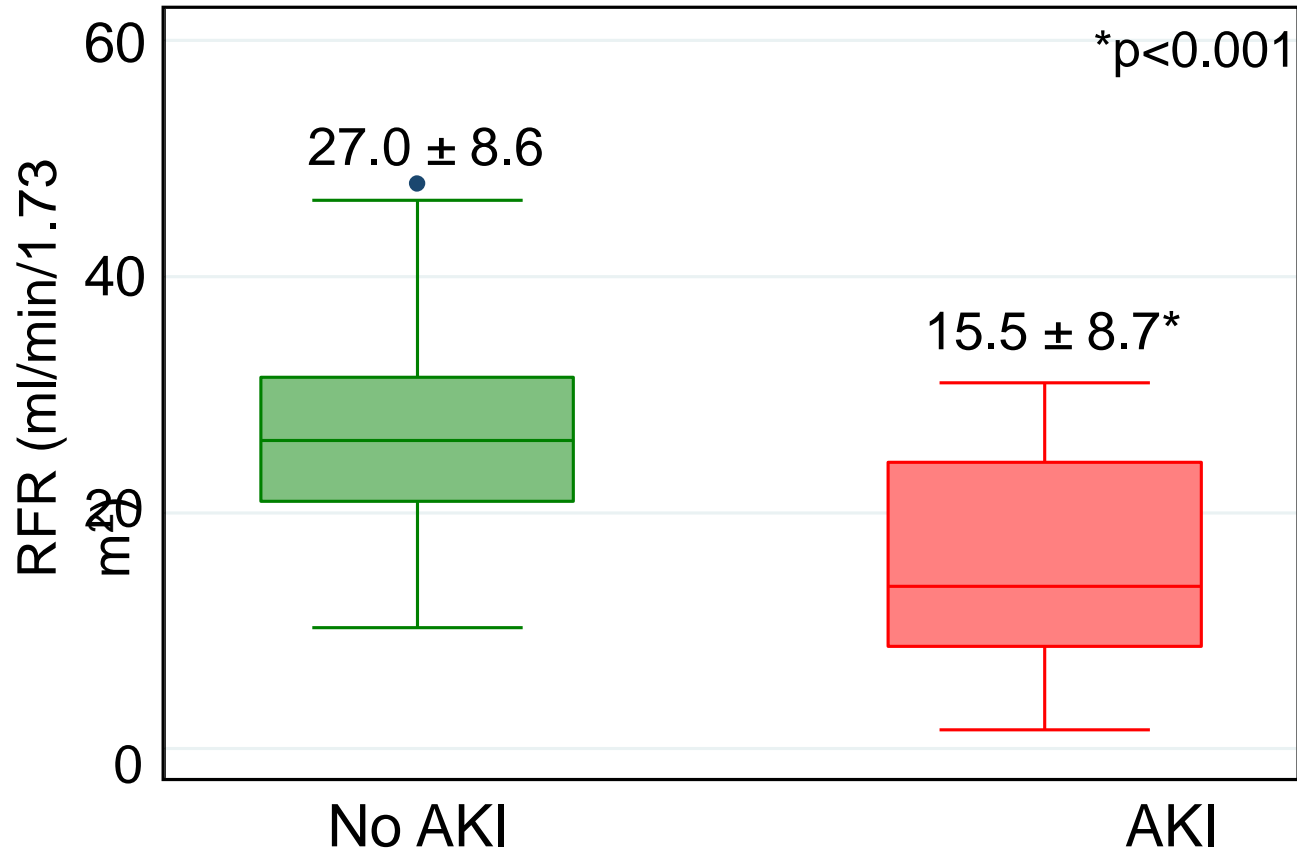


# Creatinine and GFR





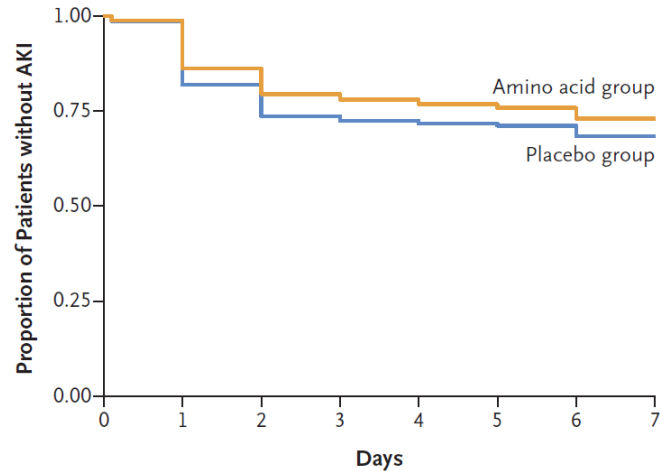
# Preoperative RFR in patients without AKI versus AKI



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## A Randomized Trial of Intravenous Amino Acids for Kidney Protection

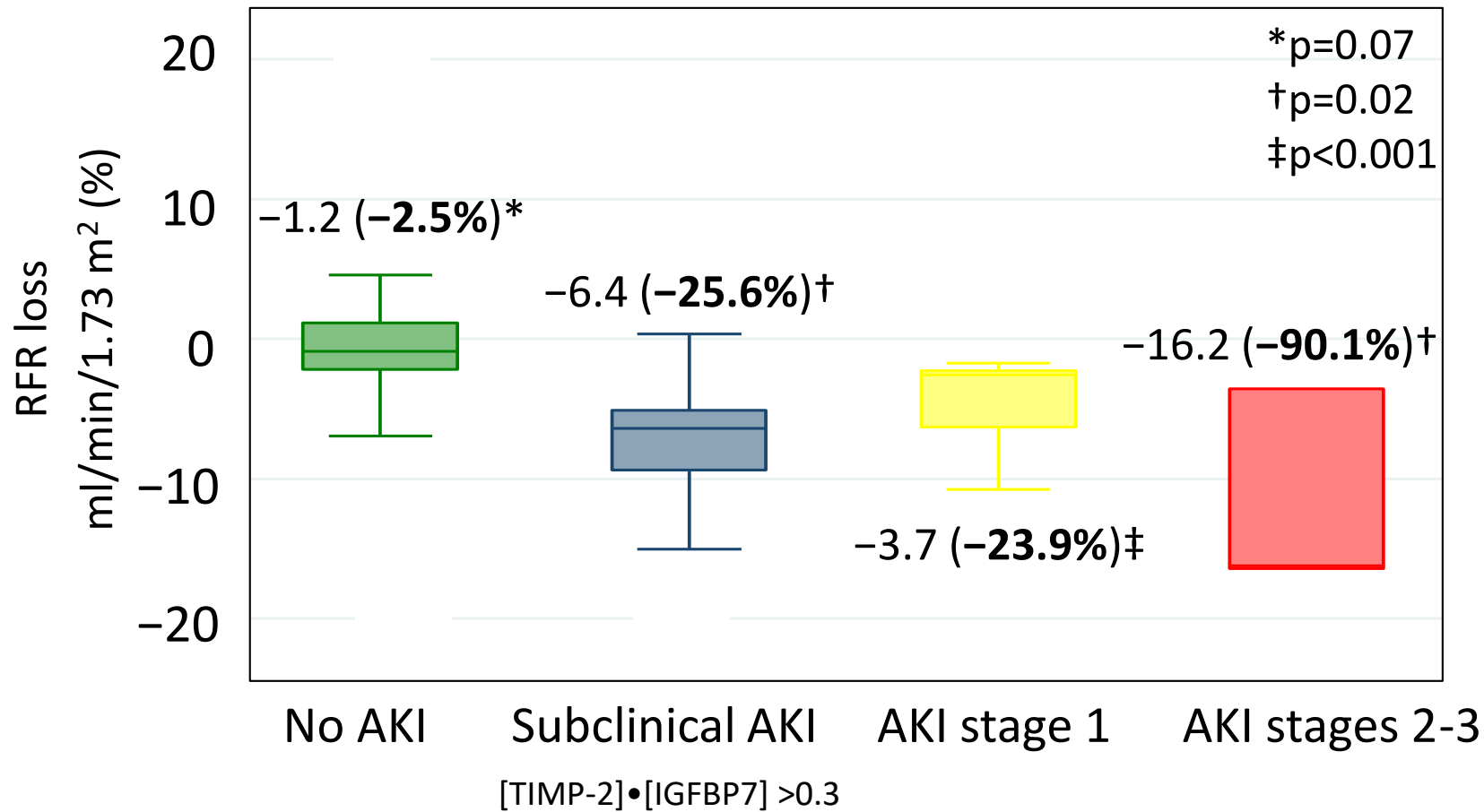
G. Landoni, F. Monaco, L.K. Ti, M. Baiardo Redaelli, N. Bradic, M. Comis,



**Among adult patients undergoing cardiac surgery, infusion of amino acids reduced the occurrence of AKI.**

*(PROTECTION ClinicalTrials.gov number, [NCT03709264](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT03709264).)*

# RFR loss in patients with AKI and subclinical AKI (3 months follow up)



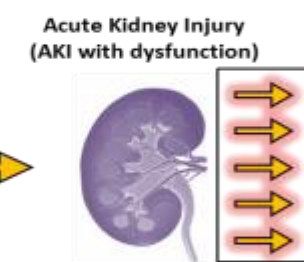
# Acute Kidney Disease (3 months)

**Highly Susceptible Kidney**  
(Baseline GFR > 90 ml/min and RFR < 30 ml/min) or Established CKD



**Normal Kidney**  
Normal Baseline GFR and intact RFR (>30 ml/min)

**Biomarker Domain (Subclinical)**



**KDIGO**

**Creatinine Domain (sCr KDIGO Clinical)**

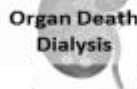
**Kidney Recovery (GFR > 60 ml/min)**



Adaptive Repair



Maladaptive Repair



Sclerosis Fibrosis



**Partial Recovery (GFR < 60 ml/min)**

**Full Recovery**  
(Baseline GFR > 90 ml/min and RFR > 30 ml/min)



**Apparent Full Recovery**  
(Baseline GFR > 90 ml/min and RFR < 30 ml/min)

**CKD (GFR < 60 ml/min)**

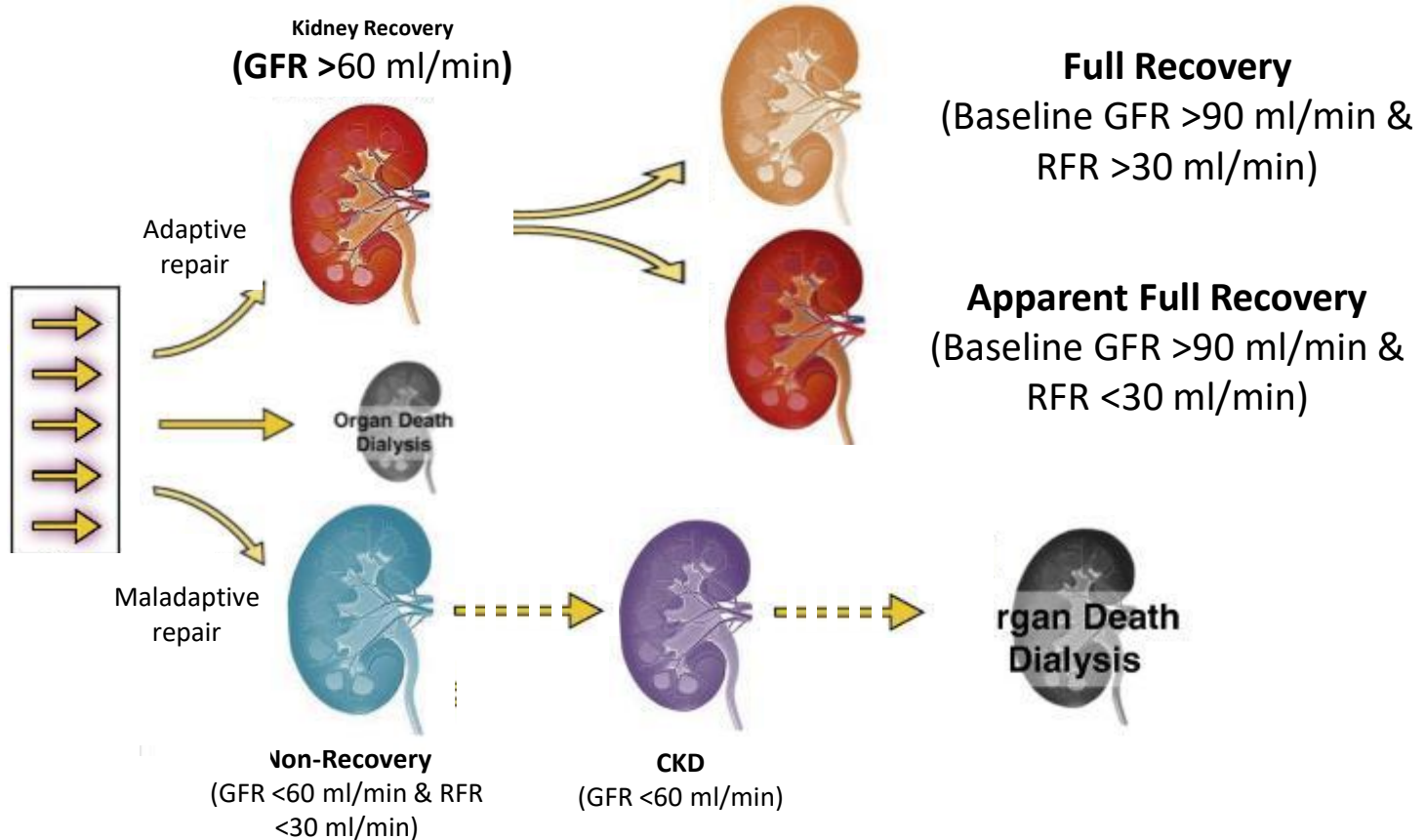


**Organ Death Dialysis**

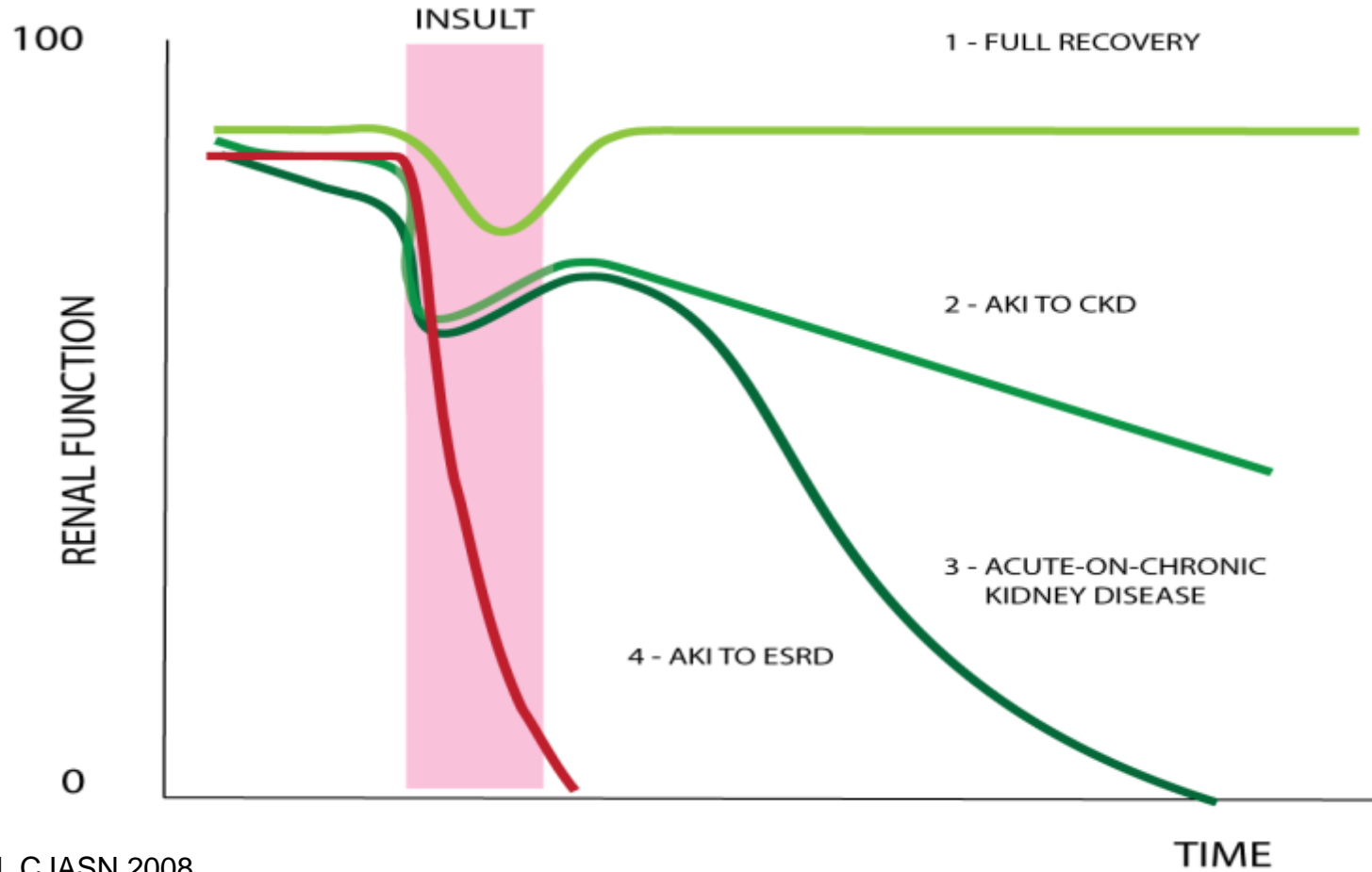
**Recovery Patterns:**

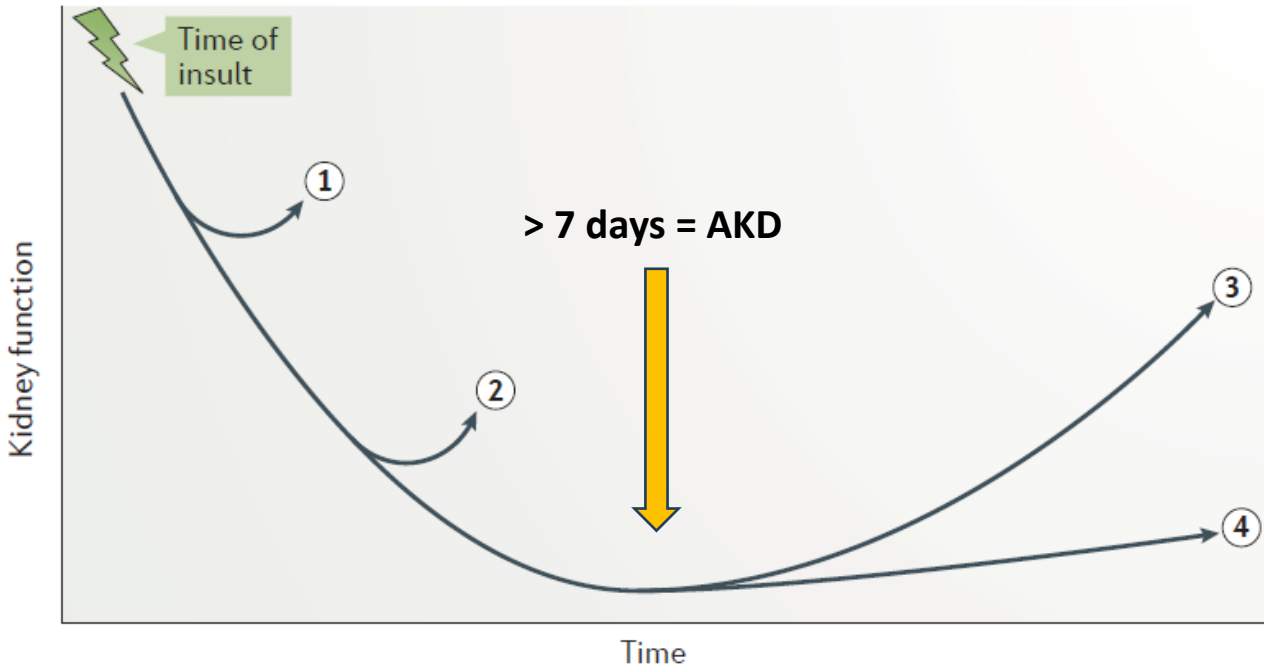
- Early sustained reversal
- Late reversal
- Relapsing AKI with recovery
- Relapsing AKI without recovery
- Non reversal

# Renal Recovery



# Natural History of AKI





**Biomarker, GFR and imaging assessments throughout the clinical course**

Individualized risk based adjustment

Adjust renally excreted medications, avoid or withdraw nephrotoxic medications

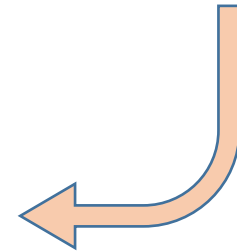
Withdraw drugs with active metabolites

Introduce or re-introduce medications

Consider drugs with renoprotective properties

## Renal Recovery

Renal Recovery in patients with AKI who are treated with RRT is defined as sustained (>14days) independence from RRT

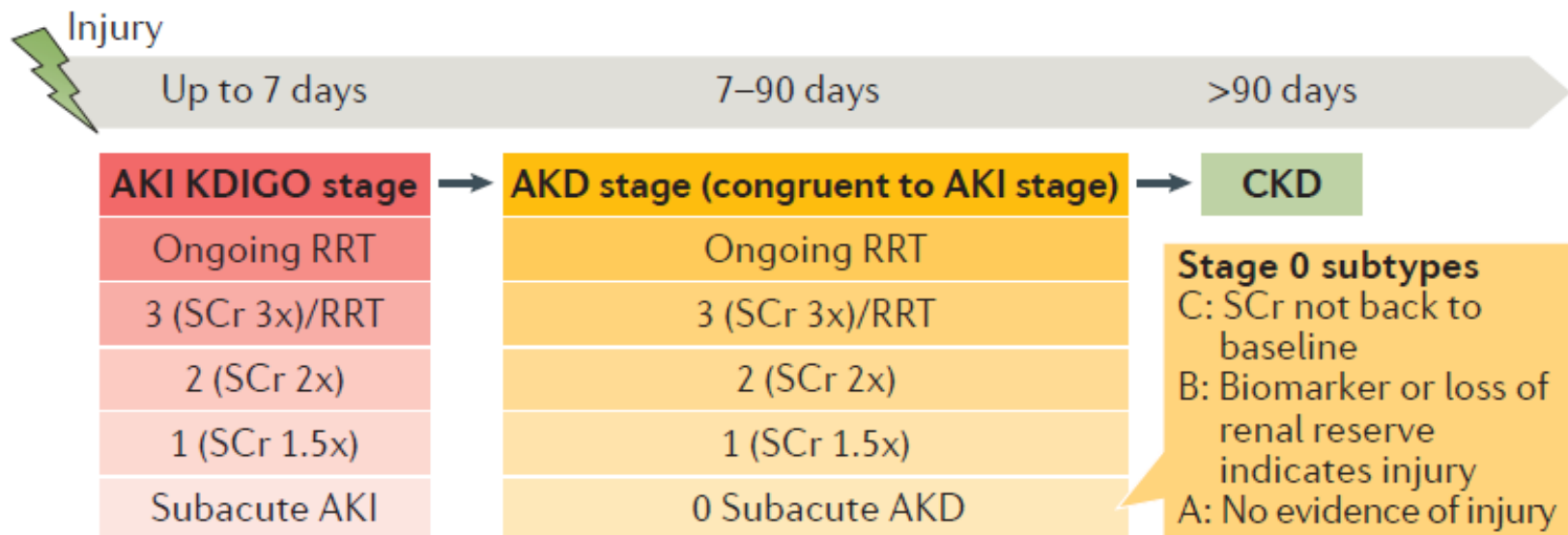
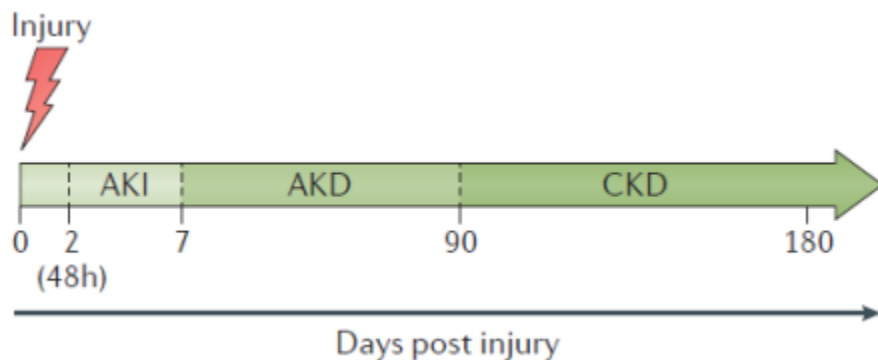




# Updating and implementing AKD Nomenclature

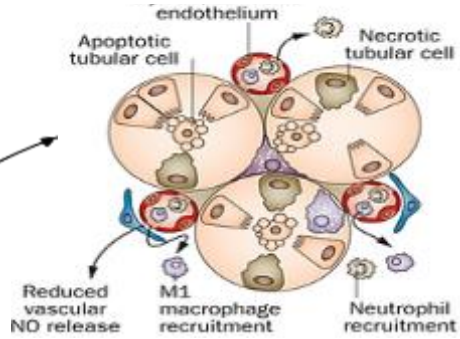
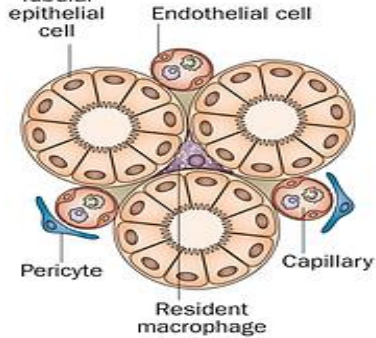
EXPERT CONSENSUS DOCUMENT

Acute kidney disease and renal recovery: consensus report of the Acute Disease Quality Initiative (ADQI) 16 Workgroup

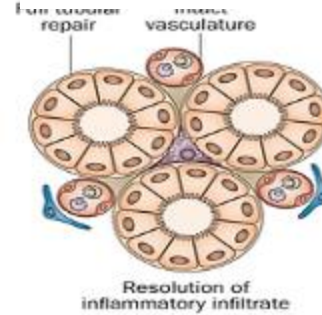


# AKI

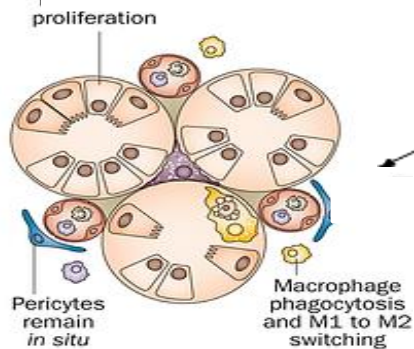
## Recovery



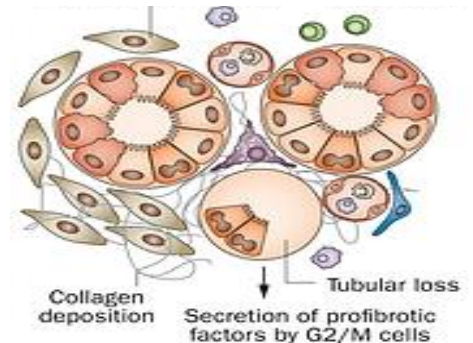
## Recovery



## Repair



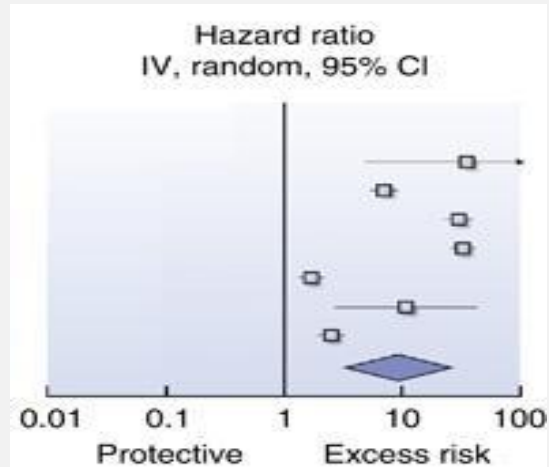
## Progressive Scarring



# CKD and ESRD after AKI

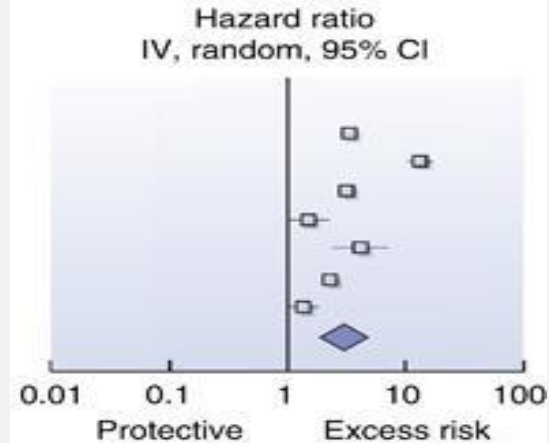
## AKI to CKD

**HR = 8.8**  
(95%CI 3.1-25.5)



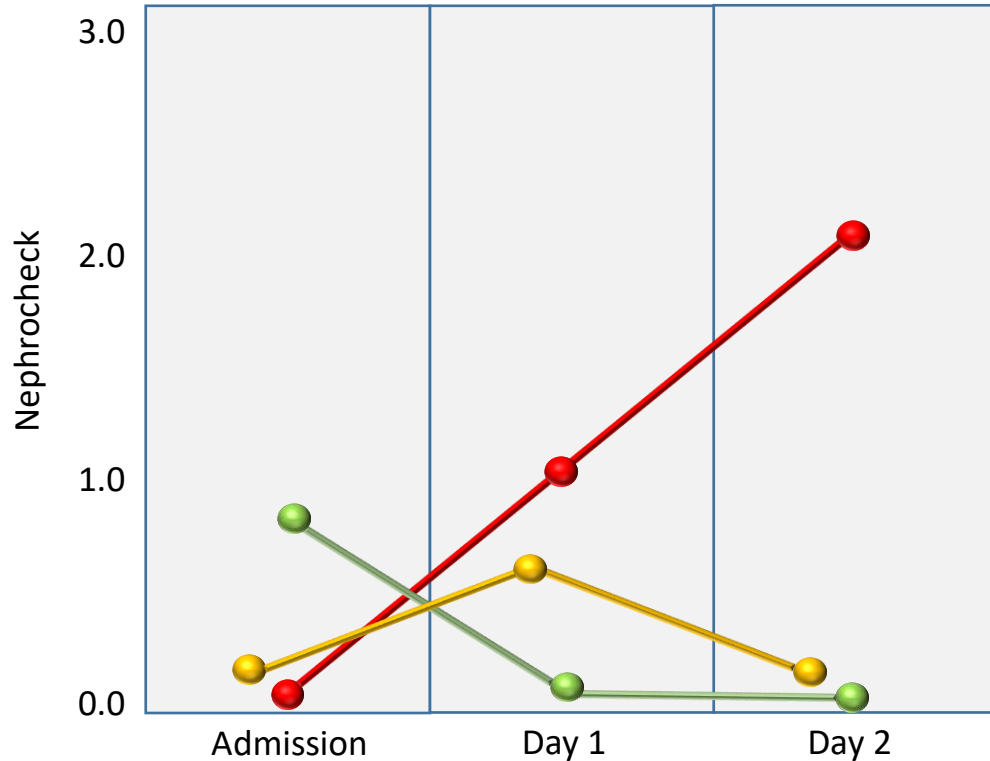
## AKI to ESRD

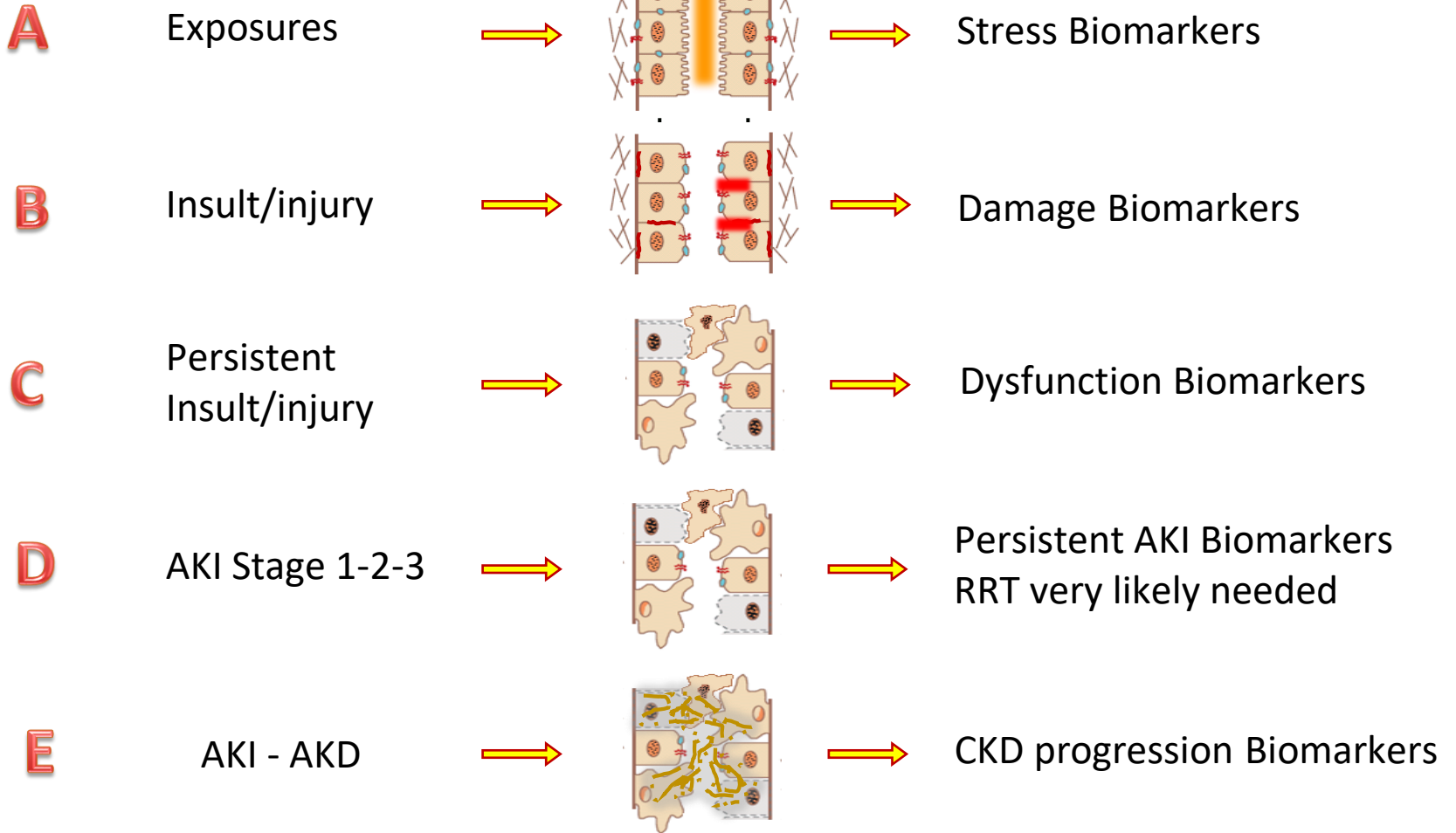
**HR = 3.1**  
(95%CI 1.9-5.0)



# Nephrocheck Curve Study

(Vicenza 2017-2018)

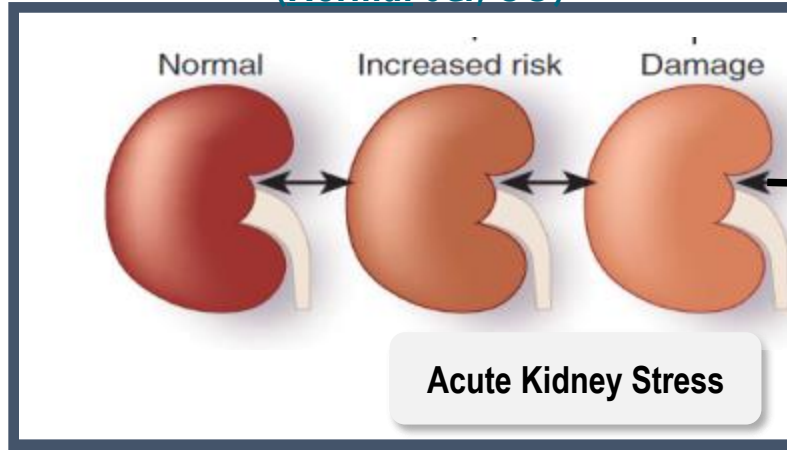




# NEPHROCLEAR™ In Symptomatic Patients With Established AKI To Clarify Dialysis Decisions

*Complements NephroCheck®, Which Is For Asymptomatic Patients Prior to AKI*

## Asymptomatic Patients (Normal sCr, UO)



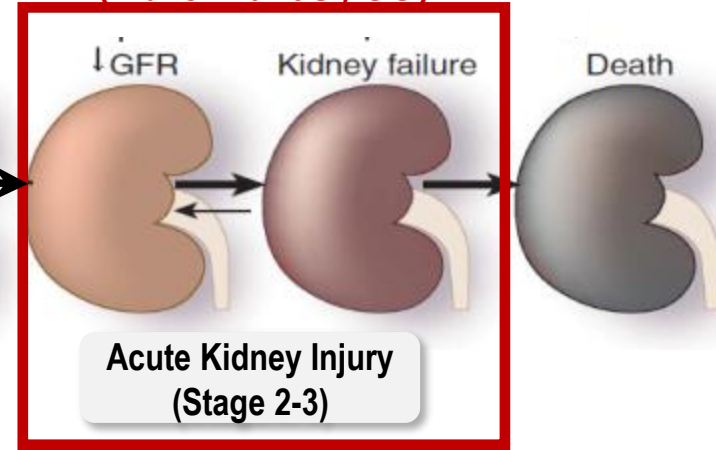
## NEPHROCHECK®

Detects acute kidney stress, prior to AKI  
Goal is to prevent AKI and related problems  
Find and mitigate source of stress

- Nephrotoxic drugs
- Undiagnosed infection
- Perfusion issue (fluid, cardiac output, blood pressure)

Avoid medication/fluid errors associated with silent AKI

## Symptomatic Patients (Abnormal sCr, UO)



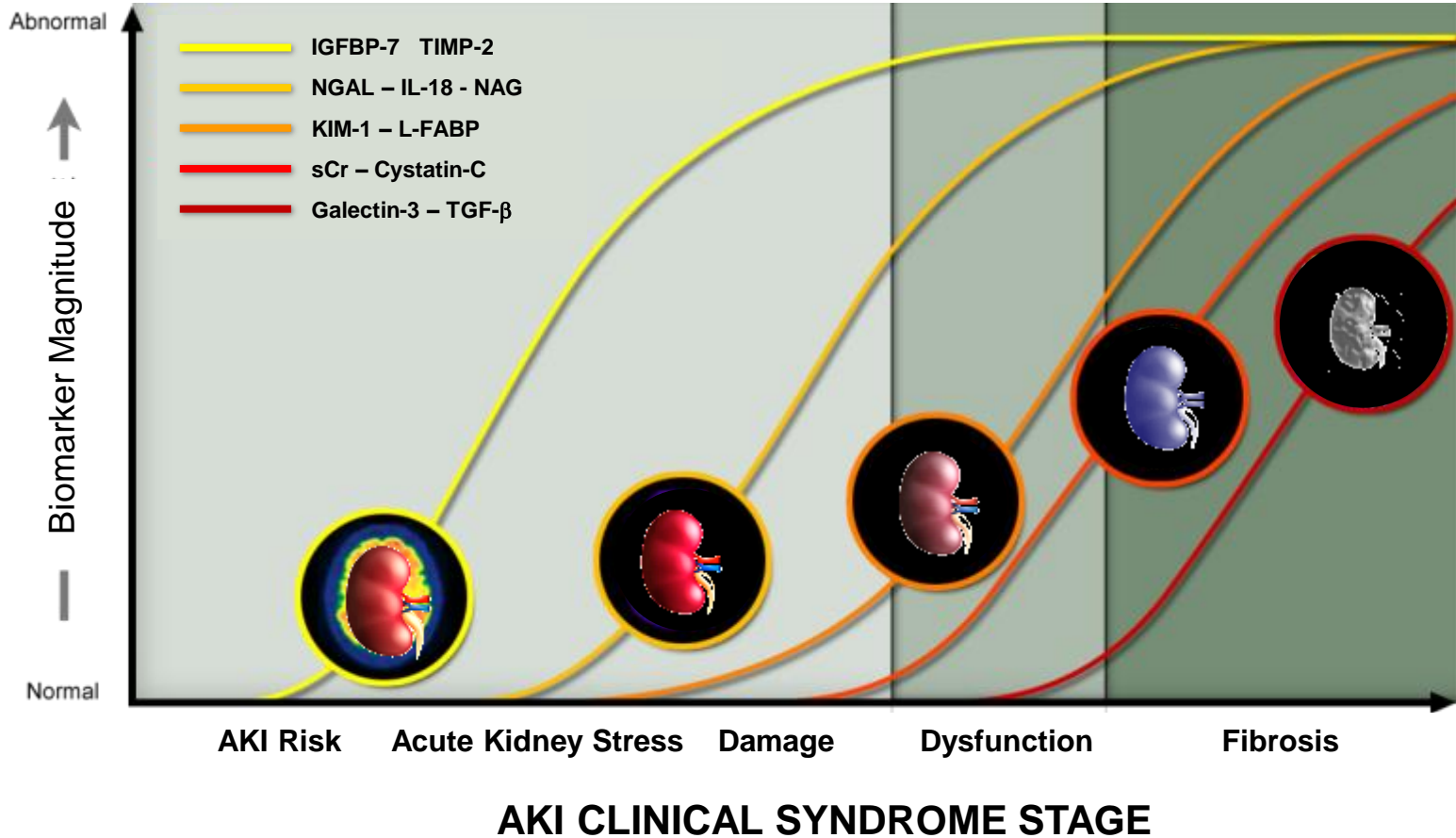
## NephroClear™

Detects severity of tissue injury to assess likelihood of rapid recovery  
Goal is to clarify decisions related to renal replacement therapy (RRT)

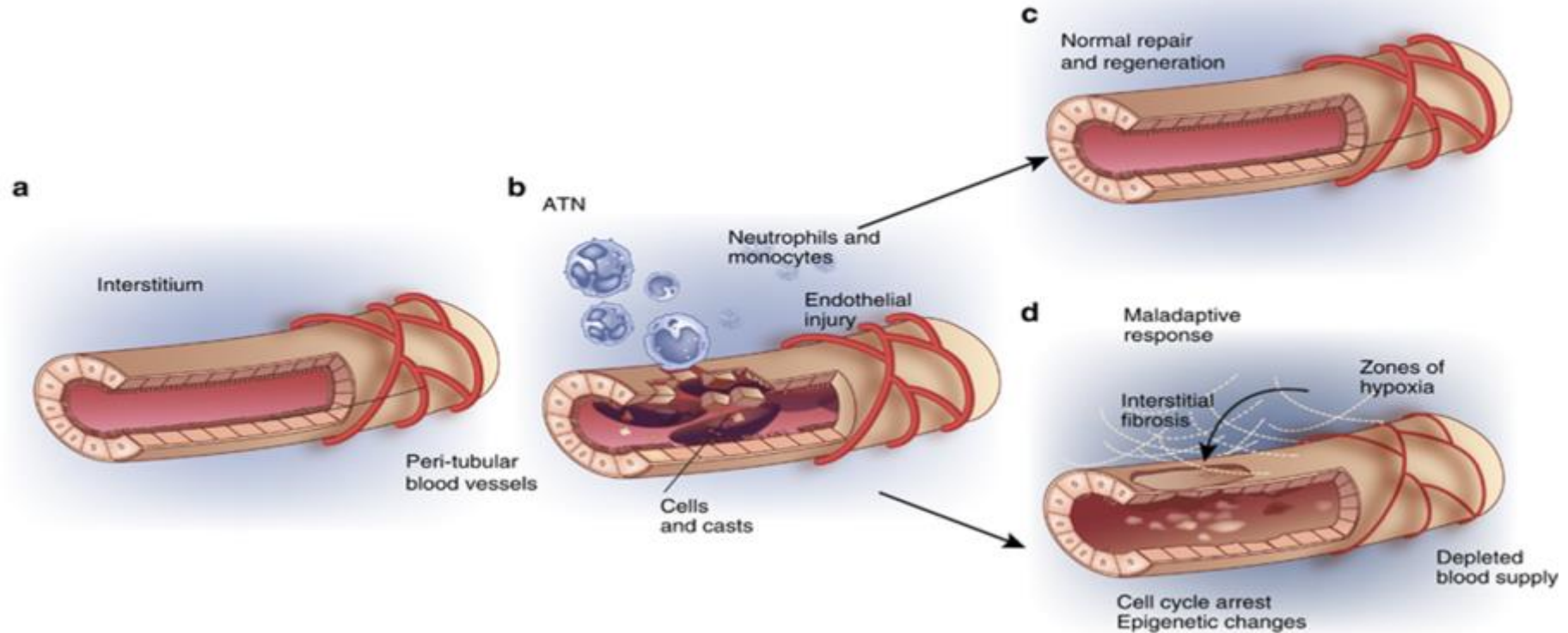
- Avoid unnecessary RRT in patients likely to recover quickly
- Help identify patients who may need RRT (non-recovery)
- Appropriate timing of RRT (dynamic signal as AKI worsens)



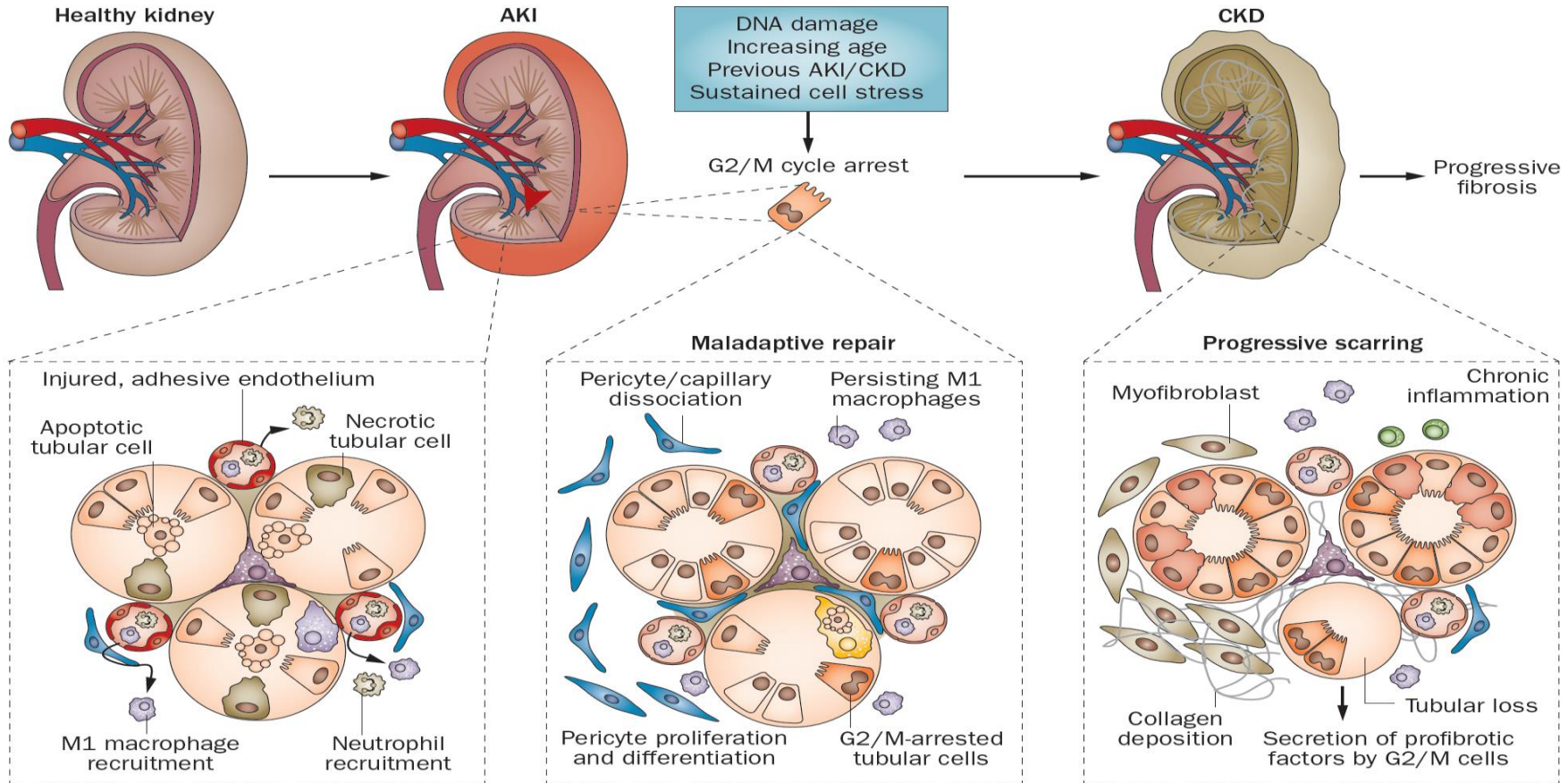
# Biomarker Type & Magnitude at different AKI Stage



# How does AKI progress to CKD?

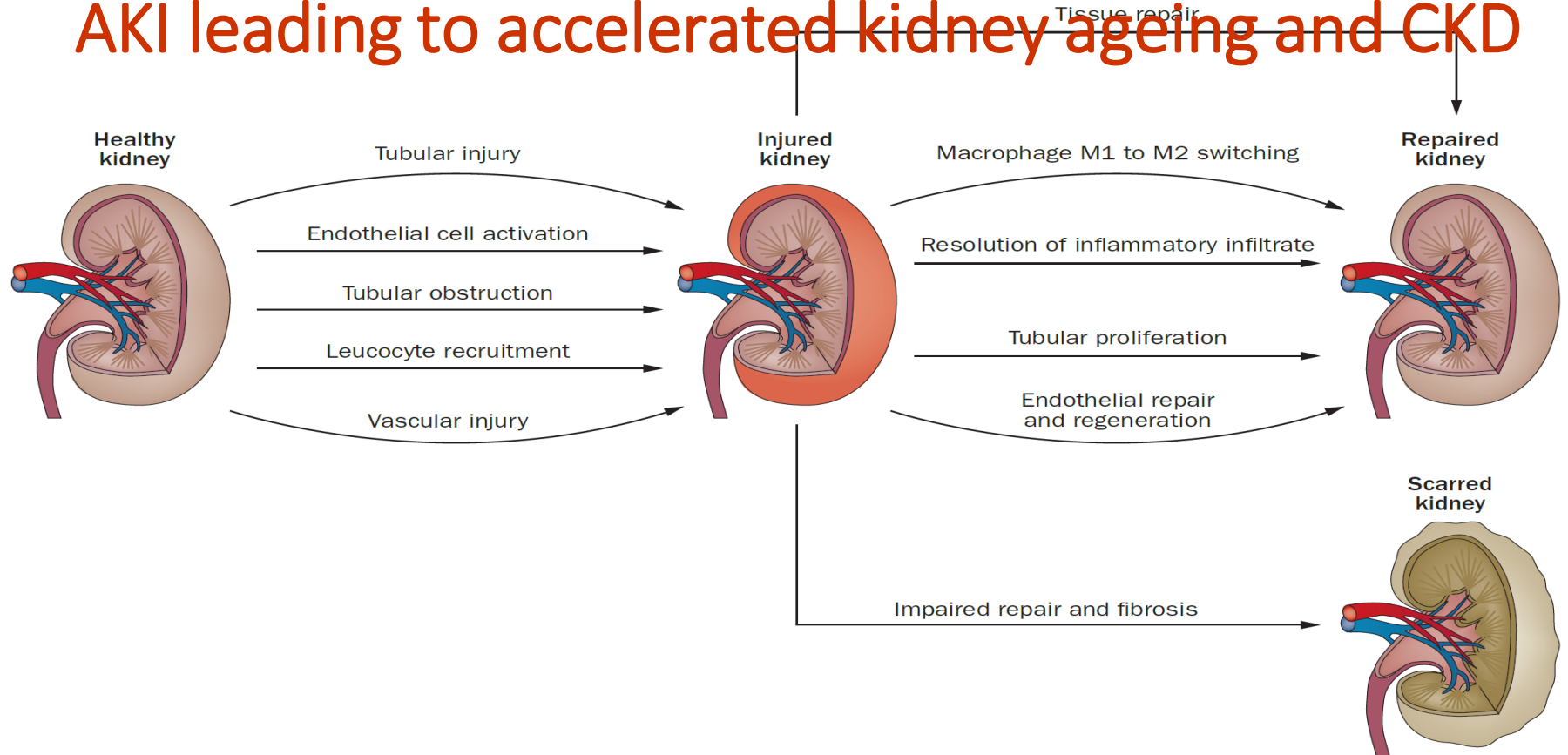


# Mechanisms of maladaptive repair after AKI leading to accelerated kidney ageing and CKD

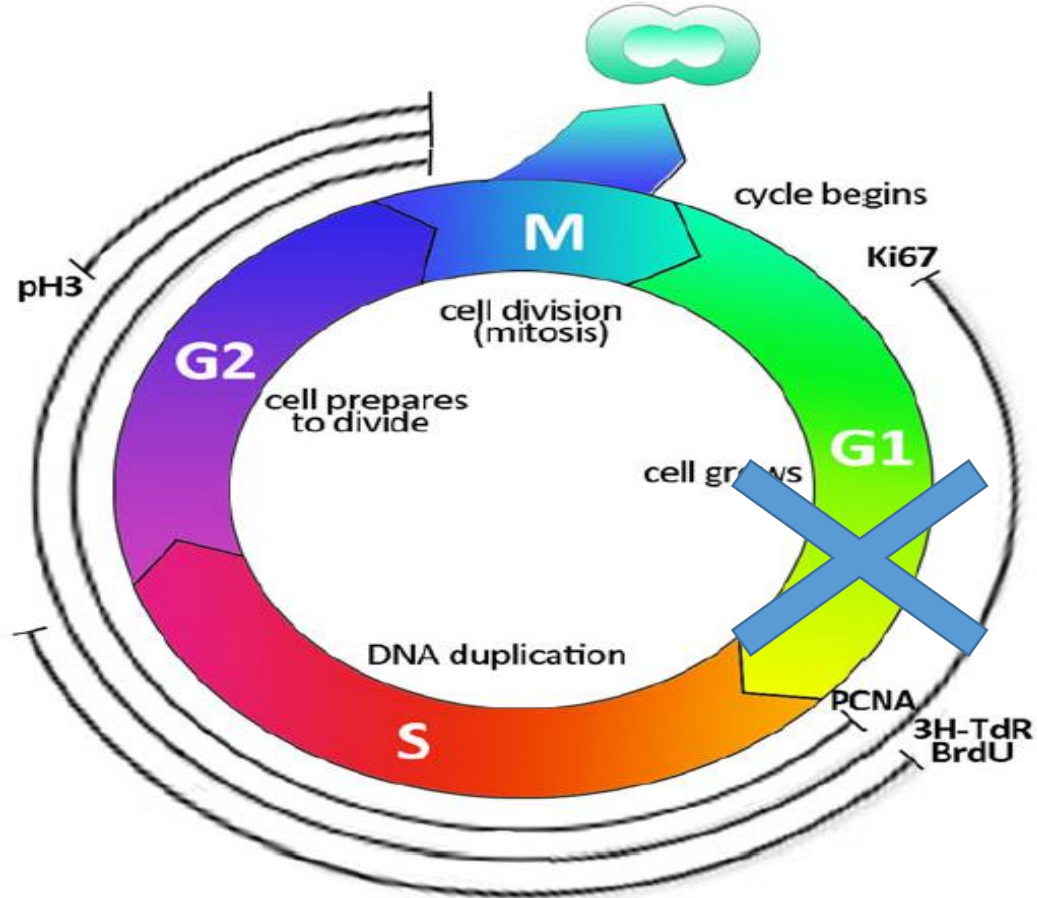


Adapted by Ferenbach et al. Nat Rev Nephrol 2015

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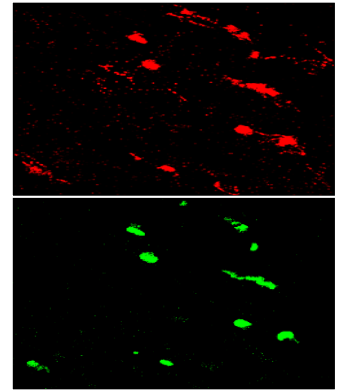
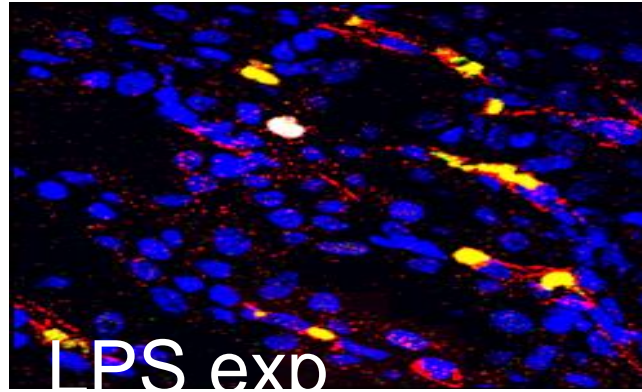
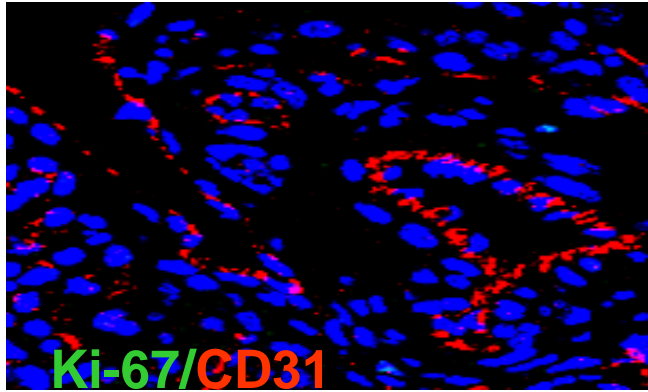
# G1/G2 Cell Cycle Arrest and Senescent Phenotype



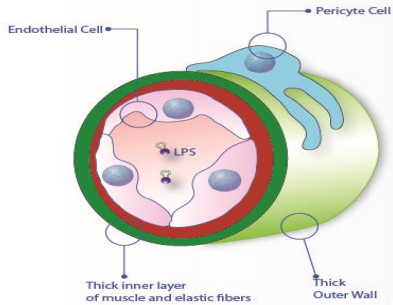


# Endothelial/Mesenchymal Transition

Stasi A. & Castellano G., *Review in preparation*



## PHASE 1 LPS-induced EC activation

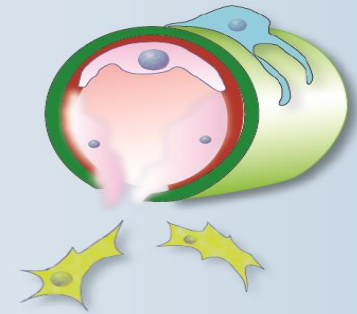


## PHASE 2 EC dysfunction, early phenotypic changes and loss of basal membrane integrity

↑ Fibroblast markers:  $\alpha$ -SMA, N-cadherin, Vimentin, FSP-1, Collagen I  
↓ Endothelial markers: CD31, VE-cadherin

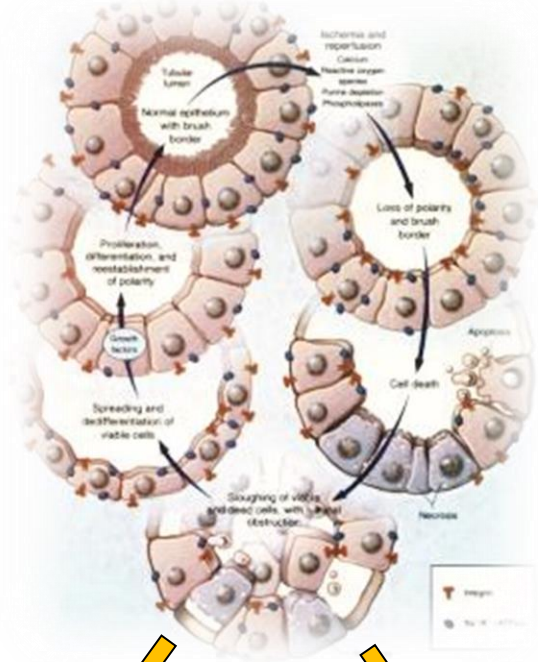


## PHASE 3 Acquisition of fibroblast phenotype and invasive capacity





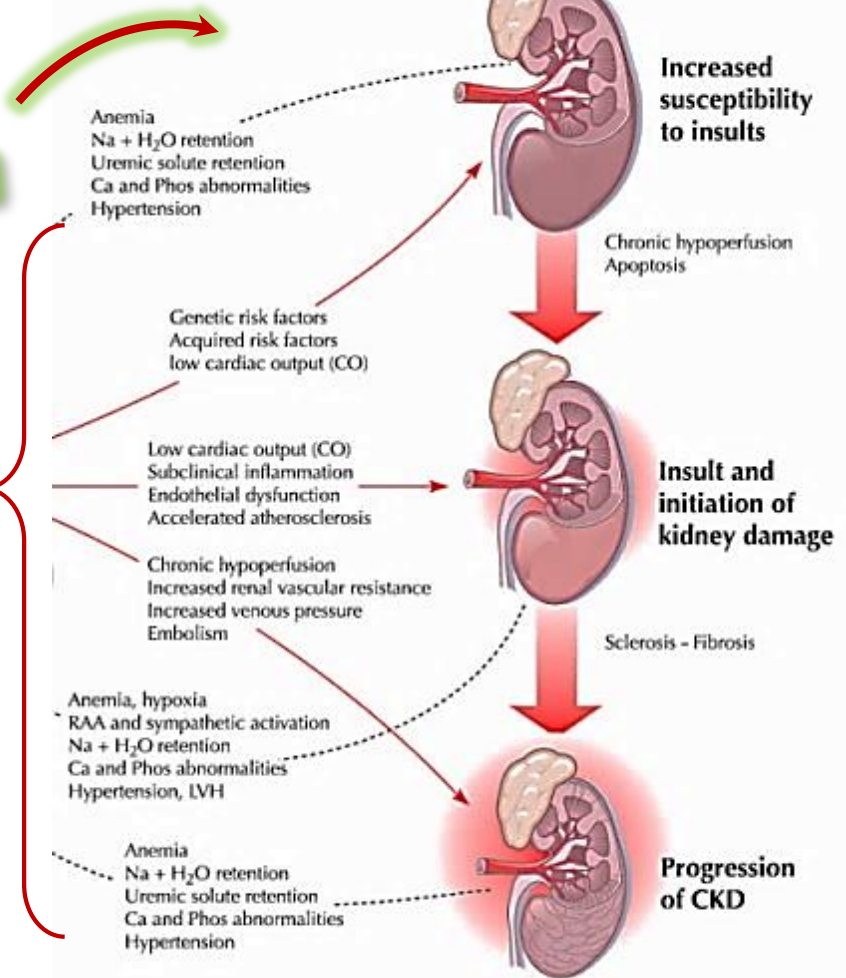
# Kidney Attack



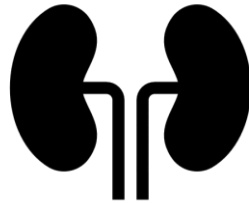
**Complete Recovery**

**Partial Recovery**

# Risk Factors



# POST- ACUTE KIDNEY INJURY CARE



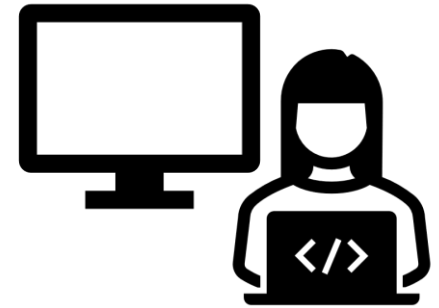
## EHR TOOLS

AKI  
sniffers/triggers  
Registries and  
Reports  
Patient Education



## TELEMEDICINE

Patients to  
provider  
Provider to  
provider



## REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING

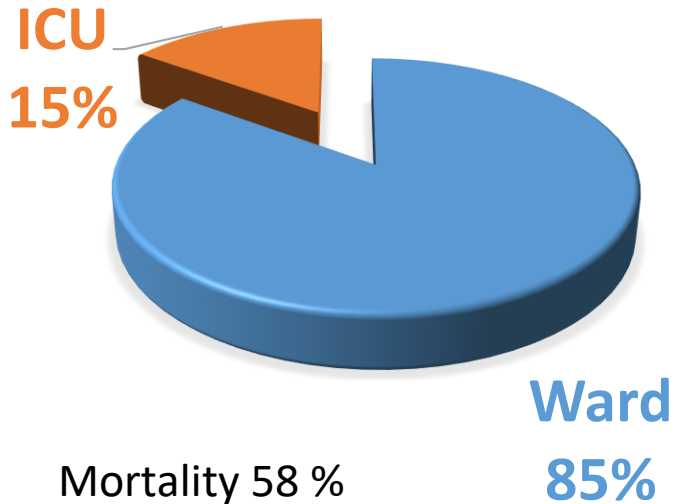
Physiologic data  
to provider care  
team  
Escalation  
protocols

DH tools and applications can leverage to realize greater continuity of health and health outcomes for patients

# AKI: Changing Pattern

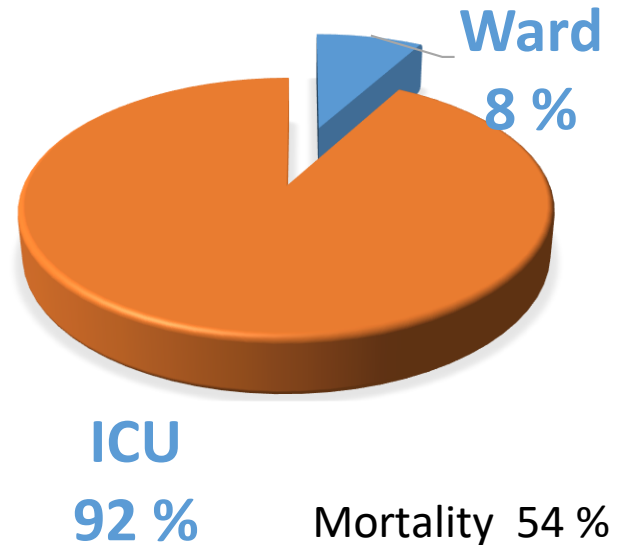
**1970-1980**

Total number of incident cases = 156



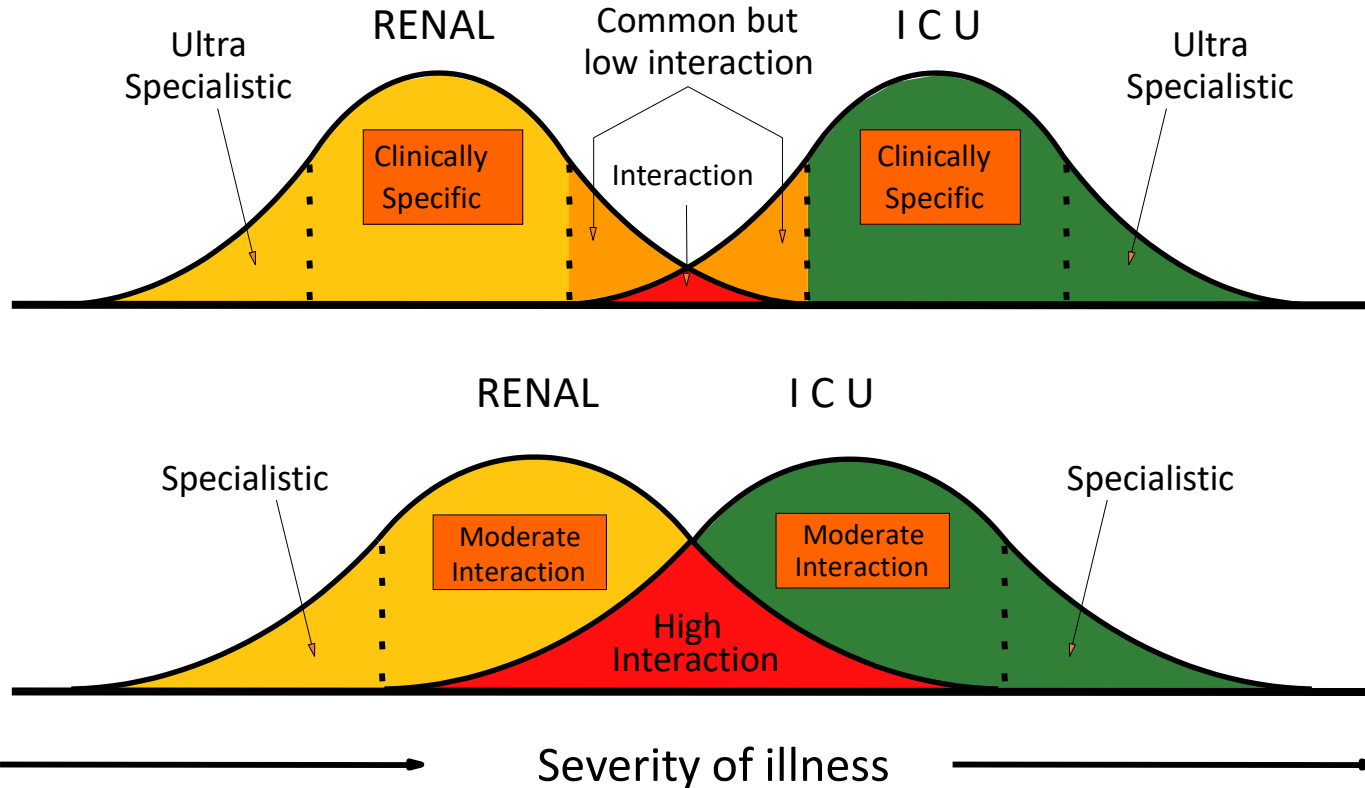
**1980-1990**

Total number of incident cases = 925



# Critical Care Nephrology

FROM SPECIALITY-ORIENTED TO PATIENT-ORIENTED



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# Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation

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*Claudio Ronco and Rinaldo Bellomo*

## Critical Care Nephrology: The time has come

*editorial entitled “Critical Care Nephrology: the time has come”. It was not so long ago that the term “critical care nephrology” was unknown or at least obscure to most physicians both in the nephrological and in the intensive care community; a push was definitely needed to move forward. Today, a few years later, a simple internet query on critical care nephrology leads to more than 157,000 references. For this reason I have decided to dedicate this*

acquired expertise and training in both areas.

In either case, by the late nineties, the formal development of a specialty field called Critical Care Nephrology was seen as something whose time had come.

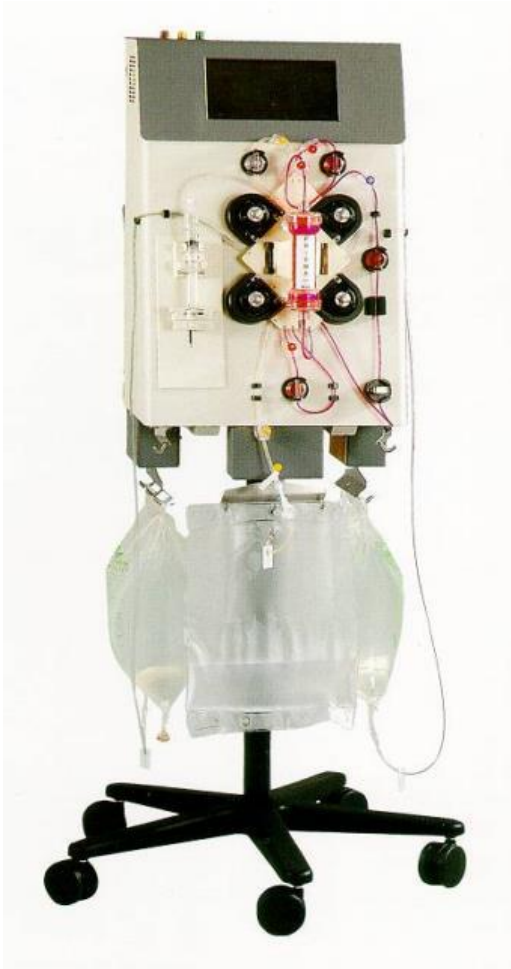
Why had this conceptually simple and effective approach not been developed before? Several issues were raised on the occasion of the First International Course on Critical Care Nephrology held in Vicenza in

*First CAVH Treatment in Vicenza, 1977*





## HOSPAL PRISMA



### Features:

Self loading of lines and autopriming of the circuit. Treatments performed: CVVH-CVVHD - CVVHDF with large capacity of fluid handling. Large display for operations.



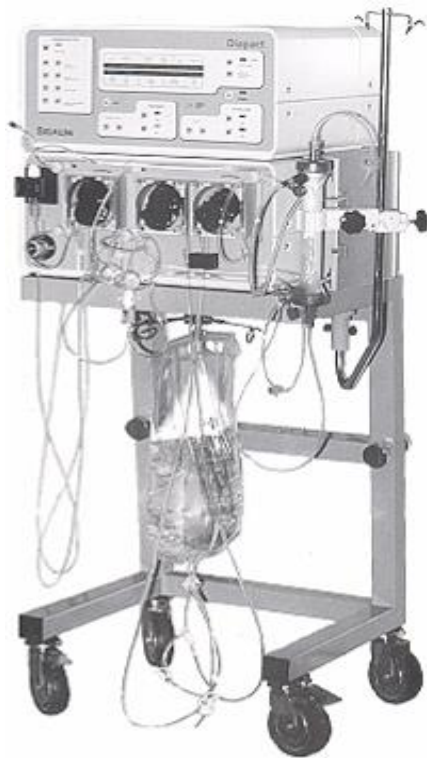




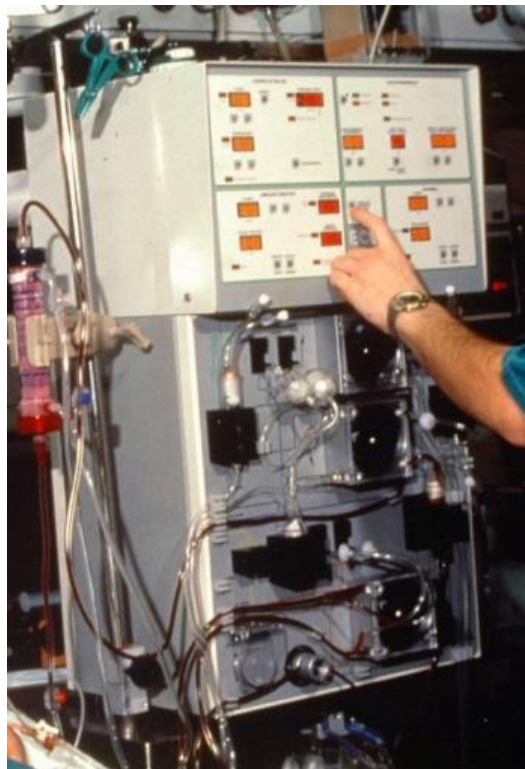




# From ECU to Omni: a long way



1988



1991



1994





# From ECU to Omni: a long way



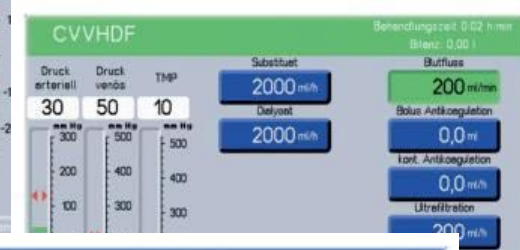
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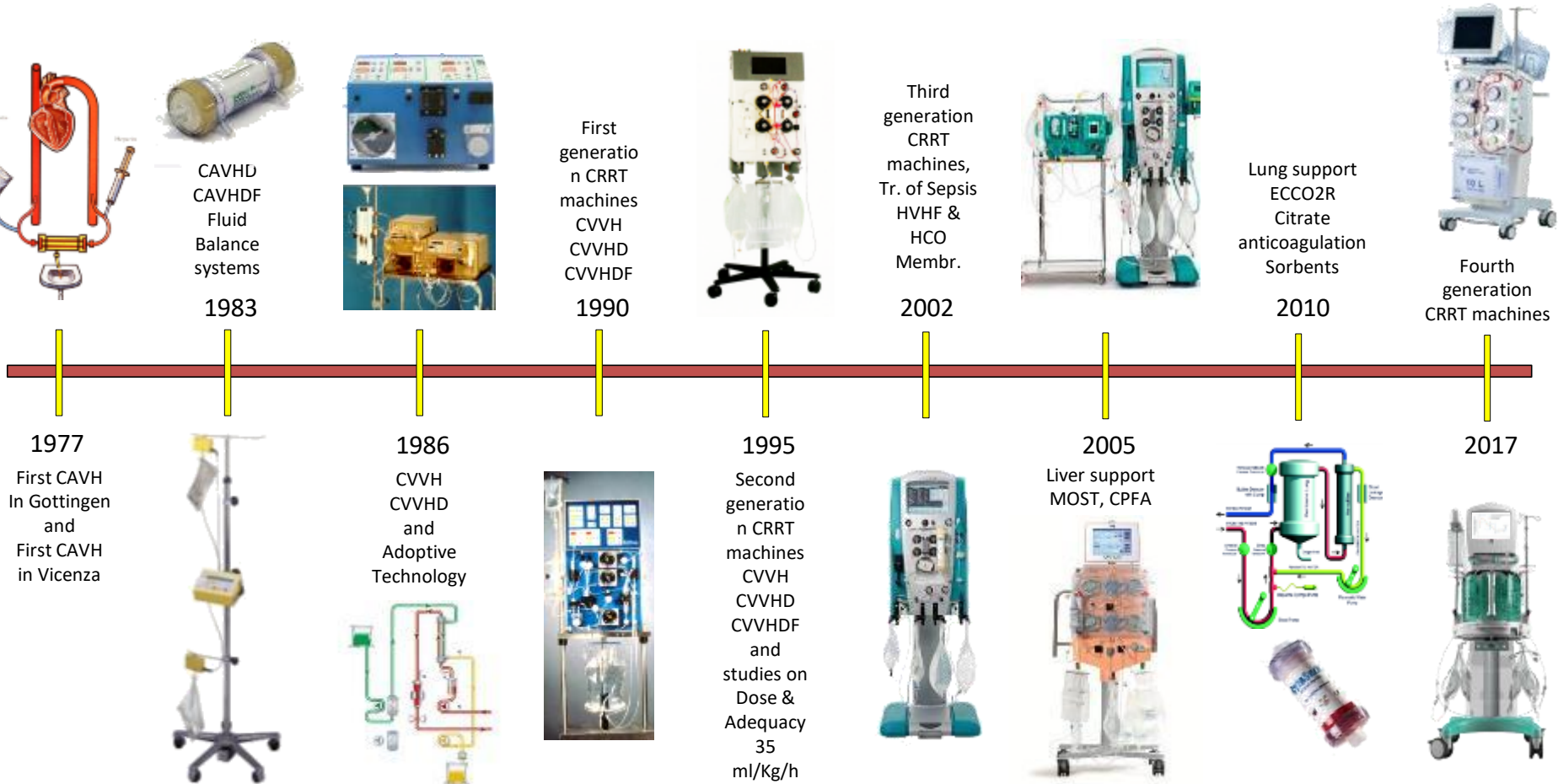
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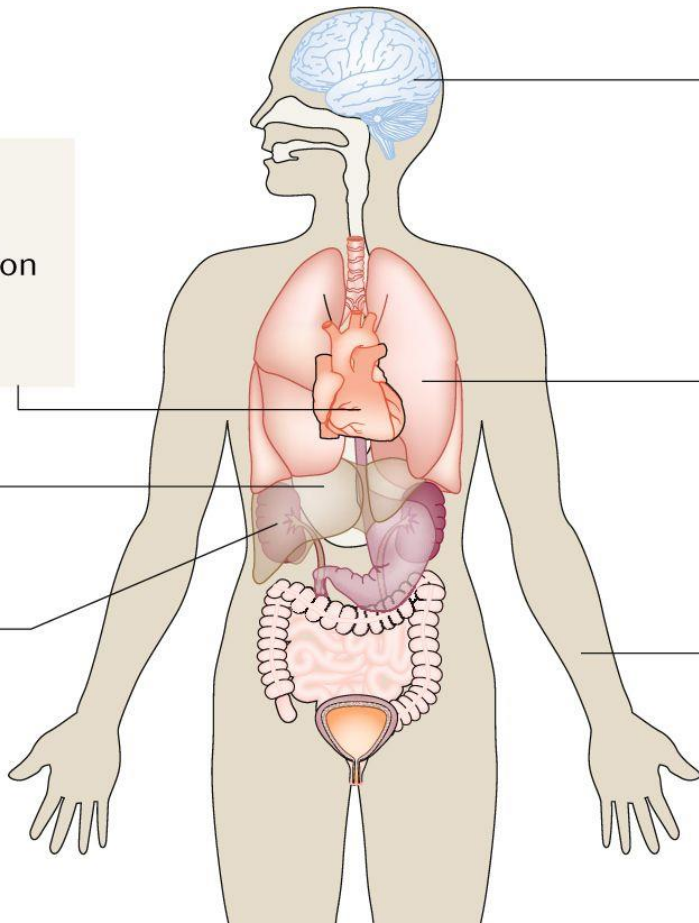
# 40 years of CRRT







# Multiple Organ Dysfunction



## Neurological system

- Altered mentation
- Confusion
- Disorientation

## Respiratory system

- Hypoxaemia
- $\downarrow$  PaO<sub>2</sub>:FiO<sub>2</sub> ratio

## Haematological system

- Low platelet count
- Disseminated intravascular coagulation
- Petechiae (in some severe cases)

## Cardiovascular system

- Hypotension
- Mottled skin and altered microcirculation
- $\uparrow$  Lactate levels (in septic shock)
- Altered echocardiography variables

## Hepatic system

- $\uparrow$  Bilirubin levels
- $\uparrow$  Liver enzymes

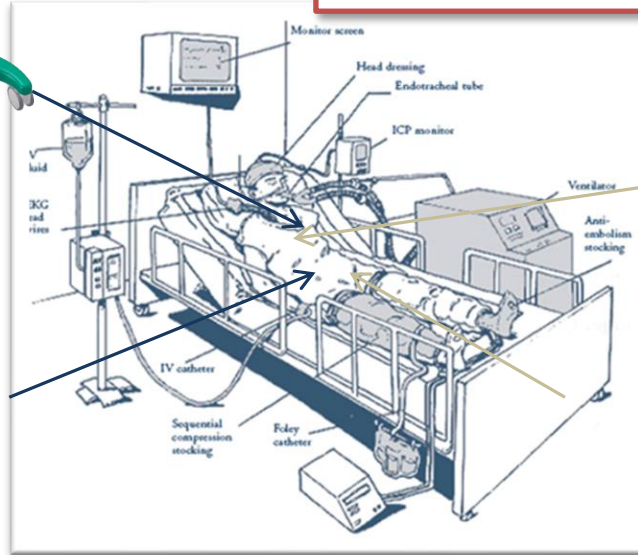
## Renal system

- Oliguria
- $\uparrow$  Serum creatinine
- $\uparrow$  Blood urea nitrogen
- $\uparrow$  Biomarkers

# Precision MOST

**Congestive  
Heart Failure**

- CO2 Removal
- (ARDS + COBP)
- Plasmapheresis



**CRRT**

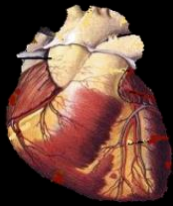
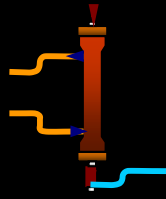
- SIRS
- Sepsis

**Coping with patient's needs**

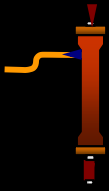
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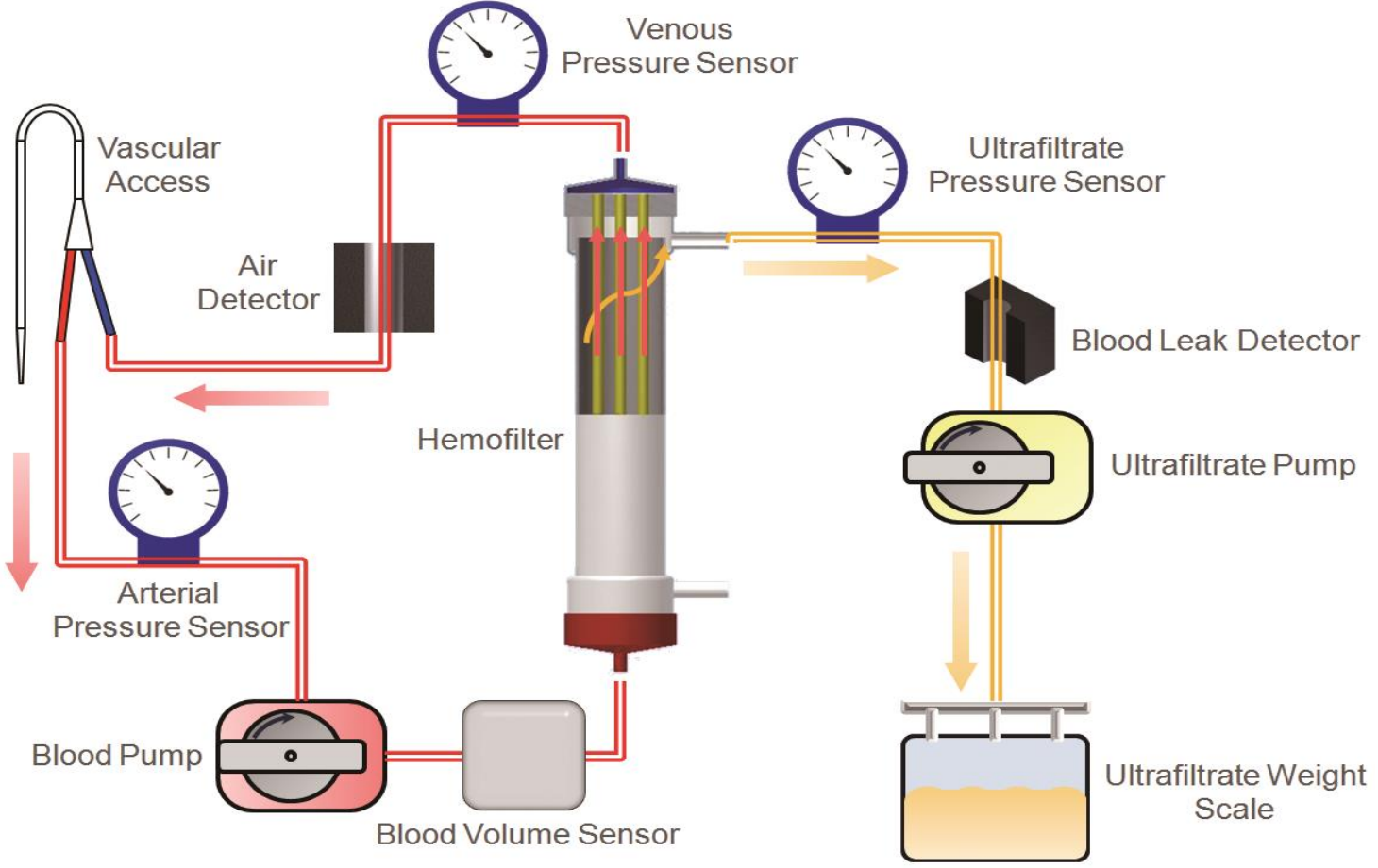


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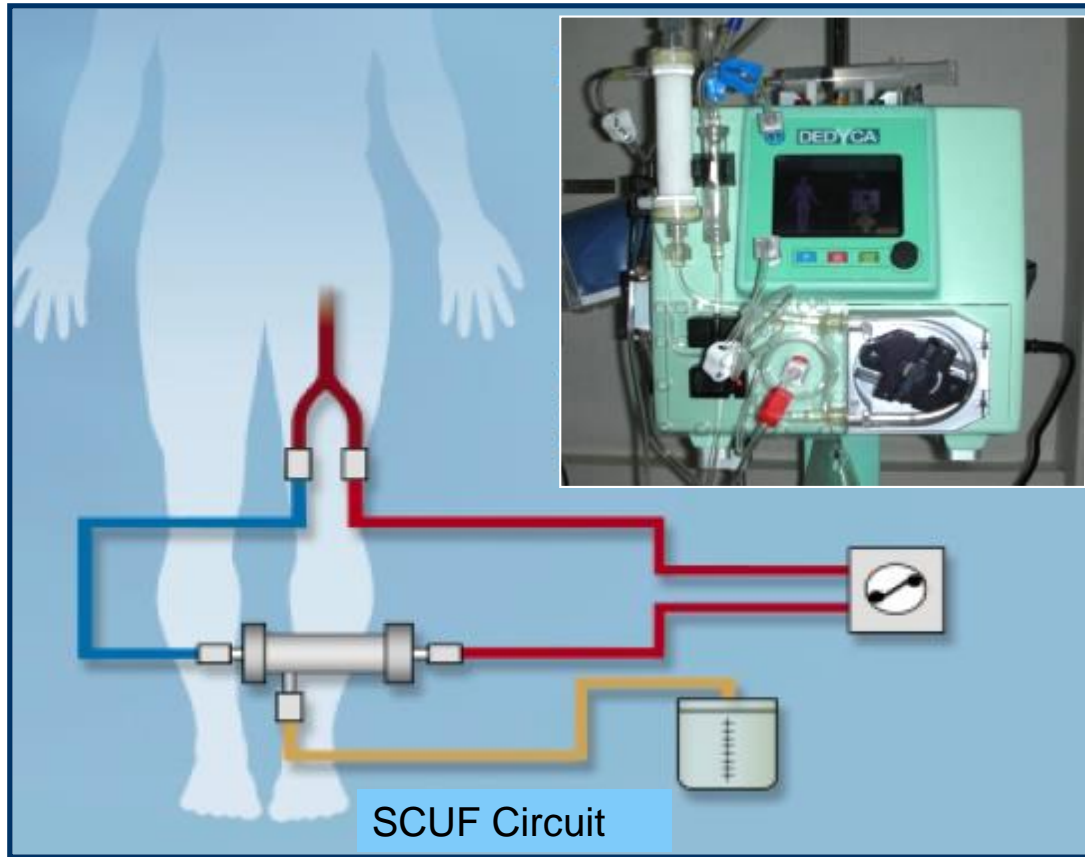
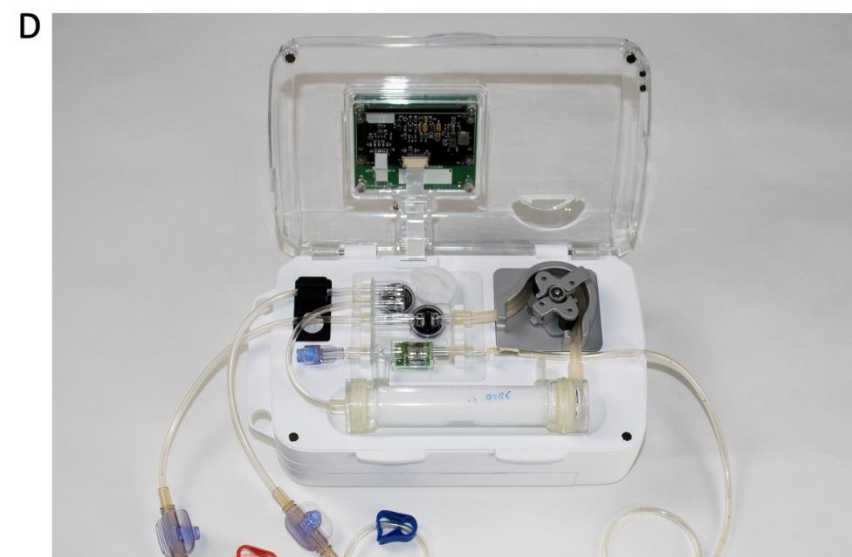
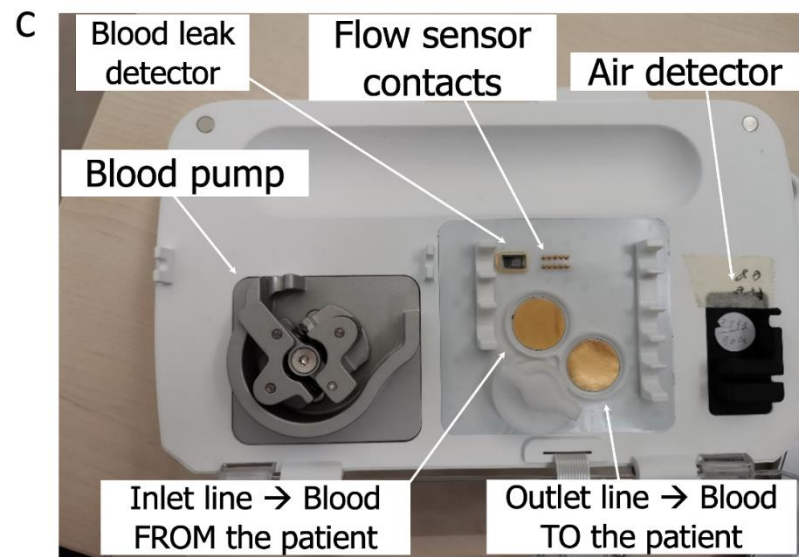
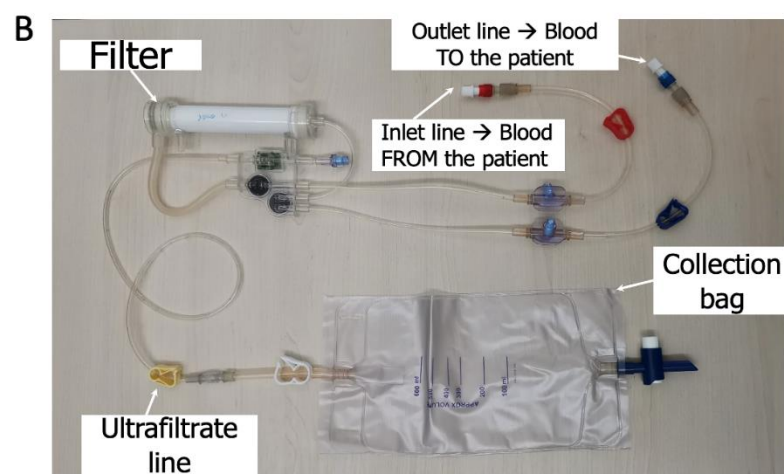


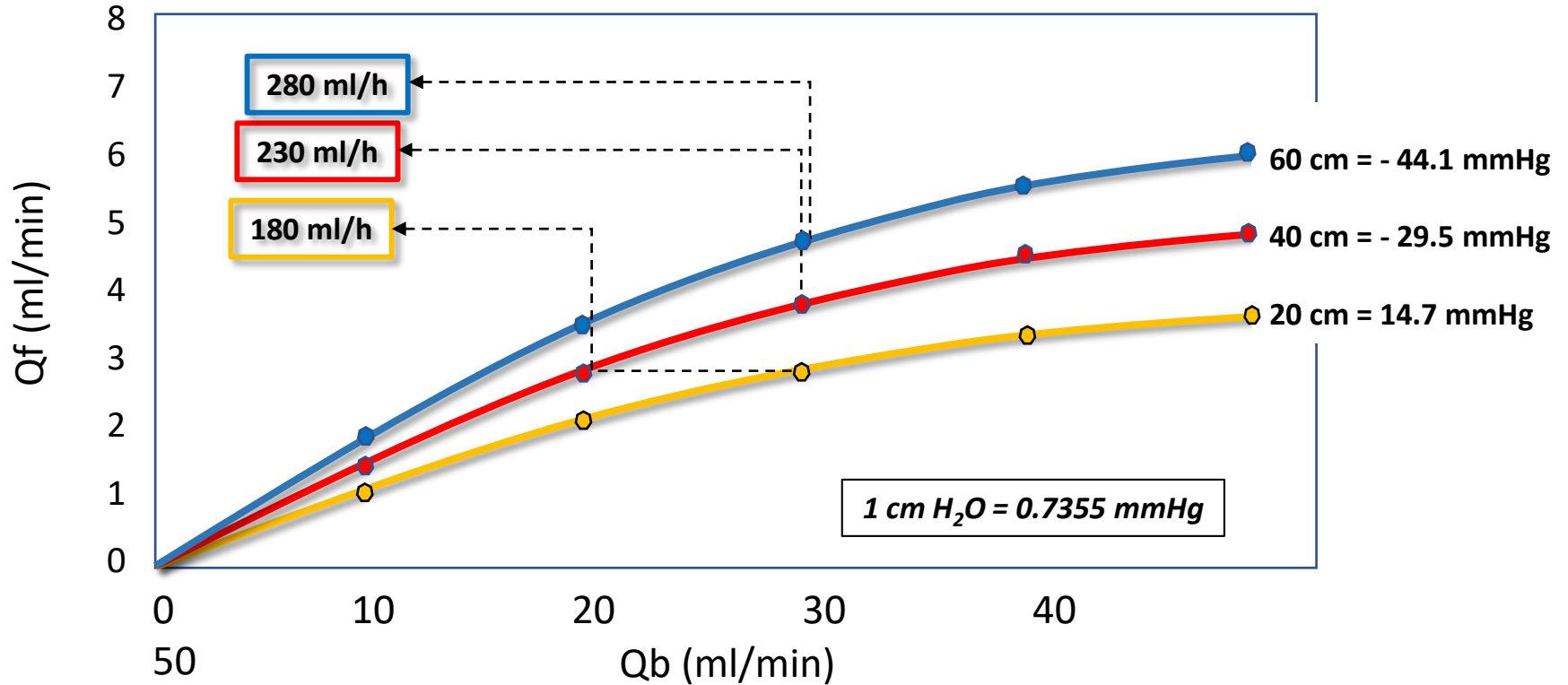
Fig. 2

# AQUAPHERESIS

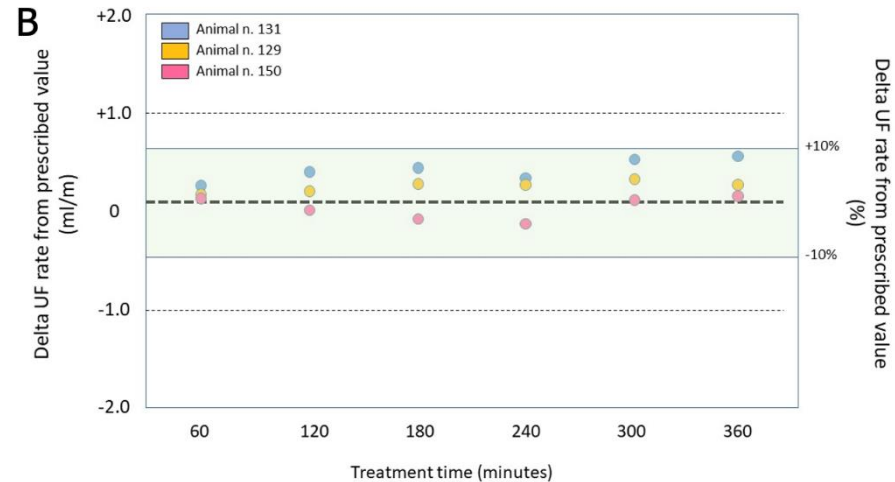
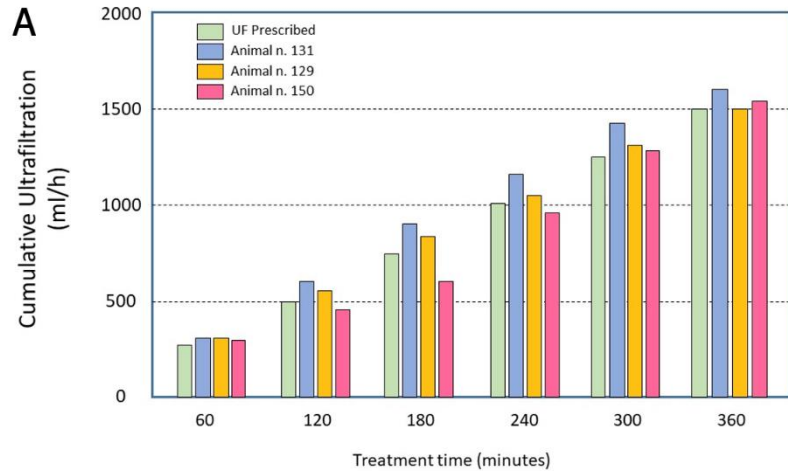




# Ultrafiltration rate versus blood flow at different TMP (UF column height)

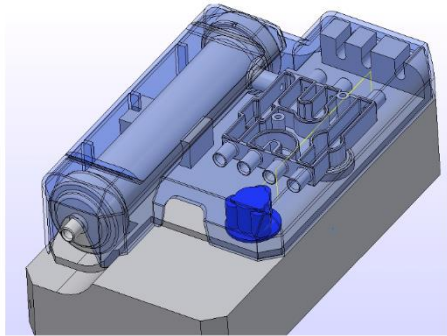
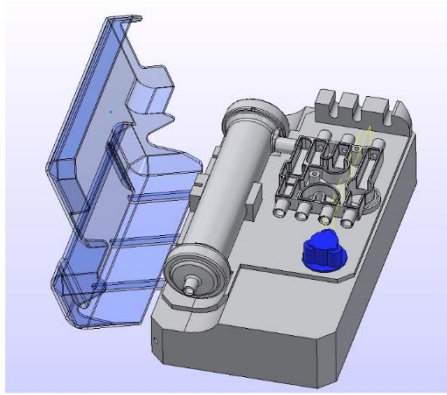


# AD1: Animal Studies





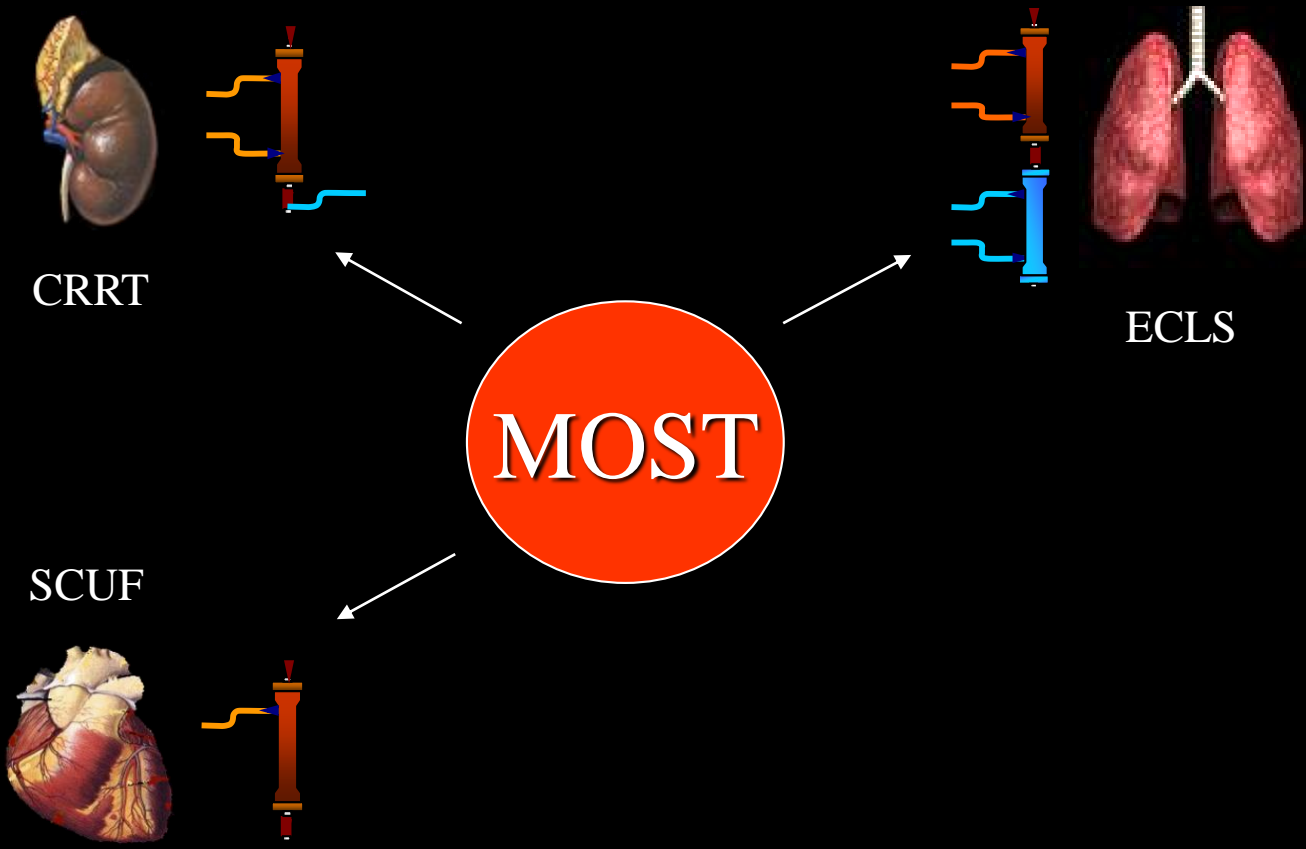
# Artificial Diuresis Conceptual Framework





# BENEFITS OF AD1

- It is slow and continuous
- It is easy and simple (wards)
- It will reduce complications
- It will reduce treatment costs
- It can be ambulatory (home based)



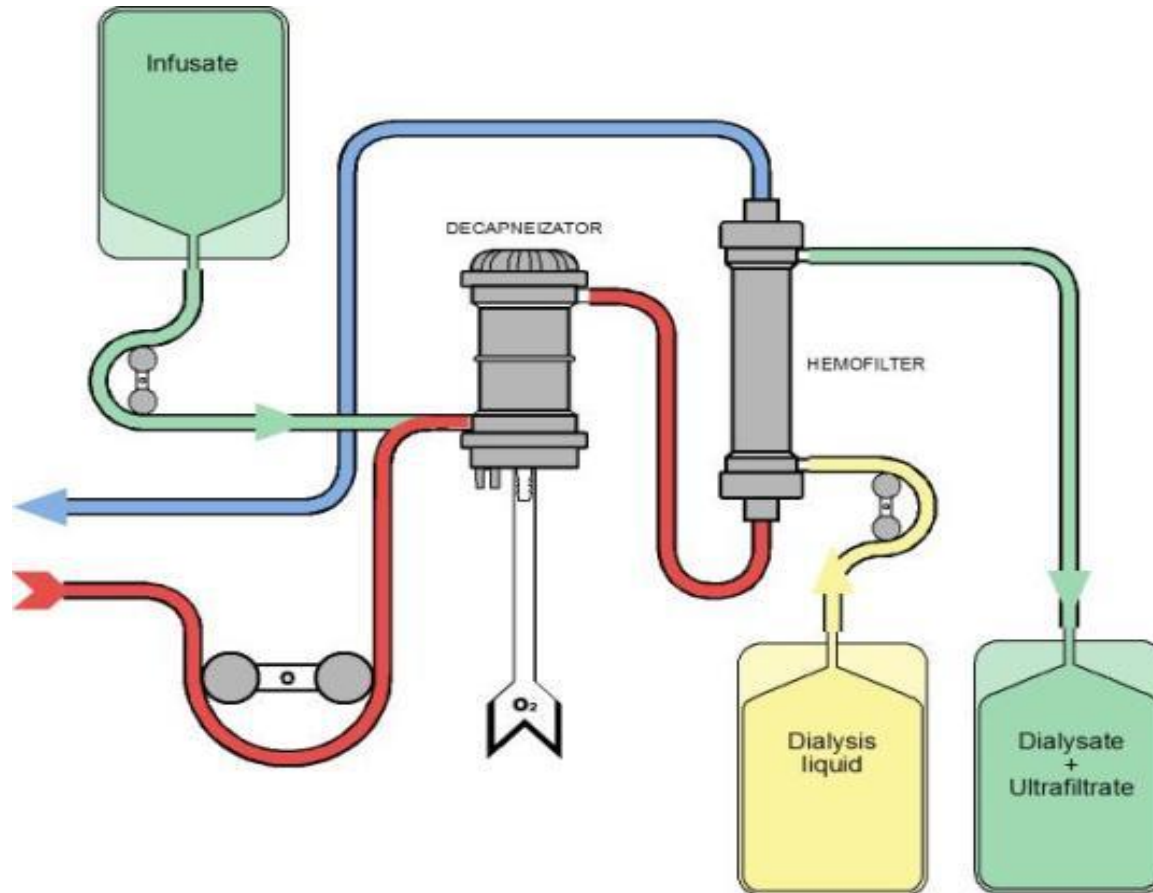
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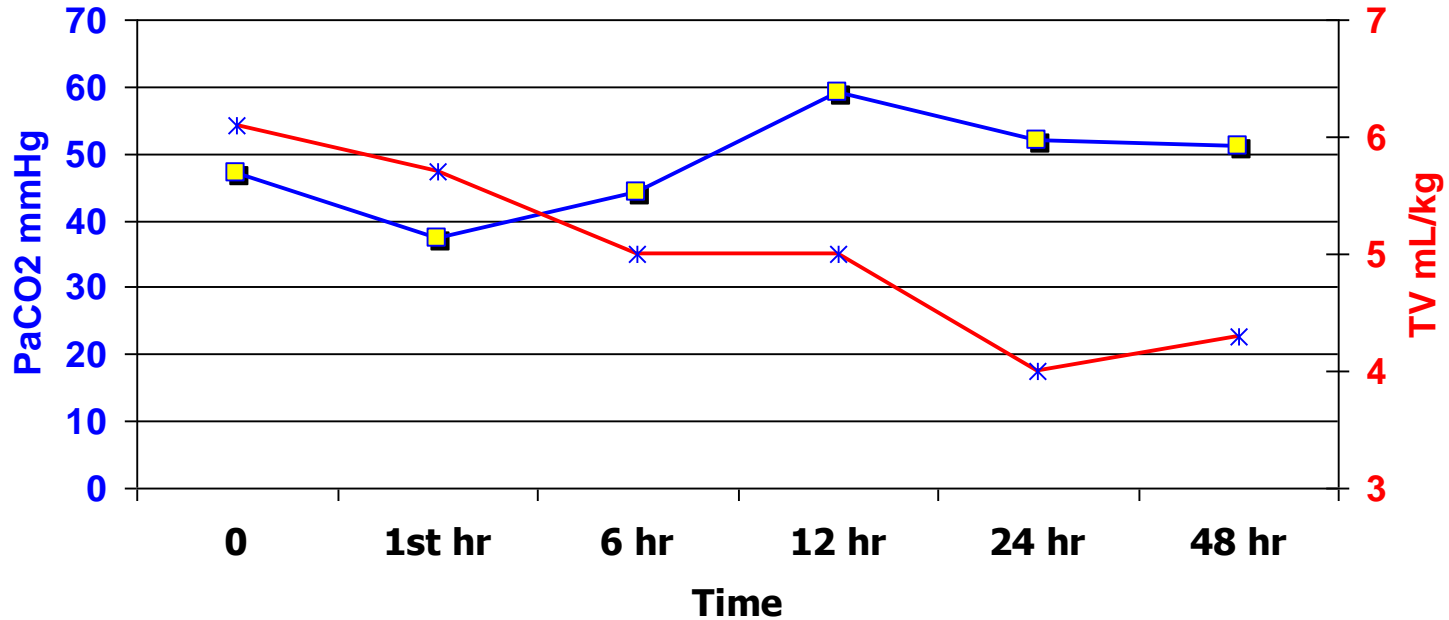
# DECAP + CRRT





Example: H1N1 respiratory failure and AKI:  
Ultra-protective ventilation with CRRT and DECAP

## PaCO<sub>2</sub> and Tidal Volume during DECAP





Less invasive approach to  
mechanical ventilation

Lower barotrauma and  
volutrauma

Reduced morbidity due to  
invasive intubation and  
shorter stay in the ICU

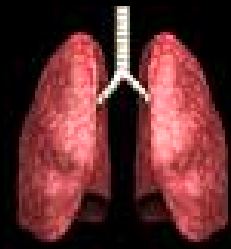
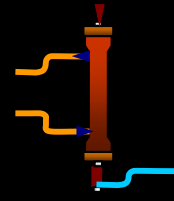




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CRRT



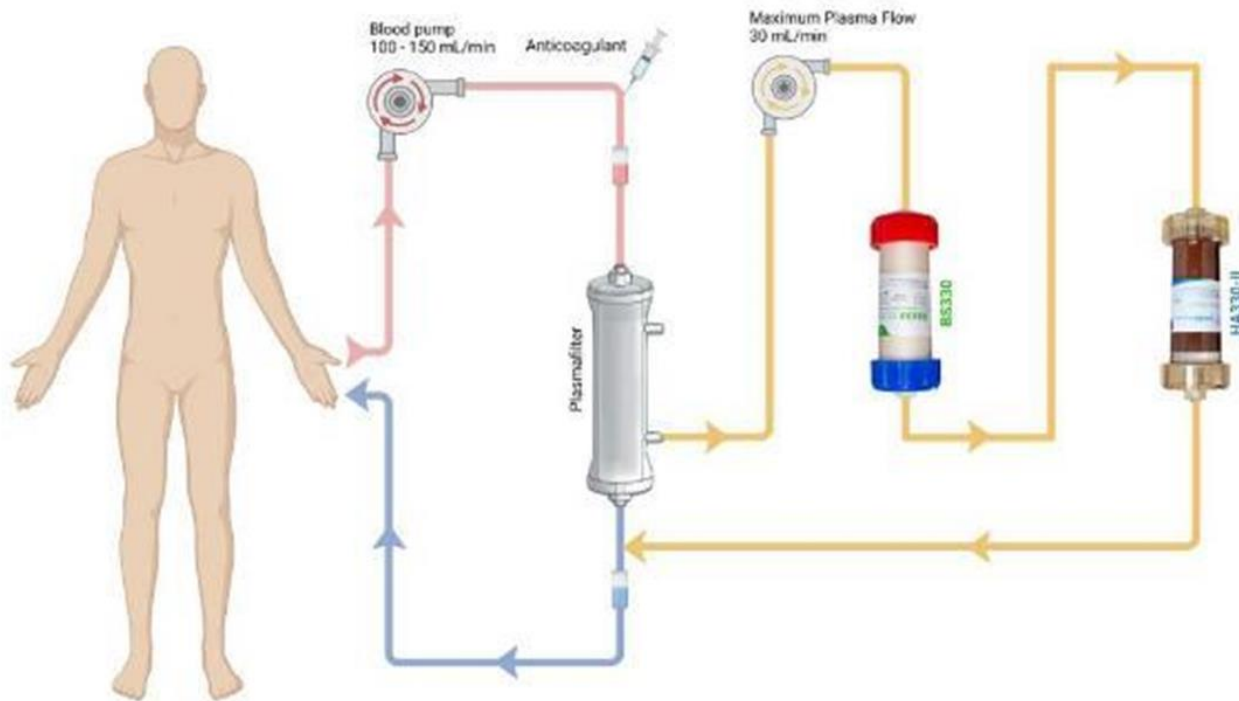
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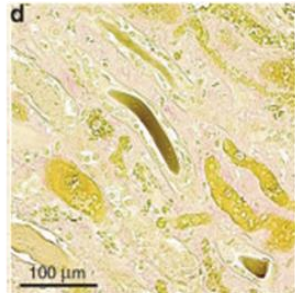
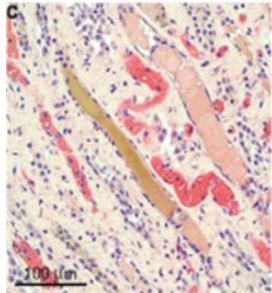
# Double Plasma Molecular Adsorption System (DPMAS)



# Acute Liver Failure & Decompensated Cirrhosis

Bile cast nephropathy is a common pathologic finding for kidney injury associated with severe liver dysfunction

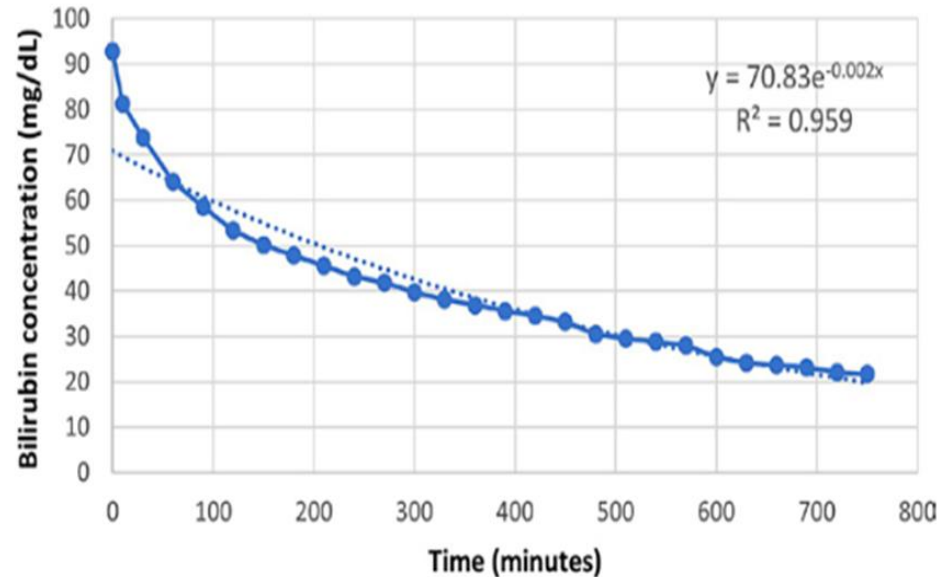
Charles M. van Slambrouck<sup>1</sup>, Fadi Salem<sup>2</sup>, Shane M. Meehan<sup>1</sup> and Anthony Chang<sup>1</sup>



## Bilirubin removal by HA Jafron minimodule

*IRRIV Lab test*

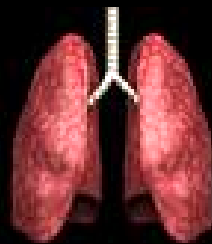
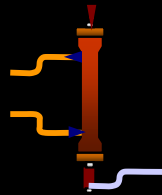
Bilirubin adsorption kinetics



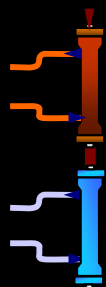
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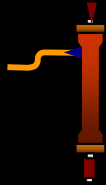
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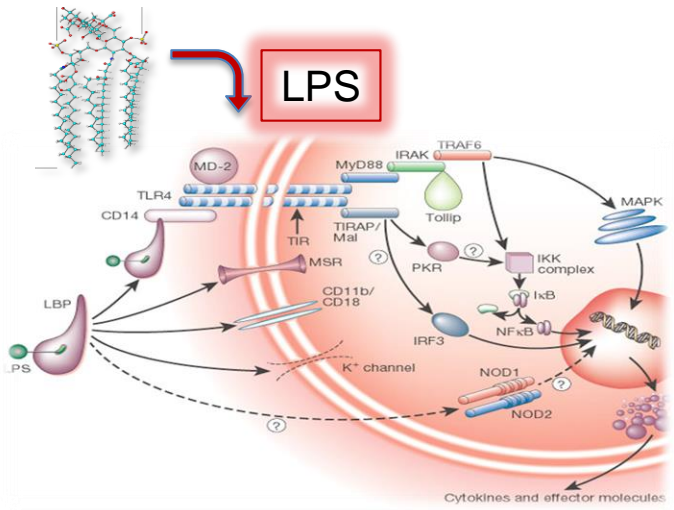


LiverSupport - HVHF  
CPFA - CAST



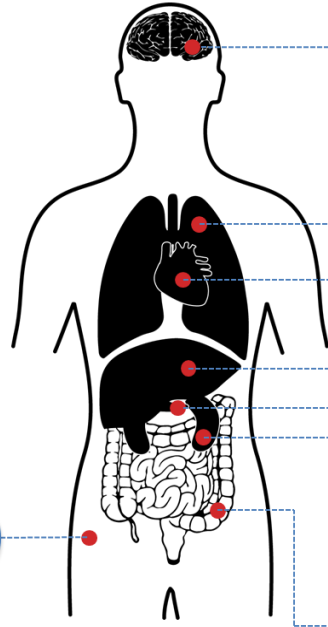
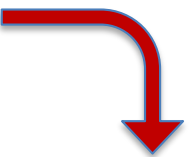
# SEPSIS CASCADE

Infection >>> Immuno response >>> Organ Damage



LPS is opsonized and recognised by monocytes through CD14 leading to endothelial cell activation

Humoral Cellular Effectors



- Central nervous system
  - Confusion
- Lungs
  - ARDS
- Cardiovascular system
  - Shock
- Liver
  - Excretory failure
- Pancreas
  - Hyperglycemia
- Kidneys
  - Oliguria
- Gastrointestinal tract
  - Loss of barrier function

Microcirculation

- Microvascular thrombosis

# SEPTIC PATIENT and THERAPEUTIC TARGETS

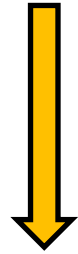
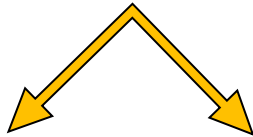
**Infection >>> Immuno dysregulation >> Organ Damage**



**Source control**  
**Endotoxin removal**

**Specific >>>>>**

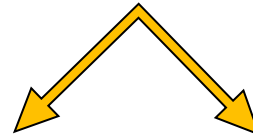
Drugs



**Immuno modulation**  
**Cytokine removal**

**General Aspecific >>>>>**

Drugs

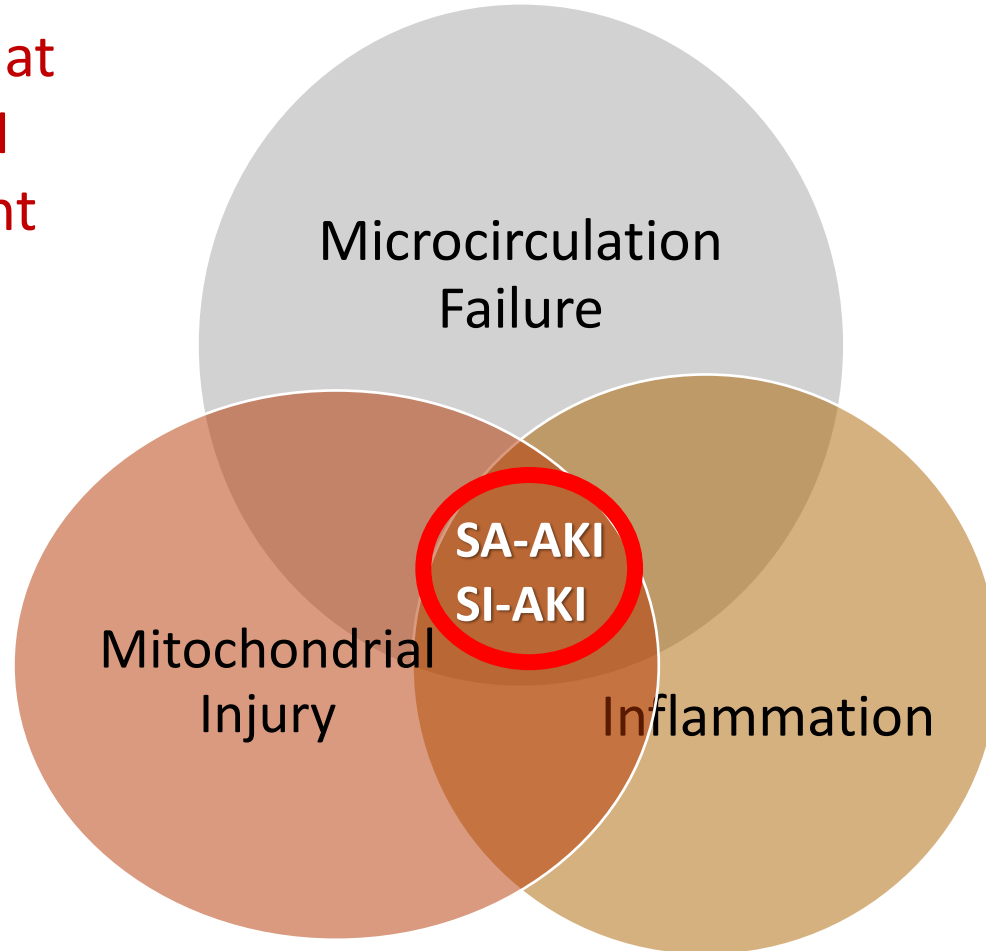


**Multiple Organ Support Therapy**

**Specific**

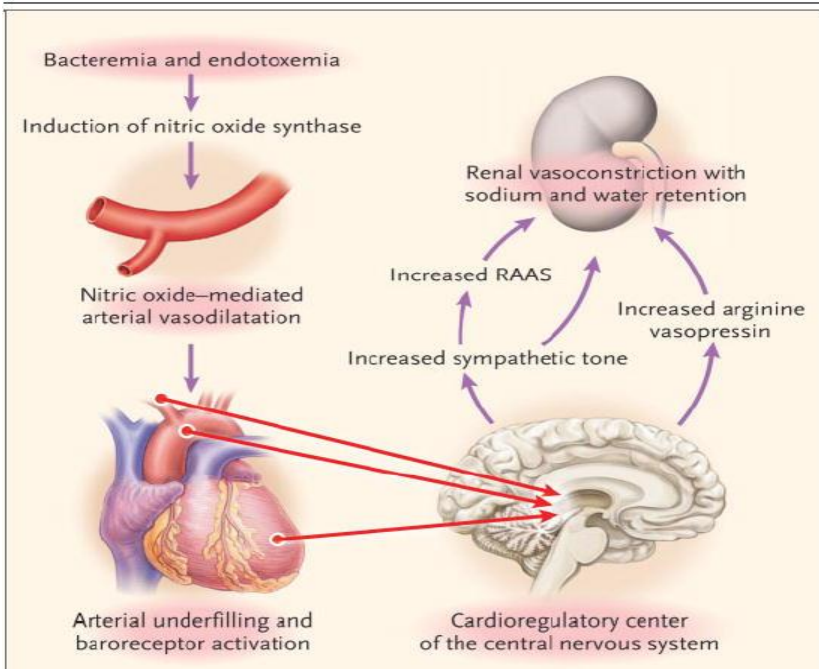


Mechanisms that  
underlie SA-AKI  
may be different

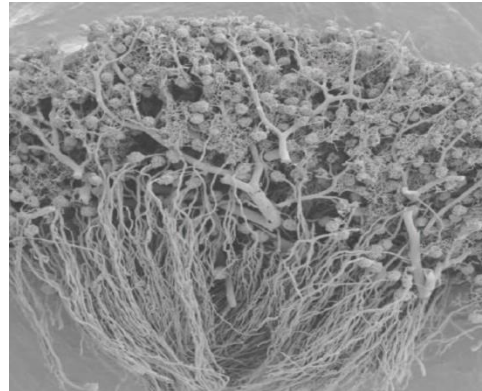


# Why does GFR fall in sepsis?

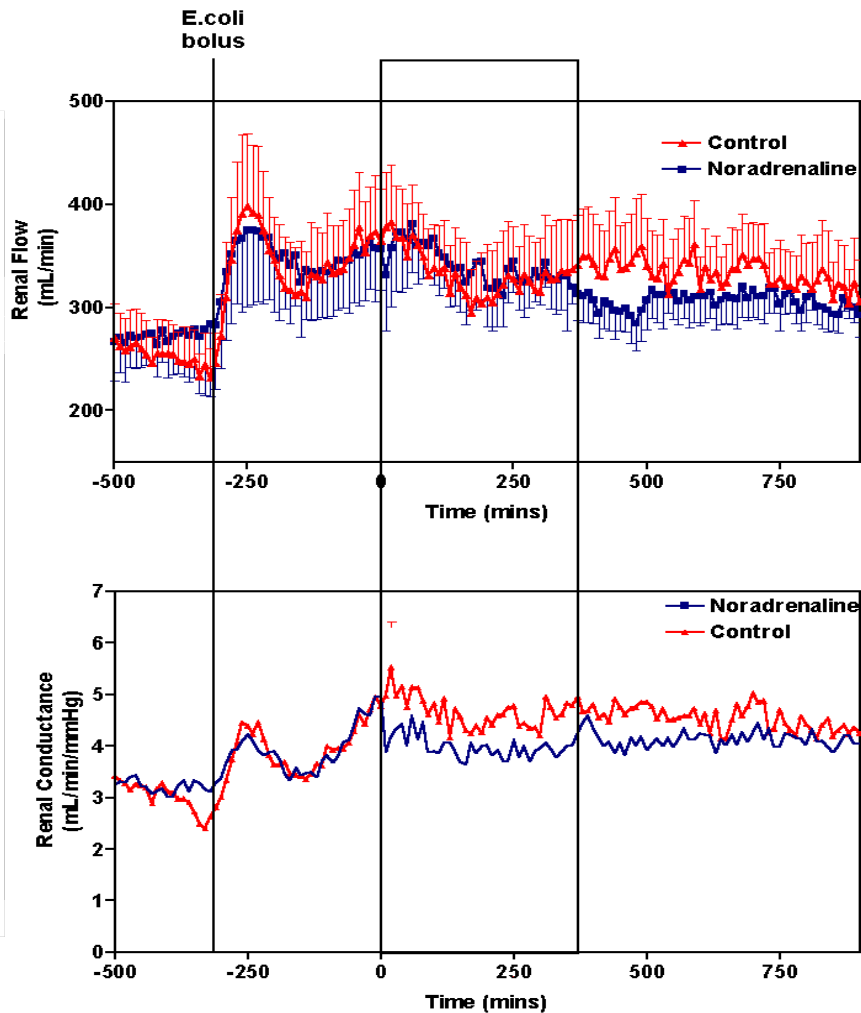
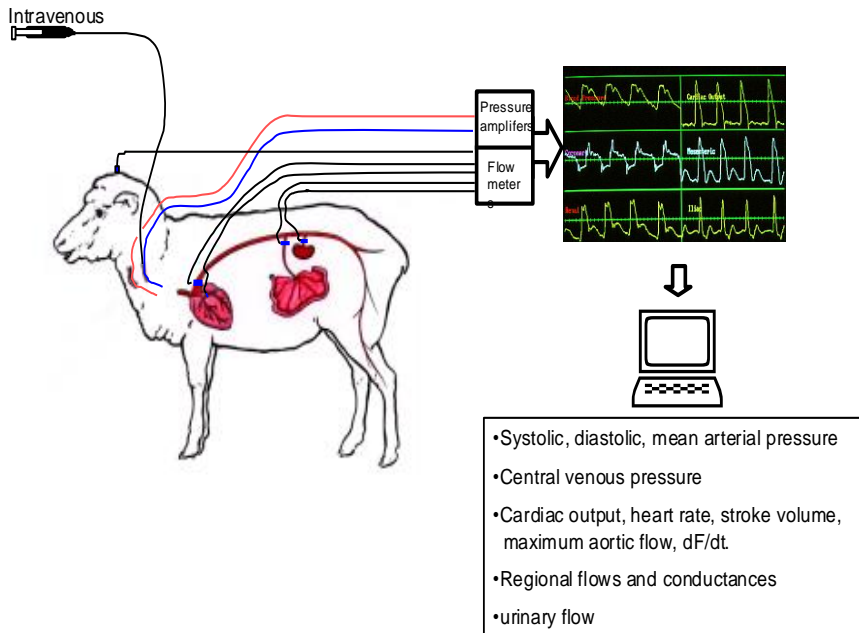
- The NEJM told us (Schrier RW, Wang W. Acute renal failure in sepsis. N Engl J Med 2004; 2004; 351: 159-169)
- “..early in sepsis-related AKI, the predominant pathogenetic factor is renal **vasoconstriction** with intact tubular function....”



But.....in the same article: “....the hemodynamic hallmark of sepsis is **generalized arterial vasodilatation**”



## Haemodynamic measurements in conscious sheep



# Hyperdynamic Sepsis Model

In a hyperdynamic sepsis model of septic AKI:

- Creatinine may or may not increase
- RBF increases, GFR drops, UO decrease
- Blood flow and Kidney function are dissociated
- There is an important role of mediators on vessel wall

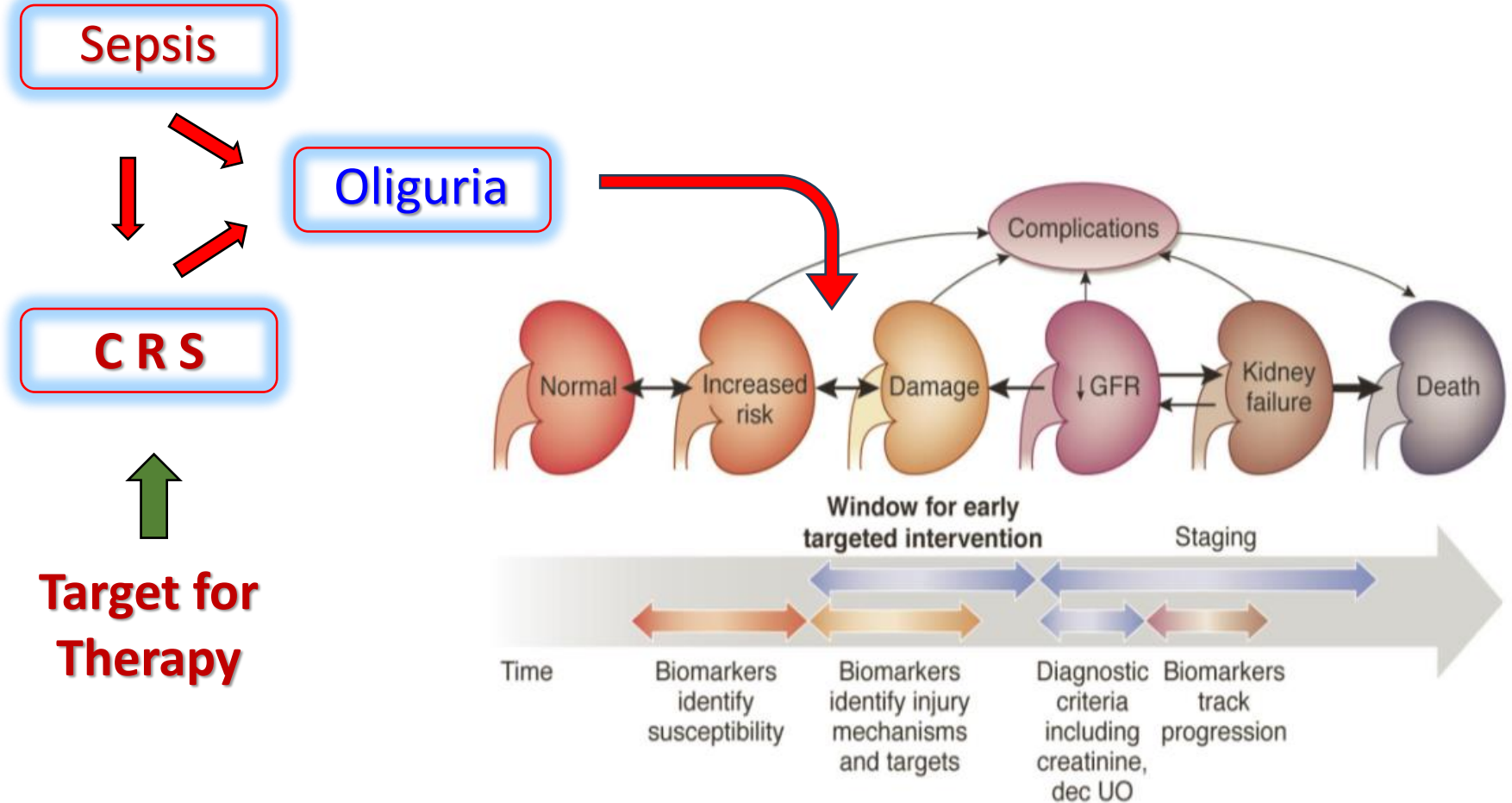


**OLIGURIA**

# New (old) Hypothesis

- There is microcirculatory failure in sepsis. Like other vascular beds the renal bed vasodilates.
- Efferent arteriolar vasodilatation and drop in TMP causes loss of GFR
- Septic AKI is, at least initially, hyperemic not ischemic. GFR drop is due to PAMPS/DAMPS-induced hemodynamic alterations
- If true, besides vasoconstrictors, active correction of **cytokine-induced vasoplegia** should improve GFR and UO in septic AKI

# The Continuum of AKI in Sepsis

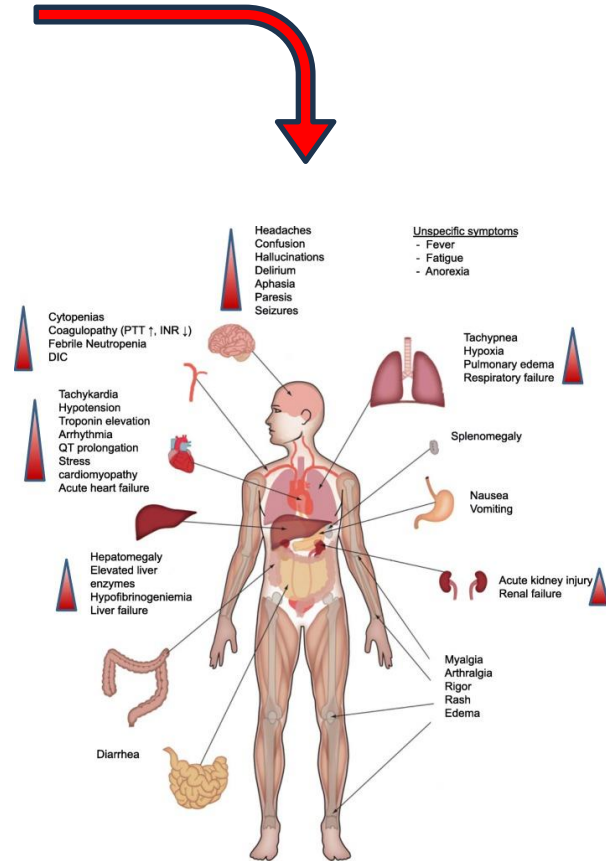
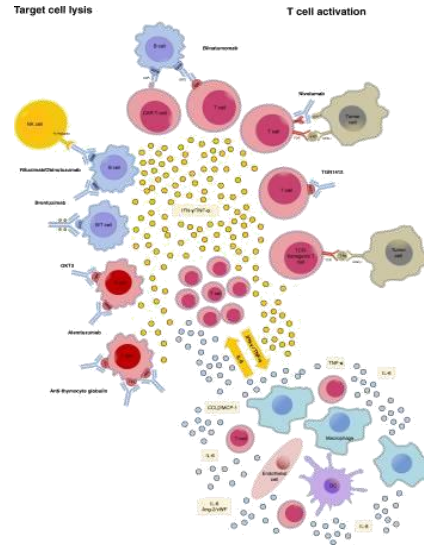




# Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)

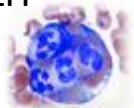
CRS is systemic inflammatory response triggered by infections, drugs, antibody-based therapies or chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-T cell therapy. Cytokines trigger a cascade with activation of innate immune cells (macrophages and endothelial cells) with further cytokine release.

Release of cytokines into the blood is the pathophysiological mechanism of SA-AKI.

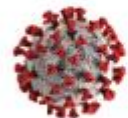


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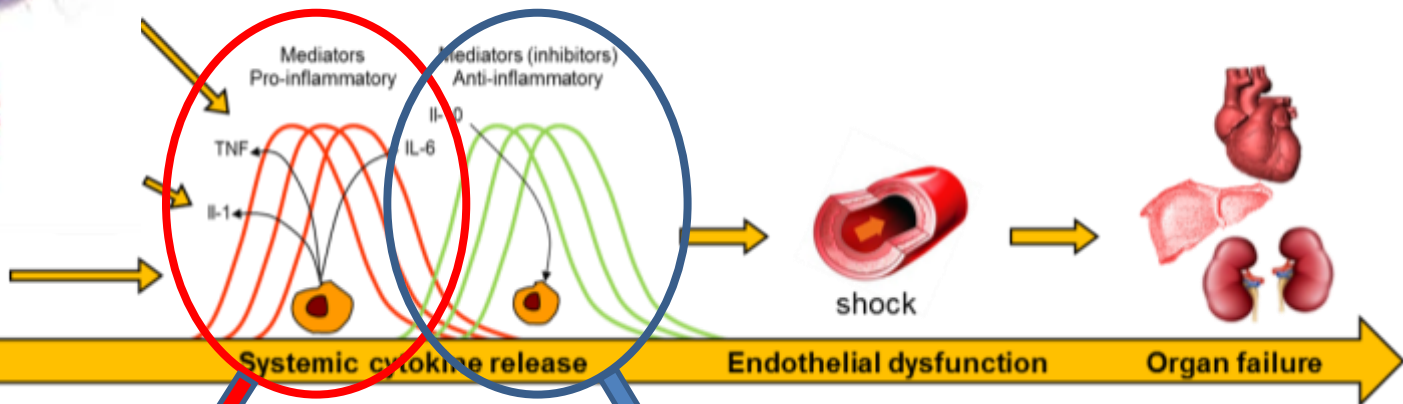
Sepsis



Viral inf.



CAR-T

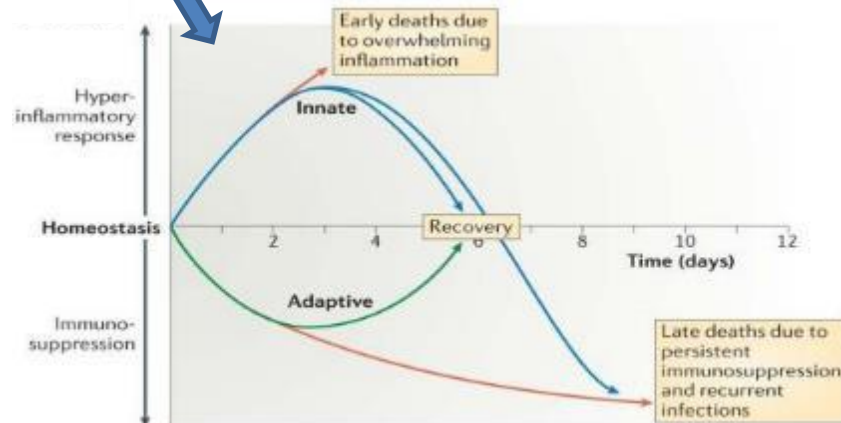
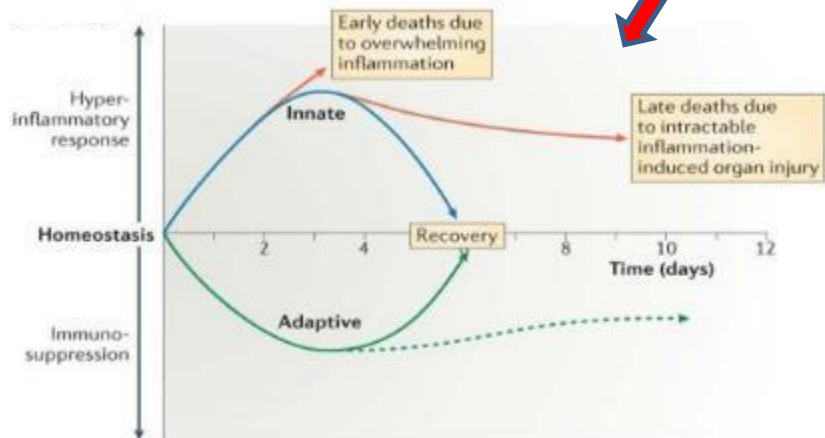


Insult & Triggers

Systemic cytokine release

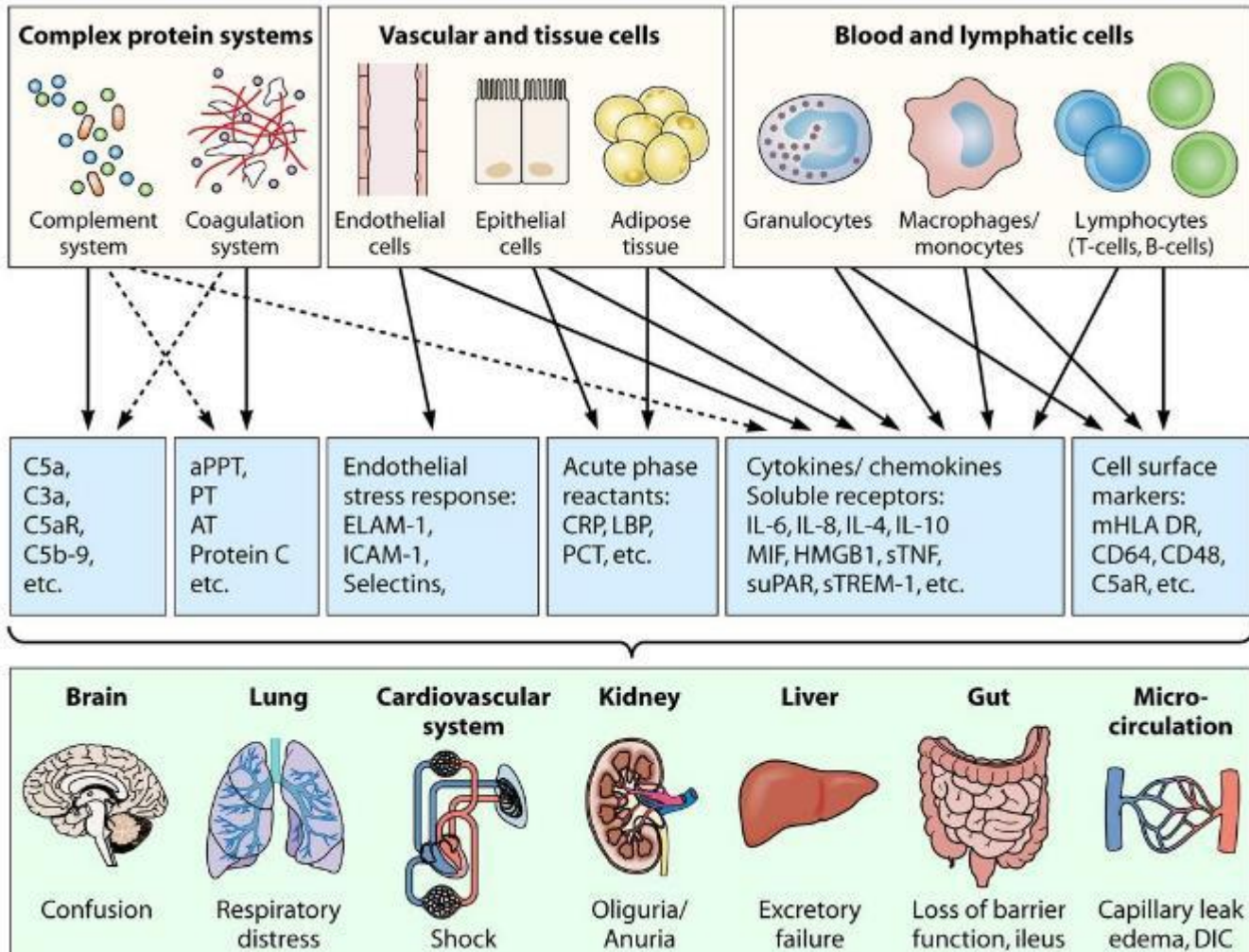
Endothelial dysfunction

Organ failure



Insult →

# PAMPS & DAMPS



# THE LANCET

Ronco C, Bellomo R, Kellum J  
Acute kidney injury  
Lancet. 2019 Nov 23;394:1949.

Mitigation/  
Intervention

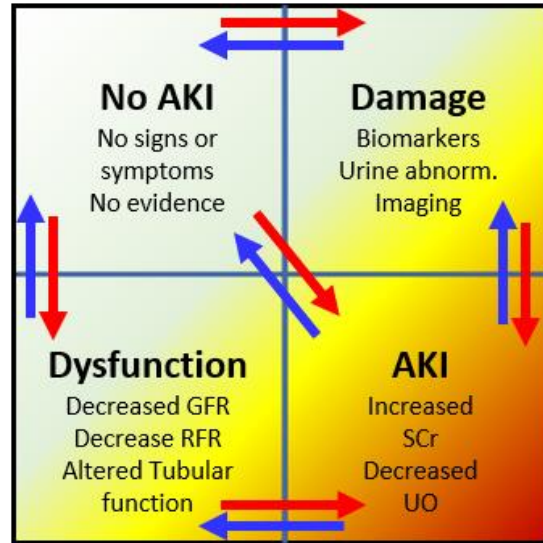
Removal of toxic drugs  
Limitation of imaging procedures  
Control of inflammation

Risk → Stress → Injury

Mitigation/  
Intervention

Volume Optimization  
Hemodynamic stabilization  
Correction of anemia  
Improved Cardiac performance  
Control of inflammation

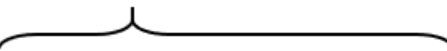
Risk → Stress → Injury  
GFR ↓↓↓



Risk Modifiers

Inflammation  
Nephrotoxic Drugs  
Contrast Media  
Mitochondrial dysfunction  
Hypoperfusion  
Anemia  
Congestion  
Persisten insult

Risk Modifiers



Volume depletion, Sepsis, hemodynamic instability, persistent ischemia.

## Extracorporeal and novel therapies for sepsis-associated acute kidney injury

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### **Consensus statement 5a**

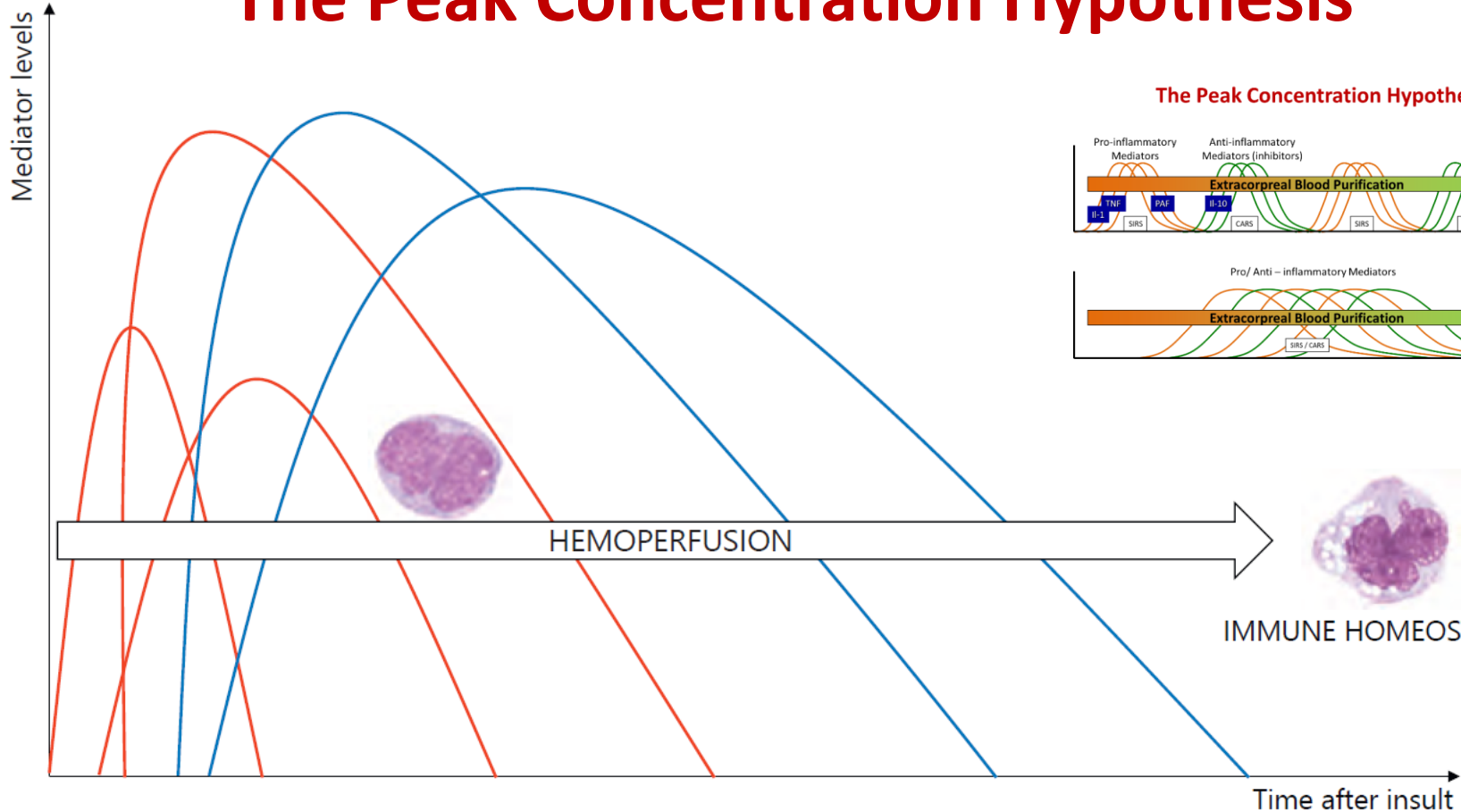
Extracorporeal blood purification (EBP) techniques can be used to remove pathogens, microbial toxins, inflammatory mediators and toxic metabolites from the blood as well as replenish solutes (grade 1A).

### **Consensus statement 5d**

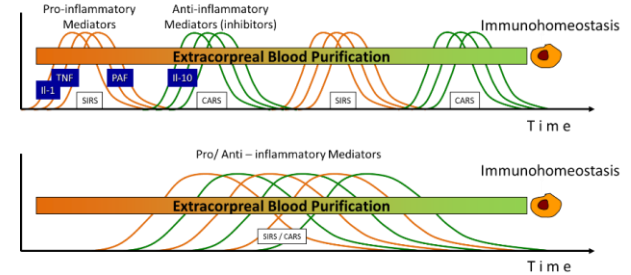
Initiation of EBP in sepsis might be considered for immunomodulatory molecular patterns and pathogen-associated molecular patterns, as well as other targets of systemic inflammation (not graded).



# The Peak Concentration Hypothesis



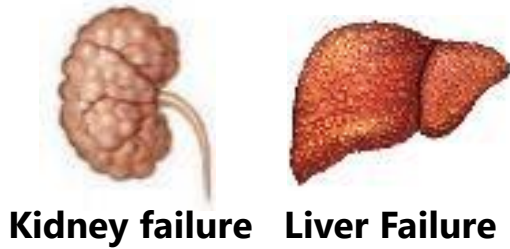
## The Peak Concentration Hypothesis



Ronco et Al Artif Organs 2003

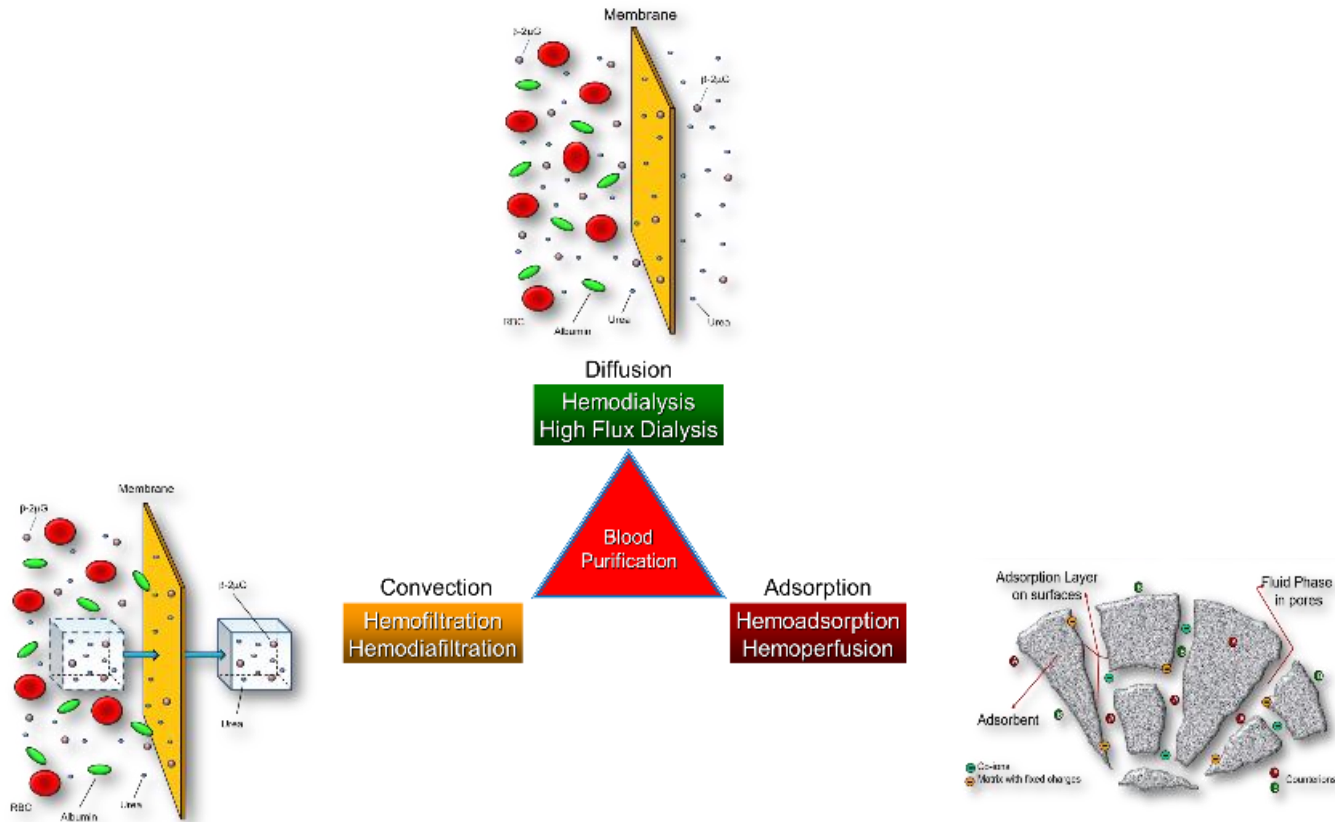


# Retention Molecules – PAMPs – DAMPs - Enzyme inhibitors



Class	SOLUTE	MW (Da)	Action/Effect
Small	Urea	60	General toxicity
	Creatinine	125	
	Vitamin B12	1250	
Middle	$\beta$ 2 M	12000	Amiloidosis CTS Malnutrition Organ damage
	Leptin	16000	
	Myoglobin	17000	
Large	$\kappa$ -FLC	23000	Toxicity Infertility Inflammation Anemia CV Toxicity Acute Phase Prot. CV Toxicity Inflammation
	Prolactin	23000	
	Interleukin-6	25000	
	Hepcidin	27000	
	Bound P-Cresol	33500	
	Pentraxin-3	43000	
	$\lambda$ -FLC	45000	
TNF- $\alpha$ (Trim)	51000		
Essential protein	Albumin	68000	Toxin binding capacity

**What Blood Purification Technique?**

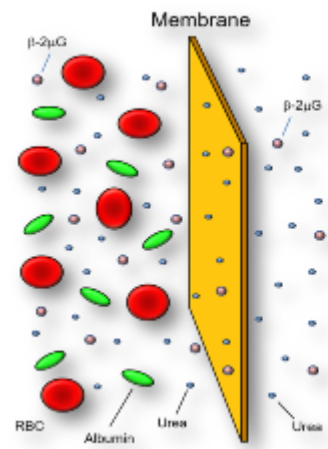
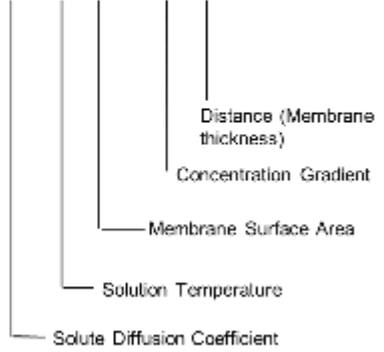


**a) Mass separation by barrier (CVVH-CVVHD-CVVHDF)**

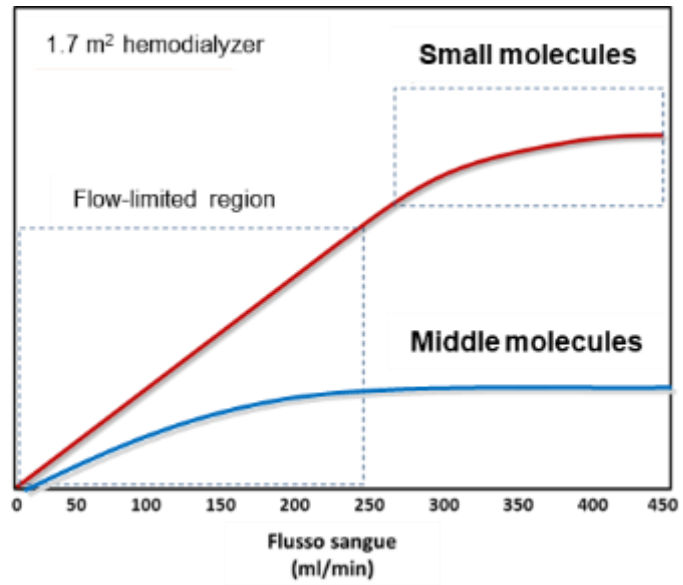
**b) Mass separation by solid agent (Hemoadsorption)**

# DIFFUSION

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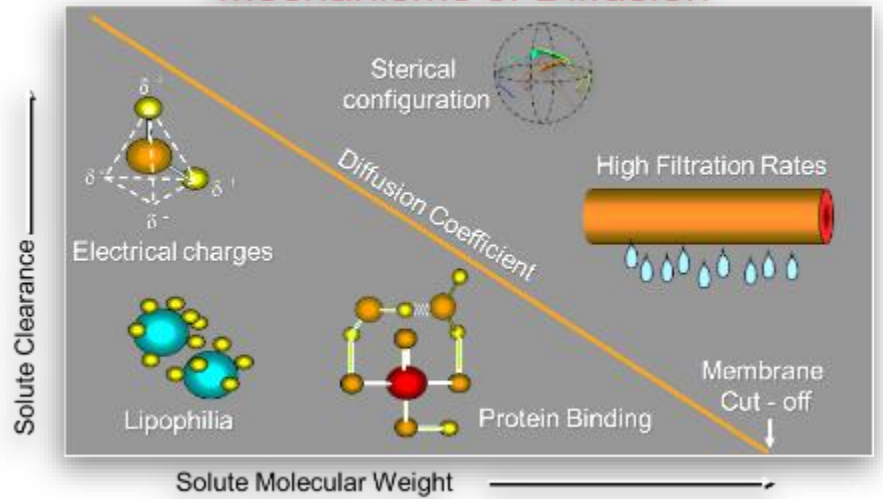


## Hemodialyzer



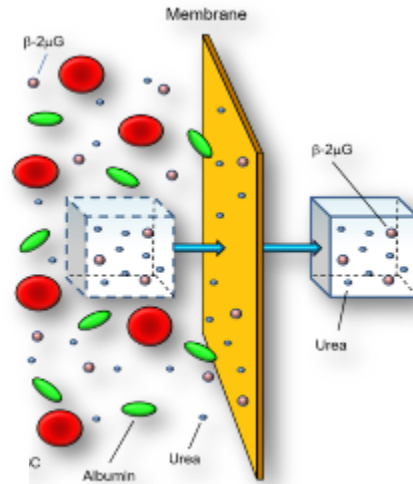
BUN Clearance (ml/min)

## Mechanisms of Diffusion



Solute Clearance

Solute Molecular Weight



## CONVECTION

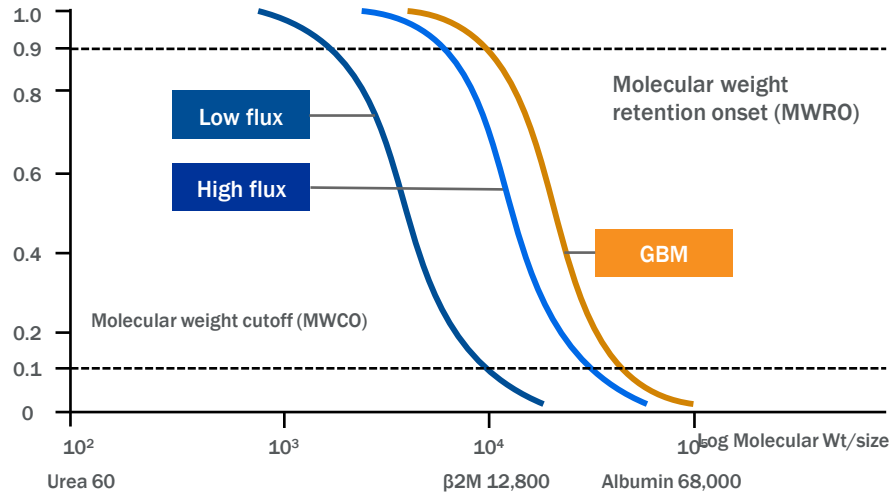
$$J_{\text{conv}} = Q_f \cdot \frac{[uf]}{[p]}$$

$$\frac{[uf]}{[p]} = S$$

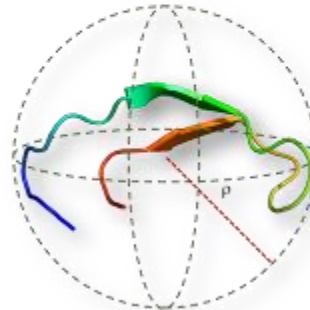
Solute concentration in plasma

Solute concentration in the ultrafiltrate

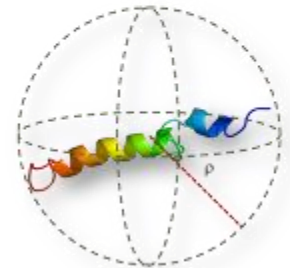
Ultrafiltration rate



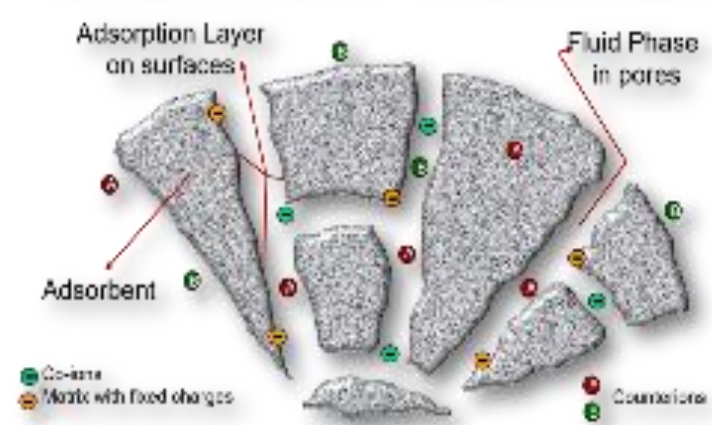
Hepcidin Anti Microbial Peptide  
MW: 27000 Da



Parathyroid Hormon  
MW: 9300 Da



# HEMOADSORPTION



## Advantages and Rationale

- Overcoming limitations of HD membranes
- Potential selectivity of the removal
- Placement of sorbent in contact with blood
- No alteration of anticoagulation regime
- No problems of circuit pressure profile

## Requirements

- Demonstrated effectiveness
- Hemocompatibility
- Mechanical strength
- No clotting activation
- Well designed cartridge

# Resin Adsorption Range Control



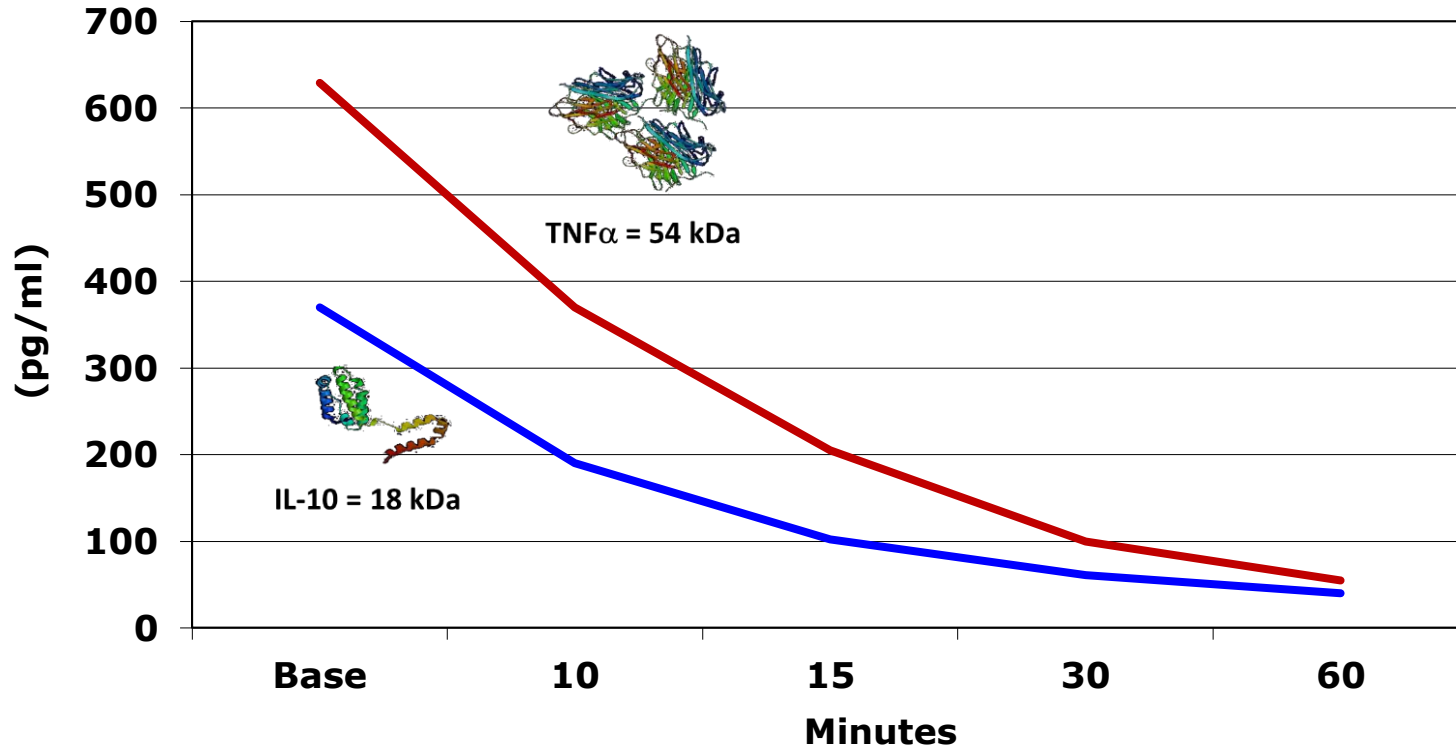
Nano-scale Molecular Sieve Control Technology MAY adjust pore size distribution according to target toxin molecular weight and radius



# In Vitro Removal of Cytokines

*LPS stimulated U-937 monocytes in Blood*

**Hemoperfusion with Jafron HA Minimodule**



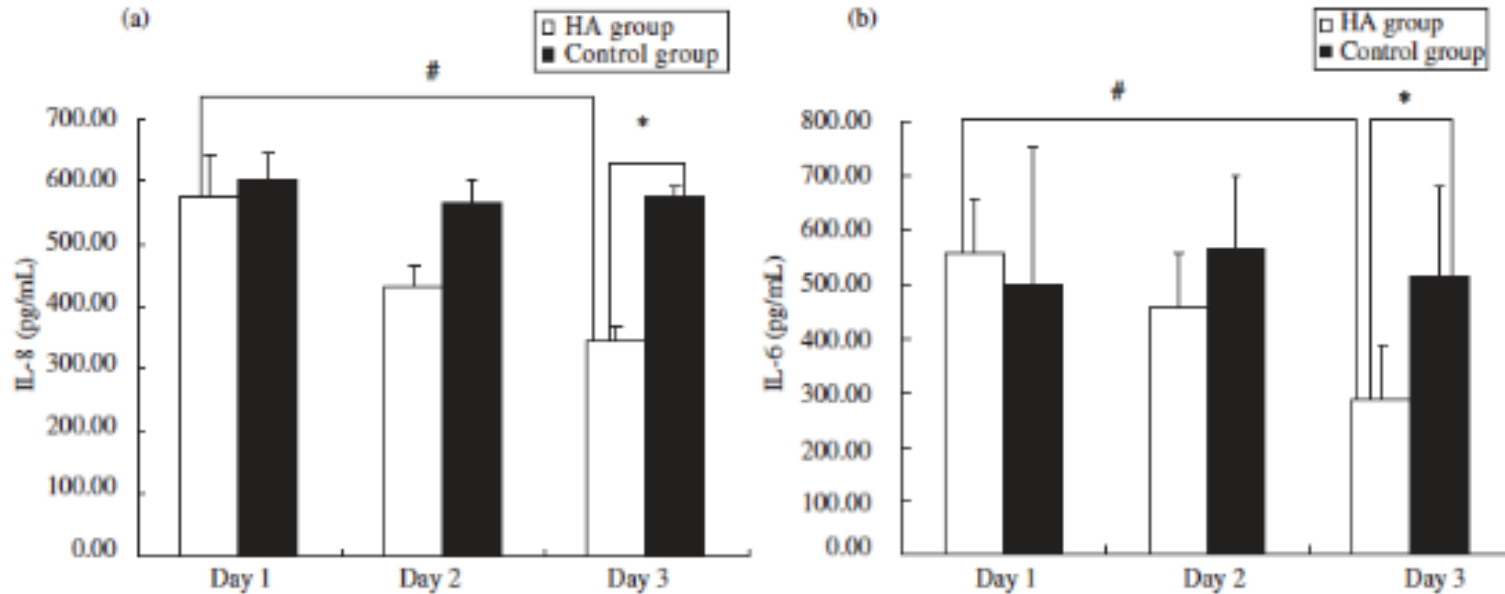
# Removal of Humoral Mediators and the Effect on the Survival of Septic Patients by Hemoperfusion With Neutral Microporous Resin Column

Zhao Huang, Si-Rong Wang, Wei Su, and Ji-Yun Liu



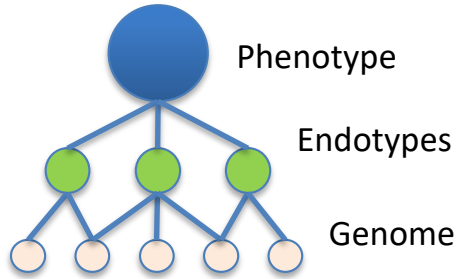
**HA 380**

- N=44. Severe sepsis/septic shock patients.
- Standard therapy vs standard therapy plus HA (2hr session daily x 3days).



Change in IL-6 and IL-8 and improved SOFA score (p<0.05)

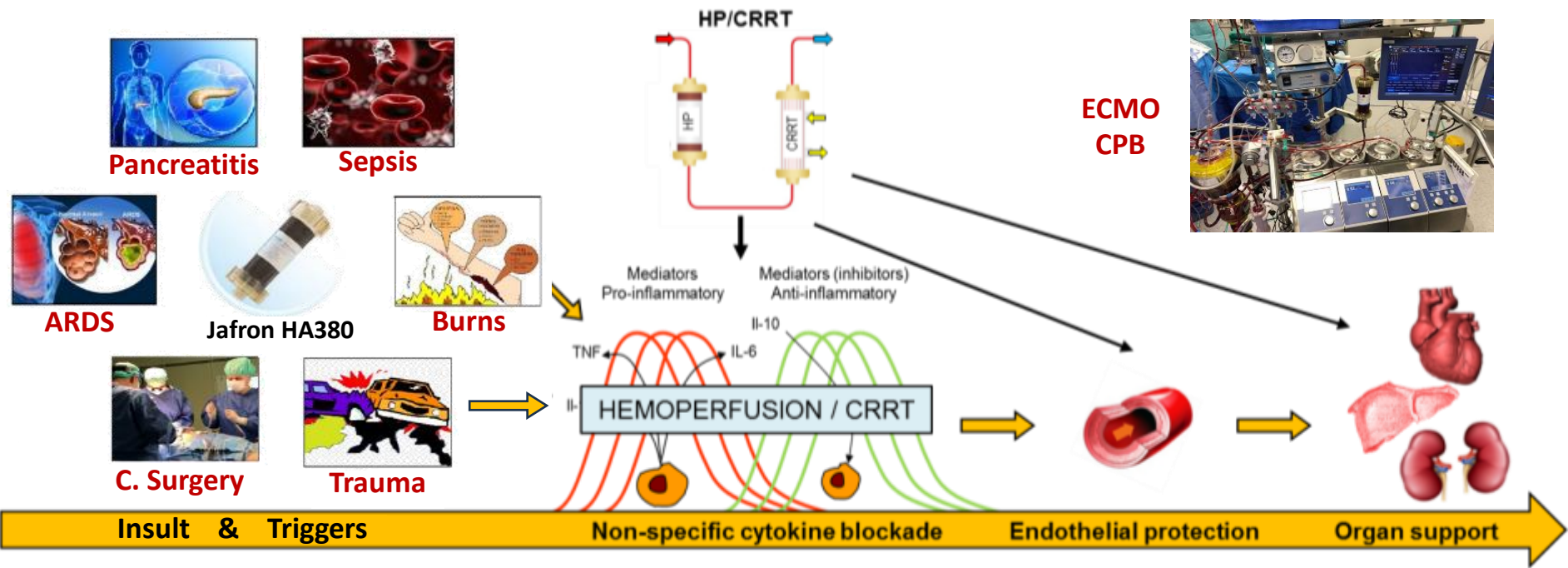
# Hemoadsorption Trial design



- Clear indications (inclusion) criteria
- Selection of population
- Identification of sub-phenotypes
- Definition of target effect

## Endpoints in Hemoadsorption Trials

- Biochemical (*Different Molecular targets*)
- Biological (*Cellular and tissue effects*)
- Physiological (*Vital parameters*)
- Clinical (*Organ function – Severity scores*)
- Ultimate outcomes (*Recovery - Survival*)



Hemoadsorption  
in critical illness:  
Typical Findings



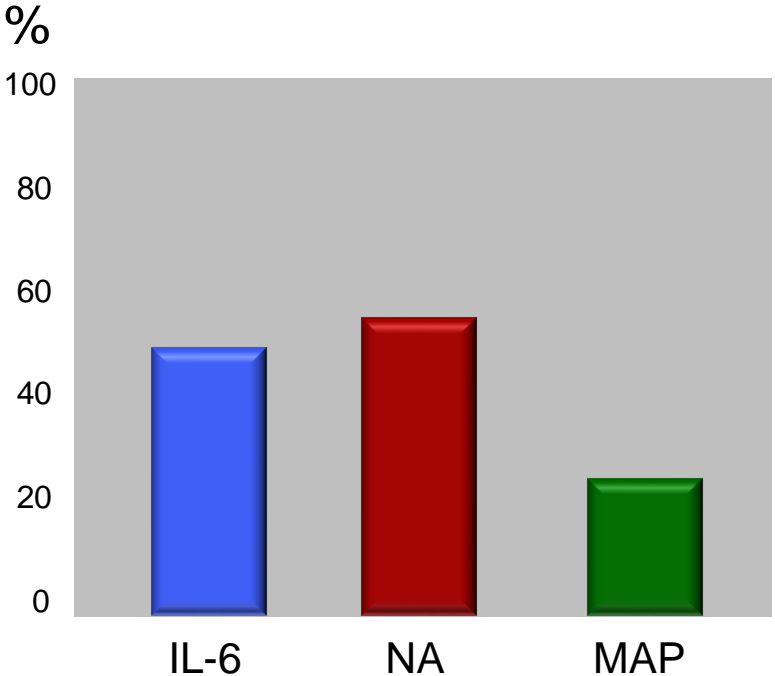
Significant reduction in:

- IL-6 (>50%); MCP-1 (>50%); IL-1 RA (>50%);
- IL-8 (>30%), IL-10 (>50%)

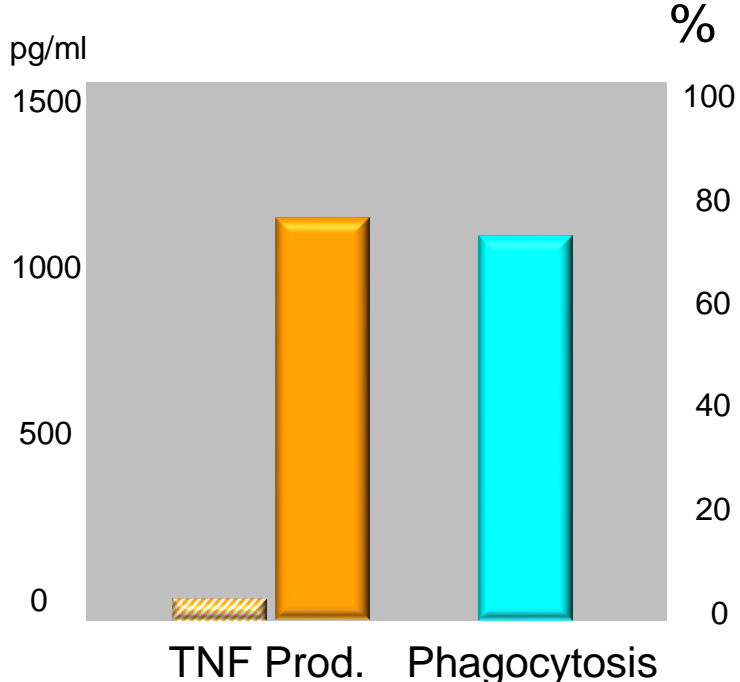
Immediate improvement in patient's hemodynamics

# Hemodynamic and Biological Effects of HP

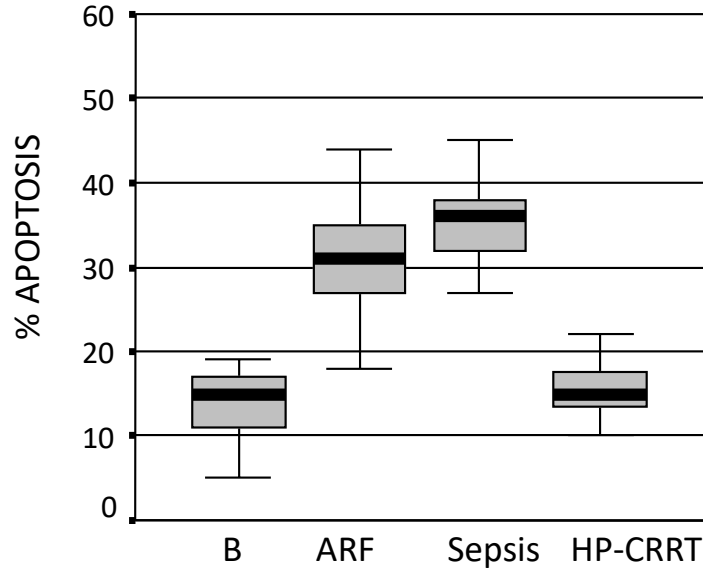
% Delta of IL-6 levels,  
NA Dose and MAP  
at 10 hours of treatment versus baseline



$\Delta$  Monocyte TNF production and  
Phagocytic Capacity  
at 10 hours of treatment versus baseline

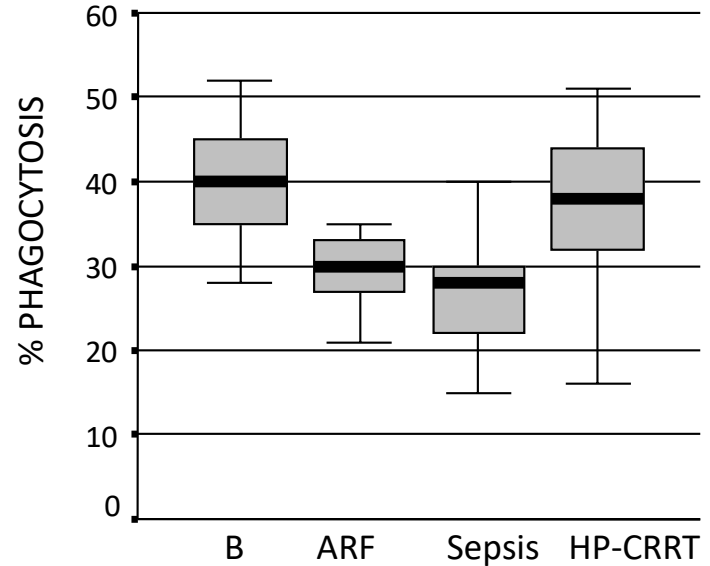


# Biological effects: Apoptosis and Phagocytosis



\*  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.001$

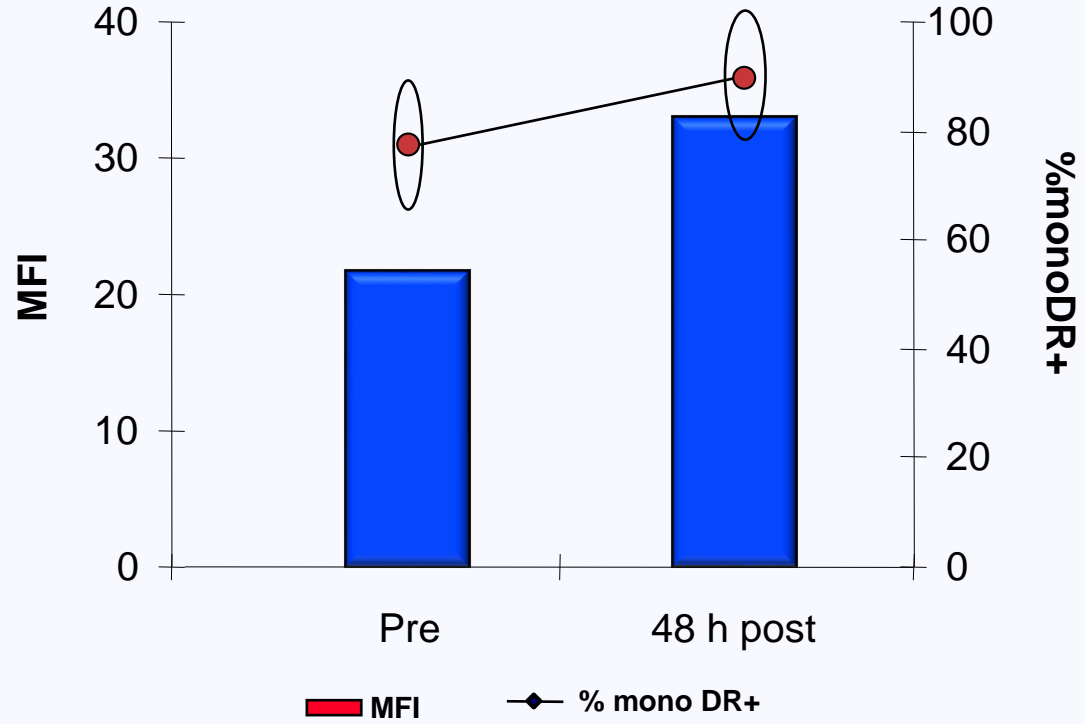
Apoptosis correlated inversely with cell phagocytic function

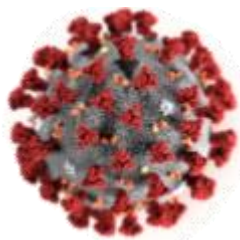




# Patient with Septic Shock and Abdominal Infection

## Pre/post HP Tx Antigen Presentation





cytokine removal  
could prevent  
CRS-induced  
organ damage



# Kidney involvement in COVID-19 and rationale for extracorporeal therapies

Claudio Ronco<sup>1,2</sup> and Thiago Reis<sup>2,3</sup>

The prevalence of direct kidney involvement in novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is low, but such involvement is a marker of multiple organ dysfunction and severe disease. Here, we explore potential pathways of kidney damage and discuss the rationale for extracorporeal support with various blood purification strategies in patients who are critically ill with COVID-19.

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organization declared novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) to be a global pandemic. Among patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 in Italy, approximately 47% have been hospitalized and approximately 6% have required admission to intensive care units (ICUs)<sup>1</sup>. Here, we focus on the mechanisms and management of COVID-19-associated acute kidney injury (AKI).

The available data suggest that the prevalence of AKI

anti-IL-6 monoclonal antibody tocilizumab is widely used to treat CRS in patients who have undergone CAR T cell therapy<sup>3</sup> and is now also being used empirically in patients with severe COVID-19.

Extracorporeal therapies have also been proposed as approaches to remove cytokines in patients with sepsis<sup>6</sup> and could potentially be beneficial in critically ill patients with COVID-19 (REF.<sup>7</sup>). The rationale for use of these therapies is that cytokine removal could prevent

# Physiological/clinical effects: COVID-19 patient

## *Evidence of CRS*

Admission:  
Fever  
Hypotension  
Respiratory failure  
> Mech. Ventilation

Hemodynamic instability  
High Cytokine Levels  
High Ferritin  
High CRP  
Hypercoagulability

Hemodynamic stabilization  
Normalization of Cytokine Levels  
Decrease in inflammatory parameters  
Improved pulmonary exchanges  
Extubation



Day 1



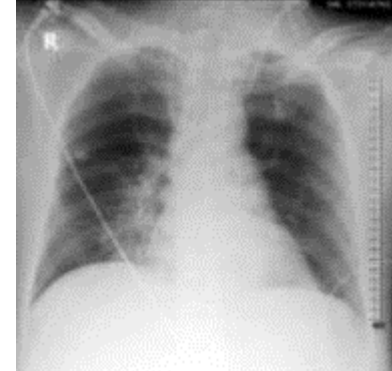
Day 3



Days 4-5-6



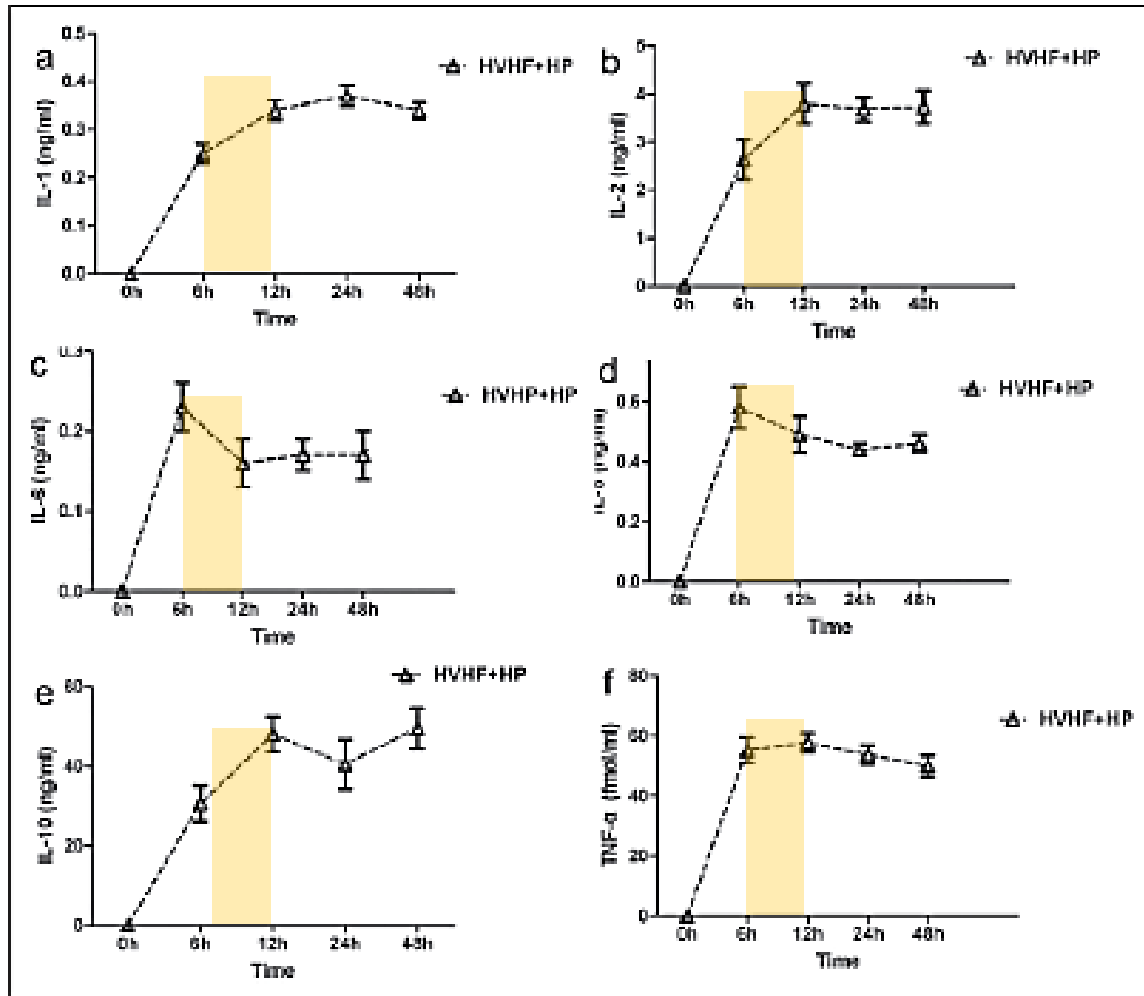
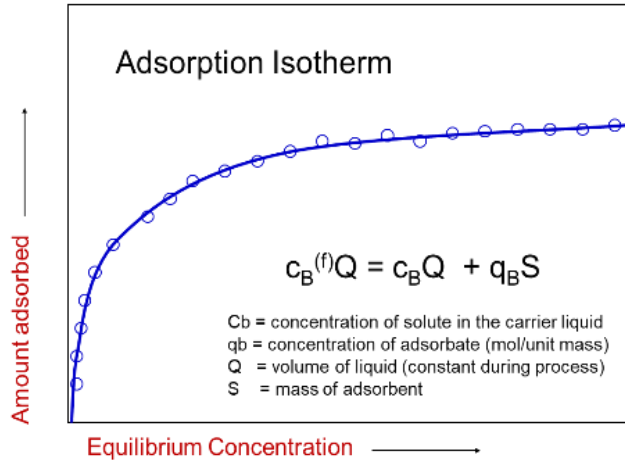
Day 8



Day 12

# Cartridge saturation occurs between 6 and 12 hours

## Equilibrium Stage for liquid adsorption



# HA in Sepsis and CRS

**Early application:** Patients with signs and symptoms of impending sepsis and CRS, altered hemodynamics, hyper-inflammatory status, immunodysregulation, requirement of vasopressors

**Diagnosis**

**Day 1**

**Day 2**

**Day 3**

Optional



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# Multiple Organ Support in Critical Illness and Sepsis

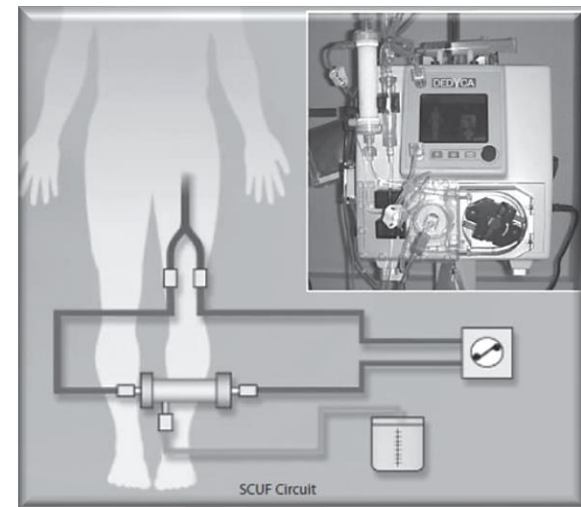
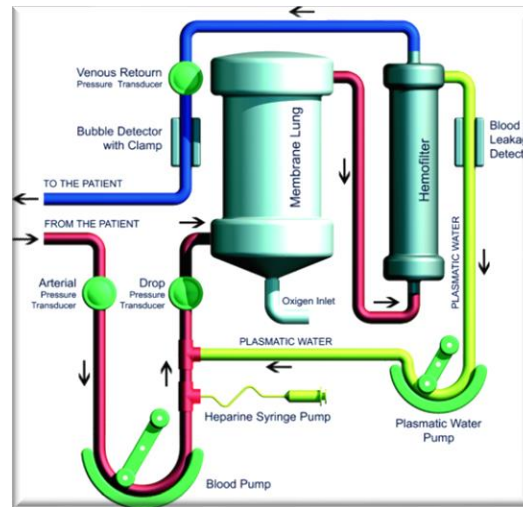


AKI & Sepsis

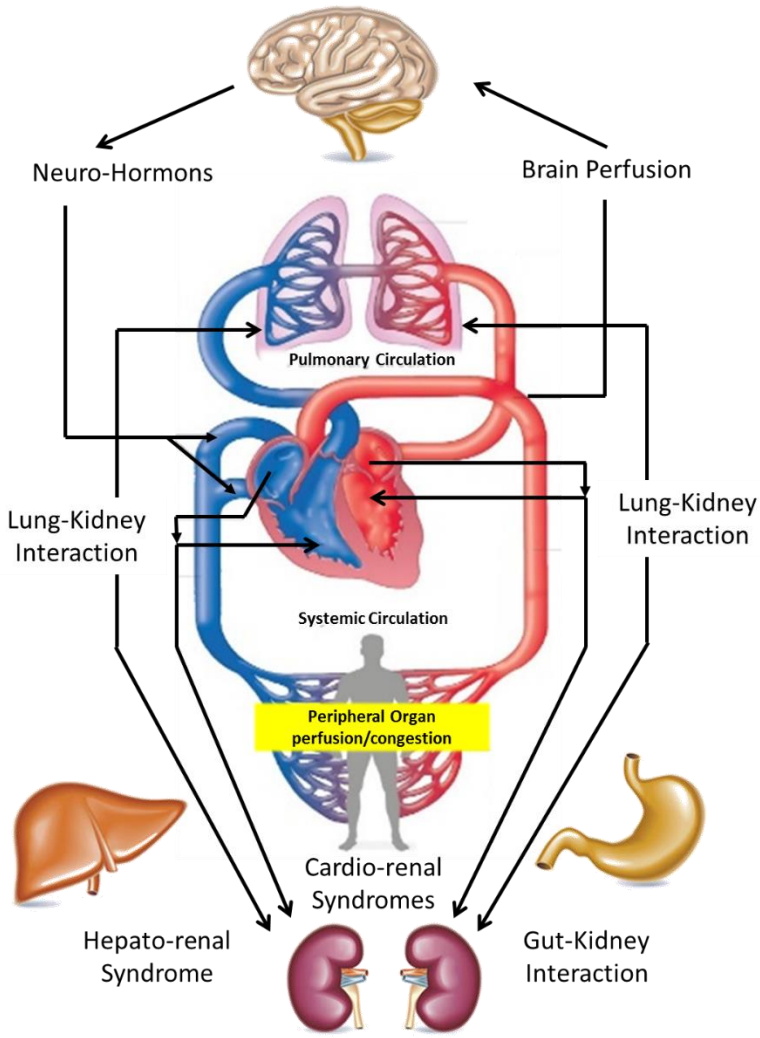
Liver Support

Lung Support ECCO<sub>2</sub>R

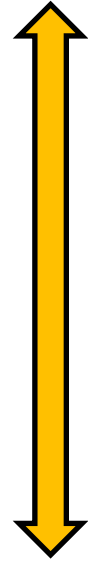
Heart Failure



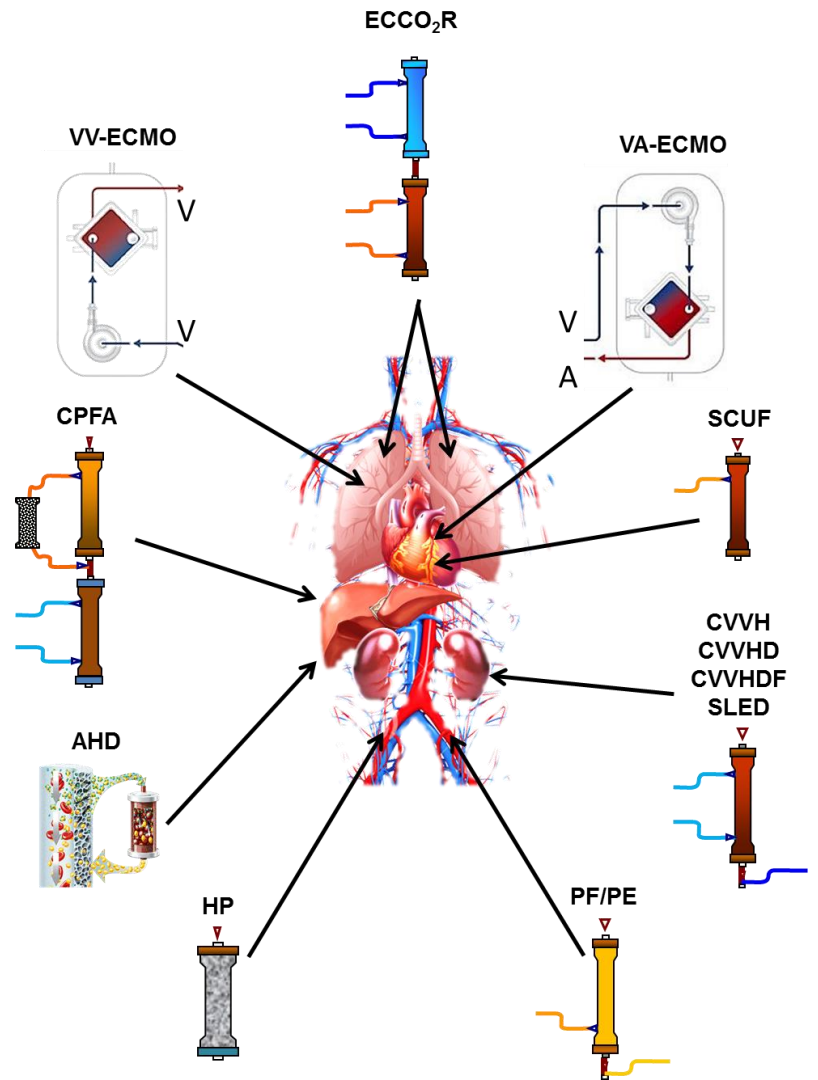




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and  
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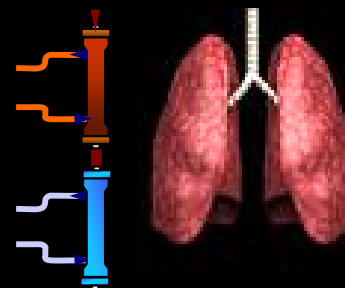
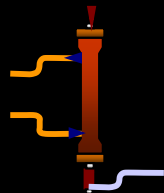
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# SEPSIS



CRRT

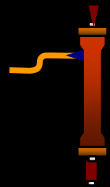


ECLS



# MOST

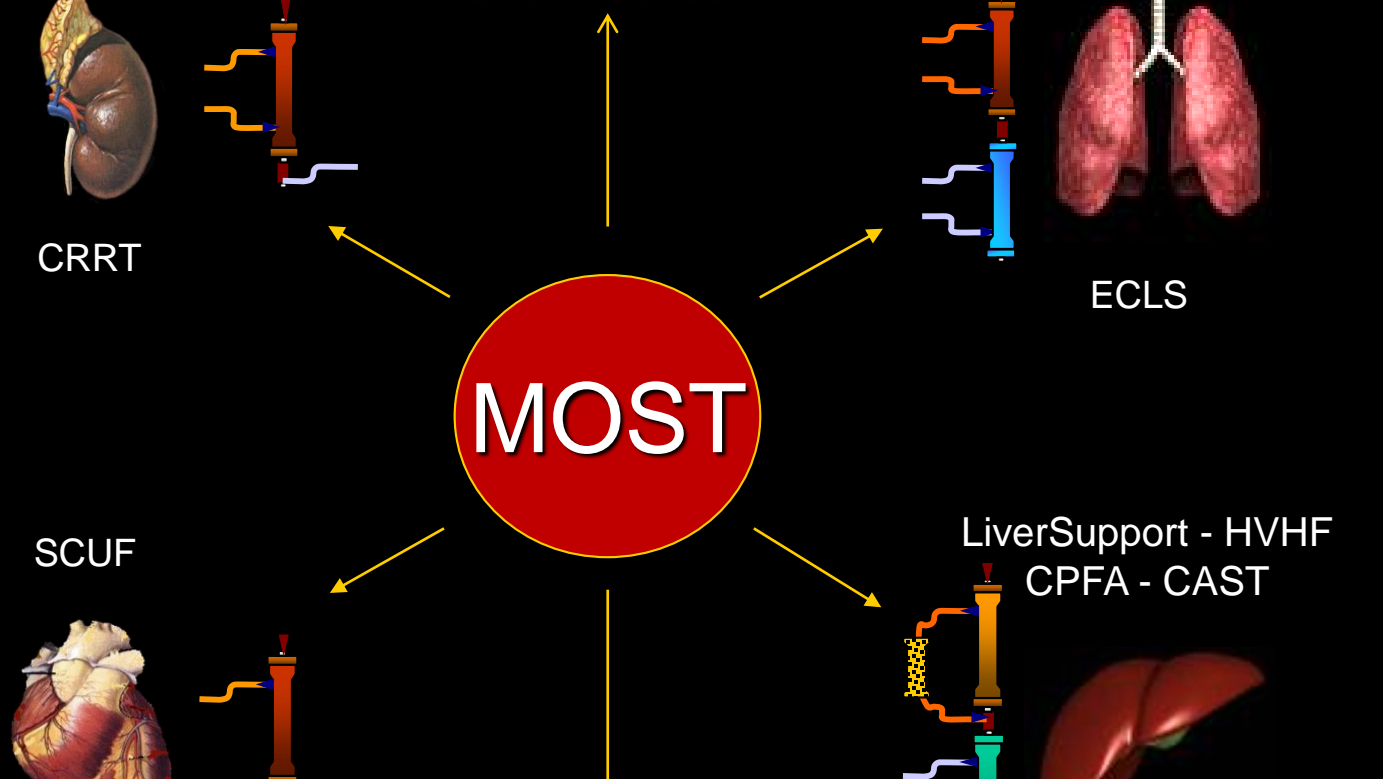
SCUF



LiverSupport - HVHF  
CPFA - CAST

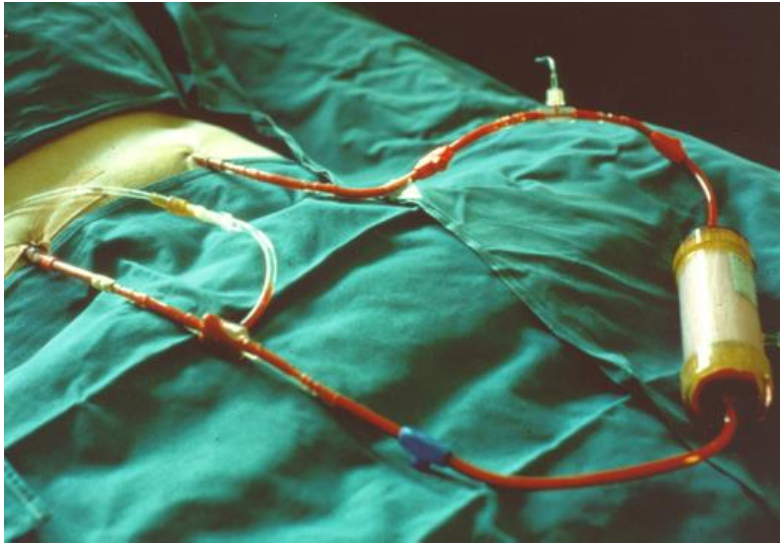


# PEDIATRICS



# Leading Science of CRRT in Vicenza

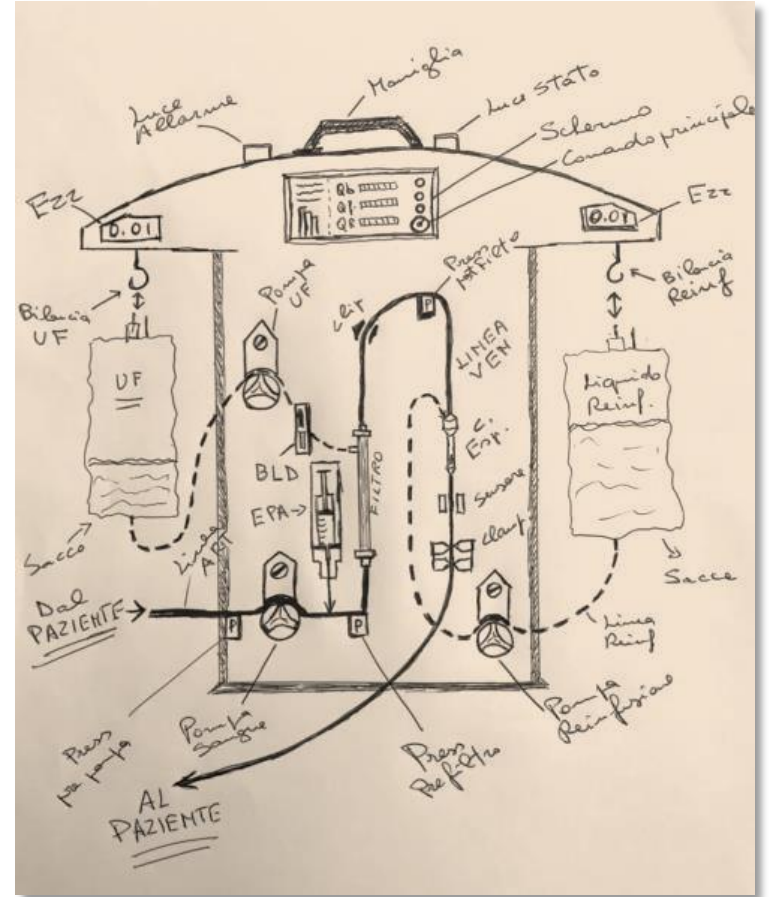
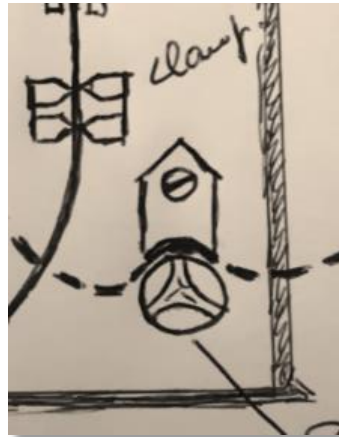
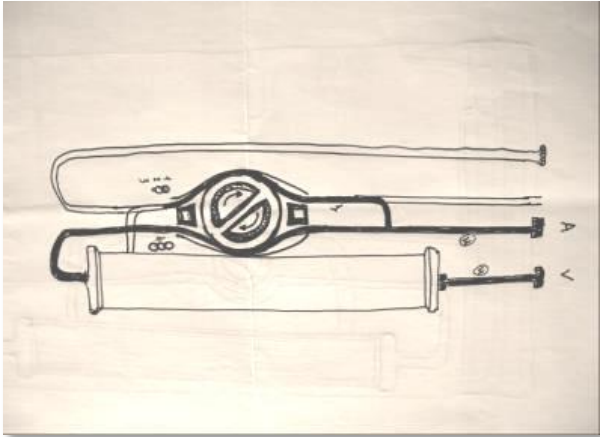
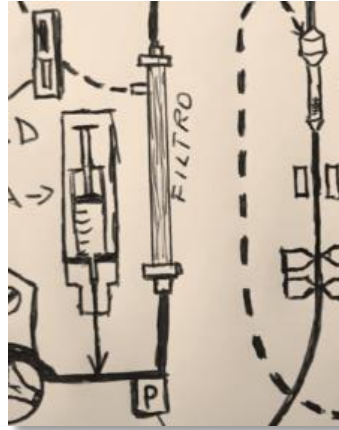
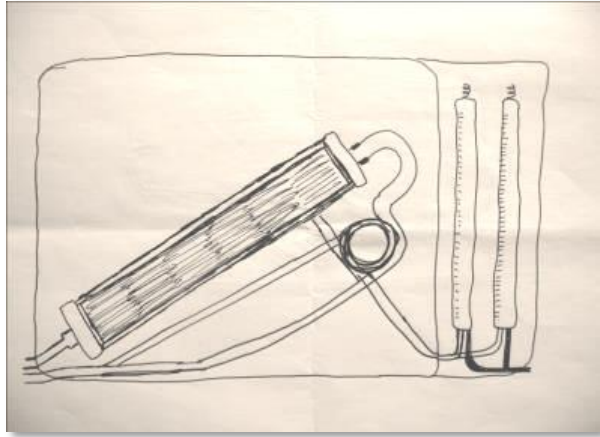
**First Adult CAVH in Vicenza 1977**



**First Neonate CAVH in Vicenza 1982**



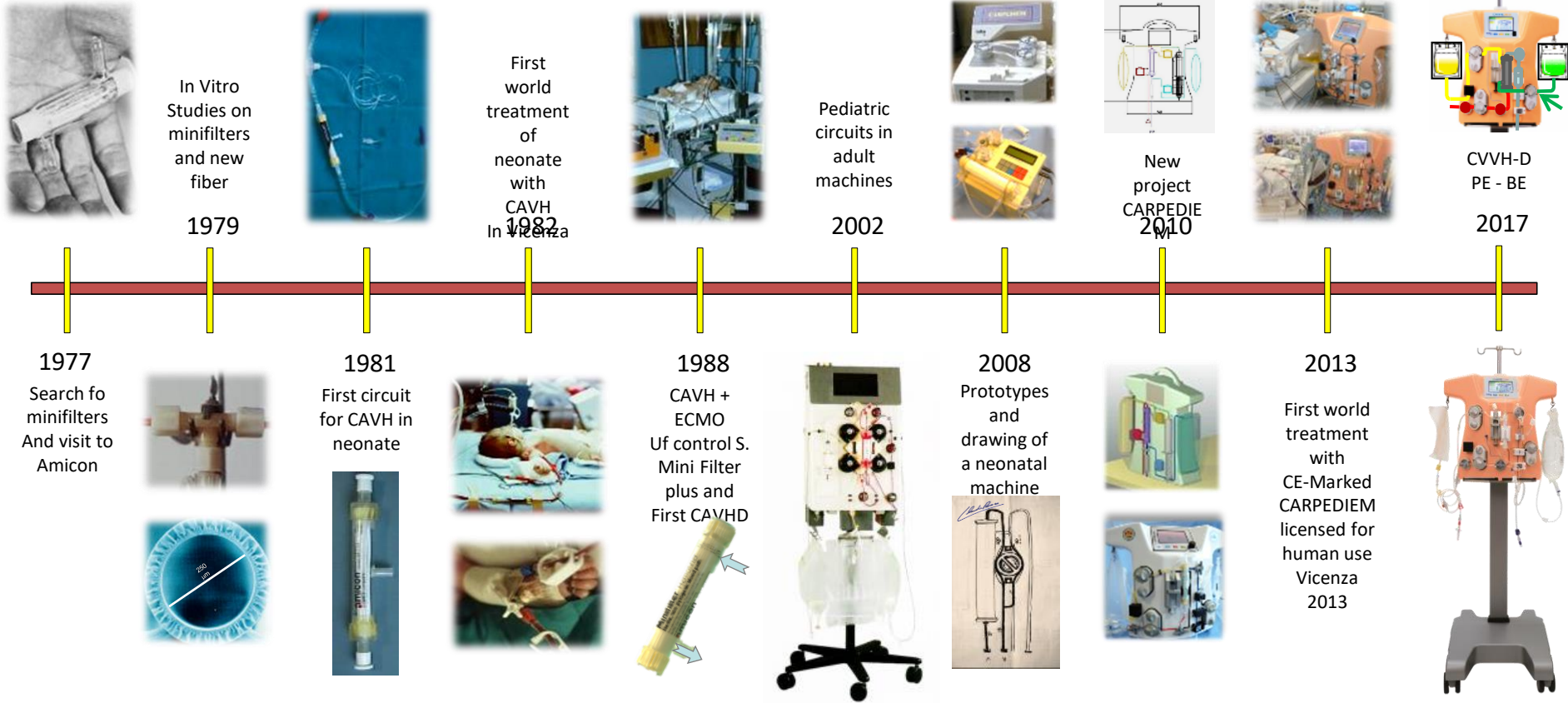
# From a sketch and project to the Final Machine







# 40 years of Pediatric CRRT







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## The first international consensus conference on continuous renal replacement therapy

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**Background.** Management of acute renal failure (ARF) in the critically ill is extremely variable and there are no published standards for the provision of renal replacement therapy in this population. We sought to review the available evidence, make evidence-based practice recommendations, and delineate key questions for future study.

**Methods.** We undertook an evidence-based review of the literature on continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT) using MEDLINE searches. We determined a list of key questions and convened a 2-day consensus conference to develop summary statements via a series of alternating breakout and plenary sessions. In these sessions, we identified supporting evidence and generated practice guidelines and/or directions for future research.

**Results.** Of the 46 questions considered, we found consensus

placement therapy (CRRT) [3] and use of this therapy is increasing worldwide. However, there are no standard guidelines for the application of CRRT and practice patterns vary widely between individual centers. Results from recent clinical trials on selection of dialysis membranes [4–7] and dialysis dose [8, 9] provide important evidence to guide therapy. Yet important questions remain unanswered. Finally, the method by which acute organ support is provided can have a profound effect on patient mortality (e.g., transfusion thresholds [10] and ventilator management [11]) supporting the need to identify practice standards and key research questions. The purpose of this consensus conference was to review the available evidence regarding the optimal provision

## Demand

Disease burden



Solute load



Volume load



## Capacity

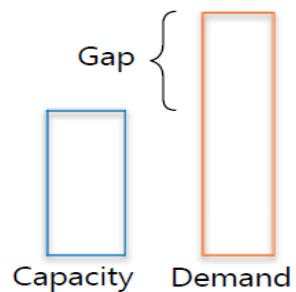
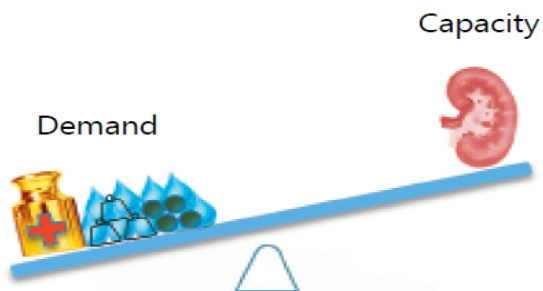
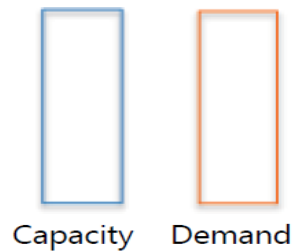
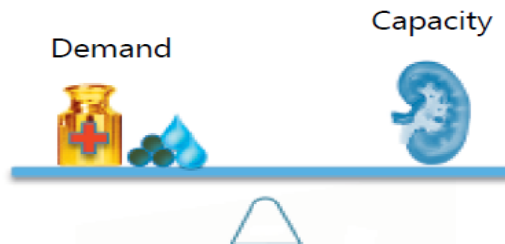


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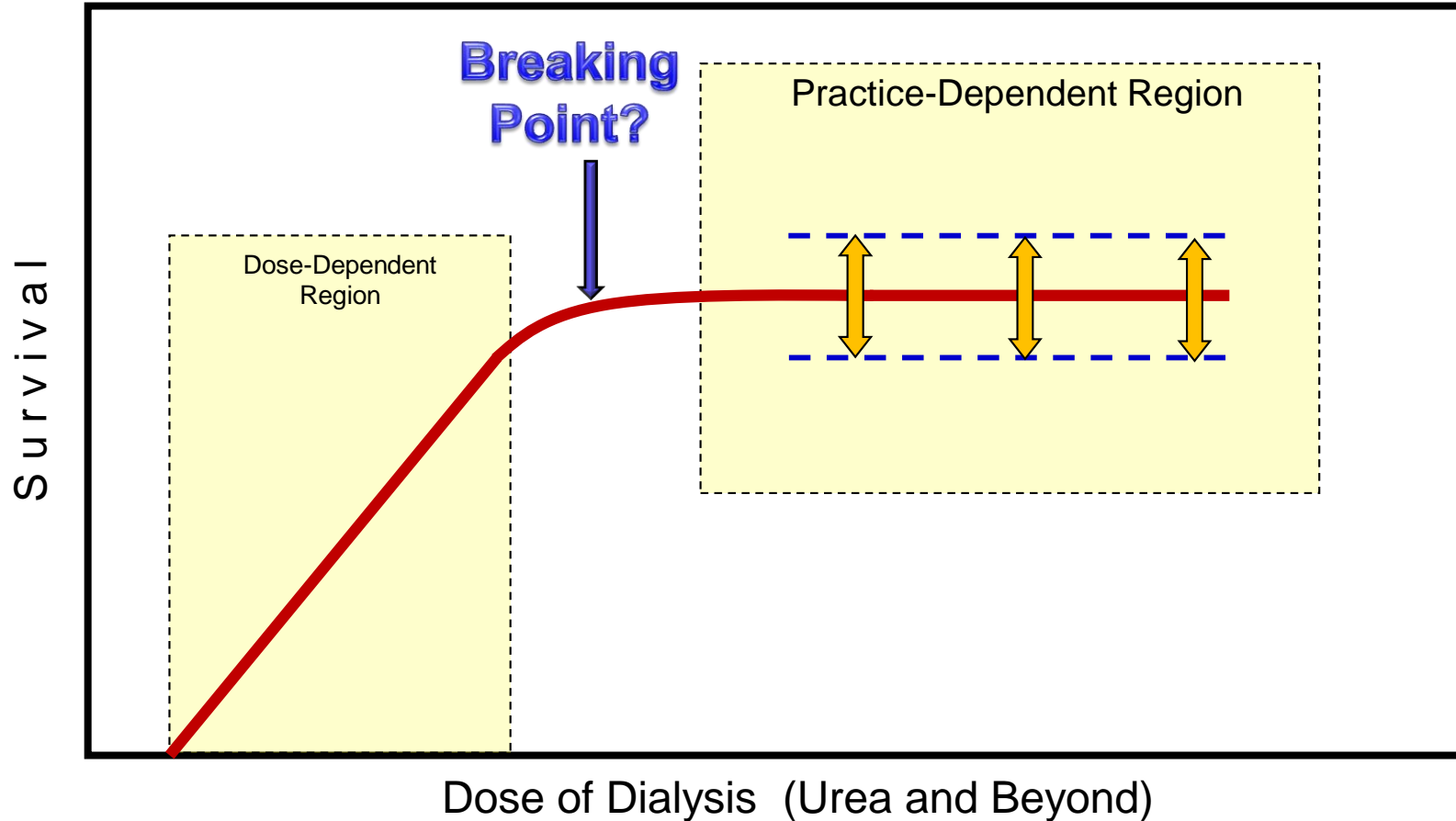
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## Demand–capacity balance



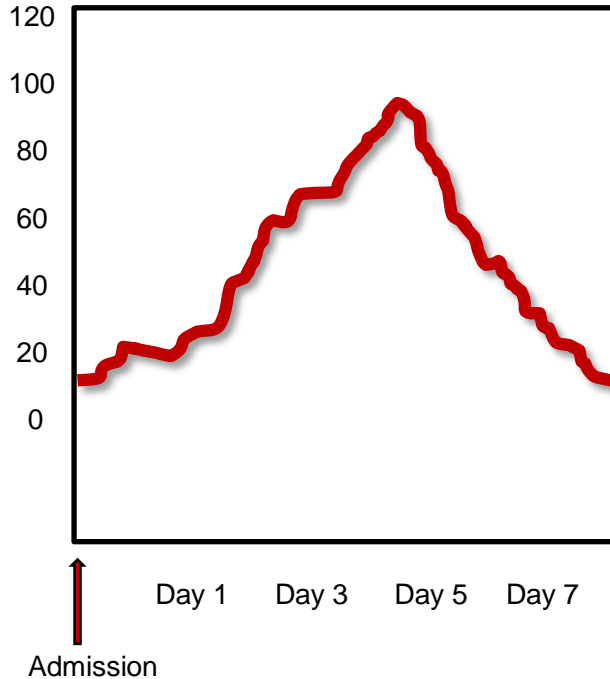


# Renal Replacement Therapy in AKI

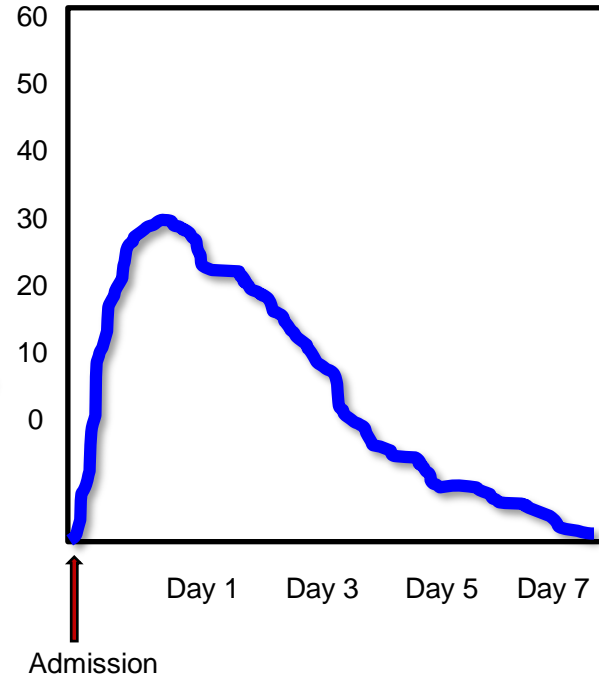


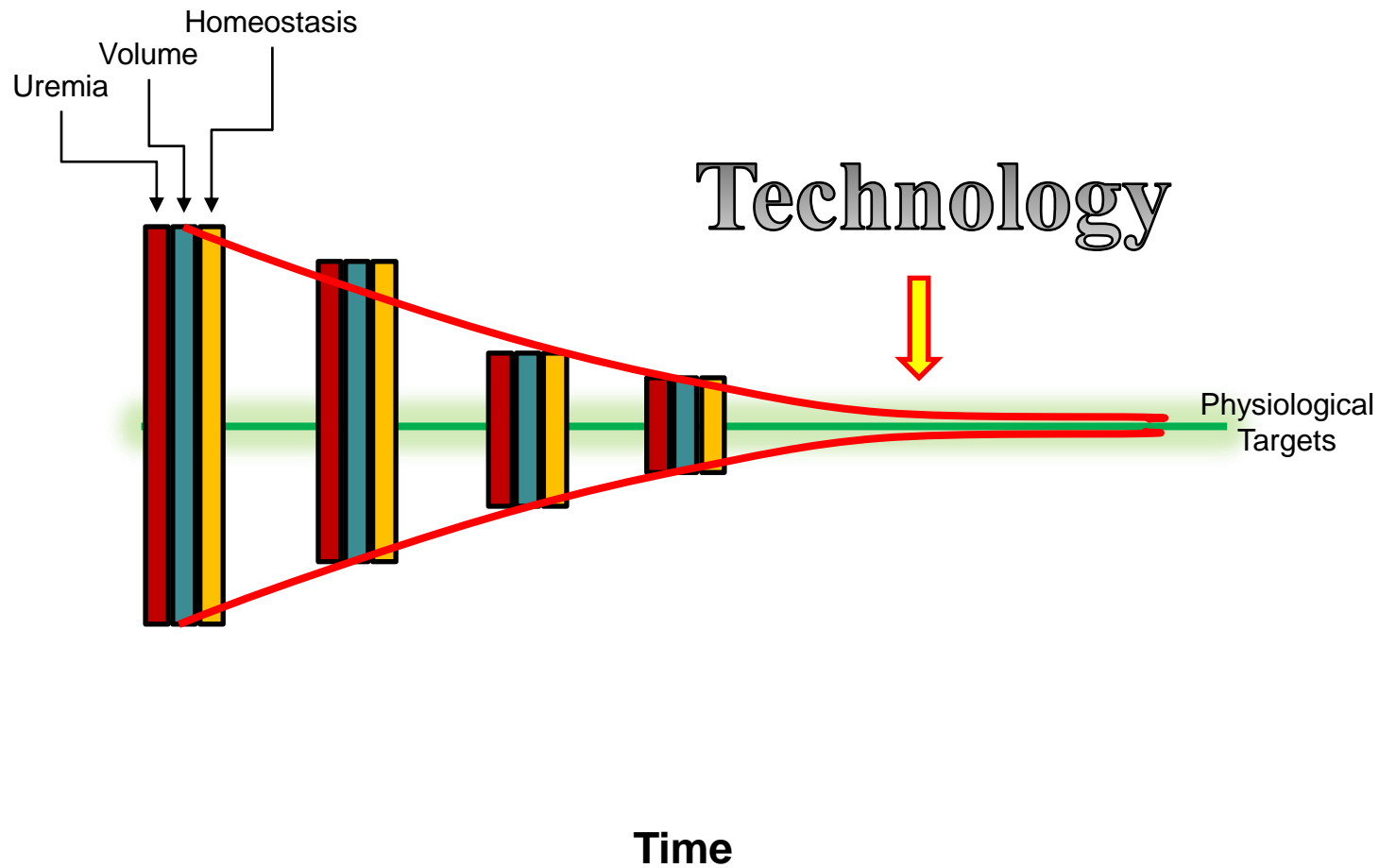
# Metabolism and Volume

## Azotemia

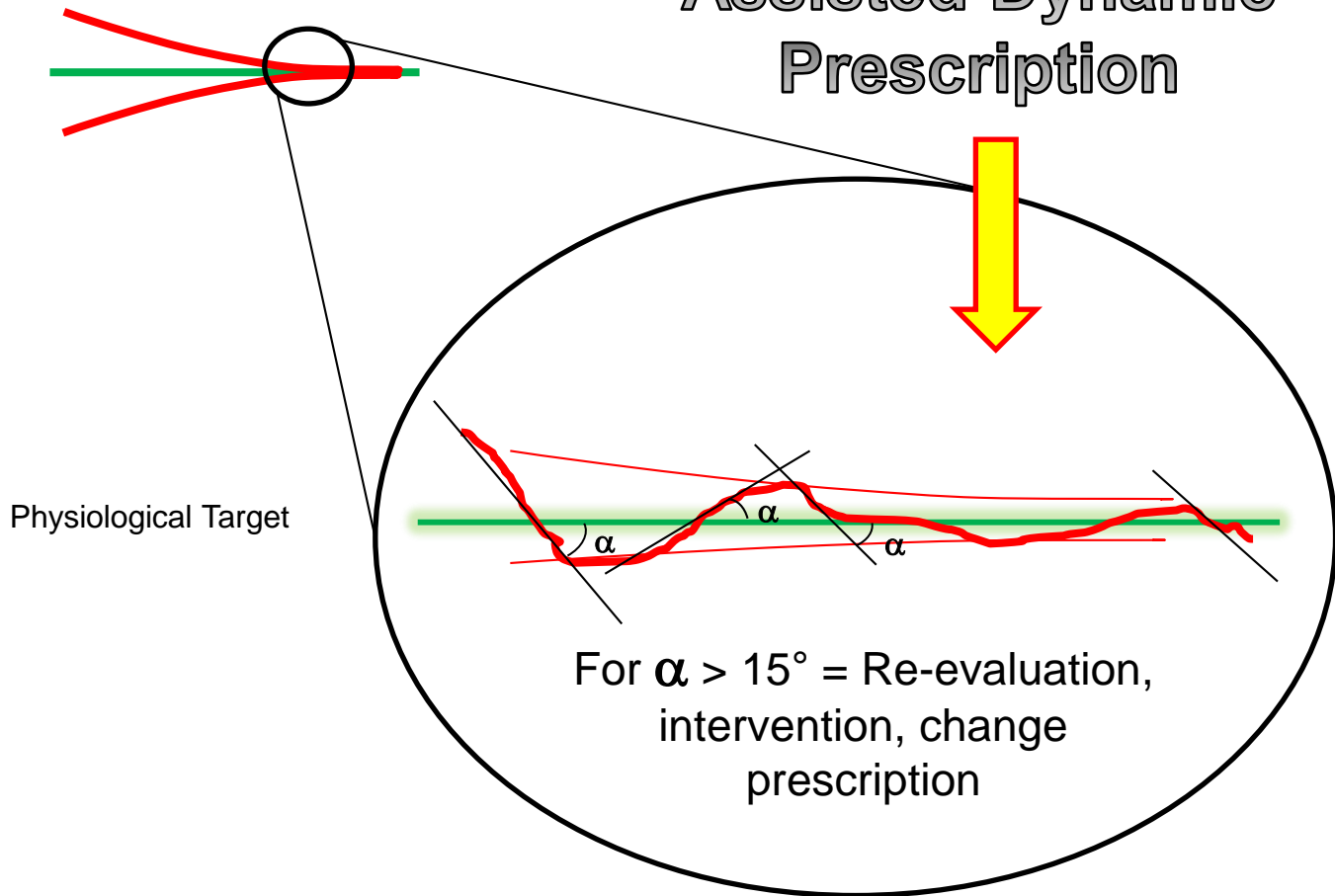


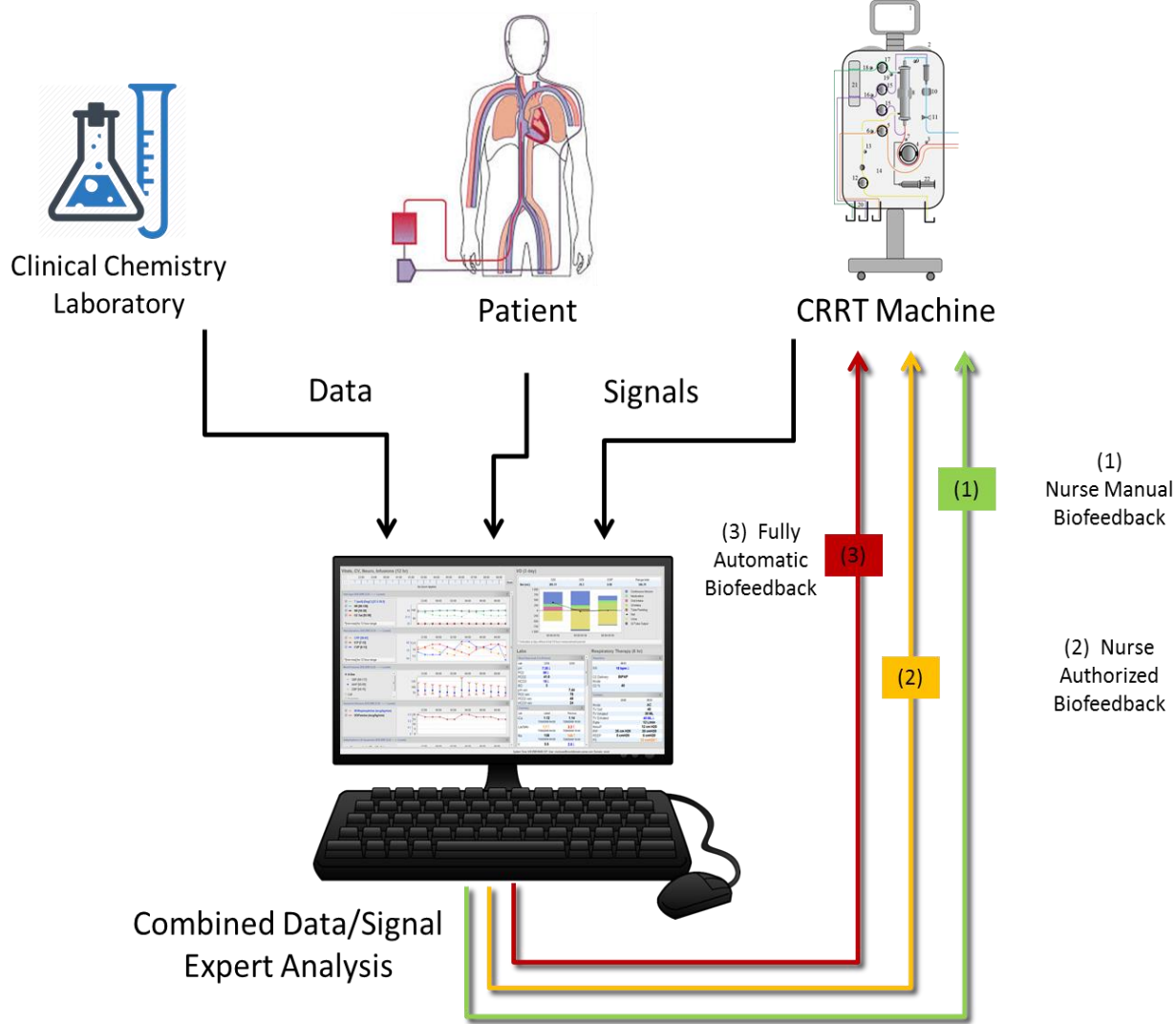
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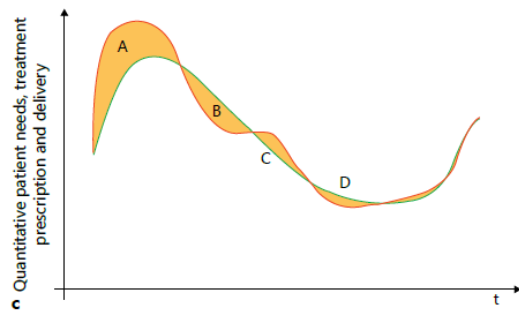
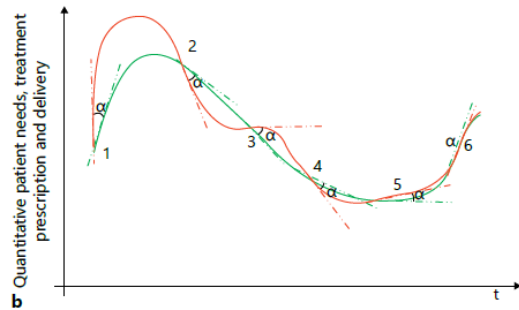
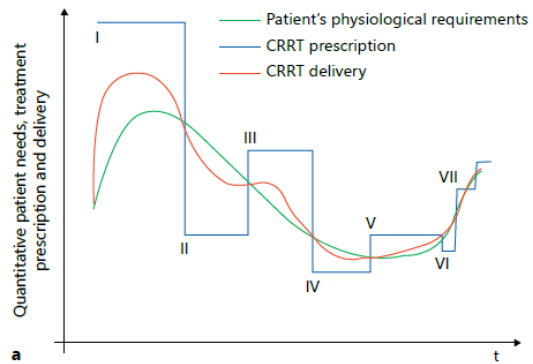
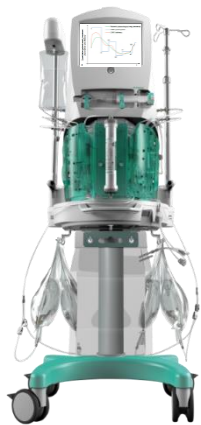


# Assisted Dynamic Prescription

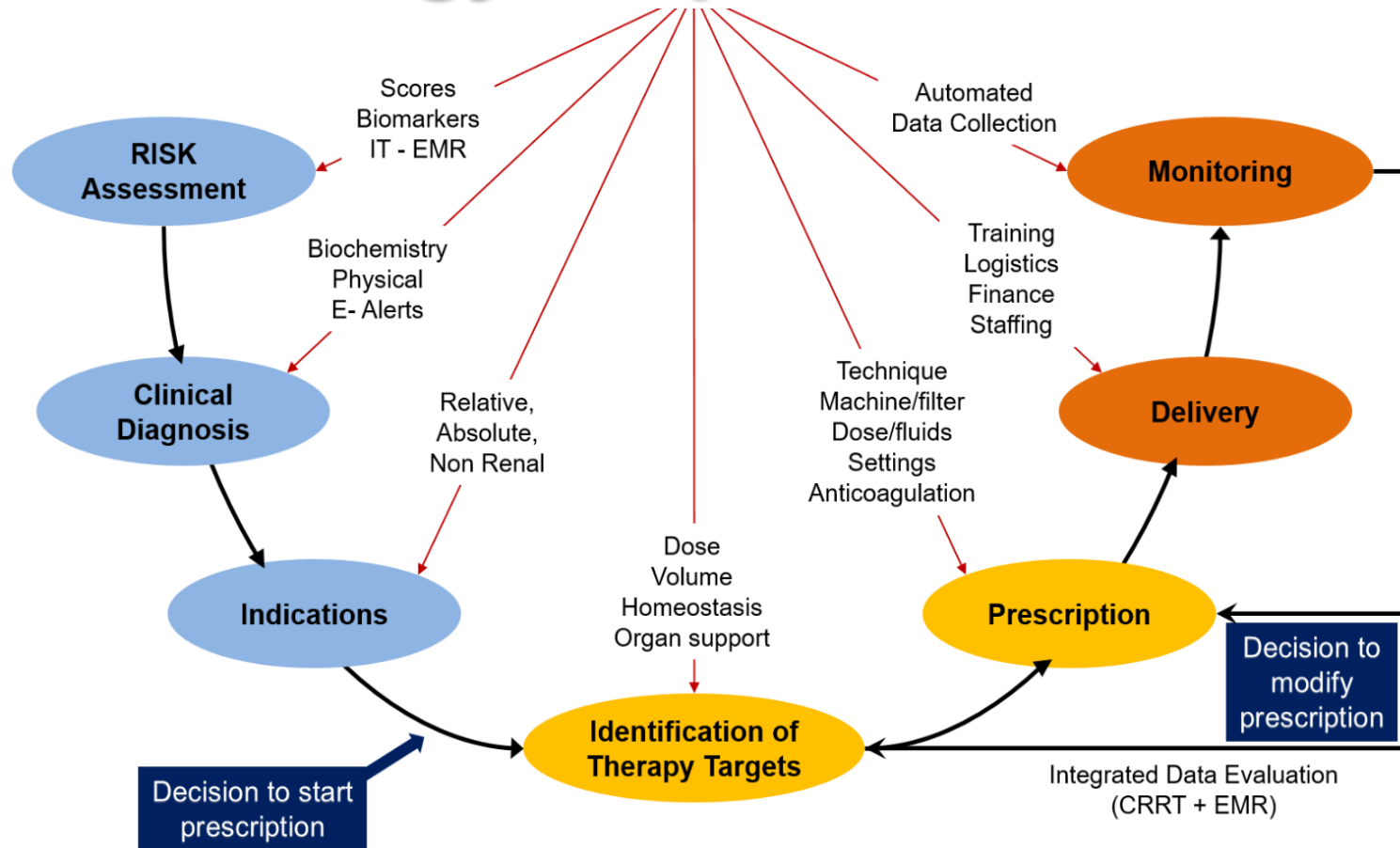




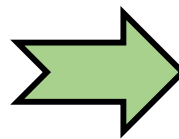
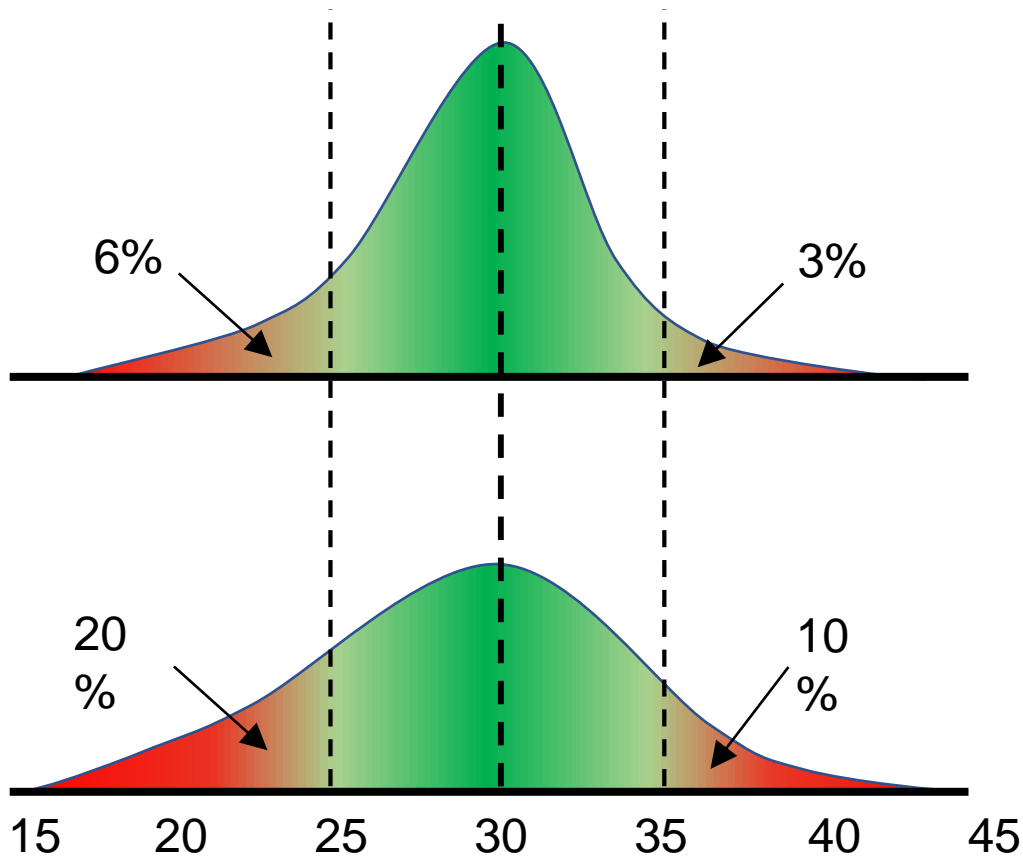




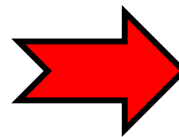
# Technology for precision CRRT



## Center performance: Quality Control



Control of  
Outliers



Change of  
Policy

# Hardware Evolution and AI Implementation

## From Main Frames to Smart Computers



# Electronic Medical Record (EMR)



# “Data-fication” in healthcare

## Where?

- EMR
- Messages
- Web, Apps, Socials
- Sensors, Monitors
- Biometric/vital data



## How big?

- 1 gigabyte = 1000 megabytes
- 1 terabyte = 1000 gigabytes
- 1 petabyte = 1000 terabytes
- 1 exabyte = 1000 petabytes
- 1 zettabyte = 1000 exabytes

### Big Data means ...

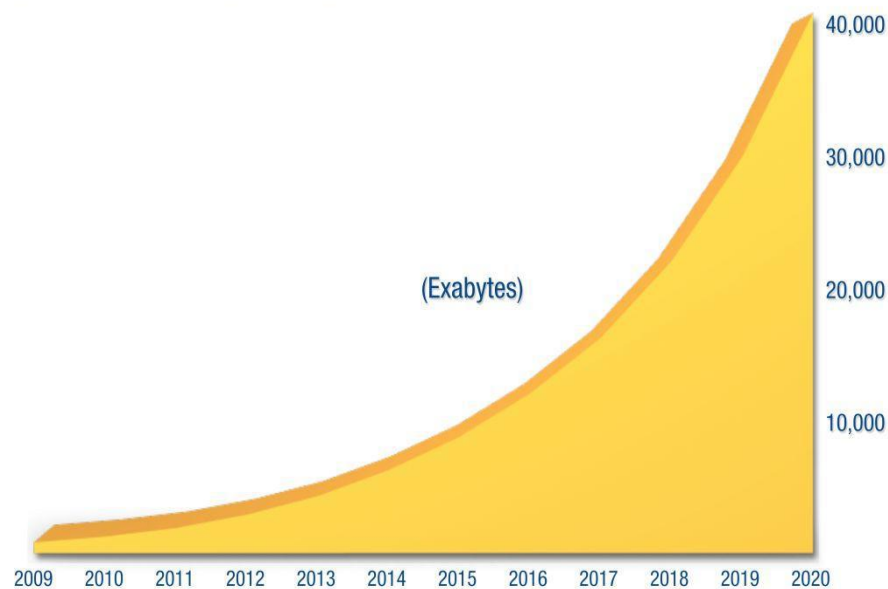
To have enormous archives that allow for integrative analyses, research operations and clinical care

*5 exabites were created until 2005. Today the same amount is generated in 6 hours*

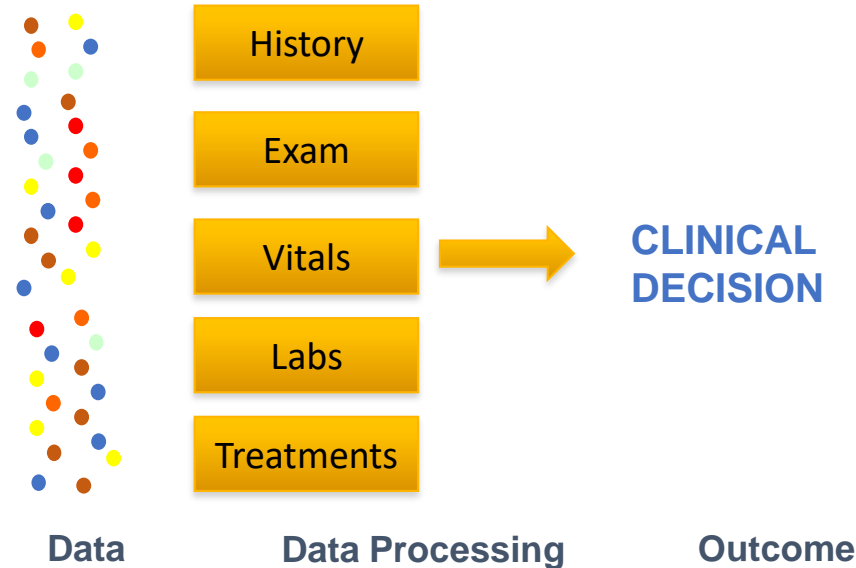


# Exponential growth of Big Data

The Digital Universe: 50-fold Growth from the Beginning of 2010 to the End of 2020

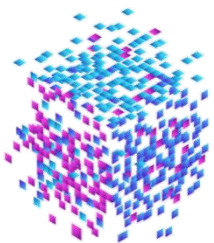


## How Do Clinicians Make Decisions?

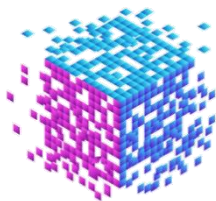


# Big Data Management

## Big Data



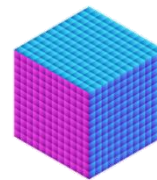
## Analysis



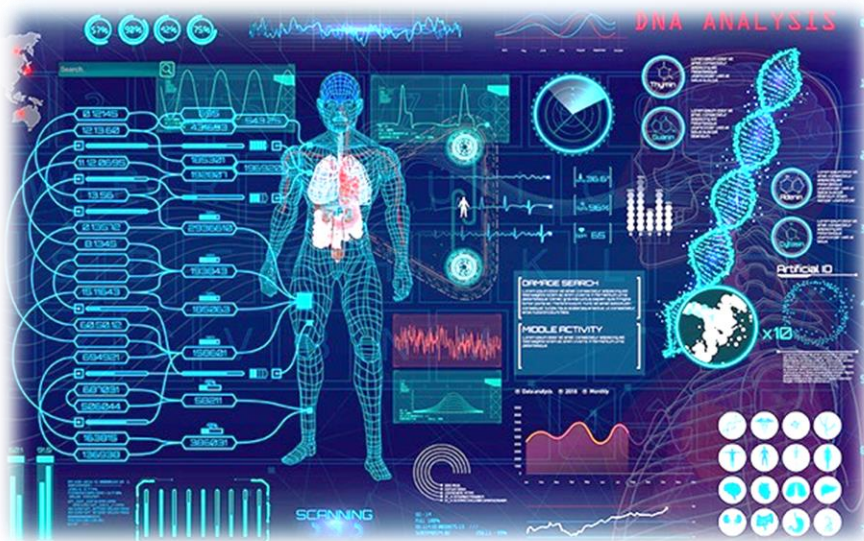
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Evidence and trials  
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## Decisions



Health policies  
Strategic planning  
Research development



# Big Data, DH and AKI



Use of DH to identify patients at risk for AKI or complications (sniffers)



Use of DH to implement personalized therapies, monitoring and interventions (CDS)



From EMRs to automatic treatment pathways (referrals; clinical decision support)



Implementation of large pragmatic trials to study different aspects of AKI

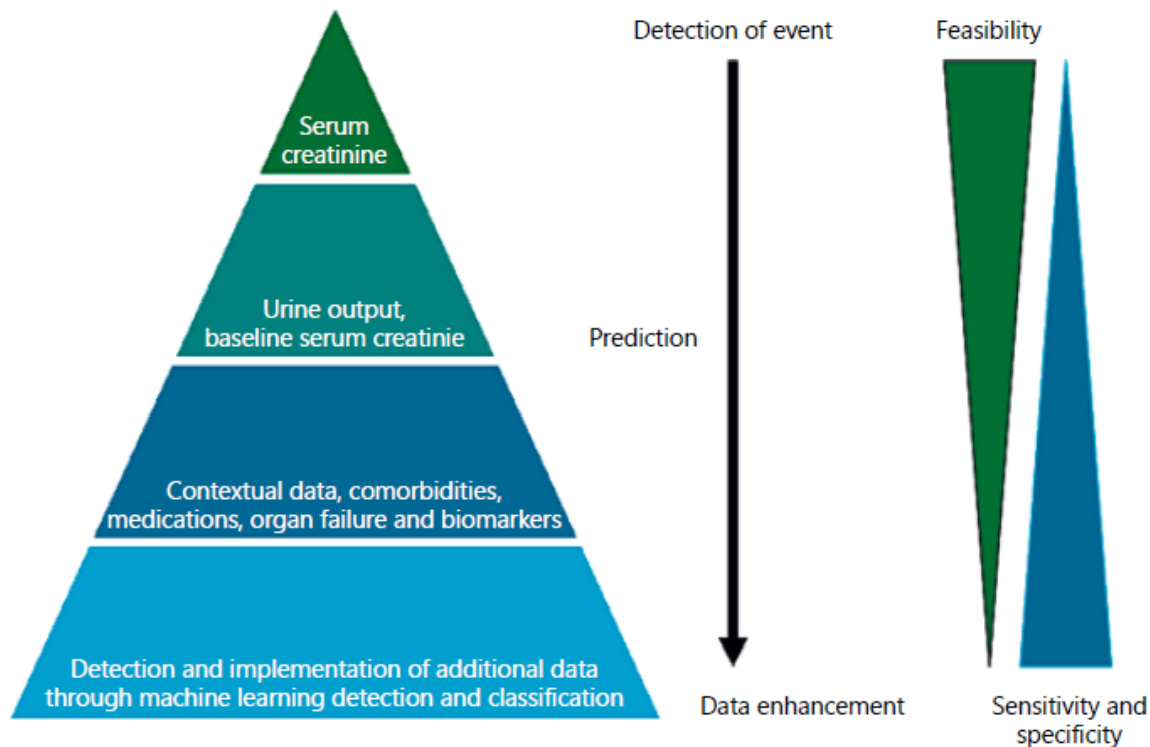
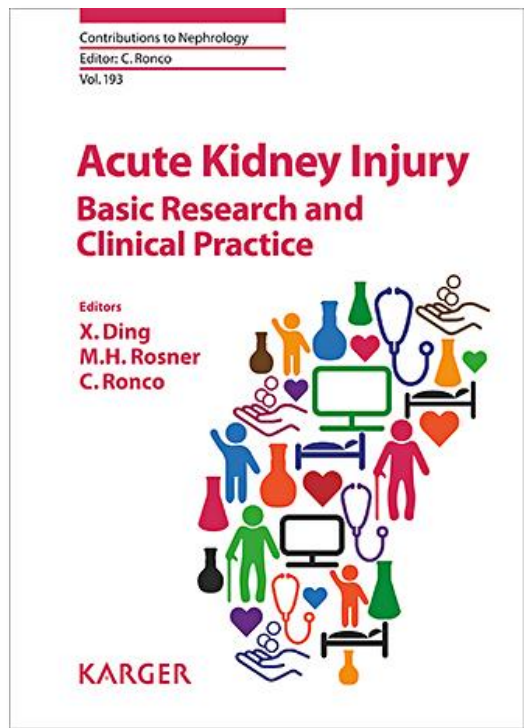


Implementation of training and education programs

# Acute Kidney Injury and Big Data

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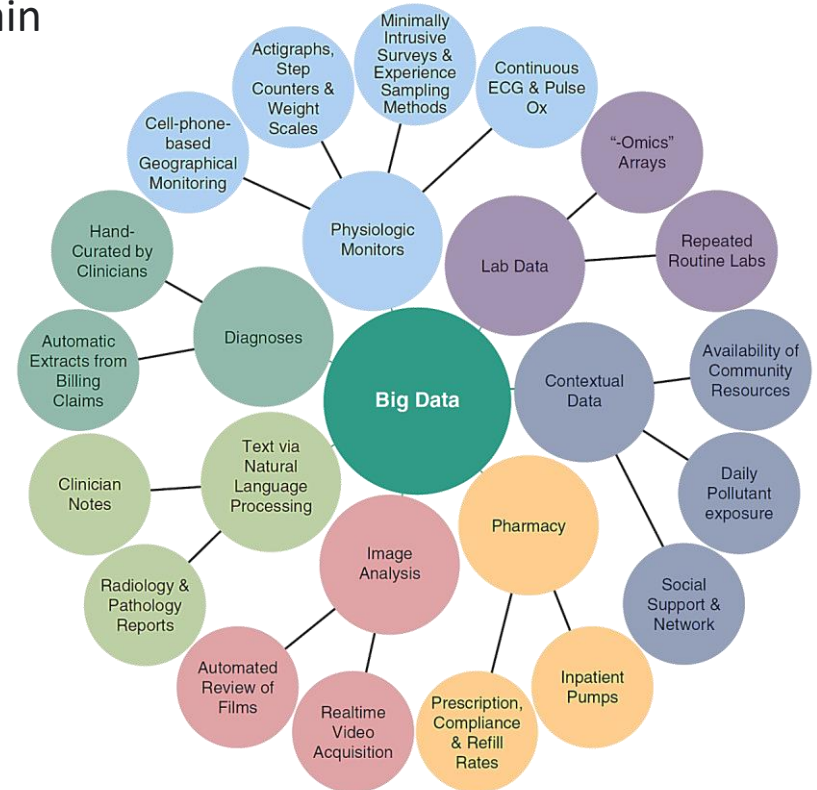
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# Machine Learning (ML) Deep learning and Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Machine learning is AI that can automatically adapt with minimal human interference. Deep learning is a subset of ML using neural networks to mimic the learning process of human brain



# ADQI Recommendation

*Blood Purification, 2016*

- Precision Medicine is suggested in the evaluation of start/stop of renal replacement/support therapies.
- Timing can be variable depending on capacity and demand. Criteria for stopping not defined yet
- More is better until a certain point where the curve of survival reaches the plateau. Dynamic prescription and strict control of delivery is recommended
- Different modalities are today available for CRRT and ECOS
- New technological advances including AI should help clinicians to optimize prescription, delivery and results evaluation.



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