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# CRRT Clinical complications & management

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#### Risks and benefits of acute RRT



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## Intensity of Continuous Renal-Replacement Therapy in Critically Ill Patients

The RENAL Replacement Therapy Study Investigators\*

#### 1508 patients on CVVHDF for AKI

Side effects	Low dose CRRT	High dose CRRT
Hypophosphataemia	65.1%	54%
Hypokalaemia	23.4%	24.4%
Arrhythmia	42%	45.5%

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The VA/NIH Acute Renal Failure Trial Network\*

1124 patients received RRT for AKI



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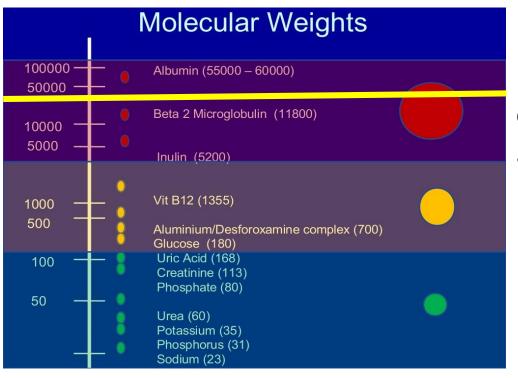
Side effects	Low intensity RRT	High intensity RRT
Any adverse event	51%	49.9%
Catheter related complications	13.5%	12.3%
Haemodynamic instability	51.9%	48.6%
Hypokalaemia	7.5%	4.5%
Hypophosphataemia	17.6%	10.9%

New Engl J Med 2008;359;1

## Hidden side effects of RRT



#### **Nutrient losses during RRT**



Membrane cut-off 30000 – 50000 Da

Molecular weight: amino acids average 110 Da [range 75-204] vitamins <2000 Da trace elements <500 Da



#### APPLIED NUTRITIONAL INVESTIGATION

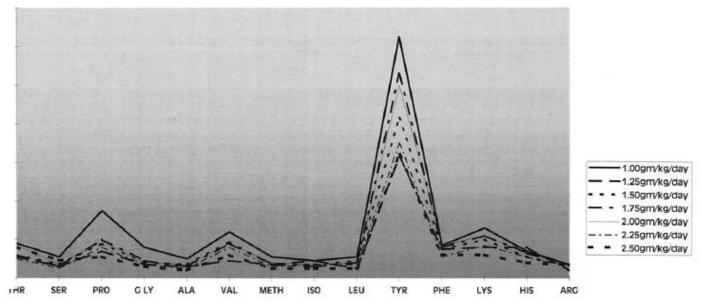
## Impact of Increasing Parenteral Protein Loads on Amino Acid Levels and Balance in Critically III Anuric Patients on Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy

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11 critically ill ventilated anuric patients on CRRT Continuous infusion of TPN with constant caloric but increasing protein concentration (by increments of 0.25g/kg/day)

CRRT prescription: dialysis based, blood flow 100-175ml/min
dialysis flow 2L/h
Nutrition 2003;19:733-740

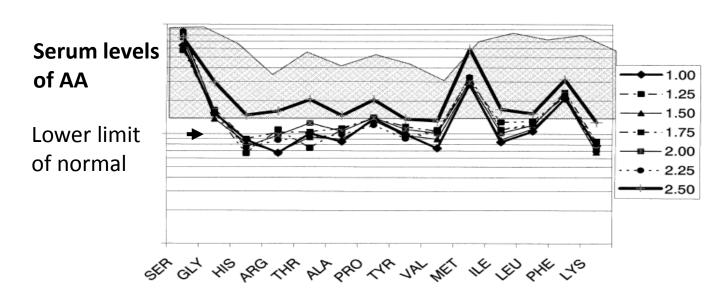




Mean 17% of total infused AAs lost in effluent (but Tyrosine: loss 87%)

Total amino acid loss: ~ 0.2g/L filtrate (~10-15g/day)

Nutrition 2003;19:733-740



- 14 − 57% of AA were below lower limit if protein intake <2.5g/kg/d</li>
- Essential AA threonine, valine and isoleucine and indispensable AA arginine and tyrosine were constantly at low level

Copper, selenium, zinc, and thiamine balances during continuous venovenous hemodiafiltration in critically ill patients<sup>1–3</sup>

Mette M Berger, Alan Shenkin, Jean-Pierre Revelly, Eddie Roberts, M Christine Cayeux, Malcolm Baines, and Rene L Chioléro

Prospective trial

11 AKI patients on CVVHDF for 48 hours

All patients received enteral or parenteral nutrition, plus micronutrient supplementation

Measurement of Copper, Selenium, Zinc & Thiamine in serum & effluent

Am J Clin Nutr 2004;80:410-416

**Results: Serum levels** 

Trace element	Baseline	Post trial	р	Reference
<b>Zinc</b> [μmol/L]	8.68 ± 0.66			12.7 – 20.3
Selenium [µmol/L]	$0.76 \pm 0.20$			0.8 – 1.6
Copper [µmol/L]	$0.76 \pm 0.20$			0.8 – 1.6
Thiamine [nmol/L]	382 ± 109			100 - 300

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Copper [µmol/L]	$0.76 \pm 0.20$	$0.71 \pm 0.18$	0.008	0.8 - 1.6

 $264 \pm 136$ 

Thiamine [nmol/L]

**Analysis of effluent** 

All 4 micronutrients were detectable.

 $382 \pm 109$ 

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100 - 300

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#### **Conclusions:**

- 1. Low trace elements before CRRT
- 2. CRRT resulted in significant losses of Se, Cu, Zn and thiamine.
- 3. Prolonged CRRT would have resulted in selenium and thiamine depletion despite supplementation





## Loss of trace elements & vitamins during RRT

# Trace element and vitamin concentrations and losses in critically ill patients treated with CVVHF

Comparison of 8 critically ill patients on CVVHF, 9 critically ill and 9 healthy controls (24hr)

Measurement of Vit C, Vit E, selenium, zinc, chromium and copper in serum

Story et al. Crit Care Med 1999; 27: 220-223



## Loss of trace elements & vitamins during RRT

#### **Results:**

- Compared with healthy volunteers, CVVH patients had significantly lower blood concentrations of Vit C, Vit E, selenium and zinc.
- No significant differences in serum level between both critically ill cohorts.



## **Drug clearance during RRT**



## **Antibiotic dosing during RRT**

Variability of antibiotic concentrations in critically ill patients receiving CRRT: A multicentre pharmacokinetic study\*

24 critically ill adult patients with AKI receiving ciprofloxacin, meropenem, piperacillin/tazobactam, or vancomycin during CRRT

#### Conclusions:

- Significant variability in antibiotic trough concentrations
- Dosing of antibiotics failed to achieve the target trough antibiotic concentration during 25% of the dosing intervals.

DM Roberts et al. Crit Care Med 2012; 40: 1523–1528



**EXPERT CONSENSUS DOCUMENT** 

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

NATURE REVIEWS | NEPHROLOGY VOLUME 13 | APRIL 2017

Important question:

Can practice of RRT affect chances of renal recovery after AKI?



RRT cha	aract	eris	TICS
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**Modality** 

**Fluid purity** 

**Anticoagulation** 

Haemodynamic stability

**Mode of clearance** 

**Ultrafiltration rate** 

Fluid balance

**Dialysate temperature** 

**Dialysate composition** 

**Dose of RRT** 

**Other RRT factors** 

Chawla et al. Nat Rev Nephrol 2017;13



RRT characteristics	Effect on renal recovery
Modality	Intermittent RRT may delay recovery
Fluid purity	Possible effect
Anticoagulation	No evidence
Haemodynamic stability	Hypotension might delay recovery
Mode of clearance	No evidence
Ultrafiltration rate	Possible delay if UF causes hypotension
Fluid balance	Possible delay with positive FB
Dialysate temperature	Less hypotension with cooler dialysate
Dialysate composition	Higher dialysate [Na] may prevent low BP
Dose of RRT	No evidence
Other RRT factors	Wrong drug dosing may delay recovery

Chawla et al. Nat Rev Nephrol 2017;13

#### **Management of complications**

Electrolyte losses —— supplementation

Medications → therapeutic drug monitoring / pharmacist

Nutrient losses —— adjustment of nutrition

BUT: no evidence that it improves outcome conflicting advice in official guidelines

ESPEN: "to consider supplementation"

**ASPEN & KDIGO: not mentioned** 

DIVI & OGIV: specific recommendations

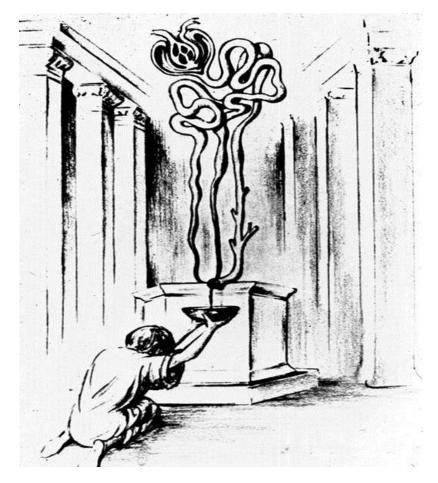
Renal non-recovery  $\longrightarrow$  RRT quality standards

#### **Conclusions**

#### The complications of RRT include

- high risk of adverse events
- unrecognised losses of amino acids, trace elements and vitamins
- challenges in drug dosing and risk of under-dosing
- lack of universally accepted standards of RRT
- high likelihood that practice of RRT contributes to non-recovery

Management consists of attention to detail, supplementation where possible and adherence to quality standards



Thank you