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# **Is there a place for Arterio venous fistula in young children?**

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- End stage renal disease < 14,5 per million before 5 yo
- Best treatment: preemptive kidney transplantation (1)
- Clinical practice guidelines : peritoneal dialysis (2)

1. Colins A and col. *Am J Kidney Dis.* 2012 Jan

2. Amaral S and col. *Kidney Int.* 2016 Nov



# Hemodialysis in children > 20 kg

Arteriovenous Fistula (FAV) rather than central venous catheter (CVC) (3)

- Lower complication
- Best preservation of vascular capital

*3 Clinical practice recommendation - vascular access in pediatric patients. Am J Kidney Dis. 2006*





# Aims of retrospectiv study

- Arteriovenous fistula < 20kg (1988-2015)
- Analyse
  - Feasability
  - Efficiency
  - Longevity
  - Associated morbidities

# Material and Methods

(1988-2005)

- Arteriovenous Fistula (AVF)
- Created for Hemodialysis (HD)
- Children < 20 kg





# Material and Methods

- 60 Arterioveinous fistula  
12 excluded (transplantation before maturation)
- Study
  - Demographics data
  - Etiology of kidney disease
  - Type and site of vascular access
  - Doppler ultrasound follow up
  - Complications and secondary procedures

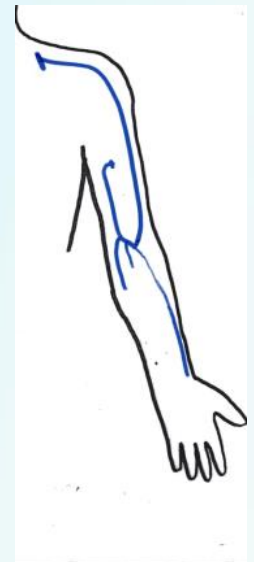
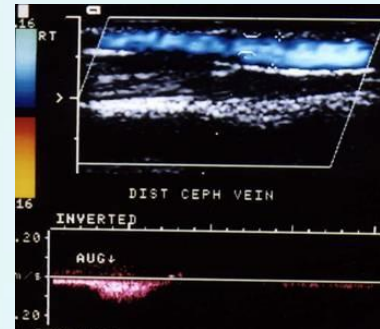


# Material and Methods

- Pre-operative clinical examination
  - Micro-vascular surgeon



- Doppler ultrasound
  - Specialized angiologist
  - Minimal diameter of veins  $> 2,5$  mm

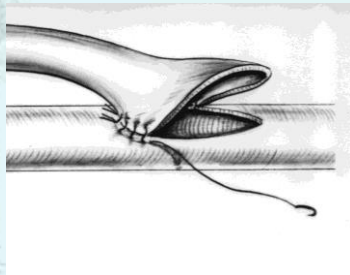






# Surgical procedure

- Microsurgery
  - Termino-lateral anastomosis



- Superficialization

- Brachio basilic AVF
- Radio cephalic AVF (thick adipose tissue)



# Surgical procedure

- Anticoagulation prophylaxis
  - Low molecular weight heparin (20 days)
  - Anti vitamin K (if high thrombotic risk)
    - Factor V or MTHFR mutation
    - Deficiency in Protein C or S
    - Nephrotic syndrome



# Maturity criteria

- Flow  $> 600$  ml/mn
- Diameter  $> 6$ mm
- Depth  $< 6$ mm



# Results

- 41 children (23 males / 18 females)
- Median age of AVF creation: 3,2 yo (1,5 – 8,1)
- Median weight of AVF creation: 13,5 kg ( 5,5 – 20 )
- )





# Results

- Etiology
  - Congenital anomalies of kidney and urinary tract 14 (34,1%)
  - Congenital nephrotic syndrom 9 (22%)
  - Ciliopathy 5 (12%)
  - Primary hyperoxaluria 3 (7,3%)
  - Infantile corticresitant nephrotic syndrom 2 (4,9%)
  - atypical haemolytic syndrome 2 (4.9%)
  - autosomal recessive polycystic kidney disease 1 (2.4%)
  - necrotizing vasculitis 1 (2.4%)
  - bilateral nephroblastoma 1 (2.4%)
  - neonatal stress 1 (2.4%)
  - mitochondrial cytopathy 1 (2.4%)
  - unknown reason 1 (2.4%)



# Before AVF

- 20 patients on renal replacement treatment
  - CVC 16 (80%)
  - PD 4 (20%)
- 3 patients: previous history of kidney transplantation



# AVF characteristics

- 38 (79%) AVF on the dominant side
- 35 (73%) AVF on the forearm and 13 (27.1%) on the upper arm
- Location
  - 33 (68.8%) radio-cephalic
  - 2 (4.2%) radio-ulnar
  - 10 (20.8%) brachio-basilic
  - 3 (6.3%) brachio-cephalic





# CVC characteristics

- Hemodialysis via CVC 21 cases
  - 16 before AVF utilization
  - 2 long time before AVF creation
  - 3 after AVF failure
- 33 CVC insertions 1,57/ patient-year
- Complications : infections +++





# Early failure / Age - weight

- 42 / 48 AVF used for HD (87,5%)
- Location 6 early failure
  - Radiocephalic 4
  - Brachio basilic 1
  - Brachio cephalic 1
- Causes
  - Thrombosis 4 (only one thrombotic risk factor)
  - Absent maturation 2
- **No statistically significant correlation between early failure /age-weight**
- (p=0,152- p=0,151)



# Primary maturation

- 24 / 48 cases (50%)
  - 6 cases abandoned
  - 18 cases were achieved maturation after complementary procedure (1 to 3)
- 24 complementary procedures
  - 6 thrombectomies
  - 4 percutaneous transluminal angioplasties
  - 6 revisions
  - 8 superficializations



# Median time to maturation

- 18 weeks (14 – 53 weeks)
- No significantly influence localization AVF  
(between upper et forearm)  $p = 0.699$

**No statistically significant correlation  
between time to maturation/age-weight**

$p=0,094, p= 0,792$



# Patency

|                    | 6 months | 1 y  | 2 y  | 4 y  | 6 y  |
|--------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|
| Primary patency    | 52,1     | 41,7 | 25   | 20,8 | 6,3  |
| Secondary patency  | 85,1     | 85,1 | 80,9 | 60,4 | 31,9 |
| Functional patency | 97,6     | 92,7 | 80,5 | 45,8 | 36,6 |





# Patency

- No influence of localization of AVF
  - Primary patency  $p=0,31$
  - Secondary patency  $p=0,179$
- No influence of age and weight on primary patency  $p= 0,32$
- Secondary patency rate increased in patients  $> 3$  yo and  $> 13$  kg ( $p<0,001$ )



# Late complications

1,36 / AVF (0 - 5)

- 18 thrombosis
  - 5 during HD
  - 6 on kidney per-operative transplantation +++
  - 7 after kidney transplantation
- 24 stenosis
  - 12 during HD
  - 12 after kidney transplanation

# Late complications

## High flow

- 12 cases
  - 5 on the upper arm (42 %)
  - 7 on the forearm (58%)
- Treatment
  - 4 during HD period
  - 8 after transplantation





# Late complications

## High flow - treatment

- Surgical closure                      4 cases after successful transplantation
- Upper arm
  - 4 procedures ( only 1 success transposition of radial artery)
- Forearm
  - LARP (4 attempts/3 successes)



# Long term outcomes of patients

- Median duration of HD 0,75 yo (0,05 – 5,34)
  - 3 patients died
  - 38 kidney transplantation
  - 1 graft failure returned on HD via AVF





# Discussion

- **Best treatment: preemptive kidney transplantation**
- **Clinical practice guidelines : peritoneal dialysis in younger children**
- **In children (>20kg) hemodialysis on AVF is recommended**



# discussion

- Only few studies in literature in young children
- Complications : CVC

Al-Hermi BE and col (1999) Hemodialysis for end-stage renal disease in children weighing less than 10 kg. *Pediatr Nephrol* 13:401–403

NovjanG Chronic hemodialysis in small children. *Dial.* 2016 Jun;20



# Literature

|  | <b>Study characteristics</b>   | <b>Patients Age Group (years)</b> | <b>No of AVF</b> | <b>Primary Failure Rate</b> | <b>1 year Primary Patency Rate</b> | <b>1 year Secondary Patency rate</b> |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Shroff R et al.<br>Pediatr Nephrol. 2016   | Retrospective single center study<br>From 2013 to 2015                 | Interquartile: 3-17               | 23               | 16.67%                      | 100%                               | No data available                    |
| Kim SM et al.<br>Vasc Specialist Int. 2016 | Retrospective single center study<br>From 2000 to 2014                 | 8-19                              | 52               | 17.3%                       | 60.5%                              | 82.7%                                |
| Ma A. et al.<br>Pediatr Nephrol 2013       | Retrospective single center study<br>From 2007 to 2010                 | 2.9-16.5                          | 20               | 20%                         | No data available                  | No data available                    |
| Briones L et al.<br>Pediatr Nephrol. 2010  | Retrospective and prospective single center study<br>From 2000 to 2008 | 2-17                              | 79               | 27%                         | 50%                                | 73%                                  |
| Ramage IJ et al.<br>Am J Kidney Dis. 2005  | Retrospective single center study<br>From 1981 to 2001                 | 3.46-21.9                         | 107              | 23.36%                      | No data available                  | No data available                    |
| Sheth RD et al.<br>Kidney Int. 2002        | Retrospective single center study<br>From 1989 to 1995                 | 7.1-20.9                          | 24               | 33.3%                       | 50%                                | 74%                                  |
| Bagolan P1 et al.<br>J Vasc Surg. 1998     | Retrospective single center study<br>From 1985 to 1992                 | 0.5 - 19 years                    | 112              | 10%                         | No data available                  | No data available                    |
| Lumsden AB et al.<br>Am J Surg. 1994       | Retrospective single center study<br>From 1985 to 1994                 | average : 11.1 +/-4               | 15               | 30%                         | No data available                  | No data available                    |



# Discussion

- No influence of age and weight on primary patency
- Secondary patency rate increased in patients  $> 3$  yo and  $> 13$  kg



# Discussion

- Late complications
  - Average intervention/ functional AVF 1,36 (0-5)
  - Thromboses (during kidney transplantation +++)
  - High flow :surgical challenge





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# AVF or CVC ?



# CVC

- Still the most used in the world
- Development of policies for pediatric priority on kidney transplantation
- Need to have an experienced surgical and multidisciplinary team



# AVF

- Superiority in term of morbidity and life quality
- Usable in post-transplantation
- Chronic disease with slow evolution



# Conclusion

- Best quality of life
- Less complications
- To propose in first intention
- Experimented team