

UROLITHIASIS

EVALUATION/PREVENTION

Risk Factors

LOW FLUID INTAKE**

Diet: Increased animal protein
Increased oxalate- tea, chocolate, leafy green vegetables, peanut butter
Increased sodium

Immobilization

Obstruction

Biochemical: Absorptive
Hypercalcuria Resorptive (hyperparathyroidism)
***Renal leak ***

Hyperoxaluria Primary (congenital-rare)
Enteric (regional enteritis, colitis, short bowel etc.)
***Dietary**

Hyperuricosuria With or without gout

Hypocitraturia RTA
Chronic diarrhea
Thiazide Rx
Idiopathic

Metabolic Evaluation

URINE: 24 hour volume, pH
Calcium, phosphorous, uric acid
Oxalate and citrate

BLOOD: Ca, phos, uric acid
Electrolytes (RTA)

Medical Treatment :

1. INCREASED FLUID INTAKE
2. Diet: Restrict animal protein and sodium
Do **not** restrict calcium (osteoporosis + increased oxalate excretion)
1 & 2 are universally applicable. In addition, specific metabolic abnormalities are treated:
3. Hypercalcuria Thiazides
4. Hyperoxaluria Restrict oxalates (see above)
Consider calcium supplement
5. Hypocitraturia Potassium citrate (Urocit-K)
6. Hyperuricosuria Alkalinize urine (Urocit-K, Na Bicarbonate)
Allopurinol

STRUVITE STONES

1. Associated with infection with urea splitting bacteria: Proteus, Klebsiella, Pseudomonas, Enterococci, Staph. **Never** E.Coli
2. Stones tend to be bulky. Staghorns
3. Successful Rx requires eradication of both stone and infection.
4. Treatment Modalities:
PCNL
ESWL (with small stone burden)
“Sandwich” PCNL>ESWL>PCNL
Anatrophic Nephrolithotomy (open renal surgery)
Nephrectomy

URIC ACID STONES

Non-opaque on X-ray Can be seen on CT scan or ultrasound
Only occur in acid urine. Can be dissolved by alkalinization

