# Obstructive Nephrolithiasis in **Pregnant Woman**

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# **Clinical History**

- 24yo female G5P2022 at 27w2d
  - Presents w/ right flank and groin pain, fever, chills x2days
  - Obstructive R renal stone on US
  - CT PE negative after concern for PE w/ desats
  - Transferred to MHH after failing to pass stone
  - WBC 12.9
  - No complications previously w/ current pregnancy

# Renal Stone CT 8/24





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# PCN Fluoro 8/24, Revision 9/13 & 9/27



- Improved after PCN and discharged
- Toddler pulled on PCN causing bleed and obstruction
- Replaced 9/13
- 9/27 stent found to be infected and replaced

# CXRs 9/27



#### **Pre-Intubation**

#### **RMB** Intubation

### At Origin of RMB

3 cm above Carina

# ABD XR for line placement 9/27



NG tube overlying gastric cardia

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Advanced 3cm

# CT ABD/Pelvis 9/30





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# CT ABD/Pelvis 9/30



# Key Imaging Findings

- 1. Obstructing nephrolithiasis measuring 0.9 x 0.4 x 0.4
  - 1. Larger than 5mm unlikely to pass
- 2. ET tube placed 3cm above carina
  - 1. Recommended placement 5 +/- 2 cm above carina
- 3. Gravid uterus w/ fetus without gross abnormality

# **Differential Diagnosis**

- Primary nephrolithiasis
- Nephrolithiasis 2/2 calcium disorder
- Nephrolithiasis 2/2 medication

## **Discussion - Stones**

- Labs wnl and patient not taking any medications
- Likely primary stone formation
  - No path yet on stone type
  - Likely Calcium oxalate
- Risk factors
  - Increased urine Ca
    - Gut absorption, renal excretion, high urine concentration
  - Increased urine oxalate
    - More likely to cause precipitation
    - Increased absorption of dietary oxalate with low calcium diet

# Final Diagnosis

• Sepsis/Hydronephrosis 2/2 obstructive infected nephrolithiasis

# **Discussion - Radiation**

Gestational Perio	od	Effects		Estimated Threshold Dose*		
Before implantat after concep	Before implantation (0–2 wk De		or no consequence (all	50-100 mGy		
Organogenesis (2-8 wk after conception)		Congenital anomalies (skeleton, eyes, genitals)		200 mGy		
		Growth retardation		200-250 mGy		
Fetal period						
8–15 wk		Severe mental retardation (high risk) <sup>‡</sup>		60-310 mGy		
		Intellectual deficit		25 IQ point loss per gray		
		Microcephaly		200 mGy		
16-25 wk		Severe mental ret	ardation (low risk)	250-280 mGy		
Gestational Age (wk)		Potential Effects by Radiation Exposure				
	<50 mGy	50-100 mGy	>100 mGy			
0-2	None	None	None			
3-4	None	Probably none	Possible spontaneous abortion			
5-10	None	Uncertain	Possible malformations			
11-17	None	Uncertain	Possible deficits in IQ or mental retardation			
18-27	None	None	IQ deficits not detectable at diagnostic doses			
>27	None	None	None applicable to diagnostic medicine			

Dose to Conceptus (mGy)	No Malformation (%)	No Childhood Cancer (%)	No Malformation and No Childhood Cancer (%)
0	96.00	99.93	95.93
0.5	95.999	99.926	95.928
1.0	95.998	99.921	95.922
2.5	95.995	99.908	95.91
5.0	95.99	99.89	95.88
10.0	95.98	99.84	95.83
50.0	95.90	99.51	95.43
100.0	95.80	99.07	94.91

# **Discussion - Radiation**

- Max recommended dose
  - 50 mGy = 5 rad
- Likely to see effect
  - >100 mGy = 10 rad



# Fetal Radiation Exposure

<u>Study</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total Exposure (rad)</u>
US Retroperitoneum	2	0
CT PE	1	1.25
CT ABD/Pelvis w/ contrast	1	2.6
CT Renal Stone	1	2.6
Fluoro	3	0
Venous Doppler	1	0
XR Chest 1V	6	0.01
XR ABD 1V	2	0.49
TTE	1	0
V/Q Scan	1	0.215
Total		5.9

# ACR appropriateness Criteria

- Common enough ACR criteria for nephrolithiasis in pregnant patients
- Rarely indicated CT <u>w/ contrast</u>, possibly indicated in ICU
- Not indicated V/Q scan in 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester
  - CT PE preferred because of lower radiation dose

Radiologic Procedure	Rating	Comments	RRL*
US color Doppler kidneys and bladder retroperitoneal	8		0
CT abdomen and pelvis without IV contrast	6		***
MRI abdomen and pelvis without IV contrast	5		0
CT abdomen and pelvis without and with IV contrast	2		****
CT abdomen and pelvis with IV contrast	2		000
X-ray abdomen and pelvis (KUB)	2		22
Radiography intravenous urography	1		000
MRI abdomen and pelvis without and with IV contrast	1		0
Rating Scale: 1.2.3 Usually not appropriate: 4.5.6 May	be appropriate: 7.8,9 Us	sually appropriate	Relative

# Cost – Uninsured @ MHH-TMC

<u>Study</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>
US Retroperitoneum	2	\$ 1,134
CT PE	1	\$ 1,417
CT ABD/Pelvis w/ contrast	1	\$ 2,879
CT Renal Stone	1	\$ 2,114
Fluoro	3	\$ 1,926
Venous Doppler	1	\$ 779
XR Chest 1V	6	\$ 1,476
XR ABD 1V	2	\$ 482
TTE	1	\$ 675
V/Q Scan	1	\$ 449
Total		\$ <b>11,347</b>

## Take Home Points

- Radiographs not absolutely contraindicated in pregnancy
- Important to minimize dose
- Imaging outside abd/pelvis relatively low risk
- 5mm stones unlikely to pass
- ET tubes 5 +/- 2 cm from carina

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# Questions?