DEFINITIONS

Acute renal failure is a sudden reduction in kidney function that results in nitrogenous wastes accumulating in the blood.

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* Blockage or narrowing of a blood vessel carrying blood to the kidneys.

* Heart failure or heart attacks causing low blood flow.

* Liver failure causing changes in hormones that affect blood flow and pressure to the kidney



Post Renal

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- d) Bladder stone.
- e) Benign prostate hyper plasia (the most common cause in men).
 - f) Blood clot.
 - g)Bladder cancer.



- Renal Problems with the kidney itself that prevent proper filtration of blood or production of urine(25-40%).
- Blood vessel diseases
- Blood clot in a vessel in the kidneys
- Injury to kidney tissue and cells

- Causes include shock (decreased blood supply to the kidneys), drugs (especially antibiotics) and chemotherapy agents, toxins and poisons, and dyes used in certain kinds of x-rays.
- Accidents, injuries
- complications from surgeries (eg.Heart-bypass surgery)
- Polycystic kidney.
- produce less erythropoietin

RISK FACTORS

- Advanced age
- Blockages in the blood vessels in your arms or legs
- Diabetes
- High blood pressure
- Heart failure
- Kidney diseases
- Liver disease

Symptoms

- Vomiting and/or diarrhea, which may lead to dehydration.
- Nausea.
- Weight loss.
- Nocturnal urination.
- pale urine.
- Less frequent urination, or in smaller amounts than usual, with dark coloured urine

- Haematuria.
- Pressure, or difficulty urinating.
- Itching.
- Bone damage.
- Non-union in broken bones.
- Muscle cramps (caused by low levels of calcium which can cause hypocalcaemia).:
- Abnormal heart rhythms.
- Muscle paralysis.

- Swelling of the legs, ankles, feet, face and/or hands.
- Shortness of breath due to extra fluid on the lungs
- Pain in the back or side
- Feeling tired and/or weak.
- Memory problems.
- Difficulty concentrating.
- Dizziness.
- Low blood pressure.



PHASES OF ARF

- Initiating phase
- Oliguric phase
- Diuretic phase
- Recovery phase

Diagnosis

- History collection.
- Physical examination.
 - Asterixis and myoclonus
 - 2 Peripheral edema (if volume overload is present)
 - 3 Pulmonary rales (if volume overload is present)
 - 4 Elevated right atrial pressure (if volume overload is present)

- Identification of precipitating cause.
- Serum creatinine and BUN level .(n 7-18mg/dl)
- Serum electrolytes.
- Urine analysis.
- Renal bladder ultra sound.
- Renal scan.
- CT scans and MRI scan (to identify lesion and masses)
- The urine will be examined under a microscope.
- biopsy



Medical and Pharmacological Treatment

- correcting fluid and electrolyte balance.
- Correct dehydration.
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- Keeps other body systems working properly
- Furosemide, Torsemide, ethacrynic acid
- calcium gluconate
- Sodium bicarbonate
- dialysis

NUTRITIONAL THERAPY

- Provide protein diet.
- Calori requirements are met with high carbo-nydrate means (carbo-hydrates have a protein-sparing effect.
- Foods and fluid containing potassium or phosphorous (banana, coffee) are restricted.
- Patient may require parenteral nutrition.

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COMPLICATIONS

- ARF can affect the entire body
- Infection
- Hyperkalaemia, Hyperphosphataemia, hyponatraemia
- water overload
- Pericarditis
- Pulmonary oedema.

- Reduced level of consciousness.
- Immune deficiency.

NURSING MANAGEMENT

- Excess fluid volume related to decreased Glomerular filtration rate and sodium retention
- Risk for infection related to alterations in the immune system and host defenses
- Imbalanced nutrition: less than body requirements

