WHICH PARAMETERS ARE MANDATORY IN URINARY TRACT INFECTION IN CHILDREN?

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Background The protocol of investigations in urinary tract infection (UTI) in children mandatory includes urianalysis, uroculture, reactive C protein (RCP), blood urea (BUN), renal ultrasonography and scintigraphy. Each one of these has limits to perform in children.

Aims To establish the correlations between UTI investigations for argumentation the therapeutic decision.

Methods Retrospective study of hospitalised paediatric patients for UTI. The study parameters were: age, symptoms, RCP, BUN, uroculture, renal ultrasonography, urianalysis (leukocytes, nitrites, pH, density, proteins, erythrocytes, ascorbic acid-AA).

Results Were studied 243 hospitalised and treated with antibiotics UTI. Uroculture was positive in 178 patients (143 E.coli, 16 nitrites, pH, density, proteins, erythrocytes, ascorbic acid-AA). The study parameters were: age, symptoms, RCP, BUN, uroculture, renal ultrasonography, urianalysis (leukocytes, nitrites, pH, density, proteins, erythrocytes, ascorbic acid-AA).

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Methods During a period of two years, we enrolled 143 term newborns with ANH. These babies had an ultrasound at the age of 2–5 days and a second ultrasound at the age of 4–6 weeks. After the examinations they were referred to our nephrologist.

Results Out of 3870 live-births, 143 infants had ANH. Six babies never completed the exam. At the first exam 69 babies were normal, 62 babies had mild, 3 babies had moderate and 3 babies had severe RPD. On their second ultrasound 76 had normal findings, 36 had mild, 8 had moderate and 12 had severe RPD. 132 babies completed both of the examinations. Bilateral hydronephrosis was detected in 33 cases during their first ultrasound while on the second only 27. There were 11 infants with UPJ obstruction 9 of them with severe RPD. We found 10 babies with VUR. Six babies needed surgical intervention.

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Methods We studied an HIV case – young female, 22 years, from the nephrological perspective, with all complex comorbidities.

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First Urinary Tract Infection

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**Methodology** A retrospective cohort study conducted in the Department of Paediatrics at Monastir included all patients between 1 month and 12 months who underwent UCR after a first episode of UTI between January 2000 and July 2013. Results: 203 infants were included, mean age was 5.69 months (peak was between 3–6 months). Fever was present in 190 infant (93.5%) of which 32 (15.7%) had prolonged fever. Germs found in culture were dominated by Escherichia coli present in 83% of children. CRP was positive in 88.6% of patients. Renal ultrasonography was performed in all cases and showed abnormalities in 57 cases (28%). The pyelocalicial dilatation was predominant (28 cases). The UCR showed abnormalities in 24 children which ultrasonography findings were also abnormal. The most common abnormalities were primary vesico-ureteral reflux; 14 infants (6.9%) had high grade (bilateral in 7 cases). 6 patients (3%) had unilateral had low grade reflux in 3 cases and bilateral in 3 cases.

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