

Prevalence of hypertension in 1247 children with CKD: a report from the first Iranian pediatric CKD registry



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Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a public health concern for adult and pediatric patients¹

¹Lancet 2013; 382: 158-69

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³ BMC Nephrol 2016; 17: 13

⁴ Pediatr Nephrol 2014; 29: 2387–2394

⁵Am J Kidney Dis 2004; 44: 1017–1023

⁶Pediatr Nephrol. 2016;31:2137–2144

Despite the importance of blood pressure (BP) control in pediatric CKD, hypertension (HTN) is known to be underdiagnosed and undertreated⁸.

The prevalence of pediatric CKD has been estimated as ranging from 15 to 74.7 cases per one million children⁹

⁸Hypertension. 2008;52:631–637

⁹Pediatr Nephrol 2007;22(12):1999-2009

The aims of our study were to determine the prevalence and distribution of high BP in 1247 pediatric patients with CKD, and also to compare the prevalence of HTN in children who underwent renal replacement therapy (RRT) with those on conservative treatment.

Material & Methods-1 This cross-sectional study was carried out from January 1991 -December 2009.

The data collection was based on information in the Iranian Pediatric Registry of chronic kidney disease (IPRCKD) core data set

The inclusion criteria of the study were:

- (1) estimated <u>creatinine</u> clearance (eCCI) ≤75 mL/min/1.73m² body surface area according to Schwartz's formula^{13, 14} for at least 3 months:
- (2) age <19 years at the time of registration.

13 Paediatrics, 1976; 58: 259-63

¹⁴J Pediatr. 1984; 104: 849-54

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BP readings <90th percentile are categorized as normotensive, those \geq 90th and <95th percentiles as prehypertensive, and those with systolic and/or diastolic BP over the 95th percentile was defined as hypertensive.

All the Iranian Pediatric Nephrology Units potentially involved in caring of children and adolescents, was invited to report index cases.

The patients were categorized into those with CKD classification described by the Clinical Practice Guidelines of the National Kidney Foundation's Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative (KDOQI guidelines) at CKD stages 2– **516**

¹⁶ Am J Kidney Dis 2002; 39: S1–S2 66(suppl1)

From January 1991 to December 2009, 1247 children were registered (662 boys, 585 girls)

The mean age at registration of patients was 7.69 ± 4.72 years; range 3 months to 18 years.

¹⁶ Am J Kidney Dis 2002; 39: S1–S2 66(suppl1)

At the entry into the registry,

41(3.28%) children were in CKD Stage 2,

94 (7.54%) in CKD Stage 3,

176 (14.11%) in CKD Stage 4

and 936 (75.06%) were in CKD Stage 5.

Registry[reference]	NAPRTCS[]	Italian Registry []	Belgian Registry[]	ANZDATA	ESPN/ERA- EDTA[]Registry	UK Renal Registry []	Japanese Registry[]	Present Registry
Period	1994-2007	1990-2000	2001-2005	2003-2008	2008	2004-2008	1998	1991-2009
Population	CKD (GFR <75)	CKD (GFR <75)	CKD (GFR <60	ESRD(RRT)	ESRD(RRT)	ESRD(RRT)	ESRD(RRT)	CKD (GFR <75)
Age range	0-20	0-19	0-19	0-19	0-15	0-15	0-19	0-19
Study sample size	7,037	1,197	143	369	499	428	582	1247
Etiology								
CAKUT	3,361(48%)	689(58%)	84(59%)	127(34%)	182(36%)	184 (43%)	208(36%)	499(40%)
Hypodyspalasia± reflux nephropathy	1,907	516	66	95		135	198	309 (24.7%)
Obstructive uropathy	1,454	173	18	32		49	10	190 (15/2%)
Glomerulopathy	993 (14%)	55 (5%)	10 (7%)	108(29%)	76(15%)	78(18%)	130(22%)	237(19%)
HUS	141(2%)	43(4%)	9 (6%)	9 (2%)	29(6%)		13(2%)	40(3.2%)
Hereditary nephropathies	717(10%)	186(15%)	27(19%)		112(22%)		69(12%)	21(1.7%)
Congenital NS	75	13	5	7		15	34	22(1.76%)
Metabolic disease			5		17	18		
Cystinosis	104	22	2	4			2	34(2.7%)
Cystic kidney disease	368(%5)	101(8%)	13(9%)	25(7%)	59(12%)	49(11%)	35(6%)	43 (3.4%)
Ischemic renal failure	158(2%)	49(4%)	3(2%)	8(2%)	11(2%)		11(2%)	4(0.3%)
Miscellaneous	1,485(21%)	122(10%)	10(7%)	65(18%)	52(10%)	19(4%)	83(14%)	47(3.8%)
Missing / unknown	182(3%)	40(3%)		16(4%)	37(7%)	65(15%)	34(6%)	228(18.3%)

Of 310 children with CKD in conservative group, information on BP in 11 patients was not available.

Of the 299 patients in conservative group, 131 (43.81%) had HTN.

Of 537 children with CKD in hemodialysis (HD) group, information on BP in 11 patients was not available.

Of the 526 patients, 412 (76.73%) in HD group had HTN.

Of 182 children with CKD in CAPD group 104 (57.1%) and 218 in transplant group 158 (72.5%) had HTN, respectively.

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The prevalence of HTN was highest in ESRD group compared to the Preterminal group (p<0.0001)

Few studies have characterized the prevalence of HTN or quantified the association between the degree of HTN and progressive kidney damage in children 17,18,19

¹⁷ Rockville, MD: Emmes Corporation; 2006.

¹⁸ J Am Soc Nephrol. 2003;14:2618 –2622.

¹⁹ Hypertension, 2008;52:631-637

HTN in children is rare, with a prevalence of 3%–9%; however, in children with CKD, the prevalence rises to 50%²²⁻²⁵

²²Hypertension. 2012;60(1):43–50.

²³J Am Soc Nephrol. 2003;14(10):2618–2622

²⁴Hypertension. 2008;52(4):631–637

²⁵J Pediatr. 2007;150(6):640–644, 640–644.e1.

Long-term prospective studies, have demonstrated that HTN is one of the most important clinical risk factors for the development and progression of CKD in both adults and children^{26,27}.

Although CKD is relatively rare in children as compared with adults, HTN is highly prevalent.

²⁶ Ann Intern Med. 1995;123:754 –762.

²⁷ N Eng J Med. 1996;334:13–18

The prevalence of HTN is tenfold higher than in the general pediatric population and known to increase as children progress through the stages of CKD, so that by the time they are on dialysis, 50%-70% of them will be hypertensive.²⁸⁻³²

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28 World J Nephrol. 2015;4(5):500-510.
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²⁹ Ren Fail. 2017;39(1):283-289.

³⁰ NAPRTCS 2002 annual report. 2007.

³¹ Am J Hypertens. 2002;15:53S-56S.

³²J Am. Soc Nephrol. 2003; 14:2618-2622

In our study of 1247 patients with CKD, we found a greater prevalence of HTN in HD group compared to children with early stages of CKD (76.73% vs 43.81%; p<0.0001).

In the NAPRTCS registry cohort, 76% of children on chronic dialysis had HTN 33,34

Other studies confer a similar prevalence of HTN in patients on dialysis, as demonstrated in our series ^{33, 34}.

³³J Am Soc Nephrol, 2014;25(8):1630–1646

³⁴Am J Kidney Dis. 2005;45(2):309

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Conclusions-1

Our survey identified a high prevalence HTN in pediatric CKD patients.

These patients remain at risk for target organ damage.

Children with ESRD have highest prevalence of HTN compared to conservative management group.

Conclusions-2

These findings underscore the urgent necessity to develop novel strategies for screening programs, improving the recognition of HTN by 24-h ambulatory BP monitoring (ABPM) 24-h, early detection, prevention and treatment of HTN and CKD







High BP is both an important cause and effect of CKD and affects a large portion of CKD patients, increased risk of developing cardiovascular disease (CVD), such as left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH)²⁻⁵ and increased risk for neurocognitive impairment^{6,7}

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³ BMC Nephrol 2016; 17: 13

⁴ Pediatr Nephrol 2014; 29: 2387–2394

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Childrens' BPs were classified according to the National High Blood Pressure Education Program (NHBPEP) Fourth Report on the diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of high BP in children and adolescents¹⁵

15 Pediatrics. 2004;114:555–576.

The presence of HTN was defined as having hypertensive range BP (systolic or diastolic) or a self-report of a history of high BP plus current treatment with antihypertensive medications.

Additionally, controlled BP was defined as a current use of antihypertensive medication with BP below the 90th percentile and a self-reported history of HTN; uncontrolled BP was defined as BP (systolic or diastolic) ≥90th percentile and current use of antihypertensive medication.

Stages from 2 to 4 were designated as a preterminal CKD, while CKD Stage 5 ESRD was defined as either Glomerular filtration rate (GFR) <15 mL/min/1.73m² or a need for the initiation of RRT by dialysis or transplantation.

¹⁶ Am J Kidney Dis 2002; 39: S1–S2 66(suppl1)

For children <2 years old, the level of loss of renal capacity in each phase of the KDOQI rules was extrapolated contemplating the reference estimations of GFR in children <2 years 16

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Unlike many of the complications of CKD, HTN can be present from the earliest stages of the disease and its prevalence increases as GFR progressively declines ^{20,21}

- 20 J Am Soc Nephrol 2012; 23:585-578
- 21 Hypertension 2008; 52:637-631

The prevalence of HTN is further increased in children on dialysis. In the NAPRTCS registry cohort, 76% of children on chronic dialysis had HTN ^{33,34}

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