



# WEBINAR

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Pediatric Nephrology & Rare Kidney Diseases

## ADPKD in children

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# Introduction to ADPKD



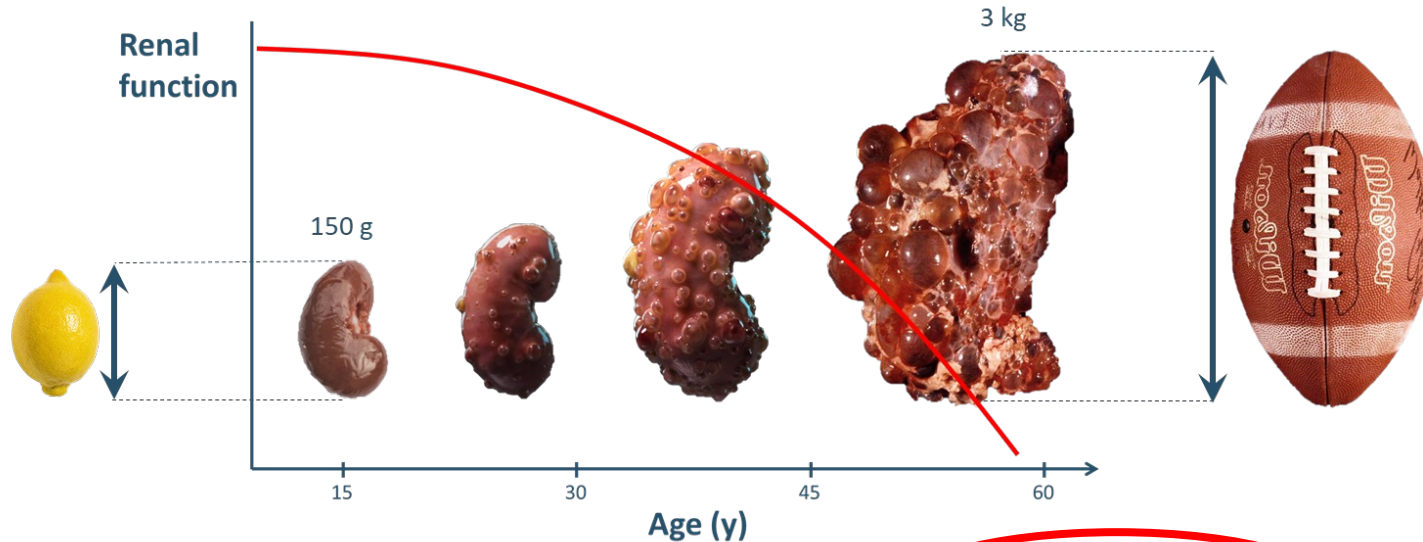
Affects ~1/1,000 live births  
12 millions patients worldwide



Most common hereditary kidney disease  
4<sup>th</sup> common cause for kidney replacement therapy

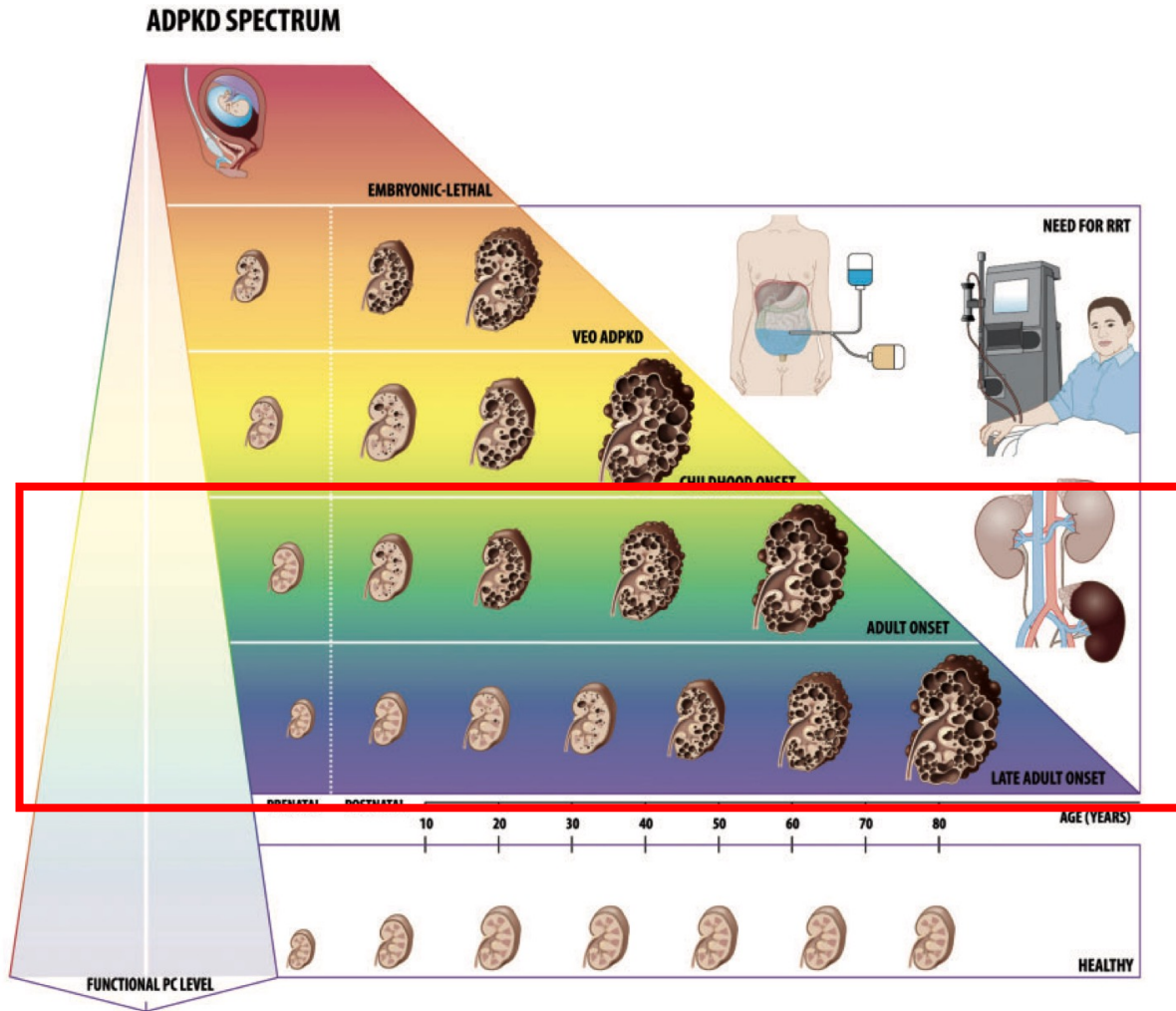


*PKD1* (80%) > polycystin 1  
*PKD2* (15%) > polycystin 2,  
*GANAB*, *DNAJB11*, *ALG9* (rare)



Bilateral kidney cysts formation from all nephron segments - Kidney failure 50-70 years

# ADPKD Spectrum

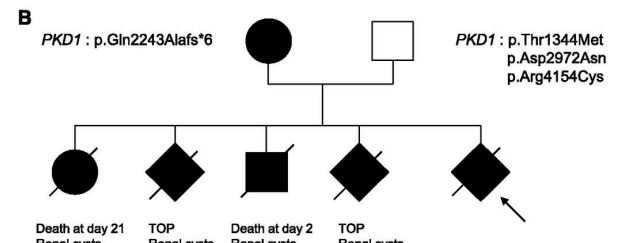
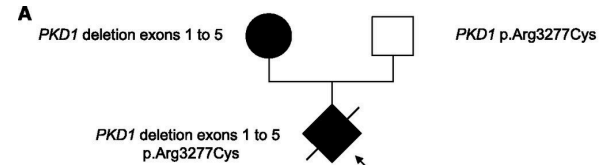
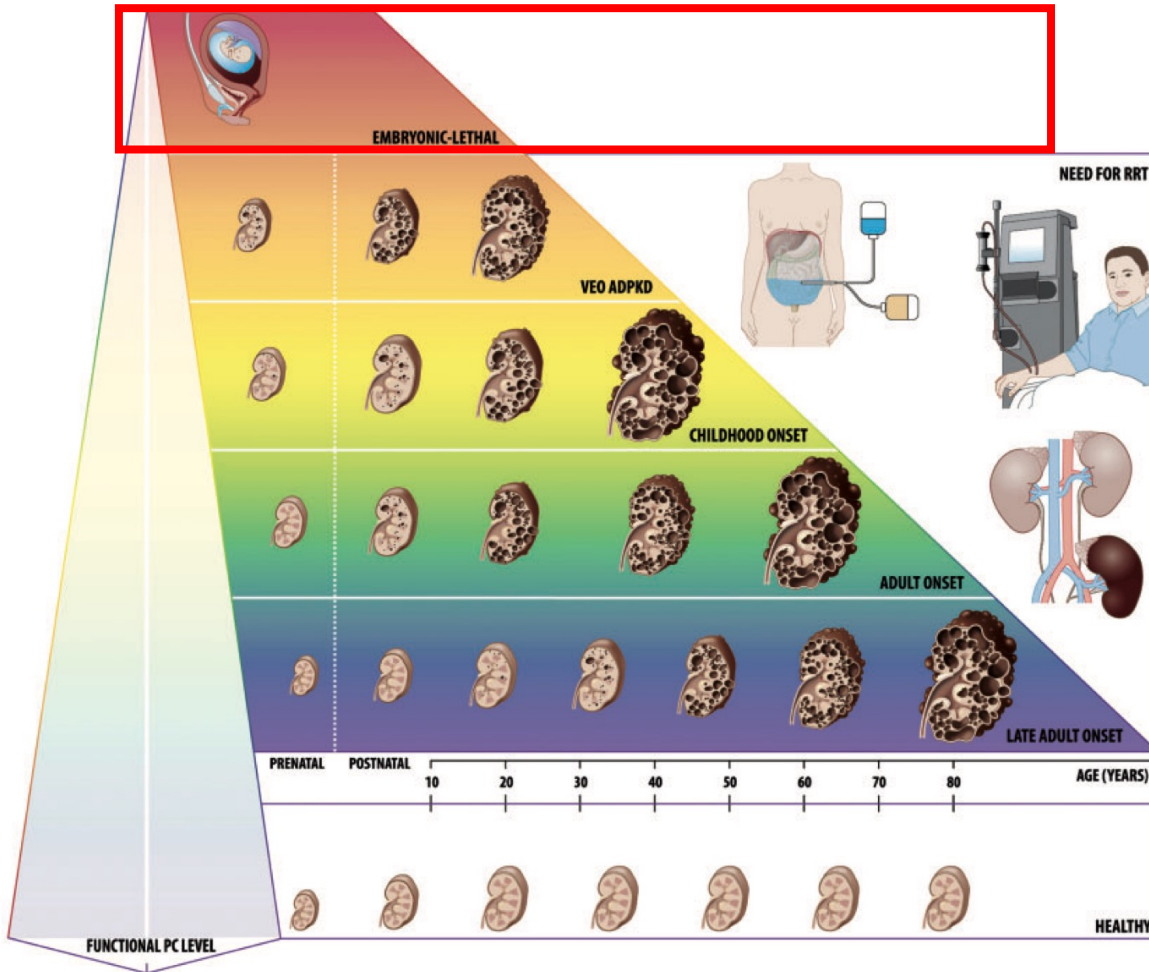


High phenotypic variability

- PKD1
- PKD2
- GANAB
- DNAJB11
- ALG9
- ALG5
- ....

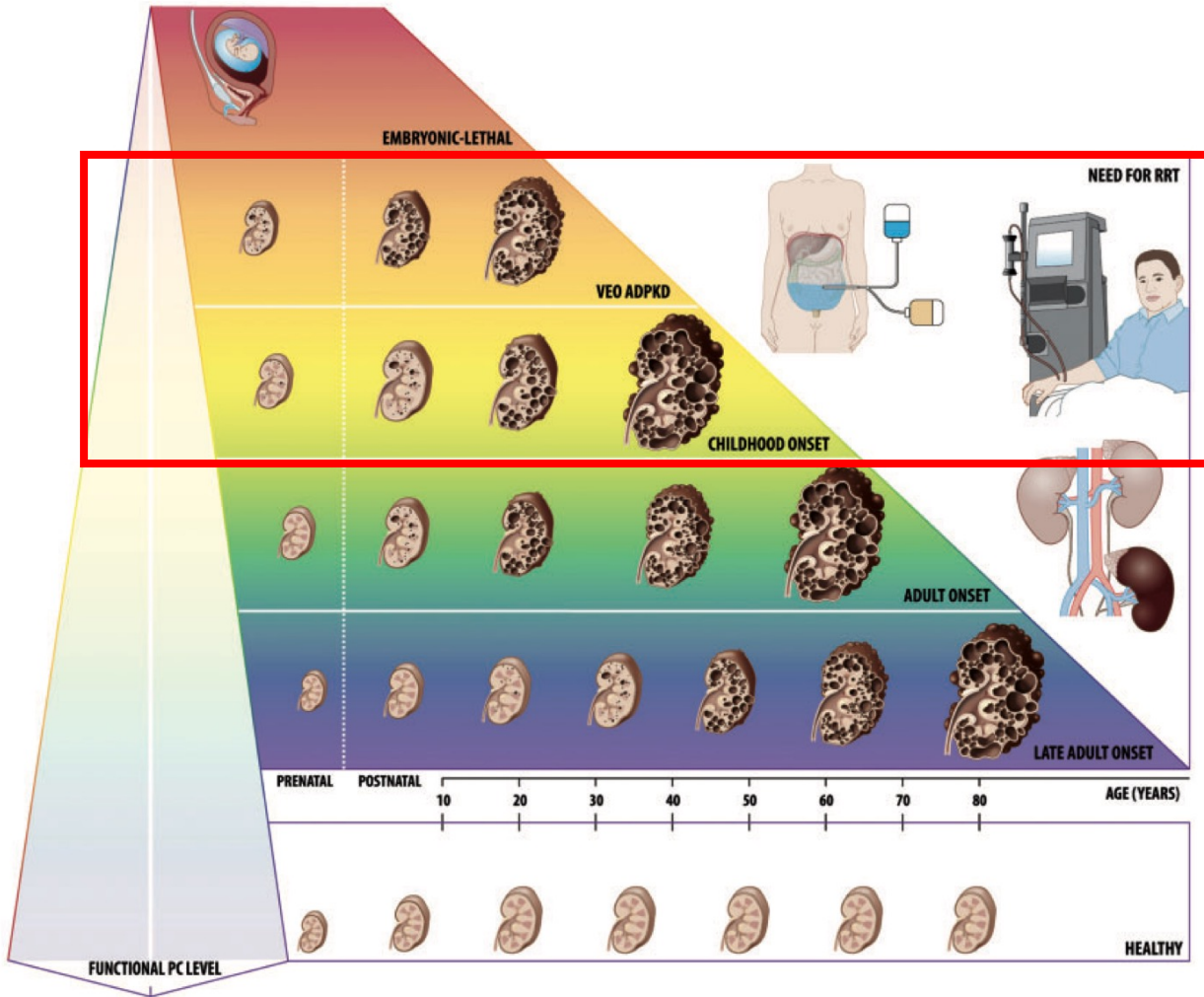
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## ADPKD SPECTRUM



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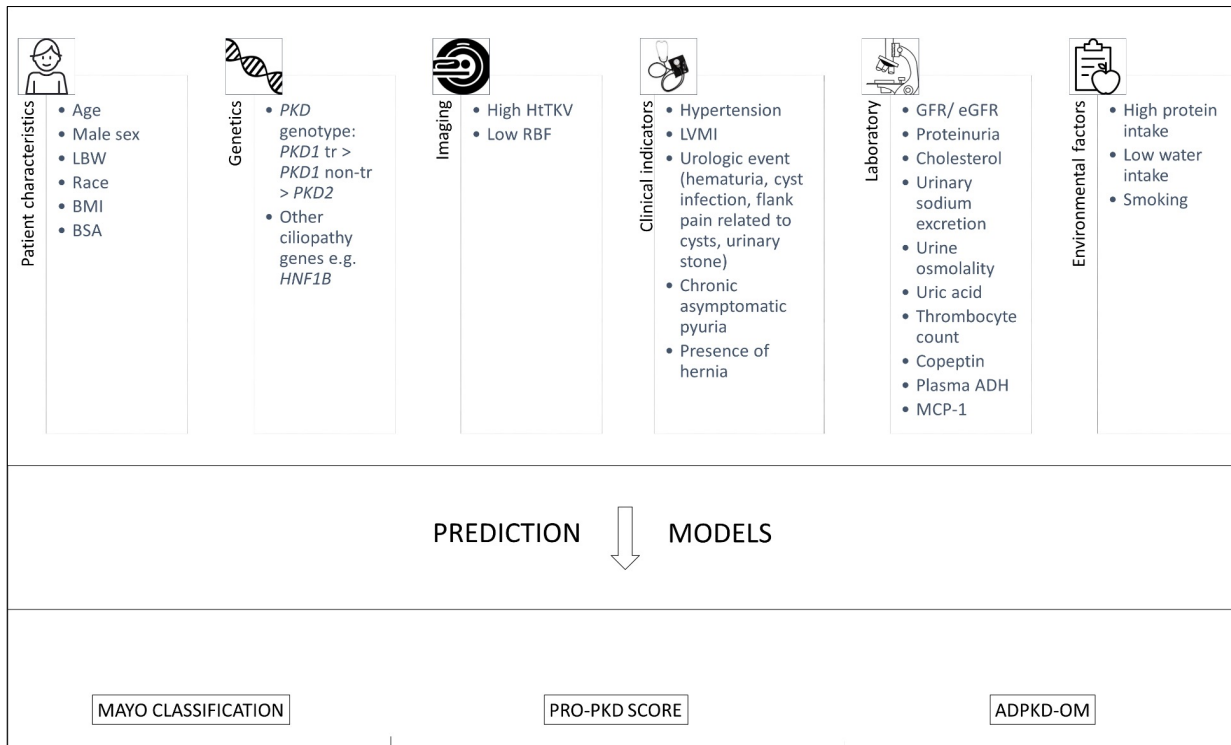
## ADPKD SPECTRUM



De Rechter et al. Clin Kidney J, 2018

# Disease severity and prediction models in ADPKD

## Adults:

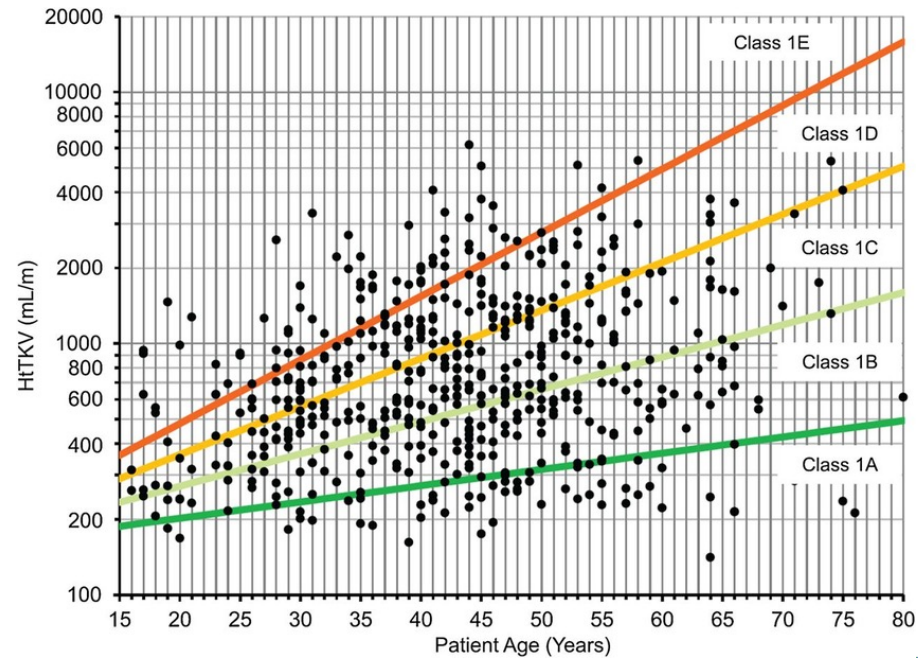


## Children:

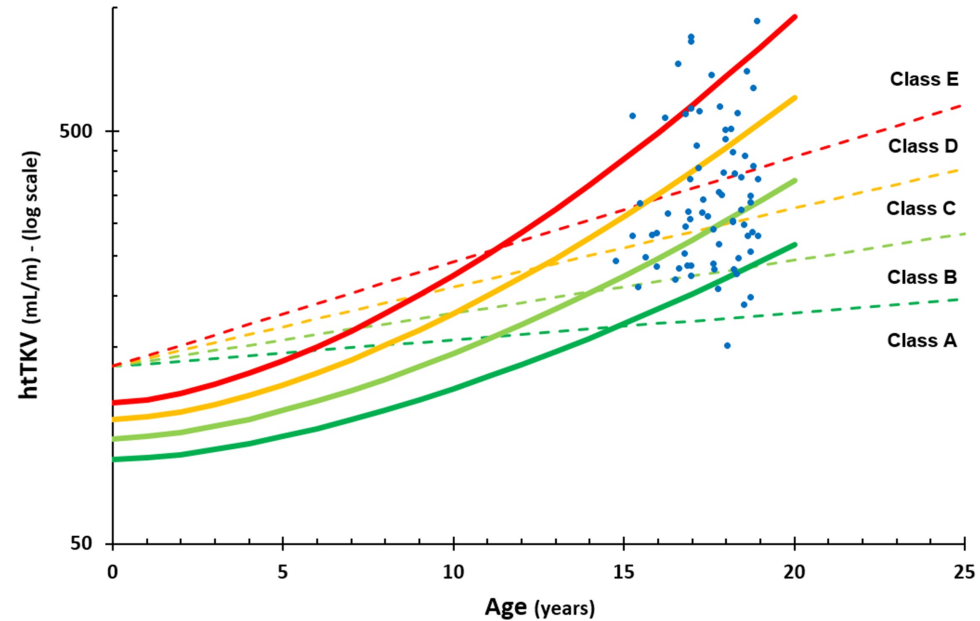
- No validated prediction factors
- Small cohorts
- No defined endpoints
- No long-term data



# Stratification TKV in patients with ADPKD



*The Mayo Imaging Classification (MIC)*



**The Leuven Imaging Classification (LIC)**

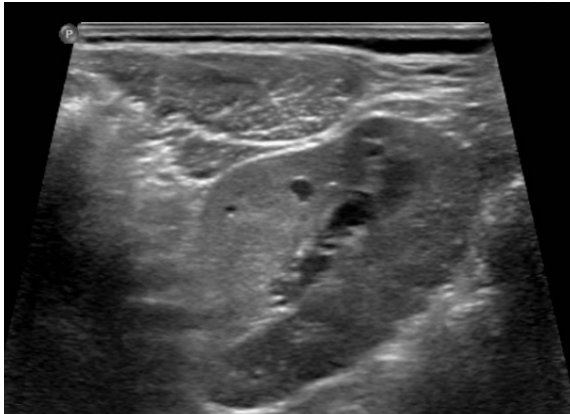
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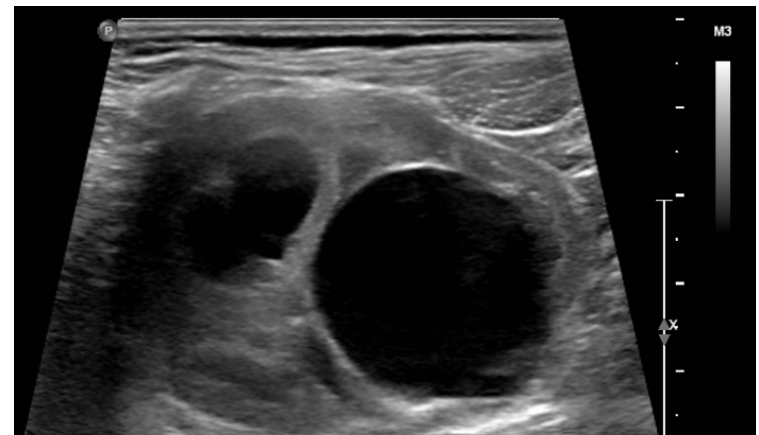
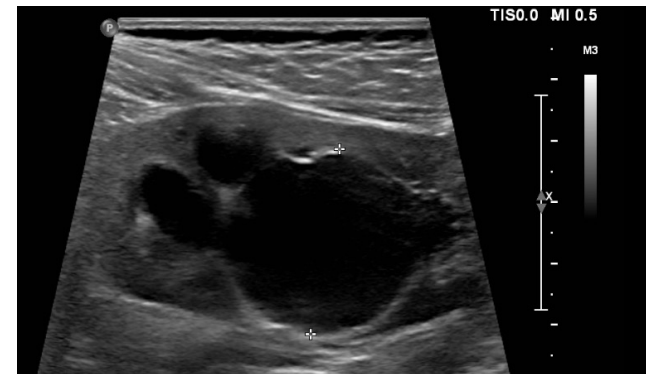
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- At age 1 year: US because vomiting, few cortical cysts left kidney
- At age 2 years: US because of pain, suspicion of PUJ stenose left?  
Surgey planned
- Second opinion ADPKD clinic

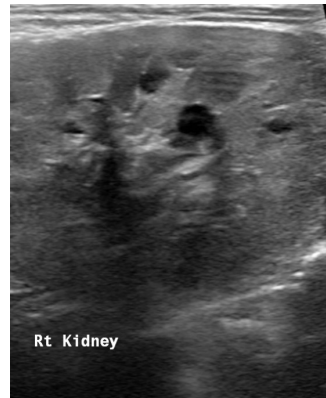
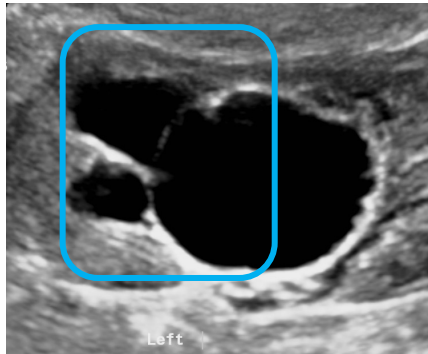
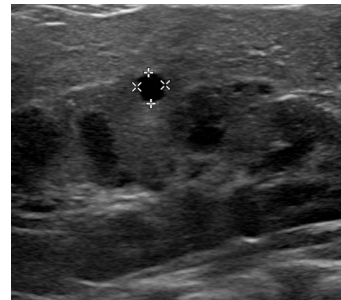
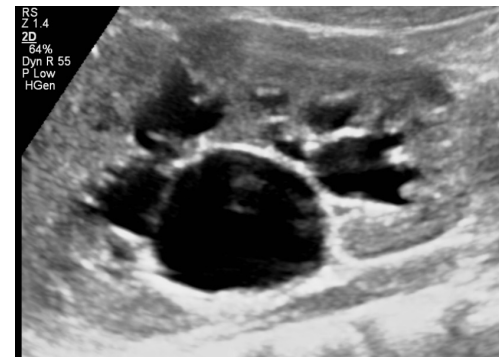
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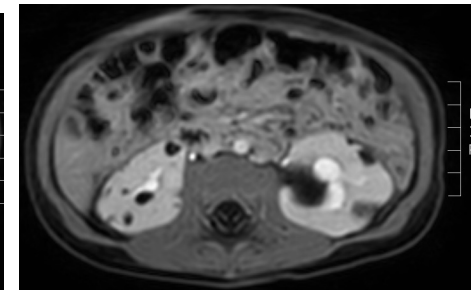
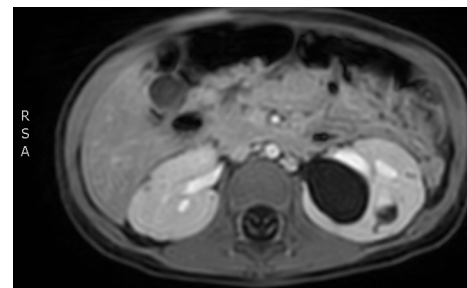
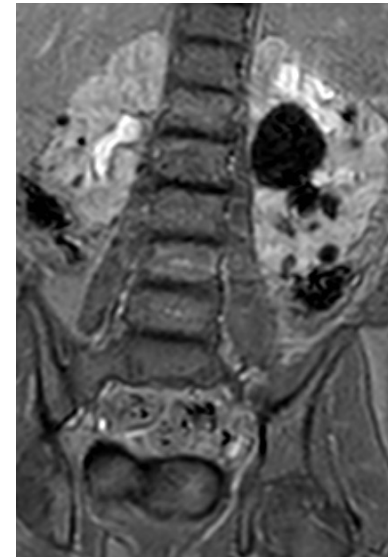
Left Kidney



# Case 1: Girl with incidental finding of kidney cysts /symptomatic



Kidney length R: 7,37 cm  
Kidney length L: 7,89 cm  
TKV 2D: 115,1 ml  
htTKV 2D: 121,67 ml



MRI with IV contrast

# Case 1: Girl with incidental finding of kidney cysts

## Familial history:

- Mother: At the age 15 y renal cysts, no follow-up
- No familial history: Grandparent: normal US
- Genetics in mother and daughter *PKD1* c.7837\_7839delTTG;p.Leu2613del mutatie

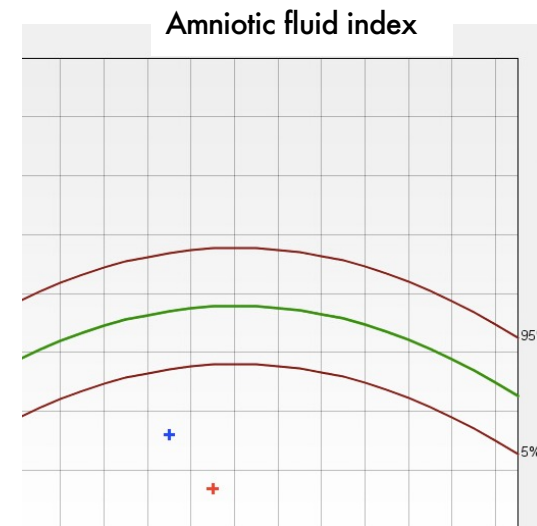
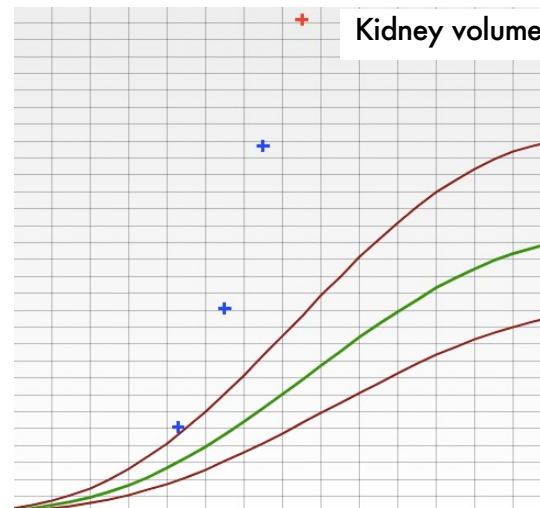
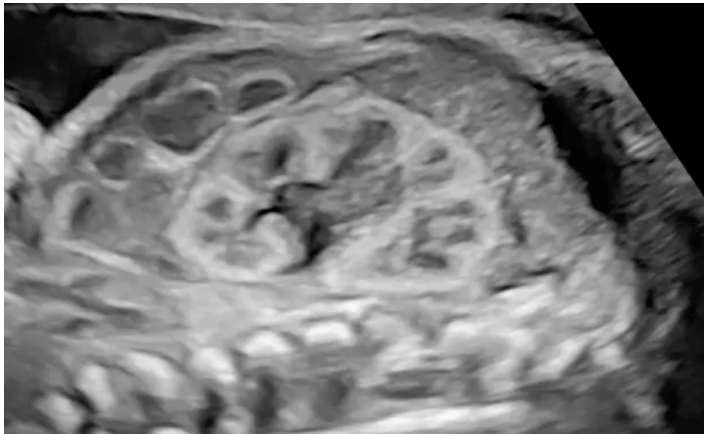
The screenshot shows a web browser window with two tabs: 'PKD1: L2613del' and 'p.Leu2613del pkd1 - Google zo...'. The main content is from the 'Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease: Mutation Database' website, featuring the PKD Foundation logo. The page title is 'Mutation Details - PKD1: L2613del'. The mutation information is as follows:

<b>Gene:</b>	PKD1	<b>Region:</b>	EX20	<b>Contextual Score:</b>	0
<b>cDNA Change:</b>	7836_7838delGTT	<b>Amino Acid Change:</b>	Leu2613del	<b>Substitution Score:</b>	8
<b>Designation:</b>	L2613del	<b>Clinical Significance:</b>	Likely Pathogenic	<b>Variant Score:</b>	8
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# Case 2: Prenatal large hyperechogenic kidneys

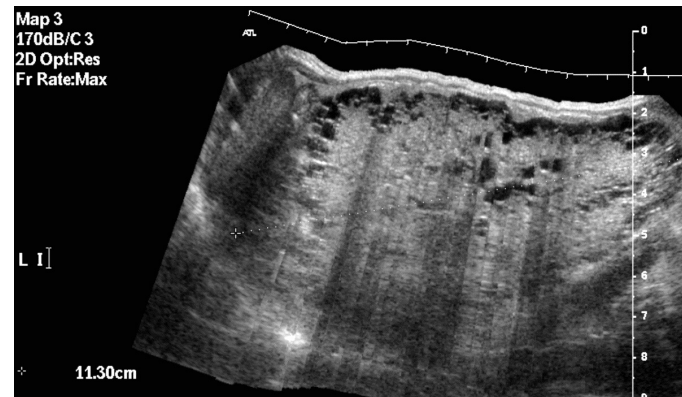
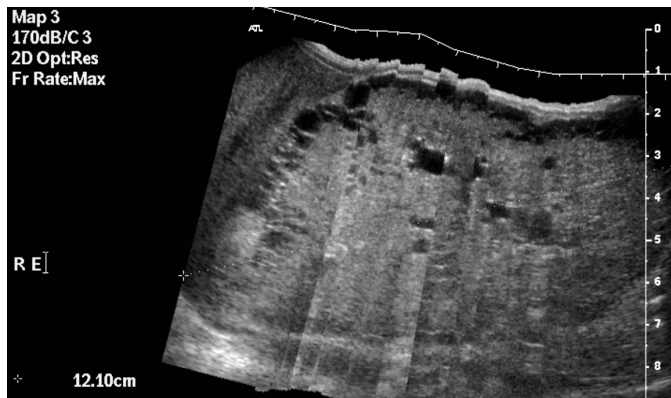
- Diagnosed prenatally in early pregnancy with ADPKD due to progressive nephromegaly and maternal familial ADPKD.
- 35wk: hydrops foetalis, ascites, pericardial effusion and subcutaneous oedema and bilateral large hyperechogenic kidneys of 10 cm.
- Birth PMA 35wk, Birth weight: 4000 g (> P90)



# Case 2: Prenatal large hyperechogenic kidneys

## Neonatal period

- Lung hypoplasia with need of ventilation and need of oxygenation
- Left and right ventricular hypertrophy and hypertension with need 2 antihypertensive drugs
- Progressive feeding problems caused by abdominal compression by the massively enlarged kidneys
- Neurological: normal
- Normal diuresis, D3: creatinine 1,52 mg/dl



2 weeks old  
Kidney length R: 12,3  
cm  
Kidney length L: 10,8  
cm  
TKV 2D: 506,9 ml

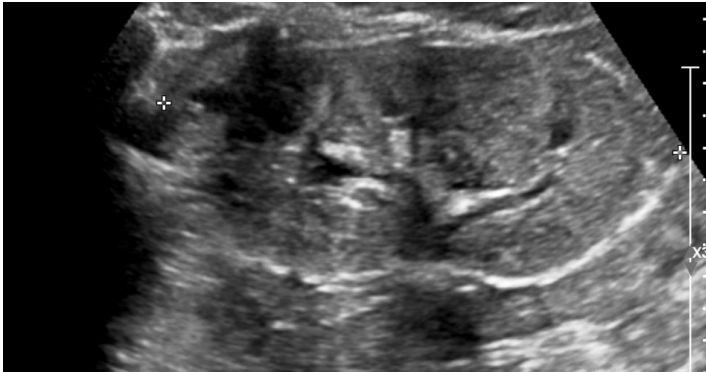
# Question 1: Which statement is WRONG regarding diagnosis of ADPKD in a child with kidney cyst?

1. Ultrasound of the parents (or grandparents if parents <40 years) should be considered when negative family history for ADPKD
2. The presence of a single kidney cyst/prenatal hyperechogenic kidneys in a child with a positive familial history is highly suspicious for the diagnosis of ADPKD
3. Consider observation in the presence of a single kidney cyst in a child with a negative familial history
4. Genetic testing is mandatory for the diagnosis of ADPKD

# Case 3: Familial screening

## Presentation:

- Familial screening in a girl 2 years requested by the parents
- Known maternal familial ADPKD
- Mother ADPKD diagnosed incidentally with a very rapid progression with need RRT at 30 years



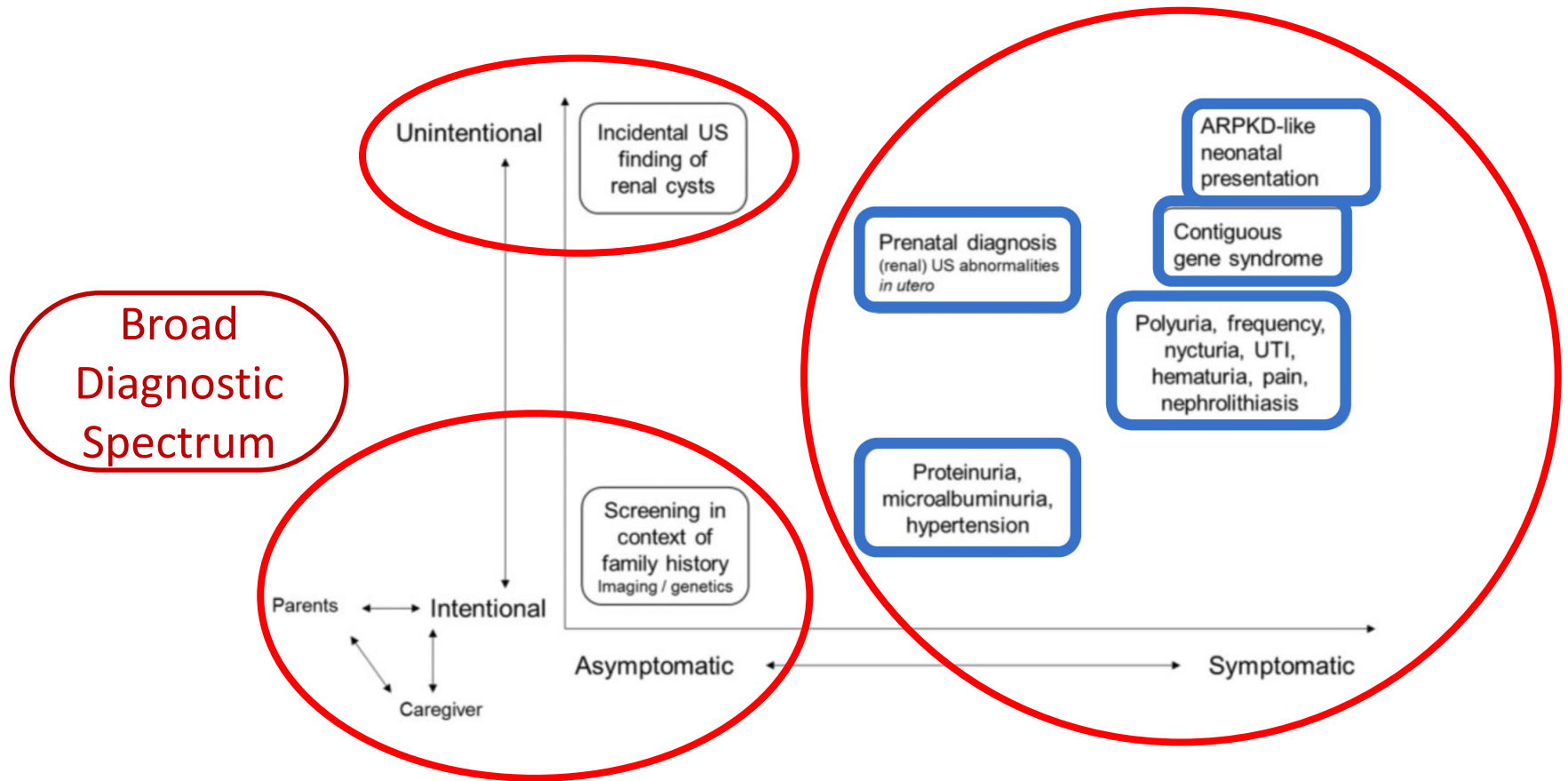
Kidney length R: 8,1 cm  
Kidney length L: 8,1 cm  
TKV 2D: 129,6 ml  
htTKV 2D: 146,12 ml

## Question 2: Which statement is CORRECT regarding counseling of an at-risk child for ADPKD?

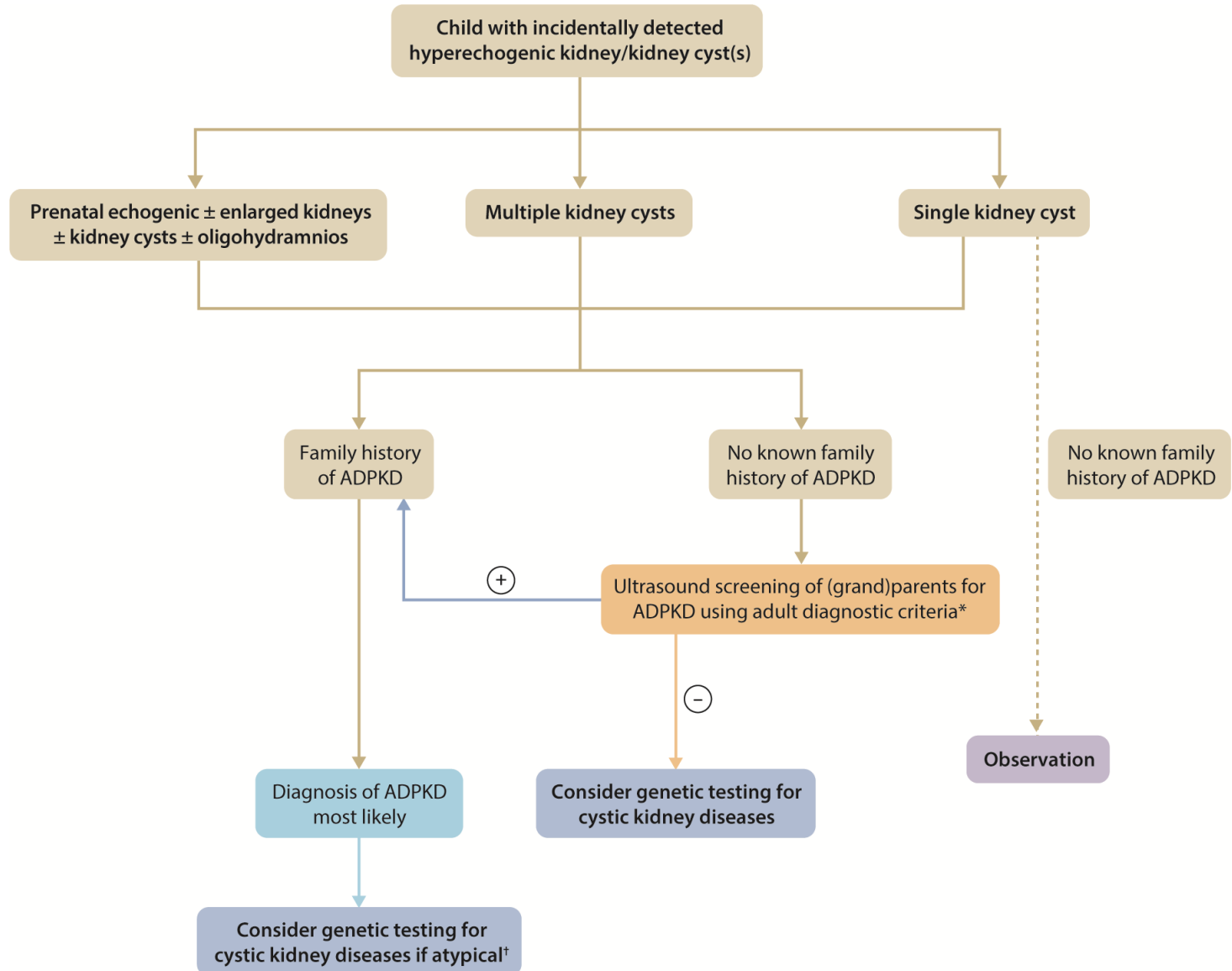
1. Shared decision-making related to screening/diagnosis (benefits and harms) with parents/legal guardians and the mature child
2. Screening of children at-risk for ADPKD is not recommended
3. Genetic testing of all the offspring's is recommended
4. The absence of cysts on ultrasound could rule out ADPKD



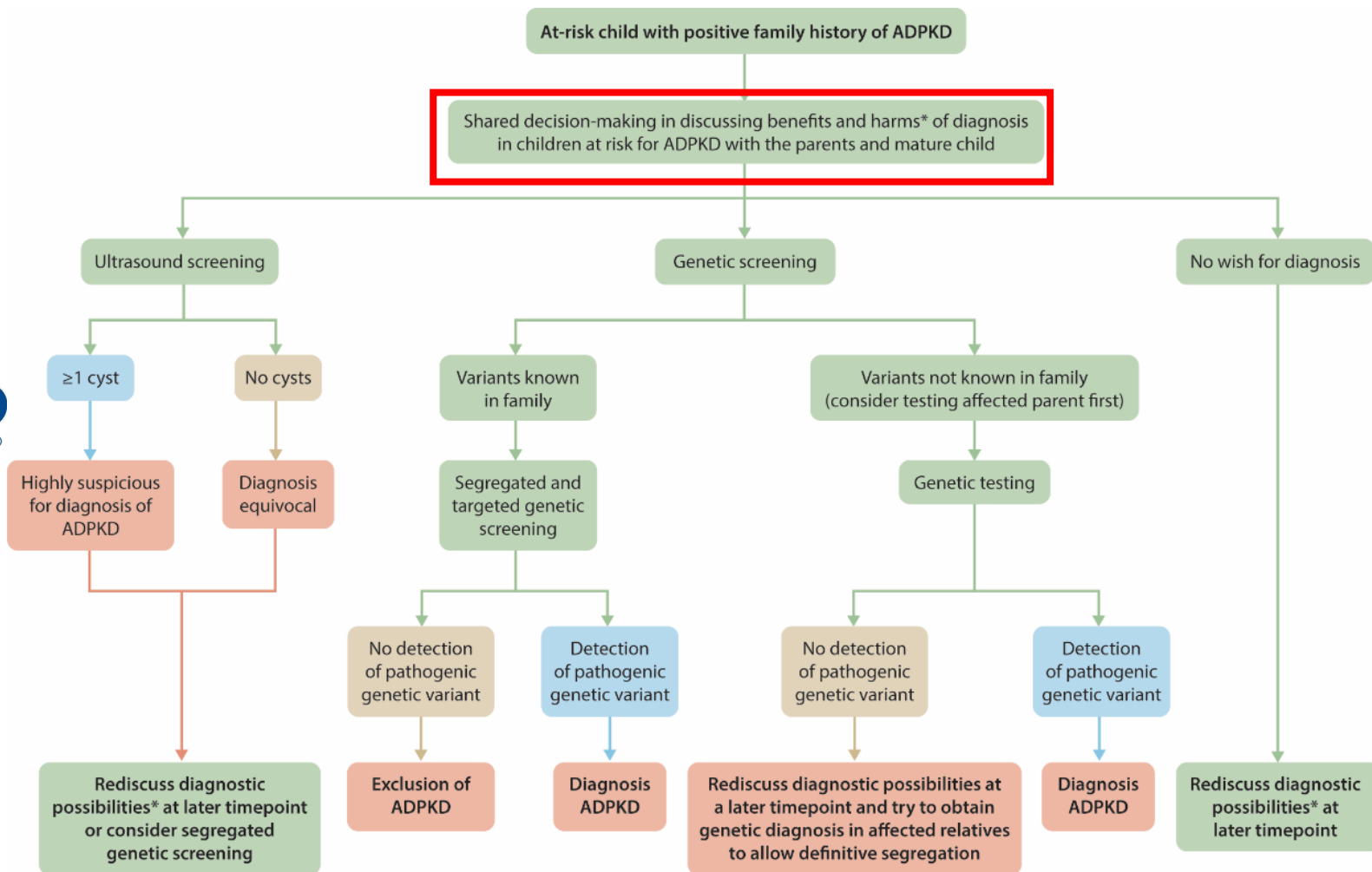
# Pediatric ADPKD Spectrum



# Diagnosis of children with clinical consideration of ADPKD



# Diagnosis of children at risk of ADPKD by a pediatrician with expertise in ADPKD

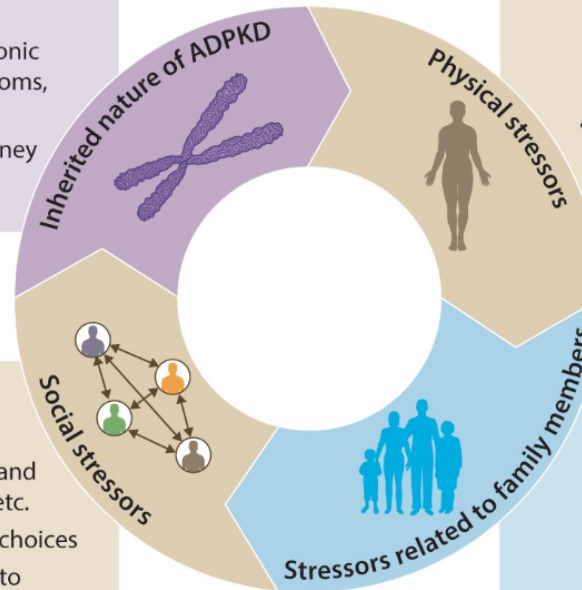


# Stressors associated with psychosocial problems in people with ADPKD



- Genetic guilt: self-blame, constant burden of guilt
  - Decision on genetic testing and disclosure
    - Pregnancy and family planning
  - Disempowerment in self-management
    - Sense of helplessness
- Health anxiety from living with a chronic incurable condition, its various symptoms, and treatment modalities
- Fear of the future: progression to kidney failure and low life expectation

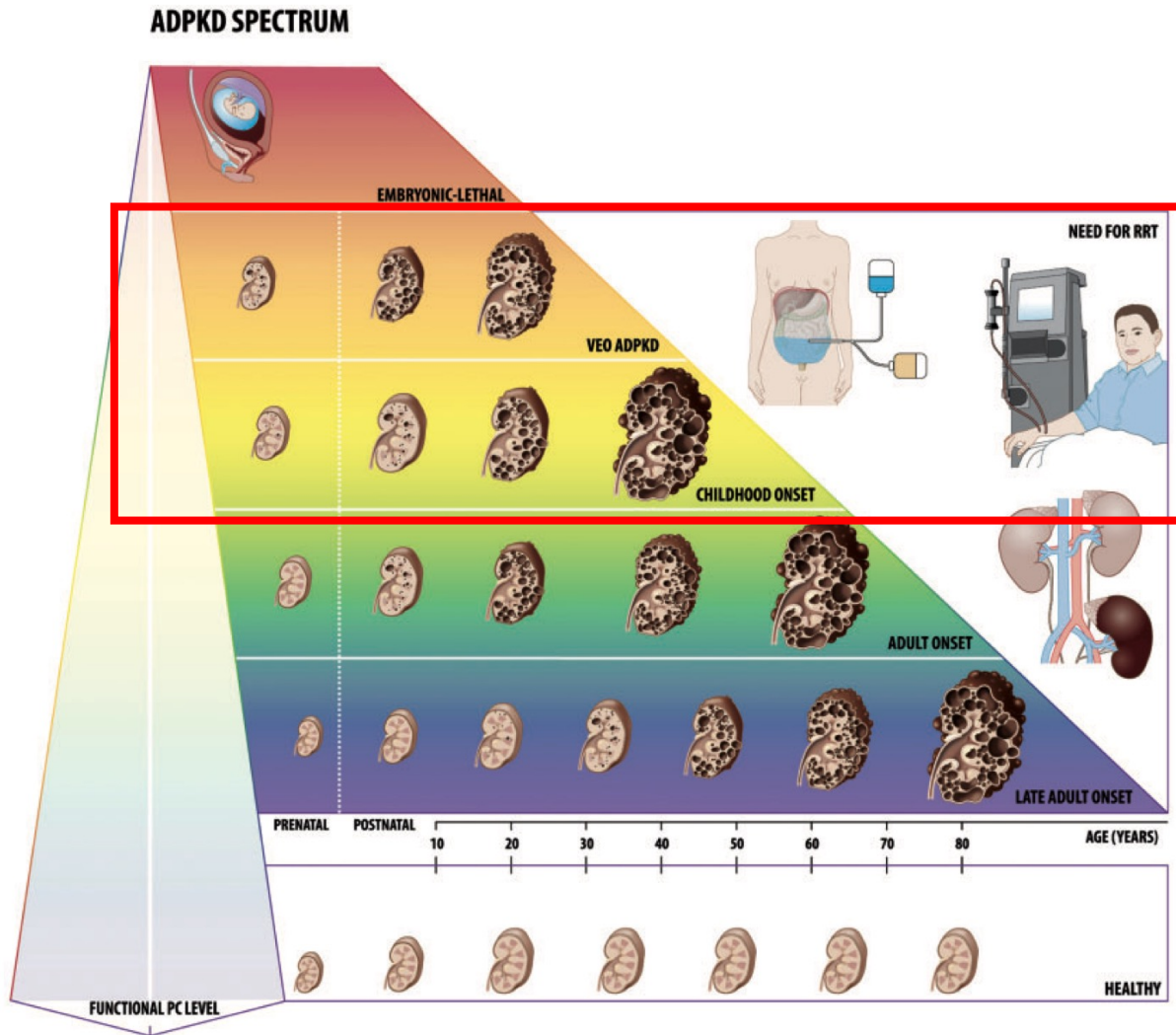
- Chronic pain
- Functional limitations of participation in recreational, sport and social activities
  - Body image/dysmorphia
  - Sexual dysfunction
  - Dietary constraints
  - Sleep disturbances
- Physical conditions related to chronic kidney disease progression



- Inability to plan ahead
- Social isolation from missing school and social activities, dietary limitations, etc.
- Employment barriers and limited career choices
  - Financial burden: concerns related to insurance, healthcare costs
  - Other emotional responses to social challenges

- Fear of inheritance
- Caregiver burden
- "Chosen" to be the kidney donor
  - Loss of family member
- Distress in family relationship: blaming parents or partners
- Disturbed family communications on issues related to having a child, marriage, etc.
  - Financial burden

# ADPKD Spectrum



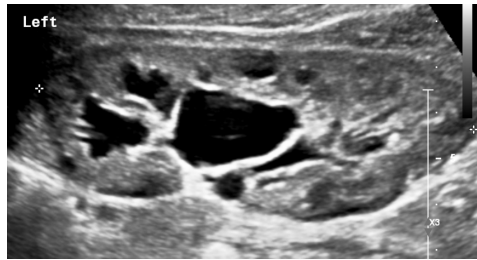
# Definitions of phenotypical entities in children with ADPKD

Subentity	Definition
VEO-ADPKD	<p>Symptoms or clinical evidence of severe ADPKD <b>under 18 months of age</b> defined by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• antenatal diagnosis of hyperechogenic enlarged kidneys (<math>&gt;2</math> SD for gestational age) with oligohydramnios, OR</li> <li>• enlarged cystic kidneys (<math>&gt;2</math> SD for age, sex, height) between birth and 18 months of age with hypertension (BP <math>\geq</math>95th percentile for age, sex, and height) and/or decreased eGFR</li> </ul>
EO-ADPKD	<p>Symptoms or clinical evidence of severe ADPKD <b>between 18 months and 15 years of age</b> determined by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• presence of enlarged cystic kidneys (<math>&gt;2</math> SD for age, sex, and height) between 18 months and 15 years of age with hypertension (BP <math>\geq</math>95th percentile for age, sex, and height) and/or decreased eGFR</li> </ul>
Child with ADPKD	A child with diagnosis of <b>ADPKD not fulfilling VEO-ADPKD or EO-ADPKD criteria</b>
Child at risk of ADPKD	A child with <b>potential for heritability of ADPKD in the setting of a relative known to have ADPKD</b>



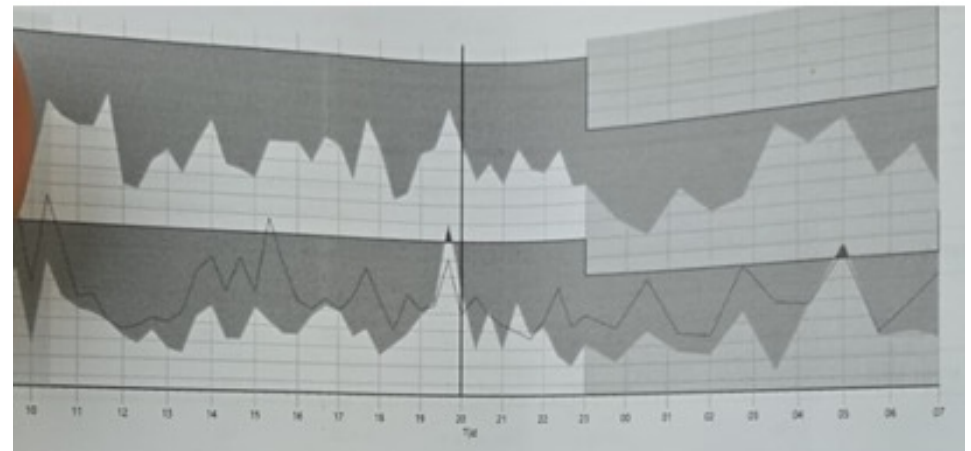
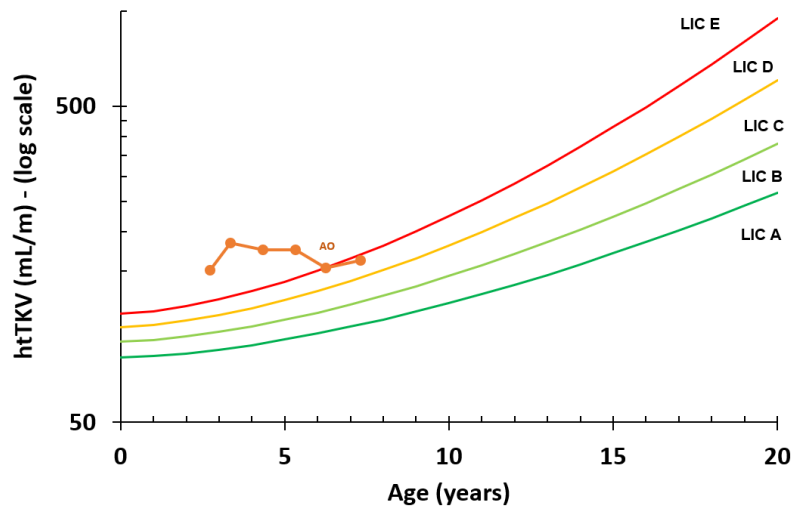
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## Update at age of 8 years



### ABPM :

	Patient	P50	P95
• 24 u	110/65	105/66	117/75
• Day	111/66	112/72	124/84
• Night	97/55	109/66	103/63
• dipping: syst 7.4% , Dia 5.2%			



Kidney length R:9,3 cm  
 Kidney length L: 9,4 cm  
 TKV 2D: 178,26 ml  
 htTKV: 140,14 ml

# Case 3: Familial screening

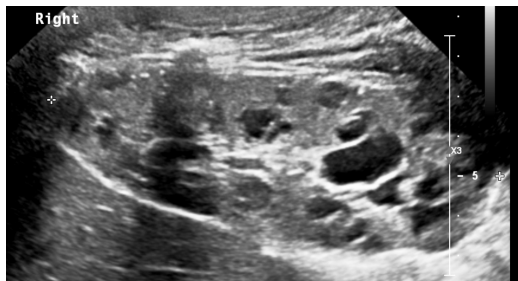
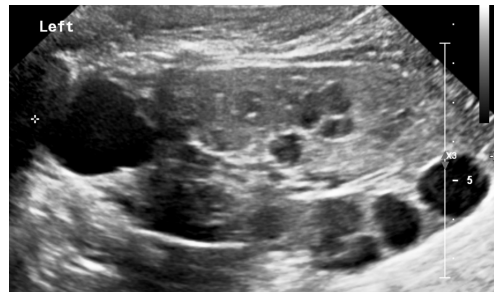
## Update at age of 8 years

- Dysfunctional voiding
- Hypertension at the age of 6 years

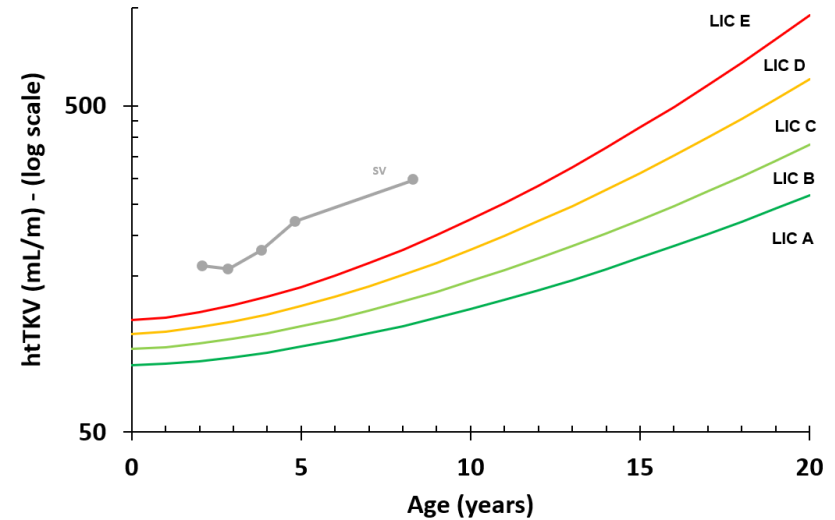
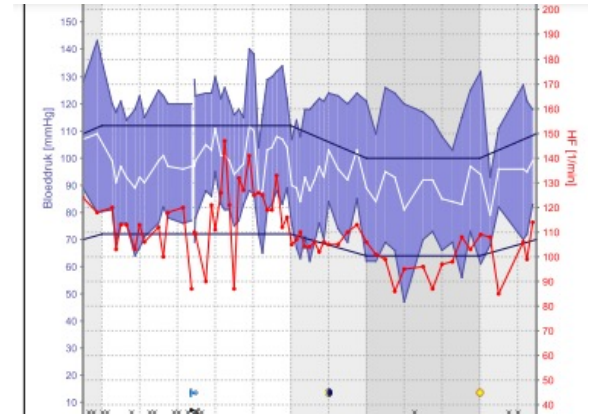
### ABPM at age of 6 years:

	Patient	P50	P95
• 24 u	120/73	104/66	114/72
• Day	122/78	110/73	120/82
• Night	117/64	95/55	106/65

- dipping: syst 3.3% , Dia 16.9%



Kidney length R: 11,4 cm  
 Kidney length L: 11,8 cm  
 TKV 2D: 346,19 ml  
 htTKV 2D: 260,29 ml

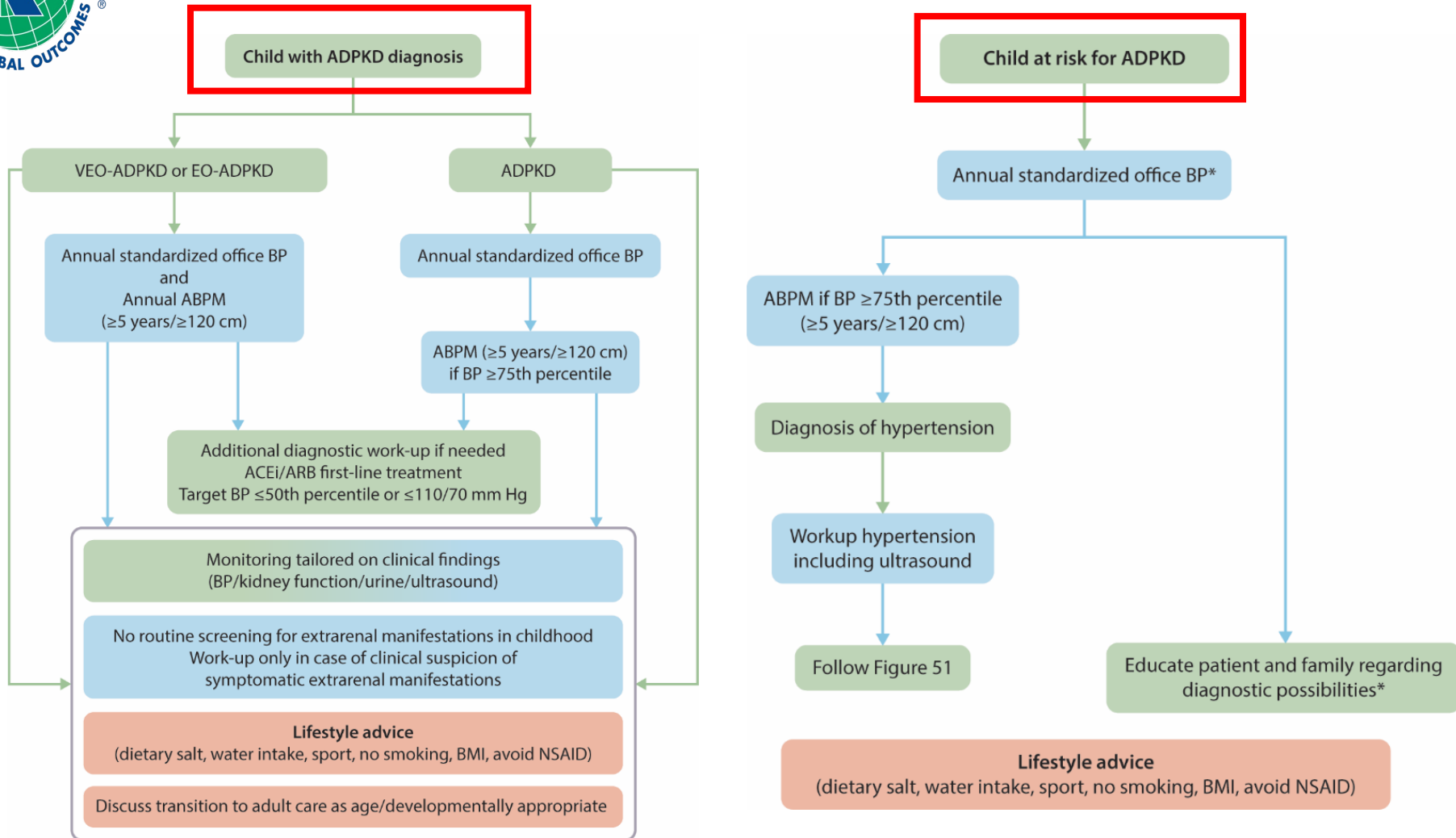




## Question 3: Which statement is WRONG regarding the management of hypertension in a child with or at-risk for ADPKD?

1. Standardized office BP should be assessed annually in children ( $\geq 5$  years) and adolescents with or at risk for ADPKD
2. Annual 24-hour ABPM should be performed in children and adolescents ( $\geq 5$  years and height  $\geq 120$  cm) with VEO-ADPKD or EO-ADPKD
3. We recommend targeting BP to  $\leq 97$ th percentile for age, sex, and height or  $\leq 130/80$  mm Hg in adolescents in the setting of ADPKD and high BP
4. RASi (i.e., ACEi or ARBs) are the first-line therapy for high BP in children and adolescents with ADPKD

# Management of children with and at-risk for ADPKD



# Case 2: Prenatal large hyperechogenic kidneys

At the age of 16 years

Hypertension : ACEi + Ca blok

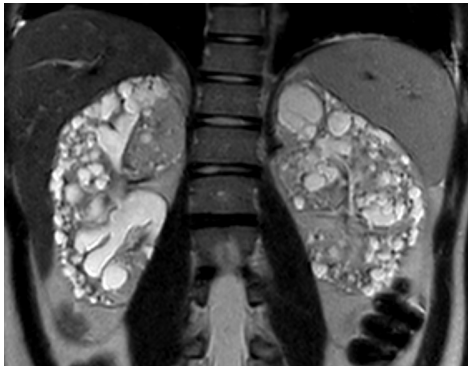
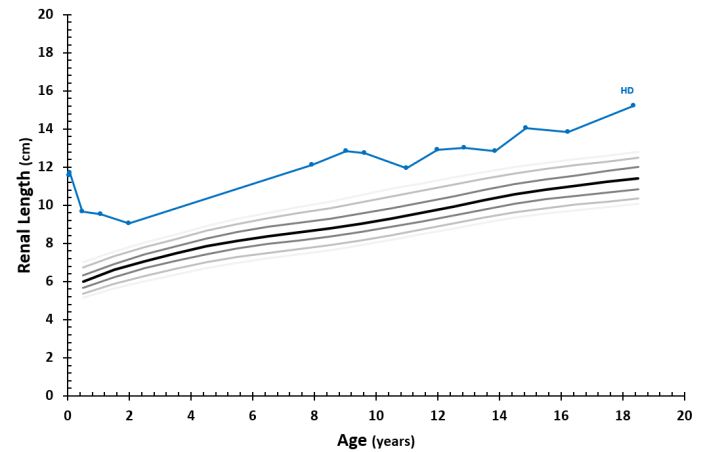
Kidney length R: 14,9 cm

Kidney length L: 12,8 cm

TKV 2D: 576,2 ml

htTKV 2D:321,9 ml

## eGFR evolution

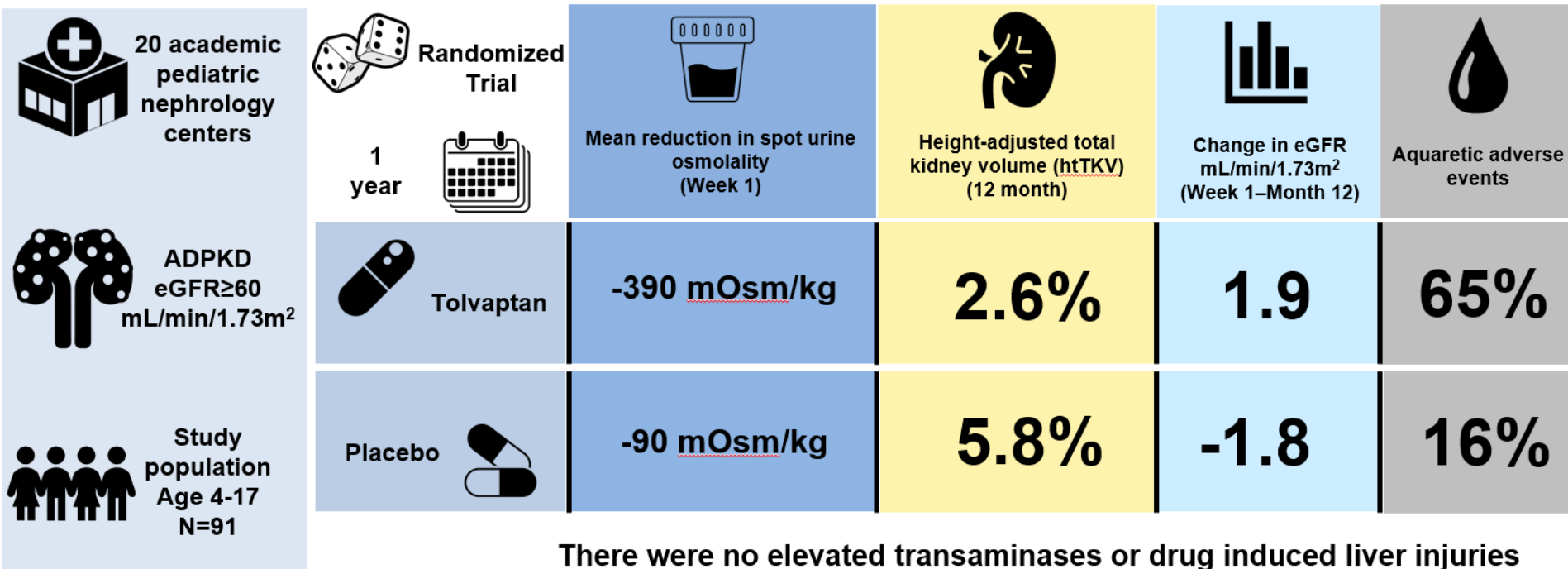


Metformin?  
Tolvaptan?  
(Pre-emptive) Tx

## Question 4: Which statement is WRONG regarding the management of a child with ADPKD?

1. Children with ADPKD should follow general recommendations for a healthy diet, consistent with WHO guidelines and should maintain a healthy body weight and physical activity
2. We recommend targeting BP to  $\leq 50$ th percentile for age, sex, and height or  $\leq 110/70$  mm Hg in adolescents in the setting of ADPKD and high BP
1. There is currently no sufficient evidence to support the use of Statins for ADPKD in children
2. There is currently sufficient evidence to support the use of Tolvaptan for ADPKD in children

# Tolvaptan for children and adolescents with autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease

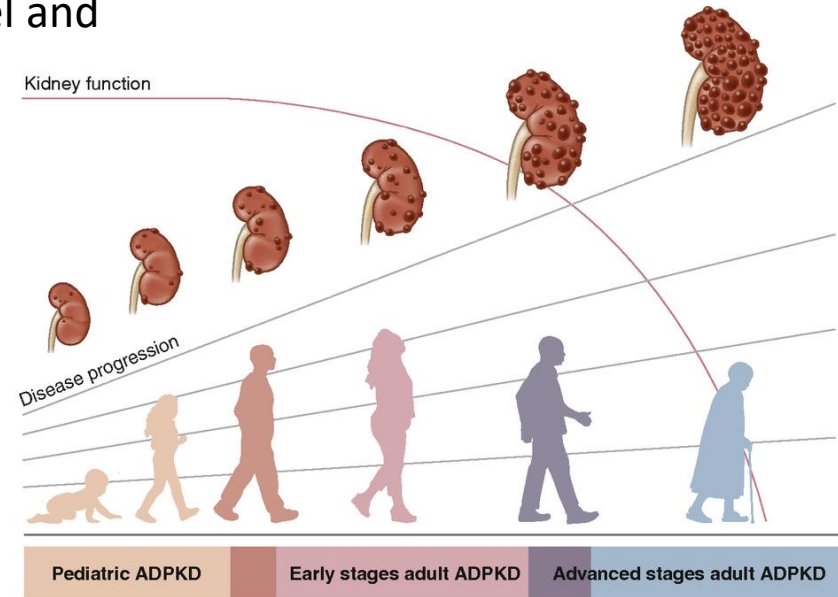


**Conclusions:** Tolvaptan exhibited pharmacodynamic activity in pediatric ADPKD. Tolvaptan increased urine output, but few patients (n=1 in each treatment arm) discontinued the study due to adverse events.

Djalila Mekahli, Lisa M. Guay-Woodford, Melissa A. Cadnapaphornchai, et al. *Tolvaptan for Children and Adolescents with Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease*. CJASN doi: 10.2215/CJN.01590222. Visual Abstract by Nayan Arora, MD

# Perspectives on Drug Development in Early ADPKD

Pediatric and young ADPKD patients represent a novel and crucial target for clinical trials



	Pediatric ADPKD	Early stages adult ADPKD	Advanced stages adult ADPKD
<b>Patient stratification</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very early onset, genetics, hypertension</li> <li>• No available stratification scores</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age, genetics, urological events, hypertension</li> <li>• Stratification according to Mayo classification/PRO-PKD score</li> </ul>	
<b>Current primary end points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urine osmolarity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ht-TKV</li> <li>• eGFR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• eGFR</li> <li>• Ht-TKV</li> </ul>
<b>Current secondary end points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ht-TKV</li> <li>• eGFR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urine osmolarity</li> <li>• Number of cysts</li> <li>• Copeptin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copeptin</li> <li>• Liver cysts</li> </ul>
<b>Potential end points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texture/segmentation imaging</li> <li>• Number of cysts</li> <li>• Hypertension</li> <li>• uMCP1</li> <li>• PRO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texture/segmentation imaging/liver cysts</li> <li>• uMCP1/uEGF/suPAR/Kim-1/<math>\beta</math>2 microglobulin/NGAL/FGF23</li> <li>• Urine-to-plasma urea ratio</li> <li>• PRO/pain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PRO/pain/QoL</li> <li>• Liver cysts</li> </ul>
<b>Future directions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Bridging biomarkers": proteomic PKD score, microRNAs, and proteins in urinary extracellular vesicles</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prediction modeling</li> </ul>

# Leuven Translational Research in ADPKD

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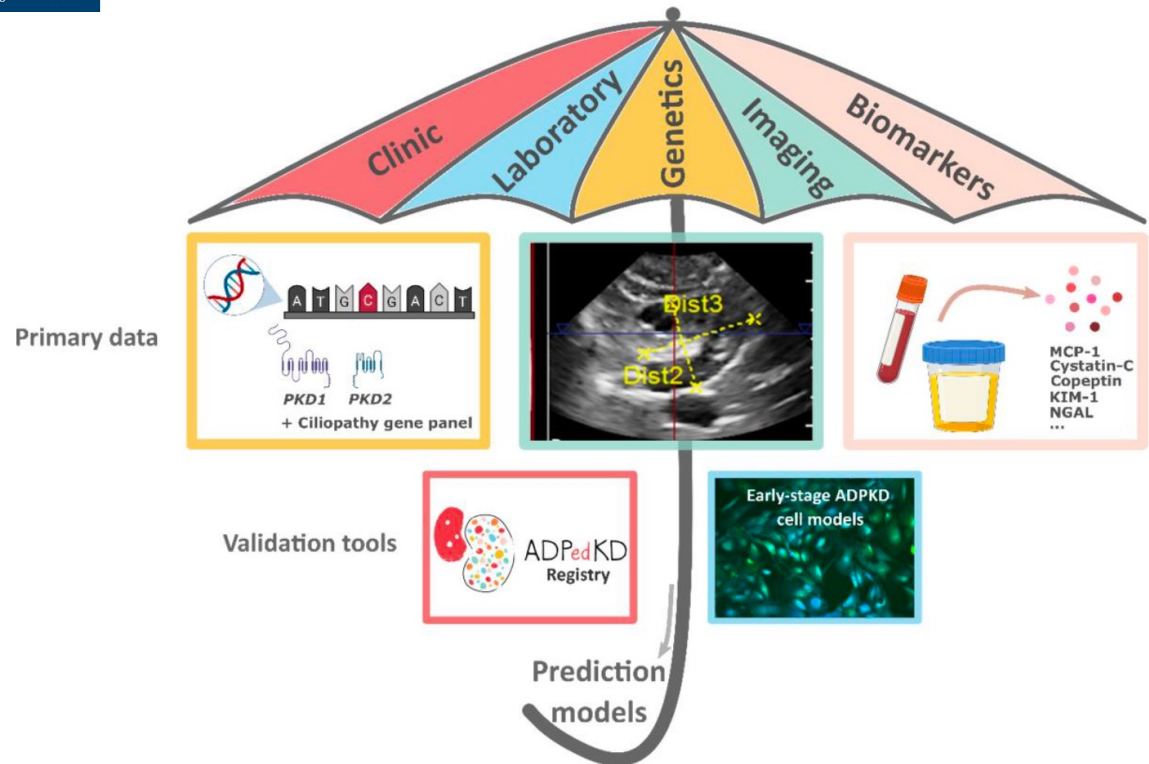


## Mission

The PKD Research Group of the Laboratory of Ion Channel Research performs translational research on autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease (ADPKD). This is the most common genetic nephropathy (1 in 1000) with more than 12 million patients worldwide (according to PKD International). It is characterized by the progressive formation of renal cysts and increased kidney volume leading to renal failure by the median age of 50 years. Patients then undergo dialysis, nephrectomy and are placed on the kidney transplantation waiting list. Unfortunately, ADPKD cannot be cured and the current treatments only delay kidney failure by suppressing kidney damage and cyst growth. Mutations causing ADPKD are found mainly in the genes PKD1 and PKD2 but their exact cellular functions remain unclear.

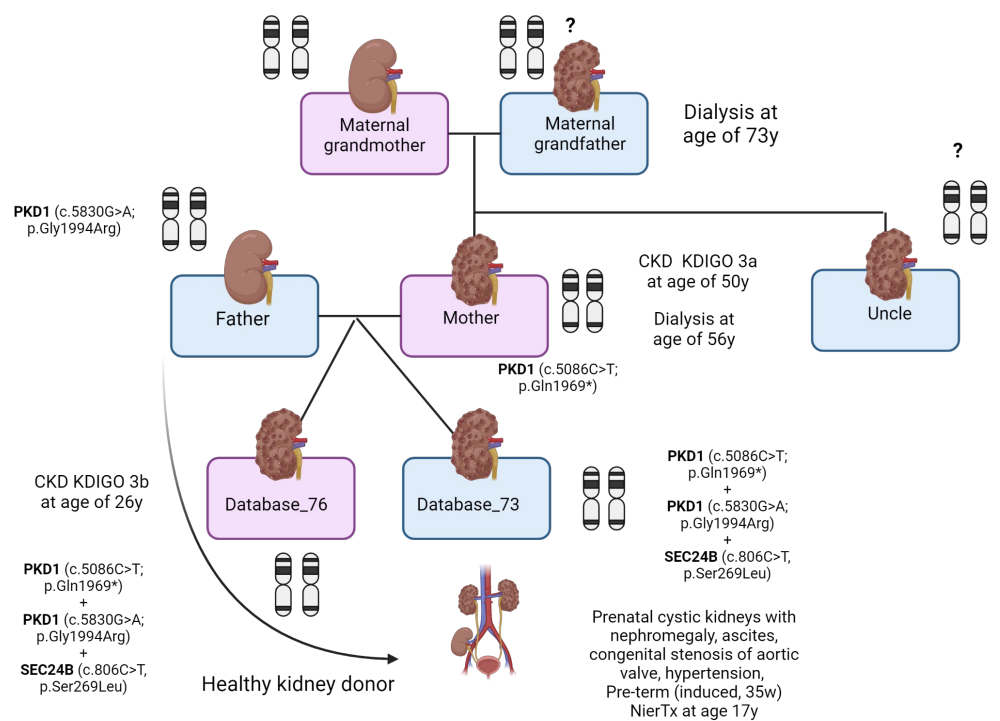
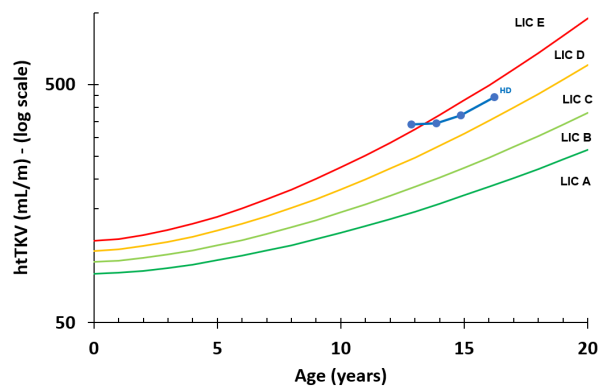
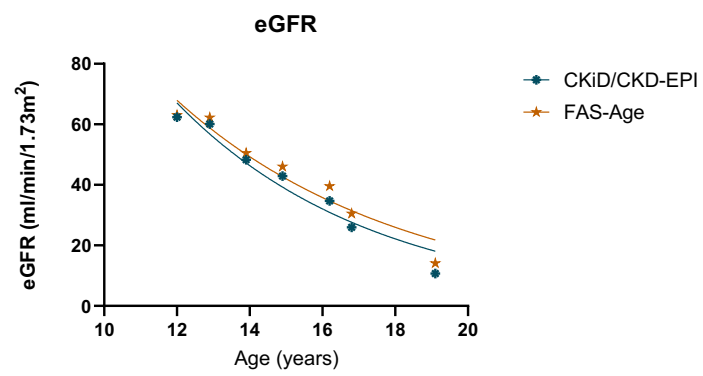


## The Leuven pediatric ADPKD cohort



# Case 2: Prenatal large hyperechogenic kidneys

At age of 17 years , GFR 14  
Living donor Tx from the father





# ADPedKD registry: [www.ADPedKD.org](http://www.ADPedKD.org)



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41 NIH Hepato-Renal Fibrocystic Disease database



269 RaDaR

ADPedKD North-America

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**91 centres**  
**33 countries**  
**1819 patients**



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17 KiDGen



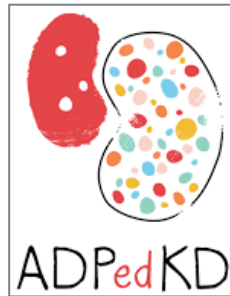
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## Aim

- Describe mode of **presentation of ADPKD** in children and young persons <19 years
- Analyze **geographical and temporal trends**



## Registries

Including NIH and KidGen registries (USA and Australia)

17 high income countries

8 middle income countries

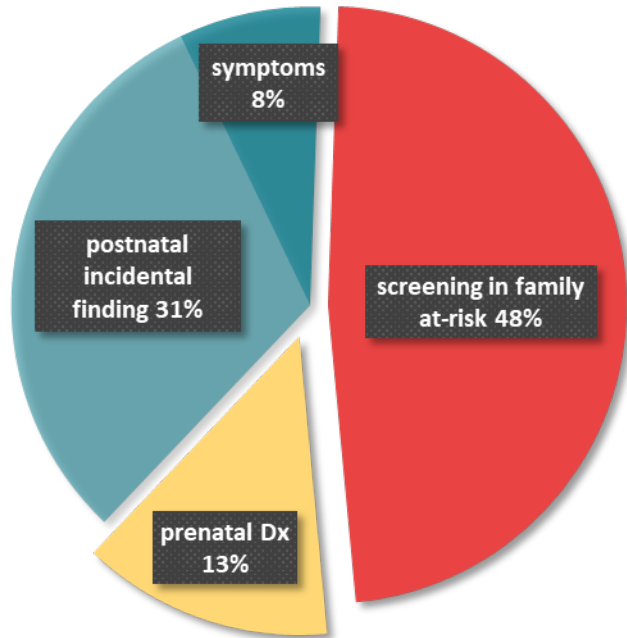


16 high income countries

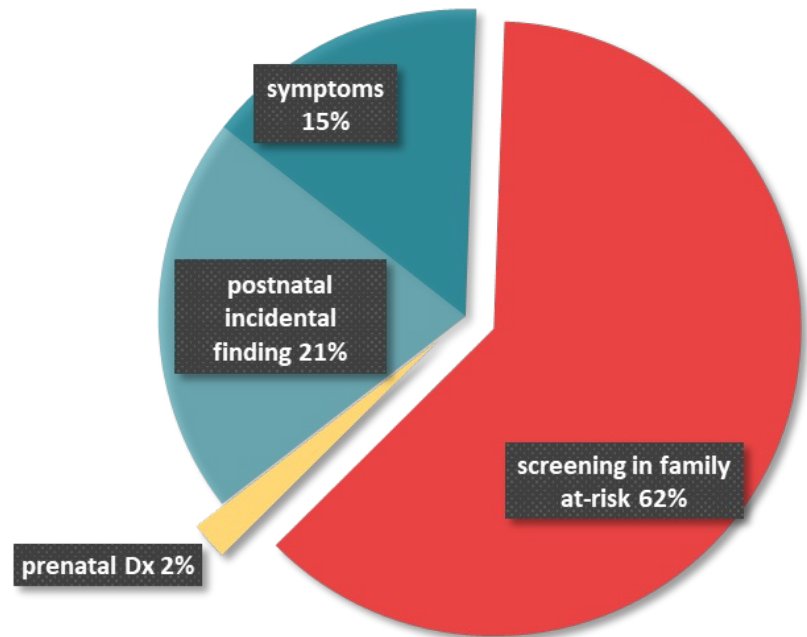
1 middle income country

# Mode of presentation

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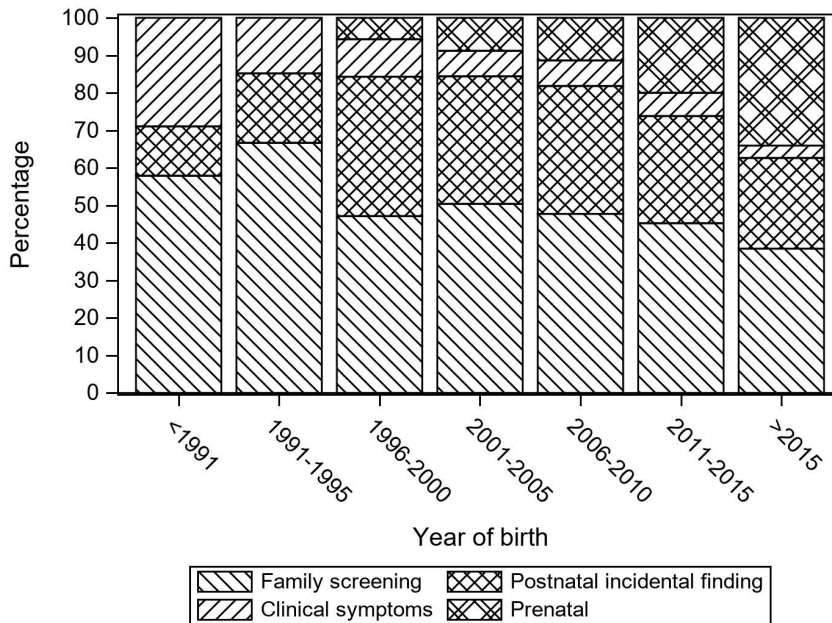


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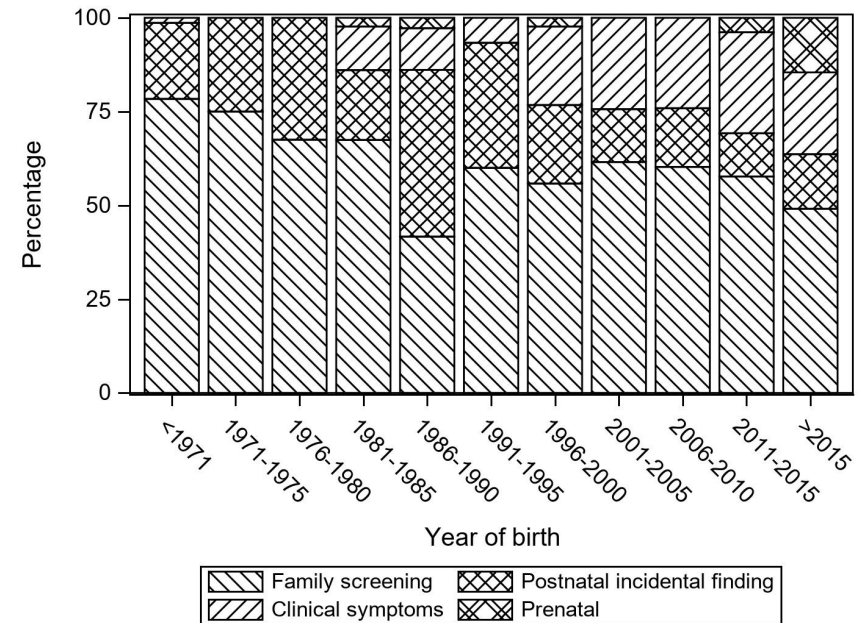


## Temporal changes – prenatal diagnosis

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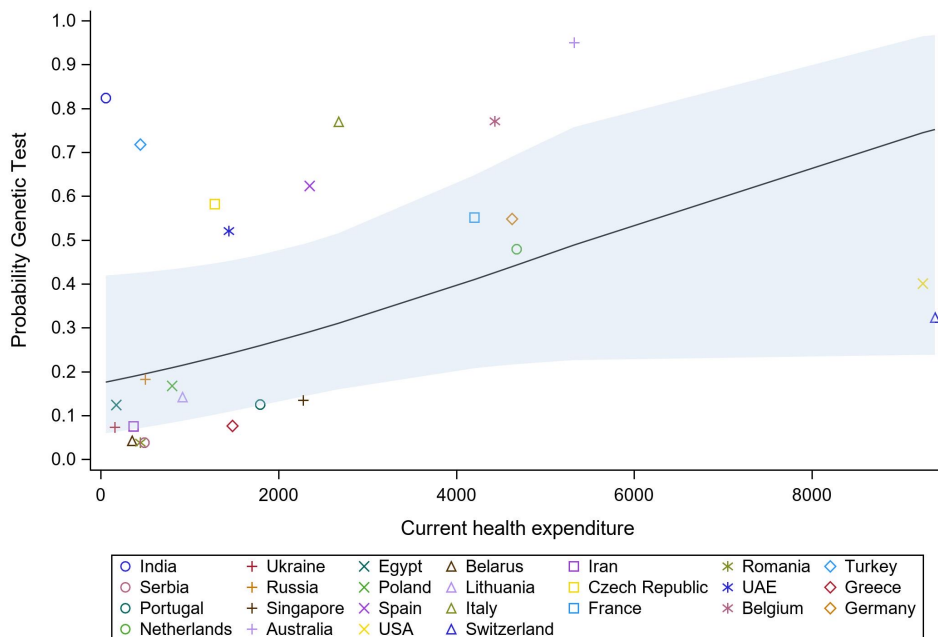
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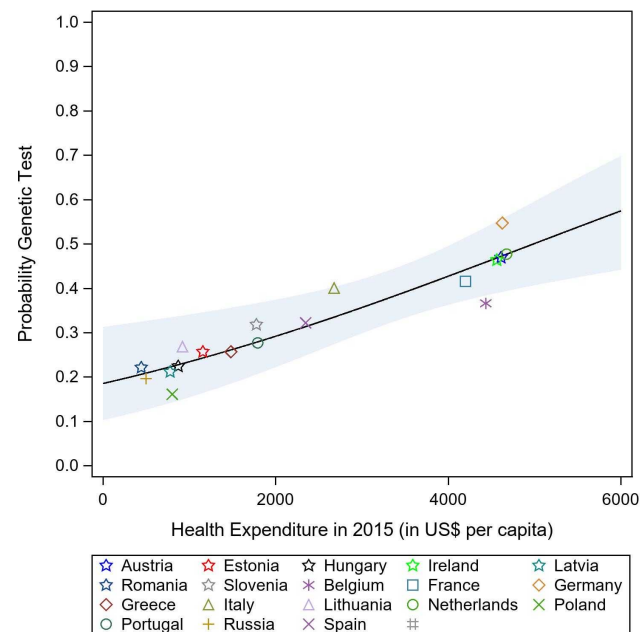
Geographical variations in screening indicate influence of local healthcare systems, local legal and ethical frameworks

# Geographical influence – healthcare spendings & genetic testing rate

## ADPedKD

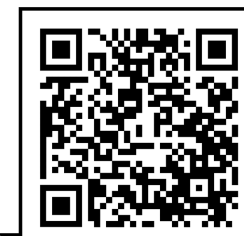
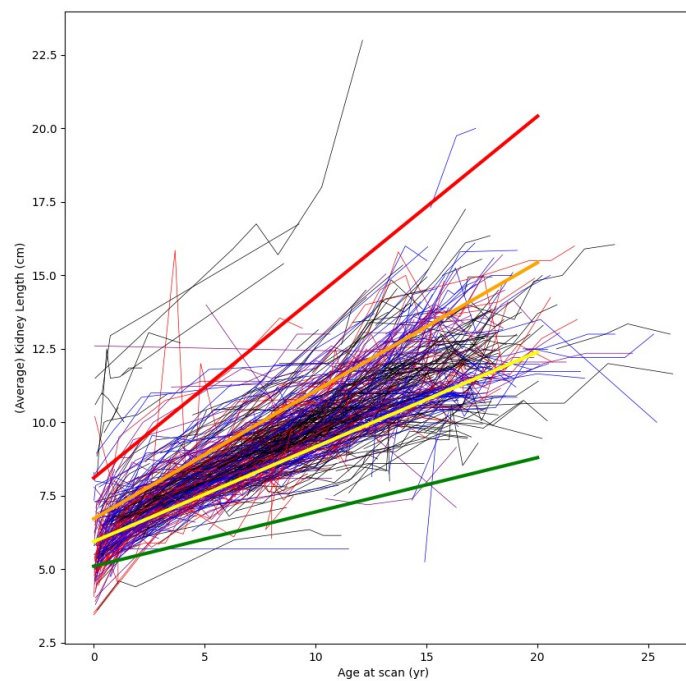
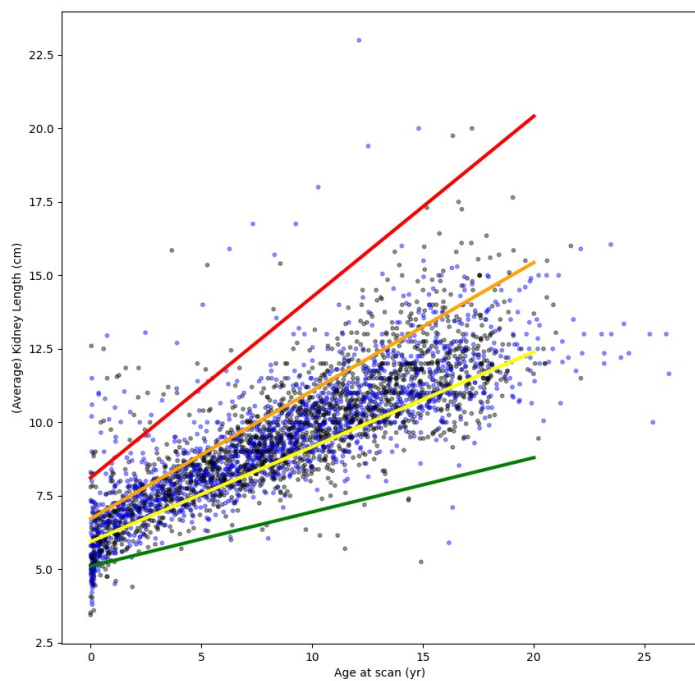


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Geographical variation of genetic testing correlated to healthcare spendings, indicating unequal access

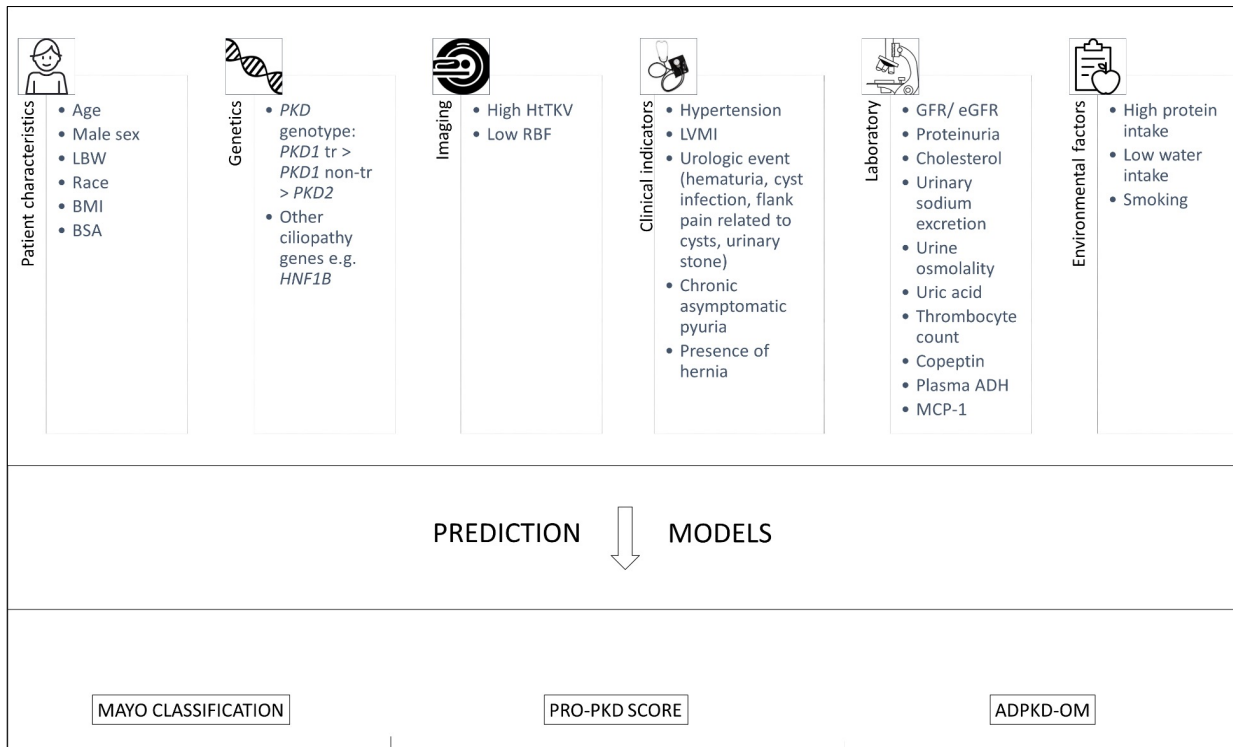
**1103** patients children with ADPKD, **3544** evaluations  
**'PKD1'**, **429** pats, **1551** evaluations



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# Disease severity and prediction models in ADPKD

## Adults:



## Children:

- ADPedKD registry
- Leuven imaging classification
- Biomarkers



# General conclusions

- Huge progress on understanding ADPKD in children
- Structural kidney disease and vascular dysfunction are evident in ADPKD childhood
- Screening for modifiable disease manifestations and implementation of lifestyle recommendations are important
- ADPKD families need counselling to make informed decisions regarding diagnostic testing
  - High proportion of active screening diagnoses in children with ADPKD
  - Prenatal diagnoses increasingly important after ~ 2000
- Children with ADPKD represent a novel and crucial target for disease understanding and management before a point of no return
- It is critical to establish a reliable measures to identify children at highest risk for rapid progression



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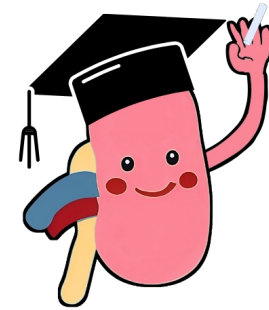
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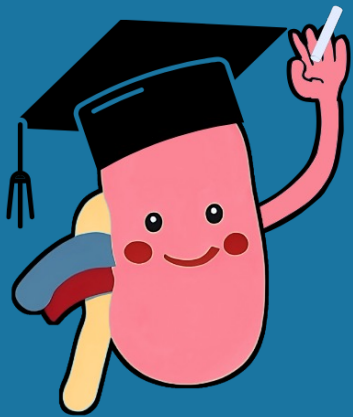
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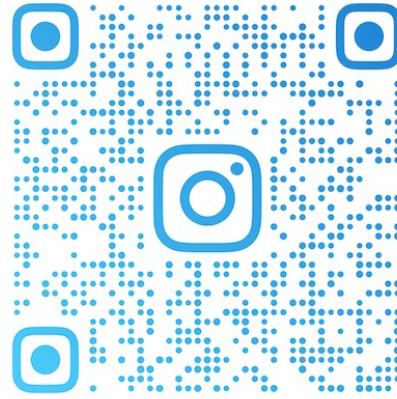
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