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# ZWANGERSCHAP BIJ CHRONISCH NIERLIJDEN

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*“ Children of women with renal disease used to be born dangerously or not at all - not at all if their doctors had their way...”*

*“ Nature takes a helping hand by blunting fertility as renal function falls”*

*Lancet, 1975,801-802*



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- ‘Even if a woman on CAPD ovulates, doesn’t the egg just float away?’, Rodby, 1992

## Case 1

- 30-year old woman with ADPKD
- Creatinine 1.45 mg/dl (klaring van 48 ml/min/1,73m<sup>2</sup>)
- Blood pressure: vasexten 20 mg/d
- No proteinuria

How are you going to counsel?

## Case 2

- Alport disease (COL4A5)
- Normal renal function
- Proteinuria before pregnancy : 0.3 g/d  
(treated with lisinopril 5 mg/d)

# Pregnancy: counselling and shared decision making



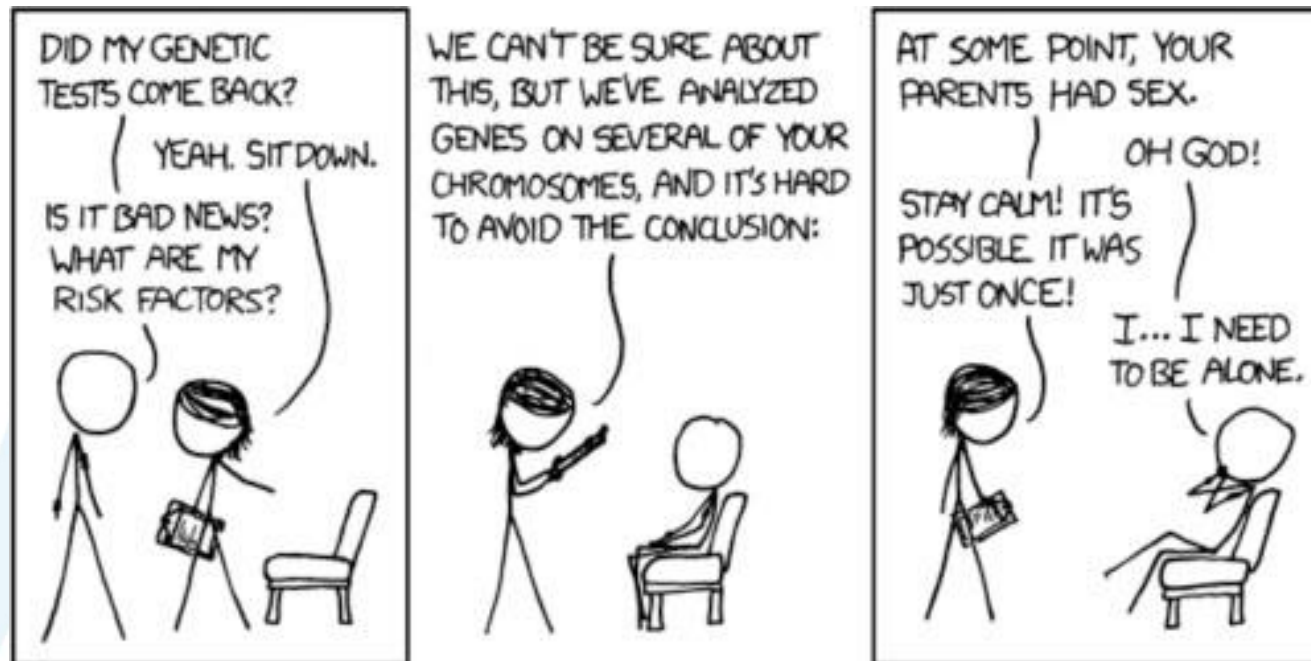
- Systemic review of qualitative studies:  
(15 studies, n= 257)
- 7 Major themes:
  - Pursuing motherhood
  - Failure to fulfill social norms
  - Fear of birth defects (ie IS) and transmitting genetic disease
  - Decisional insecurity and conflict
    - Fear of graft loss
    - Future??
  - Withholding emotional investments
  - Control and determination
  - Exacerbating disease

*Tong A et al, NDT 2015; 652-660*



- What is the underlying disease?
- Impact CKD on pregnancy
- Impact pregnancy on CKD





## GENETIC COUNSELLING

Genetic counseling can aid couples in making informed decisions about pregnancies



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ADPKD, familial focal sclerosis, CAKUT, Alport, VUR, ...  
But also post pregnancy FU if mother or father VUR:  
ultrasound postpartum



- Risk of complications: dependent of the underlying disease
  - Immunological or systemic disease: glomerulonephritis, diabetes, lupus: higher risk of adverse pregnancy-related events
  - Interstitial disease: higher risk of UTI

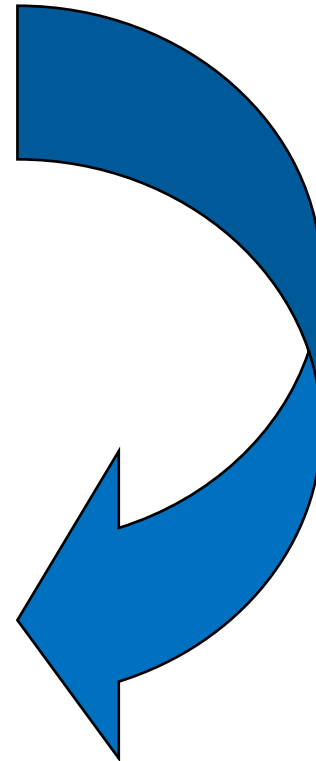


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- Renal insufficiency
- Chronic hypertension
- Proteinuria

Maternal risks

Foetal risks

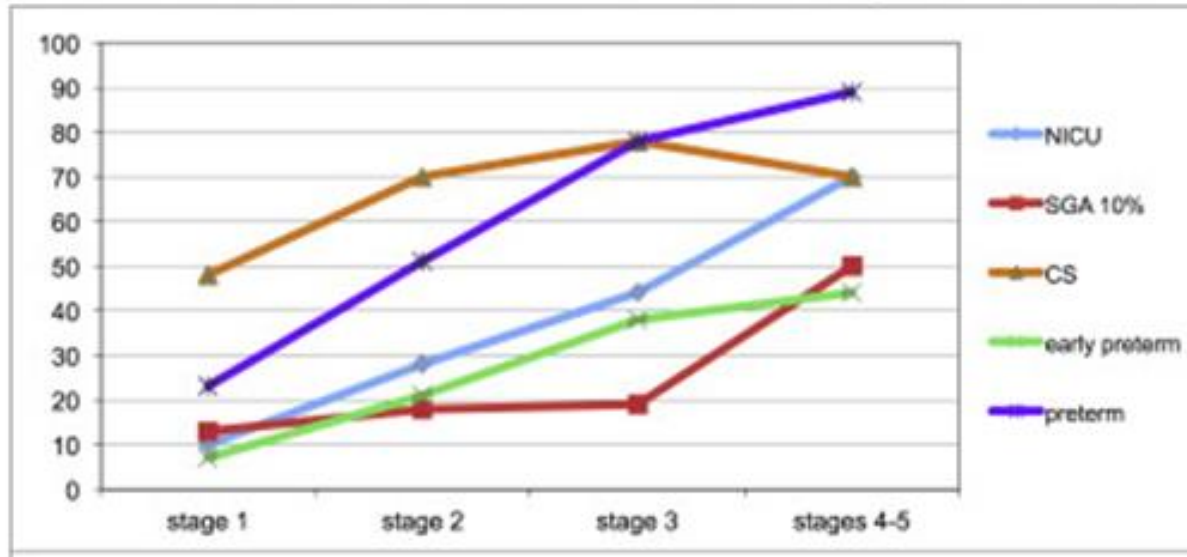




- Maternal risk:
  - hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (new onset or worsening; persistence after delivery)
  - C-section
- Child risk:
  - prematurity (with its sequelae),
  - inheritance of maternal disease, malformations
  - side effects of maternal therapy

- Fig. 2 Risk patterns in the various CKD stages in the ToCOS cohort (Torino *Cagliari* Observational Study), data collection on 504 live-born singleton deliveries in CKD patients followed up in the two largest facilities for CKD in pregnancy

**Main maternal- fetal outcomes across the CKD stages: The TOCOS cohort**

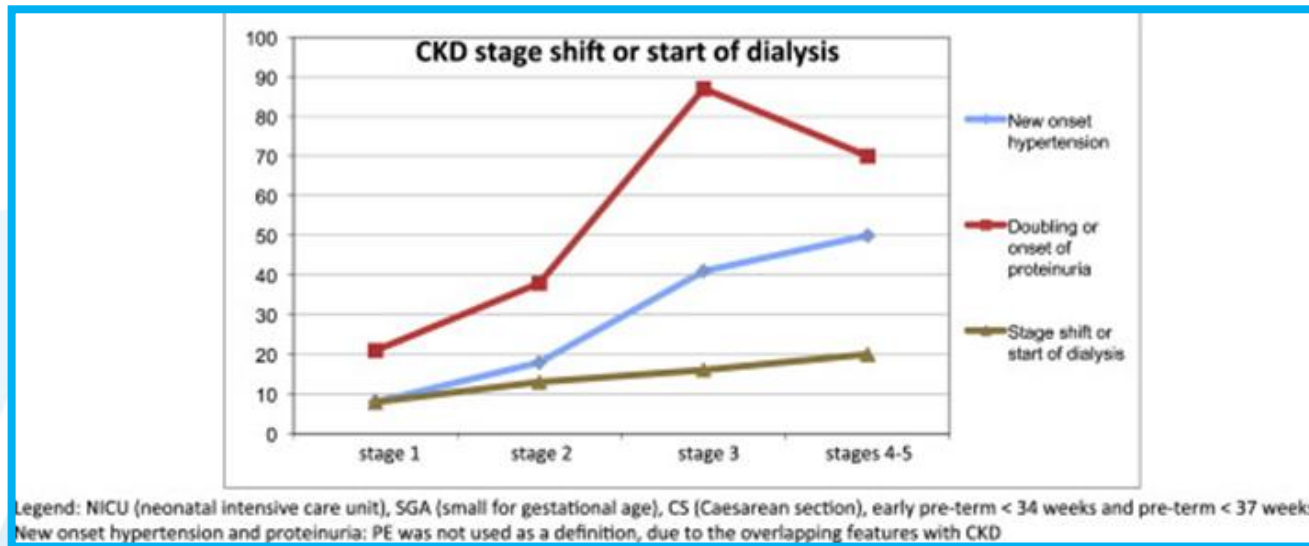




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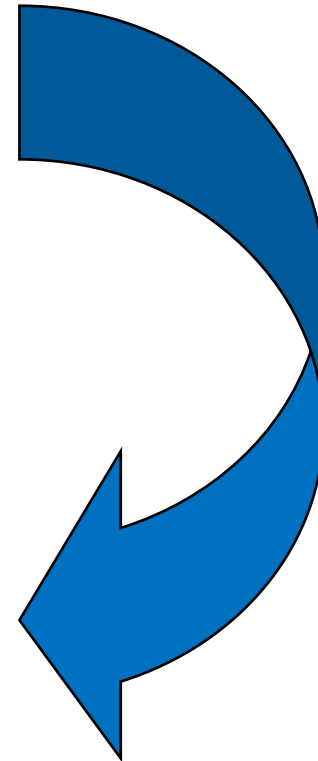
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$$1+1=3$$

# Pregnancy in chronic kidney disease: need for a common language

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- Counselling: patient tailored

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**TABLE I****WOMEN WITH RENAL DISEASE WHO SHOULD BE  
REFERRED FOR PRE-PREGNANCY COUNSELING**

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- Women with CKD stage 1-2 and adverse risk factors:
    - Significant proteinuria
    - Hypertension
    - Systemic diseases such as lupus or vasculitis
    - Previous adverse obstetric history
  - Women with CKD stage 3 to 5 including women on dialysis
  - Women with renal transplants
  - Women with a family history of hereditary renal disease
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CKD = chronic kidney disease.

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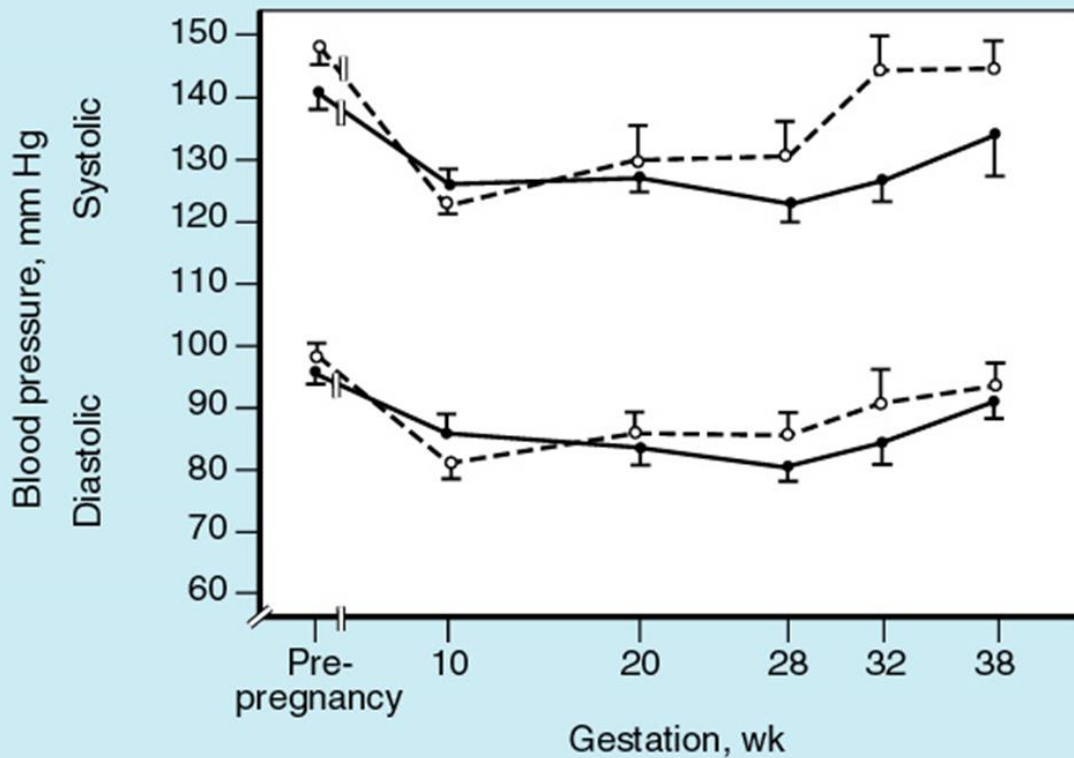


- Risk of pre-eclampsie (10%-20%)(5% normal)
- Risk of preterm delivery (11%-40%)
- Low birth weight (5-26%)
- Risk increase with presence of:
  - Proteinuria:
    - No PU: 30% develops PU
    - Nephrotic: thromboprophylaxis
  - Hypertension:
    - Dd preeclampsia: difficult (sFlt-1 and PGF)
    - FU of foetal growth to guide decision about delivery

- Fetal loss is greater
- Preeclampsia: 40%-60%
- Prematurity: 39%-64%
- No creatinine reduction in the first trimester: suggestive of future complications
- Predictors:  $<40$  ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> and proteinuria  $>1$  g/24h
- Reduction in fertility



- Timing of conception
  - Diabetes: adequately controlled blood pressure and glucose
  - Lupus nephritis: 6 m quiescent disease
  - “Woman: <35y and CKD 4-5 with deteriorating renal function: delay conception until transplantation”
  - “Woman: >35y and CKD 4-5 with deteriorating renal function: discuss with patient”







- Pre-existing hypertension
- Pregnancy induced hypertension
- Pre-eclampsia/eclampsia

Target blood pressure < 160/105 mm Hg

Renal patients  $\leq$  140/90 mm Hg

Doch nieuwe studie mag tot 85 mm Hg

diastole in niet nierpatiënten



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# ASPIRIN 80 MG (12 WEEKS)



Risk level		
High risk	<p>History of preeclampsia, especially when accompanied by an adverse outcome</p> <p>Multifetal gestation</p> <p>Chronic hypertension</p> <p>Type 1 or 2 diabetes</p> <p>Renal disease</p> <p>Autoimmune disease (systemic lupus erythematosus, antiphospholipid syndrome)</p>	Recommend low-dose aspirin if $\geq 1$ risk factors
Moderate risk	<p>Nulliparity</p> <p>Obesity (body mass index <math>&gt;30 \text{ kg/m}^2</math>)</p> <p>Family history of preeclampsia (mother or sister)</p> <p>Sociodemographic characteristics (African American race, low socioeconomic status)</p> <p>Age <math>\geq 35</math> years</p> <p>Personal history factors (e.g., low birthweight or small for gestational age, previous adverse pregnancy outcome, <math>&gt;10</math>-year pregnancy interval)</p>	Consider low-dose aspirin if the patient has several of these moderate-risk factors
Low risk	<p>Previous uncomplicated full-term delivery</p>	Do not recommend low-dose aspirin

**Table 1 | The efficacy of different screening strategies plus aspirin therapy for the prevention of pre-eclampsia**

Screening algorithm	Screen positive rate	No. of patients who would receive aspirin (per 10,000 unselected women)	Rate of pre-eclampsia in untreated population	Relative risk reduction with aspirin (95% CI)	No. of cases of pre-eclampsia that would be prevented (per 10,000 unselected women)	Refs
<b>Rolnik et al.</b>						
Pre-term pre-eclampsia	11%	1,100	4.3%	0.37 (0.2–0.71)	29	1
All pre-eclampsia	11%	1,100	11.4%	0.72 (0.54–0.98)*	35	1
<b>USPSTF</b>						
One or more high risk factors (all pre-eclampsia)	7.2%	720	19.4%	0.76 (0.62–0.95)	34	7
Two or more moderate risk factors (all pre-eclampsia)	20.4%	2,040	6.2%	0.76 (0.62–0.95)	31	7

\*Calculated using data provided by Rolnik et al.<sup>1</sup> Assumes that the total number of pre-eclampsia cases is calculated by combining data for the primary outcome plus pre-eclampsia >37 weeks gestation.

*Roberts and Himes, Nature Reviews nephrology 2017*

Rolnik: An on line risk calculator using this algorithm is available at:

<https://fetalmedicine.org/research/assess/preeclampsia>

Drug	Mechanism of action	Dose	Comments
Relative rest/No salt restriction			
Low dose ASA in all		80-100 mg/d ???	Start 12 weeks
Labetolol (Trandate)	$\alpha$ + $\beta$ -adrenergic receptor antagonists	100-400 mg (2-4/d) maximum dose 1200 mg	First choice No long term follow-up children hepatotoxicity/broncho spasm
Methyldopa (Aldomet)	$\alpha_2$ -adrenergic receptor agonists	250-500 mg (2/d) maximum dose 2 g/d	Maternal side effects: fatigue, nasal congestion, dry mouth, postural hypotension, transaminitis...
Nifedipine LA (Adalat)	$\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -block	30-120 mg/d	Mildly tocolytic? Aggravate oedema/ headache
Ketanserin	serotonine-2-receptor blocker		In combination w/ aspirin $\rightarrow$ $\downarrow$ PET



Drug	Mechanism of action	Comments
Atenolol	$\beta$ -adrenergic receptor antagonists	Side effects: bradycardia, apnoe, hypoglycemia, IUGR, ...
ACE-inhibitor or ARB	May be used till pregnant Recent data no increase in teratogenicity if stopped in first trimester	Teratogenic in second and third trimester
Diuretics	May be continued if intake pre-pregnancy	Avoid (may limit physiological increase in plasma volume)



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- ➔ Gebruiksaanwijzing
- ➔ Inleiding
- ➔ Begin van een normale zwangerschap
- ➔ Farmacokinetische begrippen Borstvoeding
- ➔ Legende
- Repertorium per actief bestanddeel (INN)
  - Cardiovasculair stelsel
  - Gastro-intestinaal en uro-genitaal stelsel
  - Ademhalingsstelsel
  - Pijn en ontsteking
  - Zenuwstelsel
  - Hormonaal stelsel
  - Infecties
  - Immuniteit en tumoren
  - Uitw. gebr., huid
  - Uitw. gebr., andere
  - Mineralen en vitamines
  - Diversen
- Repertorium per klasse
  - Cardiovasculair stelsel
    - ➔ Aritmie, antiaritmica, klasse IA
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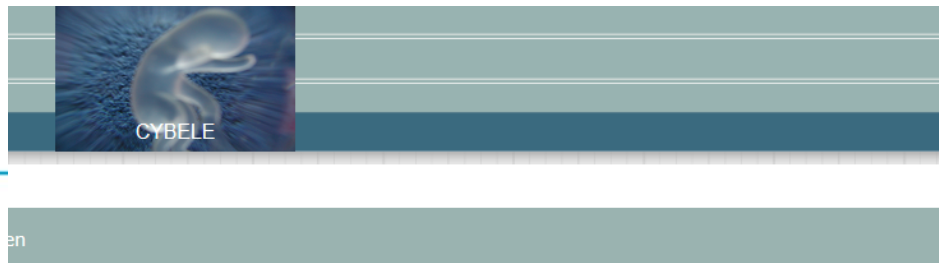
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- ACE-inhibitor and angiotensin 2 receptor blockers
  - Beyond first trimester: CONTRA-indicated
  - Blood pressure control with minimal proteinuria: switch to save therapy preconception
  - Proteinuria: stop while trying to conceive
  - Heavy proteinuria: discontinue after pregnancy confirmed



For the most important people of the world : the unborn and the newborn

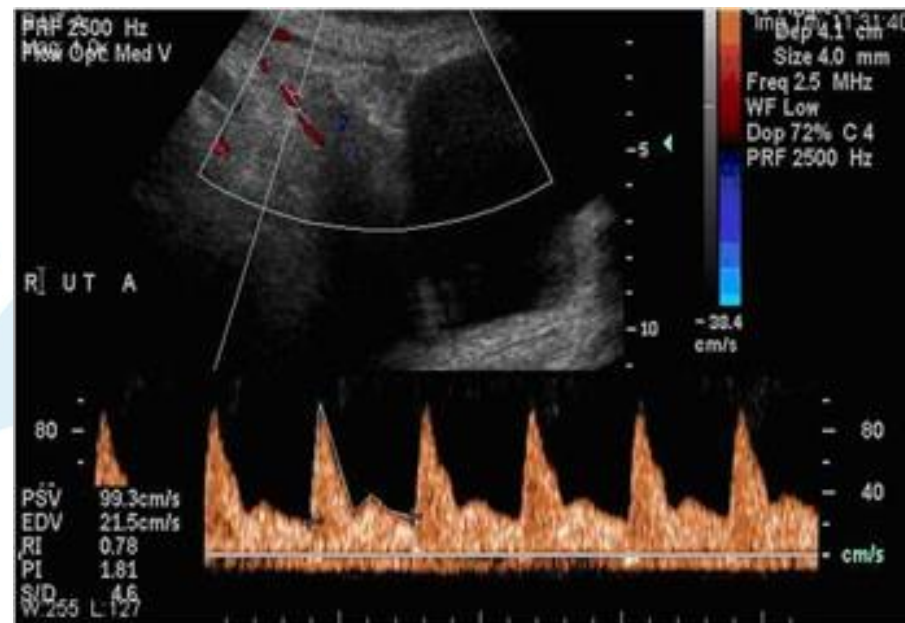
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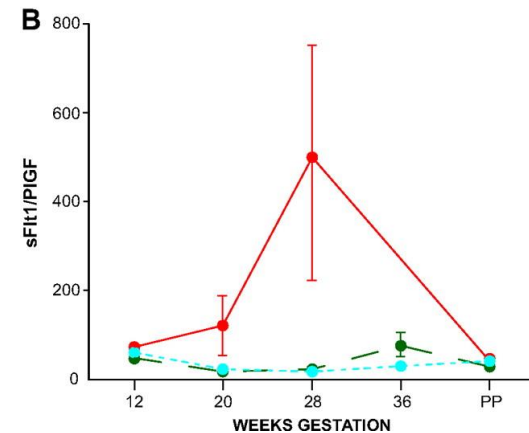
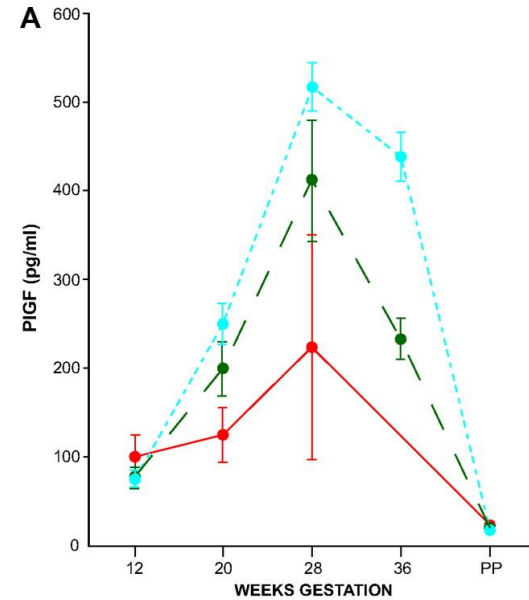
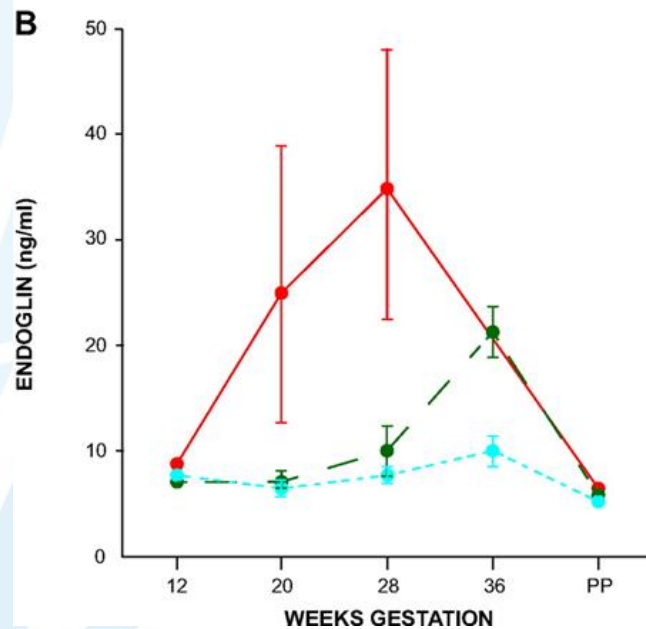
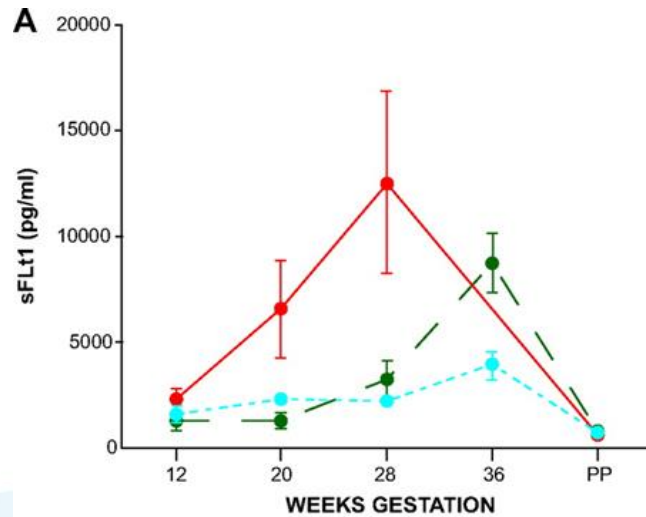
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<a href="#">ACEI + amlodipine</a>		neen	neen	neen	neen	?	
<a href="#">ACEI + lercanidipine</a>		neen	neen	neen	neen	?	

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- Doppler of a uterine at 20 weeks (Resistive and pulsatility index)
- Persistence of the notch







- ‘Show me a method of birth control more effective than end stage renal disease’, Roger Rodby MD, 1991
- ‘Even if a woman on CAPD ovulates, doesn’t the egg just float away?’, Rodby, 1992



- Pregnancy on dialysis is rare
- Fertility loss
  - 42% menstruation (59% irregular) → late diagnosis
- Peritoneal dialysis: lower rate
  - Peritonitis
  - Lower implantation rate



Table 3. Main pregnancy outcomes: comparison between children born to mothers on dialysis and after transplantation (singletons only)

	Week of gestation (median, range)	Early pre-term % (<34 weeks)	All pre-term % (<37 weeks)	Weight (median, range)	SGA (<5 centile)	SGA (<10 centile)	Perinatal death
Dialysis patients	30 (26–37)	7/21 (33.33%)	19/21 (90.48%)	1200 (590–2250)	4/21 (19.05%)	7/21 (33.33%)	2/22 (9.09%)
Kidney transplant patients	36 (25–40)	27/107 (25.23%)	56/107 (52.34%)	2500 (820–4000)	9/101 (8.91%)	17/101 (16.67%)	0/110 –
P dialysis versus graft	<0.001	0.4307	0.0012	<0.001	0.2355	0.0030	0.0267

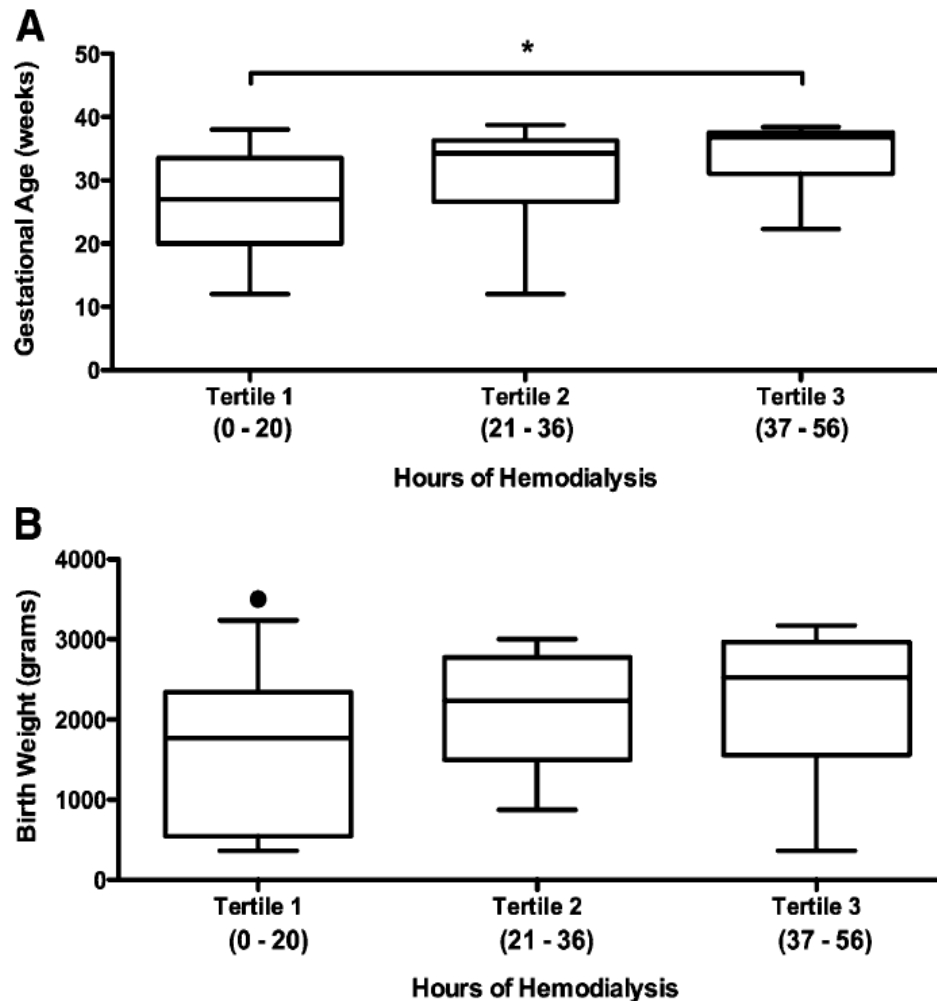
SGA, small for gestational age baby.

Higher RRF increases the probability of a successful pregnancy.

Better outcome with increase of dialysis dose

Low flow, slow ultrafiltration

## Intensive Hemodialysis Associates with Improved Pregnancy Outcomes: A Canadian and United States Cohort Comparison



**Table 6. Management of pregnant women on intensive hemodialysis**

Maternal Management	Fetal Surveillance
<p>Preconception and first trimester</p> <p>Medication review to stop and replace teratogenic medications (<i>e.g.</i>, ACEIs, ARBs, and statins)</p> <p>Double doses of water-soluble vitamins with increased folic acid supplementation (5 mg/d)</p> <p>Daily protein intake of 1.5–1.8 g/kg per day</p> <p>Low-dose aspirin for preeclampsia prevention may be appropriate in some women but is of unclear benefit</p> <p>Intensification of HD dose to <math>\geq 36</math> h/wk in women without residual renal function; women with residual renal function can have dialysis dose tailored to metabolic parameters</p> <p>Increase dialysate bath potassium concentration (3 mEq/L)</p> <p>Increase dialysate bath calcium concentration (1.5 mmol/L or 6 mg/dl)</p> <p>Liberalize dietary phosphate, with possible dialysate bath sodium phosphate supplementation</p> <p>Increase the dose of ESAs to approximate the physiologic anemia of pregnancy (10–11 g/L)</p> <p>Use of weekly maintenance or bolus therapy of iv iron therapy to maintain normal iron saturation</p> <p>Heparin to maintain circuit patency</p> <p>Second and third trimesters, including delivery</p> <p>Frequent volume assessments to avoid hypotension and manage ultrafiltration</p> <p>Target BP &lt;140/90 mmHg postdialysis</p> <p>Preeclampsia surveillance after 20 wk (consider admission for fetal/maternal monitoring for sudden increases of BP, <i>etc.</i>)</p> <p>Weekly platelets and liver function tests to assess for preeclampsia from 26 wk until delivery</p> <p>Postpartum care</p> <p>Medication review to ensure that all medications are compatible with breastfeeding</p> <p>Avoid volume depletion to facilitate breastfeeding</p> <p>Maternal emotional support</p>	<p>Cautious interpretation of first trimester screen to exclude Down syndrome (increased <math>\beta</math>-hCG and PAPP-A)</p> <p>False-positive screens should be confirmed by careful US measurement of nuchal translucency, amniocentesis, or the Harmony Test (cellfree DNA in maternal blood)</p> <p>Maternal serum screen (AFP, inhibin A, total hCG, and unconjugated estriol) between 15 and 18 wk</p> <p>Level 2 US to measure cervical length and assess for anomalies at 18–20 wk</p> <p>Placental US with Doppler assessment at 22 wk</p> <p>Weekly US and BPP from 26 wk until delivery</p> <p>Planned induction after 37 wk where appropriate</p> <p>Neonatal assessment and care</p> <p>Preservative-free heparin to avoid neonatal toxicity by benzyl alcohol</p>

ACEI, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB, angiotensin II receptor antagonist;  $\beta$ -hCG,  $\beta$ -human chorionic gonadotropin; PAPP-A, pregnancy-associated plasma protein-A; US, ultrasound; HD, hemodialysis; AFP,  $\alpha$ -fetoprotein; hCG, human chorionic gonadotropin; BPP, biophysical profile.



# Pregnancy and renal disease

- Physiological changes
- Renal complications of “normal” pregnancy
- Pregnancy in a renal patient
  - Chronic Kidney Disease
  - Transplantation



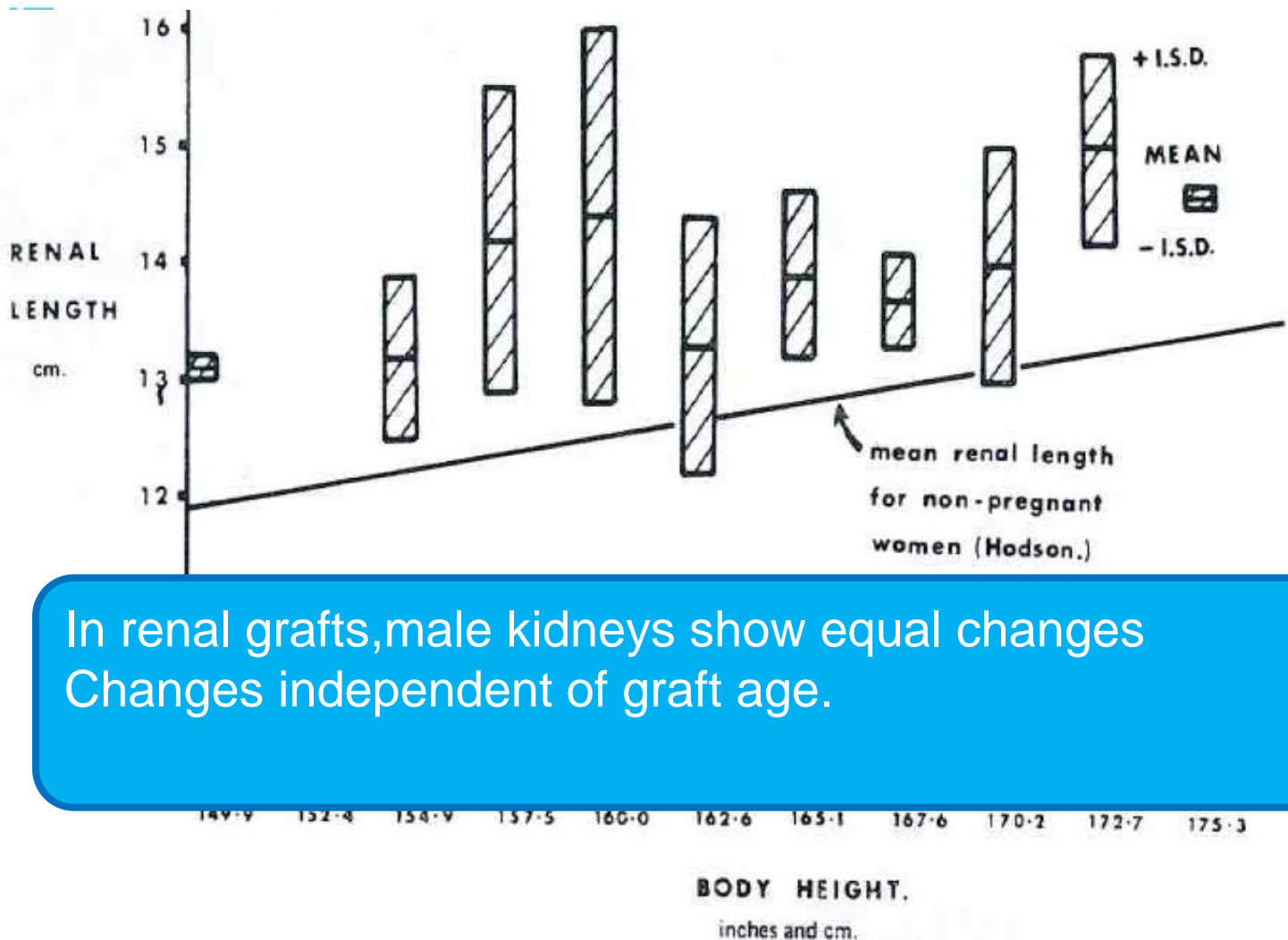
## Case 4

- 6 maanden geleden getransplanteerd
- Zwangerschapswens



- Restoration of fertility. **Talk** about it
- 2-8% conceive
- Contraception
  - Barrier methods
    - IUD (intact immune system for efficacy)
  - Hormonal therapy
    - Progestin only: Cerazette
    - Depot progesterone

Consult gynecologist



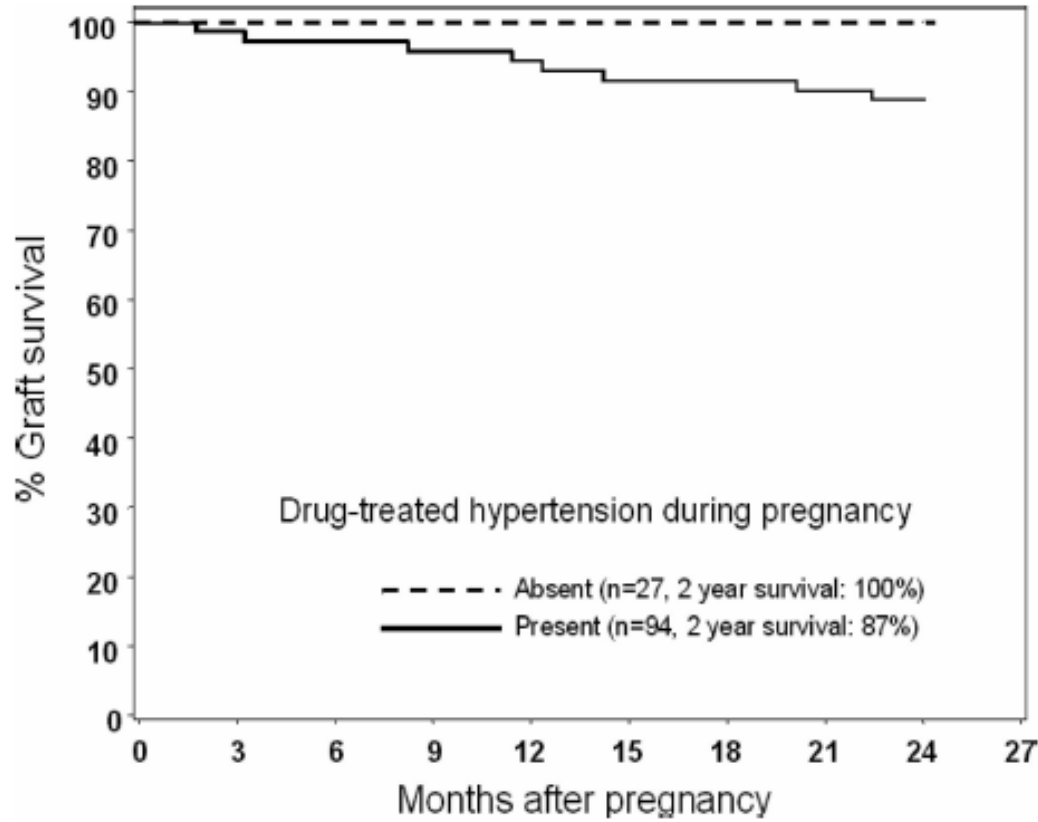
In renal grafts, male kidneys show equal changes  
Changes independent of graft age.

**Figure 1-1.** Renal length in relation to body height, determined from roentgenograms taken during the immediate puerperium. (From Bailey, R. R., and Rolleston, G. L.: Kidney length and ureteric dilatation in the puerperium. *J. Obstet. Gynaecol. Br.*

- **Risk of renal transplant on pregnancy and risk of pregnancy on graft survival**
- **Immunosuppressive therapy**
- **Antihypertensive therapy (as in non-transplant CKD)**
- **Hereditary risk (CKD)**

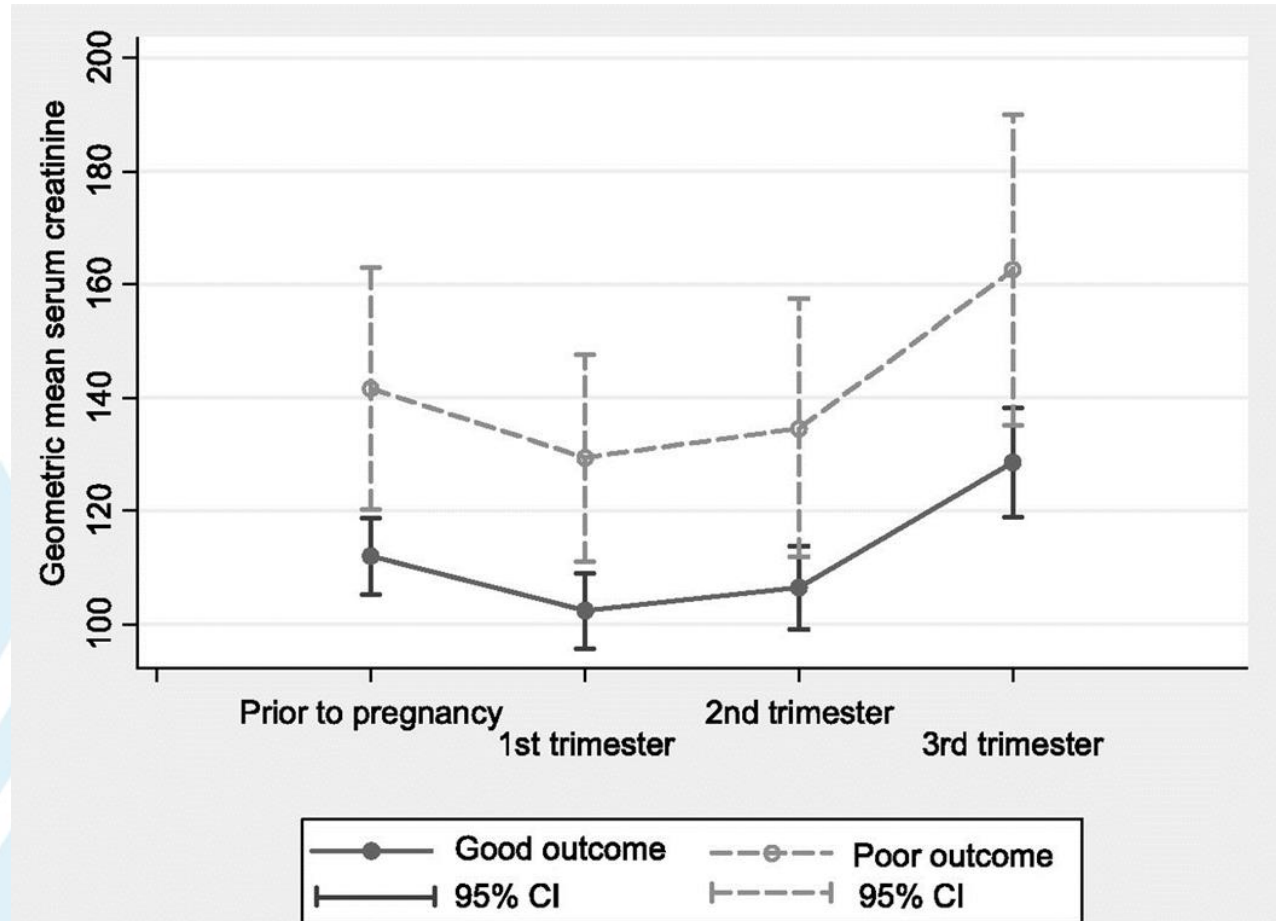


- Stable transplant function
- > 2 y after transplantation (guidelines differ)
- 6 m after stop of cellcept (stable graft function)(minimum 6 w)



**FIGURE 3.** Kaplan-Meier survival curve comparing postpregnancy graft survival for patients with and those without drug-treated hypertension during pregnancy.

# What is the effect on the graft?



*Bramham K et al. CJASN 2013*



Therapy	Transplacental passage	comments	safe	Breastfeeding
Prednisolone	Limited	(increase in oral clefts? ) High dose: cataract, adrenal insufficiency, infection	Y	Y (not if prednisolone>60 mg)
Azathioprine	Y	Sporadic congenital abnormalities, transient immune alterations in neonates	Y	Y
MMF	Y	Contra-indicated (hypoplastic nails, shortened fifth finger, microthia, micrognathia, cleft lip and palate, heart defects )	NO	NO
Tacrolimus	Y	Hyperkalemia, renal impairment Diabetes mother, increase in dose	Y	Possibly safe
Cyclosporine	Y	Increase in dose	y	? Possibly safe
sirolimus	?	?	NO not to	?

**TABLE 3.** Results for multiple logistic regression model selection for the outcome variables “Success of pregnancy” and “Pre-term delivery” for kidney transplant recipients

Prepregnancy factor	Success of pregnancy (complete case analysis) <sup>a</sup>				
	Total no. of pregnancies (no. of unsuccessful pregnancies)	Regression coefficient <sup>b</sup>	95% confidence interval	<i>P</i> value	
Serum creatinine (μmol/L)	131 (24)	0.008	0.0002–0.02	0.03	
Systolic blood pressure (mm Hg)	131 (24)	0.03	0.01–0.05	0.03	
Factor	Preterm delivery (analysis of entire cohort) <sup>c</sup>				
	Factor level	No. of pregnancies (no. of preterm deliveries)	Odds ratio <sup>d</sup>	95% confidence interval	<i>P</i> value
Pregpregnancy serum creatinine (μmol/L)	≤150 μmol/L	68 (27)	0.2	0.09–0.7	0.007
	>150 μmol/L <sup>e</sup>	32 (23)	1.0	—	—
	Not reported	21 (11)	0.4	0.1–1.5	0.2
Drug-treated hypertension during pregnancy	Absent	22 (2)	0.06	0.01–0.3	<0.001
	Present <sup>e</sup>	68 (42)	1.0	—	—
	Not reported	31 (17)	0.8	0.3–2.0	0.6

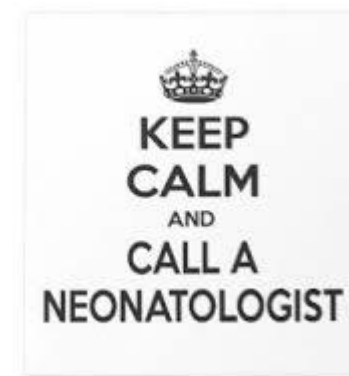
<sup>a</sup>  $R^2 = 14.9\%$ .

<sup>b</sup> A positive ( $> 0$ ) regression coefficient indicates that an increase in the factor is associated with a greater risk of having an unsuccessful pregnancy.

<sup>c</sup>  $R^2 = 28.7\%$ .

<sup>d</sup> An odds ratio that is less than 1.0 indicates that the factor level is associated with a lower risk of a preterm delivery compared to the baseline factor level.

<sup>e</sup> Baseline level.



# The end

