

# ***Drug Induced Nephrotoxicity***

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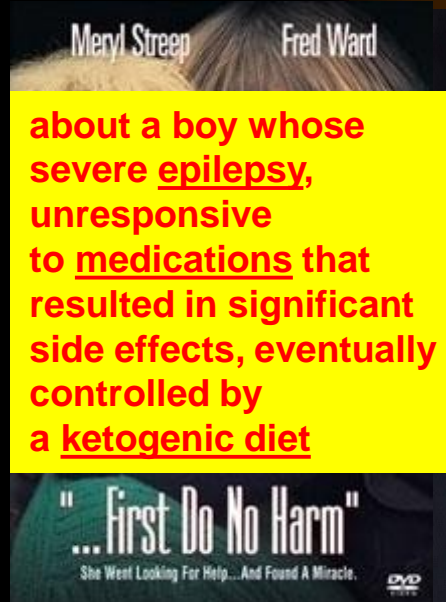
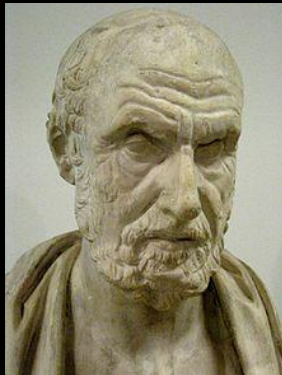
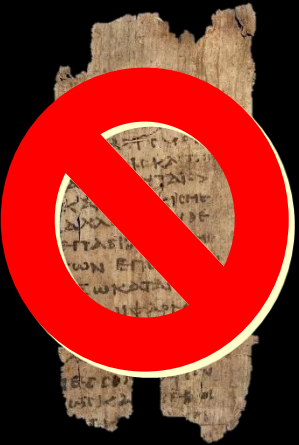
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# ***“First Do No Harm” : Primum No Nocere***



## **Hippocratic Oath ?**



**Thomas Sydenham**  
*The English*  
*Hippocrates*

**I will use treatment to help the sick  
according to my ability and judgment,  
but never with a view to injury**

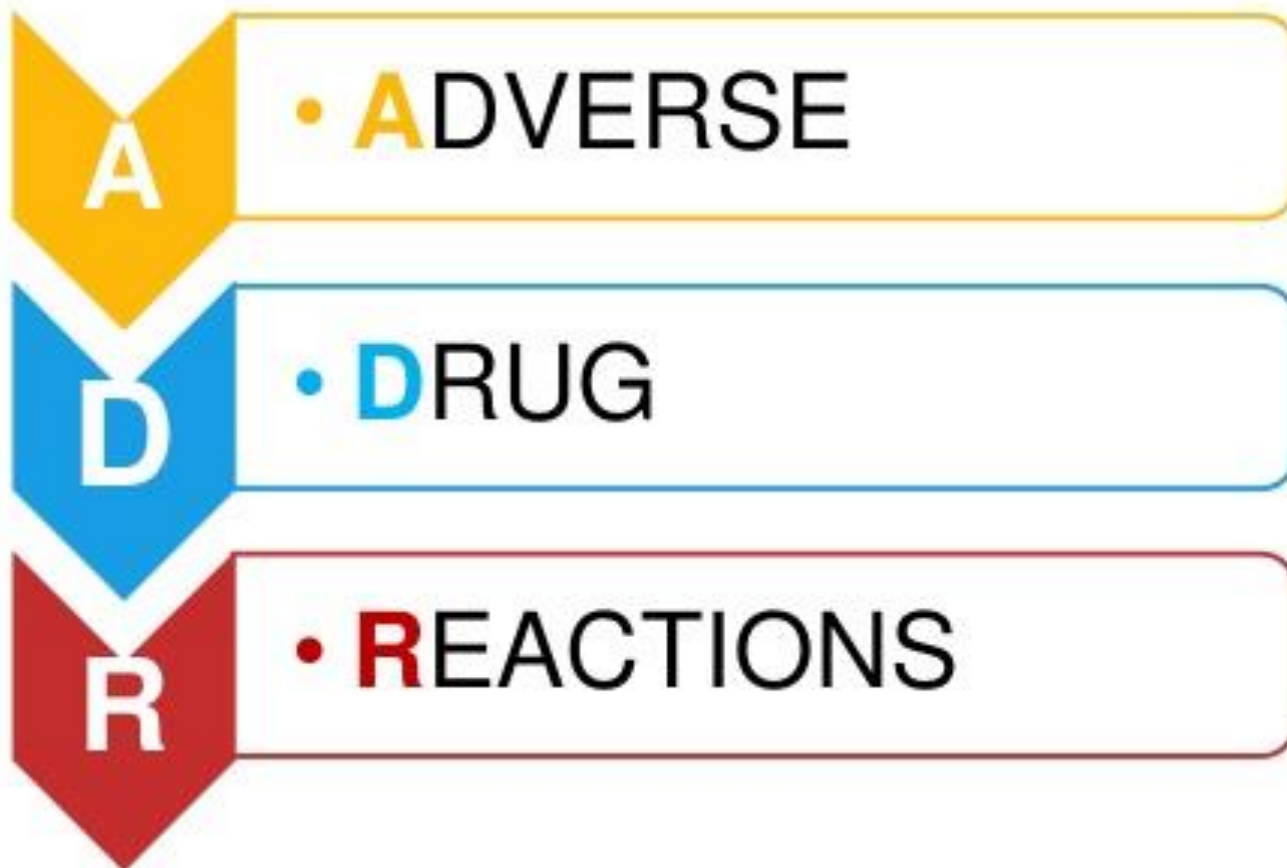
**"The physician must ... have two special  
objects in view with regard to disease,  
namely, to do good or to do no harm"**

**Described Sydenham's  
Chorea  
(St Vitus's Dance)**

# *How Can A Physician do Harm ?*



**Every office visit ends ....with 1.6 prescriptions !**



**unwanted or harmful reaction experienced  
following the administration of a drug or  
combination of drugs  
under normal conditions of use**

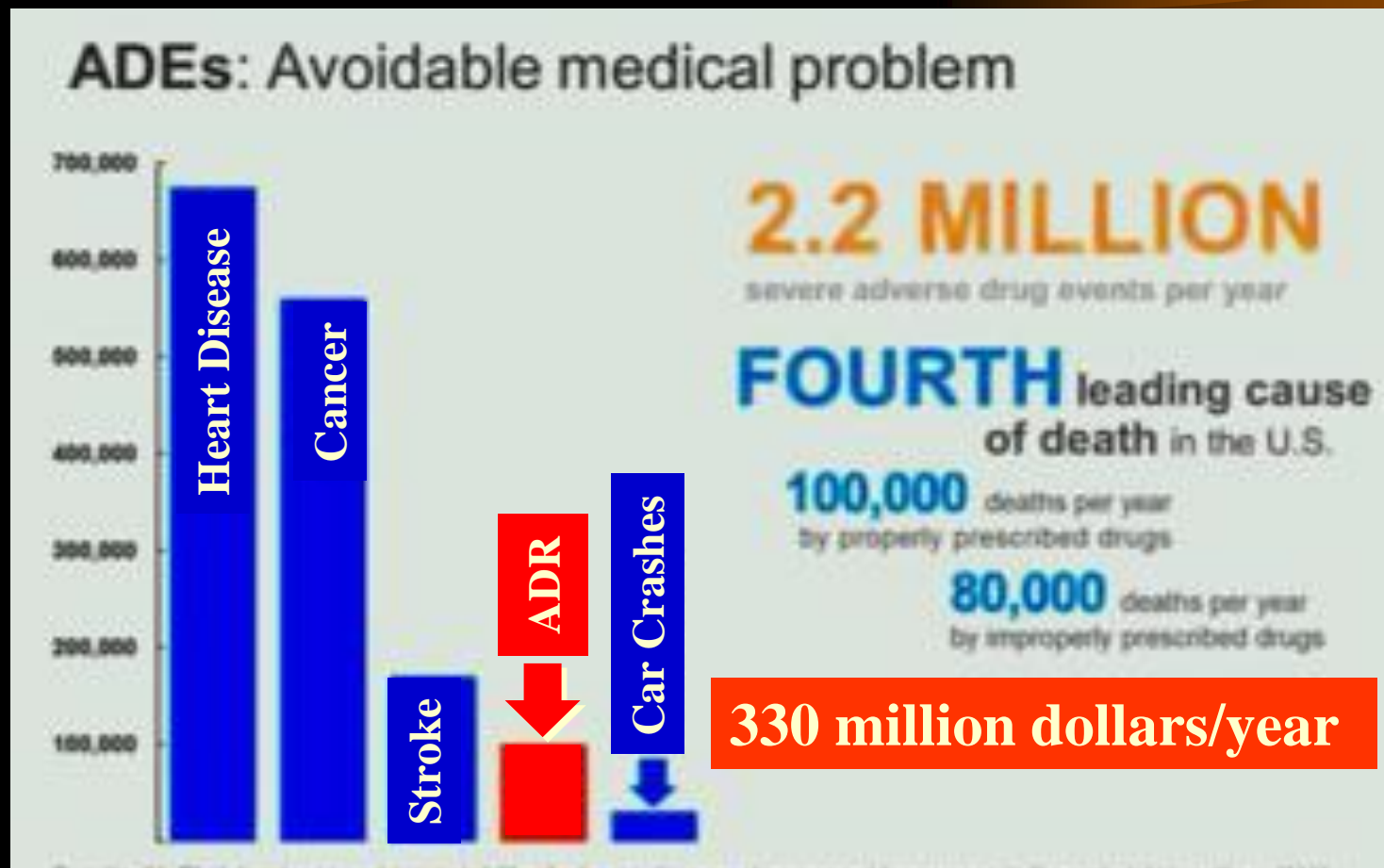
# *Adverse Drug Reactions*

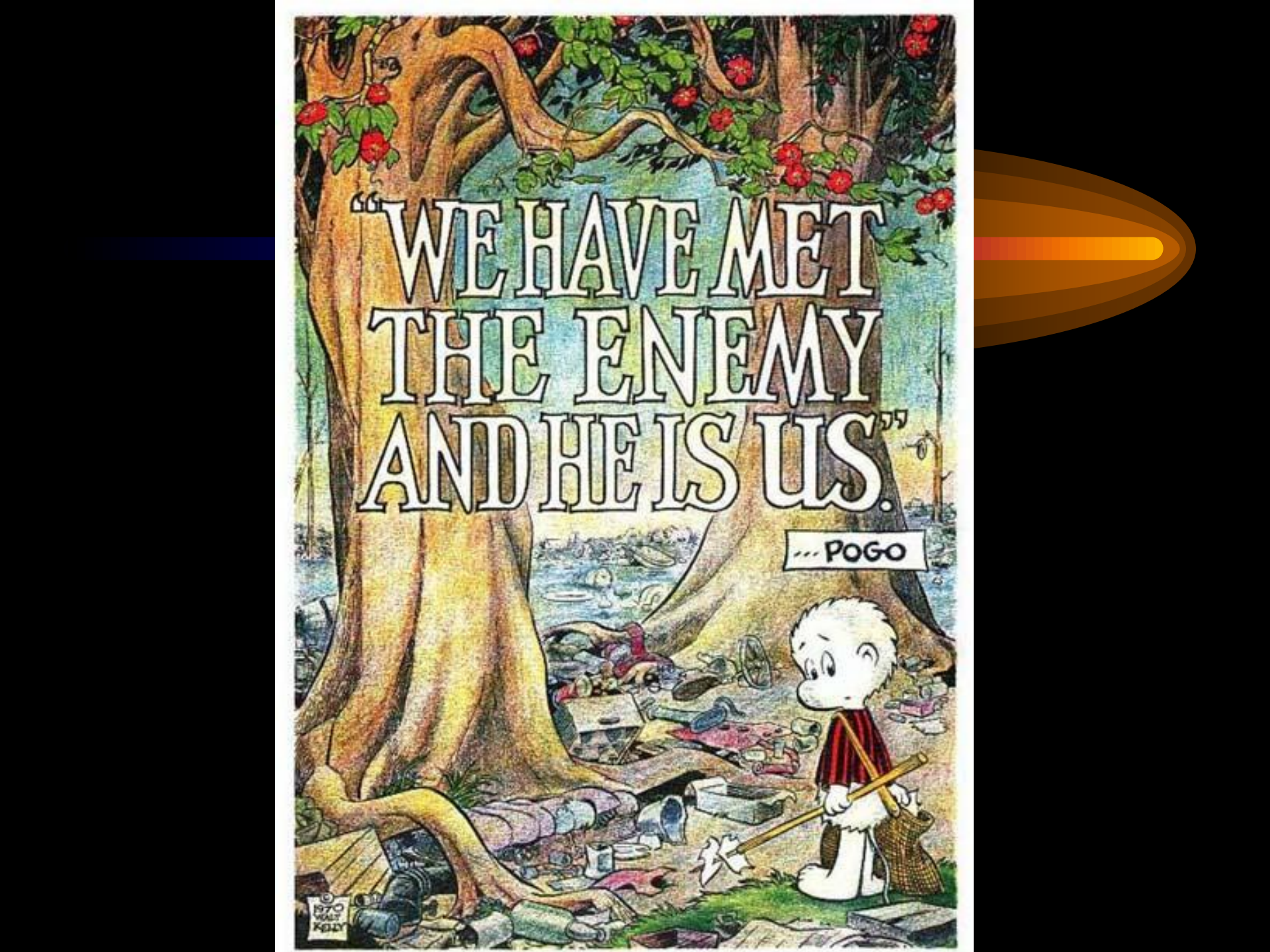


**Direct Cause of  
3 – 7 % of  
Hospitalizations**

**Occurs in  
10 – 20% of  
Hospitalizations**

# *Adverse Drug Reactions*





“WE HAVE MET  
THE ENEMY  
AND HE IS US.”

... POGO

# *Adverse Drug Reactions*

## **Type A**

**80% of all ADRs**

**Dose Dependent**

**Predictable based  
on comorbid  
conditions, genetics  
and synergistic  
medications**

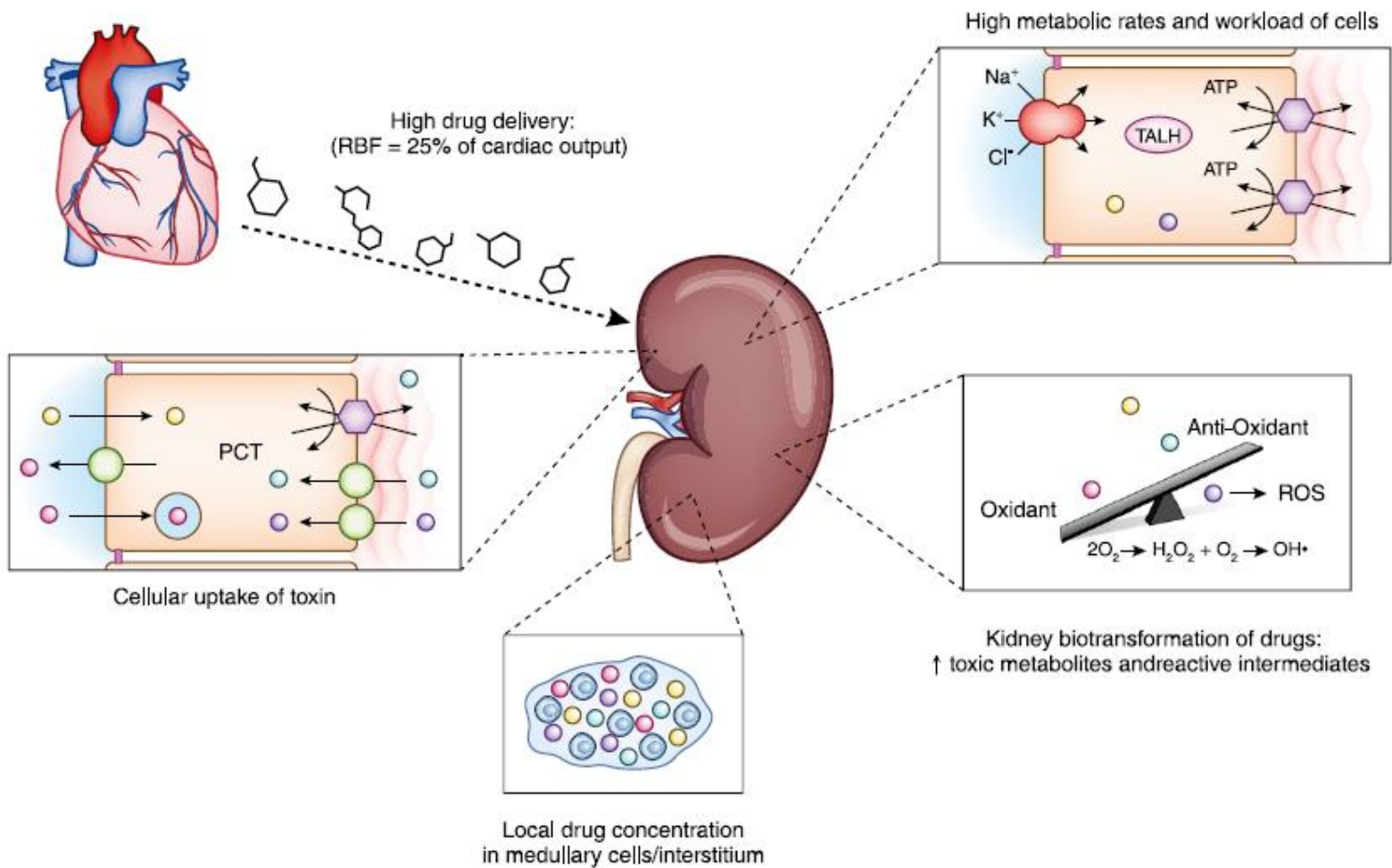
## **Type B**

**20% of all ADRs**

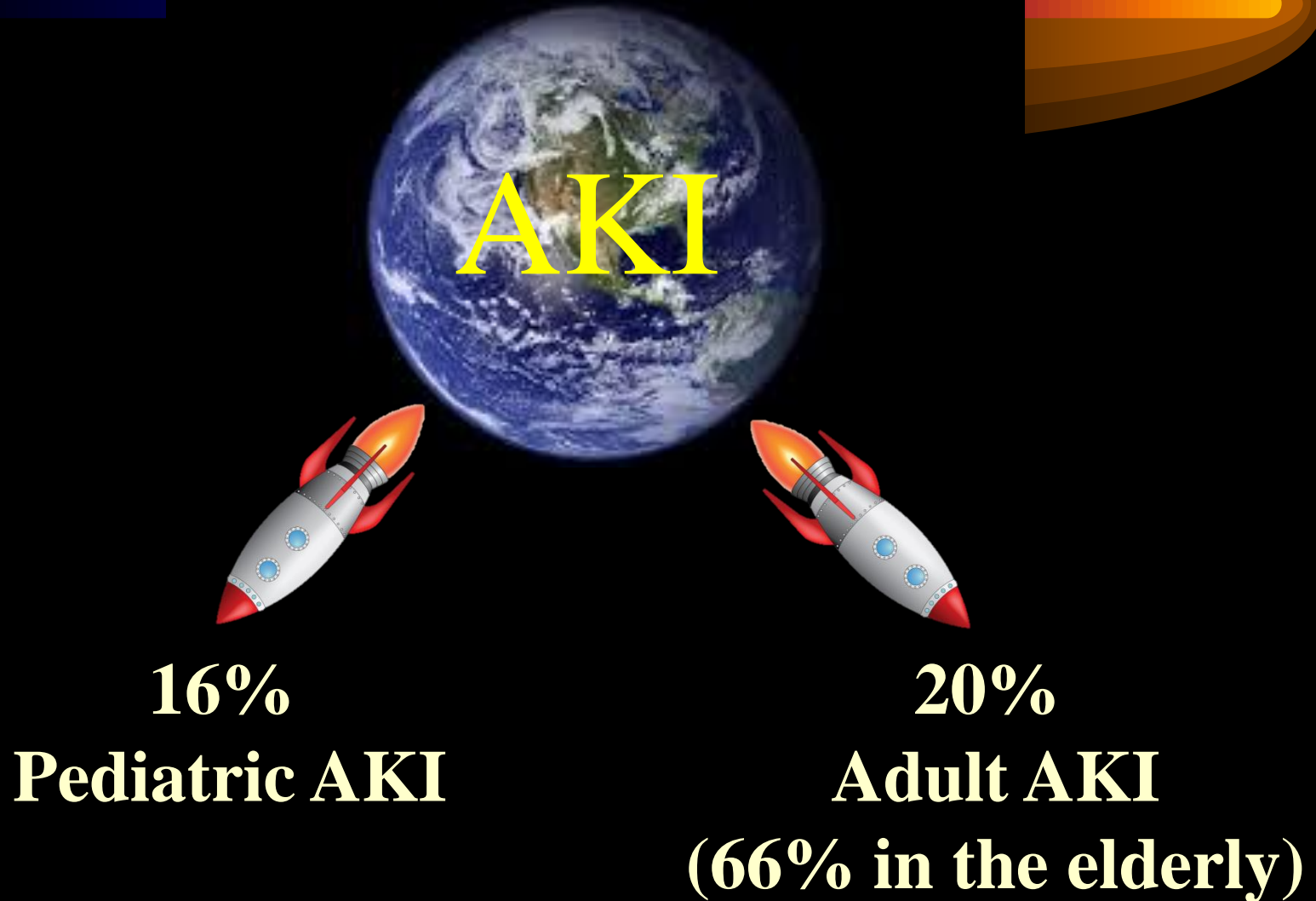
**Idiosyncratic**

**Unpredictable**

# The Kidney is at Increased of Nephrotoxicity Compared to other Organs



# *Prevalence of Drug Induced Nephrotoxicity as a Cause of Acute Kidney Injury (AKI)*





# Renal Manifestations of Drug Induced Injury

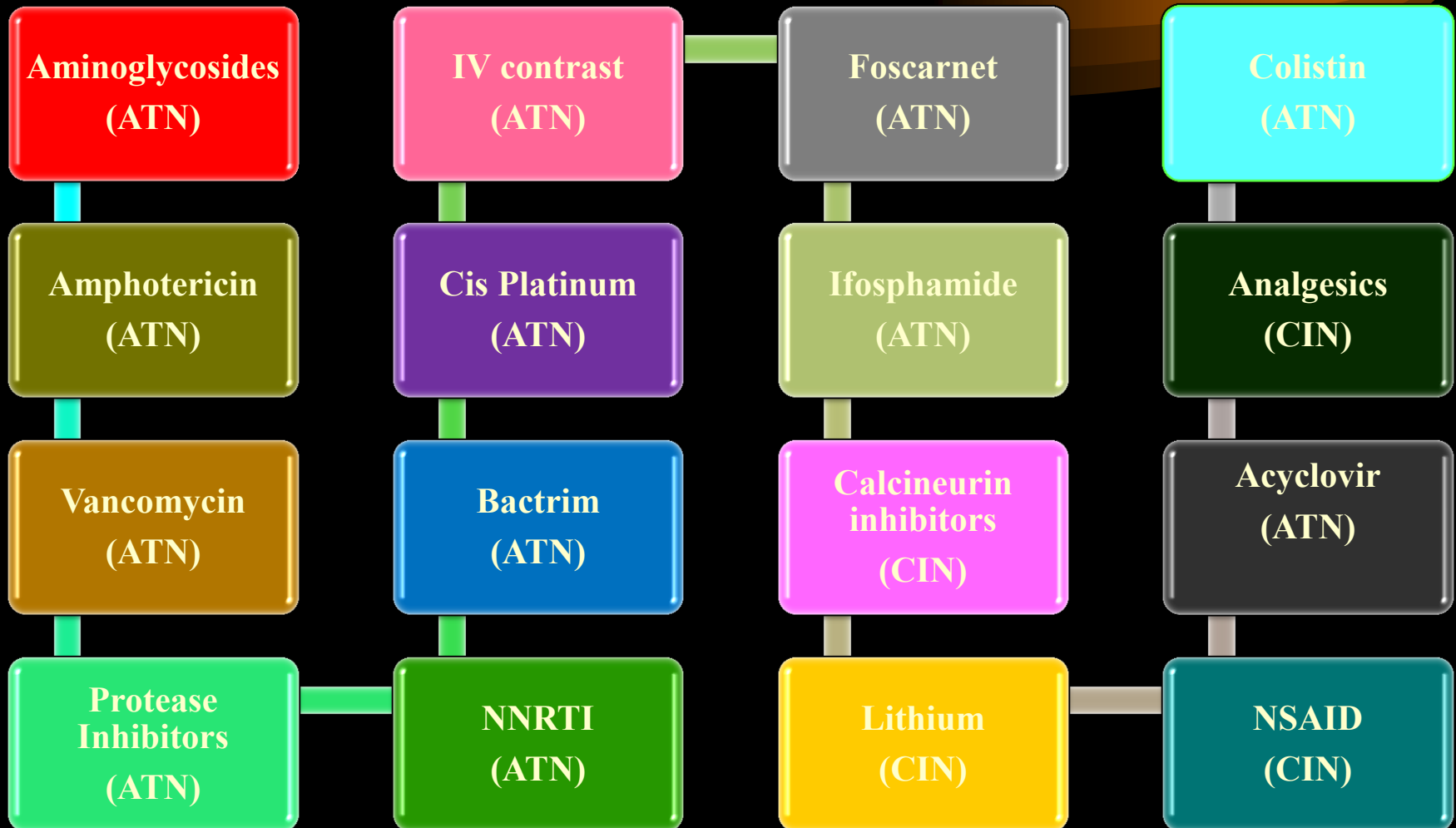
## Type A ADR

- Acute or Chronic cellular injury
  - Acute Tubular Necrosis (ATN)
  - Chronic Interstitial Nephritis
- Crystal Induced Tubular Obstruction (AKI)

## Type B ADR

- Type I Hypersensitivity (no nephrotoxicity)
- Secondary renal injury due to idiosyncratic extra-renal complications
  - Rhabdomyolysis
- Type 4 Hypersensitivity
  - Acute Interstitial Nephritis

# *Examples of Type A Drug Nephrotoxicity*



# *Typical Examples of Type A Drug Nephrotoxicity*

## *Crystal Induced AKI / Stones*



**Triamterene**



**Ciprofloxacin**



**Protease  
Inhibitors**



**Allopurinol**

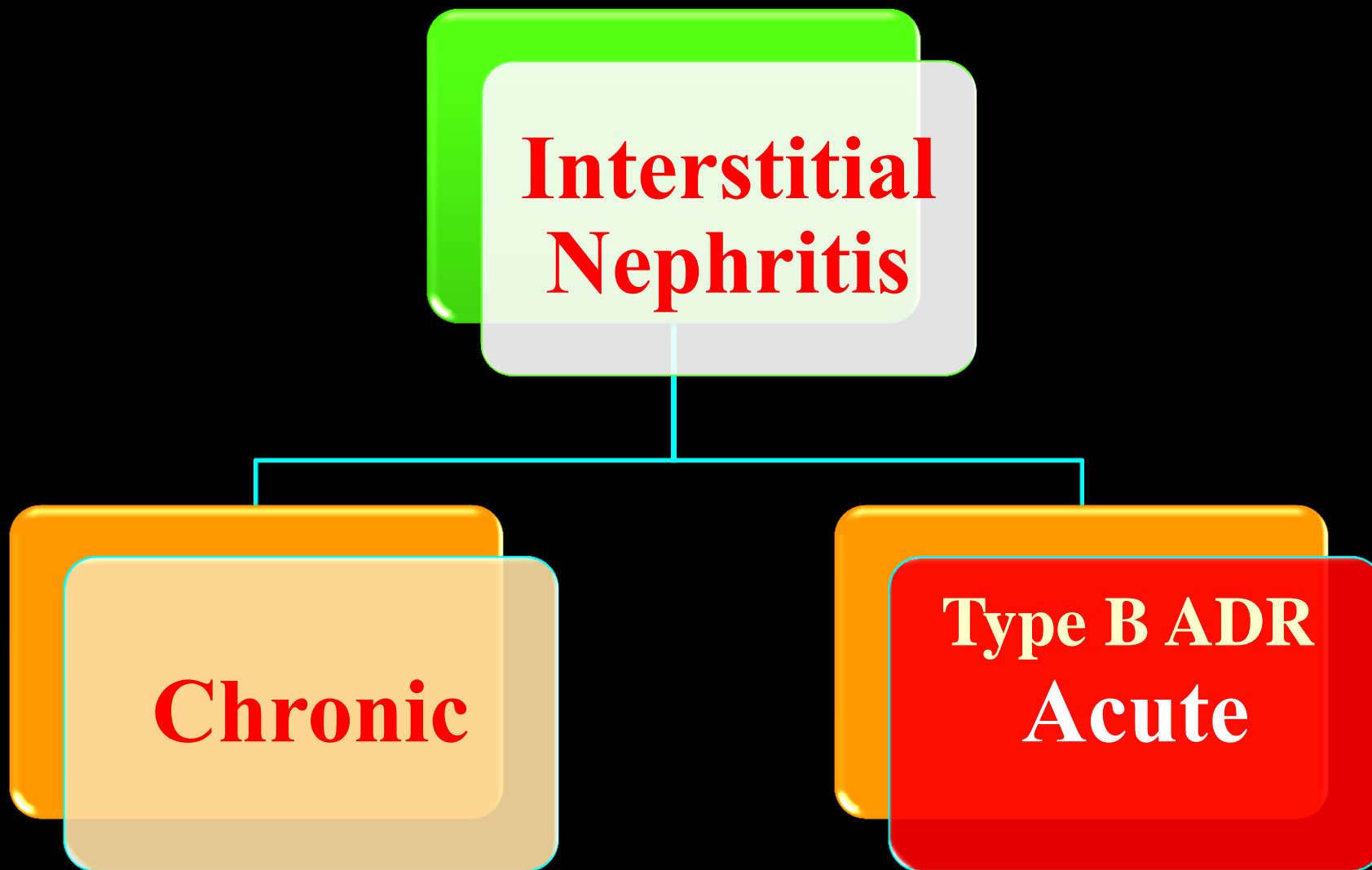


**CA  
Inhibitors**



**Guafenesin**

# *Classification of Interstitial Nephritis*



# *Examples of Drug Induced Nephrotoxicity*

## **Type A**

- 75 year old patient with MRSA Treated with IV Vancomycin
- Trough levels 15-20 mg/dl after 2 weeks of therapy
- Baseline creatinine 1.6 mg/dl (Stage 3 CKD secondary to Diabetes)
- Increased creatinine to 2.4 mg/dl
- Urine sediment : granular casts

**Acute Tubular Necrosis  
ATN**

## **Type B : Acute**

- 55 year old woman started on Bactrim for a UTI
- 7 days later she developed a fever / rash and increased creatinine
- Urine sediment shows wbc's, rbc's, granular casts

**Interstitial Nephritis**

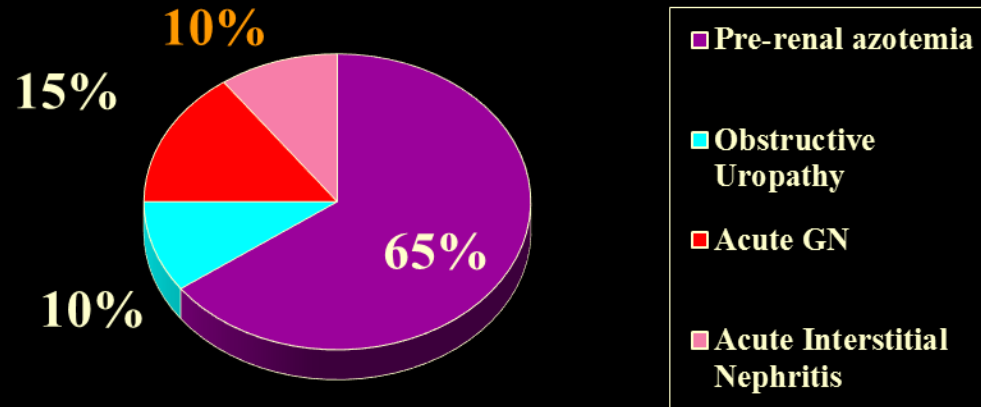
## **Type B : Subacute/Chronic**

- 60 year old with GERD on PPI for 3 months
- Progressive rise of creatinine over weeks without any constitutional symptoms
- Urine sediment shows granular and waxy casts, wbc's, rbc's

**Interstitial Nephritis**

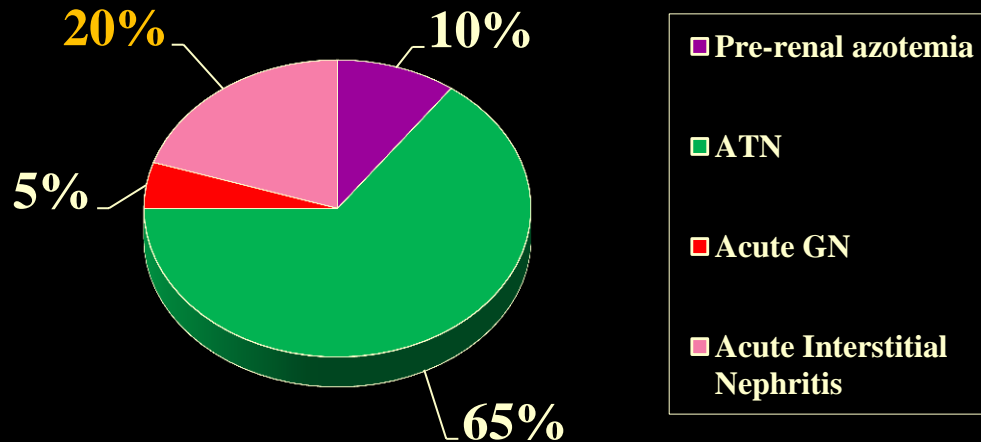
# *Etiology of AKI Differs by Location*

## Outpatient



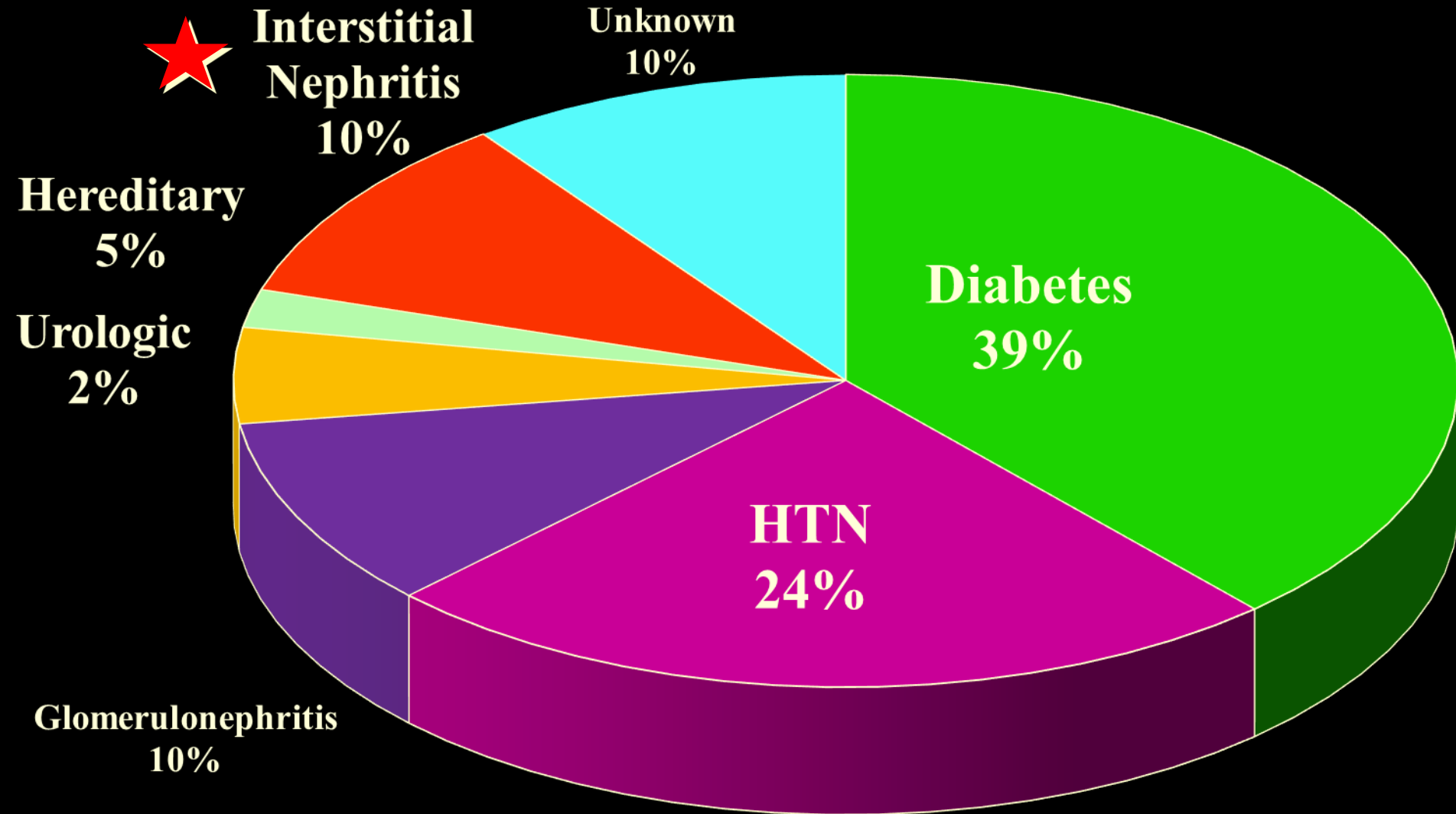
**33,000 cases  
Annually**

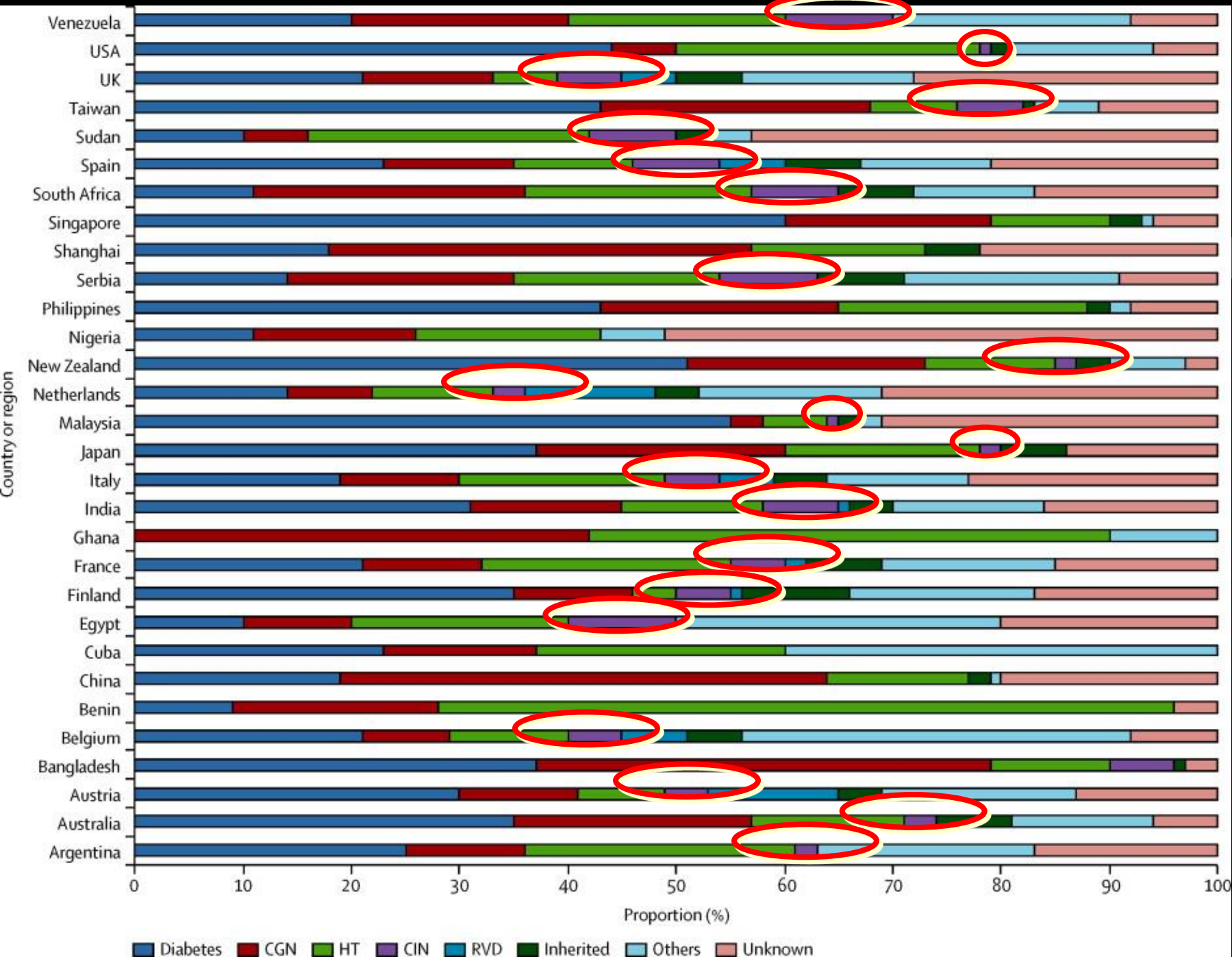
## Inpatient



# ***CKD in the U.S.***

## ***(23 million Patients)***





# *Key Differential Diagnosis in Drug Induced Nephrotoxicity*

Type A  
ATN

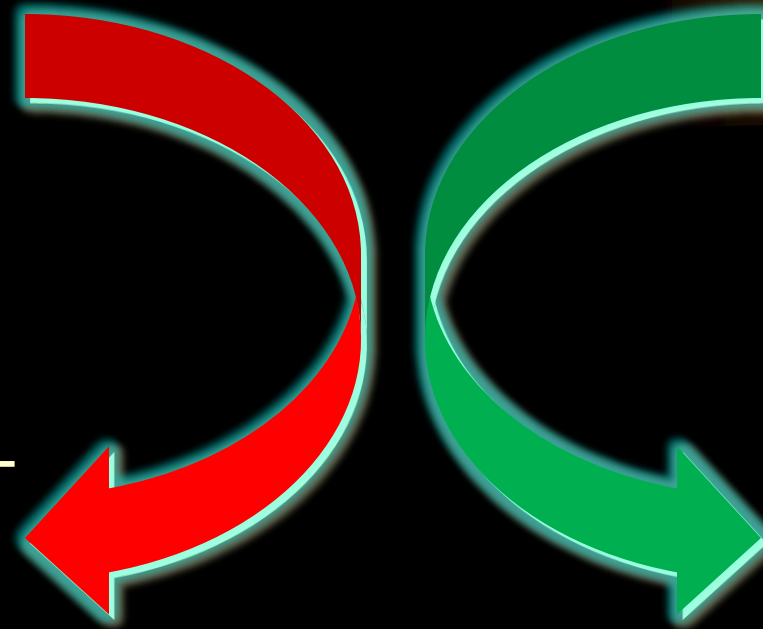


Discontinue specific drug  
Conservative Management

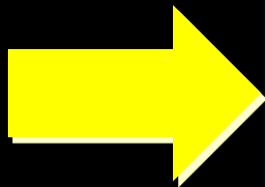
Type B  
Interstitial  
Nephritis



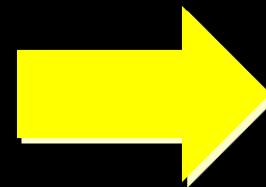
Discontinue specific drug  
Frequent Steroid Therapy



# *Etiology of Chronic Interstitial Nephritis*



**Acute  
Interstitial  
Nephritis  
(AIN)**



**Inadequately  
Treated**

**Chronic  
Interstitial  
Nephritis  
(CIN) –  
CKD and  
ESRD**

# AIN Experience – 1998-2013

<b>Sarcoid</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Sjogren's</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>TINU</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>IgG4 RSD</b>	<b>6%</b>

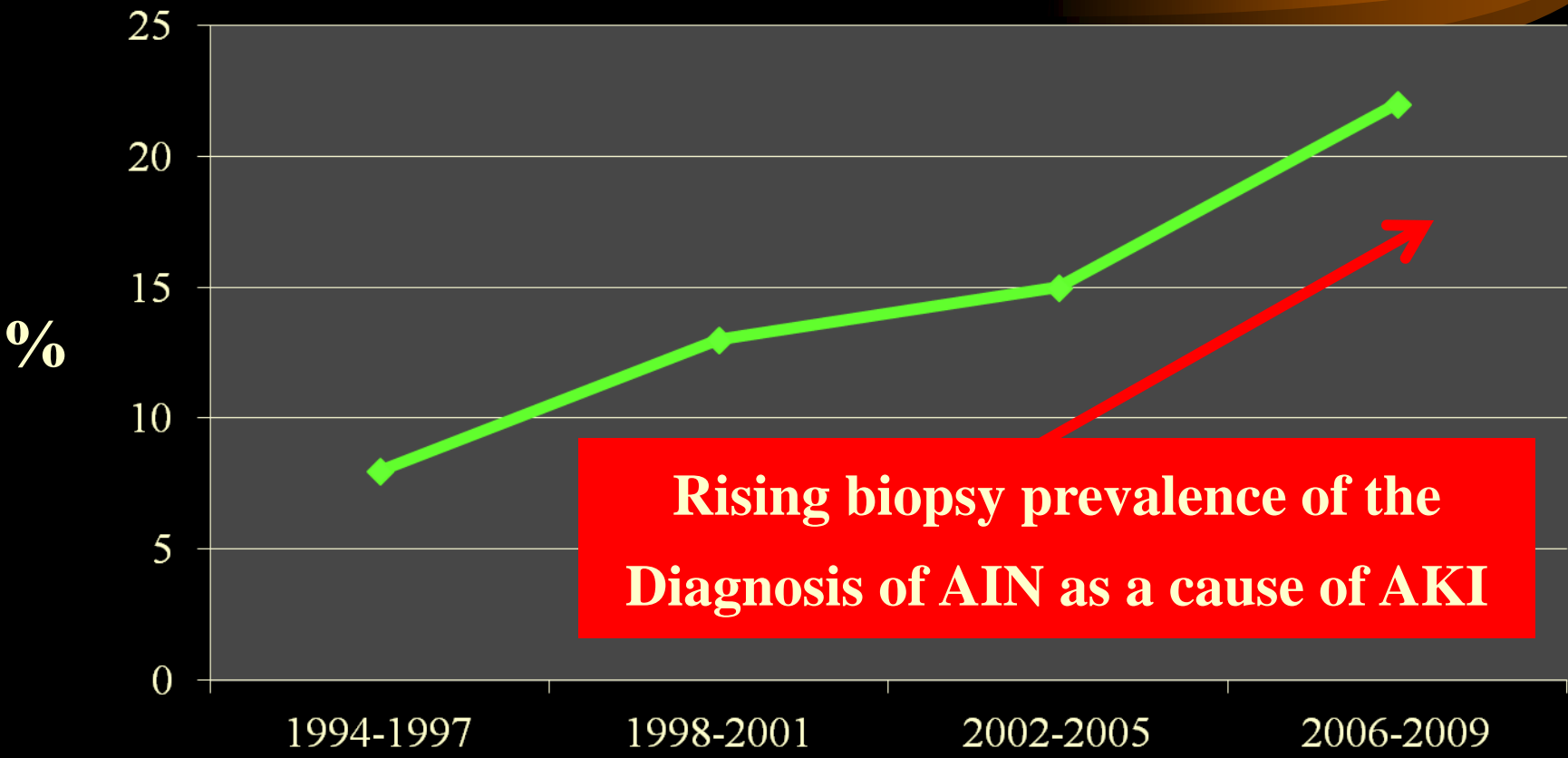
**Autoimmune**  
**22%**

**Infectious**  
**7%**

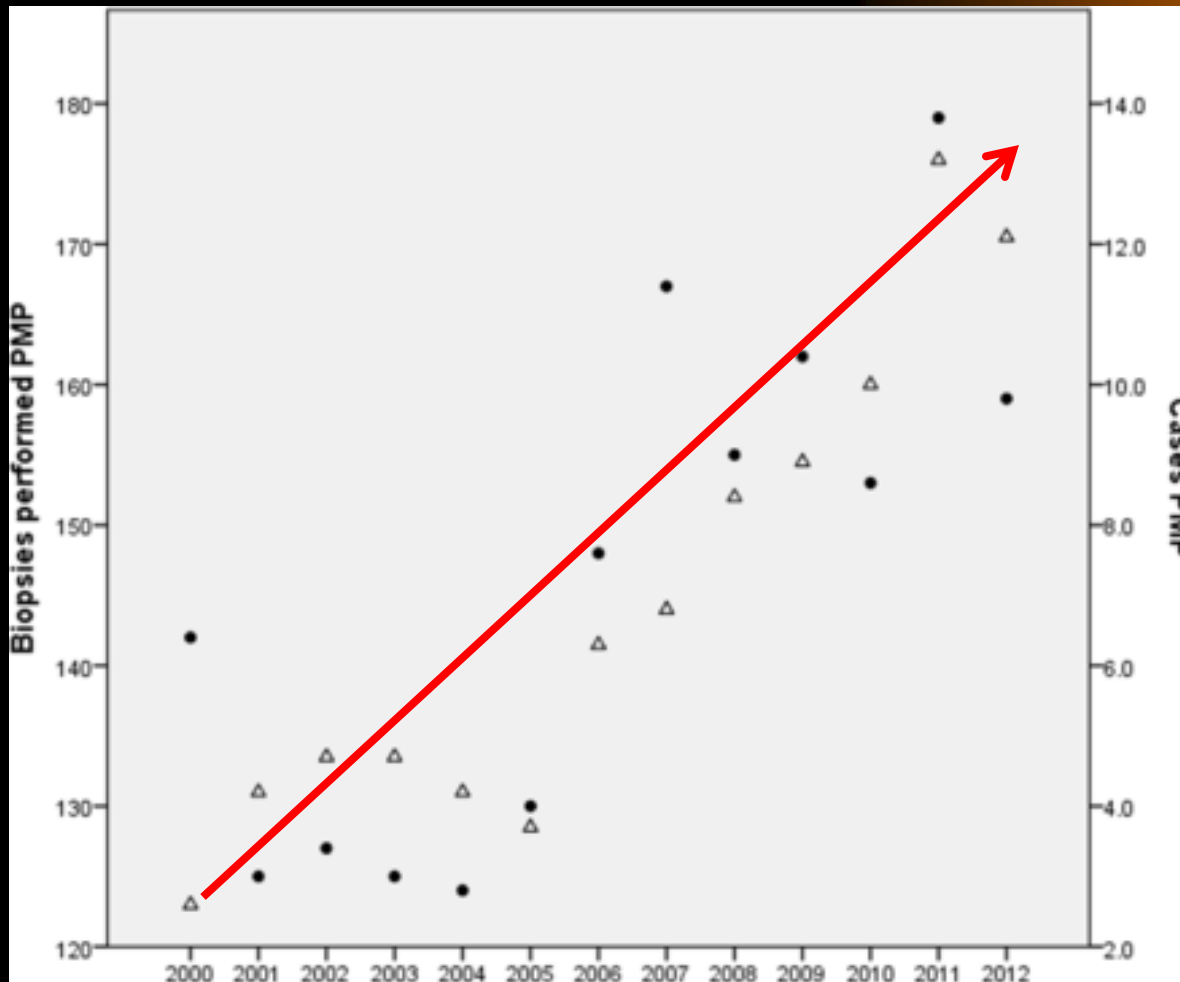
**Drugs**  
**71%**

 **Drugs**     **Autoimmune**     **Infectious**

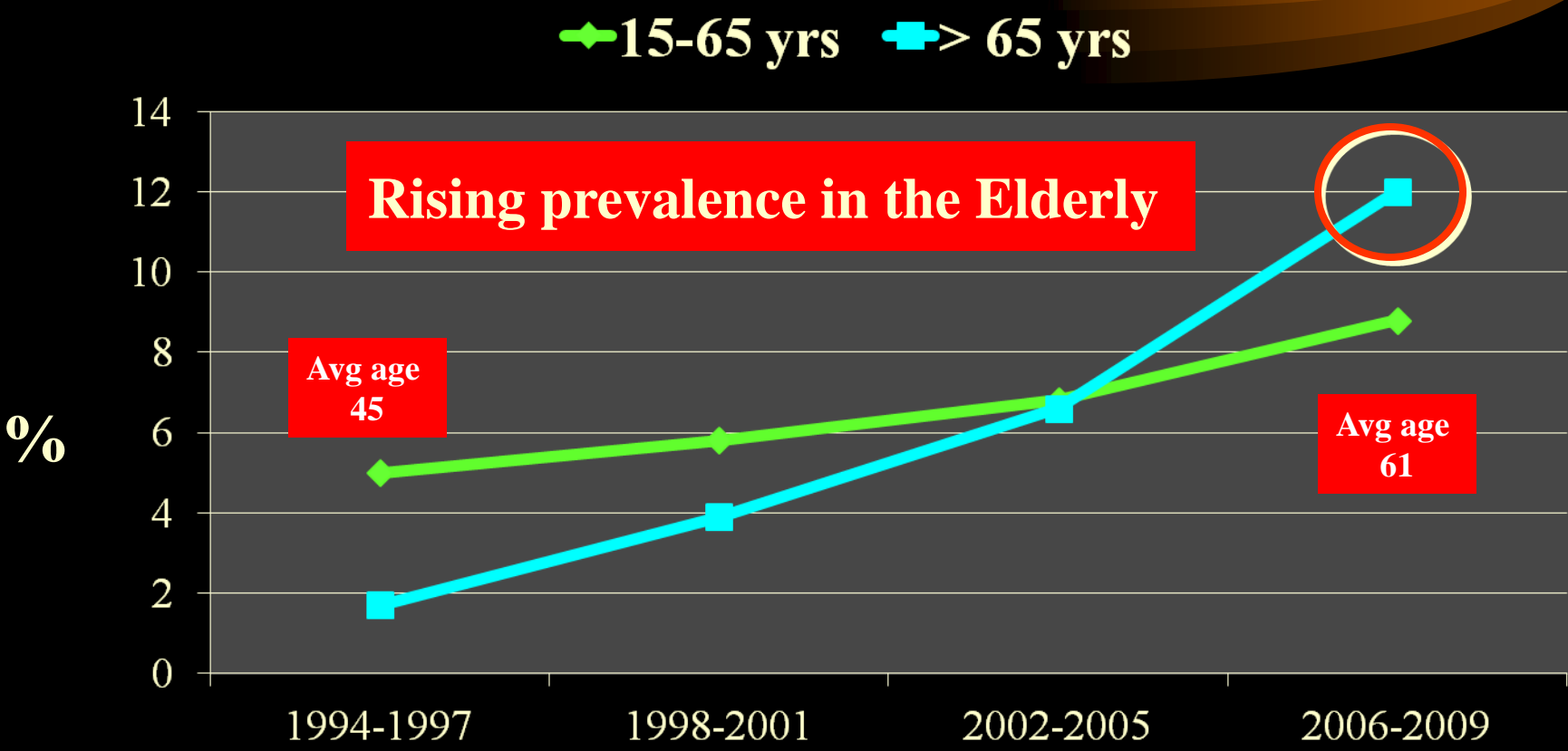
# *Increasing Prevalence of Interstitial Nephritis in Patients with AKI*



# *Increasing Incidence of AIN - UK*



# Increasing Prevalence of Interstitial Nephritis in all Kidney Biopsies



# *The Renal Interstitium*



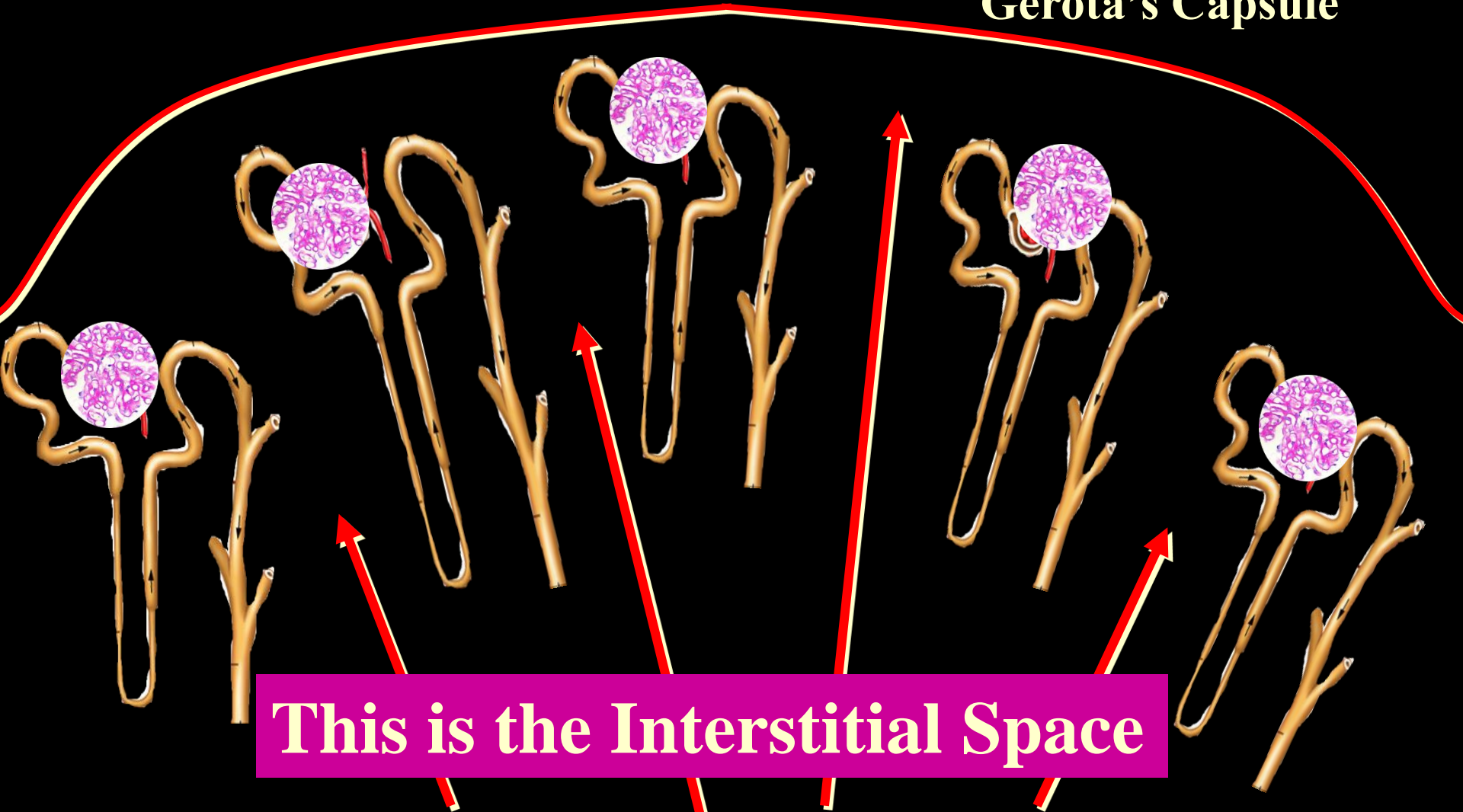
What is it ?

Where is  
it ?

What  
diseases  
affect it ?

How do we  
diagnose  
and treat it ?

# Gerota's Capsule

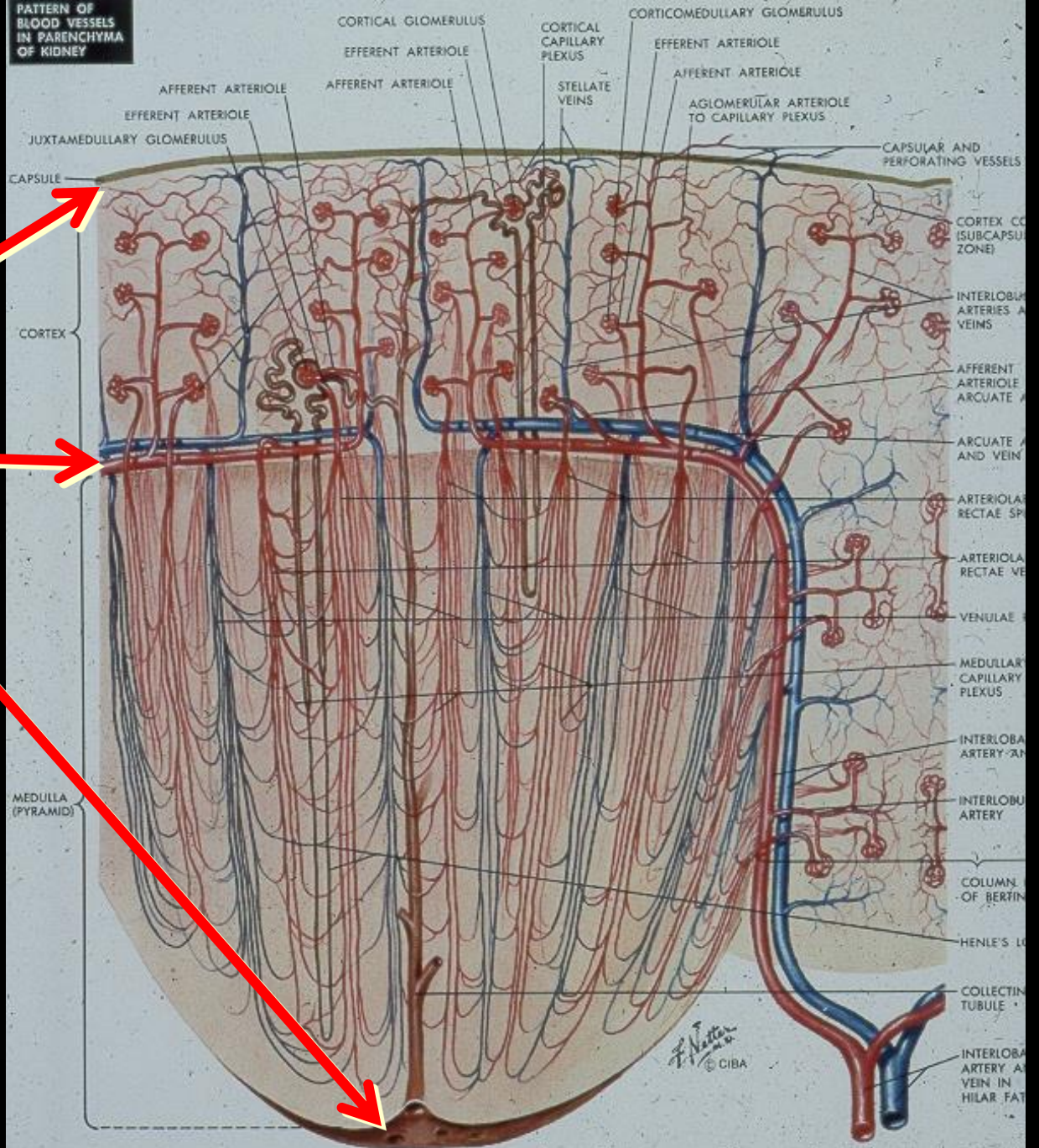


**This is the Interstitial Space**

**What is all this open space ????**

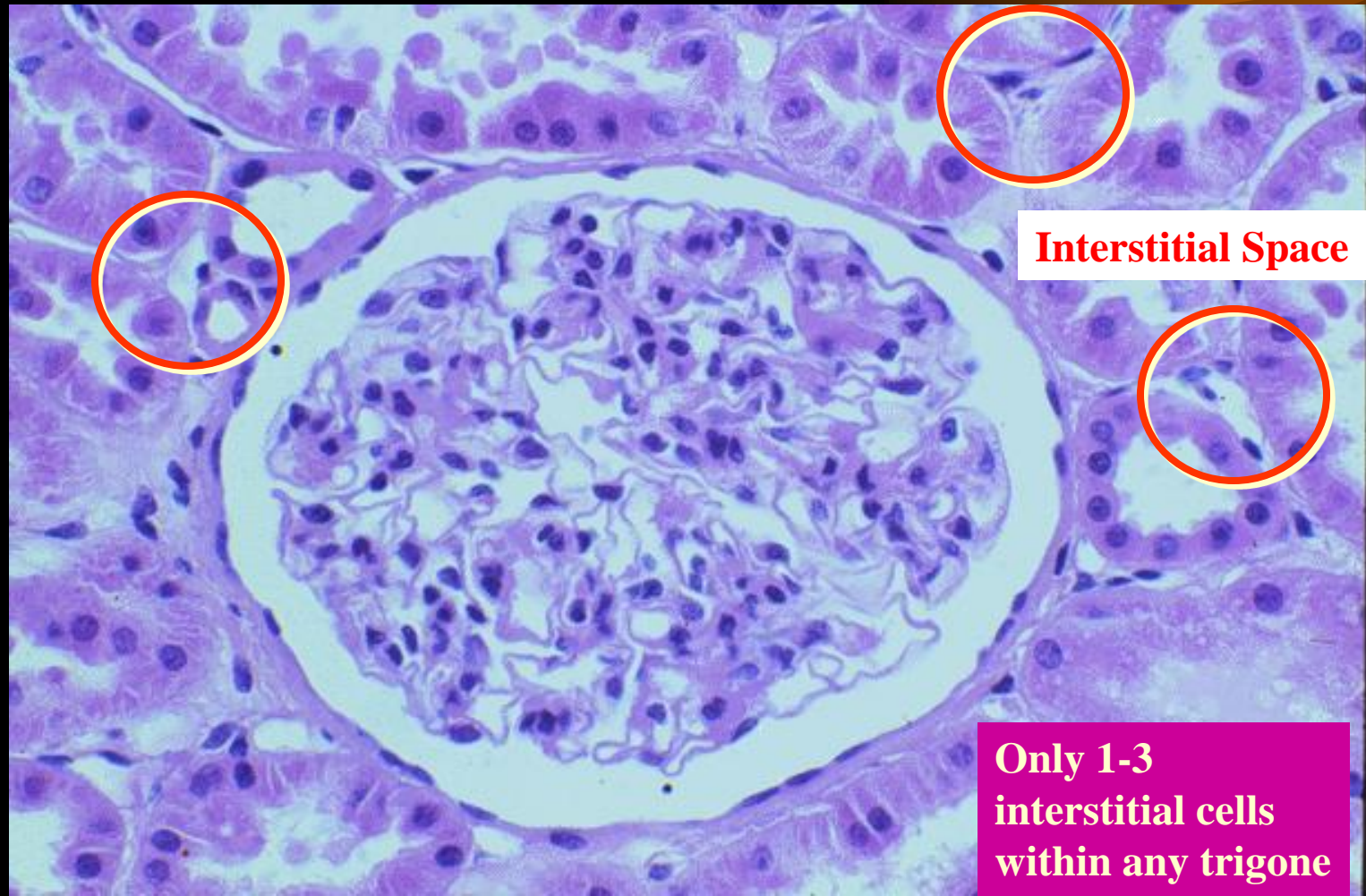


**PATTERN OF BLOOD VESSELS IN PARENCHYMA OF KIDNEY**



# Normal Glomerulus and Tubules :

## “Back to Back “ Tubular Arrangement



# *The Interstitium*

## Functional Characteristics

- Structural support of the

- Tubules
- Vasculature

- Conduit for solute and oxygen transfer

- Production of cytokines

- Hormone production

- Prostaglandins (medulla)
- 1-OH Hydroxylation of Vitamin D (proximal tubule)
- Erythropoietin – cells around the peritubular capillaries
- Renin

### Caveat :

Tubular disorders are more likely associated with a higher risk of osteomalacia and anemia compared to Glomerular diseases for any given degree of renal dysfunction

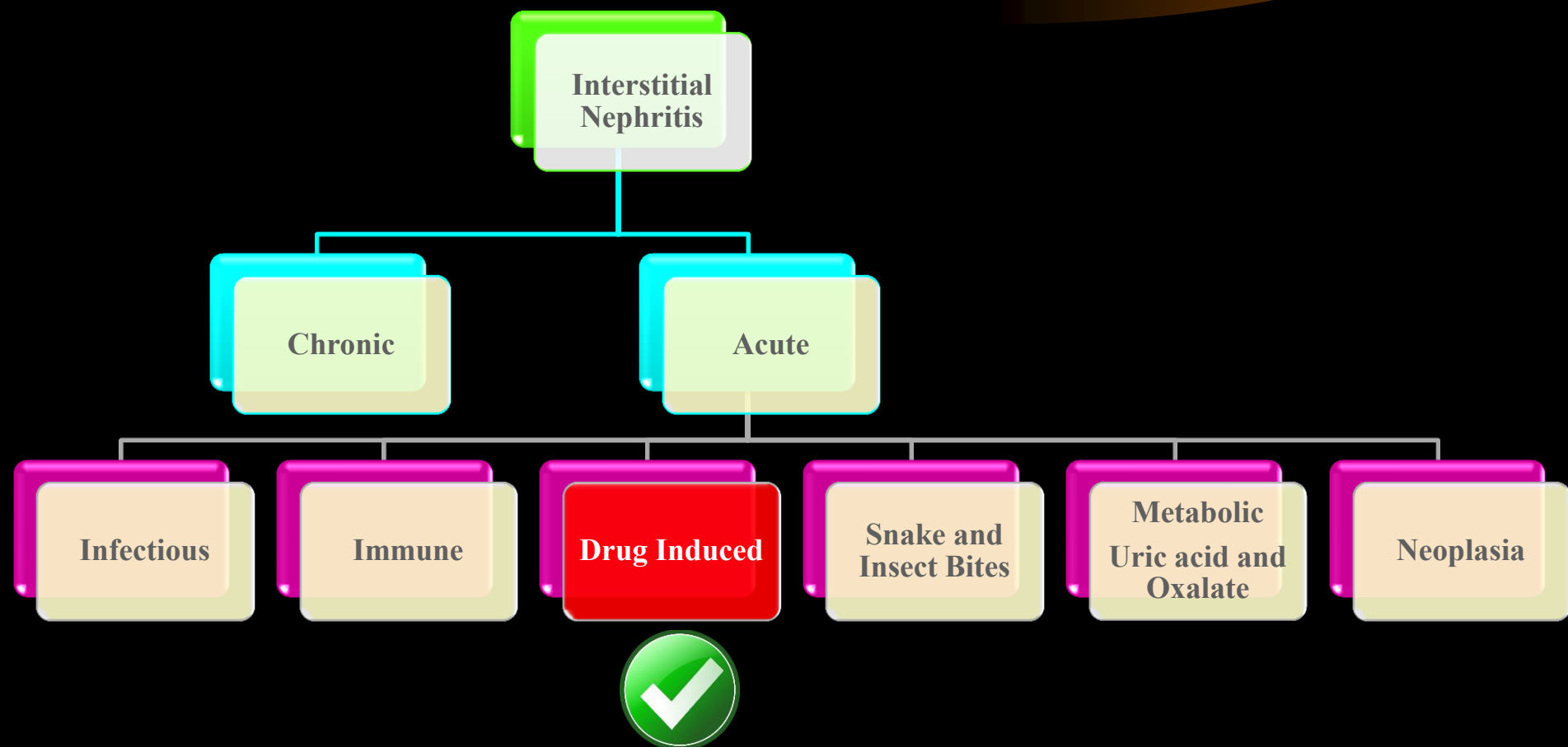
# *The Interstitium*



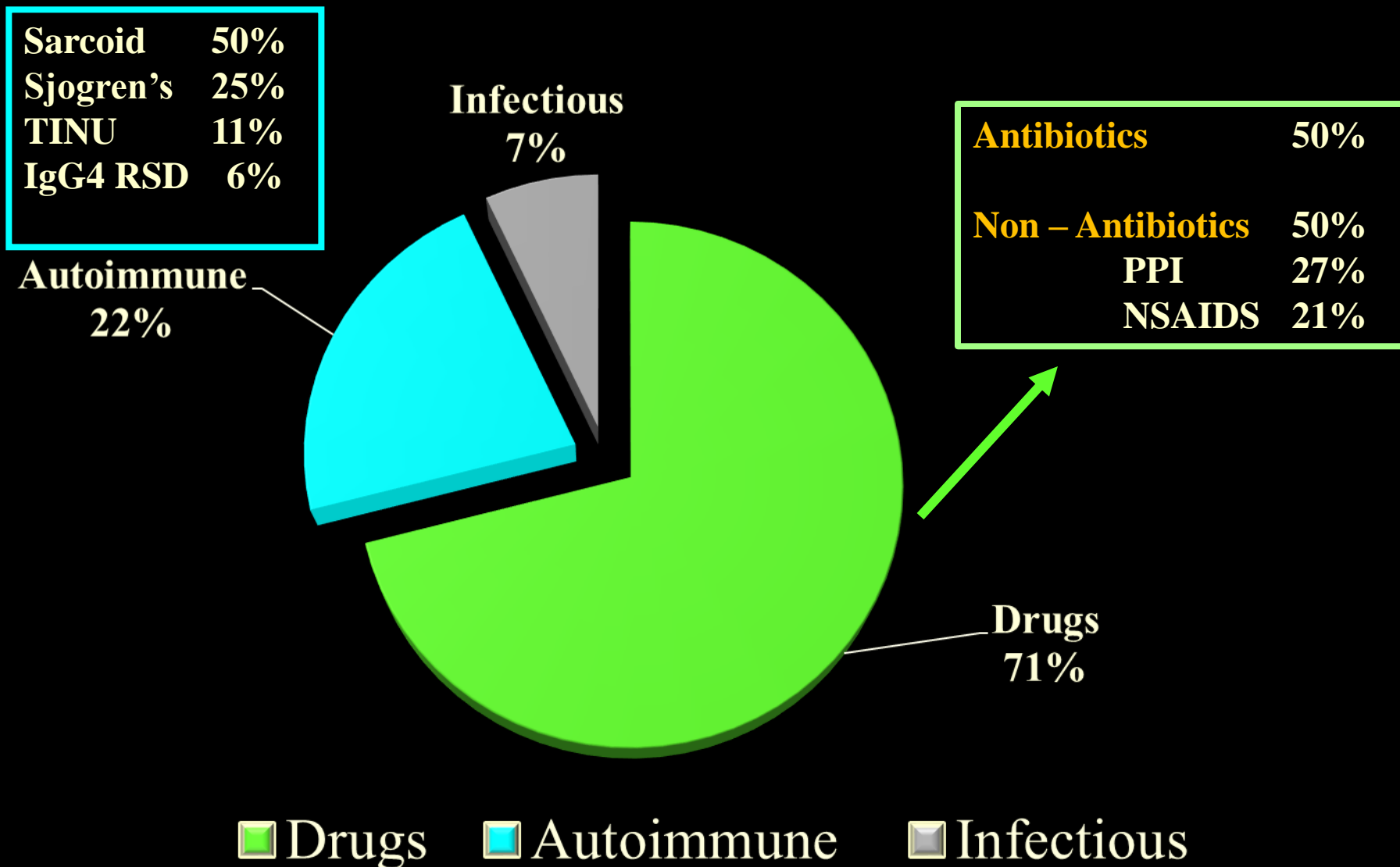
## Renal Interstitial Cells

- **Cortex**
  - **Fibroblasts (Type I)**
    - Fibronectin, Collagen I,III,VI , Proteoglycans
    - EPO production (peritubular capillary fibroblasts)
  - **Mononuclear cells (MHC class II)** - Myeloid origin / Dendritic
- **Medulla**
  - **Fibroblasts**
  - **Mononuclear cells (MHC class II)**
  - **Pericytes**
  - **Lipid-laden cells (PG production)**
  - **Pluripotent stem cells (?)**

# Classification of Interstitial Nephritis



# AIN Experience – 1998-2013



# *Acute Interstitial Nephritis*

## *Common Drugs*

- PPI – all classes of proton pump inhibitors
- NSAIDs
  - Both COX-1 and COX-2 inhibitors
- Allopurinol
- Ampicillin / PCN
- Cephalosporin
- Rifampin
- Sulfonamides
  - Furosemide
  - Bumetanide
  - Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole
- Ciprofloxacin

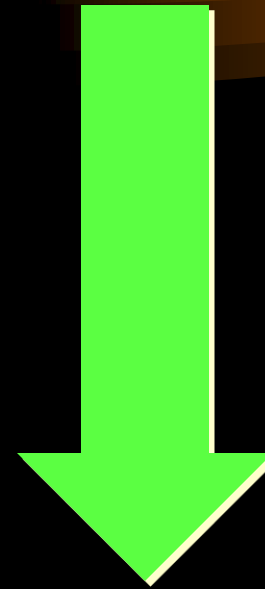
Non-Abx Drugs

If you are sulfa allergic  
you may need to avoid  
all loop diuretics except  
**Ethacrynic acid**

# *Pathogenesis of Acute Interstitial Nephritis*



Type I Hypersensitivity Reaction  
Immediate (minutes)  
IgE  
Systemic Vasoactive Mediators  
Anaphylaxis



Type IV Hypersensitivity Reaction  
Delayed (days-months)  
Cell Mediated : T cells

# *Drug Induced Acute Allergic Interstitial Nephritis*

- Characterized by predominant involvement of the renal interstitial compartment by
  - **Interstitial edema**
  - **Interstitial cellular infiltrate**
    - T lymphocytes (70%- both CD4 and CD8)
    - Monocytes (15%)
    - Eosinophils (variable based on drug compound)
    - B cells (7%)
    - Neutrophils
    - Granuloma formation

# Acute Interstitial Nephritis = ATN + Cellular Infiltrate

A high-magnification light micrograph of a kidney biopsy specimen stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E). The image shows numerous tubules filled with a dense infiltrate of inflammatory cells, primarily lymphocytes, which is characteristic of tubulitis. The tubules are lined by a single layer of cuboidal epithelial cells, and the lumen is partially obscured by the infiltrating cells. The surrounding interstitium also shows some inflammatory cell infiltration.

Infiltrate are CD4+ and CD8+ T cells followed by macrophages /eosinophils with very, very rare plasma cells :

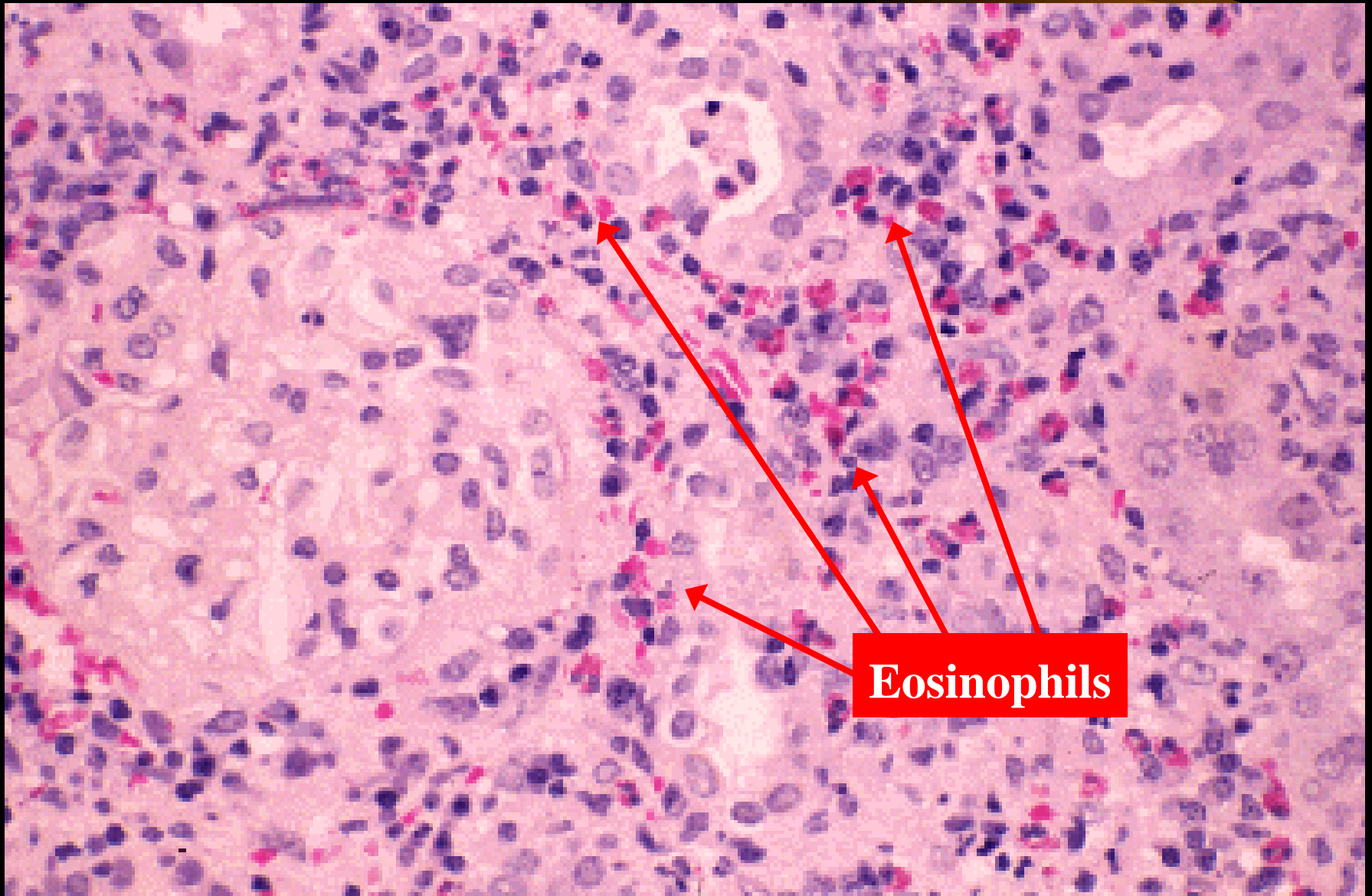
Type IV Hypersensitivity reaction

**Tubulitis**

**Tubulitis = infiltration of the tubules by T lymphocytes**

# Acute Interstitial Nephritis

## Tissue Eosinophils



# ***Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) : Drug Hypersensitivity Reaction (DHR)***

**Altered immunogenicity of normal tissue  
by the drug**

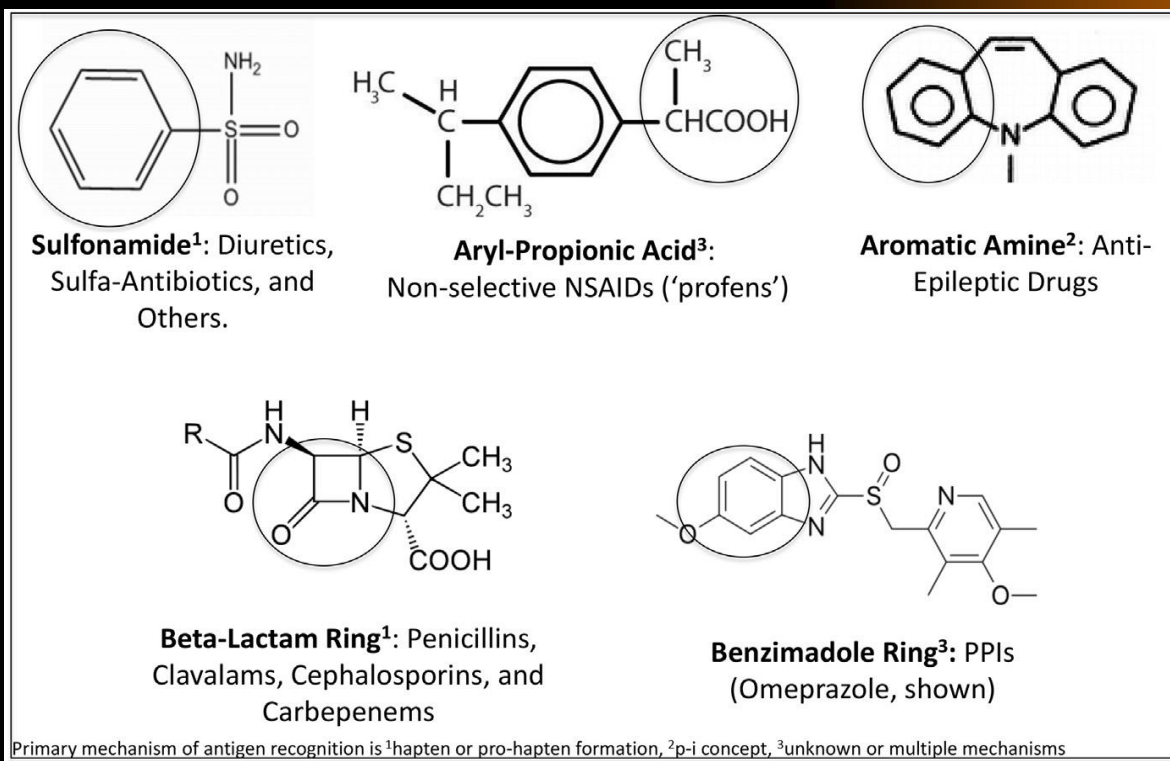
**Development of antibodies to the drug  
(immune complexes)**

**P-I concept : Pharmacologic Interaction of  
the drug with immune HLA receptors**

**Metabolism of the drug into immunogenic  
substances (proximal tubule)**

**Haptenization : binding of the drug to self  
proteins that become immunogenic and  
trapped in local tissues (kidney)**

# Drug Induced AIN : Structure Matters !



- All drugs that share a common “backbone”
- or “core structure” elicit the same risk of AIN

# *Acute Allergic Interstitial Nephritis*

- Acute rise in creatinine temporally related to an offending drug
    - 5- 7 Days to months
  - Constellation of clinical findings include :
    - Fever (20%)
    - Rash (30%)
    - Eosinophilia (30%)
    - Eosinophiluria
    - Non-nephrotic range proteinuria
      - < 2 gm
    - Combination of Type I, Type II and Type IV RTA
- Present together in < 10%
- Back (flank) pain secondary to distention of the renal capsule from cell infiltration and swelling – 30%

# *Types of Skin Rash seen in AIN*

- **Maculopapular / Morbilliform**



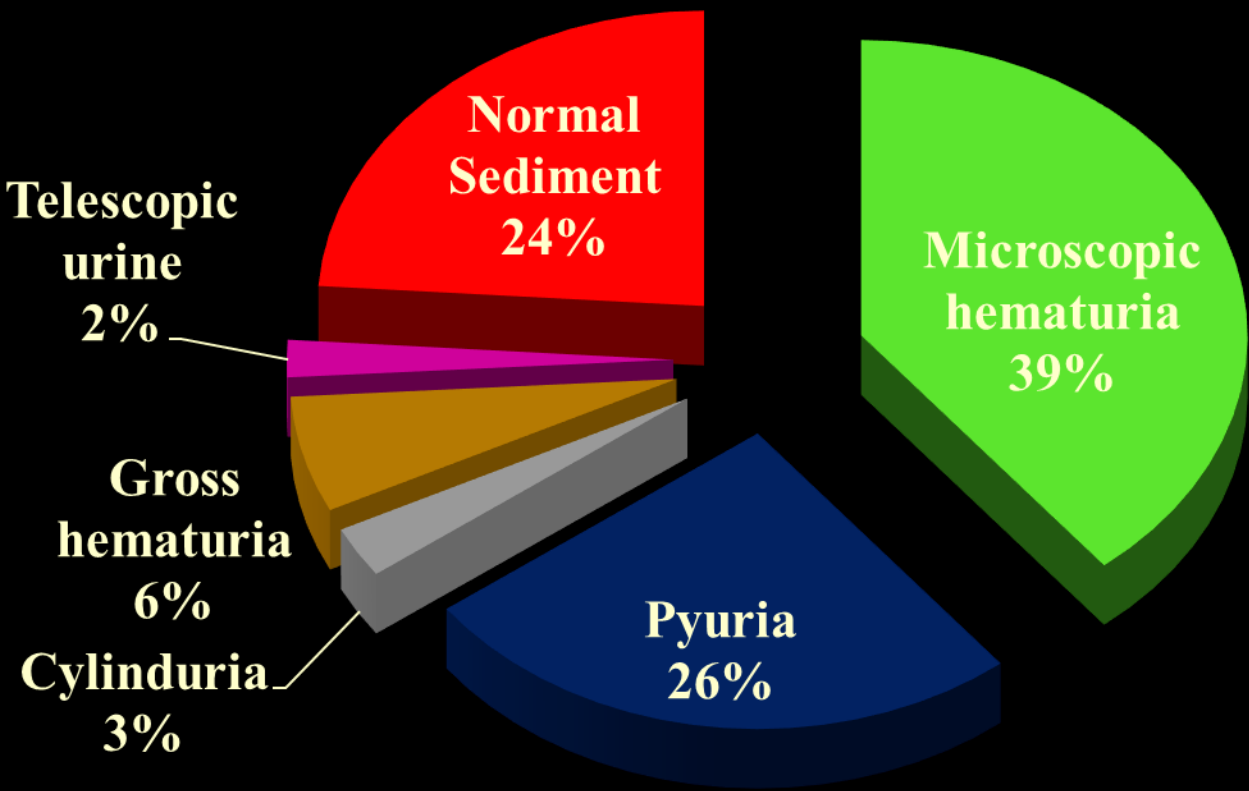
- **Diffuse Erythroderma  
(Exfoliative Dermatitis)**



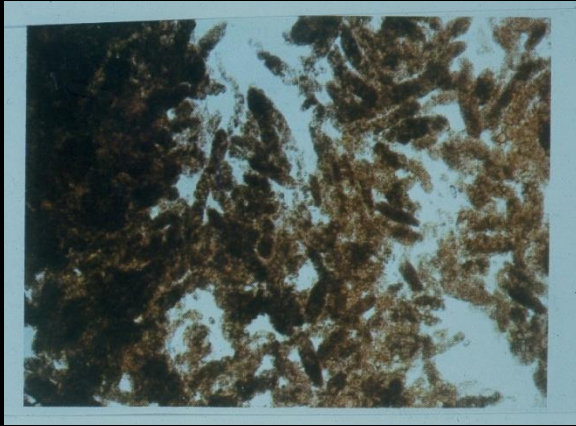
- **Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis**



# Urinalysis in AIN



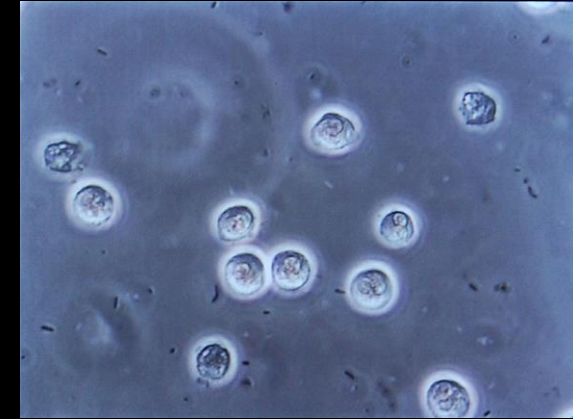
# *Urinalysis in AIN = Tubulo-Interstitial Nephritis (ATN + Inflammation)*



**Granular Casts**



**RBCs including  
Dysmorphic RBCs**



**WBCs**



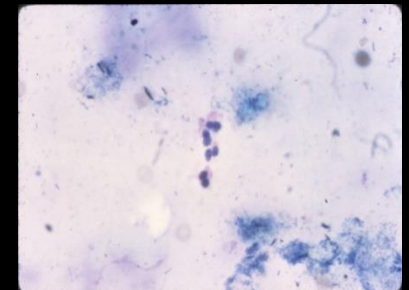
**Rare  
RBC Casts**



**WBC Casts  
(50%)**



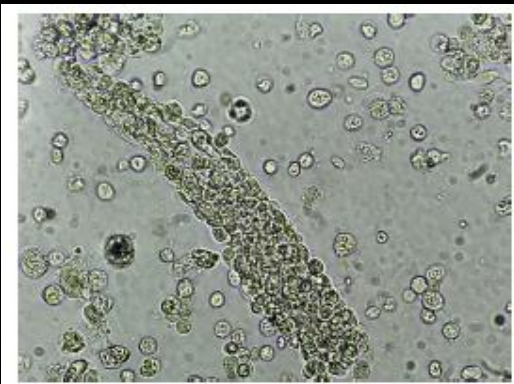
**Renal Tubular  
Epithelial cells**



**Eosinophils**

## *Urinalysis in AIN*

Urine Dipstick/Urine Microscopy	Interstitial Nephritis	Nephritic Syndrome	Nephrotic Syndrome	Tubular Necrosis
Protein	0/+	++	++++	0/+
Blood/RBCs	0/+	++++	0	0
LE/WBCs	+++	0/+	0	0
RBC casts	0	++	0	0
WBC casts	+++	0	0	0
RTE cell casts, Granular casts	+	+	0	++++



- Urinary WBCs are an under- appreciated manifestation of AIN
- Often confused with a UTI, the diagnosis of AIN may be delayed by prolonged antibiotic treatment even in the presence of a negative urine culture
- WBCs and WBC casts in the presence of AKI and a negative culture strongly suggests AIN

# Differential Diagnosis of Eosinophiluria

- AIN
- Cholesterol emboli
- Acute / chronic cystitis
- UTI / prostatitis
- Transplant rejection

AIN

Sensitivity 36%

Specificity 68%

Hansel's Stain : Previously Recommended Predictor if

>1% of urinary wbcs are eosinophils

➤ However based on this data

urinary eosinophils should no longer be used as a  
biomarker for ATIN.

# *Imaging in AIN*

U/S

- Increased echogenicity
- Increased size

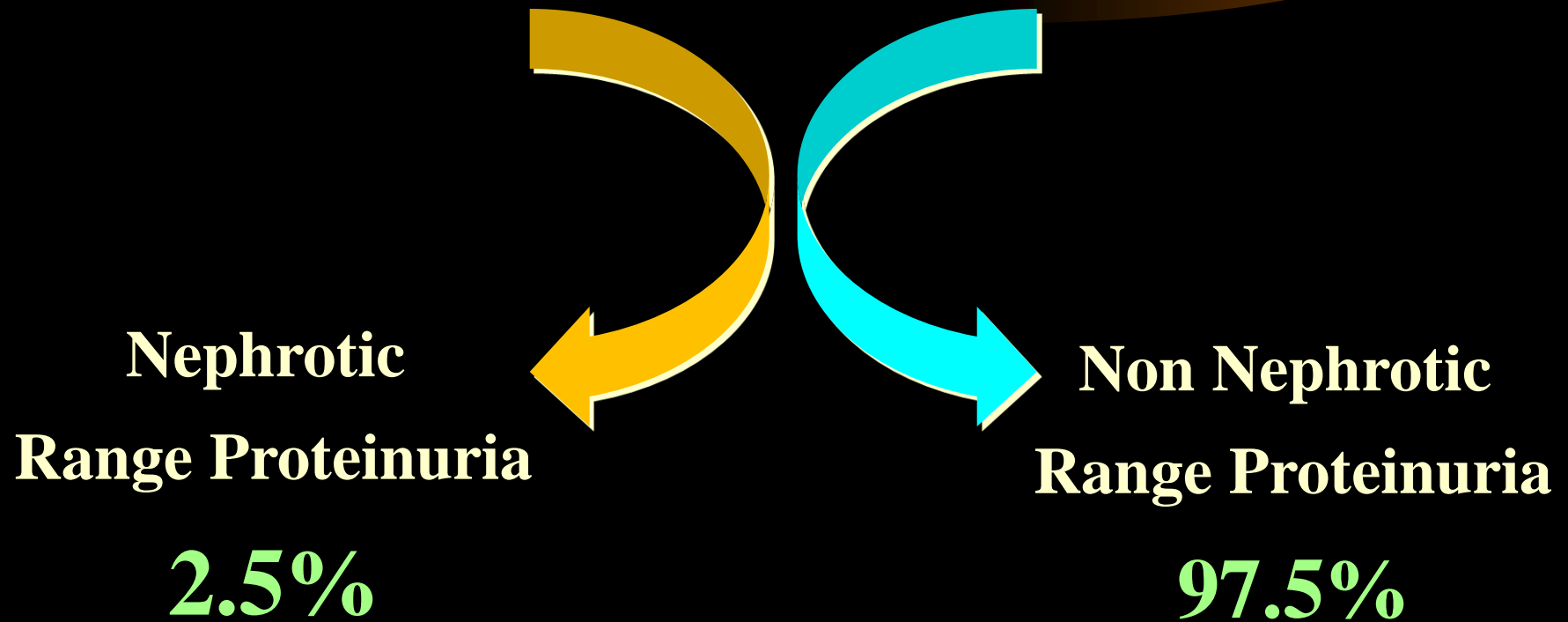
Gallium

- $^{67}\text{Ga}$  binds to lactoferrin, which is expressed on inflammatory cell surfaces and also released by leukocytes within the kidney interstitium
- Increased uptake

PET

- Uptake of 2-[ $^{18}\text{F}$ ] fluoro-2-deoxy-D-glucose by infiltrating inflammatory cells

## *Interstitial Nephritis : Proteinuria*



## *AIN and NSAID's*

Lack the typical features of AIN

- ★ Prolonged use 3-6 months
- ★ Absence of fever, rash, eosinophilia
- ★ Lower concentration of infiltrating eosinophils on biopsy

Association with Minimal Change or  
Membranous Nephropathy

# ***The World of NSAID Induced Renal Disease***



**Pre-Renal  
Azotemia**

**Electrolytes:  
Hyperkalemia  
Hyponatremia**

**Acute  
Interstitial  
Nephritis**

**Membranous  
Nephropathy**

**Chronic  
Interstitial  
Nephritis**

**Papillary  
Necrosis**

**Minimal  
Change  
Disease**

# *Drug Induced AIN and Nephrotic Syndrome*

NSAIDs

Interferon

# ***Differentiating ATN from AIN***

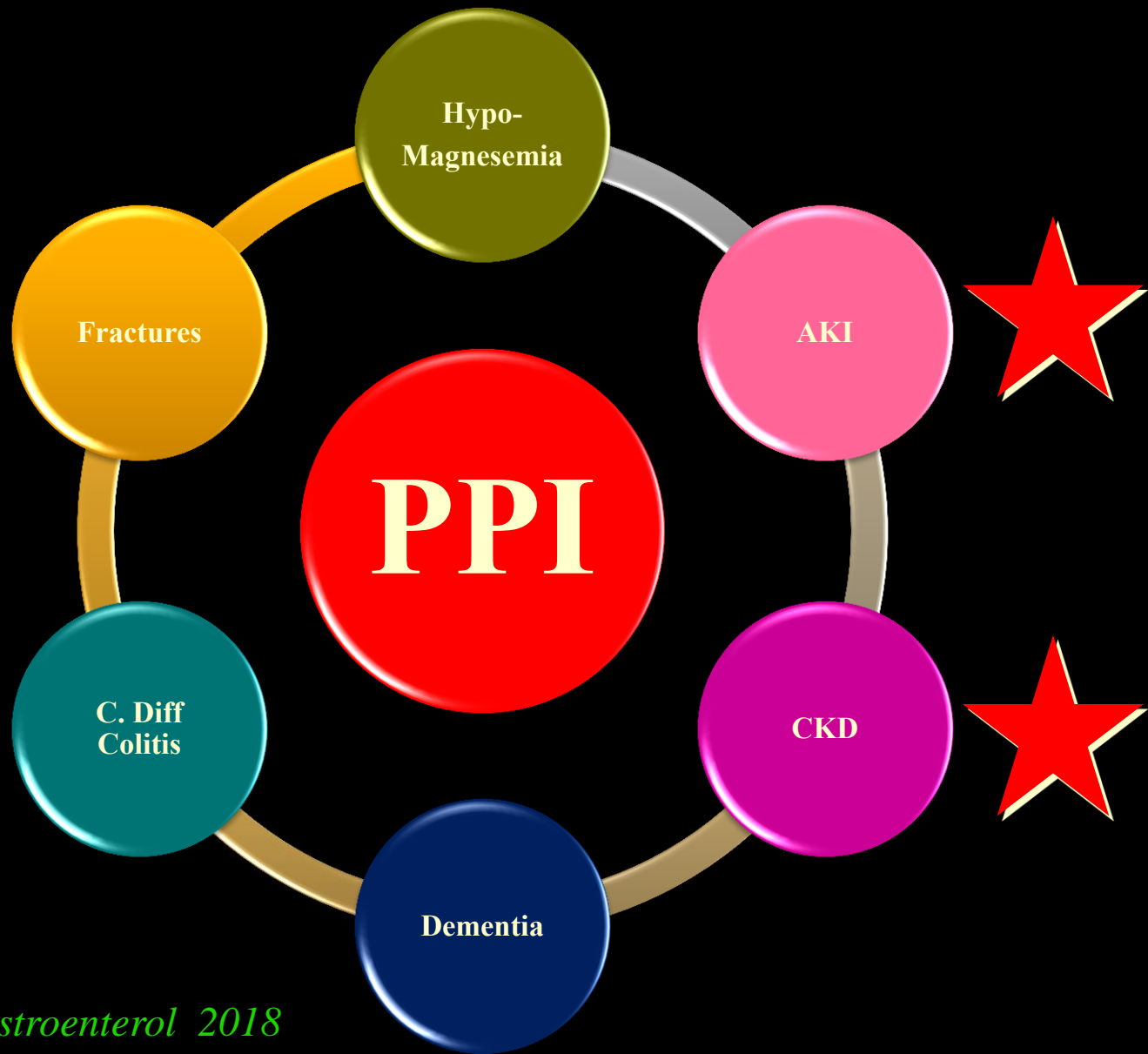
	ATN	AIN
<b>Time of onset</b>	<b>Days to weeks</b>	<b>Weeks to months</b>
<b>Kidney U/S</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Large / Echogenic</b>
<b>Systemic Findings</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Rash/fever</b>
<b>Eosinophilia/ Eosinophiluria</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Occasional</b>
<b>Potassium</b>	<b>Elevated in proportion to GFR</b>	<b>Disproportionately elevated to GFR (Type IV RTA)</b>
<b>FENA</b>	<b>&gt; 2%</b>	<b>&gt; 2%</b>
<b>Acidosis</b>	<b>Anion Gap</b>	<b>Non Anion Gap</b>
<b>Urinalysis</b>	<b>Granular Casts Renal Tubular Cells</b>	<b>Granular Casts WBC casts WBCs, RBCs Rare RBC casts</b>

# *PPI use in the U.S.*

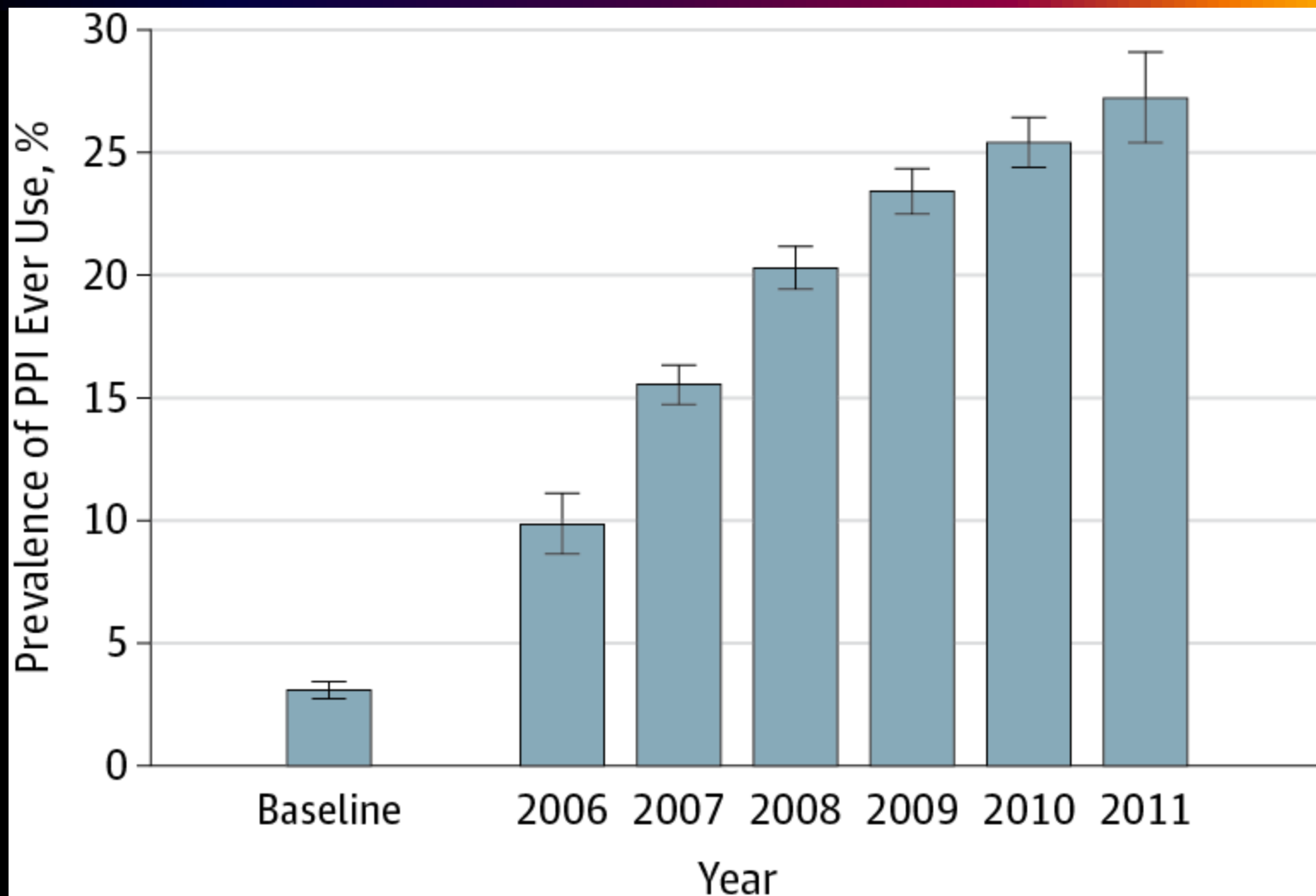


40-70% of these prescriptions have no appropriate indication  
25% of Users can discontinue the medication with no relapse

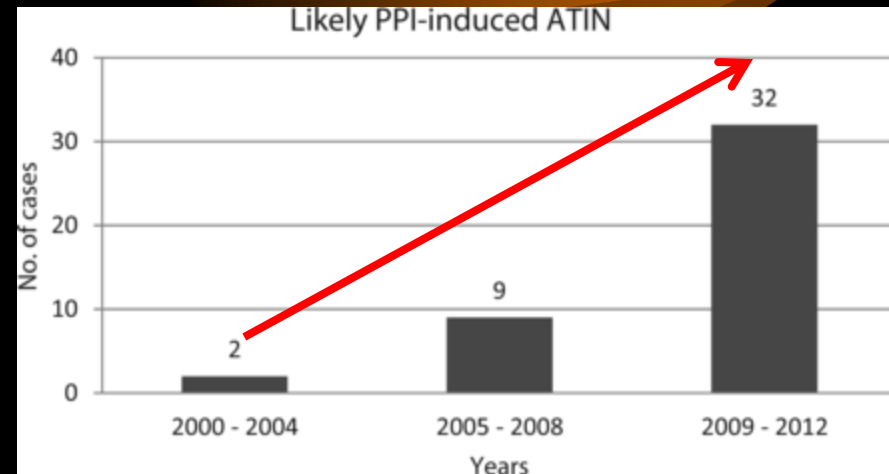
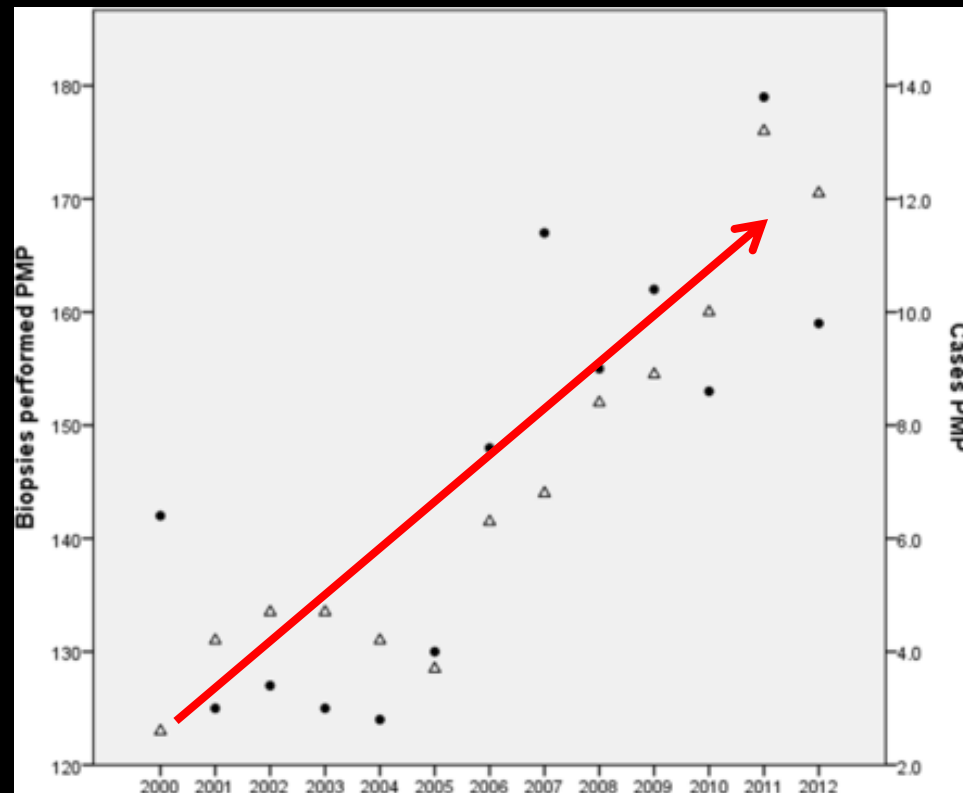
# ***PPI Use and Systemic Complications : Causal Associations***



## ***PPI use in the Atherosclerotic Risk Trial over 13 Years Followup***



# *Increasing Incidence of AIN - UK*



## Etiology of AIN

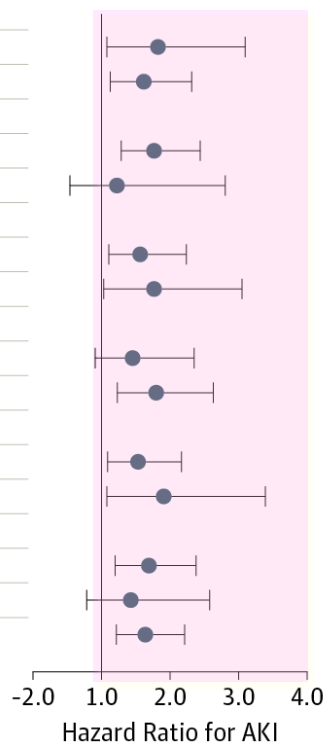
Antibiotics	35%
PPI	35%
NSAIDs	20%

# Risk of AKI with PPI Use in 2 Major Population Studies

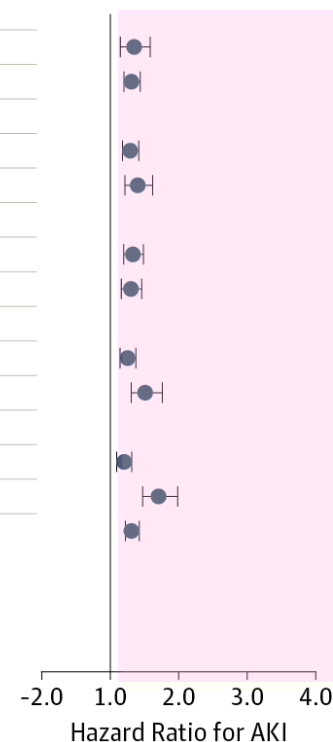
## Atherosclerotic risk Trial

## Geisinger Health System

	Overall Population		Baseline PPI Users	
	No. of Events	No. of Participants	No. of Events	No. of Participants
Age				
Young	326	5617	15	174
Old	634	5528	32	184
Race				
White	1731	8768	41	309
Black	229	2377	6	49
Diabetes mellitus				
No	655	9316	33	300
Yes	305	1829	14	58
Sex				
Male	492	4891	18	151
Female	468	6254	29	207
ACE-I/ARB use				
No	734	9574	34	294
Yes	226	157	13	64
Diuretics use				
No	777	9903	36	294
Yes	183	1242	11	64
Overall	960	11145	47	358



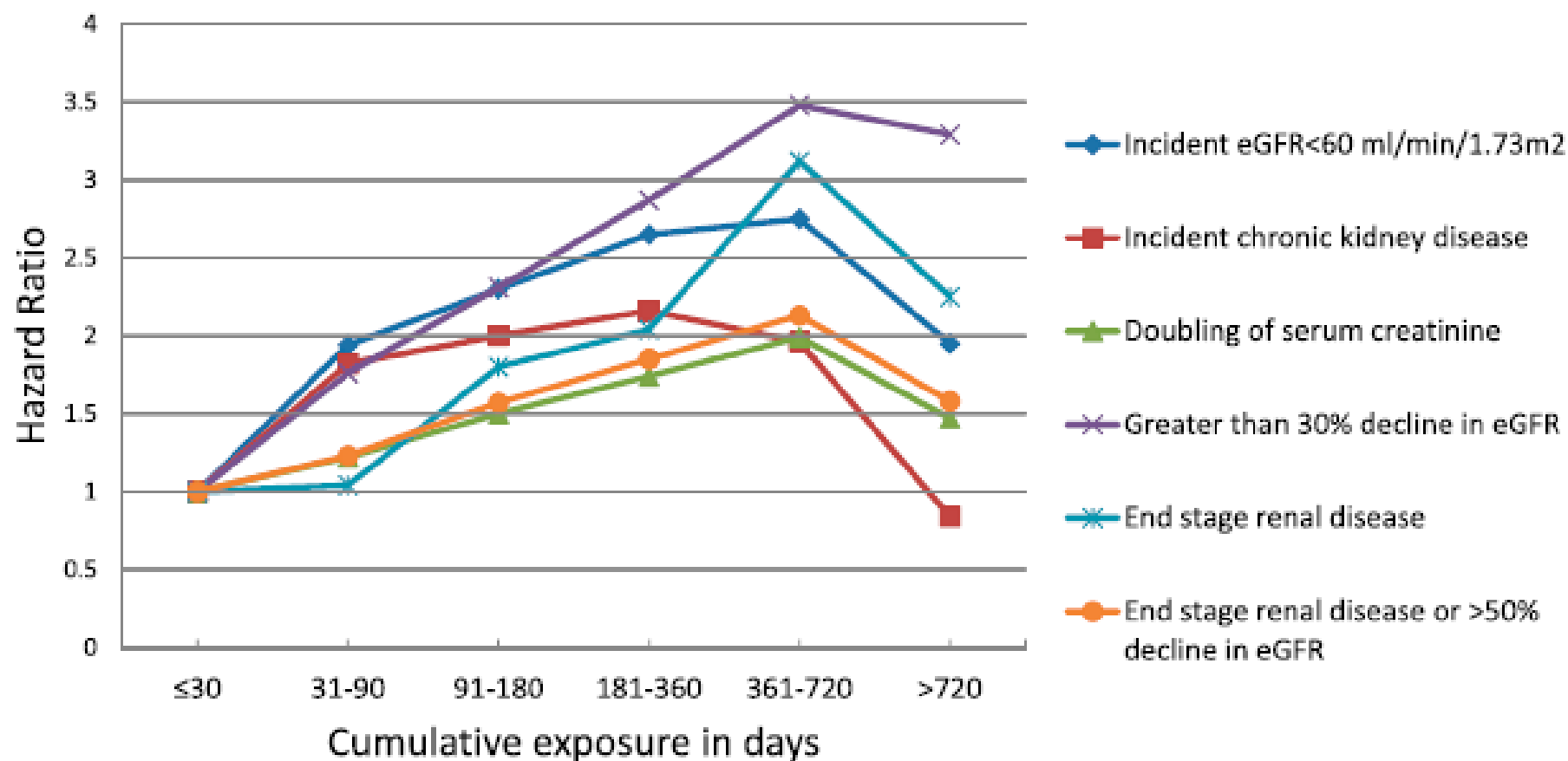
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Age				
Young	2033	127 542	168	8518
Old	8143	121 209	560	8382
Diabetes mellitus				
No	7226	222 829	516	15 081
Yes	2950	25 922	212	1819
Sex				
Male	5804	108 070	384	7304
Female	4372	140 681	344	9596
ACE-I/ARB use				
No	8398	223 579	517	14 277
Yes	1778	25 172	211	2623
Diuretics use				
No	8568	226 879	512	14 569
Yes	1608	21 872	216	2331
Overall	10 176	248 751	728	16 900



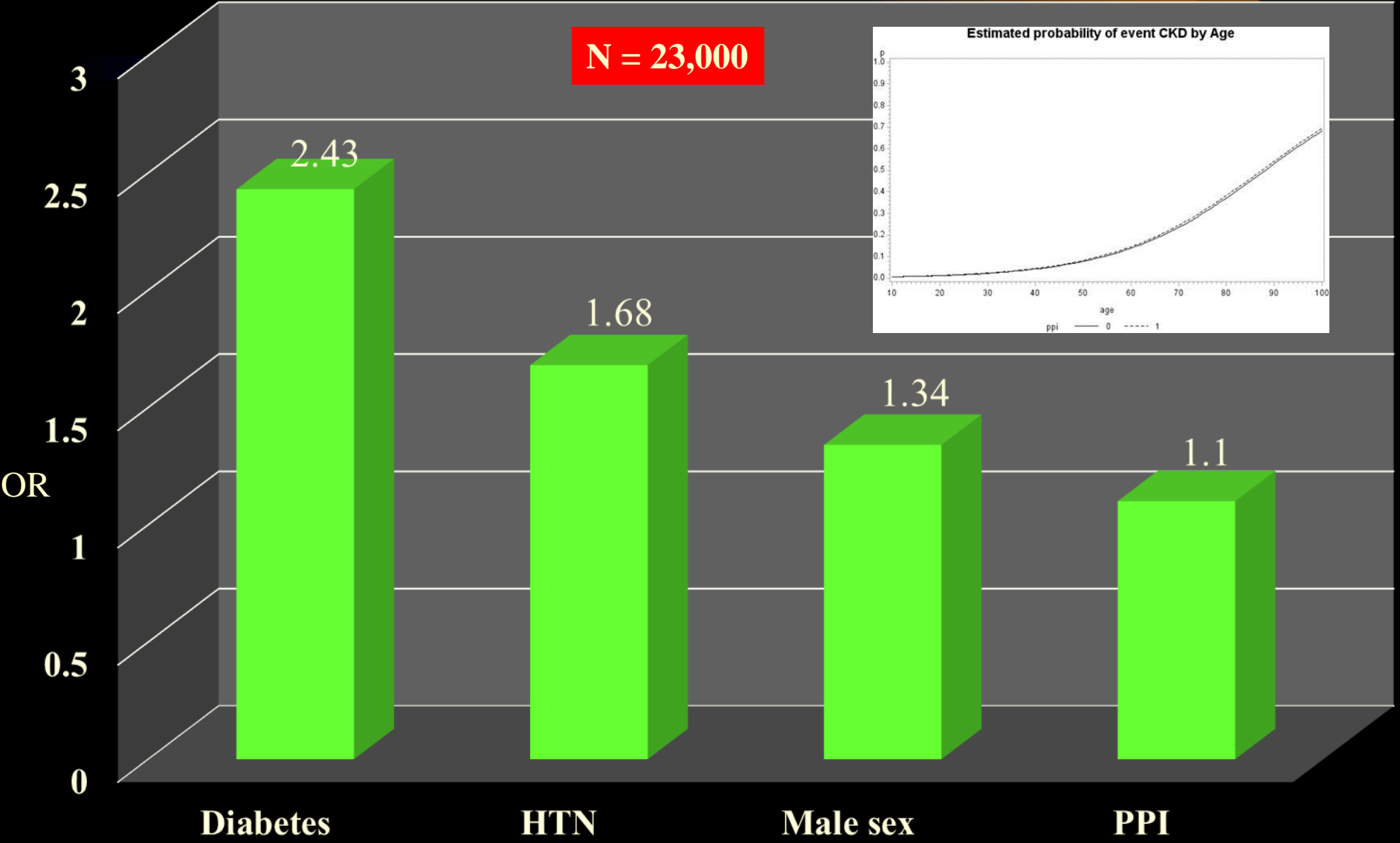
**Increased Risk of 70% for AKI in PPI users**

## ***PPI Compared to H2 blockers and the risk of CKD : VA Study***

**Duration of PPI exposure and risk of renal outcomes**

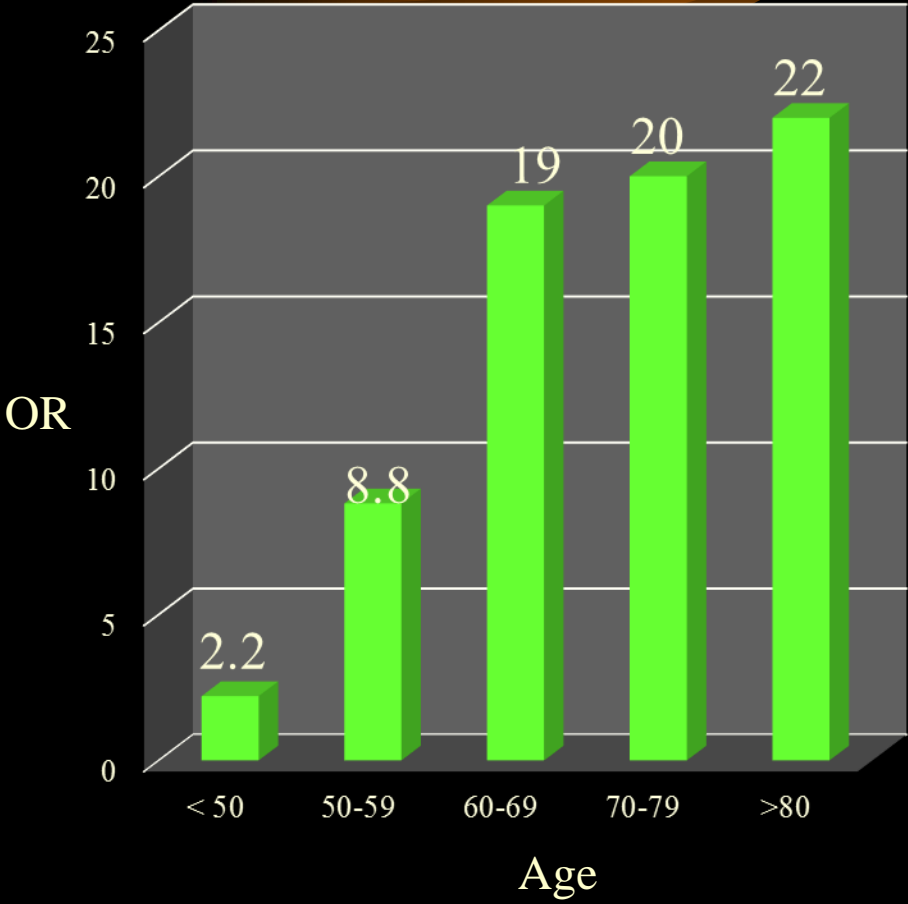
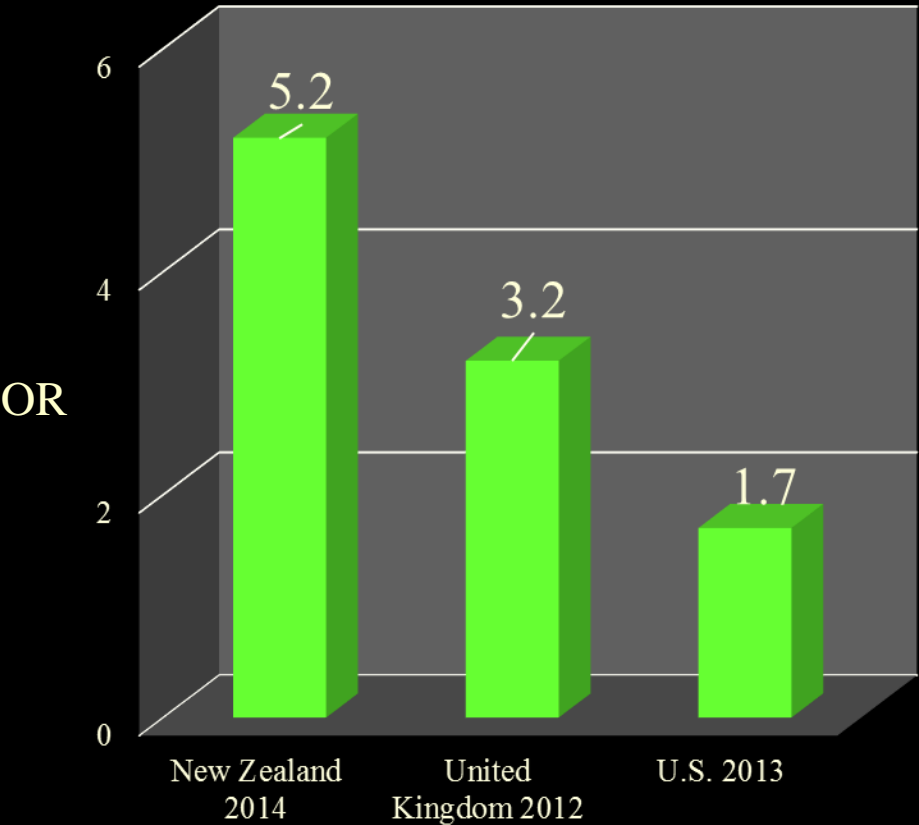


# Risk of CKD : VA Study

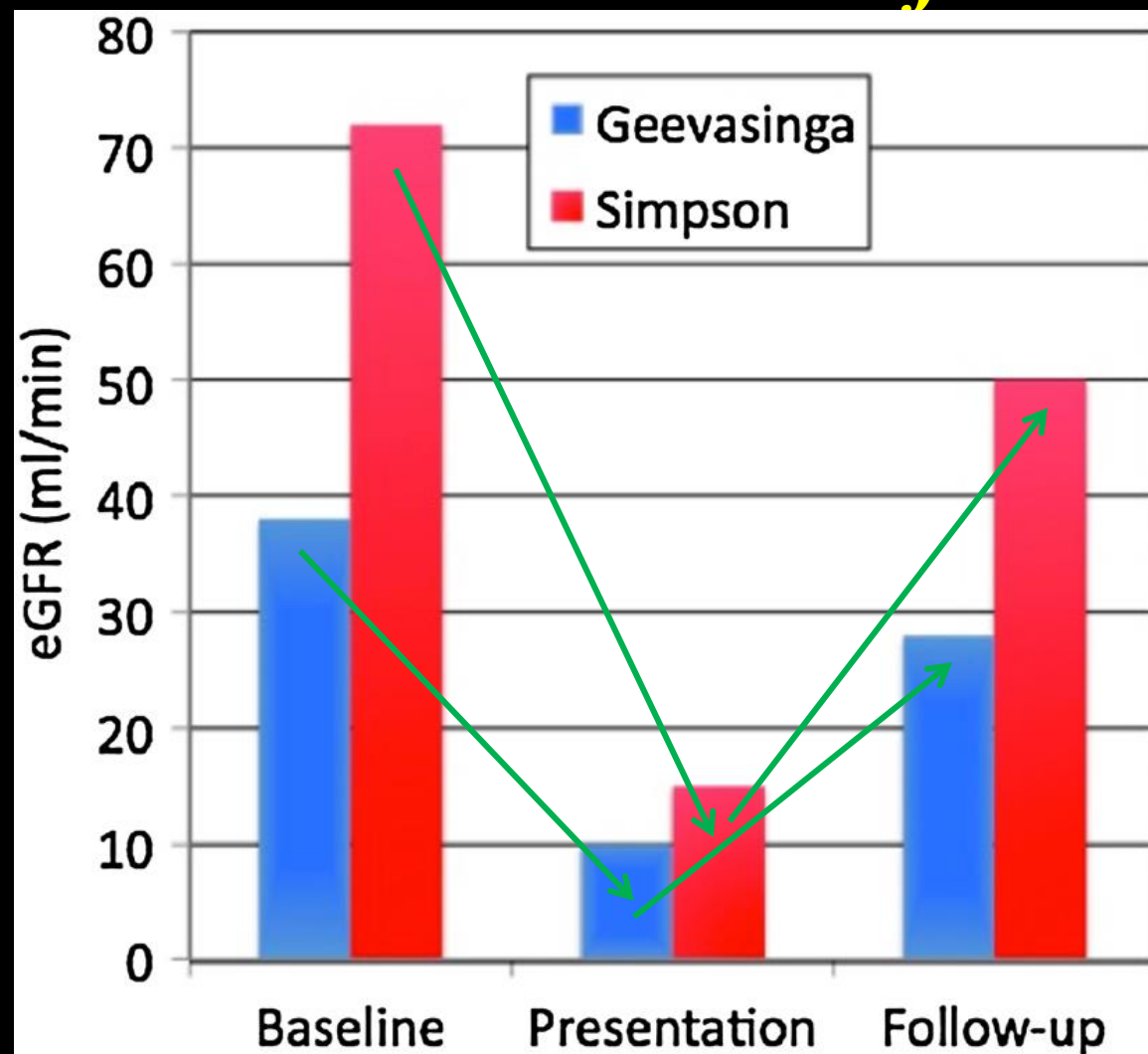


# *PPI and Allergic Interstitial Nephritis*

Any Patient on a PPI with AKI : Suspect the PPI !!!



## *Persistent CKD after AKI from PPI*



### Conclusion

Patients with AKI from PPI often are left with persistent CKD due to delayed diagnosis

## ***AIN & Proton Pump Inhibitors***

- **Idiosyncratic (no relation to dose/duration)**
  - **All drug classes implicated**
- **Minimal systemic hypersensitivity reaction**
  - **Fever <50%**
  - **Rash <10%**
  - **Eosinophilia < 10%**

TH17/TH1 response >> TH2 response  
(atypical of most cases of drug induced AIN)
- **Duration of PPI treatment prior to AIN**
  - **Mean 10 weeks (range 1 wk – 18 months)**
- **Path: AIN, tissue eosinophils seen in approx 80%**
- **Treatment often delayed**
  - **75% of cases have been left with Stage 3-4 CKD**

# Proton Pump Inhibitors and Kidney Disease—GI Upset for the Nephrologist?

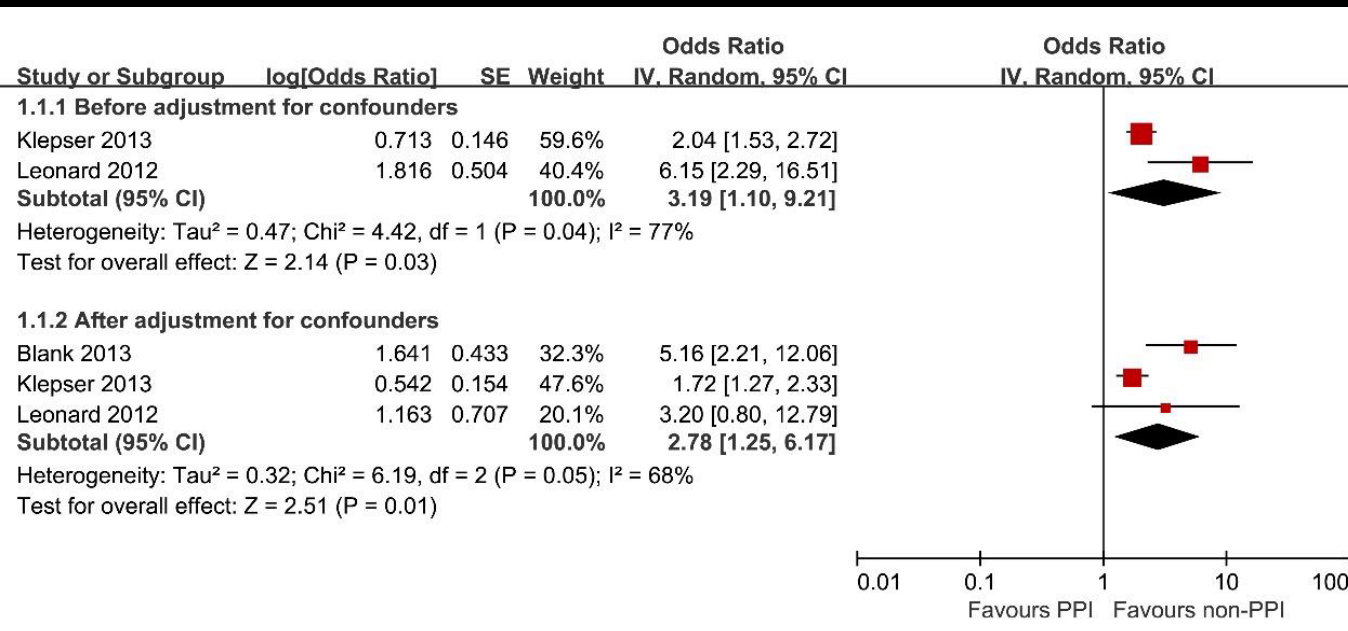


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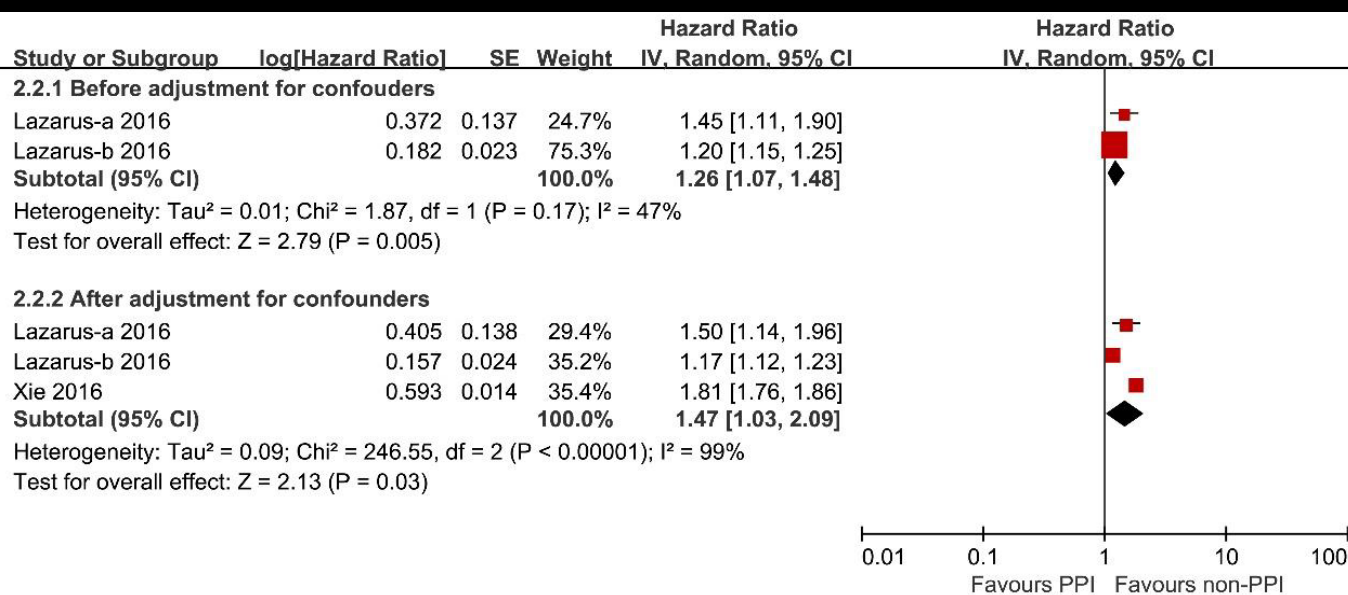
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Author, year	Study design	Type of kidney injury evaluated	Reference group	Risk associations with PPI use
Geevasinga <i>et al.</i> , 2006 <sup>36</sup>	Case series	AIN	NA	NA
Simpson <i>et al.</i> , 2006 <sup>37</sup>	Case series	AIN	NA	NA
Leonard <i>et al.</i> , 2012 <sup>38</sup>	Case-control	AIN	No PPI use	OR 3.20 (0.80–12.79)
Leonard <i>et al.</i> , 2012 <sup>38</sup>	Case-control	AKI	No PPI use	OR 1.05 (0.97–1.14)
Klepser <i>et al.</i> , 2013 <sup>39</sup>	Case-control	AKI	No PPI use	OR 1.72 (1.27–232)
Antoniou <i>et al.</i> , 2015 <sup>40</sup>	Health system data	AKI	No PPI use	HR 2.52 (2.27–2.79)
Lazarus <i>et al.</i> , 2016 <sup>41</sup>	Prospective cohort	AKI	No PPI use	HR 1.64 (1.22–2.21)
	Health system data		No PPI use	HR 1.31 (1.22–1.42)
	Prospective cohort	AKI	H <sub>2</sub> RA use	HR 1.58 (1.05–2.40)
	Health system data		H <sub>2</sub> RA use	HR 1.31 (1.13–1.48)
Lazarus <i>et al.</i> , 2016 <sup>41</sup>	Prospective cohort	CKD	No PPI use	HR 1.50 (1.14–1.96)
	Health system data		No PPI use	HR 1.17 (1.12–1.23)
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	Health system data		H <sub>2</sub> RA use	HR 1.29 (1.19–1.40)
Xie <i>et al.</i> , 2016 <sup>42</sup>	Prospective cohort	CKD	H <sub>2</sub> RA use	HR 1.28 (1.23–1.34)
Xie <i>et al.</i> , 2016 <sup>42</sup>	Prospective cohort	ESRD	H <sub>2</sub> RA use	HR 1.96 (1.21–3.18)
Peng <i>et al.</i> , 2016 <sup>43</sup>	Case-control	ESRD	No PPI use	OR 1.88 (1.71–2.06)

# Risk of AIN/AKI and CIN/CKD with PPI



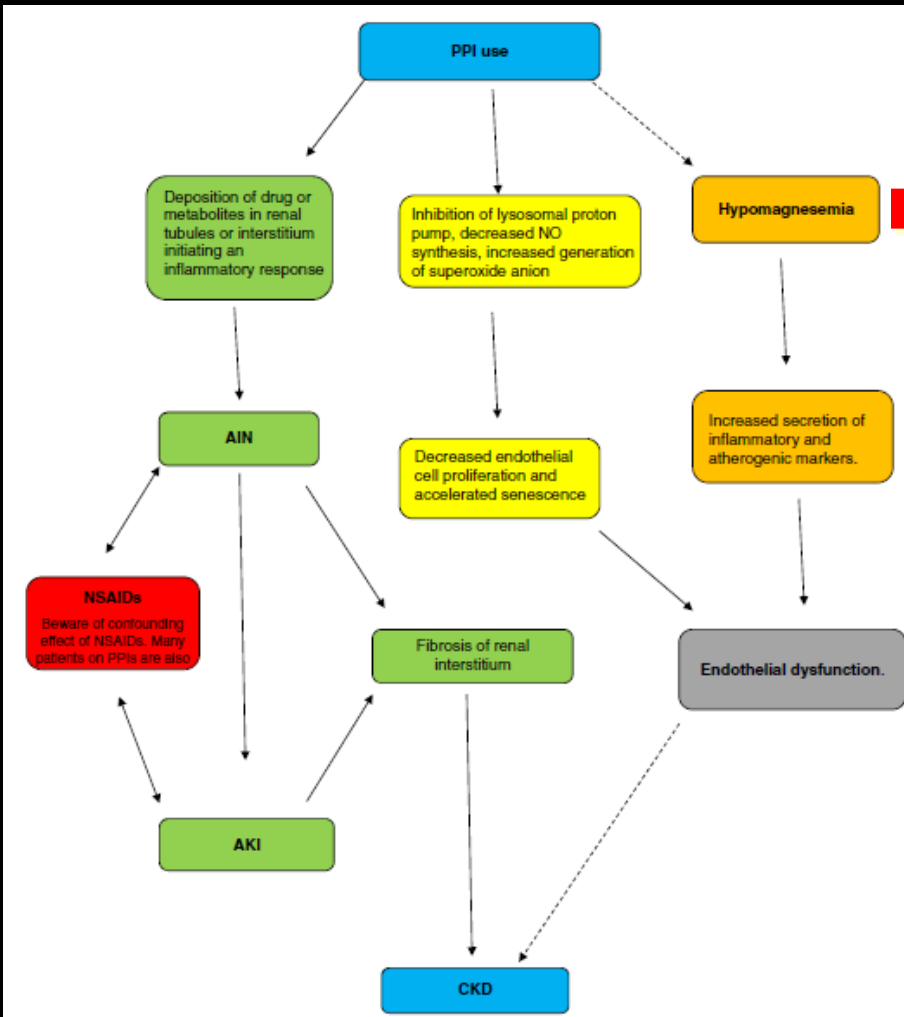
**AKI  
OR 2.78**



**CKD  
OR 1.47**

# *PPI Use and AKI / CKD:*

## *Mechanisms*



The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) study found that magnesium level of  $\leq 0.7$  mmol/L ( $\leq 1.8$  mg/dL) was associated with incident CKD and endstage renal disease (ESRD)

## *5 – Aminosalicylates*

- **AIN has been reported with all preparations used for inflammatory bowel disease**
  - **Asacol®**
  - **Pentasa®**
  - **Dipentum®**
  - **Colazal®**
- **idiosyncratic, non-dose-dependent reaction**
- **40% incidence of CKD as a result of delayed recognition and cessation of drug exposure**

# *HAART Related Nephropathy*

- **Protease Inhibitors**
  - **Indinavir / Atazanavir**
    - Crystalluria / AKI / Nephrolithiasis
    - Less frequent with other PI
    - Additional causes of crystalluria in HIV patients
      - **Ciprofloxacin**
      - **Acyclovir**
      - **Sulfadiazine**
  - **Allergic Interstitial Nephritis**



# *AIN Secondary to Chemotherapy*

## Checkpoint Inhibitors

- pembrolizumab and nivolumab that target PD-1, atezolizumab, which is a PD-L1 inhibitor, and ipilimumab, which binds to CTLA-4.
- **Frequent autoimmune sequela**
- AIN develops 2 wks to 8 months AFTER initiation of therapy and 2 months after the last dose
- Steroid responsive

## Ifosfamide

- Alkylating agent
- Predominant ATN with predilection for the proximal tubule – Fanconi's syndrome
- AIN reported in 30% of cases

## Pemetrexed

- enzymes involved in DNA synthesis and is used in the treatment of mesothelioma and non-small cell lung cancer
- Antifolate
- Predilection for the proximal tubule

## Intravesicle BCG

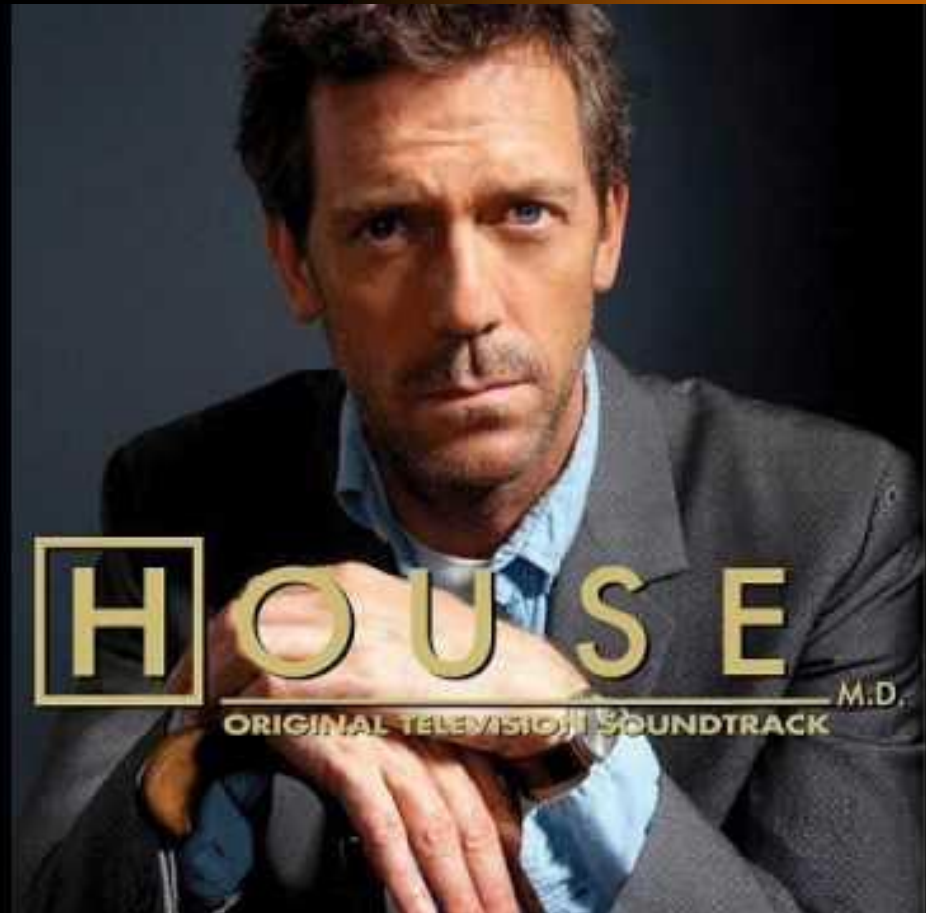
- live attenuated vaccine, is an established and effective treatment for noninvasive transitional cell carcinoma of the bladder
- Leads to Type IV hypersensitivity reaction and AIN

**Tyrosine kinase inhibitors / Lenalidomide : occasional cases of AIN**

# *Renal Biopsy for Drug Induced AIN*

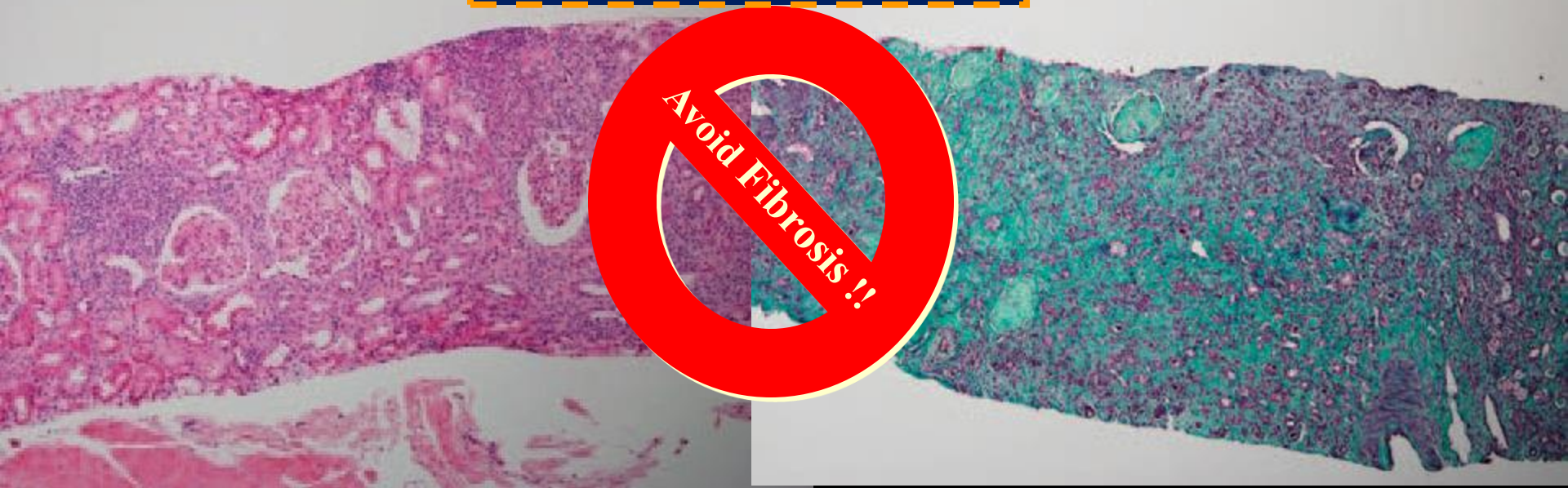
AKI  
Secondary  
to ATN

Suspected  
AIN



## *Goal of Therapy in AIN*

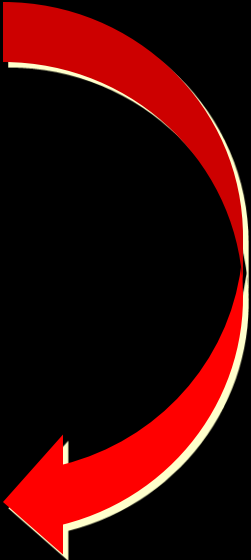
**Fibrosis begins  
after 7 days !!**



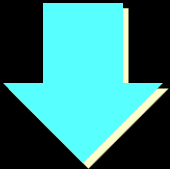
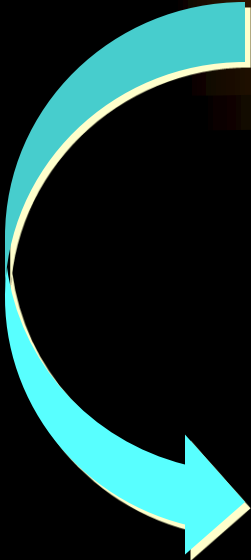
**Trichrome stain** often used to demonstrate Fibrosis

# *Outcome of AIN*

**Complete  
Recovery  
50%**

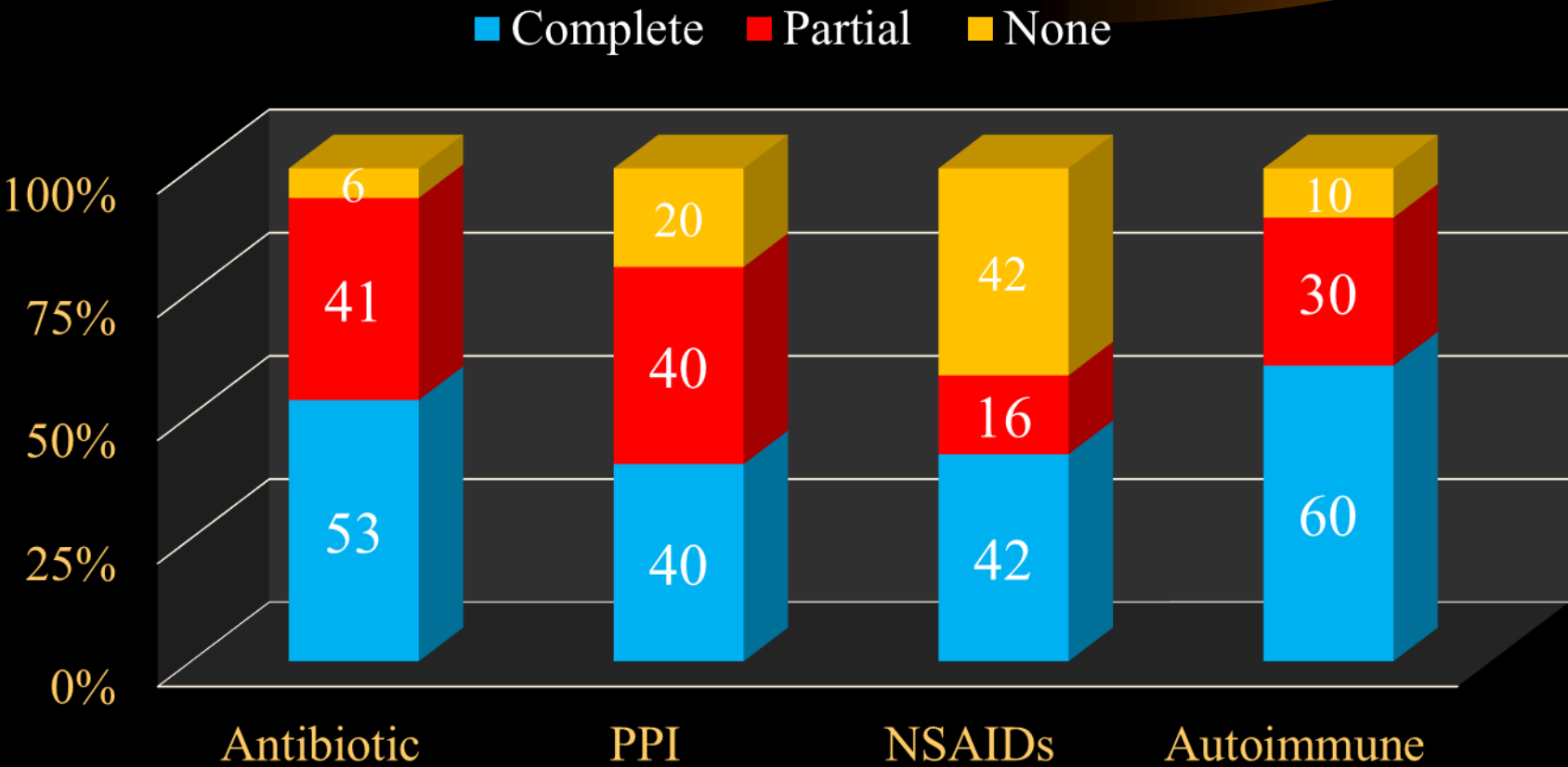


**Residual  
CKD  
50%**



**10% ESRD**

# Outcome of AIN based on Etiology



# *Early Steroid Rx improves Recovery of Renal function in drug induced AIN*

## Std Rx - Recovery

Complete

Incomplete

Time from drug withdrawal  
to RX (days )

13 +/-10

34 +/-17

## Interstitial Fibrosis

Mild

89%

29%

Mod

11%

46%

Severe

0 %

25%

# Drug Induced AIN : To Steroid or not to Steroid ?

Table 1. Studies examining corticosteroid therapy in acute interstitial nephritis

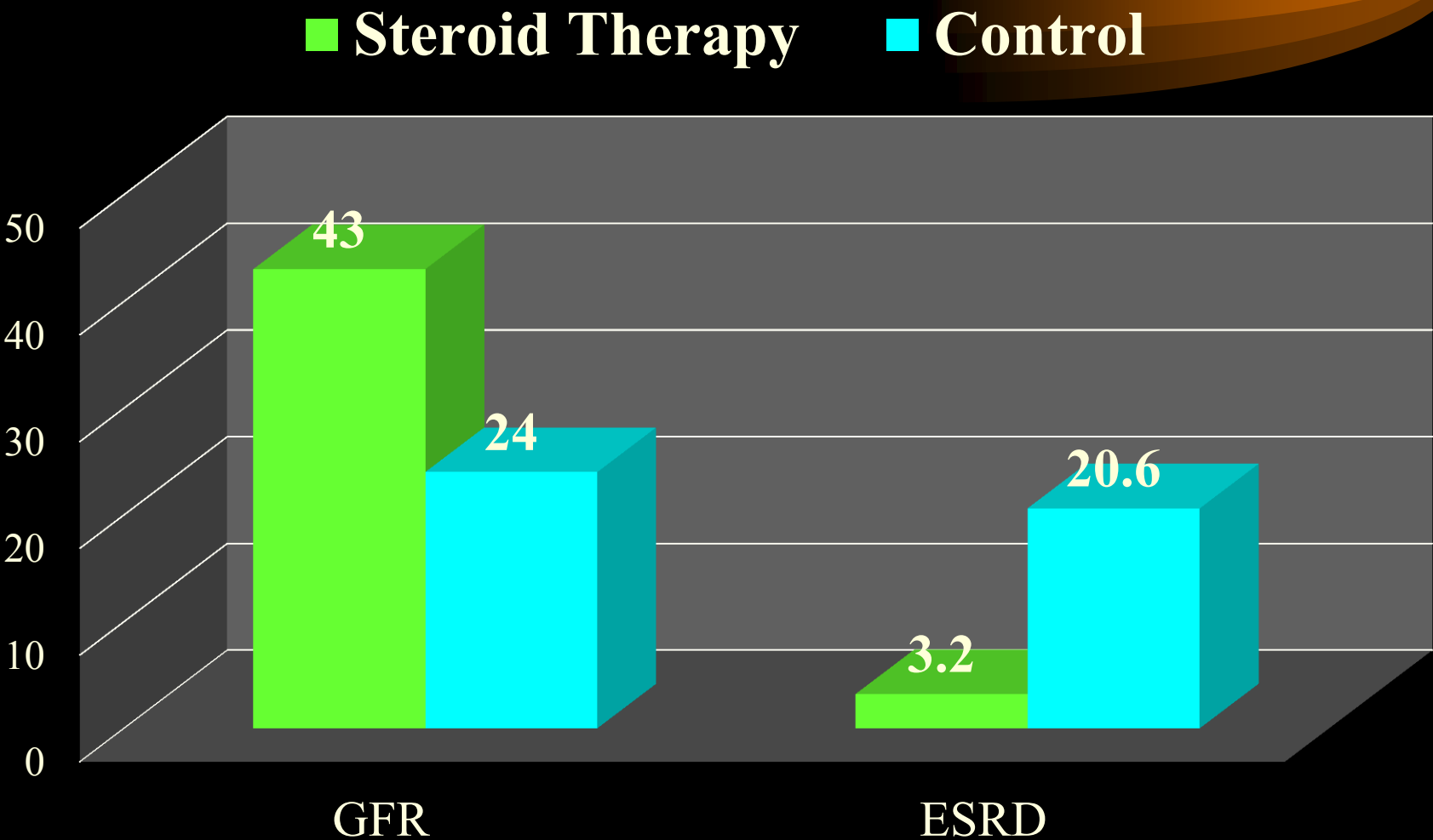
Author, Yr (ref)	Sample size		Peak SCr, mg/dl		Final SCr, mg/dl		Follow-Up, Mo	Comment
	Steroid	No Steroid	Steroid	No Steroid	Steroid	No Steroid		
Clarkson <i>et al.</i> 2004 (4)	26	16	7.9	6.1	1.6	1.6	12	Patients received steroids late after diagnosis (median delay >3 wk). Steroid treated patients with complete recovery had shorter delay to steroids (13 d) as compared with those without complete recovery (34 d).
González <i>et al.</i> 2008 (5)	52	9	5.9	4.9	2.1	3.7	19	
Raza <i>et al.</i> 2012 (7)	37	12	6.5	5.2	2.8	3.4	19	Improved GFR with steroid versus control ( $P<0.05$ ). No difference in kidney outcomes on the basis of steroid timing.
Muriithi <i>et al.</i> 2014 (6)	83	12	3.0	4.5	1.4	1.5	6	Steroid-treated patients had superior kidney outcomes with early versus late steroid therapy.
Valluri <i>et al.</i> 2015 (8)	73	51	4.03	3.16	NR	NR	12	Worse kidney function in steroid-treated versus control at biopsy (SCr 4.2 versus 3.3 mg/dl). Steroid-treated patients had complete recovery (48%) versus control group (41%); final SCr not different at 1 yr.
Prendecki <i>et al.</i> 2016 (9)	158	29	20.5 ml/min (eGFR)	25 ml/min (eGFR)	43 ml/min (eGFR)	24 ml/min (eGFR)	24	Steroid-treated patient had better eGFR at 2 yr and less dialysis (5.1% versus 24.1%). Dose, duration, and time to steroid initiation were variable.

SCr, serum creatinine concentration; NR, not reported.

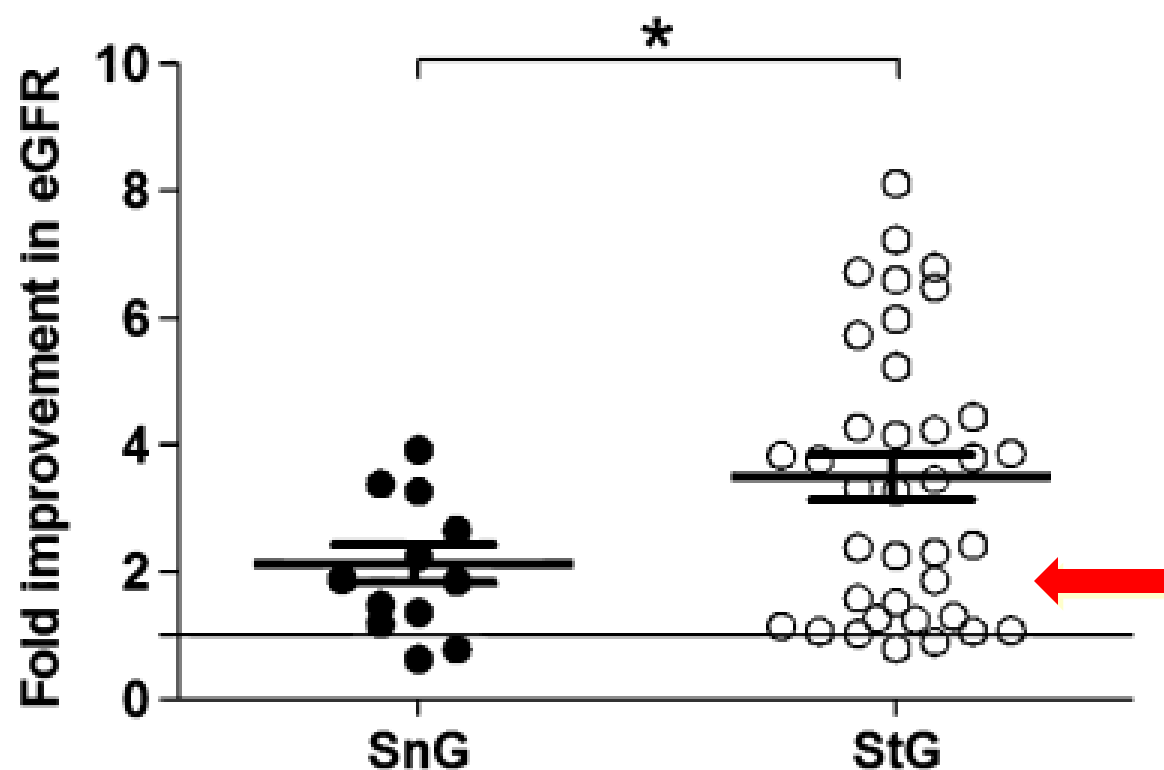
Overall patients receiving steroids have improved renal function at short and long term followup compared to patients without therapy

# *Steroid Therapy for AIN*

## *Significant Benefit on the Development of CKD*



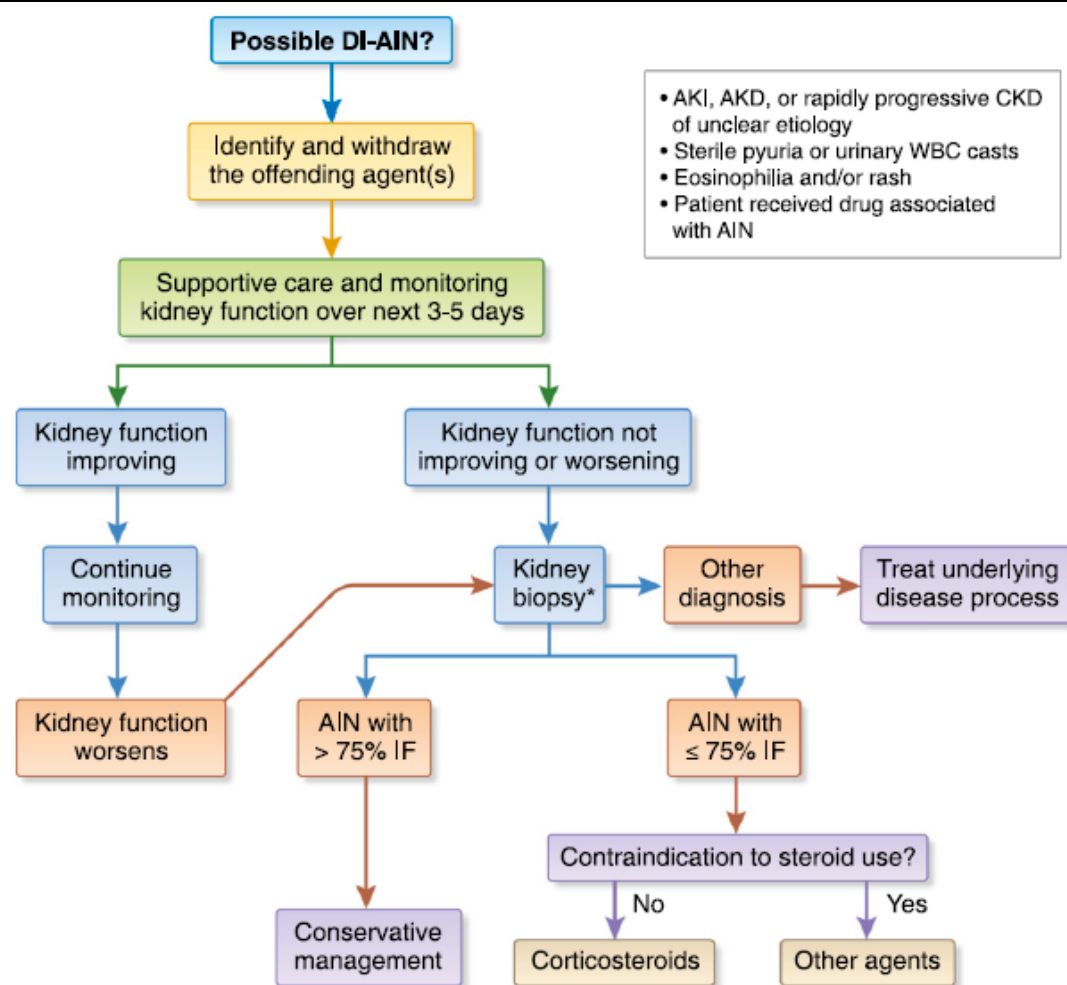
# Improved Renal Outcome with Steroid Therapy in AIN



Steroid treated patients experienced a greater degree of renal recovery

Patients with AIN due to PPI had a lower response rate to steroids

# Drug Induced AIN: When to Biopsy ?



**250–500mg intravenous methylprednisolone followed by 1 mg/kg per day of oral prednisone or 1 mg/kg per day of oral prednisone without intravenous therapy**

**Continue for 6 weeks – if no improvement – then discontinue**

**In steroid intolerant patients, mycophenolate mofetil can be considered**

# ***Treatment of Drug Induced AIN***

**Immediate discontinuation of the offending agent**

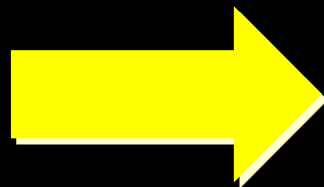


**No improvement within 5-7 days  
or  
Dialysis dependence**

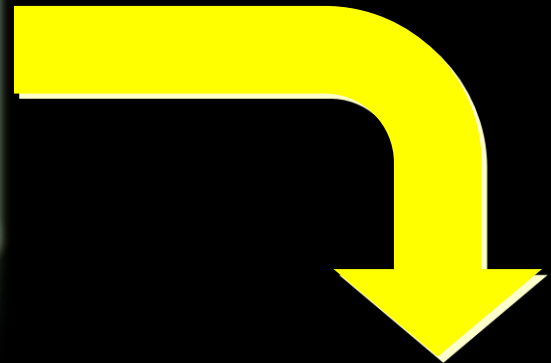


**Glucocorticoid Therapy**

# *Etiology of Chronic Interstitial Nephritis*

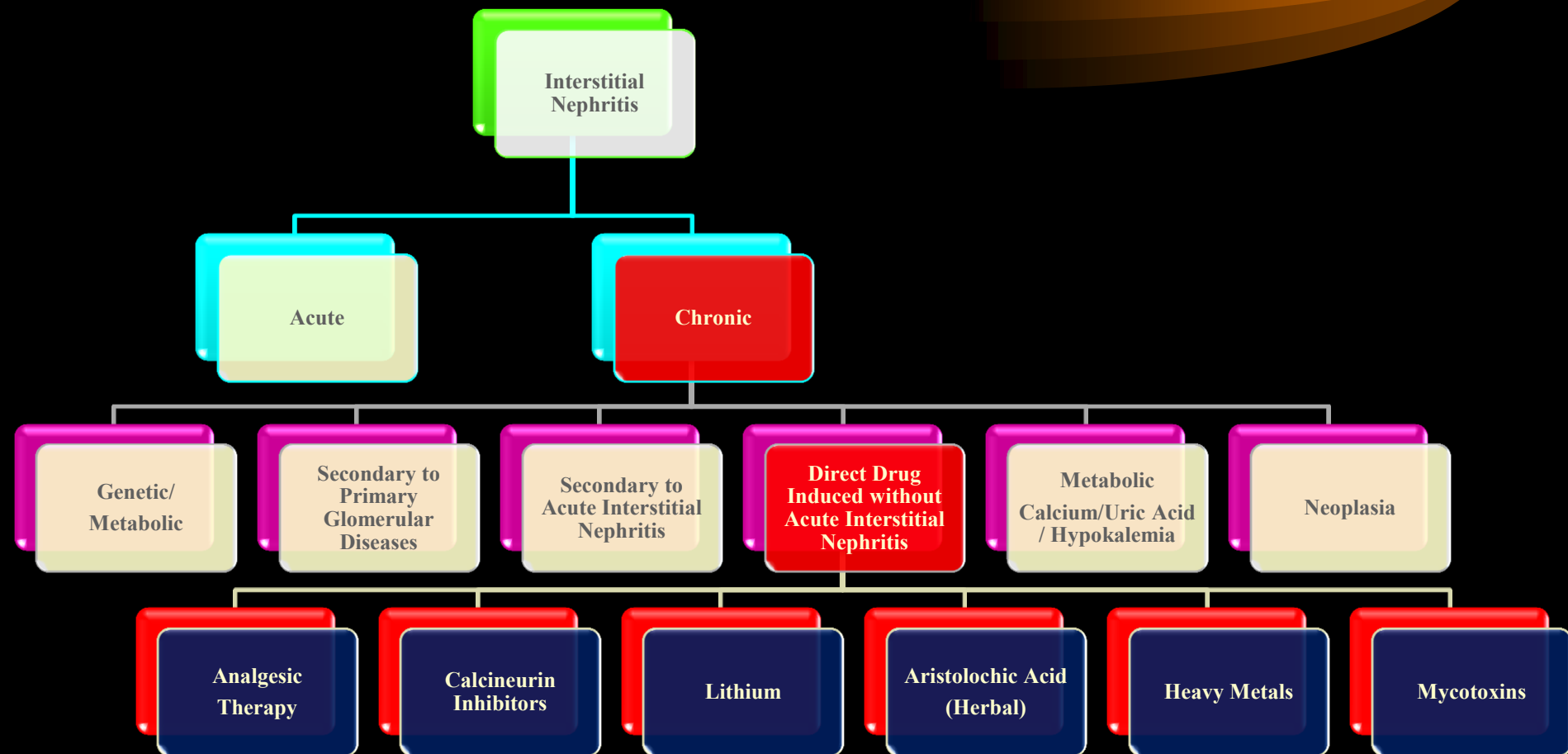


**Acute  
Interstitial  
Nephritis  
(AIN)**



**Chronic  
Interstitial  
Nephritis  
(CIN)**

# Classification of Interstitial Nephritis



# *Chronic Interstitial Nephritis :*

## *Analgesic Nephropathy*

- **Most common drugs worldwide responsible for chronic interstitial fibrosis**
- **Primary analgesic use involves combination therapy of**
  - **Phenacetin ± Acetaminophen (metabolite)**
  - And**
  - **ASA or Caffeine**
  - **NSAIDS may be able to induce the same syndrome independently**

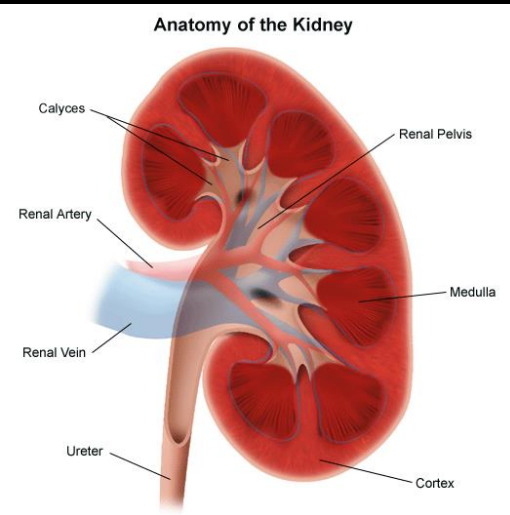
# *Chronic Interstitial Nephritis :*

## *Analgesic Nephropathy*



- **Dose dependent**
  - Years of chronic use
  - Cumulative dose of 3 kg of index compound
  - Daily ingestion of 1 g/day over 3 years
- **Pathogenesis**
  - Intra-renal conversion to reactive metabolites
  - Enhanced concentration in the medulla/papillae

## Normal



## Normal



## Papillary Necrosis

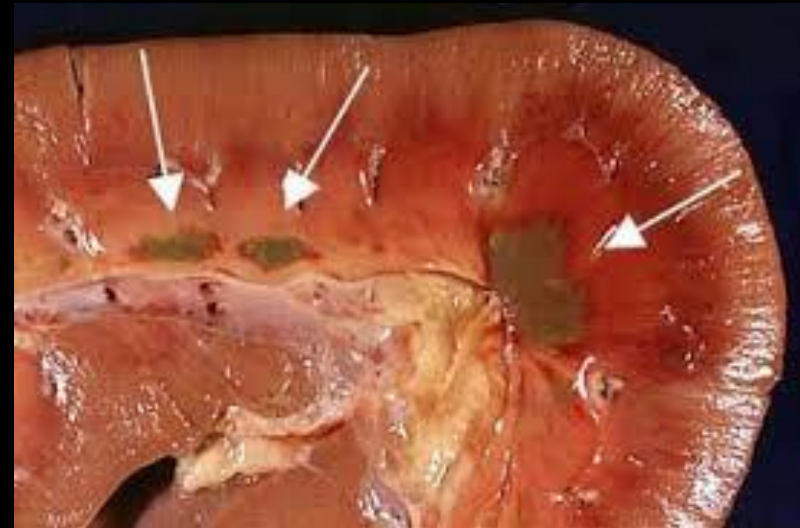


## Papillary Necrosis

Blunting of the Calyces

Calcified Papillae

Small contracted kidneys



A histological section of tissue, likely from the kidney, showing papillary necrosis. The image displays a large, irregular area of necrotic tissue with a pale, eosinophilic (pinkish) appearance. The necrotic area is characterized by a loss of cellular structure and is surrounded by a more organized, darker-stained tissue. The overall texture is granular and fragmented, typical of necrotic tissue. The background tissue shows some degree of cellular detail, but the central area is dominated by the necrotic process.

Papillary Necrosis

# ***Lithium and the Kidney***

- **Nephrogenic DI (20-40%)**
- **Type I distal RTA**
- **Chronic Interstitial Nephritis (15-20%)** ★
- **Hypercalcemia (Hyperparathyroidism – direct effect on the gland )**

**Lithium enters the tubules through the Na channel of the collecting ducts (ENAC) in the principal cells**

**Prevention of nephrotoxicity can be accomplished with the concomitant use of amiloride**

# *Summary : Drug Nephrotoxicity*



Interstitial Nephritis is a Type B ADR represents an important cause of both AKI and CKD in the outpatient and inpatient population and is increasing in frequency

AIN from PPI often leads to CKD as a result of delayed diagnosis and lacks the typical clinical presentation of AIN

Early discontinuation of the offending drug and possibly the use of steroids may reduce the risk of CKD in drug induced AIN

CIN often results from poorly treated AIN but also may develop directly without preceding AIN

Analgesic Nephropathy and Lithium represent two typical causes of CIN

Drug induced Nephrotoxicity represents a serious consequence of ADR : careful review of the medication list is essential in all patients with AKI or CKD



**Drug Induced Nephrotoxicity**

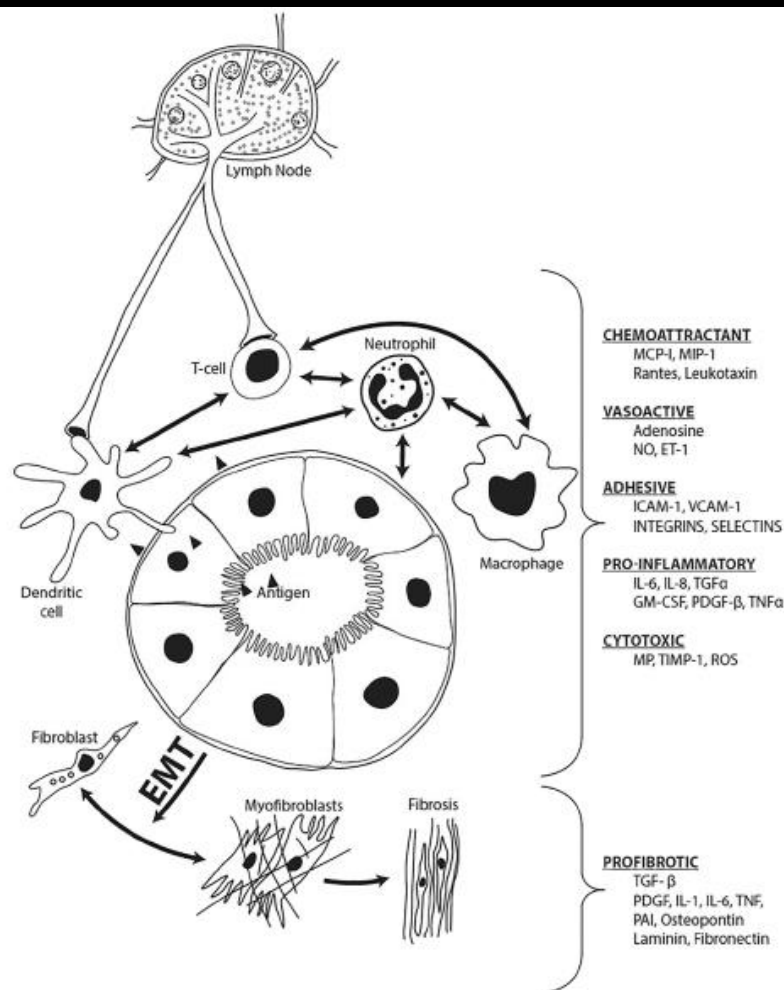
# Mechanisms of Drug Induced AIN

Mechanism	Illustration	Published Drugs Linked to AIN
Hapten		<p>Penicillins<sup>1,46</sup>: Amoxicillin, Ampicillin, Dicloxacillin, Oxacillin, Benzylpenicillin, Carbenicillin, Cloxacillin, Flucloxacillin, Methicillin, Piperacillin/Tazobactam</p> <p>Cephalosporins<sup>1,46</sup>: Cefaclor, Cefepime, Cefamandole, Cefazolin, Cefoperazone, Cefotaxime, Cefotetan, Cefoxitin, Ceftriaxone, Cephalexin, Cephaloridine, Cephalothin, Cephradine</p> <p>NSAIDs Including Salicylates<sup>1,47</sup>: Aceclofenac, Alclofenac, Aspirin, Diclofenac, Naproxen</p>
Pro-hapten		<p>Sulfonamide-Containing Drugs<sup>1,8,48-50</sup>: Celecoxib, Chlorthalidone, Chlorpropamide, Furosemide (Frusomide), Hydrochlorothiazide, Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole</p>
p-i Concept		<p>Other<sup>1,6,7,51</sup>: Carbamazepine (HLA-B*15:02), Allopurinol (HLA-B*58:01, HLA-B*57:01), Flucloxacillin (HLA-B*57:01)</p>

Abbreviations: Drug (as hapten); carrier protein; nonreactive drug metabolized into a reactive compound that binds to specific proteins (haptenization); APC, antigen-presenting cell; host-specific T-cell receptor; MHC, major histocompatibility complex protein expressed by host.

# *Drug Induced – AIN :*

## *Major role of the Proximal Tubule*



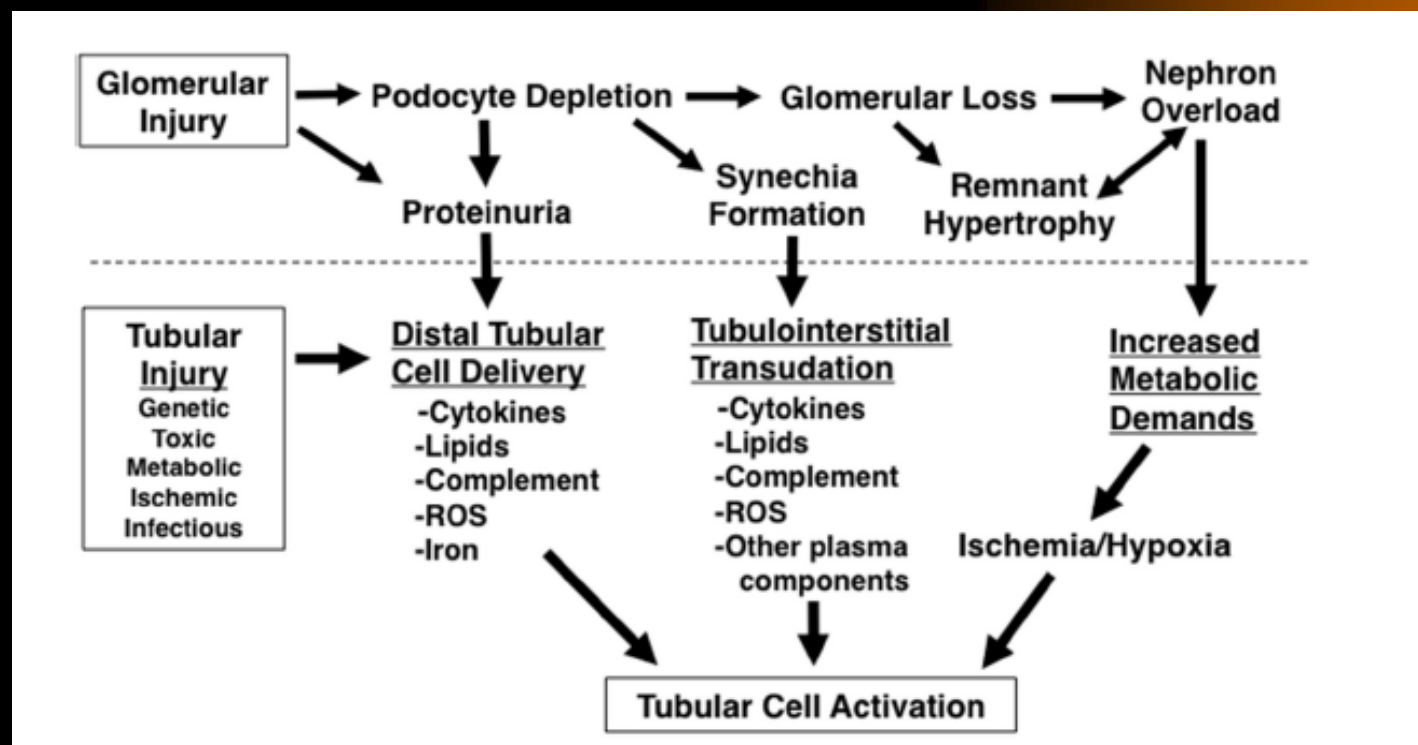
High blood flow of the kidney predisposed it to increase delivery of drugs

Filtration / secretion of the drug with subsequent absorption / metabolism by the proximal tubule

3 phases :

“antigen recognition” and presentation phase  
an “integrative” or regulatory (primarily cellular) phase  
an “effector” or mediator (primarily humoral) phase

## ***Tubulointerstitial Injury is the Final Common Pathway to CKD/ESRD in Glomerular and Interstitial Diseases***



The mal-adaptive repair of injured proximal and distal tubular cells from any process leads to progressive interstitial fibrosis –

**Caveat : The prognosis of any kidney disease is dependent on the degree of tubulointerstitial injury (not the degree of glomerular disease)**

# *Location of Chemotherapy Induced Nephrotoxicity*

