



CYSTIC DISEASES of THE KIDNEY

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Types of cysts

1-Simple Cysts

2-Dialysis-associated acquired cysts

3-Autosomal Dominant (Adult) Polycystic Kidney Disease

4-Autosomal Recessive (Childhood) Polycystic Kidney Disease

5-Medullary Cystic Disease

Simple renal Cysts



1-Simple Cysts

- Multiple or single
- 1-5 cm in diameter
- filled with clear fluid.
- confined to the **cortex**.
- no clinical significance.
- Usually discovered incidentally or because of hemorrhage and pain
- Importance: to differentiate from kidney tumors

Cysts associated with chronic dialysis



2-Dialysis-associated acquired cysts

- in patients with renal failure who have **prolonged dialysis**.
- both cortex and medulla
- **Complications: hematuria; pain**
- **Increased risk of renal carcinomas** (100 times greater than in the general population)

Autosomal Dominant (Adult) Polycystic Kidney Disease



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3- Autosomal Dominant (Adult) Polycystic Kidney Disease

- ❑ multiple bilateral cysts
- ❑ eventually destroy the renal parenchyma.
- ❑ Incidence (1: 500-1000) persons
- ❑ 10% of chronic renal failure.
- ❑ inheritance of one of 2 autosomal dominant genes:
 - ❑ (1)- **PKD1**: 85-90% (encodes **polycystin-1**)
 - ❑ (2)- **PKD2** :10-15% (encodes **polycystin- 2**).

3-Autosomal Dominant (Adult) Polycystic Kidney Disease – cont.

Clinical presentation :

- *asymptomatic* until the 4th decade
- Symptoms: *flank pain* , heavy dragging sensation, abdominal mass, hemorrhage, obstruction, *Intermittent gross hematuria*

Complications

- 1- *hypertension (75%)*
- 2- *urinary infection*
- 3- vascular aneurysms of circle of Willis (10% -30%) → (subarachnoid hemorrhage).
- 4- renal failure at age 50

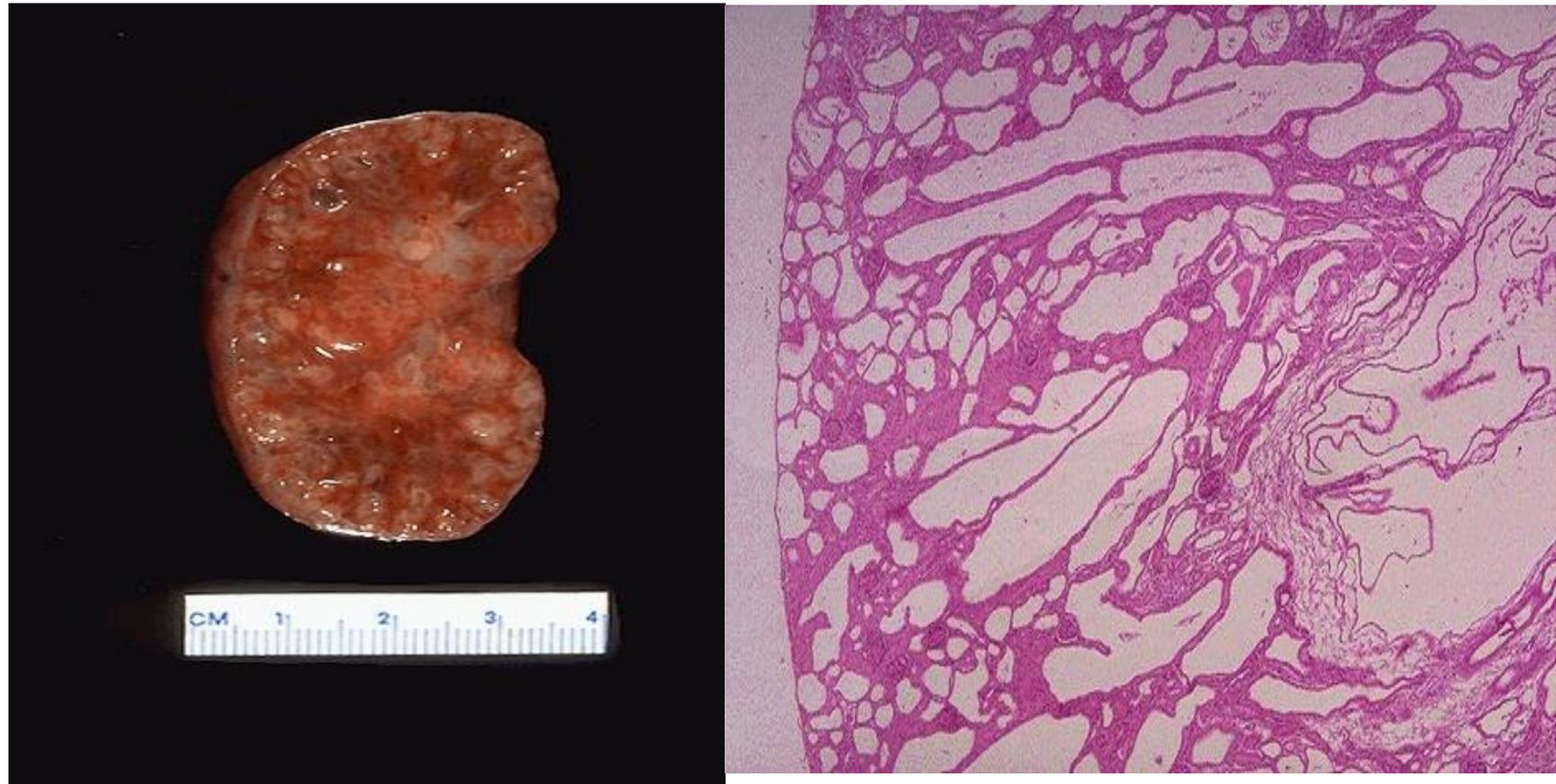
4-Autosomal Recessive (Childhood) Polycystic Kidney Disease

- ❖ autosomal recessive
- ❖ 1:20,000 live births.
- ❖ Types: perinatal, neonatal, infantile, and juvenile.
- ❖ Associated with liver cysts
- ❖ Mutations in *PKHD1* gene coding for *fibrocystin*.
- ❖ **Fibrocystin** may be involved in the function of cilia in tubular epithelial cells .

Normal term infant kidneys



Autosomal Recessive (Childhood) Polycystic Kidney Disease:



5- Medullary Cystic Disease

➤ 2 major types:

1-medullary sponge kidney

➤ - common and innocent condition.

2-nephronophthisis-medullary cystic disease complex

➤ - almost always associated with renal dysfunction.

➤ - usually begins in childhood.

➤ - Cysts are at cortico-medullary junction

5- Medullary Cystic Disease

- **Clinical features:**
- polyuria and polydipsia (↓tubular function).
- renal failure over 5-10-year
- A positive family history and unexplained chronic renal failure in young patients should lead to suspicion of medullary cystic disease.

URINARY OUTFLOW OBSTRUCTION

• Renal Stones (*Urolithiasis*)

- stone formation at any level in the urinary collecting system.
- Most common in kidney.
- (1%) of all autopsies.
- Symptomatic more common in men
- Familial tendency toward stone formation
- unilateral in 80%
- Variable sizes

Stone = inorganic salt (98%) + organic matrix (2%)

❖ **Types are according to inorganic salt:**

1- calcium oxalate/ calcium oxalate+ calcium phosphate-- (80%) .

2- Struvite (magnesium ammonium phosphate) (<10%)

3- uric acid (6-7%)

4- cystine stones (2%)

Causes of Renal Stones

1-increased urine concentration of stone's constituents exceeds solubility in urine (supersaturation).

- **50% of *calcium stones* pts have hypercalciuria with no hypercalcemia.**
- **5% to 10% → hypercalcemia and hypercalciuria.**

2-The presence of a nidus

- Urates provide a nidus for calcium deposition.
- Desquamated epithelial cells
- Bacterial colonies

3-urine pH

- *Magnesium ammonium phosphate (struvite) stones* occur with **alkaline** urine due to UTIs.
- Uric acid stones form in **acidic** urine (under pH 5.5).

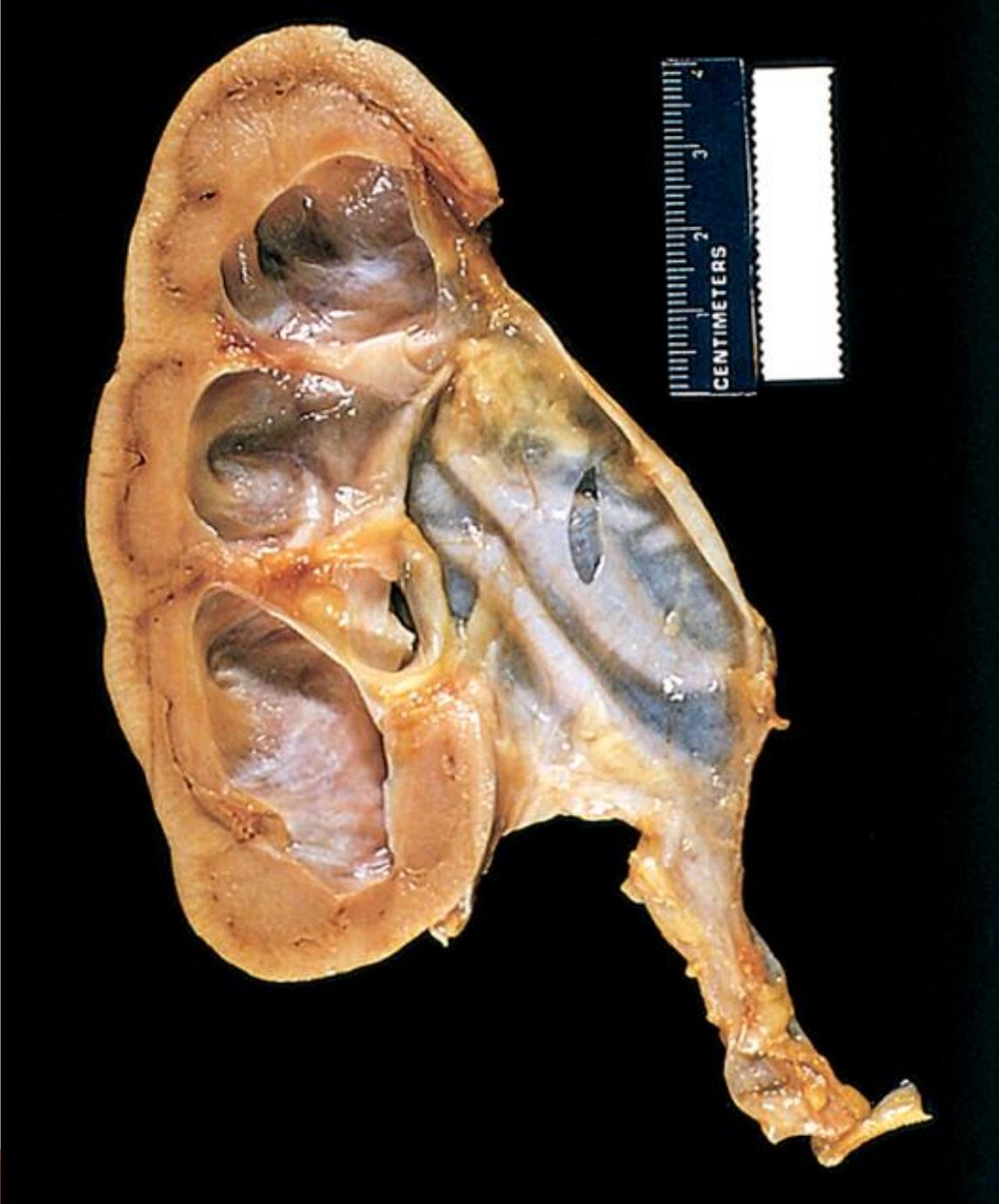
4-infections

urea-splitting bacteria (***Proteus vulgaris*** and staph).

Hydronephrosis

Hydronephrosis

- **dilation of the renal pelvis and calyces due to obstruction, with accompanying atrophy of kidney parenchyma.**
- **sudden or insidious**
- **Obstruction at any level from the urethra to the renal pelvis.**
- **The most common causes are :**



Hydronephrosis of the kidney, with marked dilation of the pelvis and calyces and thinning of renal parenchyma.

1-Congenital:

examples

- **Atresia of urethra**
- **Valve formations in ureter or urethra**
- **Aberrant renal artery compressing ureter**
- **Renal ptosis with torsion or kinking of ureter**

2-Acquired:

■ Examples:

- **Foreign bodies:** Calculi, necrotic apillae
- **Tumors:** prostatic hyperplasia, prostate cancer, bladder tumors, cervix or uterus cancer.
- **Inflammation:** Prostatitis, ureteritis, urethritis,
- **Neurogenic:** Spinal cord damage
- **Normal pregnancy:** rare, mild and reversible