


## Nutrition in Children with Chronic Kidney Disease

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Pediatric Kidney Disease Textbook 2016

### Aims of Nutrition Management in children with CKD

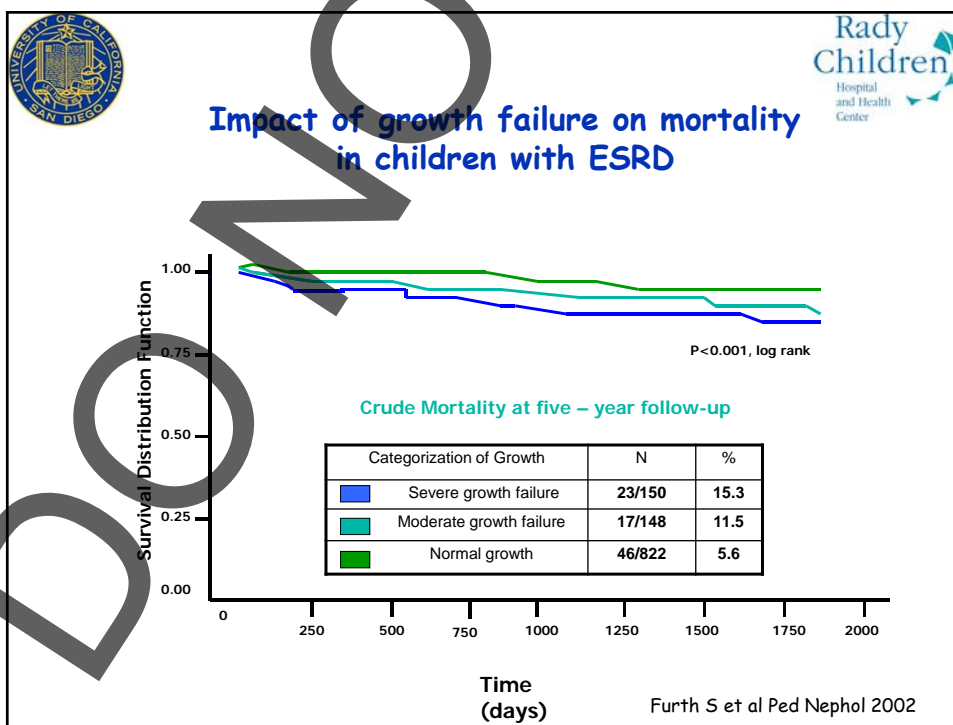
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## Height Status of children with CKD

Age range (years)	Height SDS after 1 month on dialysis	Height SDS at transplantation
0-1	-2.45	-1.98
2-5	-1.98	-2.34
6-12	-1.69	-2.07
>12	-1.30	-1.49

Abbreviation: SDS, standard deviation score. Permission obtained from the North American Pediatric Renal Trials and Collaborative Studies Online.<sup>9</sup>

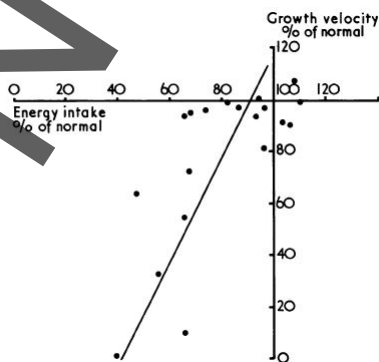
Rees L, Mak RH. Nature Reviews Nephrology 7:615-623, 2011



## Nutrition & Growth in CKD

- Energy

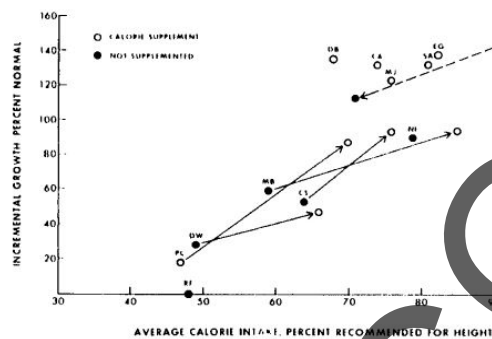
### Growth correlates with energy intake in children with CKD



Relation between growth velocity, expressed as percentage of expected 50<sup>th</sup> centile velocity, and energy intake, expressed as percentage of that recommended for same age ( $r=0.72$ ;  $P<0.001$ )

Betts PR, Magrath G. British Med J 2:189-193, 1974

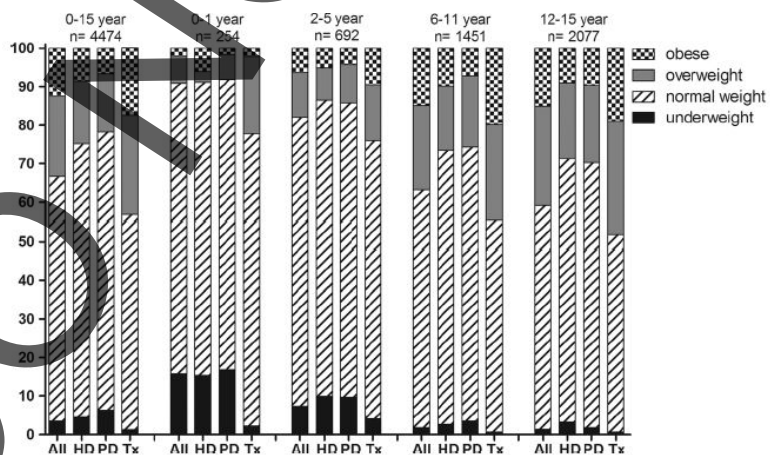
## Calorie supplements improve growth in children with CKD



Calorie intake and incremental growth of children on hemodialysis

Simmons JM et al. N Engl J Med 285:653-656, 1971

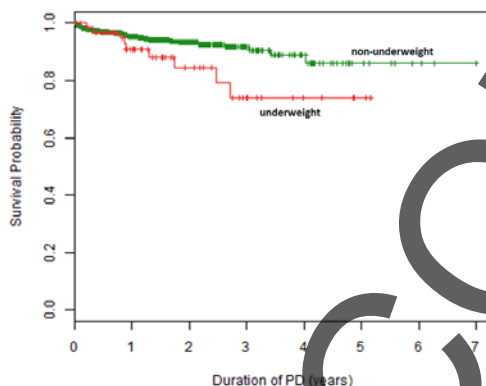
## Prevalence estimates for body habitus status stratified by treatment modality and age



Bonthuis M et al. Nephrol Dial Transplant 2013.

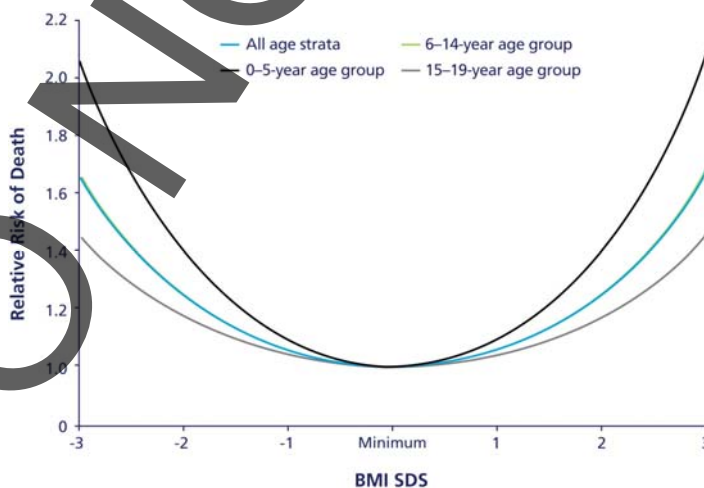


### Impact of weight status on survival



Schaefer F et al Sci Rep 2019

### BMI and mortality in children with ESRD



Wong et al AJKD 2002



## Energy intake recommendations in children with CKD

1. Initial recommendation in CKD 2-5 - same SDI as children of same chronological age
2. In children with suboptimal weight and growth, intake should be towards the high end of SDI or slightly above
3. In overweight children, adjust intake to achieve appropriate weight gain without compromising nutrition

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## Nutrition in children with CKD

- Energy
- Protein

## Protein intake recommendations in children with CKD

1. Target protein intake in CKD 2-5 at upper end of SDI for optimal growth
2. Lowest end of SDI range is minimal safe amount
3. Protein intake should be higher in children on dialysis to account for dialysis losses
4. In children with high BUN, protein intake should be at lower end of SDI after excluding other causes of high BUN

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## Nutrition prescription in children with CKD

1. Breast feeding preferred in infants
2. Whey dominant infant formulas if 1) not possible
3. Breast milk or formula fortified for fluid restriction
4. Dietary supplements introduced gradually to maximize acceptance and tolerance
5. Solid food, progression to texture and content.
6. Balanced diet and food choices

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## Nutrition prescription in children with CKD

7. Oral feeding is preferred.
8. Oral stimulation if 7) not possible, to avoid food aversion
9. Prompt intervention once weight percentile deteriorates
10. Nutrition supplements for inadequate diet intake after medical intervention for e.g. GI reflux
11. Supplemental or exclusive enteral tube feeding to improve nutritional status for inadequate oral intake.

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## Nutritional Assessment

- **Dietary Assessment**
- Every 2 weeks to once a year
- Depending on age and CKD stage
- Prospective or retrospective



## Nutritional Assessment

- **Dietary Assessment**
- **Macronutrients:**
- **Vitamins**
- **Minerals**

## Nutritional Assessment

### **Anthropometric Assessment**

- Height, weight, head circumference
- Percentile charts
- Growth WHO charts < 2 yr
- CDC charts > 2 yr
- BMI should be relative to height age (because of growth failure & delayed bone age)

## Nutrition in children with CKD

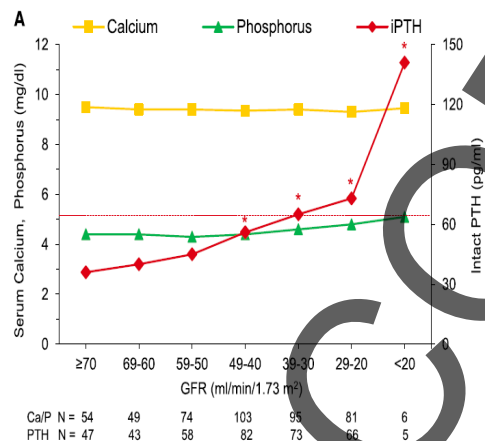
- Energy
- Protein
- **Mineral Bone Disorder**

## Growth failure and bone disease in children with CKD

	Total cohort <sup>a</sup>
Height < -2 SD	153 (61.9%)
Clinical manifestations of bone disease	91 (36.8%)
Deformities	63 (25.5%)
Pathological fractures	33 (13.4%)
Aseptic bone necrosis	32 (13.0%)
Mild disabling bone disease	26 (10.5%)
Severe disabling bone disease	18 (7.3%)
Invalidating bone disease (all)	44 (17.8%)

Groothoff J et al. Kidney Intl 63:266-275, 2003

### Mineral and hormone values according to estimated GFR in children with CKD



Ca/P	N = 54	49	74	103	95	81	6
PTH	N = 47	43	58	82	73	66	5

Portale A et al. CJASN 9:344-353, 2014

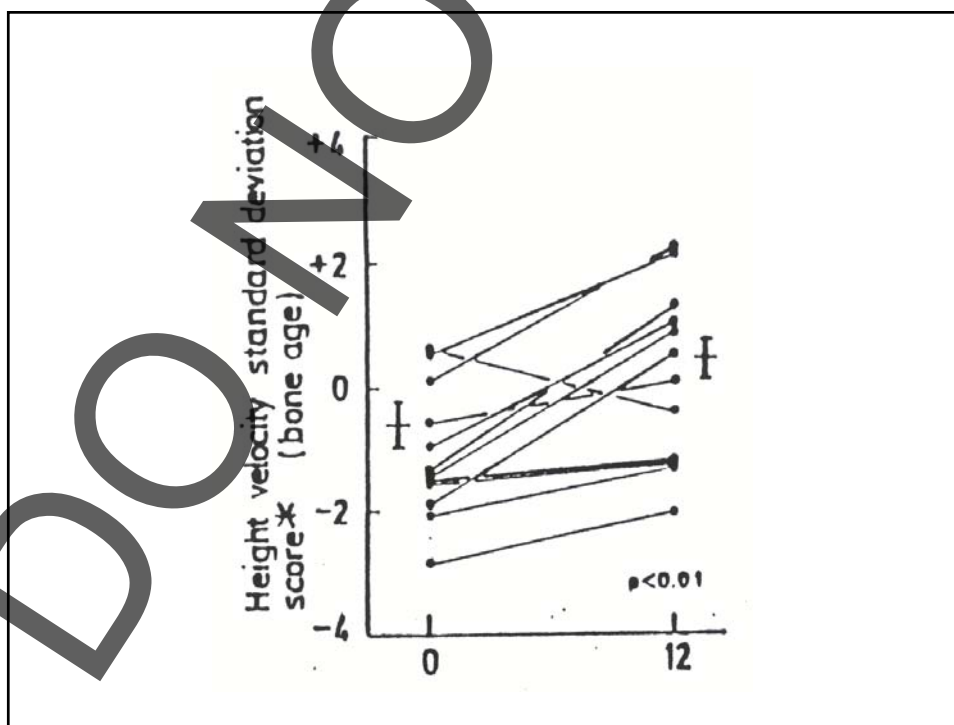
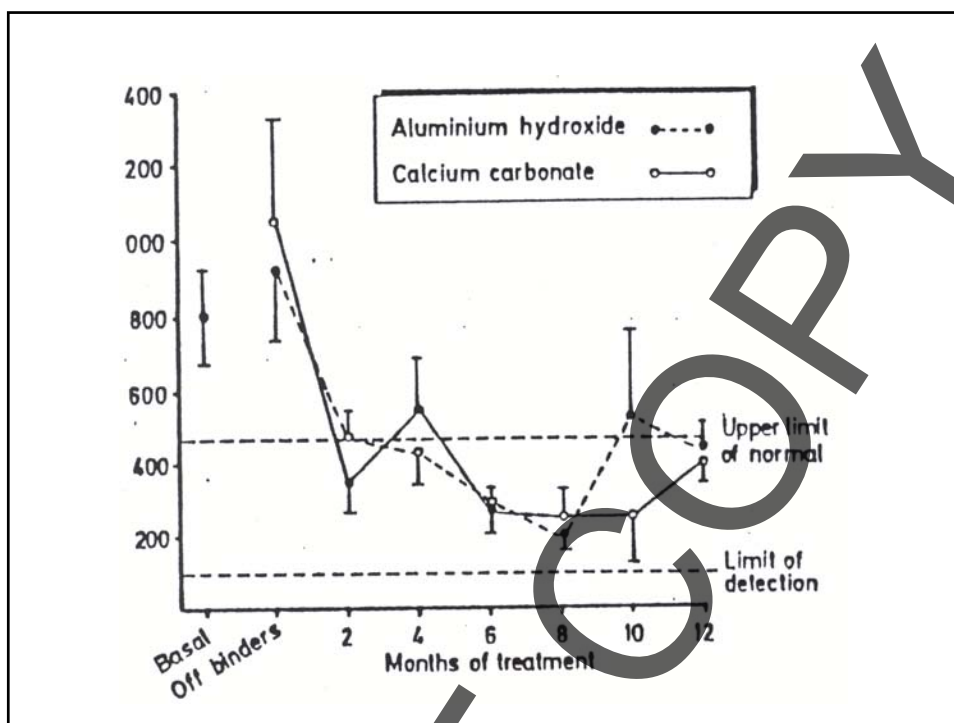
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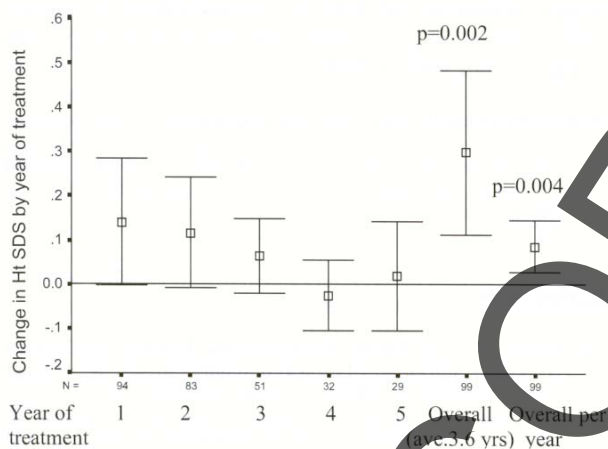
### PAPERS AND SHORT REPORTS

#### Suppression of secondary hyperparathyroidism in children with chronic renal failure by high dose phosphate binders: calcium carbonate versus aluminium hydroxide

R H K MAK, C TURNER, THEA THOMPSON, HELEN POWELL, G B HAYCOCK, C CHANTLER



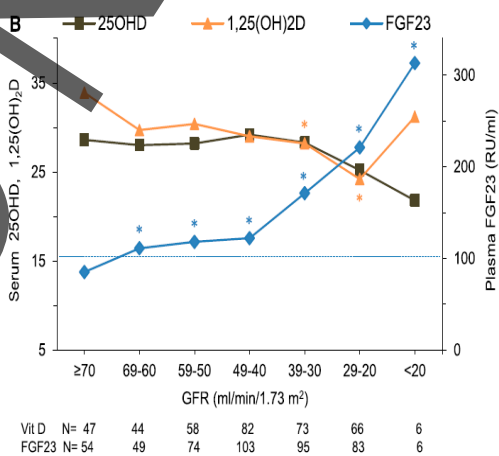
### Long term outcome of PTH suppression



**Fig. 1** Change in height standard deviation score (SDS) per year by year of treatment (*error bars* represent 95% confidence intervals), with overall data also shown in last two data points

Tamanaha K, Mak RH et al Ped Neph 1987

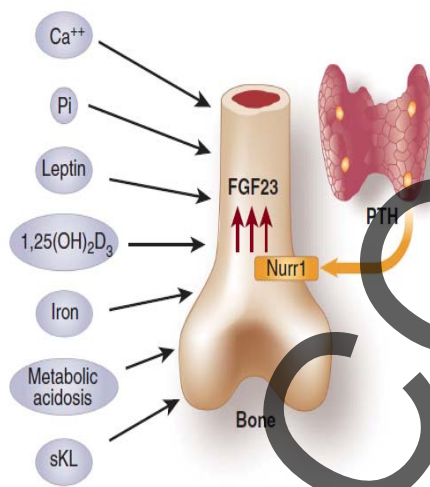
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Vit D	N= 47	44	58	82	73	66	6
FGF23	N= 54	49	74	103	95	83	6

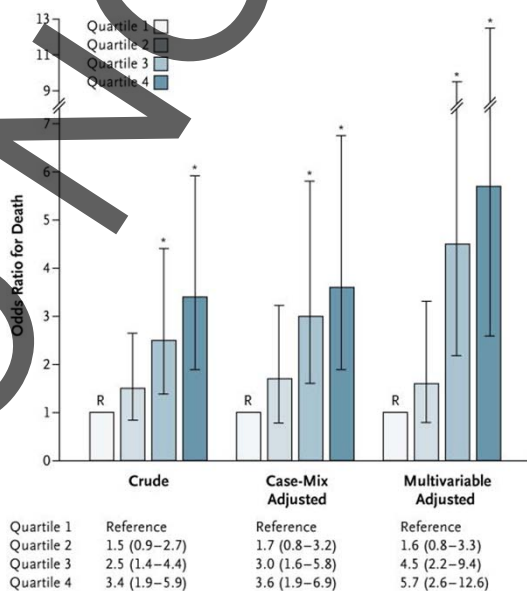
Portale A et al. CJASN 9:344-353, 2014

### Schematic representation of currently known inducers of FGF23 production



Lanske B et al. Kidney Intl 86:1072-1074, 2014

### Serum FGF-23 & Morality in CKD



Gutierrez OM et al NEJM 2008

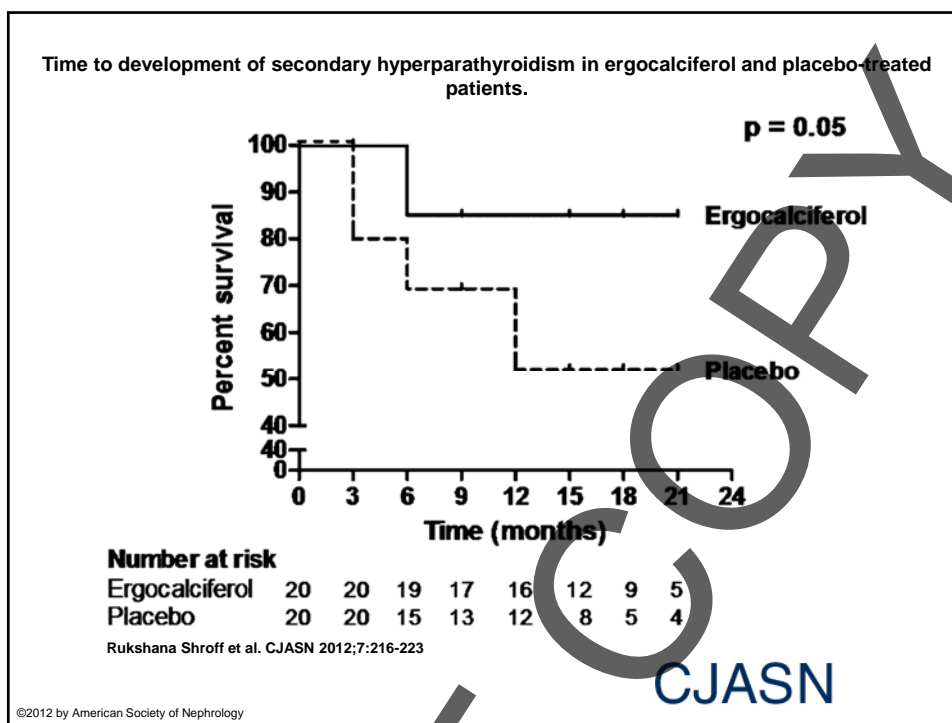
## CKD-MBD Management 2017 LEVEL 1 (We recommend)

- In patients with CKD stages 3-5, therapeutic decisions should be made on laboratory trends rather than single values. (1C)
- For CKD stage 3-5, oral aluminum-containing PO<sub>4</sub> binders should be avoided. For CKD stage 5, aluminum contamination of dialysate should be avoided. (1B)
- For CKD stage 2-5, infants should be measured quarterly and children should be measured annually. (1C)
- For CKD stage 2-5, growth retarded children should be treated with growth hormone after first addressing malnutrition and biochemical abnormalities related to CKD-MBD (1A)

KIDGO. Kidney Intl Suppl 7:1-59, 2017

## CKD-MBD Management 2017 LEVEL 2 (We suggest)

- In patients with CKD 3-5, we suggest lowering elevated phosphate levels toward the normal range (2C)
- In adult patients with CKD 3-5, we suggest avoiding hypercalcemia (2C).
- In children with CKD 3-5, we suggest maintaining serum calcium levels in the age-appropriate normal range (2C)
- In patients with CKD 5, we suggest using dialysate calcium concentration between (2.5 and 3.0 mEq/L) (2C)



## Vitamin D therapy

- In patients with CKD 3-5 not on dialysis, we suggest that calcitriol and vitamin D analogs not be routinely used (2C).
- It is reasonable to reserve the use of calcitriol and vitamin D analogs for patients with CKD 4-5 with severe and progressive hyperthyroidism (not graded).
- In children, calcitriol and vitamin D analogs may be considered to maintain serum creatinine levels in the age appropriate normal range (not graded)
- In patients with CKD 5 requiring PTH-lowering therapy, we suggest calcimimetics, calcitriol or vitamin D analogs, or a combination of calcinmimetics



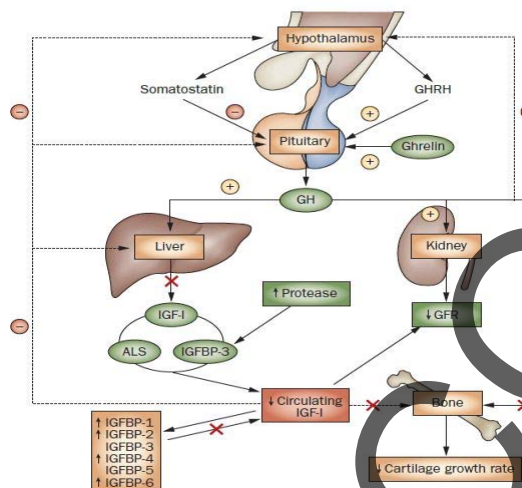
## Phosphate-lowering therapies

- Dietary phosphate restriction - quality of phosphate sources (animal vs vegetarian)
- Dialysis frequency
- Phosphate binders
  - Aluminum based
  - Calcium-containing binders
  - Sevelamer
  - Lanthanum
  - Magnesium
  - Novel iron based binders:  
sucroferric oxyhydroxide and ferric citrate
- Phosphate transport inhibitors:  
Tenapanor and nicotinamide

## Nutrition in children with CKD

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- Protein
- Mineral Bone Disorder
- **Growth hormone axis**

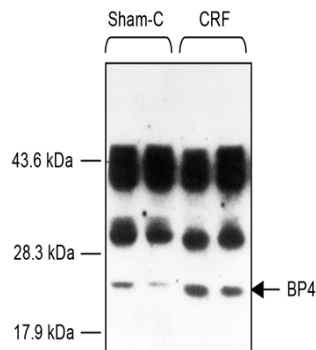
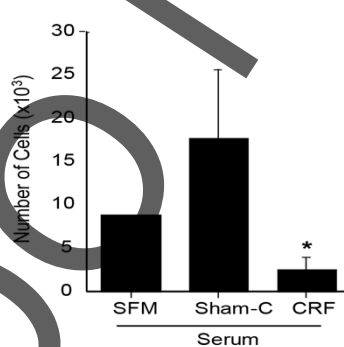
### The deranged GH and IGF-I axis in CKiD



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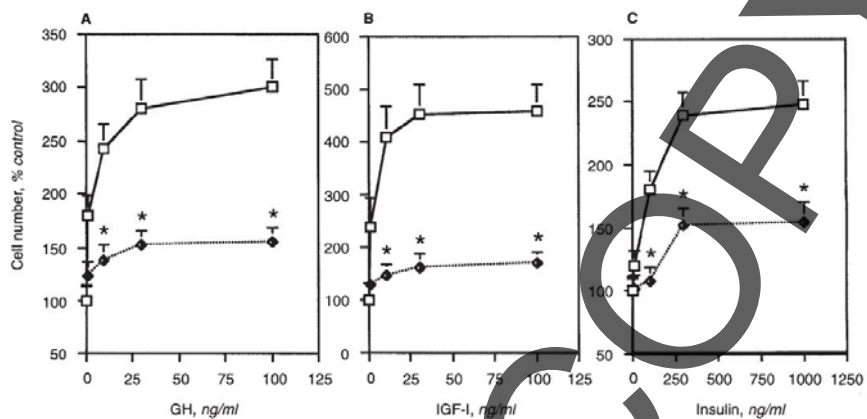
### Impact of IGFBP in CKD growth

#### Growth of growth-plate chondrocytes in uremic sera



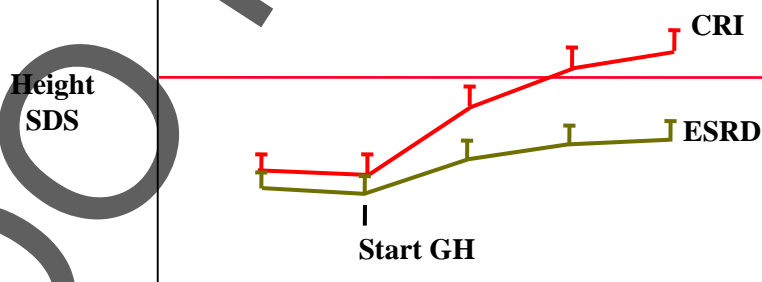
Mak RH, Chang SL, Pak YK. Experimental & Molecular Medicine 36:243-250, 2004

### Ex-vivo Growth-Plate Chondrocytes from CRF rats Are Resistant to GH, IGF-I and Insulin



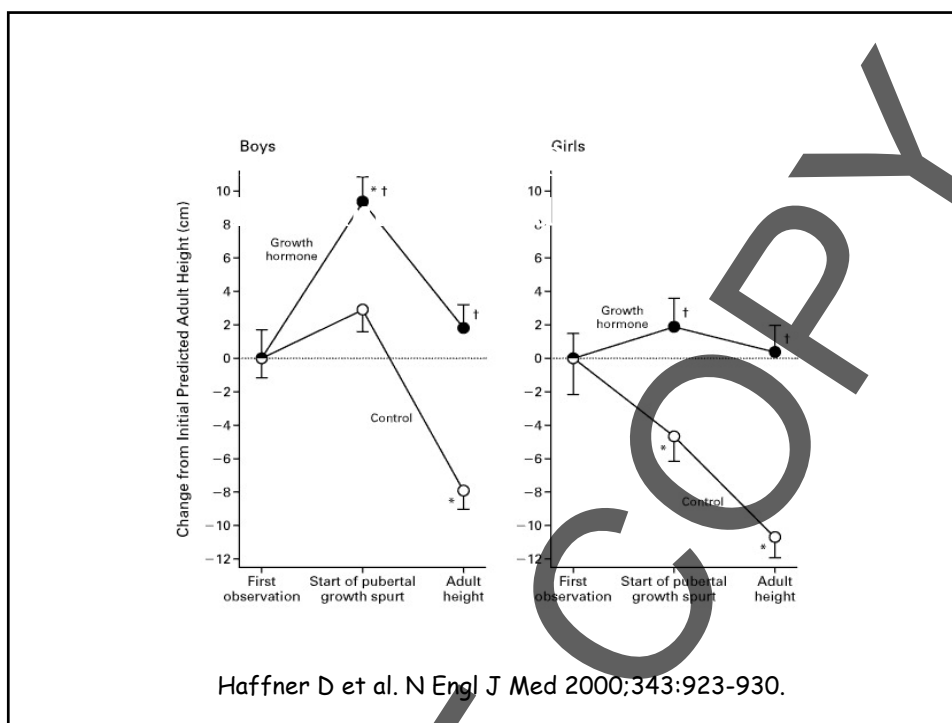
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### Efficacy of GH Therapy in Children with CKD



Duration of GH Therapy (Years)

Tönshoff B, et al. *J Nephrol* 1995



## Safety of GH Therapy: Issues Specific to CKD

- No acceleration in bone age
- No acceleration in progression to ESRD
- Transient elevation in insulin levels
- No change in glucose levels or Hb A1C
- Infrequent anti-GH antibody does not affect growth outcomes

Fine RN, et al. J Pediatr 1994  
 Hokken-Koelega AC, et al. Lancet 1991  
 Hokken-Koelega AC, et al. J Clin Endocrinol Metab 1994  
 Saenger P, et al. Pediatr Nephrol 1996  
 Haffner D, et al. Pediatr Res 1998  
 Hertel NT, et al. J Pediatr Endocrinol Metab 2002

## NKF K/DOQI Recommends Correction of GH-Independent Variables Prior to GH

### GUIDELINE

Prior to considering the use of GH therapy, correct:

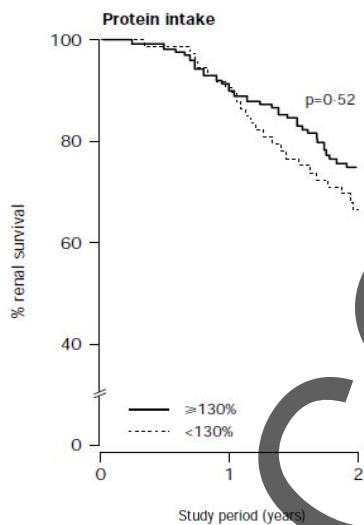
- Insufficient intake of energy, protein, and other nutrients
- Acidosis:  $\text{HCO}_3^- < 22$  mmol/L may require oral alkali therapy or increased  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  content in dialysate
- Hyperphosphatemia (serum phosphorus should be less than 1.5 x the upper limit for age)
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NKF K/DOQI Pediatric Guidelines for Nutrition in Chronic Renal Failure, 2000

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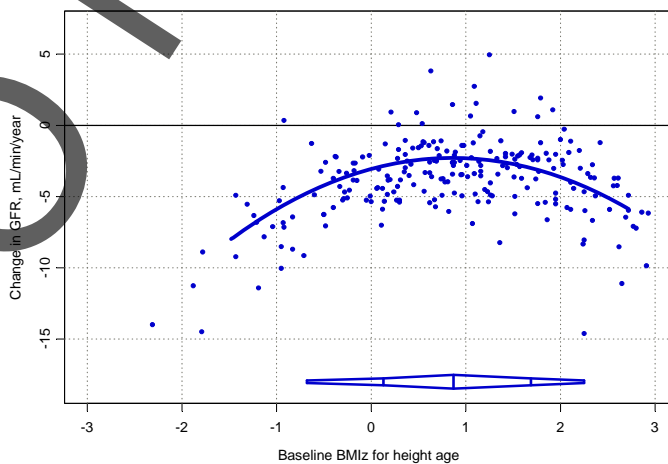
### Impact on low protein diet in children with CKD

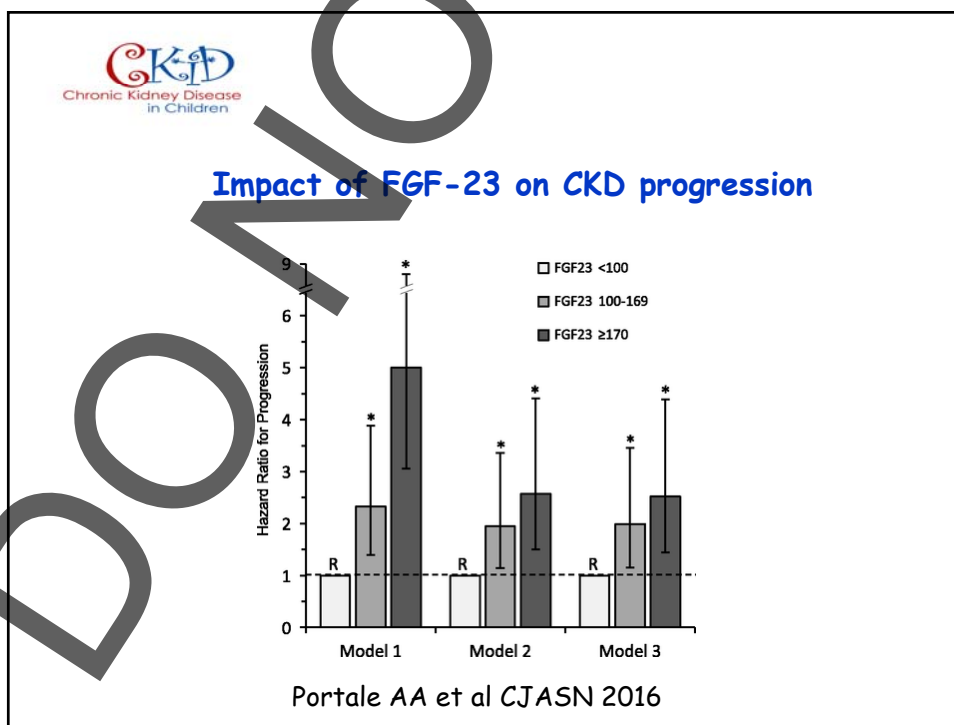
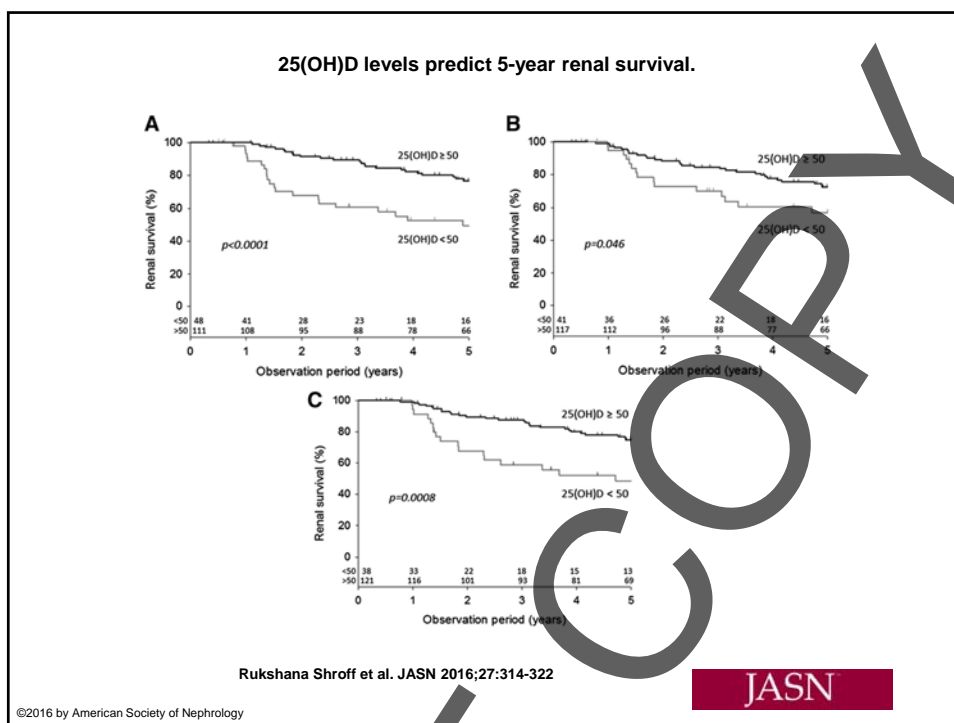


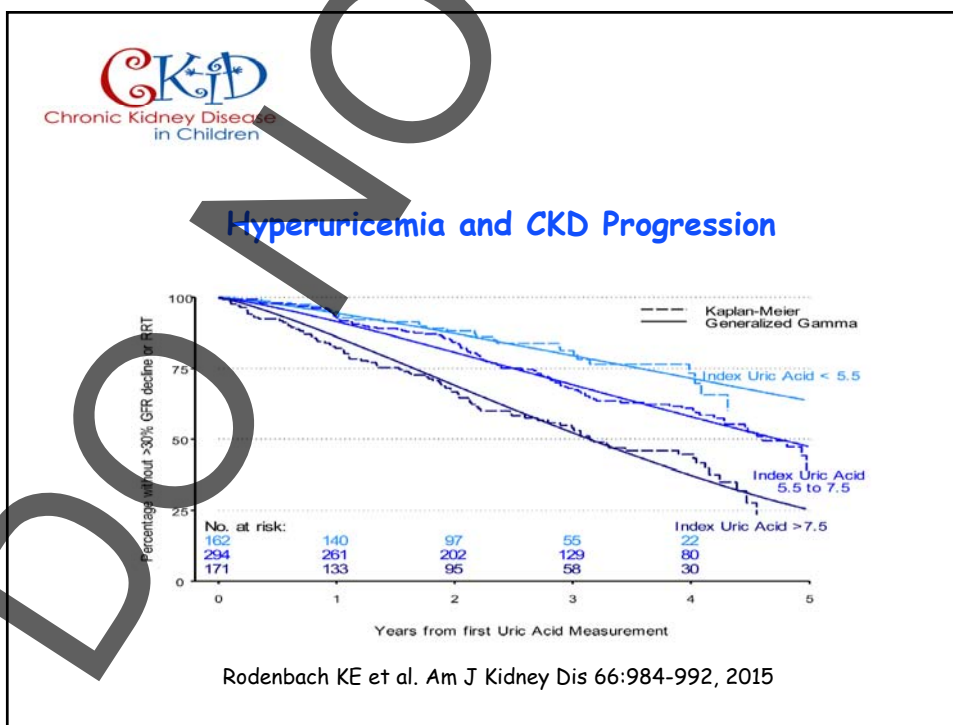
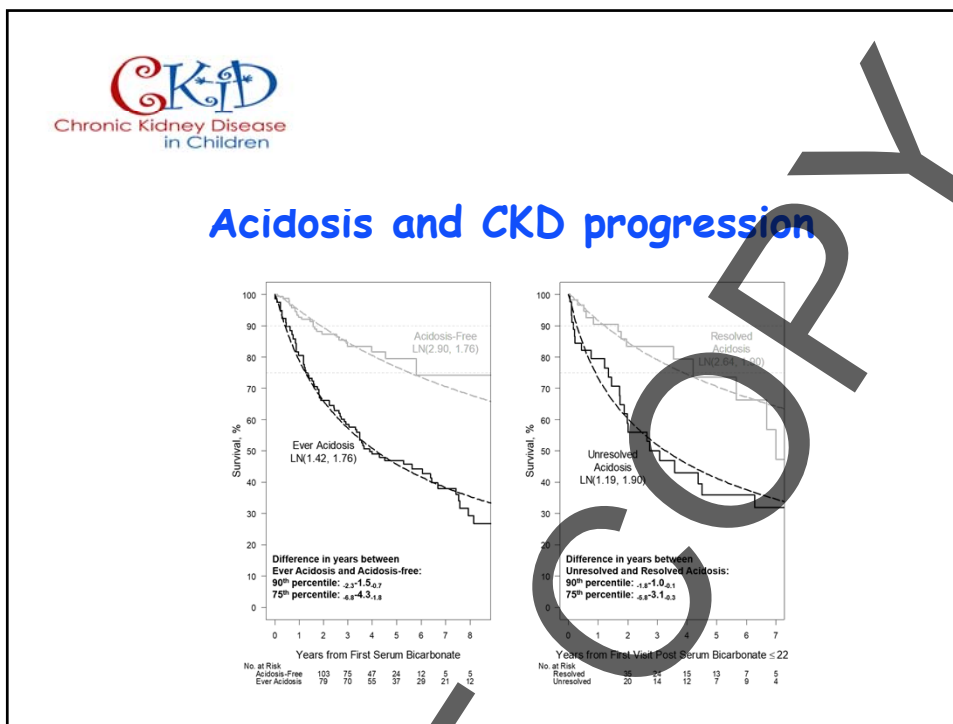
Wingen A-M et al. Lancet 349:1117-1123, 1997



### BMI & CKD Progression





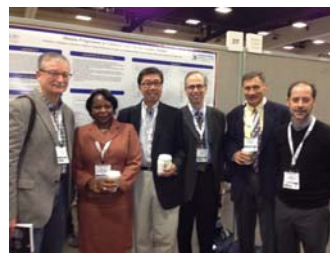
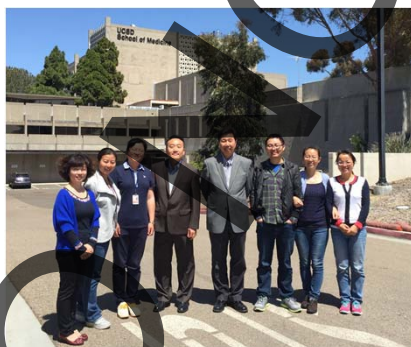




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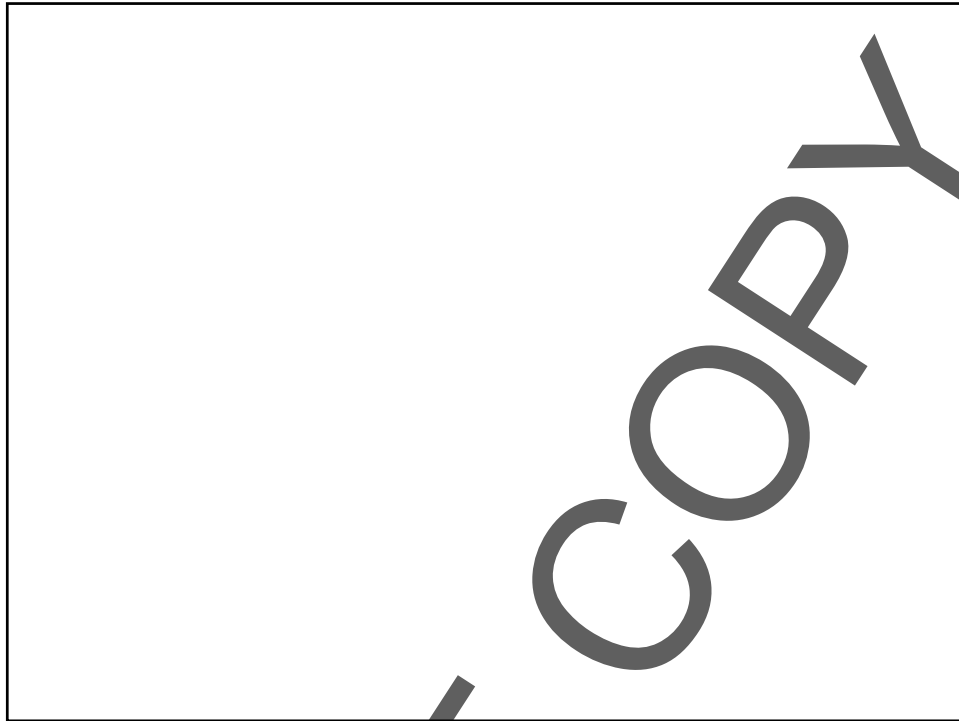
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1. The following statements are correct about energy homeostasis & growth in children with CKD
  - a. Total calorie intake is most important in promoting growth
  - b. Increasing energy intake will improve both height and weight equally
  - c. Children with CKD have higher caloric needs
  - d. Undernutrition or low BMI is a growing problem currently
  - e. Linear growth correlates best with mortality & morbidity

Levitt R, Zaritsky JJ, Mak RH  
Pediatric Kidney Disease Textbook 2016



## 2. Bone Mineral Disorder in children with CKD

- a. Dietary phosphorus restriction should start with CKD stage 4-5
- b. PTH should be maintained below 2X normal range for all stages of CKD
- c. Phosphorus binders : total dosage is the most important, not administration times
- d. 1,25 vitamin D level is the most important vitamin D level to monitor
- e. Bone mineral disorder should be optimized before growth hormone consideration

Oliveira E et al. *Pediatr Nephrol* 33:789-798. 2018



## 3. BMI in children must be expressed as a percentile or Z-score adjusted by:

- a. Age
- b. Ethnicity
- c. Height age
- d. CKD staging
- e. Parental BMI

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#### 4. Considerations before starting growth hormone in children with CKD involves:

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- e. All of the above

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#### 5. Nutritional assessment in CKD

- a. Frequency should be yearly for all ages
- b. Frequency should be the same for all CKD stages
- c. A 3-day dietary assessment can be done any time of the week to provide convenience
- d. Energy requirement may be more than 100% RDA to allow for catch up growth
- e. Energy requirement should be 100% RDA for all children

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