

# *Septic Acute Kidney Injury in critically ill patient*

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<b>ADH</b>	Antiduretic Hormone
<b>AIFR</b>	Adequate initial fluid resuscitation
<b>AKI</b>	acute kidney injury
<b>ALI</b>	Acute lung injury
<b>APACHE</b>	Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation scoring system
<b>APC</b>	activated protein C
<b>ARDS</b>	Acute respiratory distress syndrome
<b>ARF</b>	acute renal failure
<b>AT</b>	anti thrombin
<b>ATP</b>	adenosine tri phosphate
<b>CECs</b>	circulatory endothelial cells
<b>CHFD</b>	continuous high flux dialysis
<b>cGMP</b>	cyclic guanosine mono phosphate
<b>CLFM</b>	conservative late fluid management
<b>CRP</b>	C reactive protein
<b>CRRT</b>	continuous renal replacement therapy
<b>CVC</b>	Central venous catheter
<b>CVP</b>	Central venous pressure
<b>DIC</b>	Dissiminated intra vascular coagulopathy
<b>EC</b>	Endothelial cells

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<b>ET</b>	Endothlins
<b>FLC</b>	Free light chain
<b>GAGs</b>	Glycosaminoglycans
<b>GCP</b>	Glomerular capillary pressure
<b>GFR</b>	Glomerular filtration rate
<b>HCO</b>	High- cut off
<b>HS</b>	Heparan sulfate
<b>HVHF</b>	High volume hemofiltration
<b>IL</b>	Interleukins
<b>ILra</b>	Interleukin receptor antagonist
<b>I NOS</b>	Inducible nitric oxide synthase
<b>IVIG</b>	Intravenous immunoglobulins
<b>JGA</b>	Juxta glomerular apparatus
<b>LBP</b>	Lipopolysacharide Binding Protien
<b>LPS</b>	Lipopolysacharide
<b>MAP</b>	Mean Arterial Pressure
<b>MIF</b>	Macrophage Migration Inhibitory Factor
<b>MPs</b>	Micro Particles
<b>MR</b>	Myogenic Response
<b>NF-KB</b>	Nuclear Factor-KB
<b>NGAL</b>	Neutrophil Gelatinase Associated Lipocain
<b>NO</b>	Nitric Oxide

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<b>PAC</b>	Pulmonary Artery Catheter
<b>PAF</b>	Platelet Activating Factor
<b>PAI-<sup>1</sup></b>	Plasmin Activator Inhibitor- <sup>1</sup>
<b>PAOP</b>	Pulmonary Artery Occlusion Pressure
<b>PEEP</b>	Possitive End Expiratory Pressure
<b>PG</b>	prostaglandins
<b>PMN</b>	Polymorph Nuclear Neutrophils
<b>RBF</b>	Renal Blood Flow
<b>ROS</b>	Reactive Oxygen Spices
<b>SAFE</b>	Saline versus Albumin Fluid Evaluation
<b>SCVO<sup>2</sup></b>	Central Venous Oxy-haemoglobin Saturation
<b>SIRS</b>	Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome
<b>SLED</b>	Sustained Low Effeciency Dialysis
<b>SOFA</b>	Sequential Organ Failure Assessment
<b>S'VO<sup>2</sup></b>	Mixed venous Oxy haemoglobin Saturation
<b>TGF</b>	Tubulo Glomerular Feedback
<b>TF</b>	Tissue Factor
<b>TFPI</b>	tissue Factor Pathway Inhibitor
<b>TLR</b>	Toll –like Receptor
<b>TM</b>	Thrombomodulin
<b>TNF</b>	Tumor Necrosis Factor
<b>TPA</b>	Tissue Plasminogen

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<b>TREM-1</b>	Triggering Receptor Expressed on Myeloid cells
<b>TX</b>	Thromboxane
<b>uPA</b>	Urokinase-type plasminogen activator





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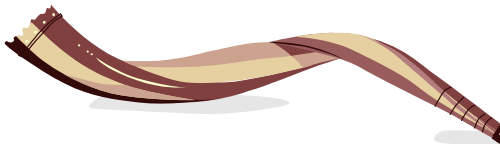
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## Introduction

Sepsis, a commonly encountered scenario in an intensive care unit (ICU), often leads to multi-organ dysfunction and the kidney is one of the organs frequently afflicted. Acute kidney injury (AKI) occurs in about 19% of patients with moderate sepsis, 23% with severe sepsis and 51% with septic shock, when blood cultures are positive. (**frausto et al., 1995**)

Septic AKI had a higher in-hospital mortality rate, compared with nonseptic AKI (70,2 vs. 51,8%) (Morimatsu H ;et al .,2007) This indicates that the mortality rates of acute kidney injury in septic critically ill patients remains high despite of our increasing ability to support vital organs. (**Uchino et al .,2005**)

The beginning and ending supportive therapy (BEST) kidney investigators inferred that septic AKI was associated with greater derangement in hemodynamic and laboratory parameters, greater severity of illness and higher need for mechanical ventilation and vasopressor therapy. A few more facts emerged from this study. Oliguria was found to be more common in septic AKI (67 vs 57%) Median duration of ICU and hospital stay for survivors (37 vs. 21d), was longer for septic AKI.(**Bagshaw et al., 2007**)

Distinguishing between septic and non-septic AKI, therefore, may not just be of academic interest but may have clinical relevance for physicians. It has been suggested that septic AKI may have a distinct pathophysiology as well. (wan et al., 2008)

Septic AKI may have a unique identity and responses to interventions and outcome may be different in this group of patients, when compared to those with non-septic AKI . Significant progress has been made, over the years, towards learning how to detect AKI early, agreeing on an international consensus definition, delineating the pathophysiologic mechanisms which predispose to a high incidence of AKI in sepsis, trying to deduce logical protective and preventive strategies and finally on how to deliver the optimal renal support when the kidney fails. ( Majumdar, 2010)

## **Aim of the work**

The aim of this essay is to provide information about diagnosis and pathophysiology of septic acute kidney injury in ICU, also to focus on the update on the current state of intervention in septic acute kidney Injury.

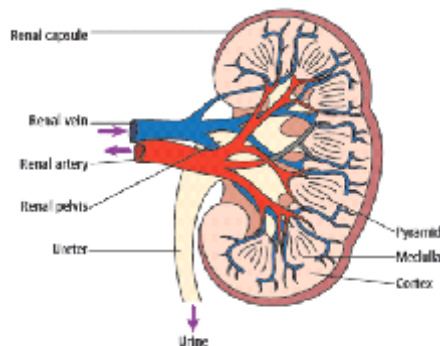
Prevention, pharmacological support and extra-corporeal blood purification also will be reviewed and discussed.

## Physiology of the kidney

### Structure of the kidney

A kidney has an outer fibrous renal capsule and is supported by adipose tissue. It has two main parts (**figure 1**) :

- Outer cortex – this is reddish-brown and is the part where fluid is filtered from blood.
- Inner medulla – this is paler in colour and is made up of conical-shaped sections called renal pyramids. This is the area where some materials are selectively reabsorbed back into the bloodstream. (**Helen, 2010**)



**Figure (1):**structure of the kidney(**Helen ,2010**)

## **Physiological functions of the kidney**

First, the kidneys play the central role in regulating the water concentration, inorganic-ion composition, and volume of the internal environment. They do so by excreting just enough water and inorganic ions to keep the amounts of these substances in the body relatively constant.

Second, the kidneys excrete metabolic waste products into the urine as fast as they are produced. This keeps waste products, which can be toxic, from accumulating in the body. These metabolic wastes include urea from the catabolism of protein, uric acid from nucleic acids, creatinine from muscle creatine, the end products of hemoglobin breakdown (which give urine much of its color), and many others.

A third function of the kidneys is the excretion, of some foreign chemicals, such as drugs, pesticides, and food additives, and their metabolites.

A fourth function is gluconeogenesis. During prolonged fasting, the kidneys synthesize glucose from amino acids and other precursors and release it into the blood. The kidneys can supply approximately 20 percent as much glucose as the liver does at such times.

Finally, the kidneys act as endocrine glands, secreting some important hormones like erythropoietin, renin, and 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D<sup>r</sup> and Prostaglandin synthesis. Also catabolism of polypeptide hormones (e.g., parathyroid hormone, insulin) occurs in the kidney (**Vander et al., 2007**)

Many renal functions are shared with other organs (acid-base control with lung; blood pressure control via the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone axis with liver, lung and adrenal glands). Other functions are not routinely measured (small peptide excretion, tubular metabolism, hormonal production) in the ICU and are not considered clinically important. There are only two physiological functions that are routinely and easily measured in the ICU, which are unique to the kidney and which are considered clinically important: the production of urine and the excretion of water soluble waste products of metabolism. Thus, clinicians have focused on these two aspects of renal function to help them define the presence of acute renal failure (**Bellomo et al., 2007**)