Diagnosis Confirmed

Proceed to Urine analysis results on Confirmed Phase

**PHASE I (SUSPECTED)**

**Inclusion Criteria**
- 1 year or older
- Symptomatic/chief complaint of UTI flank pain, nausea or vomiting AND
- High suspicion of nephrolithiasis

**Exclusion Criteria**
- Less than 1 year
- Low suspicion of nephrolithiasis
- Concern for septic shock (use septic shock pathway)

**Presenting Symptoms**
- Pain (47-80%)
- Gross Hematuria (32-55%)
- Nausea/vomiting

**Clinical Predictors for Nephrolithiasis**
- Personal history of nephrolithiasis
- > 5 RBC per HPF on microscopic urinalysis
- History of nausea/vomiting
- Flank pain on physical exam

**Imaging**
- Abdominal ultrasound or renal bladder ultrasound
- CT (not required)
- If ultrasound not diagnostic/clinical suspicion high discuss with urology prior to CT scan

**IV Fluids**: 20mL/kg, NS, 1L maximum

NPO

**Ultrasound**
- Indeterminate
- Negative Consider other diagnosis
- Positive

**Urinealysis**
- Reflex culture

**Pain Medications**
- Ketorolac
- Morphine

**Anti-emetics**
- Ondansetron

**Initial Management**

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PHASE II (CONFIRMED)

**Inclusion Criteria**

- 1 year or older
- Symptomatic/chief complaint of UTI
- Flank pain, nausea or vomiting and
- High suspicion of Nephrolithiasis

**Exclusion Criteria**

- Less than 1 year
- Low suspicion of Nephrolithiasis
- Concern for septic shock
  (use septic shock pathway)

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**Initial Management**

(If not already received)

- Renal bladder ultrasound
- CT (not required)
- If ultrasound not diagnostic/clinical suspicion high discuss with urology prior to CT scan

**Pain Medications**

- Ketorolac
- Morphine

**Anti-emetics**

- Ondansetron

**Urinalysis**

- Reflex Culture

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**Review Urinalysis Results**

UA negative for infection

UA positive for infection

**Reassessment**

- Pain Management (oxycodone, ibuprofen and acetaminophen)
- Tamsulosin (only over 2 years of age) if ureteral calculus
- Maintenance IV Fluids
- Trial PO (Clear liquids)

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**Suspected Infection**

- Urology consultation
- Antibiotics
- Labs: CBC with diff; BUN; creatinine; lytes; blood culture if concern for obstructed stone & sepsis (Use septic shock pathway)

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**Discharge Criteria**

- Pain well managed
- Tolerating PO

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**Discharge Instructions**

- Antiemetics, antibiotics & pain medications if needed
- Return to clinic – 4-6 weeks for stone in kidney (PCP referral required); 2 weeks for stone in ureter. Ureteral stone f/u can be scheduled by ED in dedicated Urology clinic slots
- Tamsulosin if indicated

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**Admission Criteria**

- Not tolerating PO
- Pain not controlled
- Need for IV antibiotics
- Per Urology Recommendation
- Fever ≥ 101.5 F

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**Inclusion Criteria**
- 1 year or older
- Symptomatic/chief complaint of UTI flank pain, nausea or vomiting and
- Confirmed diagnosis by a providing MD by ultrasound or CT scan

**Exclusion Criteria**
- Less than 1 year
- Concern for septic shock (use [septic shock pathway](#))

**Admission**
- IV Fluids per Maintenance IV Fluids Pathway
- Ketorolac; acetaminophen; oxycodone/morphine; ondansetron
- If surgery, **IV cefazolin** for peri-operative prophylaxis
- If infection then ampicillin + gentamicin OR cefazolin

**Ongoing Management**

**IV Fluids**  
- Administer IV Fluids per pathway

**Pain Management**  
- Ketorolac
- Narcotics

**Tamsulosin** (only over 2 years of age) if ureteral calculus

**Anti-emetics**  
- Ondansetron

**IV Antibiotics** (if infection)

**Labs**  
- CBC with diff
- Blood culture
- Lytes

**Nursing**  
- Pain assessment

**Diet**  
- NPO if surgical patient

**Vital signs**  
- Strict I/O

**Discharge Criteria**
- Pain well managed
- Tolerating PO

**Discharge Instructions**
- follow up appointment in urology clinic (PCP referral if needed)
- Antiemetics, antibiotics & pain medications if needed
- Return to clinic – 4 to 6 weeks for stone in kidney; 2 weeks for stone in ureter
- Tamsulosin if indicated
Suspected Nephrolithiasis

- This phase is for patients without an imaging-confirmed diagnosis of nephrolithiasis

- Clinical suspicion for nephrolithiasis should be high (see table below)

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Imaging in Suspected Nephrolithiasis

Renal/Bladder Ultrasound is the recommend 1st line imaging study for children with suspected nephrolithiasis (AUA¹, ESPU²).

Urology on-call should be contacted to help guide ordering of CT in the following situations:

- Negative ultrasound and very high suspicion of nephrolithiasis
- Hydronephrosis
- Twinkle artifact
- Ureteral dilation


Initial Management of Nephrolithiasis

- Combined administration of NSAIDs and narcotics for initial analgesic control is recommend based on additive effects of each medication.

- Ondansetron is the recommend 1st-line anti-emetic given lack of proven superior efficacy of any individual anti-emetic agent and low side-effect profile.
Suspected Infection

- Fevers or urinalysis suspicious for infection (+ nitrates, bacteria or $> 10$ WBC/HPF) should prompt urological consultation and antibiotics.

- Note: a completely obstructing ureteral calculus with a proximal infected urinary system may present with a normal urinalysis; if clinical signs of infection (i.e. high fever) and obstructing ureteral calculus is seen, these patients should be treated as a suspected infection even in the absence of abnormalities on the urinalysis.
Pre- Operative Antibiotics

- Cefazolin or ampicillin + gentamicin are considered equal alternative 1\textsuperscript{st}-line pre-operative options according to AUA guidelines\textsuperscript{1}

- Ampicillin + gentamicin should be considered when there is a history of enterococcal or multi-drug resistant colonization/infection, or if there is a high suspicion of current bacterial colonization

- Culture-directed peri-operative antibiotics should be utilized if a current urine culture is available for review
Follow Up

- Patients should receive education materials prior to discharge

- Patients with ureteral calculi:
  - warrant shorter-interval follow-up, by 2 weeks, as they may be surgical candidates if the calculus does not pass. Follow up for ureteral stones only, can be scheduled by the ED in dedicated Urology follow up clinic slots.
  - Will need to strain their urine and watch for a passed calculus
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When possible, we used the GRADE method of rating evidence quality. Evidence is first assessed as to whether it is from randomized trial or cohort studies. The rating is then adjusted in the following manner (from: Guyatt G et al. J Clin Epidemiol. 2011;4:383-94.):

Quality ratings are *downgraded* if studies:
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- Have inconsistent results
- If evidence does not directly address clinical questions
- If estimates are imprecise OR
- If it is felt that there is substantial publication bias

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- If studies are designed in a way that confounding would likely underreport the magnitude of the effect OR
- If a dose-response gradient is evident

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Expert Opinion – Our expert opinion is based on available evidence that does not meet GRADE criteria (for example, case-control studies).

**Quality of Evidence:**
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- 🌟🌟 Low quality
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Summary of Version Changes

- **Version 1.0 (9/29/2015):** Go live
- **Version 2.0 (1/19/2018):** Updated discharge instructions to reflect new availability of dedicated appointments in Urology clinic for ureteral stones patients
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Studies were identified by searching electronic databases using search strategies developed and executed by a medical librarian, Susan Groshong. An initial search was performed in March, 2015. The following databases were searched – on the Ovid platform: Medline and Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews; elsewhere: Embase, Clinical Evidence, National Guideline Clearinghouse, TRIP and Cincinnati Children’s Evidence-Based Recommendations. Retrieval was limited to humans, English language and 2005 to current. In Medline and Embase, appropriate Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) and Emtree headings were used respectively, along with text words, and the search strategy was adapted for other databases using text words. Concepts searched were nephrolithiasis, urolithiasis, ureterolithiasis, urinary calculi and renal colic. Additional articles were identified by team members and added to the results.

Two additional searches were conducted in June, 2015. The first of these used the same databases as above, for the concept antiemetic therapy. Retrieval was limited to ages 0 – 18, English language and 2005 to date. The following databases were used for the last search – on the Ovid platform: Medline and Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials; plus Embase. Concepts searched were nephrolithiasis, and related concepts as above, and antibiotic therapy. Search results were limited to humans, English language, and 2000 to date. Retrieval for all searches was further limited to certain evidence categories, such as relevant publication types, Clinical Queries, index terms for study types and other similar limits.

### Identification

- 469 records identified through database searching
- 6 additional records identified through other sources

### Screening

- 475 records after duplicates removed

### Eligibility

- 93 records assessed for eligibility
  - 62 full-text articles excluded, 57 did not answer clinical question, 5 outdated relative to other included study

### Included

- 31 studies included in pathway

Flow diagram adapted from Moher D et al. BMJ 2009;339:bmj.b2535


