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Plasma clearance in children

Plasma creatinine as an estimate of clearance



Estimated GFR from Schwartz algorithm Hanggi et al, Arch Pédiatr, 1999



Radioisotopes and plasma samples

Which tracers ?

Glomerular filtration first choice

- Tc-99m DTPA
- Cr 51- EDTA

Tubular secretion second choice

- **I131 or I 123 Hippurate** -
- Tc-99m MAG3
- Tc-99m EC

Which radionuclide method ?

Single shot injection and simplified methods

- 2 blood samples
- 1 blood sample

Simplified model : 2 blood samples

Clearance = Distribution volume (DV) x slope DV = Dose / A₀



GFR: Validation of slope-intercept method Piciotto et al, Eur J Nucl Med ;1992



1 BS methods

Empirical methods

Dose / Plasma concentration at time t

GFR: 1 BS method in children

Ham and Piepsz, J Nucl Med, 1991

- Plasma sampling : 2 hours
- Linear equation
- Only if GFR > 30 ml/min/1.73 m²



Indications

- Follow up of chronic renal disease : diabetes, hemolytic uremic syndrom, glomerulopathies,...

- Monitoring of nephrotoxic drugs cyclosporin, cisplatinum ...
- Estimation of single kidney GFR : bilateral hydronephrosis or reflux, single or small kidney,...
- Early diagnosis of renal impairment

Practical considerations

Measurement of

- administered dose
- empty syringe
- standard of dose
- blood samples and dilution of standard

Strictly intravenous injection Exact report of sampling time

Not particularly complex technique, but needs care and ... experienced technologist

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