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GUIDELINE TITLE

Pregnancy.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC SOURCE(S)

Johnson D. Pregnancy. Nephrology 2006 Apr;11(S1):S41-3.

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SCOPE

DISEASE/CONDITION(S)

- Chronic kidney diseases
- Pregnancy

GUIDELINE CATEGORY

Management
Treatment

CLINICAL SPECIALTY

Family Practice
Internal Medicine
Nephrology

Obstetrics and Gynecology
Pediatrics

INTENDED USERS

Physicians

GUIDELINE OBJECTIVE(S)

To review the available clinical evidence pertaining to the effect of pregnancy on the rate of glomerular filtration rate decline in chronic kidney disease

TARGET POPULATION

Pregnant women with chronic kidney disease

INTERVENTIONS AND PRACTICES CONSIDERED

Provision of advice to patients who are trying to conceive

MAJOR OUTCOMES CONSIDERED

Deterioration of renal function

METHODOLOGY

METHODS USED TO COLLECT/SELECT EVIDENCE

Searches of Electronic Databases

DESCRIPTION OF METHODS USED TO COLLECT/SELECT THE EVIDENCE

Databases searched: Medline (1996 to November Week 2, 2003). MeSH terms for kidney disease were combined with MeSH terms for pregnancy. The results were then limited to cohort and case-control studies.

Date of search: 16 December 2003.

NUMBER OF SOURCE DOCUMENTS

Not stated

METHODS USED TO ASSESS THE QUALITY AND STRENGTH OF THE EVIDENCE

Weighting According to a Rating Scheme (Scheme Given)

RATING SCHEME FOR THE STRENGTH OF THE EVIDENCE

Levels of Evidence

Level I: Evidence obtained from a systematic review of all relevant randomized controlled trials (RCTs)

Level II: Evidence obtained from at least one properly designed RCT

Level III: Evidence obtained from well-designed pseudo-randomized controlled trials (alternate allocation or some other method); comparative studies with concurrent controls and allocation not randomized, cohort studies, case-control studies, interrupted time series with a control group; comparative studies with historical control, two or more single arm studies, interrupted time series without a parallel control group

Level IV: Evidence obtained from case series, either post-test or pretest/post-test

METHODS USED TO ANALYZE THE EVIDENCE

Systematic Review with Evidence Tables

DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODS USED TO ANALYZE THE EVIDENCE

Not stated

METHODS USED TO FORMULATE THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Expert Consensus

DESCRIPTION OF METHODS USED TO FORMULATE THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Not stated

RATING SCHEME FOR THE STRENGTH OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

COST ANALYSIS

A formal cost analysis was not performed and published cost analyses were not reviewed.

METHOD OF GUIDELINE VALIDATION

Comparison with Guidelines from Other Groups
Peer Review

DESCRIPTION OF METHOD OF GUIDELINE VALIDATION

Recommendations of Others. Recommendations regarding pregnancy in chronic kidney disease from the following groups were discussed: Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative, UK Renal Association, Canadian Society of Nephrology, European Best Practice Guidelines, and International Guidelines.

RECOMMENDATIONS

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Definitions for the levels of evidence (I–IV) can be found at the end of the "Major Recommendations" field.

Guidelines

No recommendations possible based on Level I or II evidence.

Suggestions for Clinical Care

(Suggestions are based on Level III and IV sources)

- Pregnancy generally does not affect the course of renal disease in women who have normal or near-normal renal function at conception. Such individuals should not be discouraged from conceiving purely on the basis of their renal disease. (Level II–III evidence; retrospective cohort and case control studies; clinically relevant outcomes; inconsistent effects).
- Renal function deterioration is probably accelerated by pregnancy in patients with poorly-controlled hypertension or plasma creatinine concentrations of > 0.20 mmol/L at conception. The magnitude of this increase in risk compared with non-pregnant individuals with renal disease has not been established. (Level II–III evidence; retrospective cohort and case-control studies; clinically relevant outcomes; inconsistent effects).

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CLINICAL ALGORITHM(S)

None provided

EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS

TYPE OF EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The type of supporting evidence is identified and graded for each recommendation (see "Major Recommendations").

BENEFITS/HARMS OF IMPLEMENTING THE GUIDELINE RECOMMENDATIONS

POTENTIAL BENEFITS

Appropriate management of women with chronic kidney disease who are pregnant or are trying to conceive

POTENTIAL HARMS

Deterioration of renal function

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUIDELINE

DESCRIPTION OF IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

An implementation strategy was not provided.

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IOM CARE NEED

Living with Illness

IOM DOMAIN

Effectiveness

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND AVAILABILITY

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All guideline writers are required to fill out a declaration of conflict of interest.

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Electronic copies: Available in Portable Document Format (PDF) from the [Caring for Australasians with Renal Impairment Web site](#).

Print copies: Available from Caring for Australasians with Renal Impairment, Locked Bag 4001, Centre for Kidney Research, Westmead NSW, Australia 2145

AVAILABILITY OF COMPANION DOCUMENTS

The following is available:

- The CARI guidelines. A guide for writers. Caring for Australasians with Renal Impairment. 2006 May. 6 p.

Electronic copies: Available from the [Caring for Australasians with Renal Impairment \(CARI\) Web site](#).

PATIENT RESOURCES

None available

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