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HEMATURIA



SYMPTOMATIC ASYMPTOMATIC





Schematic representation of the major causes of hematuria in relation to the age at which they usually occur (horizontal axis), transience or persistence (vertical axis), and frequency (blue implies more frequent).

BPH: benign prostatic hyperplasia.

HEMATURIA - EVALUATION

- 1. IS IT BENIGN (EXERCISE) OR SERIOUS (CANCER)?
- 2. IS IT UROLOGICAL OR NEPHROLOGICAL?

AIM OF WORK-UP

- 1. PROMPT DETECTION AND TX OF SERIOUS CAUSES
- 2. MINIMIZE # OF TESTS IN PATIENTS WITH BENIGN CAUSES

GROSS HEMATURIA - OR IS IT?

Approach to the patient with red or brown urine

GROSS HEMATURIA SUPERNATANT - CLEAR SEDIMENT - RED

Distinguishing extraglomerular from glomerular hematuria

	Extraglomerular	Glomerular Red, smoky brown, or "Coca- Cola"	
Color (if macroscopic)	Red or pink		
Clots	May be present	Absent	
Proteinuria	<500 mg/day	May be >500 mg/day	
RBC morphology	Normal	Dysmorphic	
RBC casts	Absent	May be present	

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Red cell cast

Urine sediment showing free red cells and a red cell cast that is tightly packed with red cells. It is more common for red cell casts to have fewer red cells trapped within a hyaline or granular cast. Red cell casts are virtually diagnostic of glomerulonephritis or vasculitis.

Courtesy of Harvard Medical School.

Causes of heme-negative red urine

Medications	
Doxorubicin	
Chloroquine	
Deferoxamine	
Ibuprofen	
Iron sorbitol	
Nitrofurantoin	
Phenazopyridine	
Phenolphthalein	
Rifampin	
Food dyes	
Beets (in selected patients)	
Blackberries	
Food coloring	
Metabolities	
Bile pigments	
Homogentisic acid	
Melanin	
Methemoglobin	
Porphyrin	
Tyrosinosis	
Urates	

SUPERNATANT – RED

DIPSTICK - NEG

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GROSS HEMATURIA

MINIMUM WORK-UP

CT UROGRAM WO / W CONTRAST

CYSTOSCOPY

• URINARY CYTOLOGY

MICROHEMATURIA

 Definition: >3 RBCs / HPF, 2 out of 3 U/As (not dipstick)

• Rule out UTI

Prevalence: 0.2-16% (older men=21%)

Ref: Grossfeld et al. Urology 57:604, 2001

DIPSTICK HEMATURIA

1. DETECTS 1-2 RBC's / HPF

- 2. MANY FALSE POSITIVES
 - A. SEMEN
 - **B.** ALKALINE URINE pH > 9
 - C. MYOGLOBINURIA

ALWAYS CONFIRM WITH MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

- BUT -

A NEGATIVE DIPSTICK USUALLY EXCLUDES ABNORMAL HEMATURIA¹

Ref: ¹ Schroder FH BMJ 309:70, 1994.

HIGH RISK PATIENTS WITH MH

- Smoking history
- Occupational exposure to chemicals or dyes (benzenes or aromatic amines)
- History of gross hematuria
- Age >40 years
- History of urologic disorder or disease
- History of irritative voiding symptoms
- History of urinary tract infection
- Analgesic abuse
- History of pelvic irradiation

MICROHEMATURIA

- Upper tract imaging first (CT w/ and wo/ IV contrast)
- Voided urine cytology in high-risk patients (no markers, e.g. BTA, NMP22 at this time)
- Cystoscopy (? Except <40 yrs old), bladder wash
- F/U with UA, cytology at 6, 12, 24, 36 mos. if indicated

LARGE RENAL TUMOR

IVP:

BLADDER FILLING DEFECT FROM BPH

RENAL ULTRASOUND

MALIGNANCY RISK

n = 1930; MEAN AGE = 58y; M to F = 62 to 38

MICRO AND / OR GROSS HEMATURIA

RESULTS

- 1. 12% HAD CA OF BLADDER
- 2. 0.7% HAD KIDNEY CANCER
- 3. 61% NO CAUSE

	GROSS		<u>MICROSCOPIC</u>	
	MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN
AGE 50-59	20	9	2	2
AGE 60-69	29	21	8	5

ASYMPTOMATIC MH

- n = 1575 MEN UNDERWENT HEMATURIA SCREENING
- 258/1575 (16.4%) WERE EVALUATED FOR HEMATURIA
- 21/258 (8.1%) WERE DIAGNOSED WITH BLADDER CANCER
- A COMPARATIVE UNSCREENED POPULATION OF MEN HAD HIGHER INCIDENCE OF DEATH (2.4% vs 0%) AT 14 y F/U.

SCREENING MAY REDUCE MORTALITY FROM BC

Ref: Messing et al. Cancer 107:2173, 2006

ASYMPTOMATIC MH

n = 234 MEN; 14 YEAR F/U

LONG TERM OUTCOME OF NEGATIVE W/U WITH SCREENING

- 2/234 (0.85%) DEVELOPED BLADDER CA (6.7 & 11.4 y LATER)
- 1/2 DIED OF B.C.

• NEED TO RETHINK F/U OF THESE PATIENTS

REF: Messing et al. Urology 75:20, 2010

ASYMPTOMATIC MH

- N = 200; AGE = 64y; LOW RISK
- CYSTO, CYTOLOGY, UPPER TRACT IMAGING
 NONE HAD POSITIVE CYTOLOGY
- 8/200 HAD LOW-GRADE TCC BLADDER; 4 WERE Ta, 4 WERE Pt1
- CYTOLOGY WAS OF NO BENEFIT.

Ref: Feifer et al. Urology 2010 Epub.

CONCLUSIONS

- HEMATURIA REQUIRES W/U
- W/U DEPENDS ON AGE, SYMPTOMS URINARY FINDINGS AND RISK FACTORS FOR MALIGNANCY.

Ref: Mohr et al JAMA 256:224-9, 1986

