



# CONSULTING

with a nephrologist when warranted

# Consulting with a nephrologist when a metabolic stone disease is suspected<sup>1</sup>



## HYPOTHETICAL PATIENT PROFILE:

**Michael**

Male | Age 28 | Hispanic American | BMI 29 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

**A frequent recurrent stone former with compromised kidney function**

*This case study is hypothetical and is not representative of all patients with PH1.*

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### PATIENT TIMELINE: First Month

## STONE EVENT & MANAGEMENT



### PRESENTING SYMPTOMS<sup>2</sup>

Referred to urologist by PCP due to increasingly severe bouts of abdominal pain suspected to be renal colic

### SCREENING EVALUATION

**Medical history<sup>3</sup>:** Previous stone event as a young child, resolved without intervention; no record of stone analysis

**Dietary history<sup>3</sup>:** Normal fluid intake

**Serum chemistry<sup>3</sup>:**

- Normal eGFR (CKD Stage 1)

**Spot urine analysis<sup>3,4</sup>:**

- Normal pH
- No hematuria
- Negative cultures
- Calcium oxalate monohydrate crystals



Figure from Daudon, *Clin Chem Lab Med.* 2015; 53 (Suppl): S1479-S1487.<sup>5</sup>

### DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

**KUB radiography<sup>3,6</sup>:**

- 7-mm right midureteral stone

**STONE REMOVAL<sup>6</sup>**

URS with laser lithotripsy and stone manipulation; no complications

**STONE ANALYSIS<sup>7</sup>**

**Stone composition:** calcium oxalate, >95% monohydrate form

**DIAGNOSTIC STEPS<sup>8</sup>**

Follow-up imaging planned in 3 months

**UROLOGIST CONSULTS WITH NEPHROLOGIST<sup>1</sup>**

- Reduced eGFR in the absence of stone-related obstruction prompts urologist to consult with a nephrologist

CKD = chronic kidney disease  
eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate;  
KUB = kidney, ureter, bladder;  
URS = ureteroscopy

### 3 months later

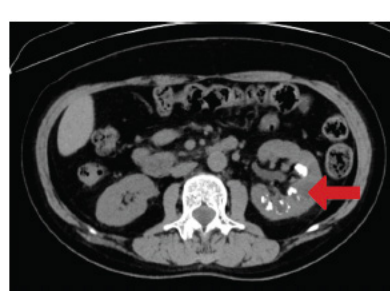
## RECURRENT STONE EVENT



### FOLLOW-UP IMAGING WITH UROLOGIST

**CT SCAN<sup>3,6</sup>:**

- Multiple instances of new stone formation in both kidneys; patient is asymptomatic
- Evidence of left renal nephrocalcinosis



CT = computed tomography  
All CT scan images provided by Dr David Schulzinger.

### SCREENING EVALUATION

**SERUM CHEMISTRY<sup>3</sup>**

- CKD Stage 2

**SPOT URINE ANALYSIS<sup>3,4</sup>:**

Normal except for oxalate/creatinine ratio of 1.1 mmol/mmol (0.875 mg/mg)

### UROLOGIST CONSULTS WITH NEPHROLOGIST<sup>1</sup>

Urologist informs nephrologist of continually decreasing eGFR

### 2 weeks later

## STONE MANAGEMENT



### UROLOGIST CONSULTS WITH NEPHROLOGIST

Metabolic workup with nephrologist delayed due to recurrent stone event

### 3 months later

## DIAGNOSIS OF UNDERLYING CAUSE OF STONE FORMATION



### 24-HOUR URINE TEST<sup>3</sup>

- Nephrologist orders and reviews the 24-hour urine test results

ANALYTE	PATIENT VALUE	REFERENCE RANGE*
Volume	2.9 L/day	0.5-4L/day
Oxalate	<b>153 mg/day (1.7 mmol/day)</b>	20-40 mg/day (0.22-0.44 mmol/day)
Calcium	148 mg/day (3.7 mmol/day)	male <250 mg/day (<6.25 mmol/day), female <200 mg/day (<5 mmol/day)

\*Reference ranges assay-dependent and intended to provide a guide for clinicians

- Nephrologist suspects underlying metabolic stone disease and orders genetic testing<sup>3</sup>

### GENETIC TESTING<sup>9</sup>

Genetic testing identifies AGXT mutations and helps confirm a diagnosis of primary hyperoxaluria type 1 (PH1)

### Ongoing

## UROLOGIST-NEPHROLOGIST CO-MANAGEMENT



### ONGOING NEPHROLOGIST AND UROLOGIST PATIENT MANAGEMENT<sup>1,9</sup>

- Nephrologist medically manages the patient
- Urologist continues to be involved in patient care and provides procedural intervention as needed



## CONSULTING : 3 KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Consulting with a nephrologist when treating patients who are stone formers or who are at risk for CKD/ESKD can help diagnose an underlying genetic condition<sup>1</sup>
- Ordering a full metabolic workup can be warranted in higher-risk patients with early kidney stone onset and nephrocalcinosis<sup>3</sup>
- Collaborating with a nephrologist can help ensure appropriate metabolic workup following stone resolution, and may provide support for ongoing management<sup>1</sup>

CKD = chronic kidney disease  
ESKD = end-stage kidney disease

## ACTIONS THAT MAY IMPACT THE DIAGNOSTIC JOURNEY OF A STONE FORMER



### IDENTIFICATION

of high-risk factors



### TESTING

according to the guidelines on medical management of kidney stones, including those from the American Urological Association (AUA)



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24-hour urine testing in high-risk, recurrent, and interested first-time stone formers, as recommended by guidelines, including those from the AUA, can help identify metabolic stone disease.<sup>1</sup> Consider ordering or referring your patients for genetic testing when you suspect an inherited stone disease such as PH1.<sup>10,11</sup>

### ONE OPTION FOR TESTING WHEN YOU SUSPECT PH1 IS THE ALNYLAM ACT® PROGRAM:

Third-party genetic screening and counseling for patients who may have PH1 at no charge to patients.



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