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# Comparative study of electrolyte exchange in patients with varying severity of urinary syndrome of chronic pyelonephritis

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#### **Abstract**

Background. The severity of urinary syndrome in chronic pyelonephritis varies widely. Concomitant changes in electrolyte exchange are also differently expressed. The aim of this study is to compare the rates of electrolyte metabolism in patients with minimal and moderate manifestations of urinary syndrome. Materials and Methods. The object of clinicalphysiological observation were 68 men and 20 women aged 24-76 years, who underwent rehabilitation treatment in the Truskavets' spa of chronic pyelonephritis in remission with of neuroendocrine-immune complex dysfunction. Urinary syndrome was assessed by quantitative and quantitative-qualitative levels of bacteriuria, leukocyturia and erythrocyturia. We determined in daily urine and blood plasma the concentration of sodium, potassium, chloride, calcium, magnesium and phosphates. Results. By transforming the actual values into normalized (Z-score) in patients with minimal expressed urinary syndrome (n=25) compared with moderately expressed (n=63) more pronounced decrease in phosphatemia (-1,26±0,17 vs -0,77±0,13), while a more significant increase in excretion of magnesium  $(+1,16\pm0,34 \text{ vs } +0,27\pm0,24)$ , sodium  $(+2,92\pm0,64 \text{ vs } +1,41\pm0,31)$  and chloride  $(+2,44\pm0,76)$ vs +1,04±0,37). Conclusion. Probably, common causal factors for both sets of parameters are changes in neuro-endocrine regulation of electrolyte exchange and immunity, especially bactericidal mechanisms, which, in turn, cause a reduction in bacteriuria and leukocyturia, ie resolving chronic pyelonephritis. Evidence of this hypothesis we have obtained and will be presented in the next article.

**Keywords**: chronic pyelonephritis, urinary syndrome, electrolyte exchange.

#### INTRODUCTION

The severity of urinary syndrome in chronic pyelonephritis varies widely. Concomitant changes in electrolyte exchange are also differently expressed [1,3,14]. The aim of this study is to compare the rates of electrolyte metabolism in patients with minimal and moderate manifestations of urinary syndrome.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The object of clinical-physiological observation were 68 men and 20 women aged 24-76 years, who were at different stages of rehabilitation treatment in the Truskavets' spa [17] of chronic pyelonephritis in remission with of neuroendocrine-immune complex dysfunction.

Urinary syndrome was assessed by quantitative and quantitative-qualitative [14] levels of bacteriuria, leukocyturia and erythrocyturia. To qualitatively assess the manifestations of pyelonephritis, a single-point IL Popovych's [14] scale, built on the basis EC Harrington's desirability function [6], was used.

In particular, bacteriuria over  $10^6$  CFU/mL is quantified at 0,9 points (strongly expressed), within  $(0,3\div1,0)\cdot10^6$  CFU/mL - 0,715 p (more than average, but not strong),  $10^5$  CFU/mL - 0,5 p (moderately expressed),  $(0,2\div0,5)\cdot10^5$  CFU/mL - 0,285 p (weakly expressed),  $(0,01\div0,1)\cdot10^5$  CFU/mL - 0,1 p (very weak), less than  $0,01\cdot10^5$  CFU/mL - 0 p (absent).

Leukocyturia over  $60 \cdot 10^3 / \text{mL} - 0.715 \text{ p}$ , within  $(20 \div 60) \cdot 10^3 / \text{mL} - 0.5 \text{ p}$ ,  $(4 \div 20) \cdot 10^3 / \text{mL} - 0.285 \text{ p}$ ,  $(2 \div 4) \cdot 10^3 / \text{mL} - 0.1 \text{ p}$ , less than  $2 \cdot 10^3 / \text{mL} - 0 \text{ p}$ .

Erythrocyturia over  $30 \cdot 10^3 / \text{mL} - 0.715 \text{ p}$ , within  $(10.1 \div 30) \cdot 10^3 / \text{mL} - 0.5 \text{ p}$ ,  $(2.1 \div 10) \cdot 10^3 / \text{mL} - 0.285 \text{ p}$ ,  $(1 \div 2) \cdot 10^3 / \text{mL} - 0.1 \text{ p}$ , less than  $10^3 / \text{mL} - 0 \text{ p}$ .

We determined in daily urine and blood plasma the concentration of electrolytes: calcium (by reaction with arsenase III), magnesium (by reaction with colgamite), phosphates (phosphate-molybdate method), chloride (mercury-rhodanidine method), sodium and potassium (flamming photometry). The analysis carried out according to instructions [4] with the use of analyzers "Reflotron" (BRD) and "Pointe-180" (USA) with corresponding sets of reagents, and flamming photometer "CΦ-47".

Reference values of variables are taken from the database of the Truskavetsian Scientific School of Balneology. For statistical analysis used the software package "Statistica 5.5".

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

At the first stage of the analysis, two groups of comparisons were formed retrospectively. The first group consisted of 48 men and 15 women with moderate or weak urinary syndrome, and the second - 20 men and 5 women in whom bacteriuria and leukocyturia were absent or very weak (Table 1). The mean age of patients was  $50,1\pm1,5$  and  $48,7\pm2,9$  years, respectively.

At the next stage, the raw parameters were normalized by recalculation by the formulas:

Z = (V - N)/SD = (V/N - 1)/Cv, where

V is the actual value; N is the normal (reference) value; SD is the standard deviation in the norm; Cv is the coefficient of variation in the norm.

Table 1. Comparative characteristics of the symptoms of urinary syndrome

		Expression of the urinary syndrome		Student's Statistics		Reference value	
Indications of the urinary syndrome	Para- meters	Moderately & weakly (n=63)	Very weakly & absent (n=25)	t	p	Mean	SD
Bacteriuria, 10 <sup>2</sup> •CFU/mL	V±SE	181±36	1,9±0,7	4,94	<0,001	0	
Leukocyturia, L•10 <sup>3</sup> /mL	V±SE	8,29±2,23	1,55±0,25	3,00	<0,01	1,00	
Erythrocyturia, E•10 <sup>3</sup> /mL	V±SE	1,56±0,14	1,09±0,15	2,28	<0,02	0,50	
Bacteriuria, lg CFU/mL	V±SE Z±SE	1,69±0,11 1,73±0,11	0,18±0,07 0,18±0,08	11,7	<0,001	0	0,98
Leukocyturia, lg L/mL	V±SE Z±SE	3,53±0,07 1,06±0,15	2,91±0,13 -0,17±0,26	4,17	<0,001	3,00	0,21
Erythrocyturia, lg E/mL	V±SE Z±SE	3,09±0,04 1,53±0,15	2,94±0,06 0,95±0,23	2,13	<0,05	2,70	0,21
Bacteriuria, points	V±SE Z±SE	0,38±0,06 1,59±0,12	0,05±0,01 0,20±0,04	10,9	<0,001	0	0,24
Leukocyturia, points	V±SE Z±SE	0,20±0,02 1,32±0,14	0,04±0,01 0,24±0,07	7,17	<0,001	0	0,15
Erythrocyturia, points	V±SE Z±SE	0,11±0,01 1,11±0,13	0,09±0,02 0,86±0,18	1,13	>0,2	0	0,10

Table 2 illustrates that the different severity of the urinary syndrome is accompanied by both normal parameters of electrolyte metabolism and different variants of their abnormalities.

Table 2. Comparative characteristics of the indication of the electrolithes exchange

		Expression of the urinary syndrome		Student's Statistics		Reference value	
Indications of the	Para-	Moderately	Very weakly	t		Mean	Cv
Electrolithes	meters	& weakly	& absent	١ '	p	Wican	CV
Exchange	lifeters	(n=63)	(n=25)				
Sodium	V±SE	142,4±1,1	145,4±1,8	1,41	>0,1	145.0	0,034
Plasma, mM/L	Z±SE	$-0.53\pm0.21^{a}$	$+0.07\pm0.37$	1,71	> 0,1	143.0	0,034
Chloride	V±SE	101,4±0,8	103,7±1,4	1,41	>0,1	101,5	0,032
Plasma, mM/L	Z±SE	$-0.04\pm0.26$	$+0.68\pm0.44$	1,71	/0,1	101,5	0,032
Potassium	V±SE	4,34±0.07	4,37±0,10	0,21		4,55	0,104
Plasma, mM/L	Z±SE	$-0.44\pm0.15^{b}$	$-0.39\pm0.21$	0,21		1,55	0,101
Calcium	V±SE	2,20±0,02	2,20±0,03	0,03		2,30	0,065
Plasma, mM/L	Z±SE	$-0.69\pm0.15^{c}$	-0,68±0,23 <sup>b</sup>	0,03		2,30	0,003
Magnesium	V±SE	$0.833\pm0.004$	0,833±0,010	0,02		0,90	0,056
Plasma, mM/L	Z±SE	$-1,34\pm0,09^{c}$	$-1,33\pm0,20^{\circ}$	0,02		0,50	0,030
Phosphates	V±SE	1,05±0,03	$0.95\pm0.03$	2,32	<0,05	1,20	0,167
Plasma, mM/L	Z±SE	$-0.77\pm0.13^{\circ}$	$-1,26\pm0,17^{c}$	2,32	\0,03	1,20	0,107
Diuresis,	V±SE	$1,91\pm0,09$	2,19±0,13	1,83	>0,05	1,40	0,274
L/24h	Z±SE	$+1,31\pm0,24^{c}$	$+2,07\pm0,33^{\circ}$	1,03	, 0,05	1,40	0,274
Sodium	V±SE	200±10	249±21	2,12	<0,05	154	0,211
Excretion, mM/24h	Z±SE	$+1,41\pm0,31^{c}$	$+2,92\pm0,64^{c}$	2,12	\0,03	134	0,211
Chloride	V±SE	198±11	238±22	1,66	>0,1	167,5	0,172
Excretion, mM/24h	Z±SE	$+1,04\pm0,37$	$+2,44\pm0,76^{b}$	1,00	/0,1	107,5	0,172
Potassium	V±SE	70,5±4,5	76,9±7,4	0,74		65,0	0,269
Excretion, mM/24h	Z±SE	$+0.32\pm0.26$	$+0.68\pm0.42$	0,74		03,0	0,209
Calcium	V±SE	4,69±0,36	6,02±0,68	1,72	>0,1	4,38	0,214
Excretion, mM/24h	Z±SE	$+0.34\pm0.39$	$+1,76\pm0,73^{a}$	1,72	, 0,1	1,50	3,211
Magnesium	V±SE	4,38±0,25	5,32±0,35	2,15	<0,05	4,10	0,256
Excretion, mM/24h	Z±SE	$+0.27\pm0.24$	$+1,16\pm0,34^{c}$	2,13	10,03	1,10	0,230
Phosphates	V±SE	21,8±1,9	29,0±3,1	1,97	=0,05	25,2	0,294
Excretion, mM/24h	Z±SE	$-0.45\pm0.26$	$+0.51\pm0.41$	1,57	0,03	25,2	0,274

Note. Significant deviations from the norm are indicated by letters ( $p<0,05^a$ ,  $<0,01^b$ ,  $<0,001^c$ ). The data in Table 2 are visualized as two profiles (Fig. 1).

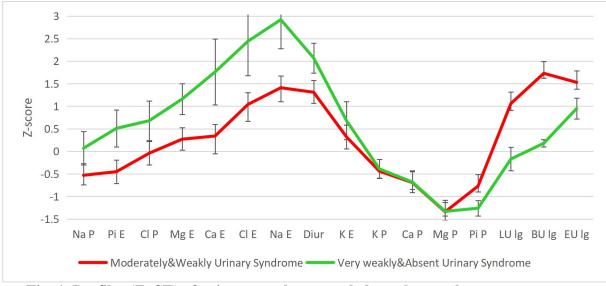


Fig. 1. Profiles (Z±SE) of urinary syndrome and electrolyte exchange

It seems that the reduction of urinary syndrome is accompanied by a further decrease in phosphataemia within the lower zone of normal, increase within the norm of natriaemia, chloridemia, phosphaturia, magnesiumuria and calciumuria as well as movement of upper levels of chloriduria and natriuria above the upper limit of normal.

Such changes in the parameters of the urinary syndrome and electrolyte metabolism are probably caused by balneological factors of the resort, but are unlikely to be related by causation.

Probably, common causal sanogenic factors are changes in the neuro-endocrine regulation of the electrolyte metabolism and immune system, especially its bactericidal mechanisms, which, in turn, cause a reduction in bacteriuria and leukocyturia, ie resolution of chronic pyelonephritis. This assumption is based on data from previous studies of the Truskavets Scientific School of Balneology [2,3,5,7-16].

Evidence of this hypothesis we have obtained and will be presented in the next article.

# ACCORDANCE TO ETHICS STANDARDS

Tests in patients are conducted in accordance with positions of Helsinki Declaration 1975, revised and complemented in 2002, and directive of National Committee on ethics of scientific researches. During realization of tests from all participants the informed consent is got and used all measures for providing of anonymity of participants.

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