Algorithm for Evaluation of the Newborn with Antenatal Hydronephrosis



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Antibiotic for UTI Prophylaxis choice:

- Initial newborn antibiotic choice: cefdinir 4-5 mg/kg or cefixime 5-7 mg/kg once daily
- Infants older than 2 months option also TMP/SMX 2 mg/kg or Nitrofurantoin 2 mg/kg once daily

Additional information:

- 1. Missed renal pathology may lead to hypertension, renal failure or need for transplantation
- 2. Young infants with UTI are at higher risk for renal scarring because their kidneys are immature
- SFU (Society for Fetal Urology) staging is commonly used after birth to rate the degree of hydronephrosis: SFU 0: no renal pelvis splitting, SFU 1: urine barely splits pelvis, SFU 2 urine fills intrarenal pelvis +/- major calyces dilated, SFU 3: SFU 2 + major and minor calyces dilated and parenchyma preserved, SFU 4: SFU 3+ parenchyma thin
- 4. Remember that a normal US does not exclude the presence of reflux and one must keep a high index of suspicion for UTI in this group of children
- 5. Infants with high grade obstruction or reflux, bilateral hydroureters, or bladder outlet obstruction are at high risk of infection or renal failure and PCP is recommended to call/consult urology **before** discharge to discuss management
- 6. If postnatal US confirms solitary or malpositioned kidney, and there is hydronephrosis, infant should have a VCUG to protect what might be their only good kidney.
- 7. The Urology team is concerned about high grade obstruction in SFU 3&4 babies and may elect to do a Mag 3 scan in the future
- 8. Please ask parents to bring a CD of images to Urology visit (not just the report)!

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