

# BAPN AKI MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

**AKI can be preventable: early detection and appropriate management reduces harm**

## Risk assess for AKI

### High risk groups

Nephrourological, cardiac, liver disease

Malignancy, bone marrow transplant

Dependence on others for access to fluids

Medication  
(eg., ACEi, ARB, NSAIDS, diuretics,  
aminoglycosides, calcineurin inhibitors)

### High risk scenarios

History of reduced urine output

Sepsis

Hypoperfusion or dehydration

Nephrotoxic drug or toxin exposure

Renal disease or urinary tract obstruction

Major surgery

## Prevention: 3 M's

**MONITOR** (Early Warning Score, fluid balance, daily weight, urinalysis, serum creatinine and electrolytes)

**MAINTAIN** circulation (treat hypoperfusion adequately)

**MINIMISE** kidney insults (review, monitor and adjust medication)

## Recognise AKI

### Serum creatinine:

> 1.5x previous baseline (if known)

>1.5x age specific upper limit of normal (ULN)

(if creatinine between ULN and 1.5x ULN, repeat measurement)

### Urine output:

<0.5mls/kg/hr for 8 hours

## AKI algorithm alerts

**AKI 1:** Serum creatinine >1.5-2x upper limit of normal (ULN)

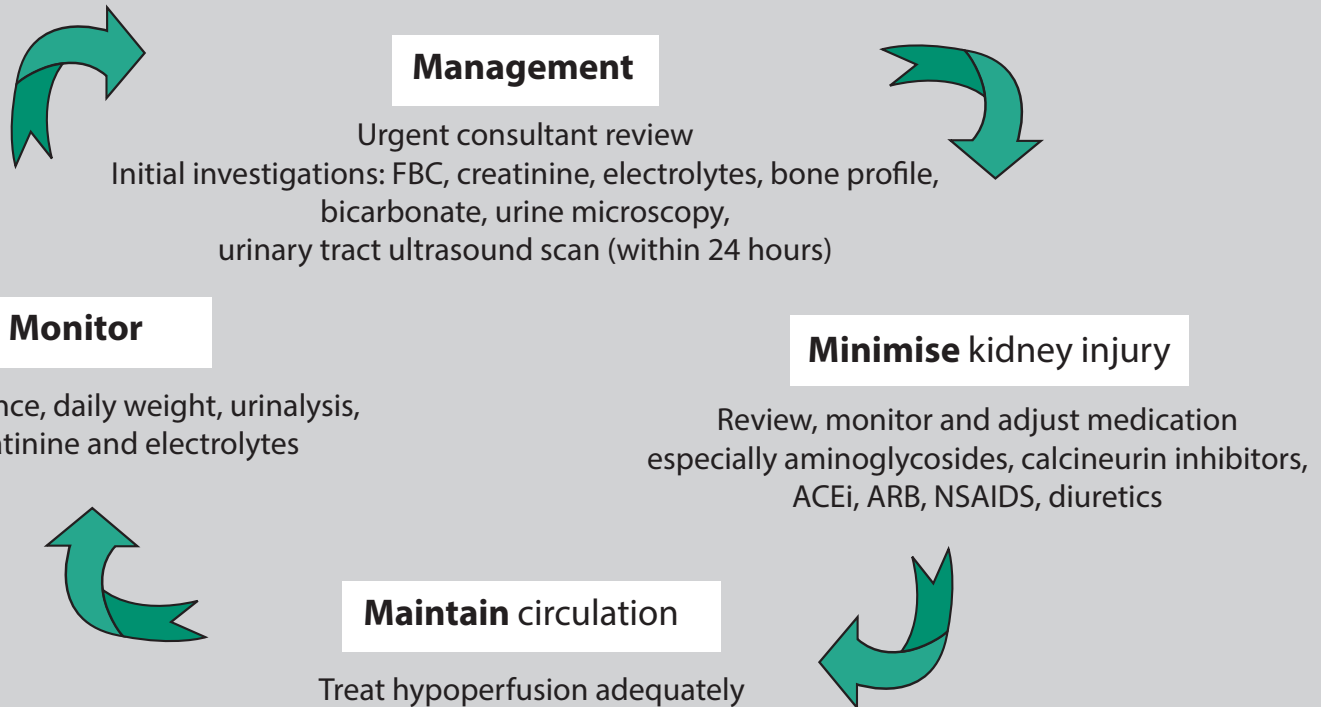
**AKI 2:** Serum creatinine 2-3x ULN

**AKI 3:** Serum creatinine >3x ULN



## Management of confirmed AKI: 4 M's

1. Recognise and treat the underlying cause
2. Evaluate and review according to the following cycle:



### Further management

**AKI 1:** If clinically relevant: C3/C4, ASOT, ANA, ANCA, anti-GBM antibodies, immunoglobulins, blood film, LDH, CK. **Consider discussion** with a specialist paediatrician with an interest in nephrology (SPIN) or tertiary nephrology

**AKI 2:** Investigations as for AKI 1. **Discuss** with SPIN or tertiary nephrology

**AKI 3:** Investigations as for AKI 1. **Discuss** with tertiary nephrology

### PAEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY REFERRAL

1. AKI in a patient with CKD4 or 5 or a renal transplant
2. Early referral if AKI is associated with multisystem disease or suspected intrinsic renal disease eg. haemolytic uraemic syndrome

**Immediate referral** in any stage of AKI with the following:

Potassium >6.5mmol/l (non-haemolysed sample)  
Oligoanuria and plasma sodium <125mmol/l  
Pulmonary oedema or hypertension unresponsive to diuretics  
Plasma urea >40mmol/l unresponsive to fluid challenge

### Follow-up

All patients who required dialysis or who have persisting proteinuria or reduced renal function at 3 months should be followed up by SPIN or tertiary nephrology

