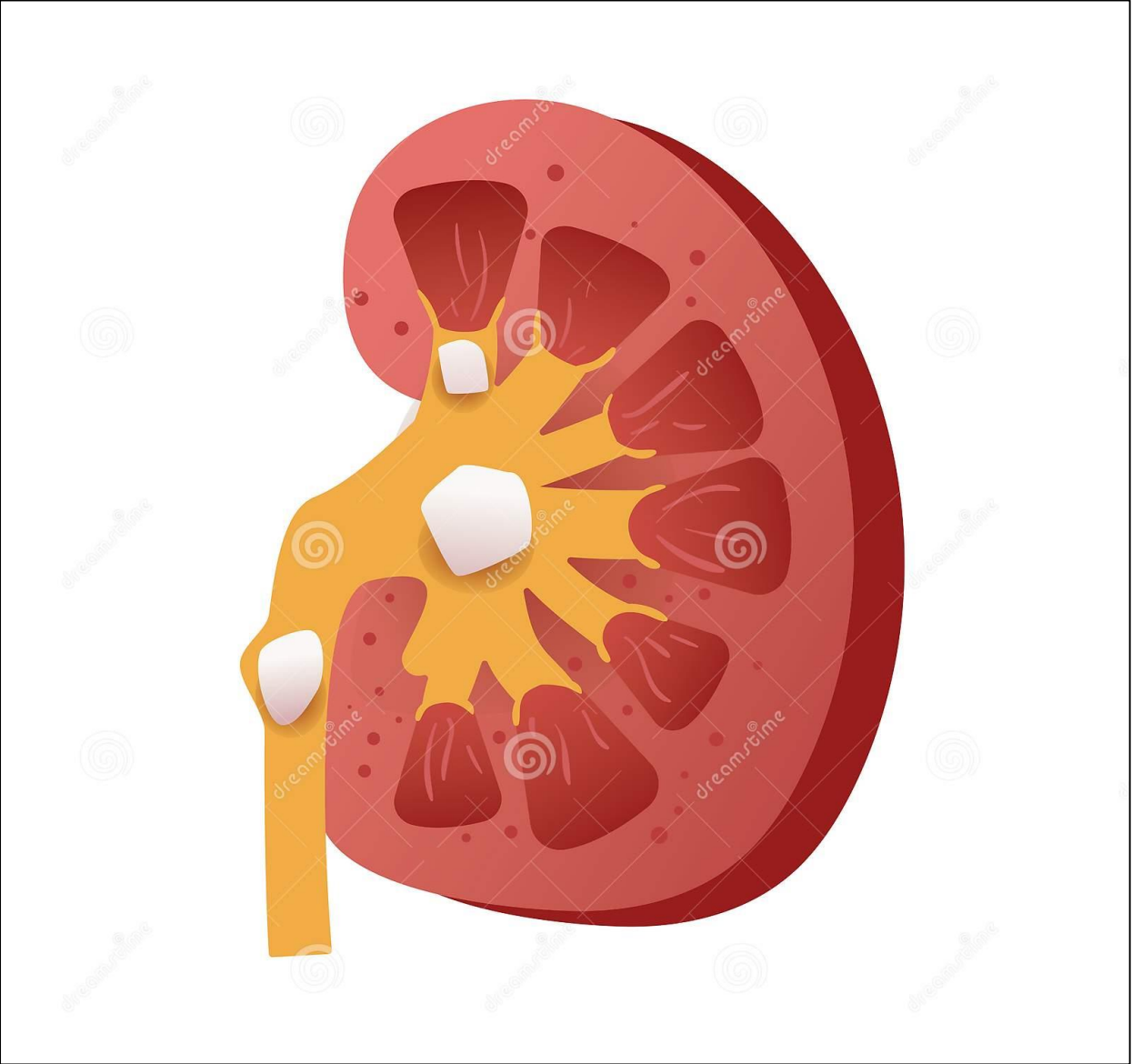


# Update on stone disease

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# Renal and ureteric stones: assessment and management

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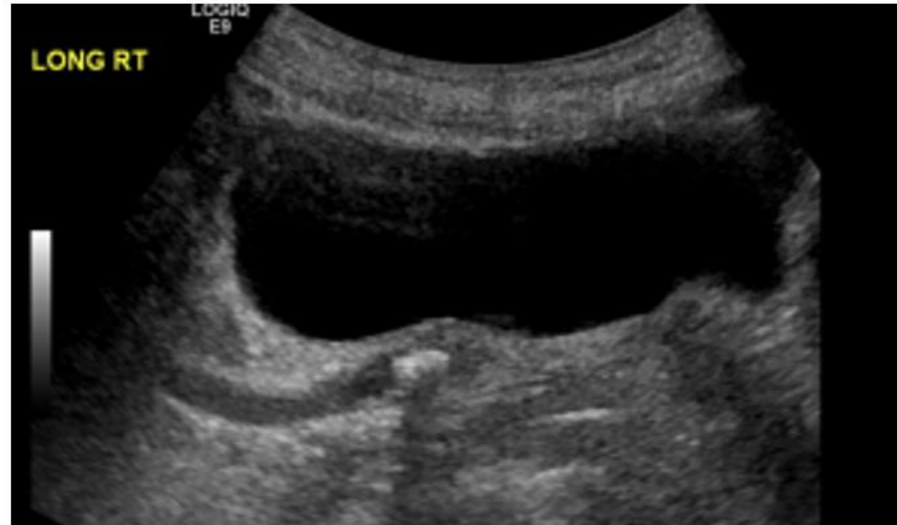
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## **EXTRACORPOREAL SHOCKWAVE LITHOTRIPSY (ESWL) FOR STONES**

Information about your procedure from  
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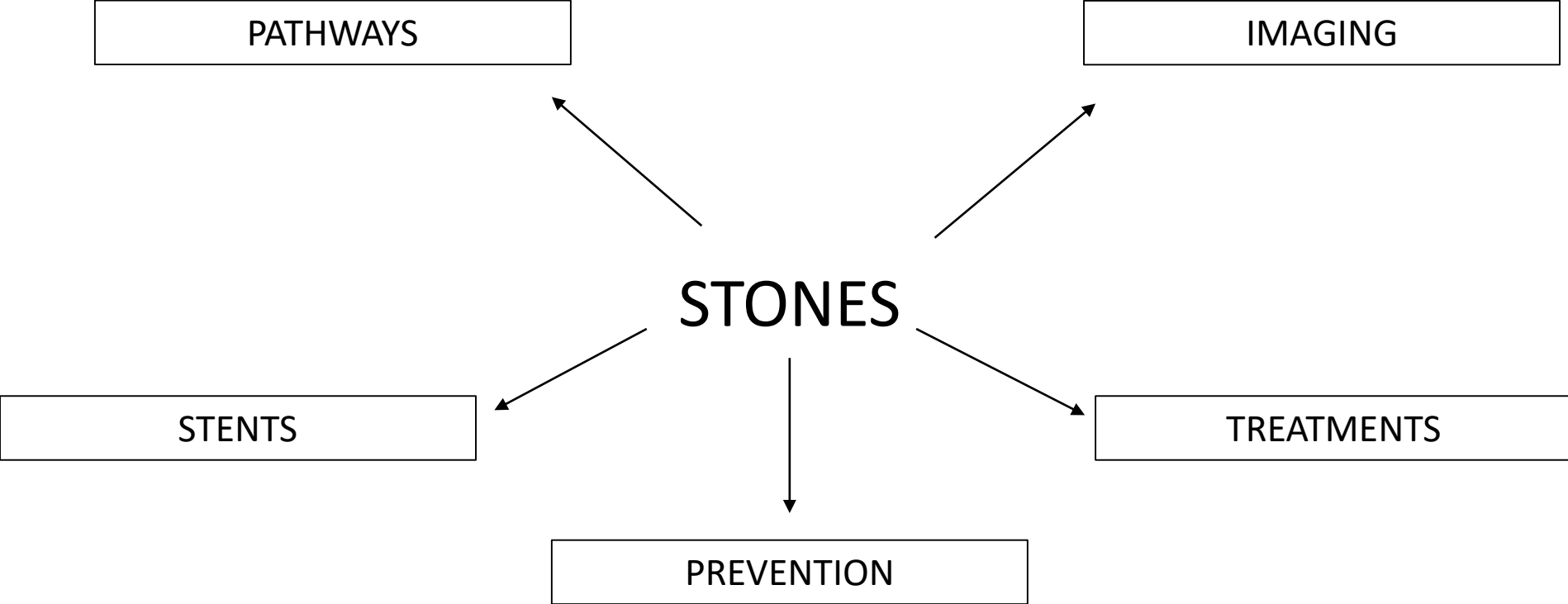
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### **Key Points**

- Lithotripsy is a low risk, non-invasive way of treating stones in the kidney or ureter (the tube between your kidney and bladder)
- Shockwaves are focused through the skin, onto the stone, using X-ray or ultrasound to target them
- Some stones are too hard and may not break up even after re-treatment
- The commonest after-effects are bleeding and temporary pain as the fragments pass out



# Pathways

ACUTE



# THINK!

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## Clinical, fiscal and environmental benefits of a specialist-led virtual ureteric colic clinic: a prospective study

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### Objectives

To evaluate the clinical, fiscal and environmental impact of a specialist-led acute ureteric colic virtual clinic (VC) pathway.

### Patients and Methods

All patients with uncomplicated acute ureteric colic, referred to a single tertiary centre, were prospectively entered into the study over a 4-year period (January 2015–December 2018). Inclusion criteria were: low-dose non-contrast computed tomography of kidneys, ureters and bladder; white blood cell count  $<16 \times 10^9/L$ ; pain controlled; normal renal function; and no clinical concern. Primary outcomes were: time (days) from referral to VC outcome; VC outcome (discharge, further VC, face-to-face [FTF] clinic, extracorporeal shockwave lithotripsy [ESWL], ureterorenoscopy [URS], percutaneous nephrolithotomy [PCNL]); and adverse events (sepsis or obstruction). Secondary outcomes were patient and stone demographics, cost and environmental analysis. The minimum follow-up was 3 months.

### Results

A total of 1008 patients entered the study, of whom 91.5% ( $n = 922$ ) were of working age. The median (interquartile range) time from presentation to VC outcome was 2 (4) days. VC outcomes were as follows: 16.3% of patients ( $n = 164$ ) were discharged; 18.2% ( $n = 183$ ) were discharged after further

VC; 17.2% ( $n = 173$ ) underwent an intervention; and 48.4% ( $n = 488$ ) were referred to an FTF clinic. Interventions comprised: PCNL 0.5% ( $n = 5$ ); ESWL 7.7% ( $n = 78$ ); and URS 8.9% ( $n = 90$ ). Stone demographics were as follows: 570 patients (56.5%) had lower, 157 (15.6%) had upper, 96 (9.5%) had mid-ureteric and 163 (16.2%) had renal calculi, and in 22 patients (2.2%) the stones had recently passed. The mean (SD) stone size was 3.5 (2.3) mm. Two adverse events (0.2%) were reported. Introducing a VC saved £145,152 for Clinical Commissioning Groups, the equivalent NHS tariff payment of performing 106 URS procedures or 211 ureteric stent insertions. Overall, 15,085 patient journey kilometres were avoided, equal to 0.70–2.93 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent production and the need to plant 14.7 trees to achieve carbon balance.

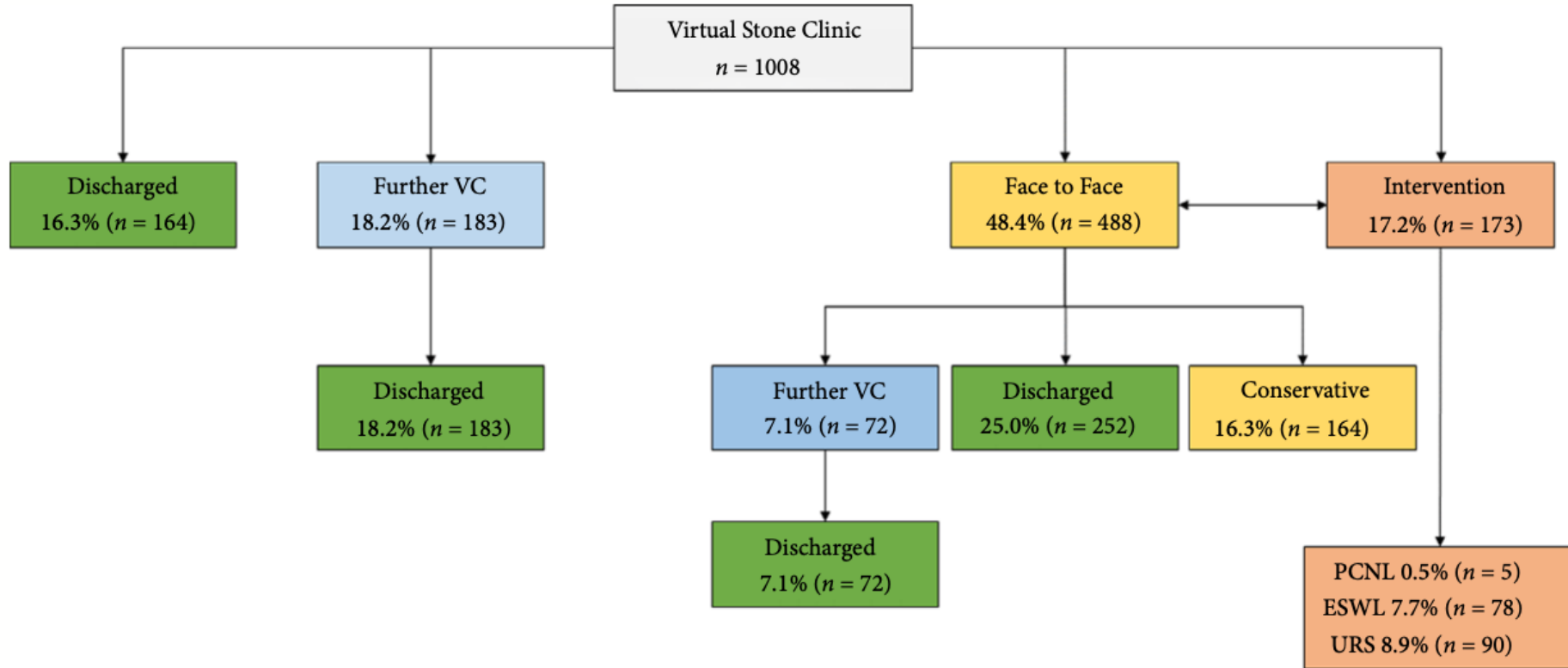
### Conclusion

A specialist-led acute ureteric colic VC reduced time to treatment decision to a median of 2 days. This creates additional clinic capacity and reduces the fiscal burden of traditional clinics and their associated carbon footprint.

### Keywords

urology virtual clinic, carbon footprint, telemedicine, ureteric colic, #EndoUrology, #UroStone

**Fig. 1** Flowchart of outcome from virtual clinic (VC). Patient characteristics suitable for further VC follow-up were able to be contacted on the telephone, clear communication, able to express current symptoms and passage of stone freely. Stone characteristics suitable for further VC follow-up: small stone, further investigation required and/or safety netting to ensure safe upper tract prior to final discharge. ESWL, extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy; PCNL, percutaneous nephrolithotomy; URS, ureterorenoscopy.



# Message

Direct route: Urgent Care Centre/ A&E

Should be directed to the Acute Stone Service in house

Elective route: Virtual or F2F clinic

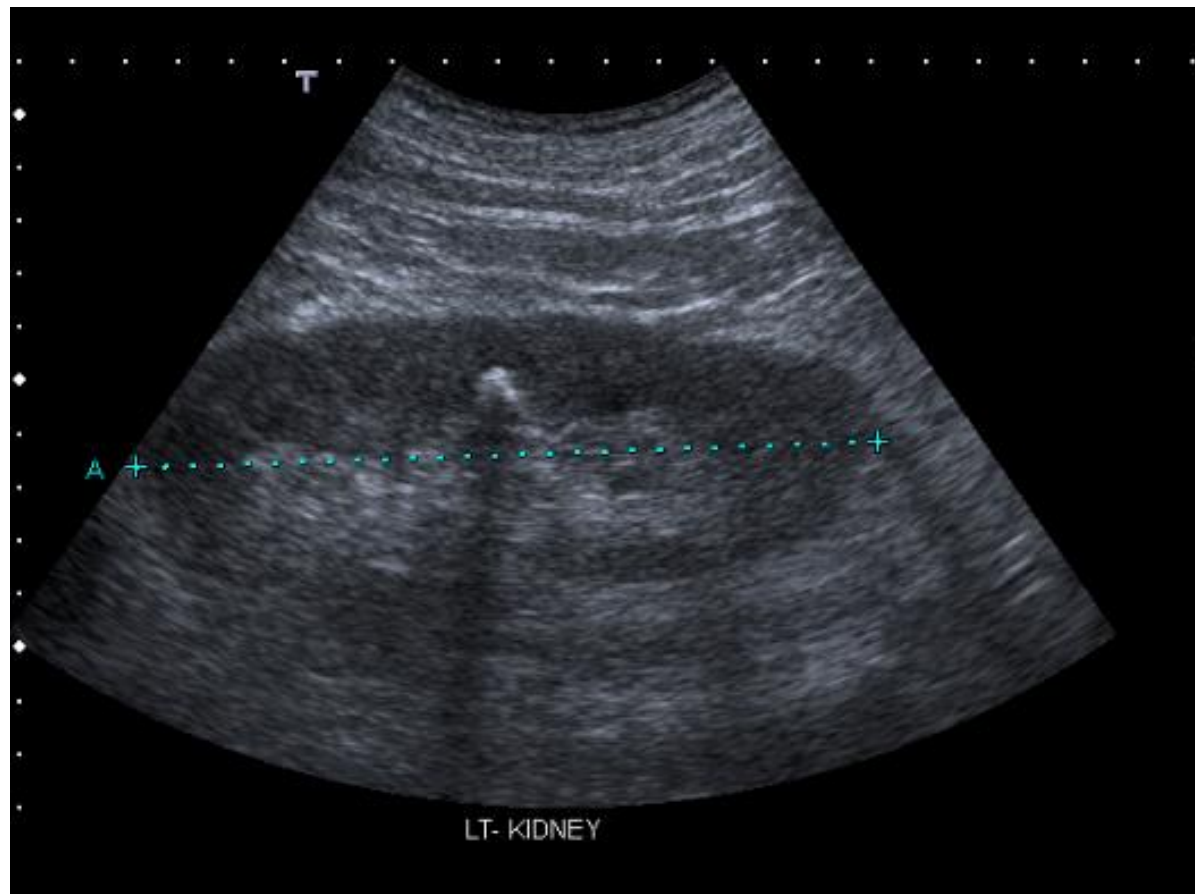
Ideally with imaging to help triage

(Sector-wide changes???)

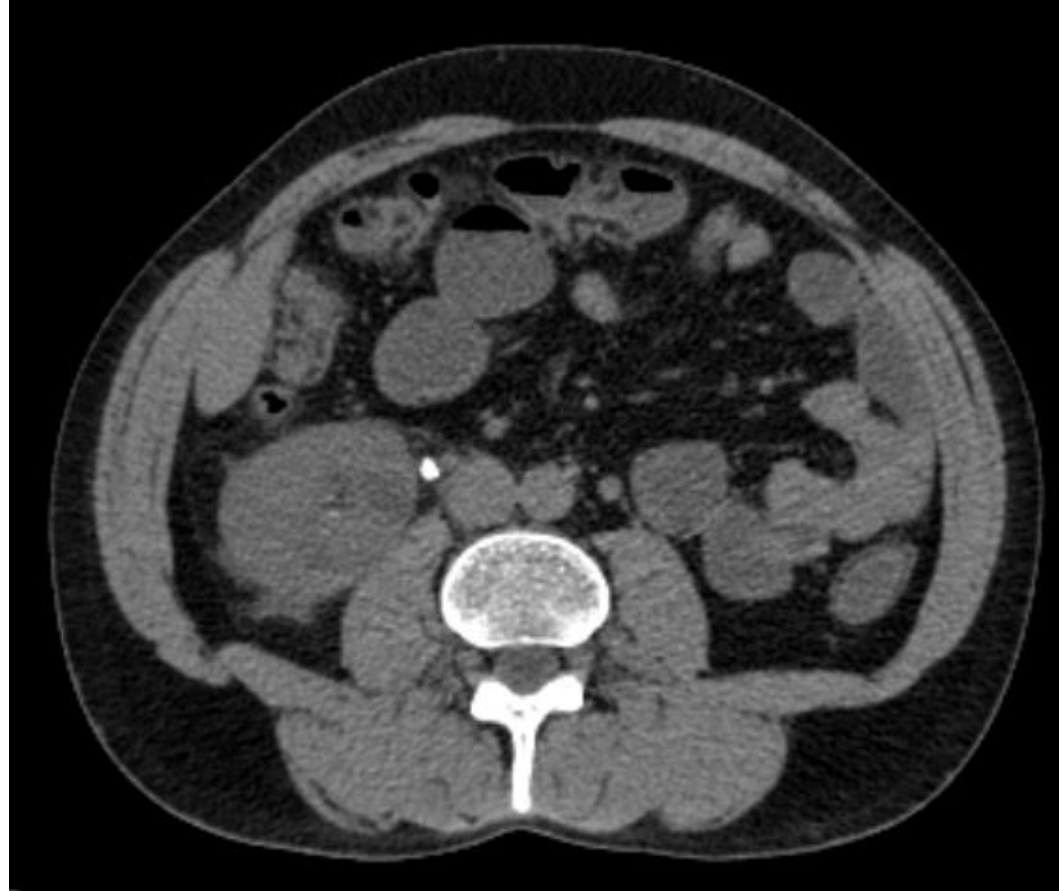
Imaging



Ultrasound



CT KUB



**CT KUB**



## Ultrasound

### Pros

No radiation

Portable

Can detect hydronephrosis

Accessibility

Cheap

### Cons

Operator dependent

Limited by body habitus

Cannot visualize entire ureter

Limited images/views recorded

## CT

### Pros

Immediate

Stone density/location/size

Other pathology in 25%

Gold standard for acute colic

### Cons

Radiation dose (ALARA - low dose)

Radiology dept (not portable)

Expensive (relatively)

# Message

NCCT Gold standard for imaging renal colic

Alternative: US

IVU : obsolete

MR: only used selectively in pregnancy

# Treatments

<b>Data Item</b>	<b>National Figures</b>		<b>Charing Cross Hospital, London</b>	
<b>Total Cases</b>	2192 (median 16)		28	
<b>Median Age</b>	46 (IQR 34 – 59)		44.5	
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<4.9	991	46.3%	15	53.5%
5– 9.9	998	46.6%	10	35.7%
10 to 19.9	139	6.5%	3	10.7%
>=20	13	0.6%	0	0%
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Conservative Management	1528	69.7%	19	67.8%
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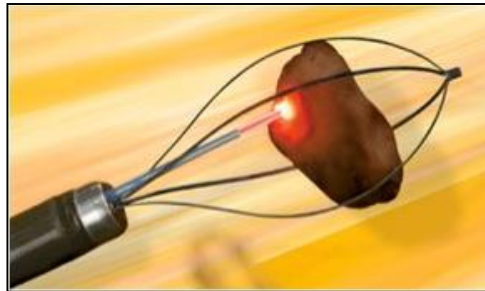


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**MAJORITY** of acute stones pass spontaneously



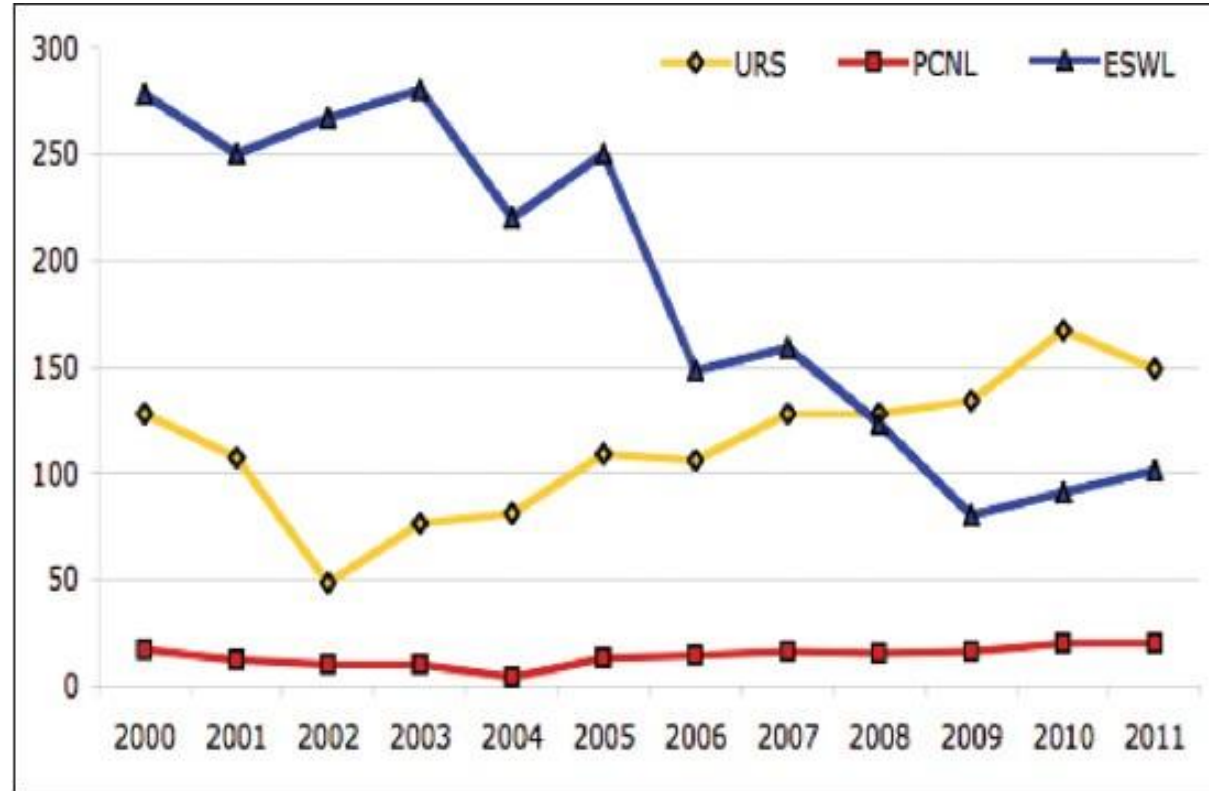
Percutaneous nephrolithotomy



Flexible Ureterorenoscopy/ laser



Lithotripsy  
(ESWL)



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# Medical expulsive therapy in adults with ureteric colic: a multicentre, randomised, placebo-controlled trial



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## Summary

**Background** Meta-analyses of previous randomised controlled trials concluded that the smooth muscle relaxant drugs tamsulosin and nifedipine assisted stone passage for people managed expectantly for ureteric colic, but emphasised the need for high-quality trials with wide inclusion criteria. We aimed to fulfil this need by testing effectiveness of these drugs in a standard clinical care setting.

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**Interpretation** Tamsulosin 400 µg and nifedipine 30 mg are not effective at decreasing the need for further treatment to achieve stone clearance in 4 weeks for patients with expectantly managed ureteric colic.

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### Platinum Priority – Stone Disease

*Editorial by Christian Türk, Aleš Petřík and Andreas Neisius on pp. 55–56 of this issue*

## **Shockwave Lithotripsy Versus Ureteroscopic Treatment as Therapeutic Interventions for Stones of the Ureter (TISU): A Multicentre Randomised Controlled Non-inferiority Trial**

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## Waiting time in days from randomisation to treatment

Treatment Allocation	N	Median(IQR)	Range
<b>EWSL (303)</b>			
ESWL Pathway: treated	247	8 (2-18)	(0-415)
Treated as randomised	210	7 (2-15)	(0-79)
Switched treatment	37	25 (2-70)	(0-415)
Proportion treated within 8 weeks	229/247	(92.71%)	
<b>URS (306)</b>	.		
URS Pathway: treated	261	25 (9-44)	(0-269)
Treated as randomised	250	25 (9-44)	(0-269)
Switched treatment	12	22 (2-47)	(0-84)
Proportion treated within 8 weeks	225/261	(86.21%)	



**Table 2: Primary outcome: Proportion requiring further intervention to clear the stone for SWL compared to URS**

Population	SWL		URS		ARD <sup>a,b</sup>	95% CI	nonInf p-value	RR <sup>a,b</sup>	95% CI
	n/N	%	n/N	%					
ITT-1	67/302	22	31/302	10	0.12	(0.06, 0.18)	0.004	2.13	(1.37, 3.32)
ITT-2	65/250	26	31/266	12	0.14	(0.07, 0.21)	0.051	2.19	(1.41, 3.40)
PP - 1	64/262	24	27/283	10	0.15	(0.08, 0.21)	0.046	2.52	(1.60, 3.94)
PP - 2	62/210	30	27/247	11	0.18	(0.10, 0.26)	0.31	2.63	(1.67, 4.15)

ARD absolute risk difference (SWL – URS); RR relative risk (URS is the reference category); ITT-1 Intention to treat including all participants; ITT-2 intention to treat but excluding those who passed their stone prior to any intervention. PP-1 per protocol including those that passed their stone before treatment; PP-2 per protocol analysis excluding those that passed their stone before treatment.

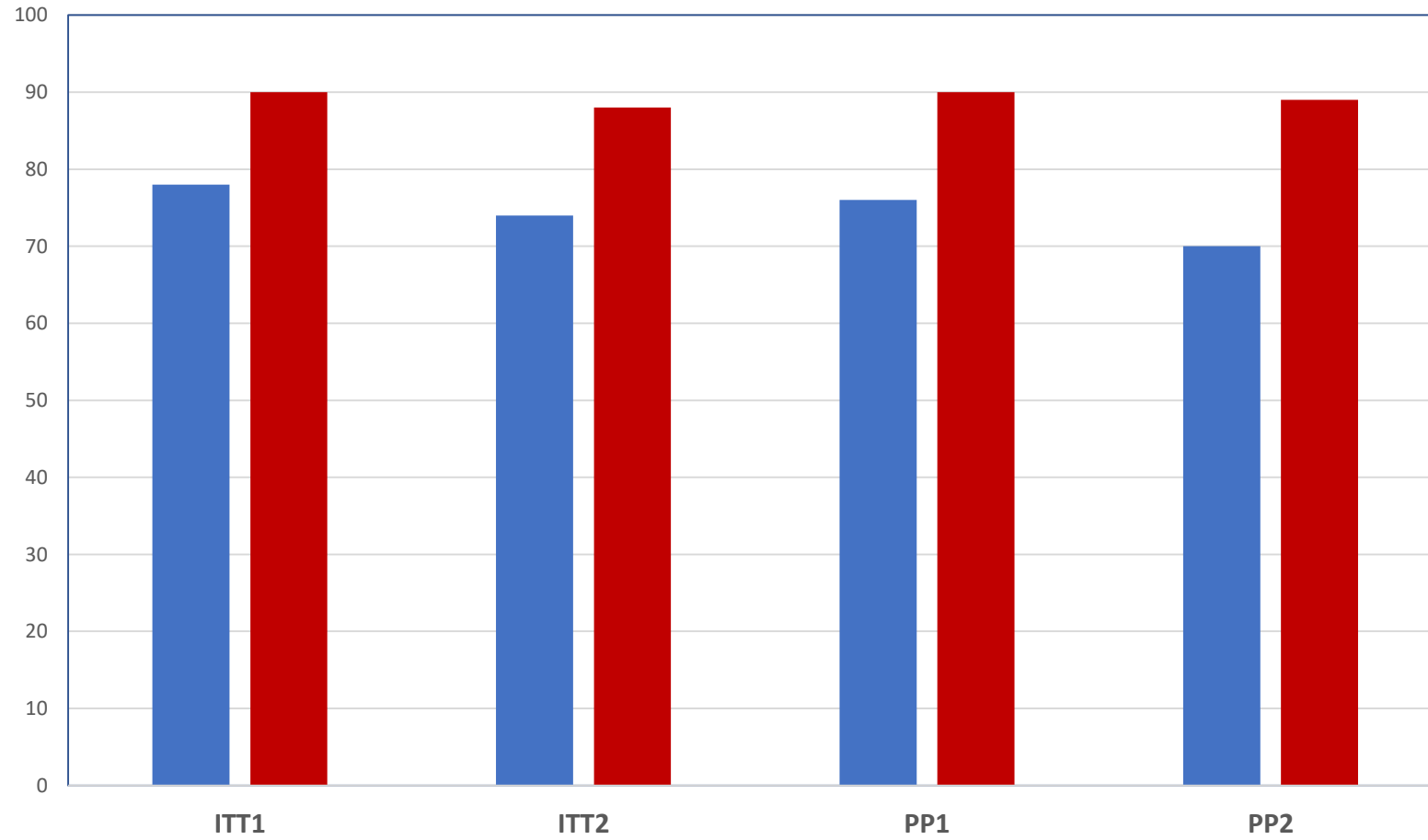
nonInf p-value: non-inferiority p-value for the ARD results only: Ho: SWL is inferior to URS

<sup>a</sup> All treatment effect estimates adjusted for outcome at baseline, stone size, stone location, age, gender and centre

<sup>b</sup> Modified Poisson regression model with a log-link function and robust error variance

# Stone clearance (%)

■ SWL   ■ URS



# Message

Tamsulosin 400mcg daily for distal ureteric stones

- no evidence better than placebo in SUSPEND
- some meta-analyses suggest benefit

Shockwave Lithotripsy almost as effective as  
Ureteroscopy&Laser

Stents



27 year old female management consultant

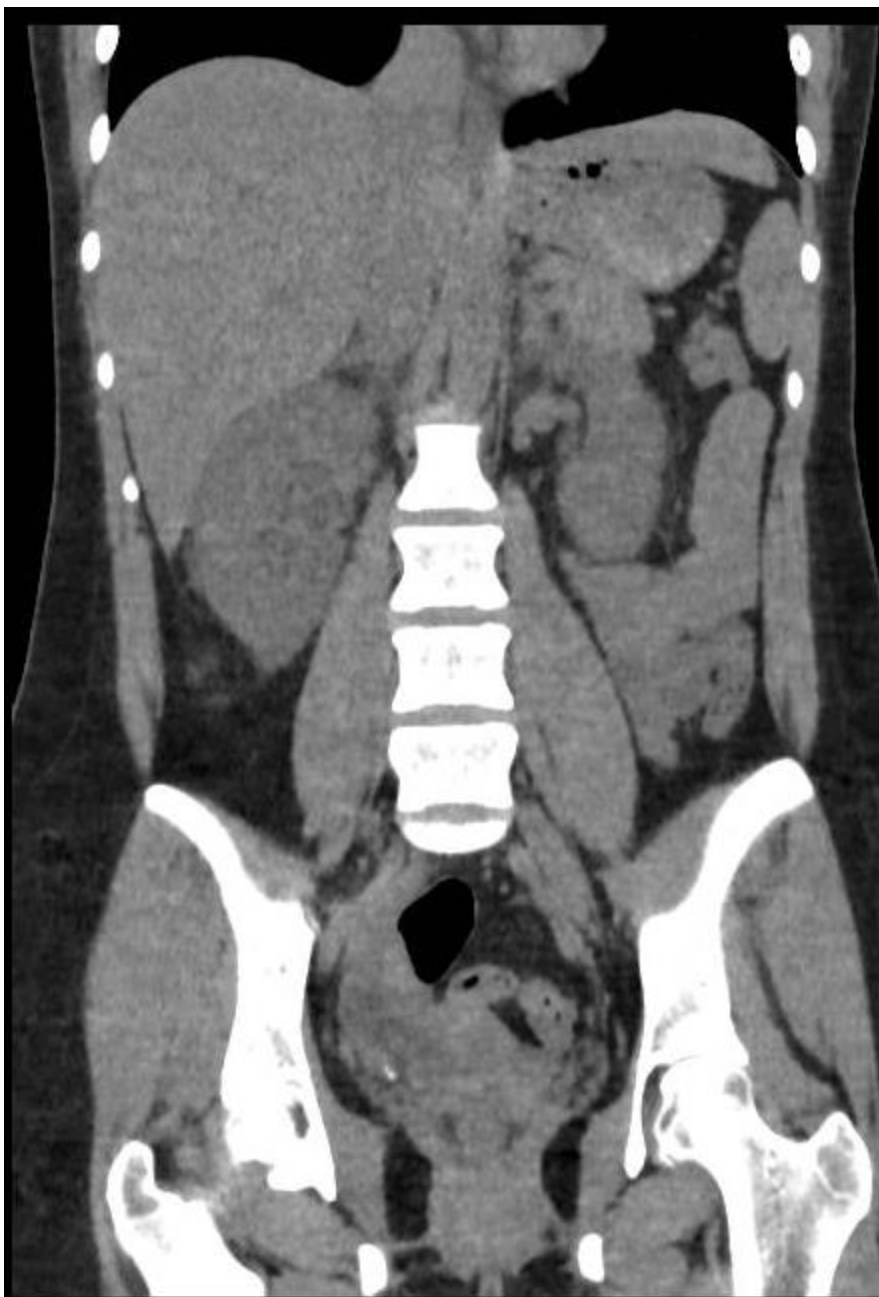
Presented with right renal colic (during work trip to Beijing)

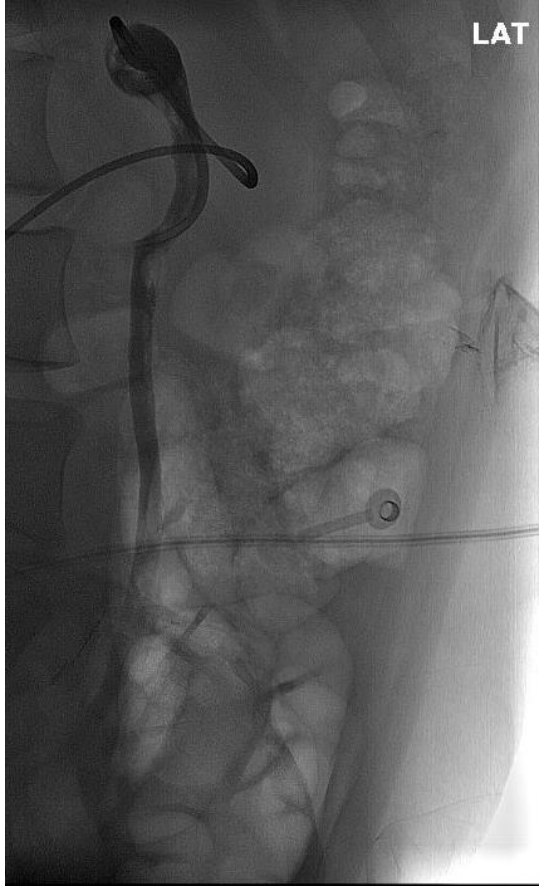
Had analgesia

Flew back to UK

Pyrexial

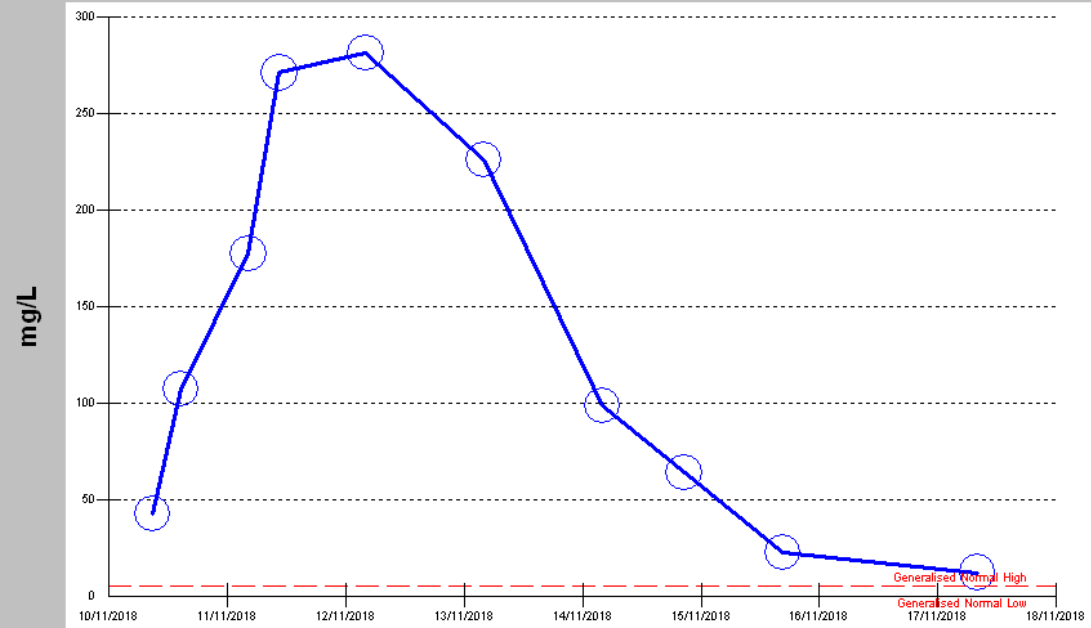
CRP 170







**C-reactive protein level, blood**





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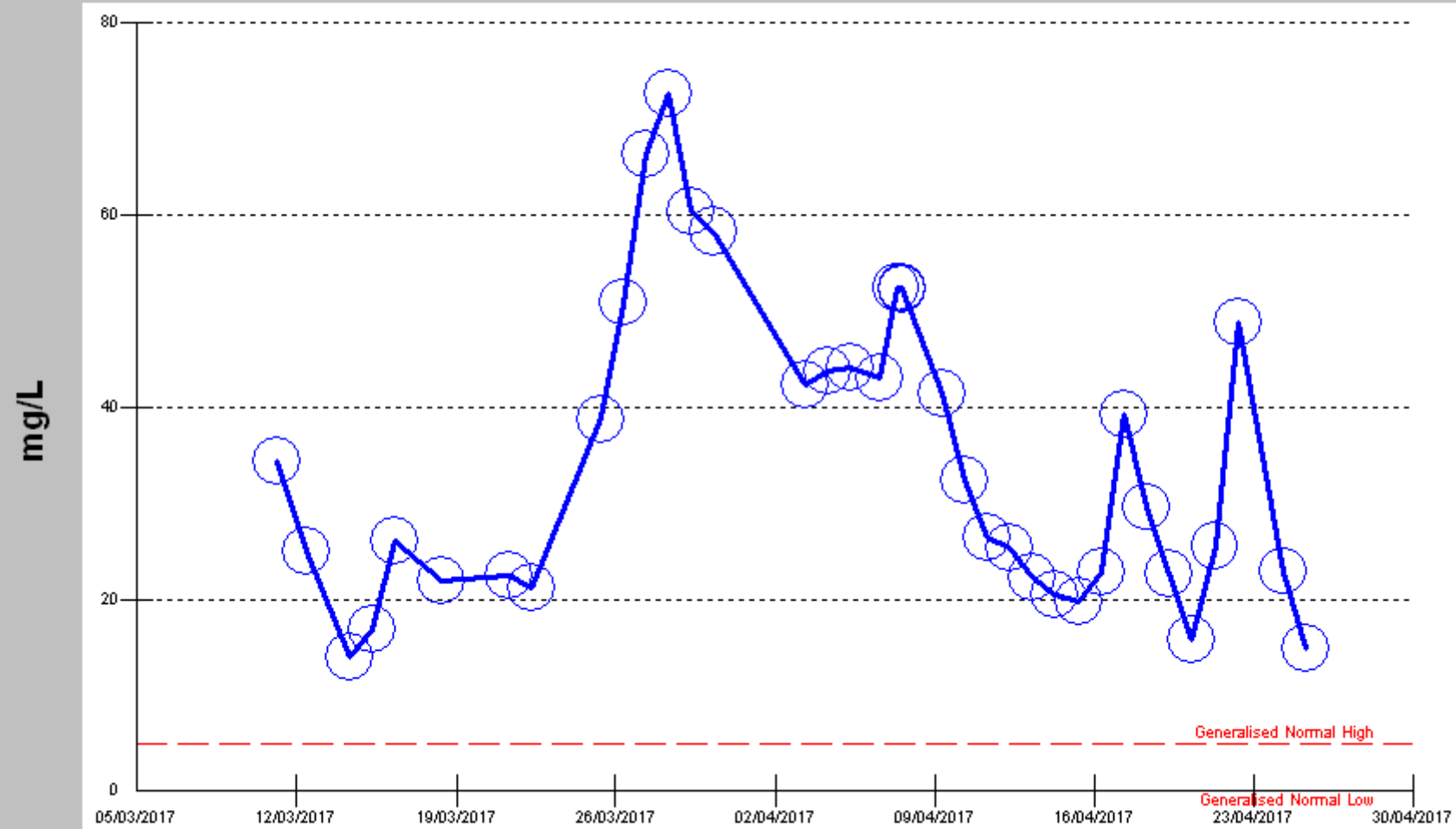
Management?

Nephrostomy vs Stent





### C-reactive protein level, blood



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Management?

**Nephrostomy**





Data Item	National Figures		Charing Cross Hospital, London	
CT KUB performed within 24 hours of presentation (NICE)	91% (1980/2175)		96.43% (27/28)	
<b>Temporising stent insertion</b> % of active Mx cases (excl UTI)	200/504	39.7%	2/7	28.57%
<b>Primary SWL</b> % of active Mx cases (excl UTI)	172/504	34.1%	2/7	28.57%
<b>Primary Ureteroscopy</b> % of active Mx cases (excl UTI)	116/504	23.0%	3 /7	42.86%
Primary URS/SWL done within 48 hours	116/283	41.0%	2/5	40%

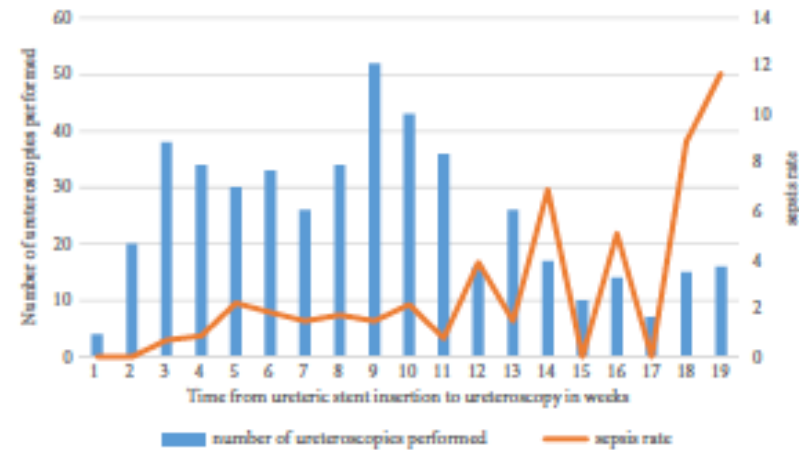


## Ureteric stent dwelling time: a risk factor for post-ureteroscopy sepsis

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**Fig. 1** Sepsis rate by stent dwelling time. The horizontal axis represents dwelling time in weekly intervals. Bars represent the number of ureteroscopies performed of each interval; the line indicates sepsis rate of the corresponding interval.



# Message

Infected obstructed kidney = EMERGENCY

Stent vs Nephrostomy

Stent morbidity



# Metabolic testing

# Metabolic Screening

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graph TD; A[Metabolic Screening] --> B[Stone Analysis]; A --> C[Serum biochemistry]; A --> D[24 hour urinary profiles]; B --- BE1[Basic evaluation]; C --- BE2[Basic evaluation]; D --- SE[Specific metabolic evaluation];
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The diagram illustrates the components of metabolic screening. It starts with a central box labeled 'Metabolic Screening'. From this box, three arrows point downwards. The left arrow points to 'Stone Analysis', which is associated with a 'Basic evaluation' box. The right arrow points to 'Serum biochemistry', also associated with a 'Basic evaluation' box. A third arrow points directly down to '24 hour urinary profiles', which is associated with a 'Specific metabolic evaluation' box.

Basic evaluation

Stone Analysis

Basic evaluation

Serum biochemistry

Specific metabolic  
evaluation

24 hour urinary profiles

# Adequacy of a Single 24-Hour Urine Collection for Metabolic Evaluation of Recurrent Nephrolithiasis

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**Table 1.** First and repeat 24-hour urine samples in 777 patients

24-Hr Urinary Parameter	Mean Sample 1	Mean Sample 2	p Value (pairwise t test)	95% CI
Calcium (mg)	209.9	205.2	0.44	201.4–218.3
Oxalate (mg)	42.1	40.4	0.06	40.8–40.3
Citrate (mg)	562.6	559.8	0.87	537.8–587.4
Uric acid (gm)	0.7	0.7	0.32	0.68–0.72
Sodium (mmol)	173.2	167.5	0.14	167.7–178.7
Potassium (mmol)	67.3	66.7	0.69	65.3–69.4
Magnesium (mg)	107.3	105	0.3	104.2–110.5
Phosphorus (gm)	0.97	0.96	0.49	0.95–1.00
Ammonium (mmol)	39.7	39.3	0.65	38.4–40.9
Chloride (mmol)	167.8	162.7	0.18	162.5–173.1
Urine urea nitrogen (gm)	11.5	11.2	0.19	11.2–11.8
Creatinine (mg)	1,551	1,542	0.74	1,513–1,588



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## The value of repeating a test: Metabolic profiles

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### INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES:

The use of 24 hour urinary metabolic profile testing is accepted as part of the investigation of underlying causes for renal stone formation. Typically this will include an acidic and a non-acidic sample for a full profile. In conjunction with serum biochemistry and stone analysis, the results are then generally used to guide dietary modifications.

However, it is unclear how accurate such a 'snapshot' result is, especially in the context of diet, and how frequently one should consider repeating this, in order to limit the inherent variability.

We aim to review the urinary biochemistry in patients presenting through our metabolic unit.

### METHODS:

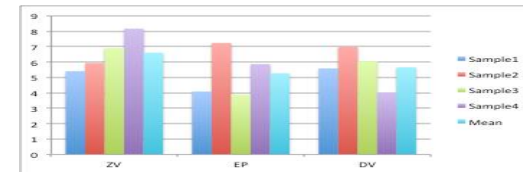
Over a 2 year period we reviewed all recurrent stone formers who underwent a 24 hour urinary collection. We recorded the serum and urinary biochemistry, with the aim of recording variability of urinary calcium, oxalate, phosphate, urate, and how this differed after an interval period.

### RESULTS:

From a total of 140 patients, a total of 46% had a repeat 24 hour urine profile at some stage. 23 patients had 3 or more urine collections performed; of these, 3 were persistently hypercalciuric, and 1 persistently hyperoxaluric; none were persistently hyperuricosuric, with no change in medication. There was little difference in pick-up rate between samples 2 and 3.

**Figure 1**

Example of 3 patients with upto 4 samples of 24 urine profiles, with urinary calcium levels (mmol/l) illustrated, alongside the mean sample value.



### CONCLUSIONS:

Although a 24hour urine sample aims to offer a perspective of the urinary milieu across a time period, it is still nevertheless a 'snapshot', with multiple factors (including recent diet, etc) affecting the results. The role of a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading may improve the pick-up rate of abnormalities, but there appears limited advantage in checking them for a 3<sup>rd</sup> time in the absence of any dietary changes.

The dietary modifications recommended on the basis of a 24 hour urinary collection should be considered in the context of whether the metabolic profile should be repeated. While it would be useful to have an HbA1C-style static representation of dynamic results, until this is available it seems reasonable to repeat the profile, for accurate interpretation of the results.

# Message

Serum tests: UE/ Ca/ urate/ Vit D/ PTH

Urinary tests: 24 hr urine tests