

Impact of Dialysis on serum electrolytes in End stage renal disease

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Abstract: Chronic renal failure is a leading cause of death in developed countries. Over years there has been increase in the number of patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD). Hemodialysis (HD) is one of the main treatment for end-stage renal disease (ESRD). Here we have studied the impact of hemodialysis on electrolyte balance, urea and creatinine levels in patients on maintenance hemodialysis. The current study aims to assess the impact of dialysis on serum electrolytes in ESRD. A cross sectional study which was done in maintenance hemodialysis patients. 47 patients were selected according to their inclusion and exclusion criteria and their blood samples were analysed for various parameters. Statistical Analysis was done by SPSS software. There is increase in mean sodium from 134.17 ± 3.19 to 138.38 ± 3.70 ($p < 0.0001$) and chloride from 102.29 ± 4.14 to 107.36 ± 3.93 ($p < 0.0001$). There is reduction in potassium levels from 5.83 ± 1.09 to 4.91 ± 1.07 ($p < 0.0001$) after dialysis. Serum sodium and chloride shows significant increase and potassium shows significant reduction post dialytically.

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I. INTRODUCTION

CKD was first defined by GFR less than $60 \text{ ml/min/1.73 m}^2$ for the duration of 3 months or longer with disease severity was staged only by GFR¹. The prevalence of CKD is 17.2% with stage I, 7% in stage II, 4.3% in stage III, 4.3% in stage IV, & 8% in stage V respectively². The major complications of CKD are cardiovascular disease, anemia, infectious complications, neuropathy and abnormalities related to mineral bone metabolism³. The disturbances in acid-base and electrolyte balance in CKD can have a greater impact on a patient's well-being and also leads to increased morbidity and mortality⁴. Dysnatremia is one of the common electrolyte disorder in clinical practice which is observed in many of the medical conditions, including chronic kidney disease^{5,6}. HD removes sodium by the method of ultrafiltration and diffusion. Literature document hyperkalemia occurs very commonly in CKD patients due to progression of reduced urinary output, reduced potassium clearance, shift of potassium from the intracellular to the extracellular space in the renal failure, and the usage of drugs such as ACE and ARB inhibitors⁷⁻¹². Very high serum potassium levels predispose to arrhythmia and sudden death in CKD¹³. The aim of this study was to evaluate the pre and post dialysis electrolyte changes in ESRD patients.

II. MATERIAL AND METHODS

It is a Cross sectional Study with samples collected from 47 patients with ESRD undergoing dialysis which is conducted after obtaining Institutional ethics clearance and informed consent. Their mean duration of dialysis was 3.5- 4 hours. All the patients were treated with bicarbonate dialysate with electrolyte concentration as follows: Na^+ -135mmol/L; K^+ - 2 mmol/L; bicarbonate – 32mmol/L. Blood flow rate was 300 ml/minute with a dialysate flow of 500 ml/min. Dialysis was done using polysulfone based dialysis membrane.

Study Design: Cross sectional study

Study Location: This was a tertiary care teaching hospital based study done in Department of Biochemistry, at Sri Venkateshwaraa medical college hospital and research centre, Puducherry.

Sample size: 47 patients.

Subjects & selection method: The study population was drawn from dialysis unit who presented to Sri Venkateshwaraa medical college hospital and research centre with End stage renal disease undergoing maintenance hemodialysis.

Inclusion criteria:

Subjects undergoing maintenance hemodialysis of age group 35 – 70 years (both sexes) were included under the study.

Exclusion criteria:

The subjects diagnosed with liver, cardiac diseases and those who are taking drugs like ACE and ARB inhibitors were excluded from the study.

Procedure methodology

5ml of venous blood sample is collected from each patient before and after haemodialysis. Urea, creatinine, sodium, potassium and chloride were analysed. The Blood urea was estimated by Glutamate Dehydrogenase (GLDH) method¹⁴ and serum creatinine was estimated by Jaffe's method¹⁵ in autoanalyser. Serum sodium, potassium, and chloride were estimated by Electrolyte test kit .

Statistical analysis

The data was entered in MS Excel and expressed in Mean and standard deviation. To find the significant difference between pre and post dialysis, paired t test was performed. ANOVA was done to find the significant among the three groups. Statistical Analysis was done by SPSS software. p value<0.05 is considered as statistical significant.

III. RESULT

The 47 patients included based on the inclusion and exclusion criteria, in those 40 (85%) males and 7 (15%) females with mean age group 54.48±9. When the subjects were grouped, we found 10 (21%) of patients have diabetes with CKD, 25 (53%) have hypertension with CKD and 12 (26%) have both the co- morbidities with CKD. There is increase in percentage of patients with hypertensive nephropathy in accordance with the study Hörl MP et al who stated the majority of patients undergoing hemodialysis are hypertensive¹⁶.

Table 1: Characteristic of pre and post hd electrolytes, urea and creatinine.

BIOCHEMICAL PARAMETERS	PRE HD	POST HD	p VALUE
SODIUM	134.17± 3.19	138.38 ±3.70	0.0001
POTTASIIUM	5.83± 1.09	4.91± 1.07	0.0001
CHLORIDE	102.29±4.14	107.36±3.93	0.0001
UREA	117.61±24.54	97.76±24.07	0.0001
CREATININE	9.21±2.64	7.48±2.43	0.0001

Table 1 shows the comparison between pre and post HD values of electrolytes, urea and creatinine. The paired t-test analysis was done in pre and post-blood urea, creatinine and electrolytes which was significant with a p-value of < 0.0001.

Table 2: ANOVA RESULTS-PRE AND POST HD ELECTROLYTES, UREA AND CREATININE

		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
pre- Na+	Between Groups	53.530	2	26.765	2.039	.142
	Within Groups	577.577	44	13.127		
	Total	631.106	46			
PRE- K+	Between Groups	11.586	2	5.793	2.638	.083
	Within Groups	96.627	44	2.196		
	Total	108.213	46			
PRE- CL-	Between Groups	29.194	2	14.597	.939	.399
	Within Groups	683.657	44	15.538		
	Total	712.851	46			
PRE UREA	Between Groups	1776.480	2	888.240	1.507	.233
	Within Groups	25936.627	44	589.469		
	Total	27713.106	46			
PRE- CREAT	Between Groups	10.556	2	5.278	.701	.502
	Within Groups	331.317	44	7.530		
	Total	341.872	46			

On subgroup analysis, there is no significant difference among the groups, still, potassium showed maximum F value which indicates that it shows some difference among the subgroups as shown in Table 2.

IV. DISCUSSION

Hemodialysis is the first line of treatment in almost all patients with ESRD which would postpone renal transplantation. In this study we assessed the pre and post dialytic changes in electrolytes in ESRD patients. Adequate dialysis has prolonged the survival of patients with improved quality of life. Cardiovascular disease was found to be the most frequent cause of mortality in majority of patients on maintenance hemodialysis¹⁷.

Hemodialysis proved an effective impact on serum urea and creatinine level which is reduced post dialytically. Analytical results showed that after dialysis, all the patients had reduction in urea from 117.61 ± 24.54 to 97.76 ± 24.07 and serum creatinine from 9.21 ± 2.64 to 7.48 ± 2.43 with a statistically significant paired t-test which is consistent with the study of seethalakshmi et al study where the pre and post dialysis urea level was 132.34 ± 32.81 and 51.20 ± 16.19 and creatinine levels were 8.68 ± 2.77 and 4.12 ± 1.48 respectively¹⁸. Urea and creatinine, being small molecules, is removed mainly due to the counter-current flow of the blood and dialysate which maximize the concentration gradient of solutes between the blood and dialysate, which helps to remove more urea and creatinine from the blood after dialysis¹⁹.

Present study results showed hyponatremia in pre dialysis state and gets corrected after dialysis, which is in accordance with NaumanTarifet al study where mean sodium level is higher in post dialytic serum²⁰. The malfunctioning of aldosterone and renin-angiotensin system contributes to the decreased pre HD sodium. The raise in post HD sodium is due to the reduced intra dialytic removal.

The ESRD patients usually presents with hyperkalemia which predispose to cardiovascular effects like decrease in the action potential, widening of QRS complex and prolongation of PR interval²¹⁻²⁵. ECG changes occurs during haemodialysis due to quick shift of serum K^+ which leads to hypokalemia²⁶ which requires careful monitoring and intervention. But in this study hyperkalemia persists pre dialytically which turns normal after dialysis. The removal of potassium by haemodialysis is largely determined by the potassium concentration gradient between the plasma and the dialysate²⁷.

V. CONCLUSION

Current study there was significant effects of HD on serum electrolytes, urea and creatinine. Improvement in electrolytes like serum sodium and potassium have prognostic significance in chronic renal failure. Therefore, electrolyte values and dialysate fluid should be considered before dialysis for all patients. It is recommended that the dialysate to be altered in accordance with pre dialytic electrolyte changes for each and every patient to prevent or treat serious effects due to electrolyte imbalance.

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