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Hello #MedTwitter.

This month's @ASPNePh Renal Pathology webinar is all about #IgAVasculitis #IgAVN formerly known as #HSP.

Urine for a treat!

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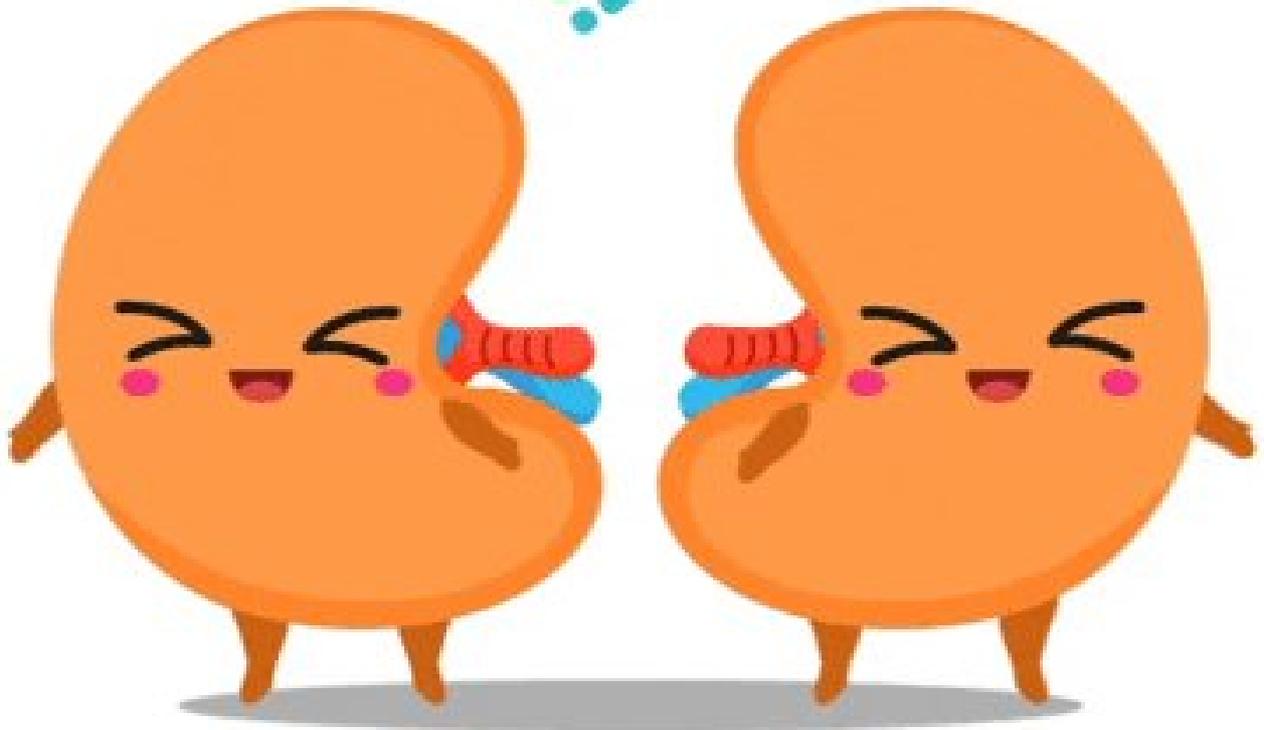
Let's do a quick poll! Iga Vasculitis is most common in which age group?

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A: <10 years, about 90% of cases of IgA Vasculitis are seen in children under 10



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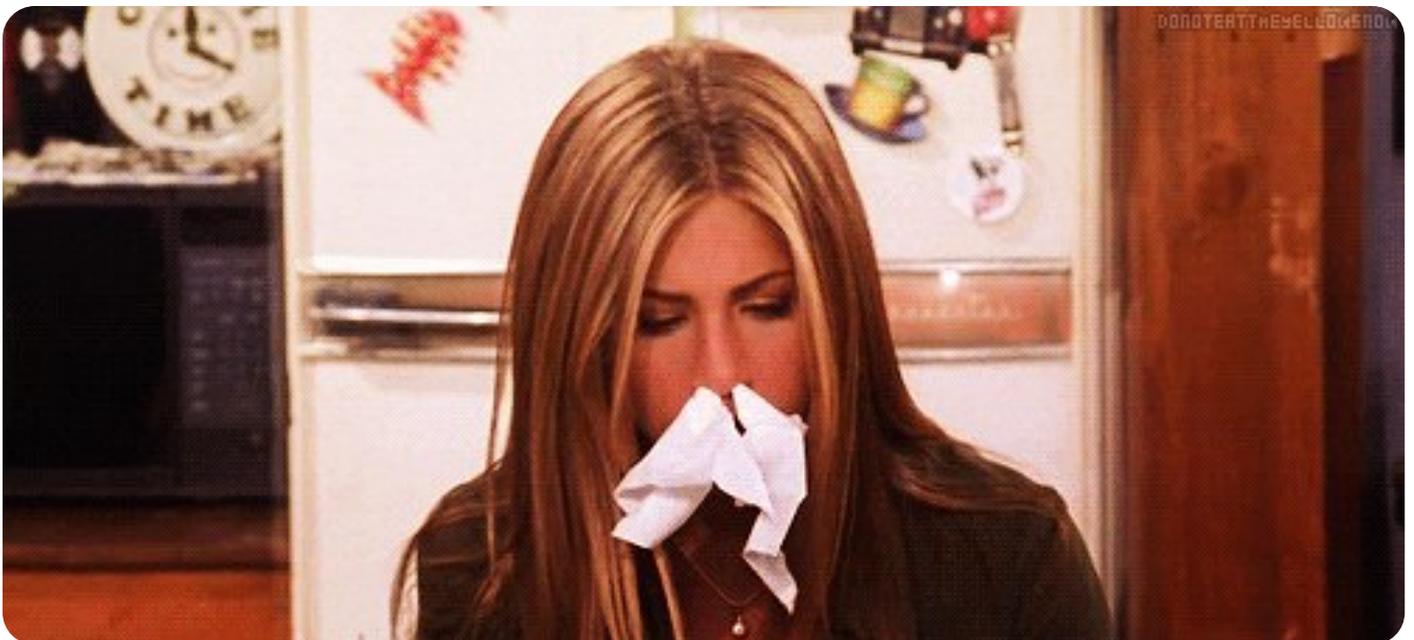


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Let's talk numbers-

- 1** Kidney involvement in 30-50%
- 2** Kidney involvement appears within 6 weeks in 91%
- 3** IgA Vasculitis preceded by URI in 50%
- 4** If nephro findings, 10% progress to ESRD/severe CKD in 10 years

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What's with the two names? PMID: 32356414

HSP 🖐️ Johann Schönlein 🧑🔬 and Eduard Henoch 🎓 made the first detailed analysis of this disease.

IgA Vasculitis 🖐️ Based on IgA deposited in blood vessel walls.

Check this article out on the two terms:

<https://libgallay.com/2021/01/13/iga-vasculitis-terms/>

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Tetrad of findings:

- ⚡ Palpable purpura
- ⚡ Joint pain and/or swelling
- ⚡ GI issues- pain, intussusception, hematochezia
- ⚡ Renal Involvement- hematuria, proteinuria, elevated creatinine

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How about another question?!

Can we prevent kidney disease associated with IgA vasculitis?? 🤒👨‍⚕️🏥

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A: Sadly, No...



Evidence suggests that steroids early in IgA vasculitis don't prevent kidney involvement.

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We still aren't sure why IgA vasculitis happens but we have some ideas... 💡

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Bacteria, viruses, and protozoa suggested as possible triggers:

Type of pathogen	Etiologic agent
Bacteria	Group A beta-hemolytic <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>
	<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>
	<i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i>
	<i>Bartonella henselae</i>
	<i>Helicobacter pylori</i>
	<i>Salmonella enteritidis</i>
	<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>
	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
	<i>Chlamydia pneumoniae</i>
	<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>
	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>

Kingella kingae

Viruses

Parvovirus B19

Hepatitis B virus

Hepatitis A virus

Hepatitis C virus

Varicella-zoster virus

Protozoa

Giardia intestinalis

Trichomonas hominis

Ascaris lumbricoides

Entamoeba histolytica

Plasmodium falciparum

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 Some genes may predispose children:

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Gene

Gene name

HLA gene family

*HLA-DRB1*01*

*HLA-DRB1*11*

*HLA-DRB1*13*

*HLA-A*26(*2601), HLA-B*35(*3503), HLA-B*52*

*HLA-B*35(*3503)*

HLA-A2, HLA-A11, HLA-B35

Genes involved in the synthesis of inflammatory and anti-inflammatory proteins

MEFV

IL8 (polymorphic allele A in the interleukin 8 gene)

IL8 (2767 A/G polymorphism in the interleukin 8 gene)

IL1RN (polymorphic allele 2 [ILRN*2] in the interleukin 1 receptor antagonist gene)

IL1 (- 511 C/T polymorphism in the interleukin 1-beta gene)

TGF (TT genotype of the C-509T polymorphism in the transforming growth factor-beta promoter gene)

Genes involved in the regulation of endothelial function

ACE (D/I polymorphism in the intron 16 of the angiotensin converting enzyme gene)

AGT (M235T mutation in the angiotensinogen gene)

NOS2A (CCTTTn polymorphic

alleles in the nitric oxide synthase promoter gene)

VEGF (- 1154 G > A and - 634 G > C polymorphisms in the vascular endothelial growth factor gene)

Complement gene family *C4B* (*C4B**Q0 allele in the *C4B* gene)

Genes involved in the synthesis of antioxidant proteins *PON1* (QQ genotype of the Q/R192 polymorphism in the paraoxonase 1 gene)

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What causes IgA Vasculitis??

Hastings et al. recently published an update on the pathogenesis of IgA vasculitis with nephritis. Check out their 4 hit hypothesis:

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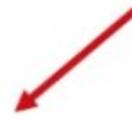
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Elevated circulatory
Gd-IgA1



Hit #2

Production of IgG
autoantibodies



Hit #3

Formation of IgG–Gd-IgA1-containing
circulating immune complexes



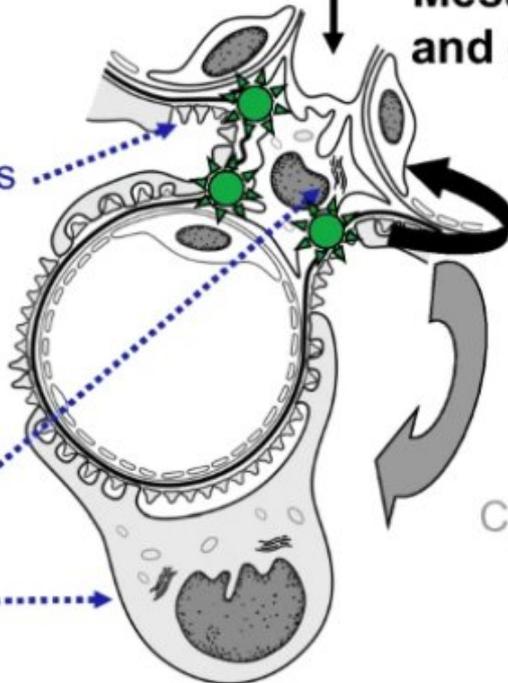
Hit #4

Mesangial deposition
and glomerular injury

IgA1 complexes

Mesangial cell

Podocyte



Proliferation
ECM production
Cytokines
Growth factors

Cytokines

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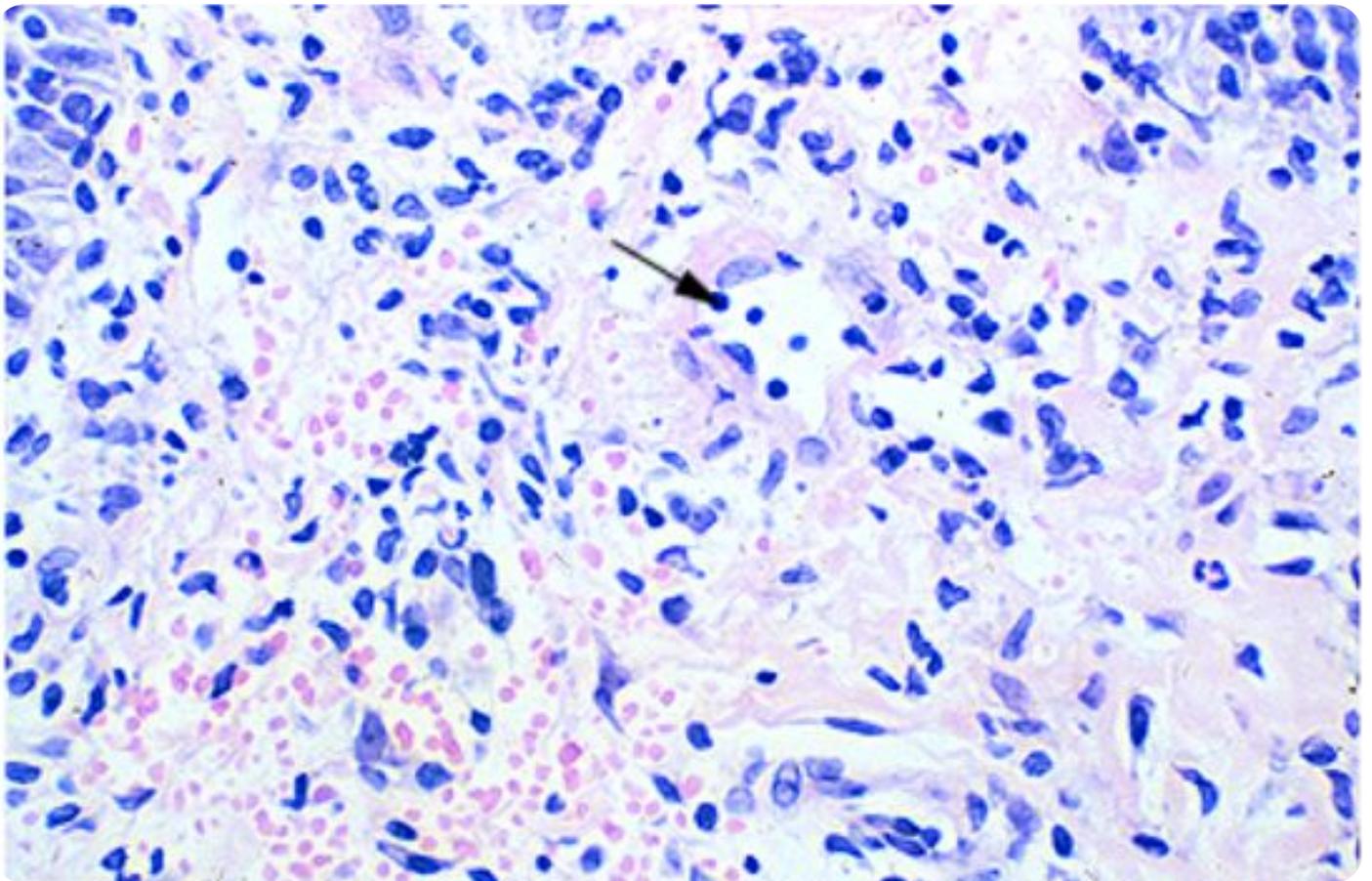
Diagnosis- usually clinical manifestations

🧑 Not obvious? 🧑 Not sure? 🧑 Don't know?

A skin biopsy can help! 🧑

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Leukocytoclastic vasculitis in postcapillary venules with IgA deposition in small blood vessels of superficial dermis.



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What about a kidney biopsy? 🧐

Who gets one??

✓ Nephrotic-range proteinuria

✓ Elevated creatinine



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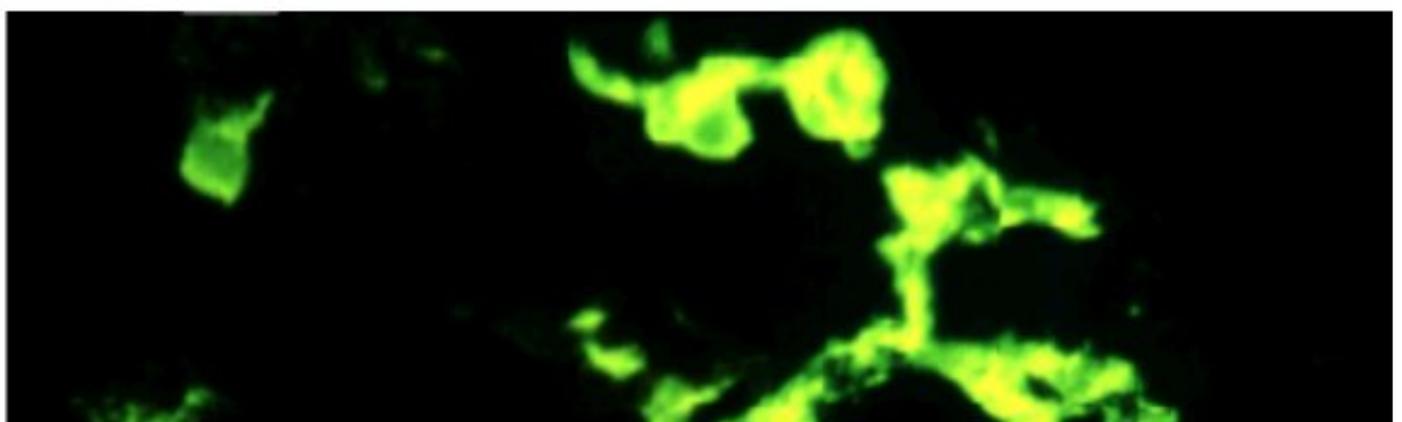
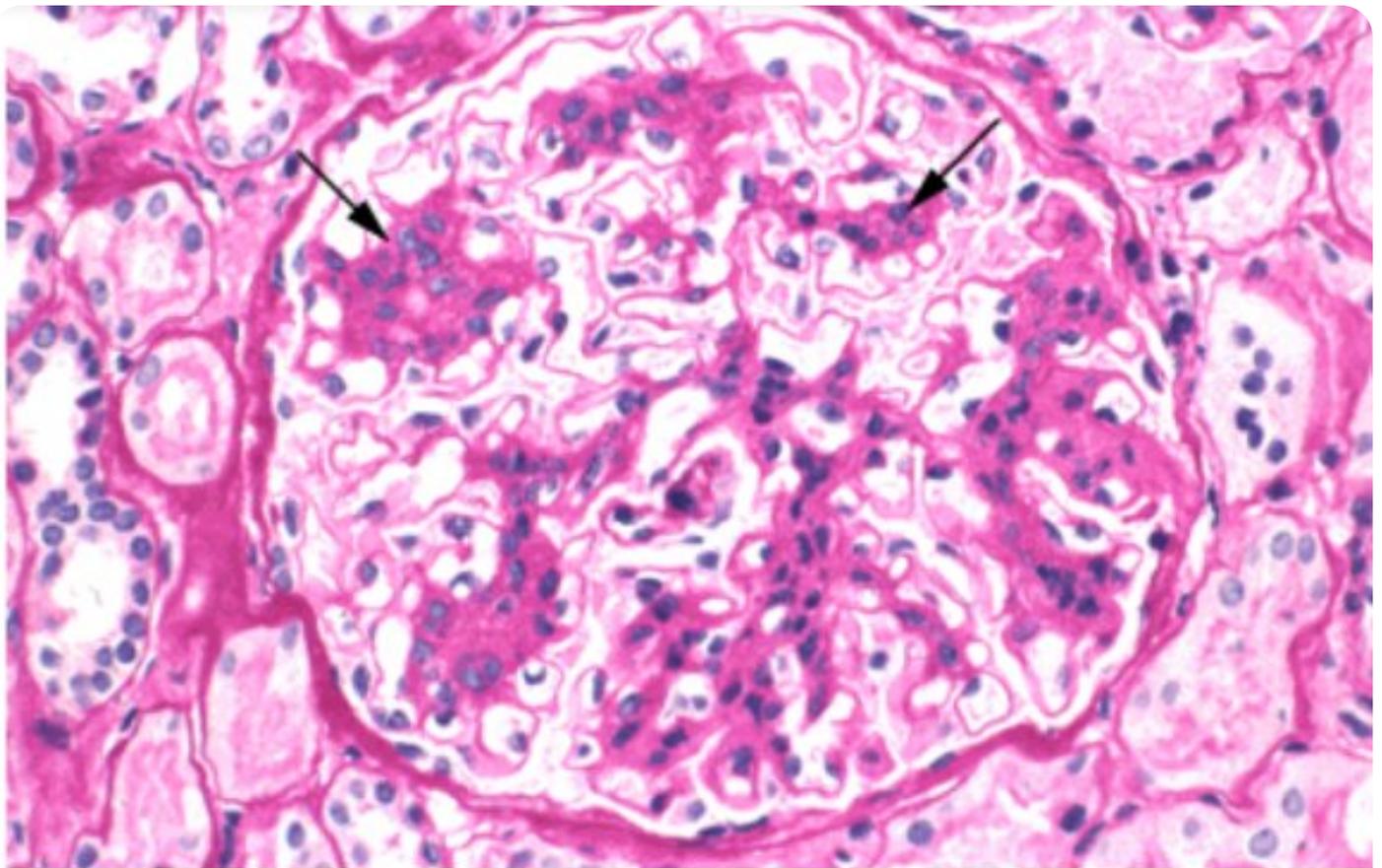
Kidney biopsy findings:

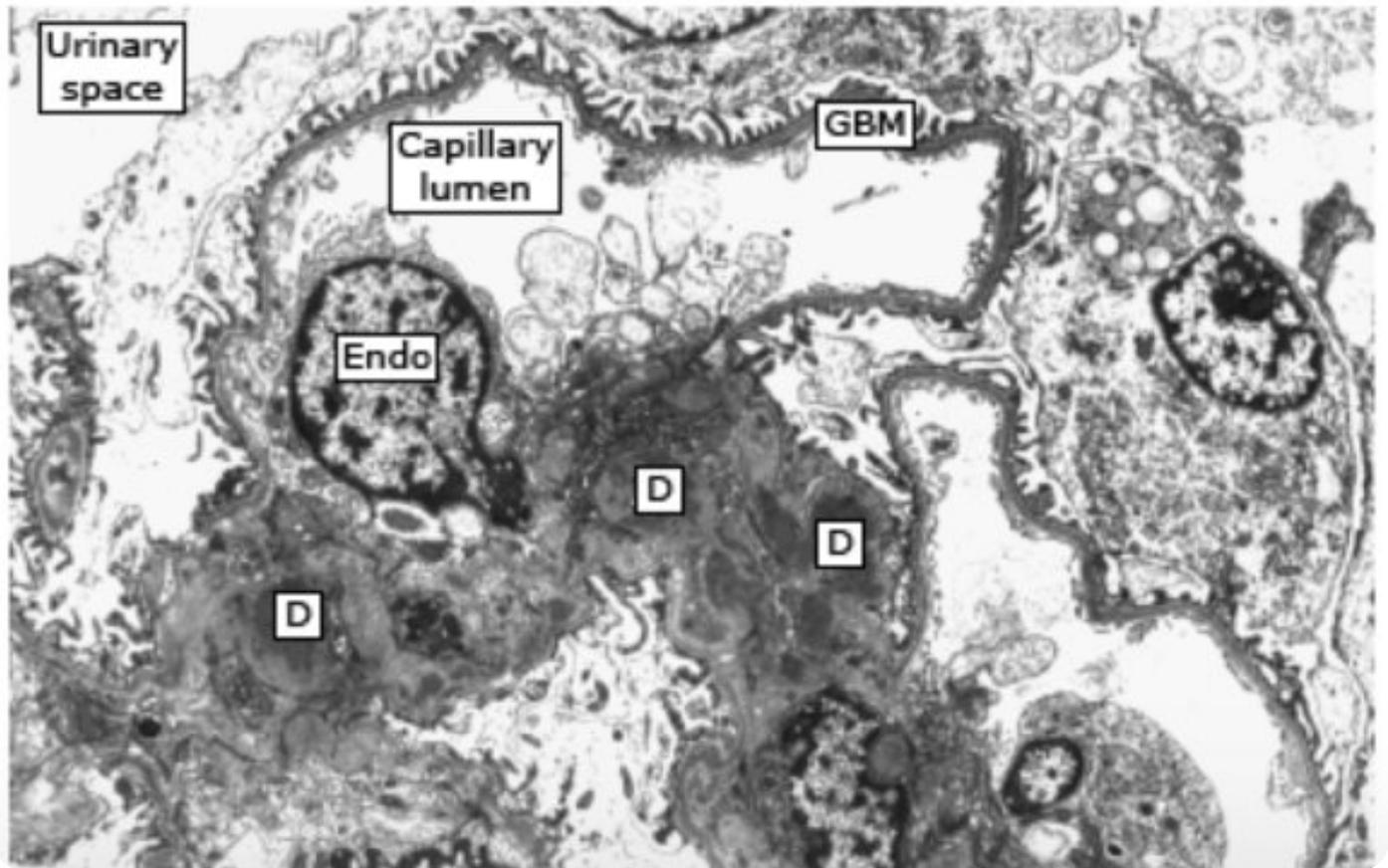
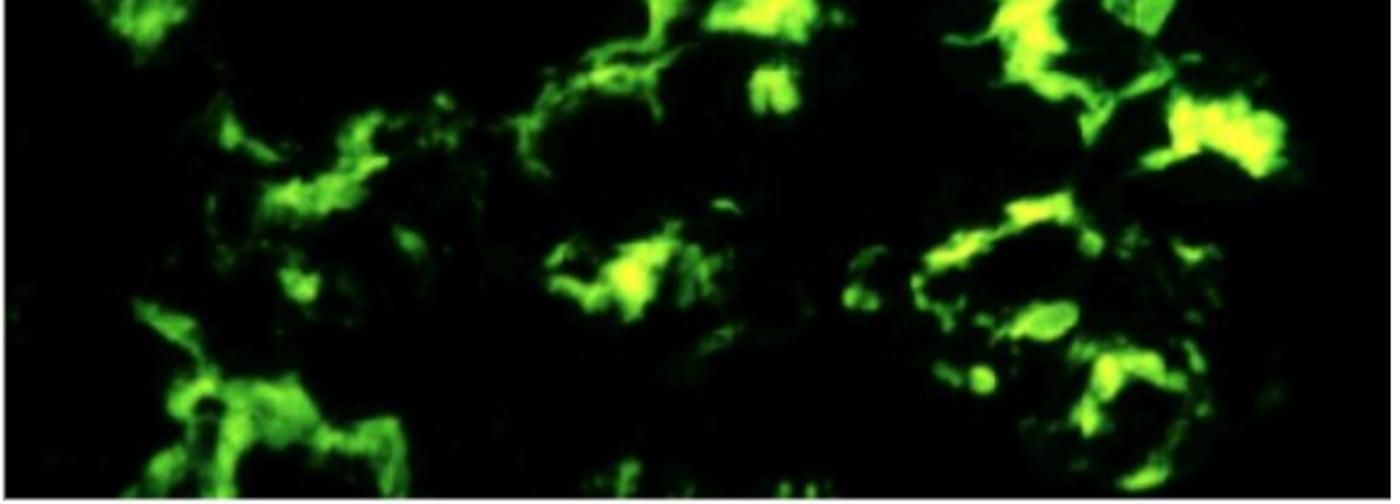
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LM: mesangial proliferation ↔ severe crescentic glomerulonephritis

IF: IgA deposition in the mesangium

EM: electron-dense deposits in mesangial areas, occ extends into peripheral capillary loops





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The ISKDC classification has long been used to evaluate severity of kidney involvement on biopsy:

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ISKDC grade	Description
Grade I	Minimal alterations
Grade II	Mesangial proliferation
Grade III	Proliferation or sclerosis with < 50% crescents ((a) focal or (b) diffuse)
Grade IV	Mesangial proliferation or sclerosis with 50–75%, crescents ((a) focal or (b) diffuse)
Grade V	Mesangial proliferation or sclerosis with > 75% crescents ((a) focal or (b) diffuse)
Grade VI	Membranoproliferative like glomerulonephritis

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The Oxford MEST-C classification used for IgAN is also being used more and more in IgA vasculitis:



Histological feature	Score
Mesangial hypercellularity	M0: ≤50% of glomeruli M1: >50% of glomeruli
Endocapillary hypercellularity	E0: Absent E1: Present
Segmental glomerulosclerosis	S0: Absent S1: Present
Interstitial fibrosis and tubular atrophy	T0: 0–25% of cortical area T1: 26–50% of cortical area T2: >50% of cortical area
Cellular or fibrocellular crescent	C0: Absent C1: <25% of glomeruli C2: ≥25% of glomeruli

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What is reported on your biopsy reports?

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Monitoring for kidney involvement in IgA vasculitis is very important. Children should have a urine dipstick performed weekly for 6 months (97% of children with IgA Vasculitis who develop renal involvement do so within 6 months, 1st morning void preferred).

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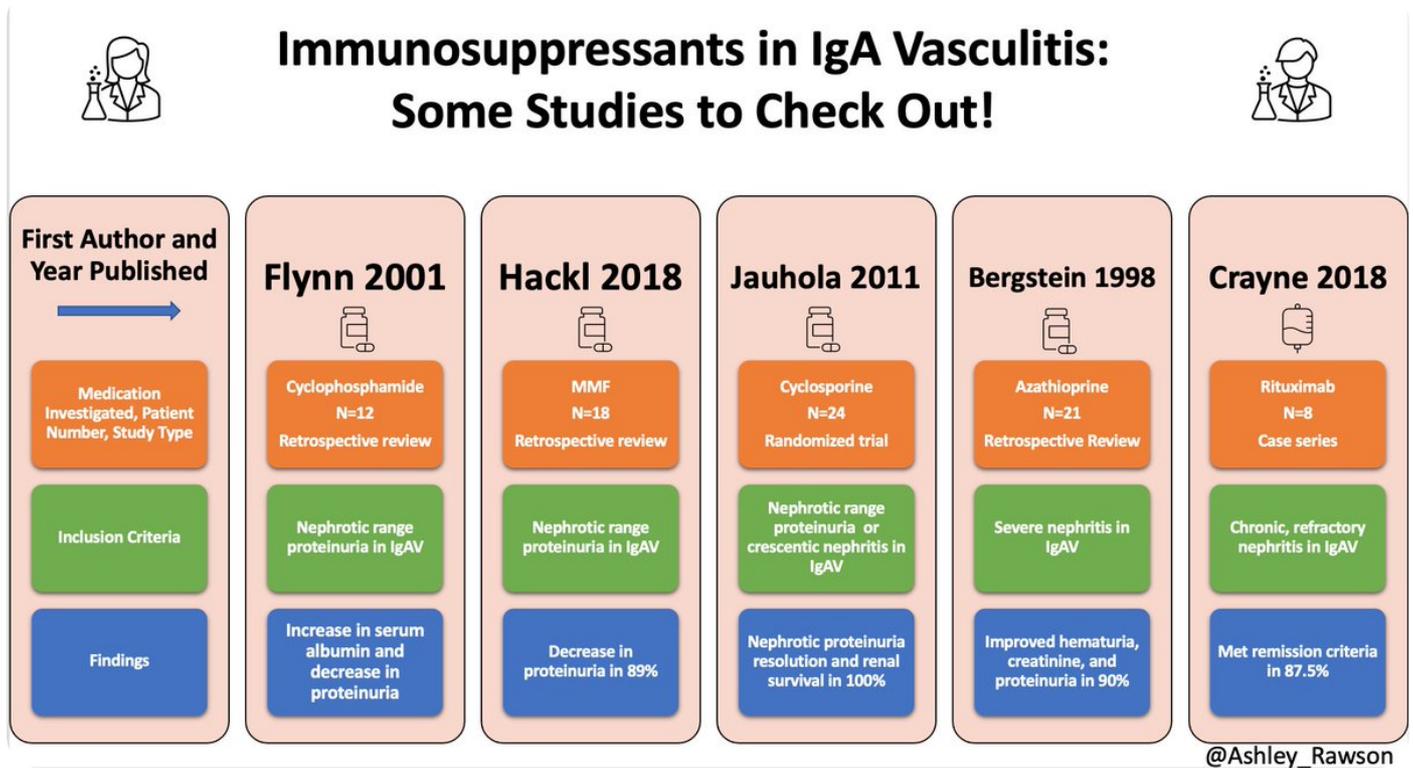
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To finish things off:

How do we treat? 🧴💉🏥

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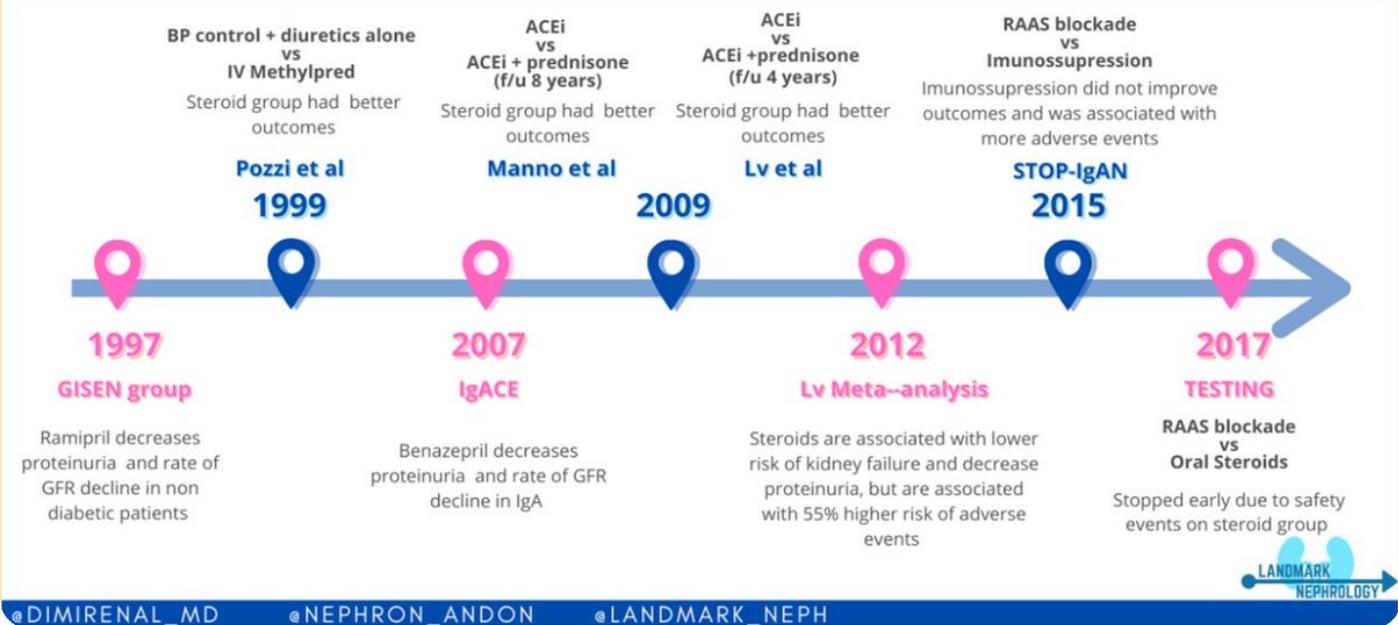
Info on IgA vasculitis treatment is limited but here are some studies you can look into!



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@Landmark_neph, @nephron_andon, and @dimirenal_md also created a great timeline looking into IgA vasculitis and steroids.

STERIODS FOR IGA NEPHROPATHY



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Refer to KDIGO 2012, European guidelines, and newer studies to get even more information on treatment.

Reply to this tweet and let us know your thoughts!

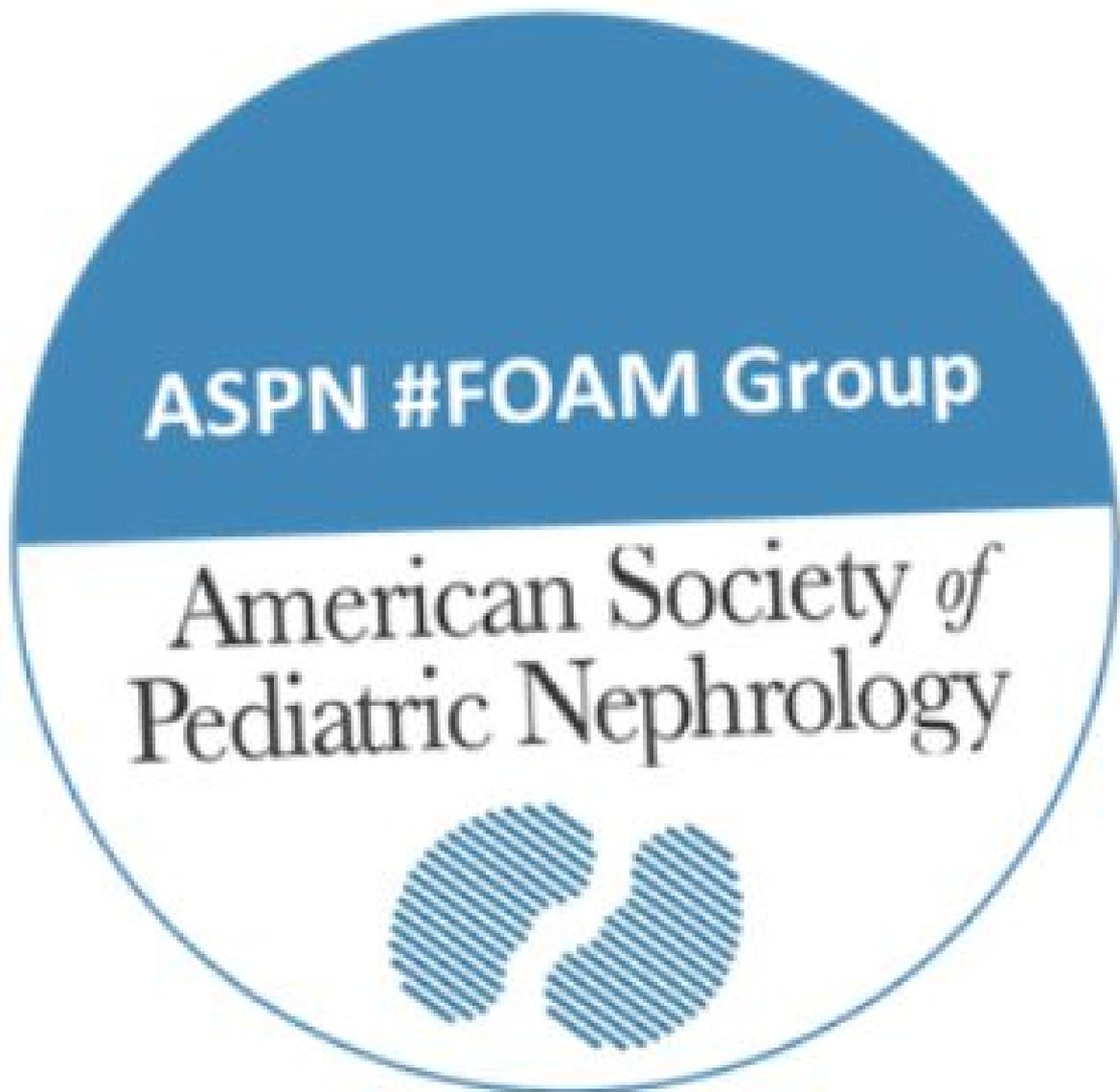


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