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85 % of children have never been treated before dialysis stage, therefore admitted to intensive care in the context of the emergency who started hemodialysis on a central line. Hemodialysis was the modality most used first-line treatment in these patients.

From 2004, ESA and the injectable IRON were introduced at the pharmacy of the university hospital of Oran, allowing our patients to receive the AES and occasionally IRON injectable prescription variables adapted to changing balances. The optimum average dose of ESA was 150 IU / kg / week. The optimal dose of an average prescribed Iron is 75 to 120 mg per week, the dose is adjusted according to the blood level of ferritin; Hb  $\leq$  a rate of 8 g / dl was observed in 12.33%, Hb between 9-10g / dl in 33.52%, Hb 11-12g / dl in 47.42%, an Hb  $>$  12 g / dl in 09.71%; a serum ferritin below 100  $\mu$ g / l was observed in 15.38%, from 100 to 300  $\mu$ g / l in 44.57%, and between 400 to 500  $\mu$ g / l in 33.16%. The transferrin saturation was respectively for each case 25%, 30% and 42%.

Growth hormone was introduced in 2011 only in 11% of our patients; the results are encouraging as long as there was a catch-up growth in these patients.

Our unit provides inbound and outbound inconstant flow dialysis. The evolution of these patients is characterized by a transfer to CAPD in 11.9% of patients (n = 34), one year of care 1 child had received a preemptive transplant from a gift from her mother and only 4% of children grafted from a parental gift. 84% were taken over by their original service and 1 year of follow dialysis .5.2% of children (n = 15) died. Currently 07 children are supported by our unit. (Fig. 1)

## Discussion:

If we consider that Algeria has 40 million inhabitants in 2015, on 13.000 dialysis renal failure in Algeria [1], doctors are unable to determine the number of children with this disease which requires the implementation of this registry to identify among those chronically ill children.

The frequency of renal failure admitted in hemodialysis 13.3 new cases per year recorded at our unit that covers the entire west and southwest of the territory, covering 250 to 300 kilometers. This rate decreased from 2005 which corresponds to the opening of a pediatric hospital with a nephrology department and also the emergence of some private clinics in hemodialysis.

A few studies have reported about a much higher prevalence of CRF, of the order of 18.5-58.3 per million child population [2, 3].

Compared to the adult population, the CKD in children is distinguished by its low incidence [4], by stunting [5-6], which reflects an imbalance in hormone axis and is aggravated by the anemia, acidosis and malnutrition. This delay often requires treatment with daily subcutaneous injections of growth hormone. 90% of our patients did not receive treatment predialysis as conservative treatment of CKD and ESA, because they are not followed by nephrologist's pediatricians, and are oriented at a stage of 'end stage renal disease, severe anemia in explaining 91% of our patients to dialysis initiation that required blood transfusions per dialysis. 41% of children and adolescents were receiving ESAs at the start of dialysis in the series by J. Harambat and al [7]. Short stature (-1.5 SD) was noted in 69.5% of patients and 27.3% in the case of a severe short stature (-2, 5 SD) in our series. In the series of Zouari[8], 64.1% of children had also short stature.

In adults as, diabetes and high blood pressure account for about half of the causes of the MRC, pediatric causes CKD are high constitutional majority (hereditary or congenital malformations). According to records, the causes vary depending on the geographic origin, age and mainly ethnic group. [9-11].

At university hospital center Oran, 33% were glomerular in 13% of CKD was secondary to reflux nephropathy. Then the genetic causes accounted for 27%. At the Tunisian child, [8] it is mainly glomerulopathy (19%) and hereditary kidney disease. The incidence of hereditary renal diseases in our series is lower than in other studies [2,12]. Studies from Developing Countries in other Asia, Latin America, and Africa have shown a high prevalence of glomerulonephritis in their patients, with rates of over 50% in Nigeria and China [13-16]. No cause was found for 27% of cases in our study and No cause was found for 12% of children in Tunisia [08], against 4% in the series of Abderahmane M [17]. There was an obvious male predominance in our series, as has been described in other similar studies from different parts of the world [7,11,18,19].

Before 2004, our pediatric intensive care unit was the only center that received emergency children in acute decompensation of their renal disease and it is only after the acute phase has passed children are redirected to the original services. Our study revealed that 19 % were comatose and 57 % were fluid overload complicating severe hypertension, acute lung edema lung and pericarditis, to dialysis initiation began as part of the emergency. CKD defined by a creatinine clearance between 15 and 80 ml / min / 1.73 m<sup>2</sup> is a shared assumption by the general practitioner and nephrologist. The more we approach the threshold of 15 ml / min / 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>, the nephrologist becomes more prominent interlocutor but the reality does not match this ideal in most cases [20] because of imperfections coordination within the medical profession.

85 % of our workforce was referred late to nephrologists explaining the clinical severity on admission in pediatric intensive care and dialysis start as part of the emergency on a central line, with blood transfusions in per dialysis. However decision in charge of anemia in dialysis patients has



improved considerably from 2004, but differences persist between clinical practice and the international recommendations because of the frequent breaking of the availability of ESA. Growth hormone introduced in 2011 has yielded encouraging results. The mean standardized height improved from  $-2,5 \pm 0,5$  at baseline to  $-0,9 \pm 0,5$  at 4 years ( $p=0,0004$ ) in 10% of our patients treated at our unit and whose parents are affiliated to the social security fund for the repayment of the drug.

11, 5% of our patients initially treated by the method of periodic hemodialysis (after a median time of 02 months in hemodialysis) were transferred in CAPD. The reasons are many: the vascular problem among very young children, hemodynamic intolerance and some unable to care dialysis in several structures of the southwest Algerian.

The dialysis unit has faced many logistical problems before 2004: vascular access dysfunctional, inadequate dialysis, complex complications: infection of venous catheters, non-availability of an erythropoiesis-stimulating agent. The dialysis with acetate so that the solute bicarbonate improves the acid-base balance [21]

The causes of death were: arrhythmias (1 case), severe anemia with systolic dysfunction (5 cases) treatment as part of the emergency (02 cases), severe sepsis (03 patients), stroke (03 patients), hypoxic pulmonary disease (01 patient), unknown (1).

In multivariate analysis: congestive heart failure (OR =0.51; 95% CI:0.20 to 0.93), sepsis ( $p=0.003$ ) and malignant hypertension ( $p=0.045$ ) were predictors of death. Larger deaths between 1994 and 1996., and perhaps this can be explained by the delay in treatment, and the inexperience of the unit at the initiation of the replacement therapy.

When considering all dialysis patients, kidney transplantation is by far the first treatment in children, only 01 of our patients received a preemptive transplant from his mother and donated a total of 8% children were grafted in 23 years, taking into account the number of children transplanted at two centers throughout western Algerian. 31 preemptive transplantations were performed accounting for 27.7% of new patients [22].

The proportion of pre-emptive transplants varies between countries and centers: on average 15% of transplants in France, 50% in the Nordic countries and 24% in the US [23,24]. Kidney transplantation in Algeria faces several difficulties and this, despite efforts by health authorities. A third of kidney disease is due to diseases of the kidneys and urinary tract, and diagnosis of these diseases from the birth of the child through the medical imaging guards against the use or before the transplant. Hereditary factors, including intermarriage may also occur, reducing this type of union can help to preserve 20% of children of this serious condition.

## Conclusion:

The number of chronic renal failure is constantly growing in all provinces of western Algeria. The results presented show that the workforce, few asked specific management problems upstream of the pediatric intensive care, should be put forward, hence the importance of early detection of so-called preventable diseases, of early diagnosis, develop more pediatric dialysis centers and encourage grafting using the encephalic dead. Renal transplantation remains the treatment of choice for CKD with good long-term results in children.

The challenge of pediatric nephrologist is to bring the child to the graft with optimum support its growth, nutrition and bone health, as well as his personal and family psychological well-being. Our aspirations are to continue to develop the comprehensive diagnostic and treatment facilities at all unit at the same time as educating pediatrician's country wide in better recognition and management of CRF.

#### CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

the authors declare that there is no conflict of interest.

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