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Modern Aspects of the Metaphylaxis Management for Recurrent Urolithiasis

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Abstract

Urolithiasis, or kidney stone disease, is a common condition characterized by the formation of stones in the kidneys and urinary tract. The recurrence rate is about 50% within the first 5–10 years after the initial episode, making recurrence prevention a key medical goal. Metaphylaxis, a comprehensive approach to preventing stone recurrence, includes lifestyle modifications, dietary recommendations, pharmacotherapy, and regular patient monitoring. This approach allows consideration of individual metabolic, genetic, and environmental factors contributing to stone formation.

This review aims to summarize the literature on the primary methods used in the metaphylaxis of recurrent urolithiasis in adults.

A systematic review was conducted using databases such as PubMed, Embase, Cochrane Library, Web of Science, and Google Scholar. Studies published between 2010-2024 in English, Russian, and Kazakh were included. Clinical studies, RCTs, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses were selected. Citation tracking was also used to identify additional relevant sources.

The primary strategies for metaphylaxis in urolithiasis include increased fluid intake, dietary adjustments, and pharmacological treatment. Consuming at least 2.5 liters of water per day lowers the risk of stone formation. Pharmacotherapy with thiazides, citrates, and allopurinol has proven effective in reducing recurrence rates. Advanced technologies assist in patient monitoring and provide more precise treatment.

Metaphylaxis for urolithiasis represents a comprehensive approach based on lifestyle modifications, pharmacotherapy, and the use of new technologies. Personalized strategies have demonstrated effectiveness. Technological advancements promise further improvements in treatment outcomes and enhance patient adherence to preventive measures.

Key words: urolithiasis, kidney stones, recurrence, metaphylaxis, dietary therapy, pharmacotherapy, lifestyle changes.

1. Introduction

Urolithiasis, commonly referred to as kidney stones, affects approximately 10% of population globally and is associated with a high recurrence rate, with approximately 50% of patients experiencing stone formation again within 5-10 years of the initial episode [1,2]. Men are more likely to develop kidney stones; however, women often face more severe complications, such as a higher risk of chronic kidney disease (CKD) [2]. Recurrent urolithiasis presents not only a medical challenge but also a socioeconomic burden. Due to their acute presentation, kidney stones result in a significant number of emergency department visits and hospitalizations. Worldwide, the socioeconomic burden of recurrent urolithiasis is substantial, with healthcare costs exceeding billions annually. In the United States alone, the direct cost of kidney stones treatment was estimated at \$3.79 billion in 2007, with projections indicating an annual increase of \$1.24 billion by 2030 [3]. Frequent medical consultations, repeated surgical interventions, and a decline in patients' quality of life contribute to substantial healthcare costs [3,4,5]. Unlike many chronic conditions, kidney stones predominantly

affect working-age individuals between 20 and 60 years old. This exacerbates economic costs, as the condition also results in productivity losses due to missed workdays and decreased efficiency in the workforce [3].

Despite advancements in treatment, metaphylaxis—the prevention of recurrence—remains a critical yet underexplored area. Current strategies, including lifestyle modification, dietary interventions, pharmacotherapy, and regular health monitoring, are often debated. For instance, the efficacy of pharmacological treatments like thiazides and allopurinol is questioned due to potential side effects and inconsistent outcomes [6]. Similarly, the role of dietary modifications, such as calcium restriction, remains controversial, as excessive restriction may actually increase stone formation risk [7]. These controversies highlight the need for a more personalized and evidence-based approach. This study aims to address these gaps by exploring innovative and tailored metaphylaxis strategies, considering metabolic, environmental, and genetic factors contributing to kidney stone formation.

2. Methods

To ensure a comprehensive and systematic review of the literature on metaphylaxis for recurrent urolithiasis, several academic databases were searched, including PubMed, Embase, the Cochrane Library, Web of Science, and Google Scholar. The search focused on articles published between 2010-2024, with no restrictions on geographical region but limited to studies published in English, Russian and Kazakh languages. The search terms included combinations of “urolithiasis”, “kidney stones”, “recurrent”, “recurrence”, “metaphylaxis”, “prevention”, “diet therapy”, “pharmacotherapy”, and “lifestyle modifications” among others. Boolean operators (AND, OR) were used to refine the search and capture studies covering various aspects of metaphylaxis, including dietary interventions, pharmacological approaches, and monitoring strategies.

As illustrated in Figure 1, a total of 1,254 studies were initially identified based on titles and abstracts. After removing duplicates, 1,041 records remained, of which 568 were excluded during title screening. The

remaining 473 articles underwent abstract screening, resulting in the exclusion of an additional 295 studies. Consequently, 178 full-text articles were assessed for eligibility. Following the application of strict inclusion and exclusion criteria, 34 studies were ultimately included in the final analysis. The inclusion criteria were clinical studies, randomized controlled trials (RCTs), systematic reviews, meta-analyses, and large prospective studies, focusing on metaphylaxis strategies. Exclusion criteria included studies focused solely on surgical interventions for kidney stones and those not addressing recurrence prevention publications. Studies were also excluded if they consisted of case reports or small case series, as these provide limited generalizability for recurrence prevention. Additionally, articles were excluded if they lacked specific data on recurrence outcomes or were non-peer-reviewed, such as conference abstracts and opinion pieces, to maintain the rigor and relevance of the review. Citation tracking was also employed to identify additional relevant sources through forward and backward searching of key papers.

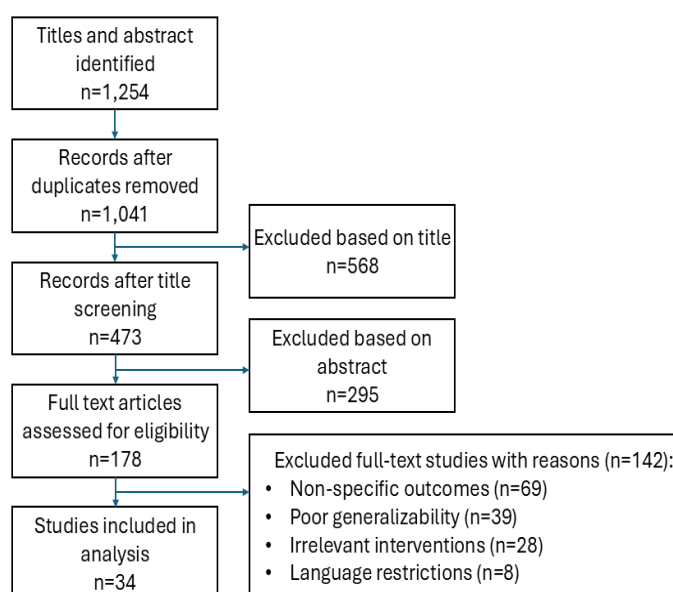


Figure 1 - Critical review selection flowchart

3. Results and discussion

Metaphylaxis for urolithiasis involves various strategies aimed at preventing the recurrence of kidney stones. The main strategies include:

Dietary Modifications

Increased *fluid intake* is one of the most basic strategies to reduce stone formation by diluting urine. Adults should aim to consume at least 2.5 to 3 liters of fluid per day [8]. Adequate fluid intake is essential to produce a urine volume of at least 2.5 liters per day, which helps dilute the concentration of stone-forming solutes such as calcium, oxalate, and uric acid [9]. Although there is no definitive threshold for urine volume and the risk of kidney stones recurrence, as the relationship is continuous and may not be linear. Increased urine volume reduces the supersaturation of these solutes, thereby decreasing the risk of crystal formation and stone growth [10]. Studies have shown that higher fluid intake is associated with a lower risk of stone recurrence [8,11]. While water is the most recommended fluid, other beverages can also contribute to fluid intake. Alkalinizing beverages, such as citrus juices, can be particularly beneficial as they increase urinary citrate levels, which inhibit stone formation [12]. A recent systematic review has demonstrated that citrus-based products, such as lemonade, orange juice, and grapefruit juice, can increase urinary citrate levels and urine pH. The data indicates that citrus-based products raised urine pH (mean difference, 0.16; 95% confidence interval [CI] 0.01-0.32) and urinary citrate (mean difference 124.49; 95% CI 80.24-168.74) more significantly than the control treatment [13]. However, not all beverages are equally effective in lowering the risk of kidney stones. Conversely, consumption of sugar-sweetened sodas and punches is linked to an increased risk of kidney stone formation. One study depicted that drinking sugar-sweetened cola regularly increases the risk of developing kidney stones by 23% compared to those in the rarely drink [14].

Dietary adjustments may vary based on the type of stone and may include reducing or increasing the consumption of specific types of foods.

For *calcium oxalate stones*, it is recommended to maintain a balanced calcium intake of 1,000 to 1,200 mg daily from dietary sources, such as dairy products and leafy greens [15,16]. Additionally, limiting the intake of high-oxalate foods like spinach, nuts, chocolate, and tea can help reduce oxalate absorption [17,18]. For individuals with calcium kidney stones, it is crucial to limit salt intake to reduce the risk of stone formation. The excess of sodium reduces the kidney's ability to reabsorb calcium, resulting in higher calcium levels in the urine [19]. Current guidelines recommend consuming less than 2,300 mg of sodium per day, with a further reduction to 1,500 mg per day for those with a history of kidney stones [10]. High-sodium foods, such as processed and packaged items, should be avoided, and it is important to read nutrition labels to choose lower-sodium options. Cooking at home can also help control the amount of salt added to meals [20,21].

For *calcium phosphate stones*, maintaining balanced calcium intake from dietary sources is crucial, while avoiding excessive calcium supplementation, as excess calcium can increase the risk of phosphate stone formation [15,16]. Epidemiological evidence from a large study shows that the prevalence of stones progressively increases as dietary calcium intake falls below approximately 720 mg/day [22]. Like previous recommendations, reducing sodium intake to below 2,300 mg per day is advised, as high sodium consumption leads to elevated urinary calcium excretion [15,16]. Limiting animal protein intake is found to be beneficial, as animal protein diet is highly acidogenic due to its higher acid-ash content from sulfur, compared to plant-based proteins. This increased acidity causes urine to become more acidic, leading to higher urinary calcium [23,24,25]. Evidence distinguishing between the impacts of red meat, white meat, fish, and poultry on kidney stone formation, as well as the recommended amounts of protein, is sparse. [25]. Incorporating more fruits and vegetables into the diet helps maintain an alkaline urine pH, which is favorable for reducing the risk of calcium phosphate stone formation [24]. A diet rich in fruits,

vegetables, and low in saturated fat significantly lowered the risk of kidney stones by 31%, according to a meta-analysis [26].

Uric acid stones form when urine remains consistently acidic, often due to a diet rich in purines - compounds found in foods such as red meat, organ meats, and certain fish. To reduce the risk of uric acid stones, limiting the intake of these high-purine foods is strongly recommended [27,28]. Same as with phosphate stones, increasing the consumption of fruits and

vegetables helps to alkalize the urine, making it less favorable for uric acid stone formation [24]. Additionally, reducing alcohol intake, particularly beer, is advised since it can elevate uric acid levels [29]. Animal studies indicate that ethanol treatment in rats leads to crystal formation [30]. Yet, human studies show inconsistent evidence on the influence of alcohol on uric acid stone formation, particularly regarding the type and amount of alcohol consumed [29,31].

Key Points on Dietary Modifications

Dietary modifications play a crucial role in reducing the risk of kidney stones. Increasing daily fluid intake to at least 2.5–3 liters helps dilute urine and decreases the risk of crystal formation. Citrus-based beverages, like lemonade and orange juice, boost urinary citrate levels, which inhibit stone formation, while sugary drinks increase the risk. For calcium oxalate stones, maintaining a balanced calcium intake (1,000–1,200 mg) and limiting salt and high-oxalate foods are key.

Similarly, calcium phosphate stones require moderate calcium intake, low sodium, and reduced animal protein consumption, alongside a diet rich in fruits and vegetables to maintain an alkaline urine pH. For uric acid stones, reducing purine-rich foods like red meat, increasing plant-based foods, and moderating alcohol intake are advised. Overall, individual dietary strategies depend on the specific type of kidney stone.

Pharmacotherapy

Pharmacological prophylaxis is an essential component of treatment for patients with confirmed metabolic abnormalities. Medications are tailored to each individual, taking into account both the composition of the kidney stones and the results of the patient's metabolic evaluation.

Thiazide Diuretics are used to reduce calcium excretion in patients with recurrent calcium-based stones. In a meta-analysis, the pooled relative risk (RR) for the incidence of kidney stones in patients treated with thiazide diuretics was 0.44 (95% CI 0.33–0.58, $P < 0.0001$) compared to placebo and untreated groups. The pooled risk difference (RD) was -0.23 (95% CI -0.30 to -0.16 , $P < 0.0001$). Additionally, the pooled standardized mean difference (SMD) for 24-hour urinary calcium levels was -18.59 (95% CI -25.11 to -12.08 , $P < 0.0001$) [32]. When prescribing thiazides, it is crucial to continue dietary recommendations, particularly sodium restriction, to enhance the hypocalciuric effect and minimize potassium

loss [33]. Due to the potential for hypokalemia induced by thiazide therapy, potassium supplementation (such as potassium citrate or potassium chloride) may be necessary [34].

Allopurinol is used to prevent recurrent urolithiasis, particularly in adults who form uric acid stones or calcium oxalate stones associated with elevated uric acid levels. It is prescribed for patients who have recurrent stones despite other preventive measures or who have underlying conditions such as hyperuricosuria [10,35]. Moderate-quality evidence from four trials comparing allopurinol monotherapy with placebo or control in patients with calcium oxalate stones demonstrated a reduced risk of composite stone recurrence with allopurinol [36,37]. Two trials reported that the recurrence risk was lower in patients treated with allopurinol compared to placebo (33.3% vs. 55.4%). Additionally, one fair-quality study showed a reduction in symptomatic stone recurrence (10.3% vs. 29.0%) [36].

Regular monitoring of uric acid and kidney function is recommended during treatment [38].

Citrates are commonly used to prevent the recurrence of calcium oxalate and uric acid stones. Citrates increase urinary citrate levels, which helps bind calcium and reduce the formation of calcium-based stones, while also alkalinizing the urine, making it less conducive to uric acid stone formation [39]. In a critical review, citrate therapy was found to significantly reduce stone size, as evidenced by RCTs (RR 2.35, 95% CI 1.36 to 4.05). Additionally, the incidence of new stone formation was markedly lower with citrate therapy compared to the control group, according to seven RCTs (RR 0.26, 95% CI 0.10 to 0.68) [40]. Potassium citrate is particularly effective in patients with hypocitraturia [41,42]. A meta-analysis demonstrated that potassium citrate supplementation significantly reduced the recurrence of nephrolithiasis [RR; 95% CI 0.21 (0.13, 0.31)] [43].

Bisphosphonates, primarily known for treating osteoporosis, may also help prevent kidney stones, especially in individuals with low bone density. These medications work by inhibiting bone resorption, which can lower urinary calcium levels, a key factor in the formation of calcium-based kidney stones [44]. Additionally, bisphosphonates can inhibit the crystallization of calcium oxalate and calcium phosphate in the urine, further reducing the risk of stone formation [45]. Clinical studies have shown promising results, suggesting that bisphosphonates could be beneficial in reducing kidney stone recurrence in patients with conditions like osteoporosis or hypercalciuria [44,45]. In a study involving participants with low bone density, the use of bisphosphonates was linked to a reduced risk of kidney stone formation. Specifically, bisphosphonate use resulted in a multivariate-adjusted relative risk of 0.68 (95% CI 0.48-0.98) for kidney stone formation compared to those not using bisphosphonates [46].

Key Points on Pharmacotherapy

Pharmacotherapy is a vital part of managing kidney stones for patients with metabolic abnormalities. Thiazide diuretics lower calcium excretion and risk of recurrence in calcium-based stones, with sodium restriction and potassium supplementation enhancing their effect. Allopurinol reduces the recurrence of uric acid and calcium oxalate stones, especially in patients with elevated uric acid levels, requiring regular monitoring of uric acid and kidney function. Citrates

increase urinary citrate levels to prevent calcium-based and uric acid stones and are particularly effective for patients with hypocitraturia. Bisphosphonates, primarily used for osteoporosis, also help prevent kidney stones by reducing urinary calcium levels and crystal formation, showing promising results for patients with low bone density or hypercalciuria. Each medication is tailored to the individual's metabolic profile and stone type for effective prevention.

Lifestyle Modifications

Regular *exercise* can play a significant role in preventing the recurrence of kidney stones. By helping to maintain a healthy body weight, exercise reduces the risk factors associated with obesity, which is known to contribute to stone formation [47,48,49,50]. Examining body fatness in relation to kidney stone risk, a meta-analysis found a 21% increase in relative risk for every 5-unit increase in BMI, a 16% increase for every 10 cm increase in waist circumference, and 6% and 12% increases in relative risk for every 5 kg increment in

weight and weight gain, respectively [48]. Physical activity further promotes proper digestion and metabolism, which can help reduce the accumulation of substances that lead to stone development [47]. It's important to stay well-hydrated during and after exercise to counteract the effects of sweating, which can lead to dehydration and increase the risk of stones [51]. Light to moderate activities, such as walking, jogging, or yoga, are particularly beneficial and can even help move existing stones along naturally [49].

Smoking has been identified as a significant risk factor for the development of kidney stones [52, 53]. Research indicates that active cigarette smoking is associated with a 30% increased risk of kidney stones compared to non-smokers [52]. Findings of another study also depicted that cigarette smoking significantly increases the risk of urolithiasis (OR = 2.06, 95% CI: 1.06-4.01, P = 0.034) [54]. The harmful chemicals in tobacco contribute to oxidative stress and reduce urine output, both of which are conducive to stone formation [52].

Cigarette smoking might also contribute to the development of urolithiasis by reducing urinary flow and elevating serum cadmium levels in healthy individuals [53]. Additionally, exposure to secondhand smoke has also been linked to an elevated risk of kidney stones, further underscoring the detrimental impact of smoking on renal health [55]. These findings highlight the importance of smoking cessation and avoidance of secondhand smoke as preventive measures against kidney stone formation.

Key Points on Lifestyle modifications

Lifestyle modifications significantly impact the prevention of kidney stones. Regular exercise helps maintain a healthy weight, reducing obesity-related risk factors for stone formation, while promoting proper digestion and metabolism. Staying well-hydrated during physical activities prevents dehydration, a key factor in stone development, with light to moderate exercises like

walking and yoga proving especially beneficial. Smoking cessation is crucial, as both active smoking and secondhand smoke exposure elevate the risk of kidney stones by contributing to oxidative stress and impaired urinary flow. Overall, a combination of healthy physical activity and avoidance of smoking plays a vital role in preventing kidney stone recurrence.

Regular monitoring and follow-up

Monitoring and follow-up are essential for preventing the recurrence of kidney stones. Patients with a history of kidney stones should undergo periodic imaging studies, such as ultrasonography or low-dose computed tomography (CT), to detect new stone formation or growth of existing stones [56]. These follow-up assessments help in identifying any changes early, allowing for timely intervention. Additionally, regular laboratory evaluations, including urinalysis and blood

tests, are crucial to monitor risk factors such as hypercalciuria, hyperuricosuria, and other metabolic abnormalities [57]. By maintaining consistent follow-up appointments, healthcare providers can tailor preventive strategies, adjust medications, and recommend lifestyle modifications to reduce the risk of recurrence. This proactive approach ensures that any potential issues are addressed promptly, thereby minimizing complications and improving patient outcomes.

Key Points on Regular monitoring and follow-up

Consistent check-ups allow healthcare providers to personalize preventive measures, adjust medications, and recommend lifestyle modifications tailored to the

patient's needs. This proactive approach not only minimizes complications but also ensures optimal care and improved long-term outcomes for patients.

Individualized Treatment Based on Metabolic Evaluation

Personalized prevention of recurrent kidney stones is an increasingly important aspect of urolithiasis management, given the heterogeneous nature of stone

formation and the variety of metabolic abnormalities contributing to their development. Individualized strategies are grounded in a detailed metabolic

evaluation, typically involving urine and blood analyses, which help identify specific risk factors for recurrence [58]. This data-driven approach allows for the tailoring of both pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions aimed at reducing the likelihood of stone formation.

Recent literature highlights the need for targeted interventions, as generalized treatment protocols may not address the underlying metabolic disorders unique to each patient. Personalized prevention may include adjustments in dietary intake, such as tailored recommendations regarding fluid, calcium, sodium, and oxalate intake, as well as the use of pharmacological

agents based on the patient's metabolic profile. The goal of these interventions is not only to reduce stone formation but also to correct the metabolic derangements that predispose individuals to recurrence [58, 59]. Regular monitoring and individualized follow-up schedules further enhance the effectiveness of these strategies, ensuring that therapeutic adjustments can be made as needed to maintain the patient's metabolic stability over time.

Emerging research continues to support the efficacy of personalized approaches in preventing stone recurrence, advocating for their integration into standard nephrology practice.

Key Points on Individualized treatment

Individualized treatment for kidney stones focuses on tailoring prevention strategies to each patient's metabolic profile. Based on urine and blood analyses, specific risk factors are identified to guide personalized dietary and pharmacological interventions. Adjustments in fluid, calcium, sodium, and oxalate

intake, alongside targeted medications, aim to reduce stone formation and correct underlying metabolic issues. Regular monitoring and follow-ups ensure effective adjustments over time, reinforcing the importance of personalized care in preventing recurrence.

New technologies

Recent advancements in technology have introduced promising methods for preventing the recurrence of kidney stones. One notable innovation is the use of a handheld ultrasound device to *reposition kidney stone fragments*. This technique, known as ultrasonic propulsion, helps move residual stone fragments closer to the ureter, facilitating their natural expulsion from the body [60, 61, 62]. Studies have shown that this method can reduce the risk of recurrence by up to 70%, significantly lowering the need for additional surgical interventions [60].

Traditionally, metabolic evaluation for kidney stones requires cumbersome 24-hour urine collections. However, newer *wearable* and smart technology devices are being developed to allow for real-time monitoring of key urinary parameters, such as pH, calcium, and uric acid concentrations. Latest studies revealed that urinary dipsticks are limited in both precision and accuracy for home monitoring, while portable electronic pH meters

offer a more accurate, user-friendly, and cost-effective alternative [63, 64]. Providing continuous data and allowing independent use, these devices enable earlier intervention when stone-forming conditions arise and improve patient adherence to preventive measures, making them a reliable tool for reducing urolithiasis recurrence.

Mobile health (mHealth) technologies and telemedicine play a significant role in the metaphylaxis of kidney stones by enhancing patient monitoring, improving adherence to preventive measures, and facilitating timely medical interventions. mHealth applications allow patients to track their fluid intake, dietary habits, and medication schedules, which are crucial for preventing stone recurrence [65, 66]. These apps can provide reminders and educational content, helping patients stay informed and engaged in their care [67].

Telemedicine offers convenient access to healthcare providers, enabling regular follow-up appointments without the need for in-person visits. This is particularly beneficial for patients in remote areas or those with mobility issues [68]. Through telemedicine, healthcare providers can review patients' progress, adjust treatment plans, and provide immediate support for any concerns [69]. The integration of these technologies ensures continuous and personalized care, ultimately reducing the risk of kidney stone recurrence and improving patient outcomes.

Precision medicine is becoming more prevalent in nephrolithiasis management through the use of *genomic and proteomic technologies*. These approaches allow for the identification of genetic predispositions to stone formation, helping to tailor prevention strategies to the individual's metabolic and genetic makeup. For instance, integrated proteomic and transcriptomic analyses have identified distinct gene expression profiles and protein modifications associated with kidney stone disease [70]. Such studies have revealed key biomarkers and potential therapeutic targets, including specific genes and proteins that are dysregulated in stone-forming individuals.

Additionally, bioinformatics tools are being used to analyze large datasets, identifying differentially expressed genes and constructing interaction networks that highlight critical pathways involved in stone formation [71,72]. These insights further facilitate the

development of personalized treatment strategies, targeting the unique genetic and proteomic landscape of each patient. By leveraging these advanced technologies, researchers and clinicians can better predict stone recurrence and tailor preventive measures more effectively, ultimately improving patient outcomes. One major finding is the identification of differentially expressed genes (DEGs) associated with kidney stone formation [71]. Additionally, bioinformatics analyses have constructed protein-protein interaction networks, revealing critical hub genes like LCN2, which are implicated in the occurrence and development of kidney stones [72].

Advanced *3D imaging* and reconstruction techniques, such as CT scans and MRIs, are pivotal in the accurate diagnosis and treatment planning for kidney stones. These imaging methods provide detailed, high-resolution images of the kidney and urinary tract, which can be converted into precise 3D models. Such models allow healthcare professionals to visualize the exact size, shape, and location of kidney stones, as well as the anatomy of the surrounding tissues [73,74]. Detailed visualization aids in developing personalized treatment plans, whether for surgical intervention or other therapeutic approaches. By enhancing the accuracy of diagnosis and treatment planning, 3D imaging, and reconstruction significantly improve patient outcomes and reduce the risk of complications during procedures [74].

Key Points on New Technologies

Advancements in technology offer innovative solutions for kidney stone management. Ultrasonic propulsion, a handheld ultrasound method, aids in expelling fragments and reduces recurrence. Wearable devices and portable pH meters now allow real-time monitoring of urinary parameters, enhancing early intervention and adherence. mHealth apps and telemedicine improve patient tracking, education, and

access to care. Precision medicine leverages genomic and proteomic tools to tailor prevention strategies based on genetic profiles. Advanced 3D imaging enhances the precision of diagnosis and personalized treatment planning, ultimately improving outcomes. These breakthroughs collectively transform kidney stone prevention and care.

Table 1 - Summary review of articles

	Author(s)	Design	Results	Reference
1	Kiremit MC, Boyuk A, Petkova K.	Critical review	Drink ≥ 2.5 l of fluids; Avoid sugary drinks; Lower sodium intake; Reduce intake of oxalate-rich foods; Limit animal protein consumption.	Kiremit MC, Boyuk A, Petkova K. Fluid intake recommendations in urolithiasis and general advice to patients without metabolic risk factors. World J Urol. 2023; 41: 1251-9. https://doi.org/10.1007/s00345-023-04285-3
2	Pearle MS, Goldfarb DS, Assimos DG, Curhan G, Denu-Ciocca CJ, Matlaga BR, et al.	Systematic review	Drink ≥ 2.5 l of fluids; Lower sodium intake; Reduce intake of oxalate-rich foods; Limit animal protein consumption.	Pearle MS, Goldfarb DS, Assimos DG, Curhan G, Denu-Ciocca CJ, Matlaga BR, et al. Medical Management of Kidney Stones: AUA Guideline. J Urol [Internet]. 2014 Aug 1; 192(2): 316–324. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.juro.2014.05.006
3	Siener R.	Narrative review	Inadequate fluid intake is a major dietary risk factor; High oxalate intake increases the risk of calcium oxalate stones.	Siener R. Nutrition and Kidney Stone Disease. Nutrients. 2021; 13(6): 1917. https://doi.org/10.3390/nu13061917
4	Barghouthy Y, Somani BK.	Narrative review	Citrus fruit juices, particularly lemon and orange juices, can increase urinary citrate levels, which may help prevent kidney stone formation.	Barghouthy Y, Somani BK. Role of Citrus Fruit Juices in Prevention of Kidney Stone Disease (KSD): A Narrative Review. Nutrients. 2021; 13(11): 4117. https://doi.org/10.3390/nu13114117
5	Rahman F, Birowo P, Widyahening IS, Rasyid N.	Systematic review and meta-analysis	Significant increase in urinary citrate levels (mean difference, 124.49; 95% CI 80.24-168.74) compared to control group.	Rahman F, Birowo P, Widyahening IS, Rasyid N. Effect of citrus-based products on urine profile: A systematic review and meta-analysis. F1000Res. 2017 Mar 6; 6: 220. https://doi.org/10.12688/f1000research.10976.1 PMID: 28529700; PMCID: PMC5428529
6	Moe SM.	Critical review	Calcium intake in the form of diet and binders should not exceed 800–1000 mg/day to achieve neutral calcium balance in adult patients.	Moe SM. Rationale to reduce calcium intake in adult patients with chronic kidney disease. Curr Opin Nephrol Hypertens. 2018;27(4):251-7
7	Ferraro PM, Curhan GC, D'Addessi A, Gambaro G.	Systematic review	The median recurrence rate of kidney stones was 15 per 100 person-years; Recurrence rates were higher in untreated patients or those	Ferraro PM, Curhan GC, D'Addessi A, Gambaro G. Risk of recurrence of idiopathic calcium kidney stones: analysis of data from the literature. J Nephrol. 2017; 30: 227-33

- treated with dietary changes compared to those treated with drugs (26 vs. 23 vs. 9 per 100 person-years, $p < 0.001$).
- 8 Lin BB, Lin ME, Huang RH, et al. Systematic review and meta-analysis Prominent risk factors for incident stones included body mass index (BMI), dietary sodium, fructose, meat, animal protein, and soda; Vitamin D and calcium supplementation alone increased the risk of stones in observational studies but not in RCTs. Lin BB, Lin ME, Huang RH, et al. Dietary and lifestyle factors for primary prevention of nephrolithiasis: a systematic review and meta-analysis. BMC Nephrol. 2020; 21: 267. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12882-020-01925-3>
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4. Conclusion

Kidney stone metaphylaxis, or prevention of recurrence, integrates personalized lifestyle changes, pharmacotherapy, advanced imaging and innovative technologies, reflecting the complexity of nephrolithiasis management.

Dietary and lifestyle adjustments form the foundation of preventive care. Increasing fluid intake is universally recommended, as studies link high water consumption with a decrease in stone formation by

diluting urinary solutes that contribute to stone crystallization. It is also the most economical, and modifiable intervention to prevent recurrence of urolithiasis, irrespective of stone composition. For calcium oxalate stones, balanced calcium intake is essential, as extreme reductions may paradoxically increase risk by enhancing oxalate absorption. Meanwhile, those with uric acid stones benefit from a diet low in purine-rich foods and increased intake of fruits

and vegetables to alkalize urine. Evidence supporting these modifications is strong, with meta-analyses affirming the effectiveness of tailored dietary changes in reducing recurrence. Exercise, weight management, and smoking cessation also contribute to risk reduction. Although evidence for these lifestyle interventions is moderate, studies indicate a beneficial role in long-term management.

Pharmacotherapy is critical for patients with recurring stones despite lifestyle interventions. Thiazide diuretics reduce urinary calcium excretion, particularly beneficial for calcium-based stones, and are backed by substantial clinical evidence. Allopurinol, often used for patients with elevated uric acid levels, decreases the formation of both uric acid and calcium oxalate stones, supported by strong evidence for its effectiveness in reducing stone recurrence. Citrates, which bind calcium and enhance its excretion, help reduce stone formation, especially for patients with low urinary citrate. Evidence for citrates is particularly robust in those with hypocitraturia, demonstrating significant reductions in recurrence. Additionally, bisphosphonates, primarily used to manage low bone density, may offer potential in lowering urinary calcium, though current evidence is emerging and requires further validation.

Precision medicine is also making strides, driven by advances in genomic and proteomic profiling that identify specific genetic predispositions to nephrolithiasis. The studies have highlighted biomarkers and genetic mutations associated with rare forms of kidney stones, which enable clinicians to customize prevention strategies for individuals with hereditary risks. Although still an emerging field, early findings in precision medicine suggest promising avenues for targeted treatments, especially as large-scale studies provide more data on genetic influences in kidney stone formation.

Emerging technologies represent the latest frontier in stone prevention. Ultrasonic propulsion devices, which are still under research, allow for non-invasive repositioning of stone fragments in the urinary

tract to facilitate natural expulsion, with studies reporting moderate to strong support for their effectiveness. Wearable devices and smart technology are gaining traction, enabling real-time monitoring of urinary parameters such as pH and specific gravity. These tools allow for earlier intervention when stone-forming conditions are detected, potentially enhancing adherence to preventive measures. Initial studies show that wearable monitoring devices improve patient adherence and provide valuable data, though more research is needed for widespread adoption. Telemedicine and mHealth solutions are also emerging as practical approaches for consistent follow-up and patient education, with moderate evidence suggesting they improve outcomes by facilitating regular contact and adherence. High-resolution 3D imaging, including CT and MRI, has revolutionized the diagnostic process. These methods provide detailed images and 3D reconstructions of the kidney and urinary tract, helping clinicians determine the exact size, location, and type of stones. Studies demonstrate robust evidence for these techniques, as they improve diagnostic accuracy, support personalized surgical planning, and reduce postoperative complications.

In summary, the field of kidney stone metaphylaxis has evolved into a multifaceted, evidence-based approach combining traditional preventive measures with cutting-edge technology. Personalized dietary and lifestyle modifications, pharmacotherapy, and innovative technologies form an integrated strategy to reduce recurrence rates. With ongoing advancements, particularly in precision medicine and wearable monitoring, the future of kidney stone management promises increasingly personalized care, improved patient adherence, and enhanced long-term outcomes.

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Бүйрек тас ауруы қайталануының метафилактикасының заманауи аспектілері

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Түйіндеме

Уролитиаз немесе бүйрек тас ауруы - зәр шығару жолдарында тастардың пайда болуымен сипатталатын кең таралған ауру. Бастапқы эпизодтан кейінгі алғашқы 5-10 жыл ішінде қайталану деңгейі шамамен 50% құрайды, бұл қайталанудың алдын алу медицинаның маңызды міндетіне айналды. Метафилактика, тастардың қайта пайда болуының алдын алудың кешенді тәсілі ретінде өмір сүру салтын түзетуді, диеталық ұсыныстарды, дәрі-дәрмек терапиясын және пациенттің жағдайын үнемі бақылауды қамтиды. Бұл тәсіл тастардың пайда болуына ықпал ететін жеке метаболикалық, генетикалық және экологиялық факторларды ескеруге мүмкіндік береді.

Бұл шолудың мақсаты – ересектер арасындағы қайталанатын бүйрек тас ауруының метафилактикасының негізгі әдістері туралы әдебиеттерді жалпылау.

PubMed, Embase, Cochrane Library, Web of Science және Google Scholar сияқты дерекқорларды пайдалана отырып, қайталанатын бүйрек тас ауруы кезіндегі метафилактика әдістері бойынша жүйелі шолу жұмысы жүргізілді. 2010-2024 жылдар аралығында ағылшын, орыс және қазақ тілдерінде жарияланған зерттеулер енгізілді. Іздеу уролитиаз, бүйрек тас ауруы, қайталану, алдын алу, диеталық терапия, фармакотерапия және өмір сүру салтын өзгертуге қатысты терминдерге бағытталған. Клиникалық зерттеулер, РКЗ, жүйелі шолулар және мета-талдаулар таңдалды. Қосымша тиісті дереккөздерді табу үшін дәйексөздерді қадағалау әдісі де қолданылды.

Бүйрек тас метафилактикасының негізгі стратегияларына сұйықтықты тұтынуды арттыру, диетаны түзету және дәрі-дәрмекпен емдеу кіреді. Күніне кем дегенде 2,5 литр су тұтыну зәрдегі тұздардың концентрациясын төмендетеді, тас пайда болу қаупін азайтады. Тиазидтерді, цитраттарды және аллопуринолды қолданатын фармакотерапия қайталану жиілігін төмендетуде тиімді екенін дәлелдеді. Заманауи технологиялар, соның ішінде киілетін құрылғылар мен 3D кескіндері пациенттердің жағдайын бақылауға көмектеседі және дәлірек емдеуді қамтамасыз етеді.

Тас ауруының метафилактикасы өмір сүру салтын өзгертуге, фармакотерапияға және жаңа технологияларды қолдануға негізделген кешенді тәсіл болып табылады. Сұйықтықты көп тұтынуды, диетаны өзгертуді және тұрақты бақылауды қоса алғанда, жекелендірілген стратегиялар бүйрек тастарының қайталану жылдамдығын төмендетуде тиімді екенін дәлелдеді. Киілуі болатын құрылғылар мен телемедицина сияқты технологиялық жетістіктер емдеу нәтижелерін одан әрі жақсартуға және пациенттердің профилактикалық шараларды сақтауын арттыруға мүмкіндіктер береді.

Кілт сөздер: уролитиаз, бүйрек тас ауруы, қайталану, метафилактика, диеталық терапия, фармакотерапия, өмір сүру салтын өзгерту.

Современные аспекты метафилактики рецидивов мочекаменной болезни

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Резюме

Уролитиаз, или мочекаменная болезнь - распространенное заболевание, характеризующееся образованием камней в почках и мочевыводящих путях. Частота рецидивов составляет около 50% в течение первых 5–10 лет после начального эпизода, что делает профилактику рецидивов важной задачей медицины. Метафилактика, комплексный подход к предотвращению повторного образования камней, включает коррекцию образа жизни, диетические рекомендации, медикаментозную терапию и регулярный мониторинг состояния пациента. Такой подход позволяет учитывать индивидуальные метаболические, генетические и экологические факторы, способствующие образованию камней.

Целью данного обзора является обобщение литературы по основным методам метафилактики рецидивирующей мочекаменной болезни у взрослых.

Была проведена систематическая обзорная работа по литературе по метафилактике при рецидивирующем уролитиазе с использованием баз данных, таких как PubMed, Embase, Cochrane Library, Web of Science и Google Scholar. Включены исследования, опубликованные в период с 2010 по 2024 год на английском, русском и казахском языках. Поиск был сосредоточен на терминах, связанных с уролитиазом, рецидивами, профилактикой, диетотерапией, фармакотерапией и изменениями образа жизни. Были выбраны клинические исследования, РКИ, систематические обзоры и мета-анализы. Также использовался метод отслеживания цитат для поиска дополнительных релевантных источников.

Основные стратегии метафилактики уролитиаза включают повышение потребления жидкости, коррекцию диеты и медикаментозное лечение. Потребление не менее 2,5 литров воды в день снижает концентрацию солей в моче, уменьшая риск камнеобразования. Фармакотерапия с использованием тиазидов, цитратов и аллопуринола доказала эффективность в снижении частоты рецидивов. Современные технологии, включая носимые устройства и 3D-изображения, помогают в мониторинге состояния пациентов и обеспечивают более точное лечение.

Метафилактика уролитиаза представляет собой комплексный подход, основанный на изменении образа жизни, фармакотерапии и применении новых технологий. Персонализированные стратегии, включая поддержание высокого уровня потребления жидкости, изменения в диете и регулярный мониторинг, доказали свою эффективность в снижении частоты рецидивов камней в почках. Технологические достижения, такие как

носимые устройства и телемедицина, обещают дальнейшее улучшение результатов лечения и повышение приверженности пациентов к профилактическим мерам.

Ключевые слова: уrolитиаз, камни в почках, рецидив, метафилактика, диетическая терапия, фармакотерапия и изменения образа жизни.