

Augmented Renal Clearance: Let's Get the Discussion Flowing

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Nothing to disclose

Pharmacist Objectives

1. Explain the concept of augmented renal clearance and review the incidence and associated risk factors
2. Describe the potential impact of augmented renal clearance on attainment of antimicrobial pharmacokinetic targets
3. Evaluate the literature regarding the impact of augmented renal clearance on clinical outcomes

Background

- Augmented renal clearance (ARC) – newly described phenomenon
- ARC literature
 - Recognition
 - Pharmacokinetics in the critically ill population
 - Clinical outcomes
- Dangers of inadequate dosing of antimicrobials in critical illness



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Augmented Renal Clearance

“Glomerular hyperfiltration”

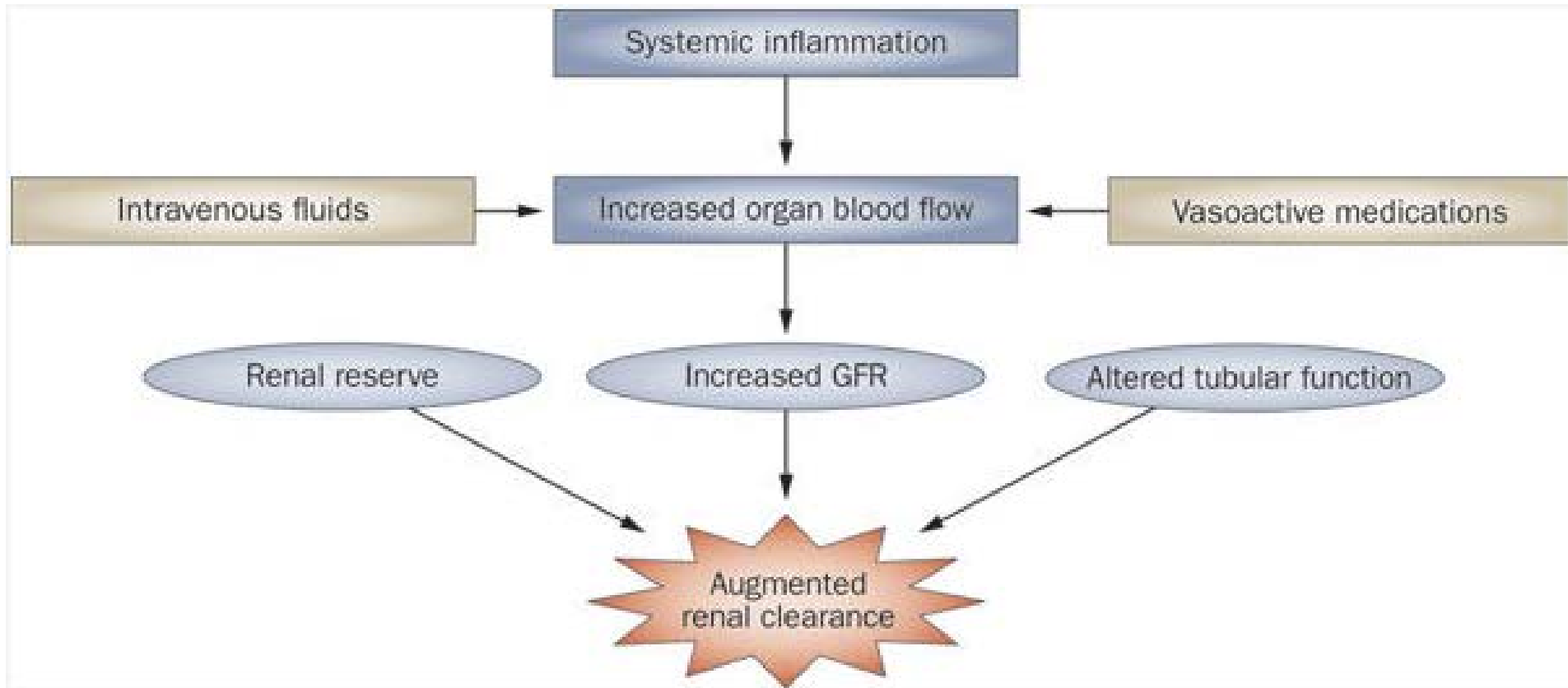
“Enhanced renal elimination of circulating solute by the kidneys”

NO
STANDARDIZED
DEFINITION!

“Supraphysiologic state of kidney function”

Creatinine Clearance
(CrCL)
 $\geq 130 \text{ mL/min/1.73m}^2$

Pathophysiology



Risk Factors

Major trauma, sepsis,
burns, surgical patients

Fewer comorbidities



Younger age
(age < 50 years old)

Lower SOFA score at
ICU admission

APACHE II: Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation
SOFA: Sequential Organ Failure Assessment

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Identification of ARC

Calculated CrCL

- Cockcroft Gault (CG)
- Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration (CKD-EPI)
- Modification of Diet in Renal Disease (MDRD)

Measured CrCL

- $\text{CrCL} = \text{Urine Cr} \times \text{Volume (mL/min)} / \text{Scr}$
- Requires 8, 12, or 24- hour urine collection

Calculated vs. Measured CrCL

Study	Methods	Results
Barletta, et al., 2016	-Calculated: CG, MDRD, CKD-EPI -Measured: 12-hr urine collection	CG & measured CrCL: $r_s = 0.610$ MDRD & measured CrCL: $r_s = 0.547$ CKD-EPI and measured CrCL: $r_s = 0.595$ -Weak correlation
Grootaert, et al., 2012	-Calculated: CG, MDRD -Measured: 24-hr urine collection	CG & measured CrCL: $r_s = 0.343$ MDRD & measured CrCL: $r_s = 0.290$ -Weak correlation
Ruiz et al., 2015	-Calculated: CG, MDRD, CKD-EPI -Measured: 24-hr urine collection	Bland-Altman method showed poor agreement between CG, MDRD, CKD-EPI and measured CrCL

Bottom Line

Calculated CrCL did not correlate well with measured CrCL in all of the studies

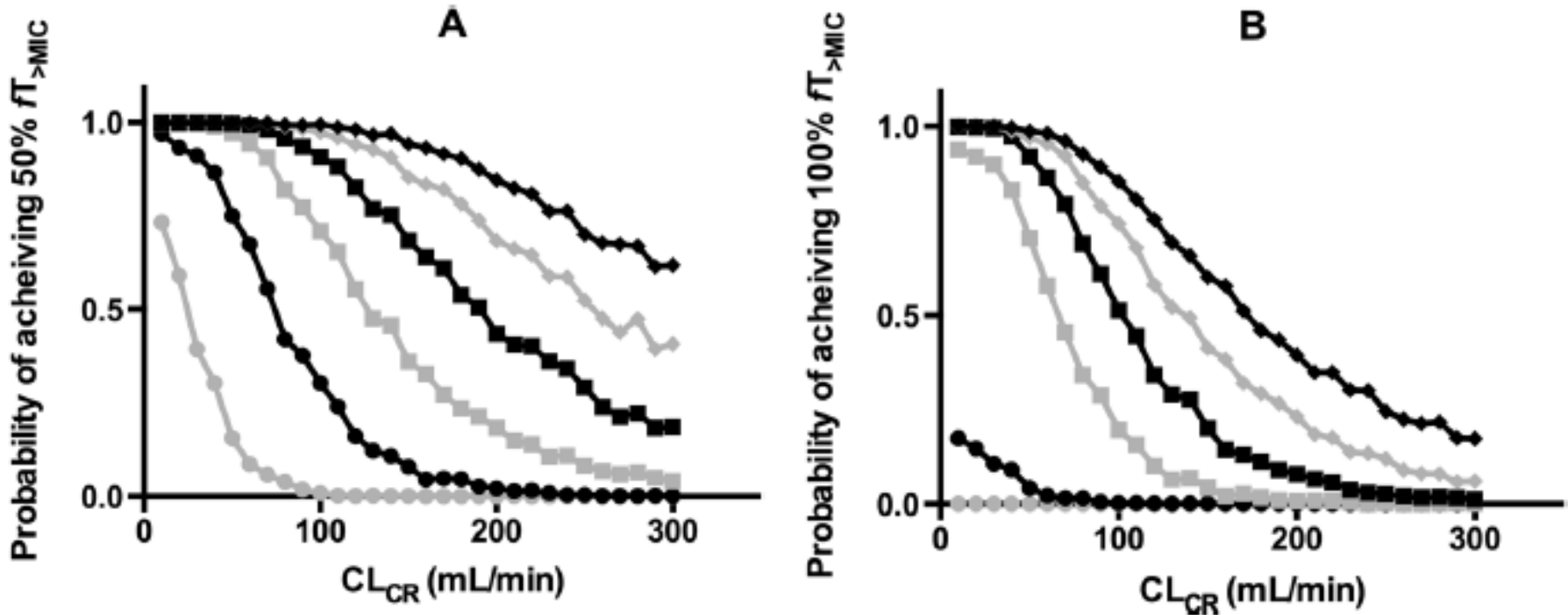
Should we measure CrCL in all patients who meet risk factors? How many risk factors?...TBD

ARC AND PHARMACOKINETIC TARGETS

Piperacillin/tazobactam Dose with ARC

Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Single-center• Observational
Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• n = 48• Ages 18 - 80• Sepsis
Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Piperacillin/tazobactam 4.5 grams every 6 hours over 20 minutes• Antibiotic plasma concentrations at several time points; C_{\min} = 360 minutes post infusion• 24-hour urine collection

Probability of Target Attainment



MIC: ◆ 2 mg/L ◆ 4 mg/L ■ 8 mg/L
 ■ 16 mg/L ● 32 mg/L ● 64 mg/L

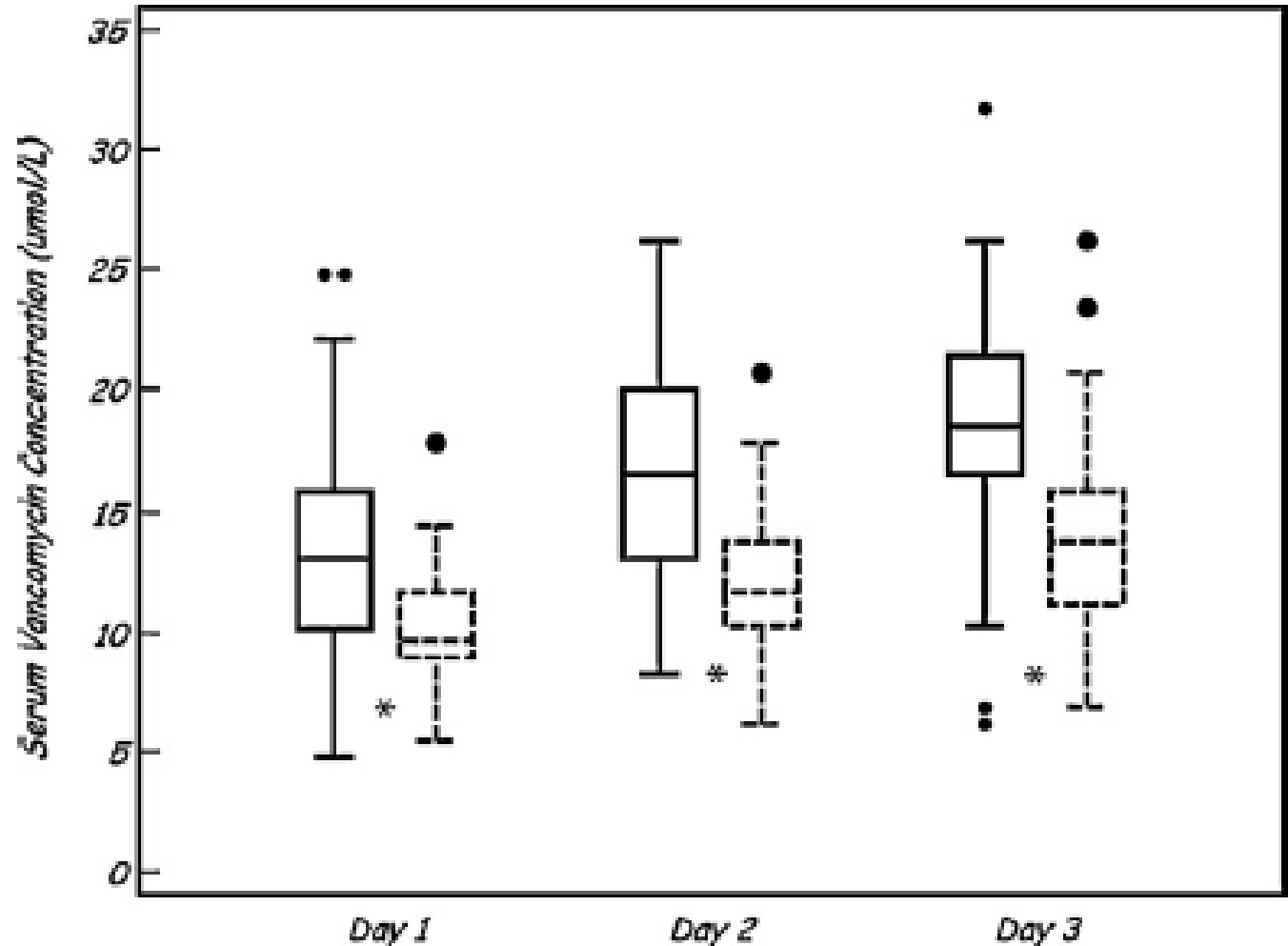
Vancomycin Optimization with ARC

Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prospective• Single-center• Observational cohort study
Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• n = 93• Severe sepsis or septic shock• Ages 18 - 80• Ventilated
Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vancomycin loading dose followed by 30 mg/kg/day infusion over 24 hours• Daily analysis of serum vancomycin levels (Days 1 to 3)• 24-hour urine collection• Compare CrCL \leq 130 mL/min and CrCL $>$ 130 mL/min

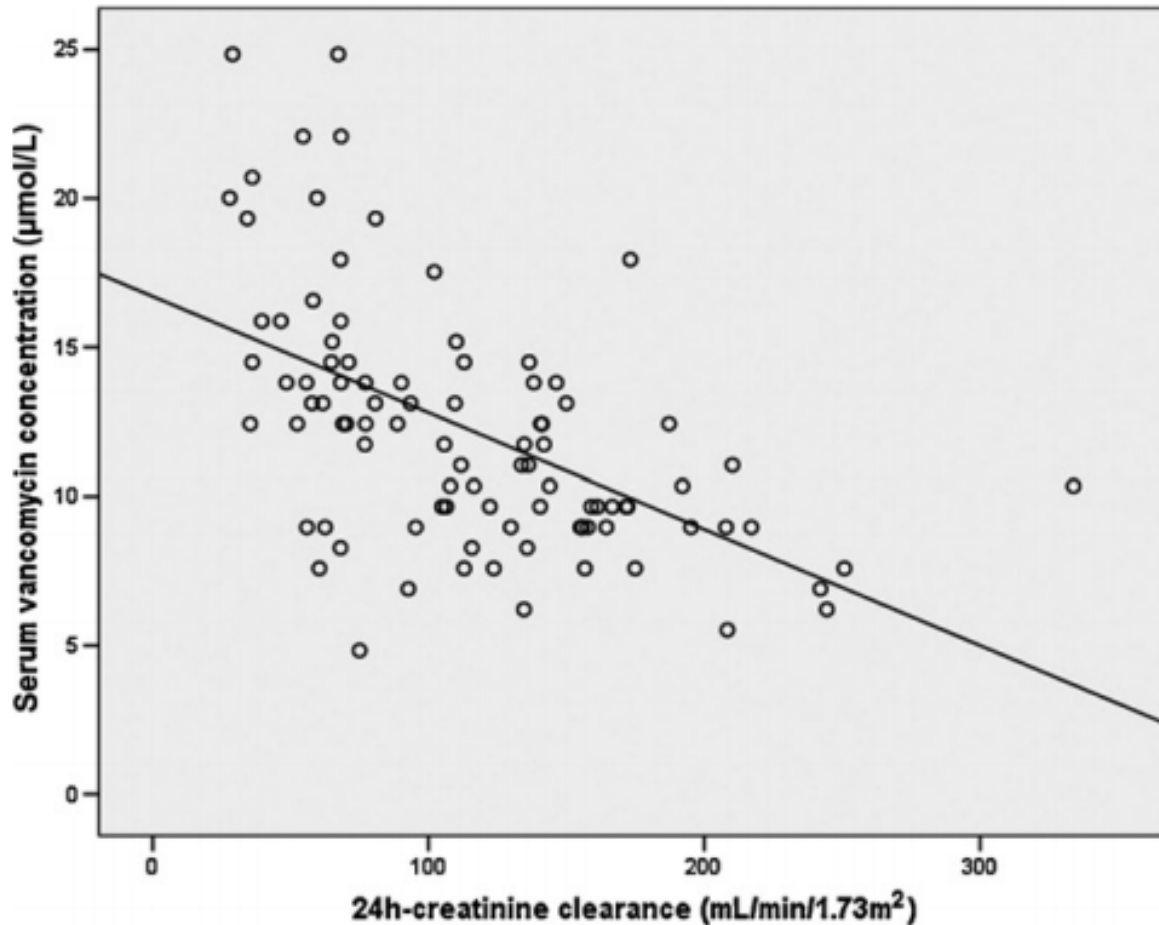
Median Serum Vancomycin Concentrations

Group A (solid):
CrCL \leq 130 mL/min

Group B (dotted):
CrCL $>$ 130 mL/min



Vancomycin Concentration and CrCL



Take Away:

- Direct correlation of vancomycin concentration and CrCl
- Day I of therapy: 90% of the ARC group subtherapeutic*
- More aggressive dose strategy

*Following a load and infusion started on Day 0

ARC AND CLINICAL OUTCOMES

Mortality in Enterobacteriaceae Bloodstream Infections

Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retrospective cohort study
Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• n = 494• Sepsis, severe sepsis or septic shock with positive blood culture of any Enterobacteriaceae organism• Age \geq 18 years old
Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determine whether ARC was prevalent and if it impacts mortality• Calculated CrCL: MDRD and CKD-EPI• ARC defined as CrCL $>$ 130 mL/min/1.73m²

ARC and Clinical Outcomes

- Only 5% had ARC
- Multivariate logistic regression analysis, ARC did not influence 30-day mortality

	GFR* \leq 130 mL/min/1.73m ² n = 467	GFR* $>$ 130 mL/min/1.73m ² n = 27	p-value
ICU length of stay, mean days (range)	0.8 (0-4.8)	0.9 (0-4.7)	0.913
30-day mortality, n (%)	64 (13.1)	3 (11.1)	1

* By CKD-EPI or MDRD

Continuous vs. Intermittent Beta Lactam Therapy and Clinical Outcomes

Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sub-study of the BLING-II trial• Randomized• Placebo-controlled• Multicenter (25 ICUs)
Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• n = 432• Severe sepsis receiving piperacillin/tazobactam, ticarcilin/clavulanic acid or meropenem by continuous or intermittent infusion
Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loading dose and randomized to continuous infusion or intermittent infusion• Measured CrCL• ARC defined as CrCL \geq 130 mL/min

Comparison of Clinical Outcomes

	All Patients n = 254	No ARC CrCL < 130 mL/min n = 209	ARC CrCL ≥ 130 mL/min n = 45	p-value
ICU free days at day 28, median (IQR)	21(11-24)	21 (11-25)	21 (12-24)	0.89
Clinical cure at 14 days post antibiotic, n (%)	148 (58.3)	115 (55.0)	33 (73.3)	0.024
Length of ICU stay, median days (IQR)	6 (3-11)	5 (3-11)	7 (4-12)	0.37
90-day mortality, n (%)	47 (18.5)	41 (19.6)	6 (13.3)	0.33

Comparison of Continuous vs. Intermittent Beta Lactam Administration

	ARC CrCL \geq 30 mL/min n = 45			No ARC CrCL < 130 mL/min n = 209		
	CI n = 19	II n = 26	p-value	CI n = 103	II n = 106	p-value
ICU free days at day 28, median (IQR)	20 (10-24)	23 (16-24)	0.44	20 (11-24)	22 (10-25)	0.40
Clinical cure at 14 days post antibiotic, n (%)	14 (73.7)	19 (73.1)	0.96	60 (58.3)	55 (51.9)	0.36
90-day mortality, n (%)	2 (10.5)	4 (15.4)	0.64	19 (18.4)	22 (20.8)	0.67

CI: Continuous infusion beta lactam II: Intermittent infusion beta lactam therapy

Summary

- ARC is not fully understood
- Calculated CrCL does not correlate well with measured CrCL
- Consider measured CrCL and suspect ARC in high risk patients who may not be clinically improving as expected
- The current literature does not suggest ARC affects clinical outcomes

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