### FR01-14 RANDALL'S PLAQUES: A MYSTERY OF THE KIDNEY

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# A Case of Nephrolithiasis

- 32 y/o Male with a h/o recurrent bilateral nephrolithiasis
- Came in for bilateral ureteroscopy with laser lithotripsy and stent exchange, cystoscopy and fluoroscopy



### **A Curious Discovery**









# History

#### • 600 BC

• A vegetarian diet, a urethral syringe of medicated milk, clarified butter, and alkalis

#### • 1832 AD

- Jean Civale invents the lithotrite
- Mortality fell from >18% to "2.2%"



# History





## **Alexander Randall**

- Born on April 18, 1883 in Annapolis Maryland, US
- Medical training Johns Hopkins University 1907
  - Private assistant to Dr. H. Young in 1910
- 1917-1919 Major in the Medical Corps, US Army
- Professor University of Pennsylvania
- AUA President 1932



## Landmark Study

 Rejected isolated prior theories of Infection, Vitamin A deficiency, Parathyroid Hyperfunction

### THE ORIGIN AND GROWTH OF RENAL CALCULI Alexander Randall, M.D. Philadelphia, Pa.

1937 Annals of Surgery

## **Randall's Plaques**

- That there must be an initiating lesion that precedes the formation of a renal calculus
- That the initiating lesion was to be looked for on the renal papilla
- Examined 430 pairs of kidneys 17% showed plaques
  - On microscopic study, the lesion was found to be a plaque of Calcium deposited in the interstitial tissue of the renal papilla, and definitely not intratubular.

## **Current Understanding**

#### Randall's Plaques

- Sub-epithelial deposits of CaP crystals
- Basement membrane of the loops of Henle
- Basement membrane of the vasa recta

#### Randall's Plugs

- Occlusion of the openings of the Ducts of Bellini
- renal tubular injury and focal inflammation
- supersaturation of precipitating salt

### **Associations with Randall's Plaques**

- Plaque at papillary surface linked to:
  - Kidney stone number
  - Low urine volume
  - Low urine pH
  - High urinary calcium
  - Tubular plugging
- Present in most iCaOx SF
  - Higher the surface area the more severe disease



## Legacy

- Died November 18, 1951
- Survived by his wife Edith and his 4 children
- However his legacy lives on

### **A Unified Theory on Pathogenesis**



the Time of Endoscopy in Patients with Nephrolithiasis – Borofsky, M – 2016

### **Continued Burden**

#### Incidence

- •1988-1994: 5.2%
- •2007-2010: **8.4%** 
  - •Men: 10.6%
  - •Women 7.1%

#### Cost of Disease

- 2000: \$2 billion2006: \$10 billion
- MET with tamsulosin: \$1132 cost advantage over observation
- Still only reduce recurrence **30-50%**



### **Risk of Cancer**

- Netherlands Cohort Study
  - 120,000 participants aged 55 69
  - Urinary Calculi 👔 risk of papillary RCC (HR:3.08) & UTUC (HR: 1.66)
- Taiwan National Health Insurance Research Database
  - 43,516 participants from 2000 2009
  - Urinary Calculi 1 risk of Kidney, Bladder, Breast, hematologic etc.
- Meta-analysis
  - 7 studies and 63,000 KS participants
  - Pooled RR of RCC = 1.76
  - Pooled RR of TCC = **2.14**

# **Changing Landscape**

#### • 2007 – 2014 United States

- 1.4 million patients diagnosed with nephrolithiasis
  - 68,000 received Surgical treatment intervention
- Decreasing Trend for SWL and an increase for RIRS. PCNL remained steady
- Cost: RIRS < SWL < PCNL < Open Surgery



Changing Trends in the Treatment of Nephrolithiasis in the Real World Kyung Jin Chung, et al

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