

Management of Fetal Renal Tract Dilatation: Antenatal v1.0 Feb 2017

First US Assessment

16-28 weeks

≥28weeks

Visible dilatation in the first trimester is always abnormal

AP RPD < 4mm

AP RPD <7mm

N +/- central calyceal dilatation (no peripheral dilatation)
No additional findings

N **NORMAL**
No follow up

AP RPD 4mm to <7mm

AP RPD 7mm to <10 mm

A1 +/- central calyceal dilatation (no peripheral dilatation)
No additional findings

A1 **LOW RISK**

AP RPD ≥7 mm

AP RPD ≥10 mm

A2 +/- central calyceal dilatation (no peripheral dilatation)
No additional findings

A2 **INTERMEDIATE RISK**
Maternal GP registration
Fetal Medicine referral if AP RPD ≥10 mm at any stage*

AP RPD ≥4mm

AP RPD ≥7mm

A3 PLUS any one or more of:
Peripheral calyceal dilatation
Abnormal parenchymal thickness
Abnormal parenchymal appearance
Dilated ureters
Abnormal bladder wall or ureterocele
Unexplained oligohydramnios

A3 **HIGH RISK**
Fetal Medicine referral*
Maternal GP registration

Dilated duplex or anomalous kidneys, cystic kidney disease or other abnormal parenchyma without dilatation

EXIT PROTOCOL
Fetal medicine referral*

Follow-up US Assessment

Repeat US at or near 32 weeks .
Repeat is not needed if dilatation was first detected after 28 weeks.

Repeat US at or near 32 weeks / in 4 – 6 weeks (whichever is later) or as determined by Fetal Medicine*

Follow up is mandatory but should be determined by Fetal Medicine*

Reassess using same criteria as First US Assessment pathway ≥28weeks

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A1 **LOW RISK**
Maternal and Neonatal GP registration
Initial Postnatal Ultrasound:
1-3 months

A2 **INTERMEDIATE RISK**
Fetal Medicine referral*
Maternal and Neonatal GP registration
Initial Postnatal Ultrasound:
Day 7 and again at 1-3 months

A3 **HIGH RISK**
Fetal Medicine referral*
Maternal and Neonatal GP registration
Consider antenatal paediatric specialist services referral
Minimum Postnatal Ultrasound:
US at day 7 and again at 1-3 months
Additional US within 24-48 hours after birth if suspected bladder outlet obstruction, oligohydramnios, abnormal parenchyma or worrying clinical presentation such as poor urine output. Clinical assessment drives urgency. Consider catheter placement if US delayed or concern about bladder outflow obstruction.

*or appropriate local equivalent

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First US Assessment

Timing as per the Antenatal Pathway

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P1 **AP RPD 10 to < 15mm**
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P2 **AP RPD ≥15mm**
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P2 **AP RPD < 15mm**
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No additional findings

P3 **AP RPD ≥15mm**
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P3 **Any AP RPD**
PLUS Any one or more of:
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Anomalous kidneys, cystic kidney disease, symptomatic child or urinary tract infections

All children with abnormal renal scans require registration with a GP

N **NORMAL**
Normal scan before 1 month age:
Repeat in 3 months
Normal scan after 1 month age:
EXIT PROTOCOL: No further follow-up

P1 **LOW RISK**
Low risk before 1 month age:
Repeat in 3 months and at 12 months
Low risk after 1 month age:
Needs repeat US and GP assessment at 12 months of age

P2 **INTERMEDIATE RISK**
Needs specialist input

P3 **HIGH RISK**
Needs urgent specialist input

EXIT PROTOCOL
Referral or other management as appropriate

US assessment at 12 months

Use same criteria as first US assessment

If normal at 12 months then EXIT PROTOCOL
No further follow up

If remains P1 at 12 months old then EXIT PROTOCOL
No further follow up

If P2 or P3 at 12 months then follow appropriate pathway

1. Referral to local outpatient Specialist Paediatric Service
2. Repeat US 1 – 3 months
At discretion of responsible clinician, consider:
Prophylactic antibiotics
MCU if bilaterally dilated ureters or calyces
Mag3 or DTPA after 3 months age if suspicion of obstruction

1. Urgent referral to local Specialist Paediatric Service
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