



# 12/13/21 Nephro Morning Report with @CPSolvers



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**CC:** Abdominal Pain and Edema.

**HPI:** 36F recently dx w/T2DM p/w abdominal pain - diffuse spotty pain - and edema.

Sw prior: first developed pain in L foot. Diffusely involved lower body and flank. Became worse in lower abdomen. Worked up in ED - elevated DD and liver enzymes. TransVag USG: cyst. Pelvic exam: neg gonorrhea and chlamydia, tx for possible PID and discharged. Possible UTI.

2 days prior: Continued w/ abdominal pain. CT scan showed possible pancreatitis and sacroiliitis. Developed worsening edema in lower Ext and face and diffuse pain.

ROS: more frequent urination and change in urine colour. No fever or chills. No HA or vision changes. Regular periods and started menstruating today.

**PMH:**  
T2DM- 2m ago)

**Meds:**  
Metformin - stopped 1m ago.  
Ibuprofen 2 days total

**Fam Hx:** None.

**Soc Hx:**  
Originally from Central America. No occupational or TB exposures. No pets.

**Health-Related Behaviors:**  
No alcohol, tabaco, drugs or herbal supplements.

**Allergies:**

**Vitals:** T: afebrile HR:90 BP 140-150/90 RR: nl SpO<sub>2</sub>:99 BMI: 25

**Exam:**Gen:no acute distress.

**HEENT:** Eye -normal. White coating on tongue.

**CV:** Normal. No murmurs. No JVD. **Pulm:** CTAB. **Neuro:** Normal.

**Abd:** Mild pain in suprapubic region and flank. No hepatomegaly.

**Extremities/Skin:** Diffuse anasarca - non pitting edema and facial edema. Tenderness to palpation in sacral iliac spine. Swelling on hands but no signs of active ? No rashes.

**Notable Labs & Imaging:**

**Previous workups:** UAs: proteinuria (3+), no RBC and Hba1c:7.1

**Hematology:** WBC:8.9 (normal dif) Hgb:16.3 Plt:491

**Chemistry:**Na: 132 K:3.9 Cl:109 CO<sub>2</sub>:23 BUN:9 Cr:0.39 glucose: 100 Ca:8 Hepatic panel: normal. Albumin: 2.1 TP 4.8

Urine pregnancy test: neg.

UA: spec gravity 1.009, pH 6, proteinuria >500, neg ketones, large amount of blood (10 RBCs), 10 WBC, 10 epithelial cells, 13 hyaline casts. Protein/Cr,15 Albumin/CR: 11

Urine microscopy: hyaline cells Urine culture: negative.

C3 and C4: normal. CRP <5 ESR: 49

Hepatitis panel and HIV: neg. Quantiferon gold: Neg Strongy: Neg. SPEP w/free light chains: normal.

RF, ANA, anti dsDNA Phospholipase A2 Receptor : negative

**Imaging:**Renal USG/Doppler: normal.

Renal Biopsy: possible phospholipase A2 neg membranous nephropathy. Electron microscopy: foot enforcement, scattered sub-epi and mesangial deposits.

**Rheum consult:** considered spondyloarthritis.

**Final Dx:** Membranous nephropathy.

**Problem Representation:** 36F recently dx w/T2DM p/w sacroiliac joint and abd. pain, anasarca and nephrotic range proteinuria.

- Teaching Points (Brodie):**
- 3+ on UA is significant but it is not great as a marker, UPCR better.
  - AKI can also present with nephrotic range proteinuria
  - Hyaline casts: prerenal cause
  - **Low Anion Gap :** MM, Low albumin, Li, **Nephrotic Range Proteinuria:**
  - Primary kidney: MCD (NSAID, idiopathic), membranous (solid cancers), FSGS (primary, secondary (BMI increased, OSA+), autoimmune causes (IgG4+pancreatitis)
  - Systemic: Diabetes, amyloid, MM [HIV: FSGS, HepB: Membranous, HepC: MPGN]
  - **Nephrotic Syndrome:** proteinuria, edema and hypoalbuminemia, hyperlipidemia + hypercoagulable state which is more common with membranous nephropathy. Albumin < 2.8 or they should be anticoagulated or else with RVT, or DVT.
  - **Renal biopsy:** to get a pathological diagnosis but serologies might be required to zero into the etiology.
  - Rule out RPGN: ANCA vasculitides, anti GBM [lupus great mimicker]
  - **IgG4 disease:** most common renal manifestation: acute interstitial nephritis
  - **Membranous Nephropathy:** primary: most are PLAR2+
  - Prognostic factors: male sex, nephrotic range proteinuria, abnormal renal function at presentation.
  - Course: A 1/3 remits on its own, 1/3 relapse/remit, 1/3 ESRD
  - Treatment: ARBs, control NS, till 3-6 months: Immunosuppression: Cytoxan,Rituximab