

Summary and Conclusion

Our study was carried out in nephrology department of Ahmed Maher Teaching Hospital in the period between march and may 2011. The study included sixty end-stage kidney disease patients on regular hemodialysis presented by hyperphosphatemia. They are divided into 4 groups each containing 15 patients as classified :-

- First group: increasing time of hemodialysis session from 4 to 6 hours.
- Second group: usage of dialyzer with high phosphorus clearance (Gambro polyflux 17).
- Third group: usage of calcium carbonate as a phosphate binder (Calcimat).
- Fourth group: usage of calcium acetate as a phosphate binder (Dailycal).

The duration of the study is 3 months. Serum calcium, phosphorus, albumin, parathyroid hormone and alkaline phosphatase enzyme are measured before and after the study to compare the effect of these methods on reducing serum phosphorus level.

Inclusion criteria:-

- Hyperphosphatemic end-stage kidney disease patient on regular hemodialysis.
- Not parathyroidectomized patients.
- Washout period 2 weeks before the study.

All subjects submitted to:-

- (1) Washout period 2 weeks before the study.
- (2) Detailed history taking.
- (3) Clinical examination.
- (4) Laboratory investigation:-

[Serum calcium, phosphorus, Albumin, Parathyroid hormone, Alkaline phosphatase enzyme].

Before and after the performance of the study

(5) The parameters of the hemodialysis session are:-

- Pump: 300 ml/min.
- Dialysate flow rate: 500 ml/min.
- Used filter: F7 .Except in 2nd group we use dialyser with High phosphorus clearance (Gambro polyflux 17).
- Time of session: 4 hours. Except in 1st group time is prolonged to 6 hours.

(6) Usage the same dose of calcium carbonate and calcium acetate in 3rd and 4th groups. (1.5 g / day).

(7) The collected data were tabulated and analyzed using the suitable statistical methods":

From our study it is concluded that:-

- Increasing time of hemodialysis session from 4 to 6 hours has no significant role in reduction of serum phosphorus level.
- Usage dialyzer of high phosphorus clearance reduces serum phosphorus significantly but not enough to reach the (NKF-K/DOQI) guidelines 3.5-5.5 mg/dL so, concomitant usage of phosphate binders is necessary.
- Calcium acetate is a good alternative to calcium carbonate. Both are effective but calcium acetate binds phosphorus much more than calcium carbonate with little incidence of hypercalcemia which limits usage of calcium carbonate.