

KNOWLEDGE OF A SAMPLE OF THE BRAZILIAN POPULATION ABOUT THE FUNCTION OF SERUM CREATININE



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INTRODUCTION

Intracranial aneurysms (IAs) are a common extra-renal manifestation of Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease (ADPKD), with prevalences of up to 17%, contrasting with occurrences in the general population (typically 1-2%). However, the need for selective or generalized screening remains controversial. The present study aimed to characterize the prevalence and clinical course of IAs in a sample of Brazilian ADPKD patients.

METHODS

This cross-sectional observational study was conducted in the city of São Paulo (SP, Brazil) and involved interviews with a random adult population. People answered a form with questions about demographic data, comorbidities, laboratory tests and medical visits.

RESULTS

Table 1. Demographic data and information collected by interviews

Variables	All n (%) / Median (1st - 3rd IQ)	Right*	Wrong*	P
N	1138	223 (19.6)	915 (80.4)	
Age, years	36 (27-52)	41 (30 - 57)	36 (26 - 51)	<0.001
Sex				
Female	627 (55.1)	139 (62.3)	488 (53.3)	0.015
Male	511 (44.9)	84 (37.4)	427 (46.7)	
Comorbidities				
Hypertension	135 (11.9)	37 (16.6)	98 (10.7)	0.015
Diabetes	63 (5.5)	17 (7.6)	46 (5)	0.138
Educational level				
Elementary school	59 (5.2)	5 (2.2)	54 (5.9)	<0.001
High school	321 (28.2)	35 (15.7)	286 (31.3)	
Undergraduate degree	553 (48.6)	119 (53.4)	434 (47.4)	
Graduate school	178 (18.0)	64 (28.7)	141 (15.4)	
Healthcare students	67 (5.9)	29 (12.0)	38 (4.2)	<0.001
Healthcare workers	159 (14.0)	76 (34.1)	83 (9.1)	<0.001
Check-up				
No	280 (24.6)	31 (13.9)	249 (27.2)	<0.001
One time/year	514 (45.2)	123 (55.2)	391 (42.7)	
Two times/year	255 (22.4)	55 (24.7)	200 (21.9)	
Less than one time/year	89 (7.8)	14 (6.2)	75 (8.2)	
Previous laboratory tests				
Cholesterol	928(81.5)	212 (95.1)	716 (78.3)	<0.001
Glucose	952 (83.7)	214 (96.0)	738 (80.7)	<0.001
Creatinine				
No	462 (40.6)	24 (10.8)	438 (47.9)	<0.001
Normal	609 (53.5)	185 (83.0)	424 (46.3)	
Altered	32 (2.8)	11 (4.9)	21 (2.3)	
Cannot remember	35 (3.1)	3 (1.3)	32 (3.5)	
Someone with kidney disease**	544 (47.8)	145 (65.0)	399 (43.6)	<0.001

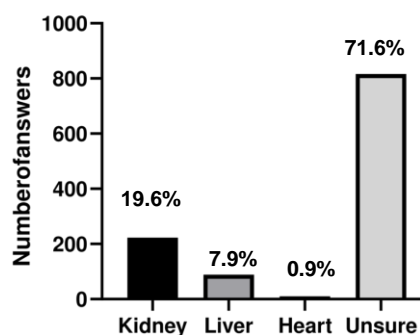


Figure 1. Responses (4 options provided) to the question: "Which organ has its function evaluated by creatinine?"

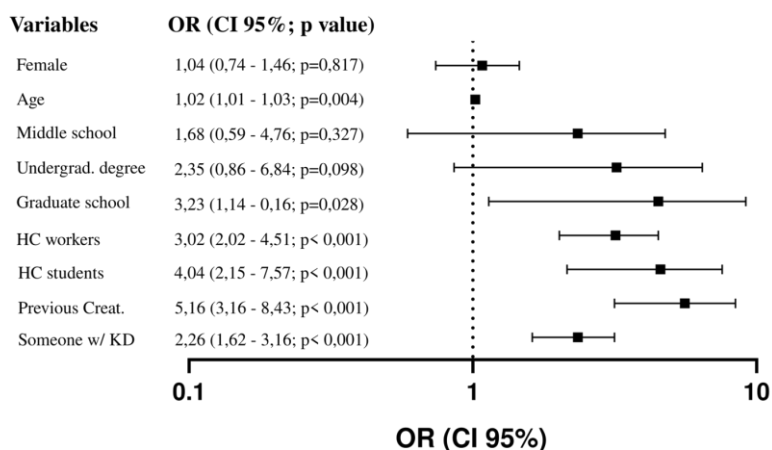


Figure 2. Forest plot relating different variables to knowledge on serum creatinine role using multivariate logistic regression. Abbreviations: H. School = High School; H. Education = Higher Education; HC = Healthcare; Creat. measurement = Previous serum creatinine measurement; Know KD = Know someone with kidney disease.



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CONCLUSION

There is a significant lack of knowledge about serum creatinine and its use in check-ups. The results indicate that greater efforts are needed from healthcare professionals to raise awareness on the role of serum creatinine.