Occupational Renal & Reproductive Diseases

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Occupational Renal Diseases

• Acute renal dysfunction:

Acute tubular necrosis

Organic solvent – heavy metals – arsine

Chronic renal dysfunction:

Chronic interstitial nephritis heavy metals - Organic solvent – silica

Nephrotic syndrome: mercury

Important nephrotoxins

• Metals:

Lead – mercury – cadmium – chromium

Solvents:

Halogenated hydrocarbon
CCI4, trichloroethylene
Non Halogenated hydrocarbon
Toluene, phenol, monoethylether

Others:

Arsine, silica, phosphors

Screening Tests

 BUN, Cr: is inadequate do not become abnormal

until significant renal damage

- High molecular weight proteinuria: Albumin, ferritin
- Low molecular weight proteinuria:
 B2 microglobuline , Retinol binding protein
- Enzymuria:
 N-acetyl glucose aminidase, LDH

Reproductive Toxicity

First occupational reproductive hazard
 Percival Pott but not taken seriously until

 1975 lead exposed male workers in Romania 1977 DBCP in exposed male workers in California

Reproductive Toxicity

REPRODUCTIVE FUNCTION

Women Who Are Pregnant

Women of Child Bearing Age

Men

Reproductive Toxicity

Difficulty in studying repro toxicity in women

- nature of the female cycle
- relative frequency spontaneous abortions

 common occurrence of birth defects in general population

Adverse Male Reproductive Effects of Selected Agent

| Agent | Out come | Strength |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Alcohol | azoospermia | + |
| Boron | oligospermia | + |
| chloroprene | asthenospermia | ++ |
| Lead | Oligospermia | ++ |
| Mercury | Decrease libido | + |
| Microwave | oligospermia | + |
| Excessive heat | oligospermia | + |
| Ion-radiation | oligospermia | ++ |

Adverse Female Reproductive Effects of Selected Agent

| Agent | Out come | Strengt h |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Arsenic | SAB-LBW | + |
| Carbon monoxide | SAB- menstrual dis | + |
| Mercury | SAB- LBW CNS malformation | ++ |
| Lead | SAB-infertility | ++ |
| Organic solvent | SAB- menstrual dis | +/? |
| VDT | SAB - BDs | |
| Physical stress | Preterm LBW-SAB- | +/? |