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## **Long term outcomes of post-transplant infections in adult renal transplant recipients**

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### **Objectives:**

Infections are a major cause of morbidity in the form of graft loss and mortality in RTR. A number of factors in pre and peri transplant period increase the susceptibility to PTI affecting the overall graft and patient survival.

### **Methods:**

An observational study of 644 adult RTR ( $\geq 18$  yrs) between Jan 2010 and Dec 2015, followed till Jun 2019. Primary objective was to study epidemiology of risk factors of PTI. Secondary objective was to evaluate transplant outcomes.

### **Results:**

PTI were seen in 83.1%, of which majority (64%) occurred in the first year. Of all infections, 55.5% were bacterial, 18.5% viral, 10.8% parasitic, 8% fungal, and remaining 7.1% mycobacterial. UTI (37.4%) was most common infection with E. Coli (18.9%) being the commonest cause. Relative risk with PTI for graft dysfunction was 4 times higher ( $p < 0.01$ ), graft loss was 3 times higher ( $p < 0.01$ ) and death was 3 times higher ( $p = 0.01$ ) as compared to non PTI. Recurrence of PTI had 2 times higher risk of graft dysfunction ( $p < 0.01$ ) and 3 times higher risk of graft loss ( $p = 0.00$ ). Overall, graft loss was 19.1% and the mortality rate was 12.1% of the study population. The relative risk of fungal infections to cause graft loss was 2 times higher as compared to other infections (95% CI 1.23-2.18,  $p < 0.003$ ). The relative risk of fungal infections to cause death was 2 times higher than other infections (95% CI 1.20-2.56,  $p < 0.008$ ). On multivariate analysis, the predictors of PTI were ATG induction ( $P < 0.01$ ), pre transplant Tuberculosis ( $P = 0.02$ ) and dialysis vintage ( $P = 0.02$ ). On KM survival analysis, graft and patient survival was inferior in PTI at 1, 5 and 9 years; (graft: PTI 94.6%; 81.7%; 70.3% vs non PTI 98%; 92.2%; 90%,  $p = 0.004$ , patient: PTI 97.9%; 88.2%; 81.9% vs non PTI 98.3%; 95.2%; 92.9%,  $p = 0.012$ )

**Conclusions:** PTI have a significant impact on graft survival and patient survival in RTR.