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(Magnetic Resonance Urography; MRU)

: MRU (Percutane - ous  
nephrostomy, PCN) (Antegrade pyelography, AGP)  
25 Half - Fourier acquisition single - shot turbo spin - echo  
(HASTE) T2 MRU 3 - Dimensional fast imaging with steady state  
precession (3 - D FISP) T1 MRU  
MRU AGP

가 , , AGP  
HASTE 3 - D FISP  
: 3 - D FISP MRU가 T2 MRU  
( $p=0.002$ ). AGP HASTE  
T2 MRU 19 (76%), 3 - D FISP MRU 21  
(84%) AGP HASTE  
18 (72%), 3 - D FISP 22 (88%)  
가 3 - D FISP MRU가 T2 MRU  
( $p=0.003$ ).  
: T2 MRU T1 MRU 가

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(Antegrade Pyelography, AGP)

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(Intravenous Urography, IVU)

(1).

가 ,  
(invasive technique)

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, IVU

(4).

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(2 - 3).  
(Retrograde Pyelography, RGP)

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T2 (MR

Urography, MRU)

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(5 - 8). , T2

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AGP, RGP, , CT, MRU), (2 ),  
(4 ) (Table 1).

가 MRU 6

MR

(Contrast enhanced excretory MR urography, CEMRU)

(9 - 11).

가 AGP

T2 PCN MRU CEMRU MRU

가 PCN

가

1.5 Tesla Unit (Magnetom Vision unit, Siemens AG, Erlangen, Germany)

(phase array coil) . MR

T2 HASTE TR 11.9 ms, TE 95 ms,  
(flip angle) 150 °, acquisition 1, (field of  
view) 245 × 280 350 × 350 , (matrix  
size) 115 × 256 4 mm

13

15 (source images)

(Maximum intensity projection, MIP)

25 8

2 (nephrectomy)

55.8 ) 14:11

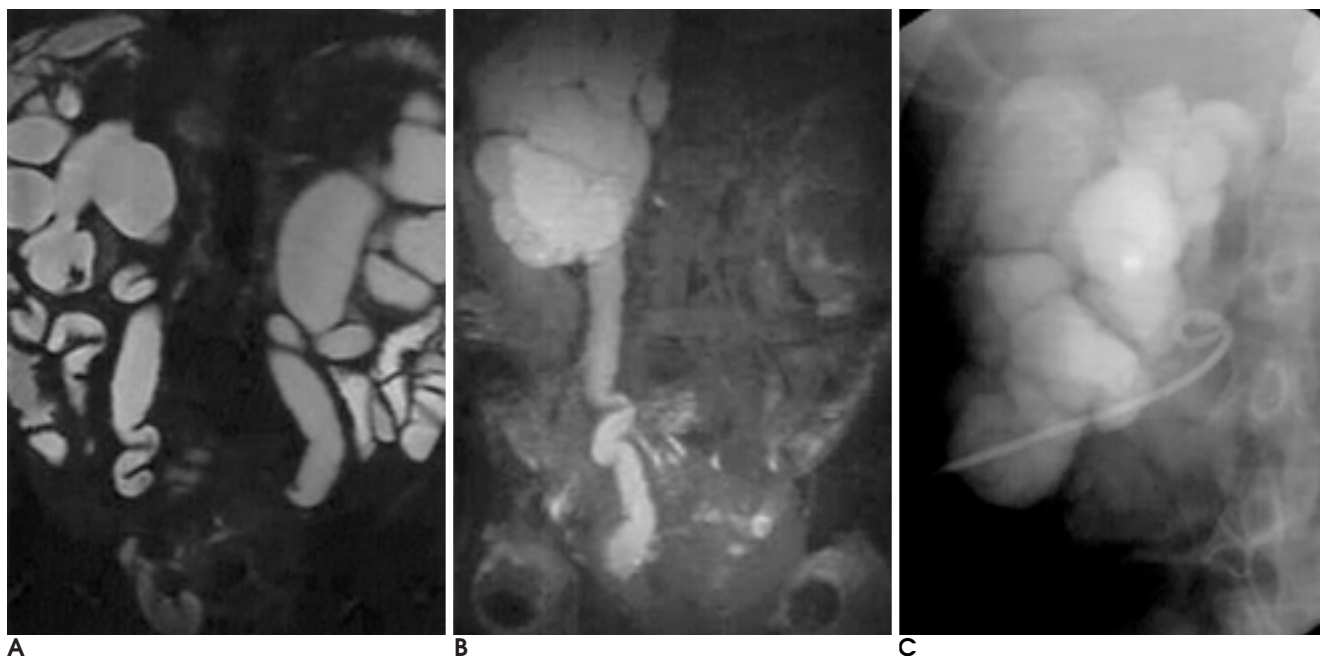
가 IVU

가 , PCN

(IVU,

**Table 1.** Final Clinical Diagnoses in 25 Patients

Diagnosis	No. of patients
Ureter stone	4
Anomaly of the urinary tract	1
Bladder outlet obstruction	1
Psoas muscle abscess	1
Benign stricture of urinary tract	13
Bladder cancer involving ureter	3
Transitional cell carcinoma	2



**Fig. 1.** A-57-year-old man with bladder cancer.

**A.** MIP image of HASTE MRU shows both hydronephrosis due to malignant obstruction of both ureters by invasion of bladder cancer at ureterovesical junction.

**B.** MIP image of CEMRU shows contrast excretion into right pelvocalyceal system but doesn't show excretion into left one, which suggests that right renal function is better than that of left kidney. Therefore, right kidney was selected for the site of percutaneous nephrostomy.

**C.** Antegrade pyelography (AGP) obtained after PCN shows severe hydronephrosis of right kidney.

CEMRU (Lasix; Hoechst, Frankfurt/Main, Germany) 20 mg (intravenous injection), 30 1 (paramagnetic substance) 가 kg 0.1 mmol (3 - signed rank test , , MRU CEMRU MR (type) 가

CEMRU (delineation) 3 , AGP 2 , AGP 1 가 Wilcoxon T2

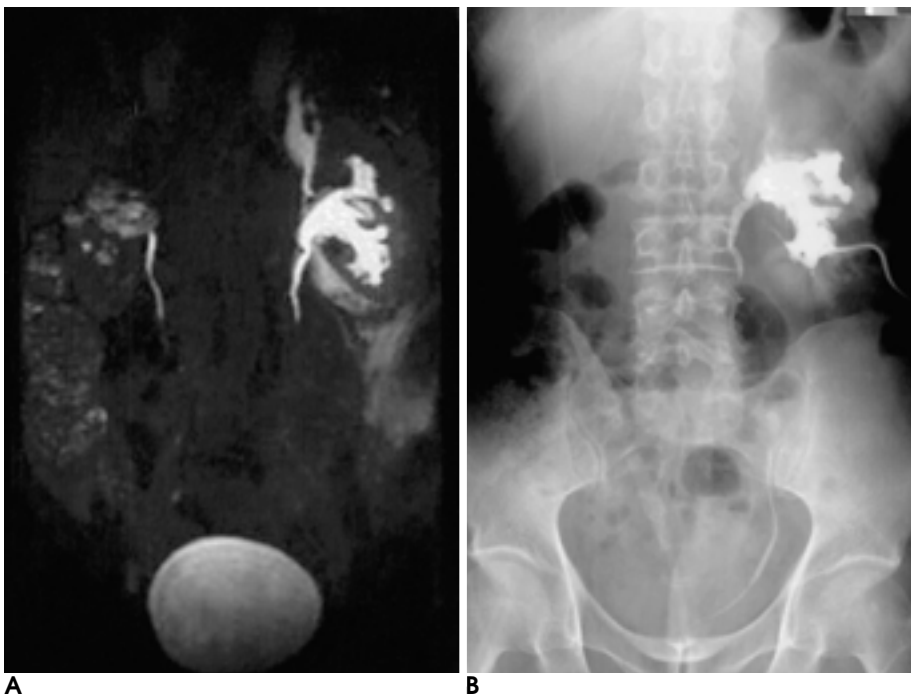
D gradient - echo sequences) TR 5 ms, TE 2 ms, 40 °, 115 × 256, 285 × 380, slice 2 mm 3 , 5 , 20 30

CEMRU 24 MIP ,

MRU 1 - 3 PCN , AGP 가 가 (smooth tapering) 가 (caliber change), (abrupt cutting), 가 T2 MRU CEMRU AGP

PCN 10 - 50 cc (loxitalamate, Telebrix )

T2 MRU T1 CEMRU 가 AGP AGP 4 , AGP 3 , AGP 2 , AGP 1 가 , Wilcoxon signed rank test



**Fig. 2.** A-63-year-old man with benign stricture of left ureter and extravasation of contrast material due to forniceal rupture.  
**A.** MIP image of CEMRU reveals complete obstruction of left proximal ureter. Extravasation of contrast material into perirenal space is noted.  
**B.** AGP shows incomplete obstruction of proximal ureter with the contrast passage into the bladder.

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가 (Fig. 3),

1 AGP

T2 MRU (signal void) MRU AGP

8 T2 MRU CEMRU

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(non - enhanced helical) CT

1 가 .

5 MRU 5 AGP 4 (Fig. 4).

PCN (Fig. 1).

CEMRU

T2 MRU ( $p=0.002$ ) (Table 2).

MRU 19 (76%) , CEMRU T2 21 (84%) AGP

MRU AGP가

AGP 20

5 , T2 MRU 18 (72%) CEMRU 22 (88%)

1 T2 MRU , CEMRU (spontaneous forniceal rupture)

가 , AGP

(Fig. CEMRU

2).

T2 MRU ( $p=0.003$ ) (Table 2).

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4 MRU AGP 2

1 AGP MRU

T2 HASTE

rapid acquisition with relaxation enhancement (RARE)

MRU

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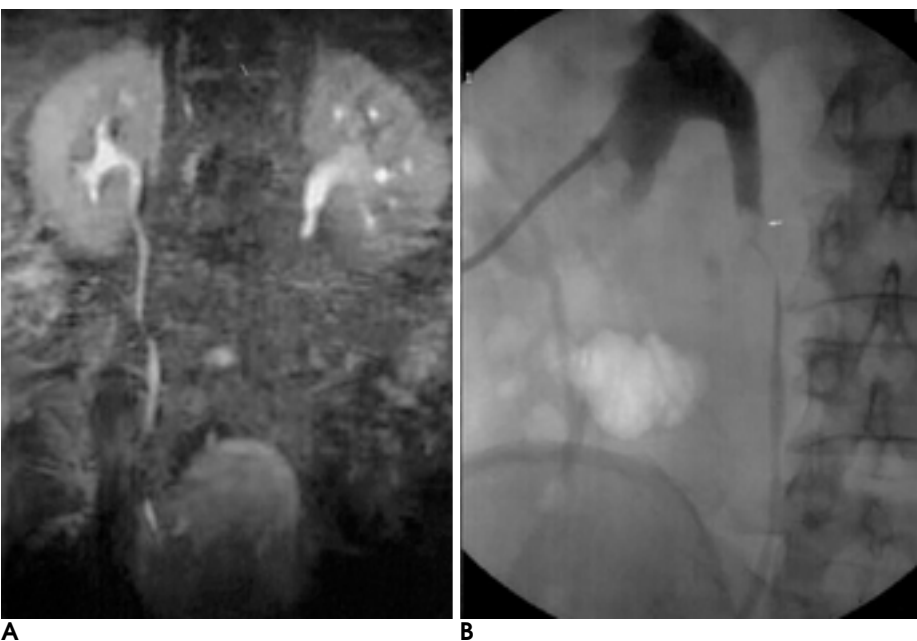
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**Table 2.** Comparison of T2-weighted MRU with CEMRU in Terms of the Depiction of Pelvocalyceal System and Causes of Obstructions

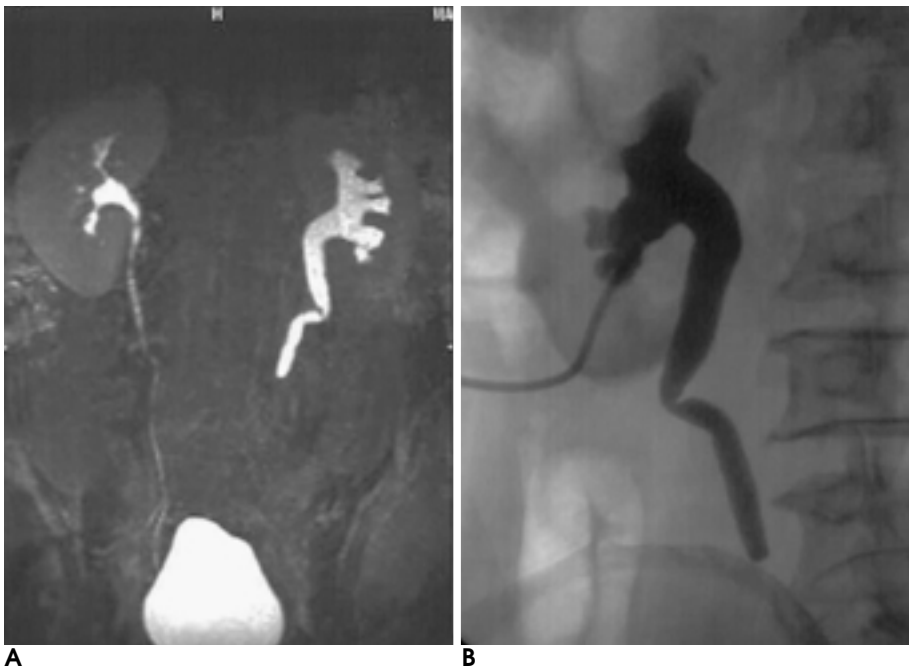
	T2-WI MRU*	CEMRU*	P-value†
Depiction of pelvocalyceal system	1.56 ± 0.77	1.96 ± 0.79	0.002
Causes of obstructions	2.16 ± 0.89	2.52 ± 0.82	0.003

\* : T2-weighted MRU using HASTE sequence and T1-weighted contrast enhanced MRU using 3-D FISP sequence

† : significant difference with  $p < .05$



**Fig. 3.** A-65-year-old man with left ureteral stone.  
**A.** MIP image of CEMRU shows stricture of left proximal ureter. However, the cause of obstruction is not definitely seen.  
**B.** AGP shows a round filling defect (arrow) at the proximal ureter clearly, which was proved a stone.



**Fig. 4.** A-67-year-old man with transitional cell carcinoma of left ureter.

**A.** MIP image of CEMRU demonstrates an abrupt ending of contrast filled ureteral column at the proximal ureter.

**B.** AGP demonstrates complete obstruction of the left ureter with abrupt cutting sign.

(2, 8, 12 - 14). T2 MRU IVU ,  
 , T1 MRU  
 (9, MRU  
 11). 가  
 RGP AGP  
 (17).  
 T2 MRU  
 PCN  
 PCN 가  
 CEMRU ( grade II ) 가  
 T2 MRU (excretion) ( grade III 5 - 20 T2 MRU (ampu -  
 CEMRU가 tation) 가  
 CEMRU T2 MRU  
 T2 MRU 가 T1  
 MRU  
 (superimposition) 가 CEMRU 3  
 (13, 14, 16). (whole length)  
 T2 MRU CEMRU 가  
 ,  
 (9, 11).  
 AGP MRU MIP  
 가 3 - D FISP CEMRU

가 T2

MRU AGP RGP

2

5 mm

1 mm

(7, 9, 12, 16).

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CEMRU T2 MRU

2 AGP

T2 MRU

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CEMRU

(single kid -

ney) 가

PCN

MRU AGP

RGP

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## The Usefulness of T2-weighted MR Urography and Contrast Enhanced MR Urography in the Evaluation of Obstructive Uropathy: Comparisonal Study with Antegrade Pyelography<sup>1</sup>

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**Purpose:** To compare the efficacy of contrast-enhanced and T2-weighted magnetic resonance urography (MRU) for the depiction of obstruction and evaluation of the causes of obstructive uropathy with that of antegrade pyelography.

**Materials and Methods:** Twenty-five patients with obstructive uropathy who underwent percutaneous nephrostomy (PCN) and antegrade pyelography (AGP) were included in the study. We performed MR urography, comprising half-Fourier acquisition single-shot turbo spin-echo (HASTE) T2-weighted imaging and 3-D fast imaging with steady state precession (3-D FISP) T1-weighted imaging after gadolinium enhancement and compared the quality of the images of both the HASTE and 3-D FISP MRU techniques in terms of their depiction of the dilated pelvocalyceal system, and the level, type, and causes of obstruction.

**Results:** In terms of anatomical depiction of the pelvocalyceal system ( $p=0.002$ ) and the causes of obstruction ( $p=0.003$ ), T1-weighted MRU using 3D-FISP was significantly better than T2-weighted MRU using the HASTE sequence. Regarding level of obstruction, T2-weighted MRU using the HASTE sequence and contrast-enhanced T1-weighted MRU using 3D-FISP showed an accuracy of 76% (19/25) and 84% (21/25), respectively. In terms of type of obstruction, the accuracy of T2-weighted MRU and T1-weighted CEMRU was 72% (18/25) and 88% (22/25), respectively.

**Conclusion:** T2-weighted MRU and T1-weighted CEMRU provided both anatomical information and that relating to impaired renal function. The two modelities played a complementary role and their use could decrease the unnecessary use of invasive diagnostic examination for the evaluation of obstructive uropathy.

**Index words :** Magnetic resonance (MR), technology  
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