

Normal vitamin D intake not linked to kidney stone risk

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(HealthDay)—There is no statistically significant correlation between



typical vitamin D intake and incident kidney stones, according to a study published in the February issue of *The Journal of Urology*.

Pietro Manuel Ferraro, M.D., Ph.D., from Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Rome, and colleagues conducted a prospective analysis of 193,551 participants in the Health Professionals Follow-up Study (HPFS) and Nurses' Health Study (NHS) I and II to examine the correlation between vitamin D intake and risk of incident kidney stones. Participants were categorized according to total and supplemental vitamin D intake.

There were 6,576 incident kidney stone events during a follow-up of 3,316,846 person-years. The researchers found that there was no statistically significant correlation between vitamin D intake and risk of stones in the HPFS (hazard ratio for 1,000 or more versus less than 100 IU per day, 1.08; 95 percent confidence interval, 0.8 to 1.47; P for trend = 0.92) and the NHS I (hazard ratio, 0.99; 95 percent confidence interval, 0.73 to 1.35; P for trend = 0.70), while there was a suggestion of higher risk in the NHS II (hazard ratio, 1.18; 95 percent confidence interval, 0.94 to 1.48; P for trend = 0.02) after multivariate adjustment. For supplemental vitamin D intake, the results were similar.

"Vitamin D intake in typical amounts was not statistically associated with risk of kidney stone formation, although higher risk with higher doses than those studied here cannot be excluded," the authors write.

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