



- EKG changes associated with hypokalemia**
- QTc prolongation
  - U waves
  - T wave changes (flattening, inversions, biphasic)
  - ST depressions

- Signs and symptoms of hypokalemia**
- Ileus
  - Muscle weakness/cramps
  - Rhabdomyolysis

**REFERENCES**

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**Treat and Monitor notes:**

**Things to consider**

- If hypomagnesemia present, treat with 2-4g MgSO4 IVPB
- If ongoing GI loss, treat with PPI

**Choice of potassium**

- PO
- Potassium chloride: most patients
  - Potassium phosphate: if low phosphate levels
  - Potassium bicarb/citrate: if metabolic acidosis

IV

- Potassium chloride: most patients
- Potassium acetate: if metabolic acidosis