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HEAD-TO-TOE ASSESSMENT

→
INSPECT
PALPATE
PERCUSS
AUSCULTATE

Introduction

- Knock
- Introduce yourself
- Wash hands
- Provide privacy
- Verify patient ID and DOB
- Explain what you are doing (using non-medical language)

Orientation

- What is your name?
- Do you know where you are?
- Do you know what month it is?
- Who is the current U.S. president?
- What are you doing here?
- A&O X4 = Oriented to Person, Place, Time, and Situation

"Normal" Vital Signs

PULSE: 60-100 bpm

BLOOD PRESSURE: 120/80 mmHg

O2 SATURATION: 95-100%

TEMPERATURE: 97.8-99.1° F

RESPIRATIONS: 12-20 breaths per min

Head & Face

HEAD

- Inspect head/scalp/hair
- Palpate head/scalp/hair

FACE

- Inspect
- Check for symmetry
 - To assess Cranial Nerve 7, check the following:
 - Raise eyebrows
 - Smile
 - Frown
 - Show teeth
 - Puff out cheeks
 - Tightly close eyes

EYES

- Inspects external eye structures
- Inspect color of conjunctiva and sclera
- PERRLA
 - Pupils **E**qual, **R**ound, **R**eactive to **L**ight, & **A**ccommodation

Neck, (Chest (Lungs) & Heart

NECK

- Inspect and palpate
- Palpate carotid pulse
- Check skin turgor (under clavicle)

POSTERIOR CHEST

- Inspect
- Auscultate lung sounds in posterior and lateral chest
 - Note any crackles or diminished breath sounds

ANTERIOR CHEST

- Inspect:
 - Use of accessory muscles
 - AP to transverse diameter
 - Sternum configuration
- Palpate: symmetric expansion
- Auscultate lung sounds – anterior and lateral
 - Note any crackles or diminished breath sounds

HEART

- Auscultate heart sounds (A, P, E, T, M) with diaphragm and bell
 - Note any murmurs, whooshing, bruits, or muffled heart sounds

Peripherals

PERIPHERALS

Upper extremities

- Inspect and palpate.
- Note any texture, lesions, temperature, moisture, tenderness, & swelling
- Palpate radial pulses bilaterally (+1, +2, +3, +4)

SHOULDER

- Inspect, palpate, and assess

ELBOWS

- Inspect, palpate, and assess

HANDS AND FINGERS

- Inspect hands/fingers/nails
- Palpate hands and finger joints
- Check muscle strength of hands bilaterally
 - Does each hand grip evenly?

+1 = Diminished
+2 = "Normal"

+3 = Full
+4 = Bounding, strong

Spine

- Have the patient stand up (if able)
- Inspect the skin on the back
- Inspect: spinal curvature (cervical/thoracic/lumbar)
- Palpate spine
- Note any lesions, lumps, or abnormalities

Lower Extremities (hips, knees, ankles)

LOWER EXTREMITIES

- Inspect:
 - Overall skin coloration
 - Lesions
 - Hair distribution
 - Varicosities
 - Edema
- Palpate: Check for edema (pitting or non-pitting)
- Check capillary refill bilaterally

HIPS

- Inspect and palpate

KNEES

- Inspect and palpate

ANKLES

- Inspect and palpate
- Post tibial pulse (+1, +2, +3, +4)
- Dorsal pedis pulse bilaterally (+1, +2, +3, +4)
 - Check strength bilaterally
 - Dorsiflexion flexion against resistance

Abdomen

- Inspect:
 - Skin color
 - Contour
 - Scars
 - Aortic pulsations
- Auscultate bowel sounds: all 4 quadrants (start in RLQ and go clockwise)
- Light palpation: all 4 quadrants

ABSENT: Must listen for at least 5 minutes to chart absent bowel sounds

HYPOACTIVE: One bowel sound every 3-5 minutes

NORMOACTIVE: Gurgles 5-30 time per minute

HYPERACTIVE: Can sometimes be heard without a stethoscope constant bowel sounds, > 30 sounds per minute

OVERALL

- Positions and drapes patient appropriately during exam (gave patient privacy)
- Gave patient feedback/instructions
- Exhibits professional manner during exam, treated patient with respect and dignity
- Organized: exam followed a logical sequence (order of exam "made sense")

DOSAGE CALCULATION

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ABBREVIATIONS

TIMES OF MEDICATIONS

| | |
|--------|-------------------|
| ac | before meals |
| pc | after meals |
| daily | every day |
| bid | two times a day |
| tid | three times a day |
| qid | four times a day |
| qh | every hour |
| ad lib | as desired |
| stat | immediately |
| q2h | every 2 hours |
| q4h | every 4 hours |
| q6h | every 6 hours |
| prn | as needed |
| hs | at bedtime |

EXAMPLE

A patient is receiving 1 mg **tid**.
How many mg will they receive in one day?

Remember: **tid** = 3X a day

Answer: if they are receiving 1 mg for 3X a day,
that's $1 \text{ mg} \times 3 = 3 \text{ mg per day}$

ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION

| | |
|------|-----------------------|
| PO | by mouth |
| IM | intramuscularly |
| PR | per rectum |
| SubQ | subcutaneously |
| SL | sublingual |
| ID | intradermal |
| GT | gastrostomy tube |
| IV | intravenous |
| IVP | intravenous push |
| IVPB | intravenous piggyback |
| NG | nasogastric tube |

DRUG PREPARATION

| | |
|-----------|--------------------|
| tab, tabs | tablet |
| cap, caps | capsule |
| gtt | drop |
| EC | enteric coated |
| CR | controlled release |
| susp | suspension |
| el, elix | elixir |
| sup, supp | suppository |
| SR | sustained release |

METRIC

| | |
|------------|-----------------|
| g (gm, Gm) | gram |
| mg | milligram |
| mcg | microgram |
| kg (Kg) | kilogram |
| L | liter |
| mL | milliliter |
| mEq | milliequivalent |

APOTHECARY AND HOUSEHOLD

| | |
|--------------|------------|
| gtt | drop |
| min, m, mx | minim |
| tsp | teaspoon |
| pt | pint |
| gal | gallon |
| dr | dram |
| oz | ounce |
| T, tbs, tbsp | tablespoon |
| qt | quart |

CONVERSIONS

BASED ON VOLUME

$$1 \text{ mg} = 1,000 \text{ mcg}$$

$$1 \text{ g} = 1,000 \text{ mg}$$

$$1 \text{ oz} = 30 \text{ mL}$$

$$8 \text{ oz} = 1 \text{ cup}$$

$$1 \text{ tsp} = 5 \text{ mL}$$

$$1 \text{ dram} = 5 \text{ mL}$$

$$1 \text{ tbsp} = 15 \text{ mL}$$

$$1 \text{ tbsp} = 3 \text{ tsp}$$

$$1 \text{ L} = 1,000 \text{ mL}$$

$$1 \text{ mL} = 15 \text{ gtts (drops)}$$

THE METRIC SYSTEM

Large unit to small unit → move decimal to the right

Small unit to large unit → move decimal to the left



Moving to a larger unit? Move the decimal place to the Left
(Ex: mcg → mg) (Larger unit think Left)

EXAMPLE

$$1500 \text{ mcg} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \text{ mg}$$

A “mg” is **larger** (Larger unit think Left) than a “mcg”
Therefore you move decimal 3 places to the Left

$$1500. \text{ mcg} = \underline{1.500} \text{ mg (1.5 mg)}$$

BASED ON WEIGHT

$$1 \text{ kg} = 2.2 \text{ lbs}$$

$$1 \text{ lb} = 16 \text{ oz}$$

$$\text{lb} \rightarrow \text{kg} \quad \text{DIVIDE by 2.2}$$

Example:

$$120 \text{ lbs} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \text{ kg}$$

$$120 \text{ lbs} / 2.2 = 54.545 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{kg} \rightarrow \text{lb} \quad \text{MULTIPLY by 2.2}$$

Example:

$$45.6 \text{ kg} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \text{ lb}$$

$$45.6 \text{ kg} \times 2.2 = 100.32 \text{ lb}$$

DOSAGE CALC RULES

KEY

Medication errors kill,
PREVENTION is crucial!

1

Show ALL your work.

2

Leading zeros must be placed before any decimal point.

The decimal point may be missed without the zero

EXAMPLE

.2 mg should be **0.2** mg

WHY? .2 could appear to be 2

(0.2 mg of morphine is VERY different than 2 mg of morphine!)

3

No trailing zeros.

0.7 mL NOT 0.70 mL

1 mg NOT 1.0 mg

WHY? 1.0 could appear to be 10!

4

DO NOT round until you have the final answer!

HOW TO ROUND YOUR FINAL ANSWER

If the number
in the thousands place
is 5 or greater → The # in the hundredth place is rounded up

EXAMPLES: 1.995 mg is rounded to 2 mg
1.985 mg is rounded to 1.99 mg

If the number
in the thousands place
is 4 or less → The # is dropped

EXAMPLE: 0.992 mg is rounded to 0.99 mg

DECIMAL REFERENCE GUIDE

34.732
↑ ↑ ↑ ↑
tens ones tenths hundredths thousandths

5

Most nursing schools, if not all, do not give partial credit.

(THIS MEANS EVERY STEP MUST BE DONE CORRECTLY!)

FORMULA METHOD

(FOR VOLUME-RELATED DOSAGE ORDERS)

$$\frac{D}{H} \times V = A$$

D = DESIRED

Example: "The physician orders **120 mg**..."

NOTE:

Some medications like Heparin and Insulin are prescribed in units/hour

H = DOSAGE OF MEDICATION AVAILABLE

Example: "The medication is supplied as **100 mg**/5 mL"

V = VOLUME THE MEDICATION IS AVAILABLE IN

Example: "The medication is supplied as 100 mg/**5 mL**"

A = AMOUNT OF MEDICATION REQUIRED FOR ADMINISTRATION

Your answer

KEY

You should assume that all questions are asked "per dose" unless the question gives a timeframe (example: "how many tablets will you give in 24 hours?")

EXAMPLE 1

Ordered: **Drug C 150 mg**

Available: **Drug C 300 mg/tab**

How many tablets should be given?

$$\frac{D}{H} \times V = A$$

What's our desired? **Drug C 150mg PO**

What do we have? **Drug C 300mg/tab**

What's our quantity/volume? **tablets**

$$\frac{150 \text{ mg}}{300 \text{ mg}} \times 1 \text{ tab} = 0.5 \text{ tabs}$$
$$150 \div 300 = 0.5 \times 1 = 0.5 \text{ tabs}$$

FINAL ANSWER: **0.5 tabs**

EXAMPLE 2

Ordered: **Drug C 10,000 units SubQ**

Available: **Drug C 5,000 units/mL**

How many mL should be given?

$$\frac{D}{H} \times V = A$$

What's our desired? **Drug C 10,000 SubQ**

What do we have? **Drug C 5,000 units**

What's our quantity/volume? **1 mL**

$$\frac{10,000 \text{ units}}{5,000 \text{ units}} \times 1 \text{ mL} = 2 \text{ mL}$$
$$10,000 \div 5,000 = 2 \times 1 = 2 \text{ mL}$$

FINAL ANSWER: **2 mL**

IV FLOW RATES

mL / hour

$$\frac{\text{mL of solution}}{\text{total hours}} = \text{mL/hr}$$

NOTE:

If the question is asking for flow rate and you're given units of mL, you need to write the answers in **mL/hr!**

NOTE:

mL/hr is always rounded to the nearest whole number!

What if the question is given in minutes?

Since there are 60 minutes in one hour, use this formula:

$$\frac{\text{mL of solution}}{\text{min}} \times 60 = \text{mL/hr}$$

(minutes)

EXAMPLE #1

Ordered: 1000 mL D5W to infuse over 3 hours. What will the flow rate be?

$$\frac{1000 \text{ mL}}{3 \text{ hr}} = 333.333 \text{ mL/hr}$$

ANSWER: **333 mL/hr**
(rounded to the nearest whole number)

EXAMPLE #2

Ordered: Infuse 3 grams of Penicillin in 50 mL normal saline over 30 minutes.

$$\frac{50 \text{ mL}}{30 \text{ min}} \times 60 = 100 \text{ mL/hr}$$

ANSWER: **100 mL/hr**

gtt / min

$$\frac{\text{mL of solution}}{\text{total minutes}} \times \text{drop factor} = \text{gtt/min}$$

NOTE:

If a drop factor is included, the question is asking for flow rate in gtt/min.

You need to write the answers in **gtt/minute!**

Remember our abbreviations:
gtt means "drop"!

What if the question is given in hours?

Convert hours to minutes!

For example: 1 hours = 60 minutes
2.5 hours = 150 minutes

EXAMPLE #1

Ordered: 1000 mL of Lactated Ringer's to infuse at 50 mL/hour. Drop factor for tubing is a 5 gtt/mL. (Convert: 1 hour = 60 min)

$$\frac{50 \text{ mL}}{60 \text{ min}} \times 5 \text{ gtt/mL} = 4 \text{ gtt/min}$$

$50 \div 60 = 0.833 \times 5 = 4.166$
Round to the nearest whole number → **4**

FINAL ANSWER: **4 gtt/min**

NOTE:

Remember Rule #4
Don't round till the end!

EXAMPLE #2

Ordered: 100 mL of Metronidazole to infuse over 45 minutes. The tubing you are using has a drop factor of 10 gtt/mL.

$$\frac{100 \text{ mL}}{45 \text{ min}} \times 10 \text{ gtt/mL} = 22 \text{ gtt/min}$$

$100 \div 45 = 2.222 \times 10 = 22.222$
Round to the nearest whole number → **22**

FINAL ANSWER: **22 gtt/min**

NOTE:

Remember Rule #4
Don't round till the end!

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Do all 10 questions without looking at the correct answers on the following pages. Don't forget to show all your work. After you are done, walk through each question...even the questions you got correct!

1 ORDERED: Rosuvastatin 3000 mcg PO ac
AVAILABLE: Rosuvastatin 2 mg tablet (scored)
How many tabs will you administer in 24 hours?

2 ORDERED: Tylenol supp 2 g PR q6h
AVAILABLE: Tylenol supp 700 mg
**How many supp will you administer?
Round to nearest tenth.**

3 ORDERED: Potassium chloride 0.525 mEq/lb PO
dissolved in 6 oz of juice at 0930
AVAILABLE: Potassium chloride 12 mEq/mL
**How many mL of potassium chloride
will you add to the juice for a 66.75 kg
patient? Round to nearest tenth.**

4 **1000 mL D5W to infuse over 4 hours.**

5 **150 mL Cipro 250 mcg
to infuse over 45 minutes.**

6 **250 mL normal saline over 5 hours.
Tubing drop factor of 10 gtt/mL.**

7 **Humulin R 200 units in 100 mL of normal
saline to infuse at 4 units/hr.**

8 **Dopamine 600 mg in 200 mL of normal saline to
infuse at 10mcg/kg/min. Pt weight = 190 lbs.**

9 **2.5 L normal saline to infuse over 48 hours.**

10 ORDERED: Morphine 100 mg IM q12h prn pain
AVAILABLE: Morphine 150 mg/2.6 mL
**How many mL will you administer?
Round to nearest hundredth.**

COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

1

ORDERED: Rosuvastatin 3000 mcg PO ac
AVAILABLE: Rosuvastatin 2 mg tablet (scored)

How many tabs will you administer in 24 hours?

STEP 1: CONVERT DATA

mcg → mg

$$3000 \text{ mcg} = 3 \text{ mg}$$

Remember: small to big, move the decimal point
3 to the left (unit is getting Larger think Left)

STEP 2: READY TO USE DATA

Ordered: 3 mg

Available: 2 mg

Volume: 1 tab

Administered ac: before each meal

Question is asking: dosage in 24 hours

STEP 3: IRRELEVANT DATA

N/A

STEP 4: FORMULA USED

$$\frac{D}{H} \times V = A$$

SHOW YOUR WORK

$$\frac{3 \cancel{\text{mg}}}{2 \cancel{\text{mg}}} = 1.5$$

$$1.5 \times 1 \text{ tab} = 1.5$$

$$1.5 \times 3 = 4.5 \text{ tabs per day}$$

ROUND: No rounding necessary

FINAL ANSWER: 4.5 tabs

NOTE:

Don't forget to check times of medication! The medication is ordered to be given AC, which means before each meal. Since there are 3 meals in a day (24 hours), the answer must be multiplied by 3.

2

ORDERED: Tylenol supp 2 g PR q6h
AVAILABLE: Tylenol supp 700 mg

How many supp will you administer? Round to nearest tenth.

STEP 1: CONVERT DATA

g → mg

$$2 \text{g} = 2000 \text{ mg}$$

Remember: big to small, move the decimal point
3 to the right

STEP 2: READY TO USE DATA

Ordered: 2000 mg

Available: 700 mg

Volume: 1 supp

STEP 3: IRRELEVANT DATA

N/A

STEP 4: FORMULA USED

$$\frac{D}{H} \times V = A$$

SHOW YOUR WORK

$$\frac{2000 \cancel{\text{mg}}}{700 \cancel{\text{mg}}} = 2.857$$

$$2.857 \times 1 \text{ supp} = 2.857 \text{ supp}$$

ROUND: Nearest tenth

$$2.857 \text{ supp} \rightarrow 2.9 \text{ supp}$$

FINAL ANSWER: 2.9 supp

NOTE:

Remember Rule #4
Don't round till the end!

COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

3

ORDERED: Potassium chloride 0.525 mEq/lb PO dissolved in 6 oz of juice at 0930

AVAILABLE: Potassium chloride 12 mEq/mL

How many mL of potassium chloride will you add to the juice for a 66.75 kg patient? Round to nearest tenth.

STEP 1: CONVERT DATA

kg → lb

$$66.75 \text{ kg} \times 2.2 \text{ (lb/kg)} = 146.85 \text{ lb}$$

mEq/lb → mEq

$$(0.525 \text{ mEq/lb} \times 146.85 \text{ lb}) = 77.096 \text{ mEq}$$

NOTE:

In this case, ordered amount depends on patient weight

STEP 2: READY TO USE DATA

Ordered: 77.096 mEq

Available: 12 mEq

Volume: 1 mL

STEP 3: IRRELEVANT DATA

Dissolved in 12 oz of juice at 0930

KEY

Question asked for "per dose" because no timeframe was given

STEP 4: FORMULA USED

$$\frac{D}{H} \times V = A$$

SHOW YOUR WORK

$$\frac{77.096 \text{ mEq}}{12 \text{ mEq}} = 6.424$$

$$6.424 \times 1 \text{ mL} = 6.424 \text{ mL}$$

ROUND: Nearest tenth

$$6.424 \text{ mL} \rightarrow 6.4 \text{ mL}$$

FINAL ANSWER: 6.4 mL

4

1000 mL D5W to infuse over 4 hours.

STEP 1: CONVERT DATA

N/A

STEP 2: READY TO USE DATA

1000 mL

4 hr

STEP 3: IRRELEVANT DATA

N/A

STEP 4: FORMULA USED

$$\frac{\text{mL of solution}}{\text{total hours}} = \text{mL/hr}$$

SHOW YOUR WORK

$$\frac{1000 \text{ mL}}{4 \text{ hr}} = 250 \text{ mL/hr}$$

NOTE:
mL/hr is always rounded to nearest whole number!

ROUND: No rounding necessary

FINAL ANSWER: 250 mL/hr

COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

5

150 mL Cipro 250 mcg to infuse over **45 minutes**.

Remember:

If the question is asking for flow rate ("to infuse") and you're given mL of solution, you need to write the answer in **mL/hours!**

STEP 1: CONVERT DATA

N/A

STEP 2: READY TO USE DATA

mL of solution: 150 mL
total hours: 45 min

STEP 3: IRRELEVANT DATA

Cipro 250 mcg

Important: don't let this information lead you to use the wrong formula. In this example, we're asked for a flow rate which requires mL of solution and total time.

STEP 4: FORMULA USED

$$\frac{\text{mL of solution}}{\text{total minutes}} \times 60 = \text{mL/hr}$$

SHOW YOUR WORK

$$\frac{150 \text{ mL}}{45 \text{ min}} = 3.333 \times 60 = 200 \text{ mL/hr}$$

NOTE:

Remember rule #4
Don't round till the end!

NOTE:

mL/hr is always rounded to nearest whole number!

ROUND: No rounding necessary

FINAL ANSWER: 200mL/hr

6

250 mL normal saline over **5 hours**.
Tubing drop factor of **10 gtt/mL**.

STEP 1: CONVERT DATA

hr → min

1 hour = 60 minutes

$$5 \text{ hr} \times \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hr}} = 300 \text{ min}$$

STEP 2: READY TO USE DATA

mL of solution: 250 mL
total minutes: 300 min
Drop factor: 10 gtt/mL

STEP 3: IRRELEVANT DATA

N/A

STEP 4: FORMULA USED

$$\frac{\text{mL of IV solution}}{\text{time in minutes}} \times \text{drop factor} = \text{gtt/min}$$

SHOW YOUR WORK

$$\frac{250 \text{ mL}}{300 \text{ min}} = 0.8333 \text{ mL/min}$$

$$0.8333 \text{ mL/min} \times 10 \text{ gtt/mL} = 8.3333 \text{ gtt/min}$$

ROUND: gtt/mL is always rounded to the nearest whole number!

$$8.3333 \text{ gtt/min} \rightarrow 8 \text{ gtt/min}$$

NOTE:

Don't round till the end!

NOTE:

The question may not specify to round the final answer to a whole number; you are expected to know this with gtt/min units.

FINAL ANSWER: 8 gtt/min

COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

7

Humulin R **200 units** in **100 mL** of normal saline to infuse at **4 units/hr**.

STEP 1: CONVERT DATA

N/A

STEP 2: READY TO USE DATA

Desired: 4 units/hr
Available: 200 units
Volume: 100 mL

STEP 3: IRRELEVANT DATA

N/A

STEP 4: FORMULA USED

$$\frac{D}{H} \times V = A$$

SHOW YOUR WORK

$$\frac{4 \text{ units/hr}}{200 \text{ units}} = 0.02 \text{ /hr}$$

$$0.02 \text{ /hr} \times 100 \text{ mL} = 2 \text{ mL/hr}$$

ROUND: No rounding necessary

NOTE:
mL/hr is always rounded to nearest whole number!

FINAL ANSWER: 2 mL/hr

8

Dopamine **600 mg** in **200 mL** of normal saline to infuse at **10 mcg/kg/min**.
Pt weight = 190 lbs.

Remember:

If the question is asking for flow rate ("to infuse") and you're given mL of solution, you need to write the answer in mL/hr!

STEP 1: CONVERT DATA

$$\text{mcg} \rightarrow \text{mg}$$

$$10 \text{ mcg} = 0.010 \text{ mg}$$

$$\text{lb} \rightarrow \text{kg}$$

$$190 \text{ lb} / 2.2 = 86.363 \text{ kg}$$

$$\frac{\text{mg/kg}}{\text{min}} \rightarrow \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{min}}$$

$$0.010 \text{ mg/kg/min} \times 86.363 \text{ kg} = 0.863 \text{ mg/min}$$

Remember:

Small to big: move the decimal point 3 to the left (unit is getting Larger think Left)

KEY

In this case, ordered amount depends on patient weight

STEP 2: READY TO USE DATA

Desired: 0.863 mg/min
Available: 600 mg
Volume: 200 mL

STEP 3: IRRELEVANT DATA

N/A

STEP 4: FORMULA USED

$$\frac{D}{H} \times V = A$$

SHOW YOUR WORK

$$\frac{0.863 \text{ mg/min}}{600 \text{ mg}} = 0.00143 \text{ /min}$$

$$0.00143 \text{ /min} \times 200 \text{ mL} = 0.2878 \text{ mL/min}$$

$$0.2878 \text{ mL/min} \times 60 \text{ min} = 17.2727 \text{ mL/hr}$$

ROUND: mL/hr is always rounded to nearest whole number!

$$17.2727 \text{ mL/hr} \rightarrow 17 \text{ mL/hr}$$

WAIT!

This is mL/min... we need units of mL/hr!

FINAL ANSWER: 17 mL/hr

COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

9

2.5 L normal saline to infuse over 48 hours.

Remember:

If the question is asking for flow rate ("to infuse") and you're given mL of solution, you need to write the answer in **mL/hours!**

STEP 1: CONVERT DATA

L → mL

Remember: big to small, move the decimal point 3 to the right

2.5 L = **2500 mL**

STEP 2: READY TO USE DATA

mL of solution: **2500 mL**

total hours: **48 hr**

STEP 3: IRRELEVANT DATA

N/A

STEP 4: FORMULA USED

$$\frac{\text{mL of solution}}{\text{total hours}} = \text{mL/hr}$$

SHOW YOUR WORK

$$\frac{2500 \text{ mL}}{48 \text{ hours}} = 52.0833 \text{ mL/hr}$$

ROUND: mL/hr is always rounded to nearest whole number!

52.0833 mL/hr → **52 mL/hr**

FINAL ANSWER: 52 mL/hr

10

ORDERED: Morphine **100 mg** IM q12h prn pain

AVAILABLE: Morphine **150 mg/2.6 mL**

How many mL will you administer?

Round to nearest hundredth.

STEP 1: CONVERT DATA

N/A

STEP 2: READY TO USE DATA

Ordered: **100 mg**

Available: **150 mg**

Volume: **2.6 mL**

STEP 3: IRRELEVANT DATA

IM q12h prn pain

KEY

Question asked for "per dose" because no timeframe was given

STEP 4: FORMULA USED

$$\frac{D}{H} \times V = A$$

SHOW YOUR WORK

$$\frac{100 \text{ mg}}{150 \text{ mg}} = 0.6666$$

$$0.6666 \times 2.6 \text{ mL} = 1.7333 \text{ mL}$$

ROUND: nearest hundredth

1.7333 mL → **1.73 mL**

FINAL ANSWER: 1.73 mL

LAB VALUE CHEAT SHEET

VITAL SIGNS

- Blood pressure
 - Systolic: 120 mmHg
 - Diastolic: 80 mmHG
- Heart Rate: 60 - 100 BPM
- Respirations: 12 - 20 Breaths per min
- Oxygen: 95% - 100%
- Temperature: 97.8 °F - 99 °F

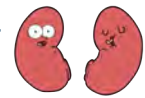


BASAL METABOLIC PANEL (BMP)

- Sodium: 135 - 145 mEq/L
- Potassium: 3.5 - 5.0 mEq/L
- Chloride: 95 - 105 mEq/L
- Calcium: 9 - 11 mg/dL
- BUN: 7 - 20 mg/dL
- Creatinine: 0.6 - 1.2 mg/dL
- Albumin: 3.4 - 5.4 g/dL
- Total protein: 6.2 - 8.2 g/dL

RENAL

- Calcium: 9 - 11 mg/dL
- Magnesium: 1.5 - 2.5 mg/dL
- Phosphorus: 2.5 - 4.5 mg/dL
- Specific gravity: 1.010 - 1.030
- GFR: 90 - 120 mL/min/1.73 m²
- BUN: 7 - 20 mg/dL
- Creatinine: 0.6 - 1.2 mg/dL



LIVER FUNCTION TEST (LFT)

- ALT: 7 - 56 U/L
- AST: 5 - 40 U/L
- ALP: 40 - 120 U/L
- Bilirubin: 0.1 - 1.2 mg/dL



LIPID PANEL

- Total cholesterol: <200 mg/dL
- Triglyceride: <150 mg/dL
- LDL: <100 mg/dL → Bad cholesterol
- HDL: >60/dL → Happy cholesterol

HbA1c

- Non-diabetic: 4 - 5.6%
- Pre-diabetic: 5.7 - 6.4%
- Diabetic: > 6.5% (GOAL for diabetic: < 6.5%)



PANCREAS

- Amylase: 30 - 110 U/L
- Lipase: 0 - 150 U/L



ABG'S

- PH: 7.35 - 7.45
- PaCO₂: 35 - 45 mmHg
- PaO₂: 80 - 100 mmHg
- HCO₃: 22 - 26 mEq/L



REMEMBER
ROME

Respiratory
Opposite
Metabolic
Equal

COAGs

- PT: 10 - 13 sec
- PTT: 25 - 35 sec
- aPTT: 30 - 40 sec (heparin)
- INR
 - NOT ON Warfarin < 1 sec
 - ON Warfarin 2 - 3 sec

COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT (CBC)

- WBC: 4,500 - 11,000
- RBC's: 4.5 - 5.5
- PLT: 150,000 - 450,000
- Hemoglobin (Hgb)
 - Female: 12 - 16 g/dL
 - Male: 13 - 18 g/dL
- Hematocrit (HCT)
 - Female: 36% - 48%
 - Male: 39% - 54%



OTHER

- MAP: 70 - 100 mmHg
- ICP (intracranial pressure): 5 - 15 mmHg
- BMI: 18.5 - 24.9
- Glasgow coma scale: Best = 15
 - Mild: 13-15
 - Moderate: 9-12
 - Severe: 3-8

| | Measured with | Therapeutic Range | Antidote |
|----------|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| HEPARIN | aPTT | 1.5 - 2.0 x normal "control" value | Protamine Sulfate |
| WARFARIN | PT/INR | 1.5 - 2.0 x normal "control" value | Vitamin K |

*The higher these numbers = higher chance of bleeding

LAB VALUE MEMORY TRICKS

ELECTROLYTES

SODIUM: 135 - 145

*Commit to memory!



POTASSIUM: 3.5 - 5

BANANAS:

There are about 3-5 in every bunch & you want them half ripe ($\frac{1}{2}$)

So, think 3.5 - 5.0



PHOSPHORUS: 2.5 - 4.5

PHOR: 4

US: 2 (me + you = 2)



*don't forget the .5

CALCIUM: 9 - 11

CALL 911



MAGNESIUM: 1.5 - 2.5

MAGnifying glass you see 1.5 - 2.5 bigger than normal



CHLORIDE: 95 - 105

Think of a chlorinated pool that you want to go in when it's **SUPER HOT:** 95 - 105 °F



COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT (CBC)

- Hemoglobin (Hgb)
 - Female:** 12 - 16 g/dL
 - Male:** 13 - 18 g/dL
- Hematocrit (HCT)
 - Female:** 36% - 48%
 - Male:** 39% - 54%



To remember HCT, multiply Hgb by 3

$12 \times 3 = 36$ (Female)
 $16 \times 3 = 48$
 $13 \times 3 = 39$ (Male)
 $18 \times 3 = 54$

BASAL METABOLIC PANEL (BMP)

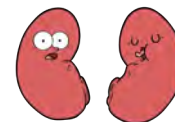
BUN: 7 - 20 mg/dL

Think hamburger **BUN**s...
Hamburgers can cost anywhere from \$7 - \$20 dollars

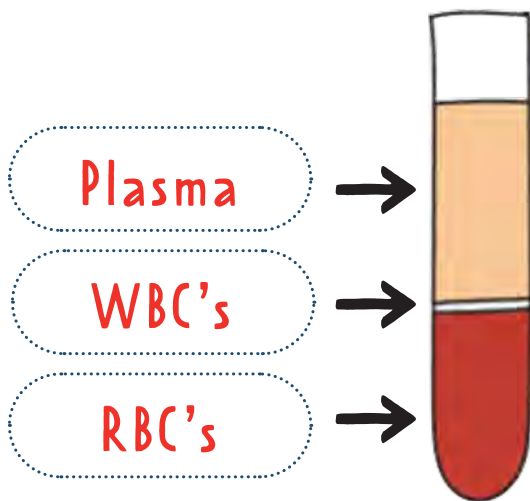


CREATININE: 0.6 - 1.2 mg/dL

This is the same value as **LITHIUM's** therapeutic range (0.6 - 1.2 mmol/L)
Lithium is excreted almost solely by the kidneys...
And creatinine is a value that tests how well your kidneys filter



BLOOD TYPES



ANTIGENS:

Proteins that elicit immune response

Identifies the cell

PLASMA ANTIBODIES

Protects body from "invaders" (think ANTI)

Opposite of the type of antigen that is found on the RBC

A

Antigen: A

Antibodies: B

Recipient: A, O

Donor: A, AB

B

Antigen: B

Antibodies: A

Recipient: B, O

Donor: B, AB

AB

Universal
RECIPIENT

Antigen: A & B

Antibodies: NONE

Recipient: ALL

Donor: AB

O

Universal
DONOR

Antigen: NONE

Antibodies: A & B

Recipient: O

Donor: ALL

Rh FACTOR



Has Rh on surface



Does not have Rh on surface

Can receive



Can receive



POTASSIUM IMBALANCE

POTASSIUM imbalance plays a vital role in cell **METABOLISM**, and **TRANSITION** of nerve impulses, the functioning of cardiac, lung, muscle tissues, & acid-base balance.

3.5 - 5 mEq/L

↑ HYPERKALEMIA > 5 mEq/L

↓ HYPOKALEMIA < 3.5 mEq/L

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

* TIGHT & CONTRACTED

- M**uscle cramps & weakness
- U**rine abnormalities
- R**espiratory distress
- D**ecreased cardiac contractility (↓HR, ↓BP)
- E**CG changes
 - Tall peaked T waves
 - Flat P waves
 - Widened QRS complexes
 - Prolonged PR intervals
- R**eflexes (↑ DTR)

- * Thready, weak, irregular pulse
- * Orthostatic hypotension
- * Shallow respirations
- * Anxiety, lethargy, confusion, coma
- * Paresthesias
- * Hyporeflexia
- * Hypoactive bowel sounds (constipation)
- * Nausea, vomiting, abdominal distention
- * ECG changes
 - ST depression
 - Shallow or inverted T wave
 - Prominent U wave

RISK FACTORS

- * Medication
 - ↳ Potassium-sparing diuretics (Spironolactone)
 - ↳ Ace inhibitors
 - ↳ NSAIDs
- * Excessive potassium intake
(Example: rapid infusion of potassium-containing IV solutions)
- * Kidney disease or those on Dialysis
 - ↳ Decreased potassium excretion
- * Adrenal insufficiency (Addison's disease)
- * Tissue damage
- * Acidosis
- * Hyperuricemia
- * Hypercatabolism

- * Actual total body potassium loss
- * Inadequate potassium intake
 - ↳ Fasting, NPO
- * Movement of potassium from the extracellular fluid to the intracellular fluid
 - ↳ Alkalosis
 - ↳ Hyperinsulinism
- * Dilution of serum potassium
 - ↳ Water intoxication
 - ↳ IV therapy with potassium-deficient solutions



POTASSIUM IMBALANCE CAN CAUSE CARDIAC DYSRHYTHMIAS THAT CAN BE LIFE-THREATENING!

MANAGEMENT

- * Monitor EKG
- * Discontinue IV & PO potassium
- * Initiate a potassium-restricted diet
- * Potassium-excreting diuretics
- * Prepare the client for dialysis
- * Prepare for administration:
 - ↳ IV calcium gluconate & IV sodium bicarb
- * Avoid the use of salt substitutes or other potassium-containing substances

- * Oral potassium supplements
- * Liquid potassium chloride
- * Potassium-retaining diuretic
- * Potassium is **NEVER** administered by IV push, IM, or subcut routes.
 - ↳ IV potassium is always diluted & administered using an infusion device!



POTASSIUM & SODIUM = OPPOSITES

EXAMPLE: ↑ NA = ↓ K+

CALCIUM IMBALANCE

CALCIUM is found in the body's cells, bones, and teeth. Needed for proper functioning of the **CARDIOVASCULAR, NEUROMUSCULAR, ENDOCRINE** systems, blood clotting & teeth formation

9 - 11 mg/dL

↑
HYPERCALCEMIA > 11 mg/dL

↓
HYPOCALCEMIA < 9 mg/dL

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- B** one pain
- A** rrhythmias
- C** ardiac arrest (bounding pulses)
- K** idney stones
- M** uscle weakness ↓ (DTR)
- E** xcessive urination

- C** onvulsions
- A** rrhythmias (dimished pulses)
- T** etany
- S** pasms & stridor
- GO NUMB** ness in the fingers, face, & limbs

POSITIVE TROUSSEAU'S:

Carpal spasm caused by inflating a blood pressure cuff

CHVOSTEK'S SIGNS:

Contraction of facial muscles w/ light tap over the facial nerve.

THINK "C" FOR CHEESY SMILE

RISK FACTORS

- * Increased calcium absorption
- * Decreased calcium excretion
- * Kidney disease
- * Thiazide diuretics
- * Increased bone resorption of calcium
 - Hyperparathyroidism / Hyperthyroidism
 - Malignancy (bone destruction from metastatic tumors)
- * Hemoconcentration

- * Inhibition of calcium absorption from the GI tract
- * Increased calcium excretion
 - Kidney disease, diuretic phase
 - Diarrhea & steatorrhea
 - Wound drainage
- * Conditions that decrease the ionized fraction of calcium

MANAGEMENT

- * D/C IV or PO calcium
- * D/C Thiazide diuretics
- * Administer phosphorus, calcitonin, bisphosphonates, & prostaglandin synthesis inhibitors (NSAIDs)
- * Avoid foods high in calcium

- * Adm. calcium PO or IV
 - For IV, warm before & adm. slowly
- * Adm. aluminum hydroxide & Vit D
- * Initiate seizure precautions
- * 10% calcium (acute calcium deficit)
- * Consume foods high in calcium

A CLIENT WITH A CALCIUM IMBALANCE IS AT RISK FOR A PATHOLOGICAL FRACTURE. MOVE THE CLIENT CAREFULLY AND SLOWLY

CALCIUM & PHOSPHATE = INVERSE

EXAMPLE: ↑ CA⁺ = ↓ PO₄

MAGNESIUM IMBALANCE

Most of the **MAGNESIUM** found in the body is found in the bones. Regulates BP, blood sugar, muscle contraction & nerve function.

1.5 - 2.5 mg/dL

↑
HYPERMAGNESEMIA > 2.5 mg/dL

↓
HYPOMAGNESEMIA < 1.5 mg/dL

MEMORY TRICK: MAGNESIUM IS A SEDATIVE!

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

* LOW EVERYTHING AKA **SEDATED**

- * Low energy (drowsiness / coma)
- * Low HR (bradycardia)
- * Low BP (hypotension)
- * Low RR (bradypnea)
- * ↓ Respirations (shallow)
- * ↓ Bowel sounds
- * ↓ DTR's (deep tendon reflex)

* HIGH EVERYTHING AKA **NOT SEDATED**

- * High HR (tachycardia)
- * High BP (hypertension)
- * Increased deep tendon reflex (hyperreflexia)
- * Shallow respirations
- * Twitches, paresthesias
- * Tetany & seizures
- * Irritability & confusion

REMEMBER:
Also seen in hypocalcemia. Ca & Mg rise and fall together!

POSITIVE TROUSSEAU'S:

Carpal spasm caused by inflating a blood pressure cuff

CHVOSTEK'S SIGNS:

Contraction of facial muscles w/ light tap over the facial nerve

RISK FACTORS

- * Increased magnesium intake
 - ↳ Magnesium-containing antacids (TUMS) & laxatives
 - ↳ Excessive adm. of magnesium IV
- * Renal insufficiency
 - ↳ ↓ renal excretion of Mg = ↑ Mg in the blood
- * DKA (Diabetic Ketoacidosis)

- * Insufficient magnesium intake
 - ↳ Malnutrition/vomiting/diarrhea
 - ↳ Malabsorption syndrome
 - ↳ Celiac & Chron's disease
- * Increased magnesium excretion
 - ↳ Diuretics or chronic alcoholism
- * Intracellular movement of magnesium
 - ↳ Hyperglycemia & Insulin adm.
 - ↳ Sepsis

MANAGEMENT

- * Diuretics
- * IV adm. calcium chloride or calcium gluconate
- * Restrict dietary intake of Mg containing foods
- * Avoid the use of laxatives & antacids containing magnesium
- * Hemodialysis
- * Magnesium sulfate IV or PO
- * Seizure precautions
- * Instruct the client to increase magnesium-containing foods

MAGNESIUM & CALCIUM = SAME

EXAMPLE: ↑ MG = ↑ CA⁺

SODIUM IMBALANCE

SODIUM is a major **ELECTROLYTE** found in ECF. Essential for acid-base, fluid balance, active & passive transport mechanism, irritability & **CONDUCTION** of nerve-muscle tissue

135 - 145 mEq/L



HYPERNATREMIA

> 145 mEq/L



HYPONATREMIA

< 135 mEq/L

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

* BIG & BLOATED

- F**lushed skin
- R**estless, anxious, confused, irritable
- I**ncreased BP & fluid retention
- E**dema (pitting)
- D**ecreased urine output
- S**kin flushed & dry
- A**gitation
- L**ow-grade fever
- T**hirst (dry mucous membranes)

HYPVOLEMIC HYPONATREMIA:

↓ of fluid & sodium

- S**tupor/coma
- A**norexia (nausea/vomiting)
- L**ethargy (weakness/fatigue)
- T**achycardia (thready pulse)

HYPERVOLEMIC HYPONATREMIA:

↑ body water that is greater than Na+

- L**imp muscles (muscle weakness)
- O**rthostatic hypotension
- S**eizures/headache
- S**tomach cramping (hyperactive bowels)

RISK FACTORS

- * Increased sodium intake
 - Excess oral sodium ingestion
 - Excess administration of IV fluids w/ sodium
 - Hypertonic IV fluids
- * LOSS OF FLUIDS!
 - Fever
 - Watery diarrhea
 - Diabetes insipidus
 - Excessive diaphoresis
 - Infection
- * Decreased sodium excretion
 - Kidney problems

**HEMOCONCENTRATION
= INCREASED SODIUM!**

- * Increased sodium excretion
 - Diaphoresis (ex: high fever)
 - Diuretics
 - Diarrhea & vomiting
 - Drains (NGT suction)
 - Diuretics (Thiazides & loop diuretics)

5 D's

- * SIADH
- * Adrenal insufficient (adrenal crisis)
- * Inadequate sodium intake
 - Fasting, NPO, Low-salt diet
- * Kidney disease
- * Heart failure

A D D S A L T

- A** **ADMINISTER** IV sodium chloride infusions (Only if due to hypovolemia)
- D** **DIURETICS** (If due to hypervolemia)
Hyponatremia → high fluids & low salt = hemodilution
- D** **DAILY WEIGHTS**
Where sodium goes, water FLOWS
- S** **SAFETY** (orthostatic hypotension AKA risk for falls)
- A** **AIRWAY PROTECTION** (NPO)
Don't give food to a lethargic, confused client (INCREASED RISK FOR ASPIRATION)
- L** **LIMIT WATER INTAKE**
Hypervolemic hyponatremia (high fluid & low salt)
- T** **TEACH** to avoid a diet high in salt (Canned food, packaged/processed meats, etc.)

MANAGEMENT

- * If due to fluid loss:
 - Administer IV infusions
- * If the cause is inadequate renal excretion of sodium:
 - Give diuretics that promote sodium loss
- * Restrict sodium & fluid intake as prescribed

FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING



ABBREVIATIONS

Abd Abdomen
A.B.G. Arterial blood gas
ADL Activity of daily living
a.c. Before meals
A&O Alert & oriented
BP Blood pressure
d/c Discontinue
H&H Hemoglobin & hematocrit
DNR Do not resuscitate
DX Diagnosis
ECG Electrocardiogram
Fx Fracture
h.s. At bedtime
HOB Head of bed
HOH Hard of hearing
H&P History & physical
HR Heart rate

ICU Intensive care unit
I&O Intake & output
IM Intramuscular
IV Intravenous
NGT Nasogastric tube
NPO Nothing by mouth
CPR Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
PPE Personal protective equipment
PO By mouth
p.r.n. As needed
ROM Range of motion
S&S Signs & symptoms
Stat. Immediately
U/A Urinalysis
V/S Vital signs
PERRLA Pupils equal, round, & reactive to light & accommodation

DO NOT USE

POTENTIAL PROBLEM

INSTEAD, WRITE:

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| U | Mistaken for "0" (zero) or "cc" | unit |
| IU | Mistaken for IV (intravenous) or the number 10 (ten) | "international unit" |
| Q.D., QD, q.d., qd, Q.O.D., QOD, q.o.d, qod | Mistaken for each other | "daily" or "every other day" |
| Trailing zero (X.0 mg) Lack of leading zero (.X mg) | Decimal point is missed | "X mg" "0.X mg" |
| MS, MSO4, MgSO4 | Can mean morphine sulfate or magnesium sulfate | "morphine sulfate" "magnesium sulfate" |
| @ | Mistaken for the number "2" (two) | "at" |
| cc | Mistaken for U (units) when poorly written | "mL" or "milliliters" |

THE NURSING PROCESS

"A DELICIOUS PIE"

ASSESS

Gather information
 Verify the information collected is clear & accurate

DIAGNOSE

Interpret the information collected

Identify & prioritize the problem through a nursing diagnosis (be sure it's NANDA approved)

EVALUATE

Determine the outcome of goals
 Evaluate client's compliance
 Document clients response to pain
 Modify & assess for needed changes

IMPLEMENT

Reaching those goals through performing the nursing actions
 "Implementing" the goals set above in the planning stage

PLAN

Set goals to solve the problem.
 Prioritize the outcomes of care

SUBJECTIVE DATA

What the client tells the nurse

OBJECTIVE DATA

Data the nurse obtains through their assessment & observation

SET SMART GOALS

SPECIFIC
MEAURABLE
ACHIEVABLE
RELEVANT
TIME FRAME

PRIORITY QUESTIONS

ABC's

A

AIRWAY

B

BREATHING

C

CIRCULATION



YOU KNOW YOU ARE BEING ASKED A **PRIORITY QUESTION** WHEN THE QUESTION ASKS:

- What is the **most important**?
- What is the **initial response**?
- Which action should the nurse take **first**?

When you see these questions, you should immediately think of

MASLOW'S HIERARCHY OF NEEDS

as well as **ABC'S**!

#1 PATENT AIRWAY

- Patent means "open"; their airway is clear!
- ASK YOURSELF: Can they successfully breathe oxygen in and breathe CO2 out?

#2 BREATHING

- Gas exchange taking place inside the lungs
- ASK YOURSELF: Can gas exchange successfully happen in their lungs?

#3 CIRCULATION

- Can they circulate blood through their body and are their organs being perfused?
- ASK YOURSELF: Is there a reason that the blood isn't pumping/circulating in the body?
(Example: The heart is working to pump the blood to the vital organs)

MASLOW'S HIERARCHY OF BASIC NEEDS

This shows the **5 levels** of human needs

PHYSIOLOGICAL NEEDS

being the most important (Oxygen, fluids, nutrition, shelter).

ABC'S fall into Maslow's **PHYSIOLOGICAL** need!

SELF-FULFILLMENT
NEEDS

SELF-
ACTUALIZATION

- Hope
- Spiritual well-being
- Enhanced growth

PSYCHOLOGICAL
NEEDS

SELF-ESTEEM

- Control
- Competence
- Positive regard
- Acceptance/worthiness

LOVE & BELONGING

- Maintain support systems
- Protect from isolation

SAFETY & SECURITY

- Protection from injury
- Promote feeling of security
- Trust in nurse-client relationship

BASIC
NEEDS

PHYSIOLOGICAL NEEDS

- Airway
- Respiratory effort
- Heart rate, rhythm, and strength of contraction
- Nutrition
- Elimination

NCLEX
TIP

Pain is considered "psychological" meaning it does not take priority.
*Pain rarely kills people

NURSING ETHICS & LAW

ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

AUTONOMY

Respect for an individual's right to make their own decisions

NONMALEFICENCE

Obligation to do & cause no harm to others

BENEFICENCE

Duty to do good to others

JUSTICE

Distribution of benefits & services fairly

VERACITY

Obligation to tell the truth

FIDELITY

Following through with a promise

HIPAA

THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

- Clients records are private & they have the right to ensure the medical information is not shared without permission
- All health care professionals must inform the client how their health information is used
- The client has the right to obtain a copy of their personal health information

PATIENT RIGHTS

THE RIGHT TO...

- Privacy
- Considerate & respectful care
- Be informed
- Know the names & roles of the persons who are involved in care
- Consent or refuse treatment
- Have an advance directive
- Obtain their own medical records & results

CONSENT

TYPES OF CONSENT:

- Admission agreement
 - Immunization consent
 - Blood transfusion consent
 - Surgical consent
 - Research consent
 - Special consents
- Treatment can not be done without a client's consent
 - In the case of an emergency when a client cannot give consent, then consent is implied through emergency laws
 - Minors (under 18), consent must be obtained from a parent or legal guardian



Before signing the consent, the client must be informed of the following: risks & benefits of surgery, treatments, procedures, & plan of care in layman's terms so the client understands clearly what is being done.

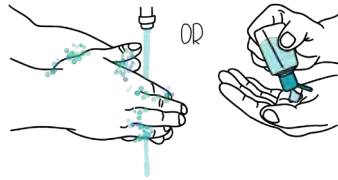
INFECTION CONTROL

PPE → PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

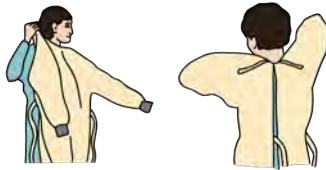
DONNING PUTTING ON PPE

- Put on PPE before entering the client's room
- Do not touch your face while wearing PPE
- Avoid touching areas in the client's room

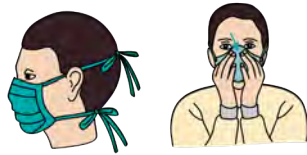
1 HAND HYGIENE



2 GOWN



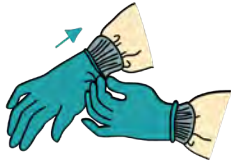
3 MASK / RESPIRATOR



4 GOGGLES / FACE SHIELD



5 GLOVES



DOFFING REMOVING PPE

- Remove PPE at the client's door way or outside the room
- If hands become soiled while removing PPE, stop & perform hand hygiene. Then, continue with PPE removal.

1 GLOVES



2 GOGGLES / FACE SHIELD



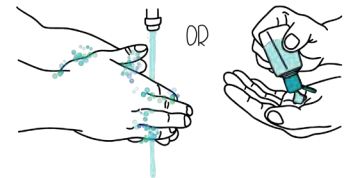
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4 MASK / RESPIRATOR



5 HAND HYGIENE



HOSPITAL-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS

HAI Hospital-associated infection

CAUTI..... Catheter-associated urinary tract infection

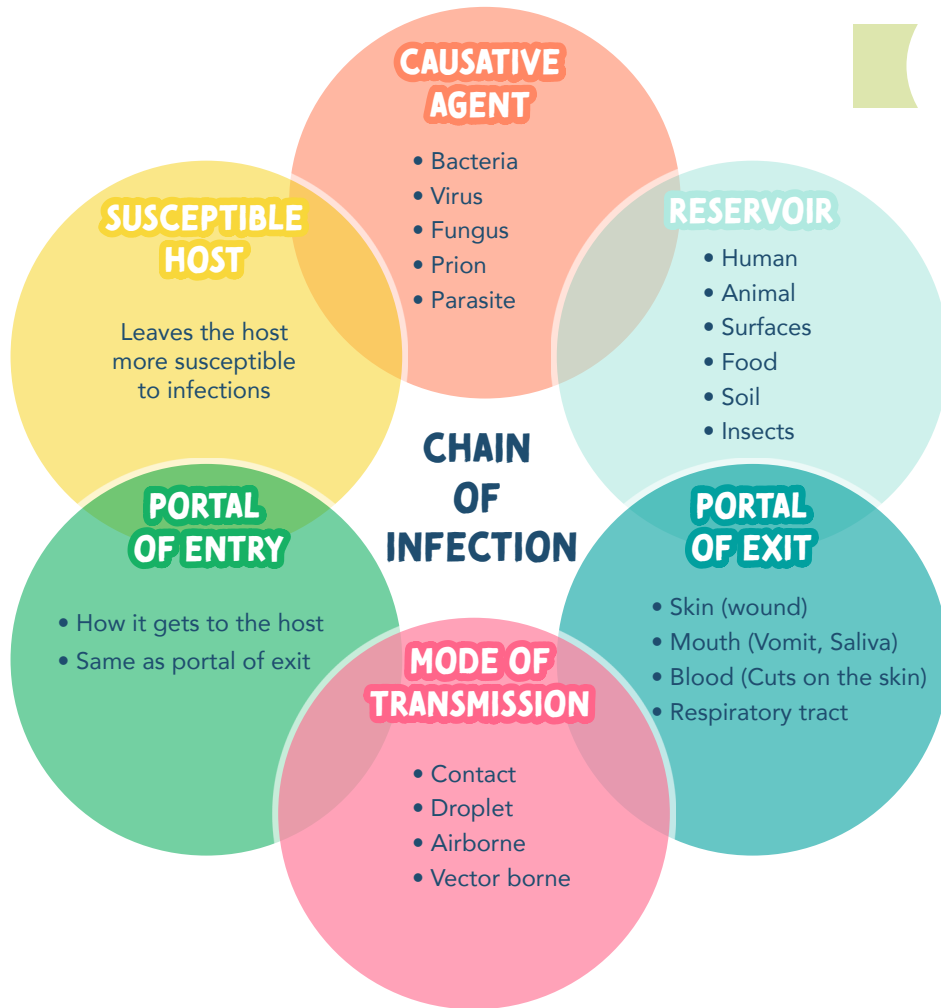
SSI Surgical site infection

CLABSI Central line-associated blood infection

VAP Ventilator-associated pneumonia

Meticulous hand hygiene practices
and use of chlorhexidine washes
helps in preventing HAI's

INFECTION CONTROL



STAGES OF INFECTION

INCUBATION

Interval between the pathogen entering the body & the presentation of the first symptom

PRODROMAL STAGE

Onset of general symptoms to more distant symptoms; the pathogen is multiplying

ILLNESS STAGE

Symptoms specific to the infection appear

CONVALESCENCE

Acute symptoms disappear and total recovery could take days to months

TRANSMISSION BASED PRECAUTIONS

AIRBORNE

- Single room under negative pressure
- Door remains closed
- Health care workers wear a respiratory mask (N95 or higher level)

M measles
T tuberculosis
V aricella (Chickenpox)
& Disseminated herpes-zoster (Shingles)

Think "MTV"



**Airborne precaution is no longer needed when all lesions have crusted over.*

DROPLET

- Private room or a client whose body cultures contain the same organism
- Wear a surgical mask
- Place a mask on the client whenever they leave the room

- Adenovirus
- Diphtheria (pharyngeal)
- Epiglottitis
- Influenza (flu)
- Meningitis
- Mumps
- Parvovirus B19
- Pertussis
- Pneumonia
- Rubella
- Scarlet fever
- Sepsis
- Streptococcal pharyngitis

CONTACT

- Private room or cohort client
- Use gloves & a gown whenever entering the client's room

- Colonization or infection with a multidrug-resistant organism
- Enteric infections (Clostridium difficile)
- Respiratory infections (RSV, Influenza)
- Wound & skin infections (cutaneous diphtheria, herpes simplex, impetigo, pediculosis, scabies, staphylococci, & varicella-zoster)
- Eye infections (conjunctivitis)

IV THERAPY: TYPES OF IV SOLUTIONS

Fluid in our body is found in 2 places:

INTRACELLULAR & EXTRACELLULAR

INTRACELLULAR (ICF)

is Fluid **INSIDE** the cell

(Millions of these cells in our body)

EXTRACELLULAR (ECF)

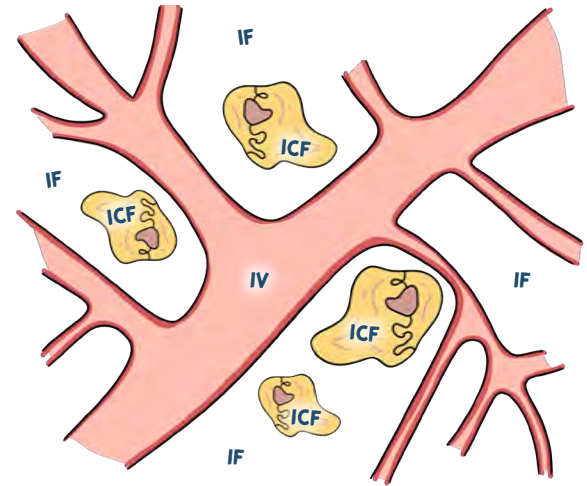
is Fluid **OUTSIDE** the cell

INTERSTITIAL (IF)

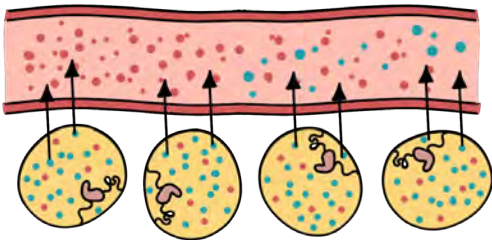
is fluid that surrounds the cell
AKA fluid in the tissues

INTRAVASCULAR (IV)

is plasma in the blood vessels



HYPERTONIC "Enter the vessel from the cells"



More concentrated & ↑ osmolality

5% dextrose in 0.9% saline (D5NS)

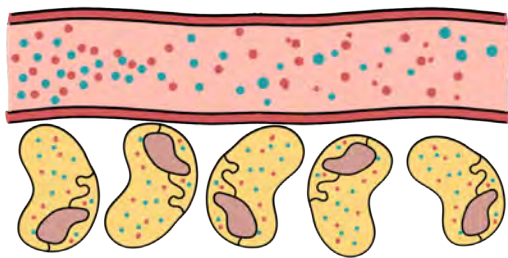
5% dextrose in 0.45% saline

5% dextrose in LR

USES

- Cerebral Edema
- Low levels of sodium (hyponatremia)
- Metabolic alkalosis
- Maintenance fluid
- Hypovolemia

ISOTONIC "Stays where I put it"



Same osmolality as body fluids
(ISO means Equal)
(Equal water & particle ratio)

0.9% saline (NS)

Lactated Ringers

Ringer's lactate (LR)

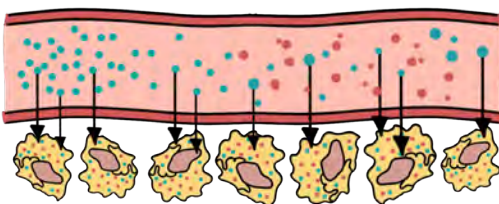
5% dextrose (D5W)

Used with
**BLOOD
PRODUCTS**

USES

- **EXPANDS** intravascular fluids volume & replaces the fluid loss associated with...
 - Burns
 - Hemorrhage
 - Surgery
 - Dehydration
 - ➔ Vomiting & diarrhea
- Also used for fluid maintenance

HYPOTONIC "Go Out of the vessel" & into the cell"



More diluted & ↓ osmolality
(less salt, more water)

Fluids goes Out of the vessel & into the cell making the cell **SWELL!**

"Water flows where sodium (particles) goes"

0.45% NS

2.5% Dextrose

0.33% NS

In DKA, there is so much glucose in the cells they need water!

USES

- Intracellular dehydration such as DKA
- Never give to clients with burns or liver disease
- Helps kidneys excrete excess fluids

IV THERAPY: COMPLICATIONS

SYMPTOMS

- Tachycardia
- Chest pain
- Hypotension
- ↓ LOC
- Cyanosis

AIR EMBOLISM

Air enters the vein through the IV tubing

TREATMENT

- Clamp the tubing
- Turn client on the left side & place in Trendelenburg position
- Notify the HCP

SYMPTOMS

- At the site...
 - ➔ Pain
 - ➔ Swelling
 - ➔ Coolness
 - ➔ Numbness
- No blood return

INFILTRATION

IV fluid leaks into surrounding tissue

TREATMENT

- Remove the IV
- Elevate the extremity
- Apply a warm or cool compress
- Do not rub the area

SYMPTOMS

- Tachycardia
- Redness
- Swelling
- Chills & Fever
- Malaise
- Nausea & vomiting

INFECTION

Entry of microorganism into the body via IV

TREATMENT

- Remove the IV
- Obtain cultures
- Possible antibiotics administration

SYMPTOMS

- ↑ blood pressure
- Distended neck veins
- Dyspnea
- Wet cough & crackles

CIRCULATORY OVERLOAD

Administration of fluids too rapidly (Fluid Volume Overload)

TREATMENT

- ↓ flow rate (keep-vein-open rate)
- Elevate the head of the bed
- Keep the client warm
- Notify the HCP

SYMPTOMS

- At the site
 - ➔ Heat
 - ➔ Redness
 - ➔ Tenderness
- ↓ Flow of IV

PHLEBITIS

Inflammation of the vein (can lead to a clot (thrombophlebitis))

TREATMENT

- Remove the IV
- Notify the HCP
- Restart the IV on the opposite side

SYMPTOMS

- Ecchymosis
- At the site
 - ➔ Blood
 - ➔ Hard & painful lump

HEMATOMA

Collection of blood in the tissues

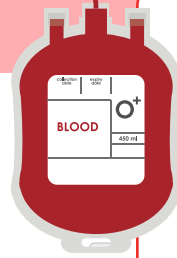
TREATMENT

- **ELEVATE** the extremity
- Apply Pressure & Ice

BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS

ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRANSFUSION

- 1 Insert an IV line using an 18- or 19-gauge IV needle
- 2 Run it with normal saline (keep-vein-open-rate)
- 3 Use the largest catheter port available
- 4 Begin the transfusion slowly
 - A The first 15 min ***MOST CRITICAL*** monitor the client for S/S of any transfusion reaction
 - B Vital signs are monitored every 30 minutes - 1 hour
 - C After 15 minutes the flow can be increased (unless a transfusion reaction has occurred)
- 5 Document the client's tolerance to the administration of the blood product



FACTS ABOUT BLOOD TRANSFUSION

- ♦ Administered by the RN
- ♦ Only Normal Saline (NS) can be used in conjunction with blood
- ♦ Type & screen and a cross match are good for 72 hours
- ♦ 30 minutes - from the time you received it from the blood bank to the time you infuse
- ♦ 4 hours - All blood must be transfused
- ♦ STOP the transfusion if you suspect a transfusion reaction

TRANSFUSION REACTION

A transfusion reaction is an adverse reaction that happens as a result of receiving blood transfusions

IMMEDIATE TRANSFUSION REACTION

Chills, diaphoresis, aches, chest pain, rash, hives, itching, swelling, rapid, thready pulse, dyspnea, cough, or wheezing

CIRCULATORY OVERLOAD

Infusion of blood too rapid for the pt to tolerate

Cough, dyspnea, chest pain, headache, hypertension, tachycardia, bounding pulse, distended neck vein, wheezing

SEPTICEMIA

Blood that is contaminated with microorganisms

Rapid onset of chills, high fever, vomiting, diarrhea, hypotension & shock

IRON OVERLOAD

Complication that occurs in client's who receive multiple blood transfusions

Vomiting, diarrhea, hypotension, altered hematological values

SIGNS OF TRANSFUSION REACTIONS

- ♦ Fast heart Rate
- ♦ Itching/urticaria/skin rash
- ♦ Wheezing/dyspnea/tachypnea
- ♦ Anxiety
- ♦ Flushing / fever
- ♦ Back pain

NURSING ACTIONS TO A TRANSFUSION REACTION

- 1 **STOP** the transfusion
- 2 Change the IV tubing down to the IV site
- 3 Keep the IV open w/ normal saline
- 4 Notify the HCP & blood bank
- 5 Do not leave the client alone (monitor the client's vital signs & continue to assess the client)

PHARMACOKINETICS

"ADME"

A ABSORPTION

Medication going from the location of administration to the bloodstream

ORAL

Takes the longest to absorb

Subcut & IM

Depends on the site of blood perfusion. More blood perfusion = rapid absorption

IV

Quickest absorption time

D DISTRIBUTION

Transportation by bodily fluids of the medication to where it needs to go

Influencing factors:

- Circulation
- Permeability of the cell membrane
- Plasma protein binding

M METABOLISM

How is the medication going to be broken down?

Most common site: **LIVER**

Influencing factors:

- Age
(Infants & elderly have a limited med-metabolizing capacity)
- Medication type
- First-pass effect
Liver may inactivate some medication (may need non enteral route)
- Nutritional status

E EXCRETION

How is the medication going to be eliminated from the body?

Most commonly done by **KIDNEYS**

Influencing factors:

- Kidney dysfunction
Leads to an increase in the duration and intensity of a medication response

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

6 RIGHTS OF MED ADMIN

RIGHT **PATIENT**



RIGHT **MED**



RIGHT **TIME**



RIGHT **ROUTE**



RIGHT **DOSE**



RIGHT **DOCUMENTATION**



TYPES OF ORDERS

→ ROUTINE

Given on a regular schedule with or without a termination date

→ SINGLE "ONE-TIME"

Given on a regular schedule with or without a termination date

→ STAT

Only for administration once and given immediately

→ PRN

"As needed" must have an indication for use such as pain, nausea & vomiting.

COMMON MEDICATION ERRORS

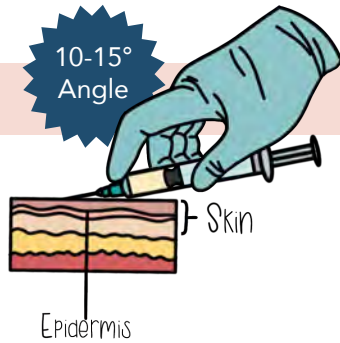


Medication error kills, prevention is crucial!

- Wrong medication
- Incorrect dose
- Wrong...
 - ➔ Client
 - ➔ Route
 - ➔ Time
- Administer a medication the client is allergic to
- Incorrect D/C of Medication
- Inaccurate prescribing

PARENTERAL ADMINISTRATION

Any route of administration that does not involve drug absorption through the GI tract



INTRADERMAL (ID)

USES: • TB testing
• Allergy sensitivities

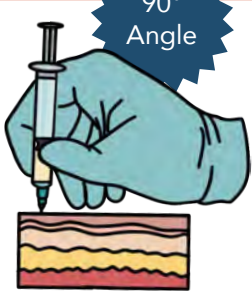
NEEDLE SIZE: 25 - 27 gauge

NEEDLE LENGTH: 1.4 - 5/8 in (0.6 - 1.6 cm)

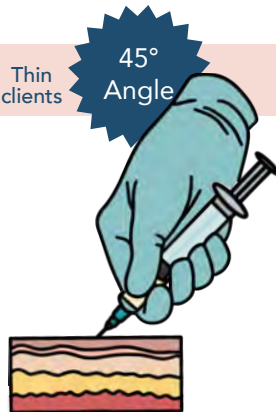
USUAL SITE: Inner forearm

Should form a
"BLEB"

Normal to
overweight
clients



Thin
clients



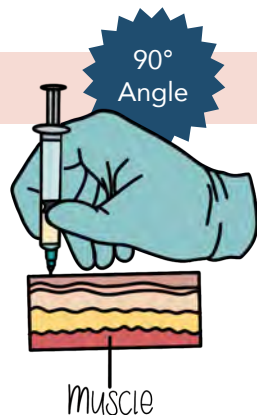
SUBCUTANEUS (SUBLET)

USES: non-irritating, water-soluble medication (insulin & heparin)

NEEDLE SIZE: 25 - 27 gauge

NEEDLE LENGTH: 3/8 - 5/8 in (1.0 - 1.6 cm)

USUAL SITE: Abdomen, posterior upper arm, thigh



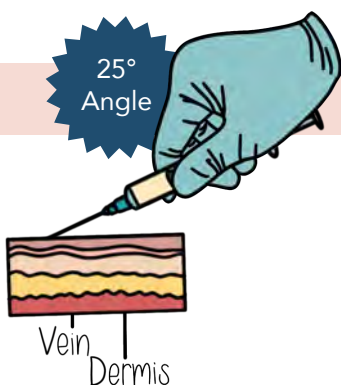
INTRAMUSCULAR (IM)

USES: Irritating, solutions in oils, and aqueous suspensions

NEEDLE SIZE: 18 - 25 gauge

USUAL SITE: Deltoid, vastus lateralis, ventrogluteal

- Do not inject more than 3 mL (2 mL for the deltoid)
 - Divide larger volumes into two syringes & use two different sites
- Use the Z-track method



INTRAVENOUS (IV)

USES: Administering medications, fluids, & blood products

NEEDLE SIZE: 16-gauge: client's who have trauma
18-gauge: surgery & blood administration
22 - 24-gauge: children, older adults, & clients who have medical issues or are stable post-op

USUAL SITE: Hand, wrist, cubital fossa, foot, scalp

The *smaller* the gauge,
the *larger* the IV bore.

EXAMPLE:
16 gauge is the
largest needle size

NONPARENTERAL ADMINISTRATION

Absorbed into the system through the digestive tract

ORAL OR ENTERAL

- **CONTRADICTIONS:** vomiting, aspiration precautions/absence of a gag reflex, decreased LOC, difficulty swallowing
- Have client sit at 90 angle to help with swallowing
- **NEVER** crush enteric-coated or time-release medications
- Break or cut scored tablets only!

TRANSDERMAL

- Place the patch on a dry and clean area of skin (free of hair)
- Rotate the sites of the patch to prevent skin irritation
- Always take off the old patch before placing a new one on

INHALATION

- Rinse mouth after the use of steroids
- 20 - 30 seconds between puffs
- 2 - 5 minutes between different medications
- Use a spacer if possible to prevent thrush

SUBLINGUAL & BUCCAL

SUBLINGUAL: Under the tongue

BUCCAL: Between the cheek & the gum

- Keep the tablet in place until it has completely absorbed
- **DO NOT** eat or drink until the tablet has completely dissolved

SUPPOSITORIES

RECTAL

- Lateral or sims' position
- Use lubrication
- Insert beyond the internal sphincter
- Leave it in for 5 minutes

VAGINAL

- Supine with knees bent & feet flat on the bed, close to hips
- Insert the suppository along the posterior wall of the vagina (3 - 4 inches deep)
- Stay supine for at least 5 minutes

INSTALLATION (DROPS, OINTMENTS, SPRAYS)

EYES

- If there is dried section use a moisten sterile gauze and wipe from inner to outer canthus to prevent bacterial from entering the eye
- Have the client tilt their head back slightly
- Pull lower eye lid down gently to expose the conjunctival sac
- Hold the dropper 1 - 2 cm above the conjunctiva sac & drop medication directly into the sac
- Close eye lid & apply gentle pressure on the nasolacrimal duct for 30 - 60 seconds

EARS

- Have client tilt their head
- Warm the solution before adm. to prevent vertigo & dizziness
- Adults: pull ear upward & outward
- < 3 years of age: pull ear down & back

NOSE

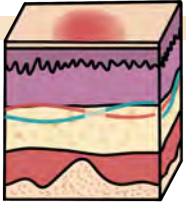
- Have client lie supine
- Do not blow nose for 5 min after instillation

PRESSURE INJURIES (ULCERS)

"DECUBITUS ULCER" "BED SORES"

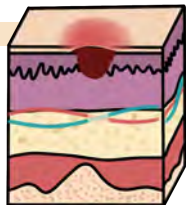
WHAT IS A PRESSURE ULCER?

The break down of skin integrity due to unrelieved pressure



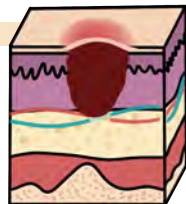
TYPE 1

- Skin is intact (unbroken)
- Nonblanchable redness
- Swollen tissue
- Darker skin → may appear blue / purple



TYPE 2

- Partial thickness
- Epidermis & the dermis
 - ➔ No fatty tissue is visible
- Superficial ulcer
- Abrasion or ulcer



TYPE 3

- Full thickness SKIN loss
 - ➔ Damage to or necrosis of subcut tissue
 - ➔ No exposed muscle or bone
- Ulcer extend down to the underlying fascia, but not through it
- Deep crater with or without tunneling



TYPE 4

- Full thickness TISSUE loss
 - ➔ Destruction of tissue
 - ➔ Damage to muscle & bone
- Deep pockets of infection & tunneling



UNSTAGEABLE

When the stage cannot be determined due to ESCHAR or SLOUGH covering the visibility of the wound making the depth unknown.

RISK FACTORS

"AVOIDS PRESS"

AGING SKIN
VASCULAR DISORDERS
OBESITY
IMMOBILITY & INCONTINENCE
DIABETES
SKIN FRICTION
POOOR NUTRITION
REDUCED RBC'S (ANEMIA)
EDEMA
SENSORY DEFICITS
SEDATION

PREVENTION

RELIEVE PRESSURE

- Apply pressure relieving devices (overlays, speciality beds, air cushions, foam-padded seat cushions, etc.)
- Do not use donut-type devices or synthetic sheepskins!

PROPER NUTRITION

- ↑ protein intake
- Adequate hydration
- Possible enteral nutrition

SKIN HYGIENE

- Clean skin with mild soap
- Clean incontinent clients
- Do not scrub or rub bony prominences
- Barrier for incontinence
- Moisturizer for hydration

REPOSITIONING

- Turn/reposition your client every 2 hours while in the bed
- Lift, do not PULL
 - Pulling could cause shearing & friction from force

BRADEN SCALE

Asses your client's skin
EVERY shift for pressure injuries using the Braden Scale!

Looks at 6 categories

- **SENSORY PERCEPTION**
- **MOISTURE**
- **ACTIVITY**
- **MOBILITY**
- **NUTRITION**
- **FRICTION & SHEAR**


Interpretation

- **LOW RISK: 22 - 23**
- **LESS RISK: 19 - 21**
- **HIGH RISK: <18**

SCOPE OF PRACTICE



RN


- Post-op assessment
- Initial client teaching
- Starting blood products
- Sterile procedures
- IV's & IV medications 
- Discharge education
- Clinical assessment

ADPIE

NOTE:

When a registered nurse delegates tasks to others, responsibility is transferred but accountability for patient care is not transferred. The RN is still responsible!


LPN/LVN

- Stable client
- Monitor RN's findings & gather data
- Specific assessments
- Reinforce teaching
- Routine procedures (catheterization, ostomy care, wound care)
- Monitors IVF's & blood products
- Administer injections & narcotics (not IV's meds & 1st IV bag) 
- Tube potency & enteral feedings
- Sterile procedures


SPECIFIC ASSESSMENTS

Lung sounds, bowel sounds, & neurovascular checks

UAP

- Routine, stable vital signs
- Documenting input and output
- Can get blood from the blood bank
- Activities of daily living (ADL's) 

ADL'S

- Feeding (**not** with aspiration risk) 
- Positioning
- Ambulation
- Cleaning
- Linen change
- Hygiene care

RN = Registered Nurse, LPN = Licensed Practical Nurse, LVN = Licensed Vocational Nurse, UAP = Unlicensed Assistive Personnel

PHARMACOLOGY

Suffixes, Prefixes, & Antidotes



ANTIBIOTICS / ANTIBACTERIALS

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Broad spectrum antibiotics | -oxacin |
| Tetracyclines | -cycline |
| Sulfonamides | sulf- |
| Cephalosporins | -cef ceph- |
| Penicillins | -cillin |
| Aminoglycosides & macrolides | -mycin |
| Fluoroquinolones | -floxacin |

ANTIVIRALS

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Antiviral (disrupts viral maturation) | -virimat |
| Antiviral (undefined group) | vir- -vir- -vir |
| Antiviral (neuraminidase inhibitors) | -amivir |
| Antiviral (acyclovir) | -cyclovir |
| HIV protease inhibitors | -navir |
| HIV / AIDS | -vudine |

ANTIFUNGAL

| | |
|------------|---------------|
| Antifungal | -azole |
|------------|---------------|

CARDIAC

ANTIHYPERTENSIVES

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| ACE inhibitors | -pril |
| Beta-blockers | -olol |
| Angiotensin II receptor antagonists | -sartan |
| Calcium channel blockers | -pine -amil |
| Vasopressin receptor antagonists | -vaptan |
| Alpha-1 blockers | -osin |
| Loop diuretics | -ide -semide |
| Thiazide diuretics | -thiazide |
| Potassium sparing diuretics | -actone |

ANTIHYPERLIPIDEMICS

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor | -statin |
|-----------------------------|----------------|

OTHER

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Anticoagulants (Factor Xa inhibitors) | -xaban |
| Anticoagulants (Dicumarol type) | -arol |
| Anticoagulants (Hirudin type) | -irudin |
| Low-molecular-weight heparin (LMWH) | -parin |
| Thrombolytics (clot-buster) | -teplase -ase |
| Antiarrhythmics | -arone |

RESPIRATORY

UPPER RESPIRATORY

| | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Second-gen antihistamines (H1 antagonist) | -adine |
| Second-gen antihistamines (H1 antagonist) | -tirizine |
| Second-gen antihistamines (H1 antagonist) | -ticine |
| Nasal decongestants | -ephrine -zoline |

LOWER RESPIRATORY

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Beta2-agonists (Bronchodilator) | -terol |
| Xanthine derivatives | -phylline |
| Cholinergic blockers | -tropium |
| Cholinergic blockers | -clididion |
| Immunomodulators & leukotriene modifiers | -zumab -lukast |

ANESTHETICS / ANTIANXIETY

Local anesthetics

-caine

Barbiturates (CNS depressant)

-barbital

Benzodiazepines (for anxiety/sedation)

-zolam

Benzodiazepines (for anxiety/sedation)

-zepam

ANTIDEPRESSANTS

Selective serotonin
reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs)

-oxetine -talopram -zodone

Serotonin-norepinephrine
reuptake inhibitors
(SNRI/DNRI)

-faxine -zodone -nacipram

Tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs)

-triptyline -pramine

ANALGESICS / OPIOIDS

Opioids

-done

Opioids

-one

NSAID's (anti-inflammatory)

-olac -profen

Salicylates

Asprin (ASA)

Nonsalicylates

Acetaminophen

GASTROINTESTINAL

Histamine H2 antagonists (H2-blockers)

-tidine -dine

Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs)

-prazole

Laxatives

-lax

ANTIDIABETIC

Oral hypoglycemics

-ide -tide -linide

Inhibitor of the DPP-4 enzyme

-gliptin

Thiazolidinedione

-glitazone

MISCELLANEOUS

Corticosteroids

-asone -olone -inide

Triptans (anti-migraine)

-triptan

Ergotamines (anti-migraine)

-ergot-

Antiseptics

-chloro

Antituberculars (TB)

rifa-

Bisphosphonates

-dronate

Neuromuscular blockers

-nuim

Retinoids (anti-acne)

tretin-

Phosphodiesterase 5 inhibitors

-afil

Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors

-lamide

Progestin (female hormone)

-trel

Atypical antipsychotics

-ridone

ANTIDOTES

Opioids / narcotics

Warfarin

Heparin

Digoxin

Anticholinergics

Benzodiazepines

Cholinergic crisis

Acetaminophen (Tylenol)

Magnesium sulfate

Iron

Lead

Lead

Alcohol withdrawal

Beta blockers

Calcium channel blockers

Aspirin

Insulin

Pyridoxine

Tricyclic antidepressants

Cyanide

Naloxone (Narcan)

Vitamin K

Protamine sulfate

Digibind

Physostigmine

Flumazenil (Romazicon)

Atropine (Atropen)

Acetylcysteine

Calcium gluconate

Deferoxamine

Chelation agents

Dimercaprol & disodium

chlordiazepoxide (Librium)

Glucagon

Glucagon, insulin, or calcium

Sodium bicarbonate

Glucose

Deferoxamine

Sodium bicarbonate

Hydroxocobalamin

MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS



THERAPEUTIC COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUES

Client-centered type of communication to build and help relationships with clients, families, and all relationships.



DO

- Allow client to control the discussion
- Give recognition/validation
- Active listening!
- Use open-ended questions

Don't be a **LOSER**, be an active listener!

- L** Lean forward toward the client
- O** Open posture
- S** Sit squarely facing the client
- E** Establish eye contact
- R** Relax & listen

EXAMPLES

"Is there something you would like to talk about?"

"Tell me more about that"

"So you are saying you haven't been sleeping well?"

"Tell me more about ____"



DON'T

- Ask "why"
- Ask too many questions
- Give advice
- Give false reassurance
- Change the conversation topic
- Give approval or disapproval
- Use close-ended questions/statements

EXAMPLES

"Don't worry!"

"I think you should ____"

"Don't be silly"

"That's great!"

THERAPEUTIC COMMUNICATION CAN BE BOTH...

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS



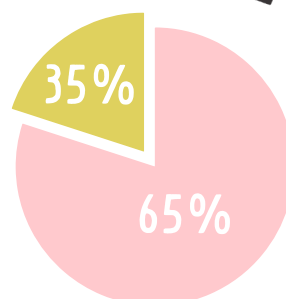
Words a person speaks



NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS



You may say all the "right" things but deliver it poorly.



Facial expressions

Eye contact

Posture

Movement

Appearance

Body language

Vocal cues

(yawning, tone of voice, pitch of voice)

PERSONALITY DISORDERS

CLUSTER A

Odd
or
Eccentric

PARANOID

Suspicious of others
Thinks everyone
wants to harm them

SCHIZOID

Indifferent
Seclusive
Detached
Doesn't care for
close relationships

SCHIZOTYPAL

Odd thinking
(magical thinking)
Strange appearance

CLUSTER B

Dramatic
or
Emotional

ANTISOCIAL

No care for others
Aggressive
Manipulative
Doesn't follow
the rules

BORDERLINE

Unstable
Manipulative
to self & others
Fear of neglect

HISTRIONIC

Seeks attention
Center of attention
by being seductive
& flirtatious

NARCISSISTIC

Egocentric
AKA narcissus
Needs consistent
applause

CLUSTER C

Anxious
or
Insecure

AVOIDANT

Anxious in
social settings
Avoids social
interactions but desires
close relationships
Fear of abandonment

DEPENDENT

Extreme dependency
on someone
Searches urgently to
find a new relationship
when the other fails

OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE

Perfectionist
Control issue
Rigid

NURSING CARE

- **Safety** is a priority
- Develop a therapeutic relationship
- Respect the client's needs while still setting limits and consistency
- Give the client choices to improve their feeling of control

Clients with a personality disorder are at a ↑ risk for violence & self-harm

TREATMENT

Medications such as



- Antidepressants
- Anxiolytics
- Antipsychotics
- Mood stabilizers

Therapies such as

- Psycho
- Group
- Cognitive
- Behavioral

EATING DISORDERS



ANOREXIA NERVOSA

- ↓ Weight (BMI <18.5)
- ↓ Blood pressure
- ↓ Heart rate *from dehydration & electrolyte imbalance*
- ↓ Sexual development
- ↓ Subcutaneous tissue = Hypothermia
- ↓ Period regularity
- Amenorrhea (*period may stop*)
- Refuses to eat
- Lanugo (*thin hair to keep the body warm*)
- Typically does not purge
- Restricts self from eating
- Fear of gaining weight
- Constipation (*from dehydration*)

TREATMENT

- ↑ Weight slowly (2 -3 lbs a week)
- Monitor exercise



REFEEDING SYNDROME

Potential complications when fluids, electrolytes, and carbohydrates are introduced too quickly to a malnourished client. Treatment should be done **slowly** to avoid this syndrome.

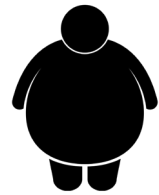


BULIMIA NERVOSA

- Binge eating followed by purging
- Normal weight to overweight (BMI 18.5 - 30)
- Teeth erosion
- Bad breath
- May use laxatives and/or diuretics

TREATMENT

Monitor client during and after meals for acts of purging



BINGE EATING

- Binge eating not followed by purging
- Tend to be overweight
- Binging causes:
 - Depression
 - Hatred
 - Shame

TREATMENT FOR ALL EATING DISORDERS

Teach coping skills

Maintain trust

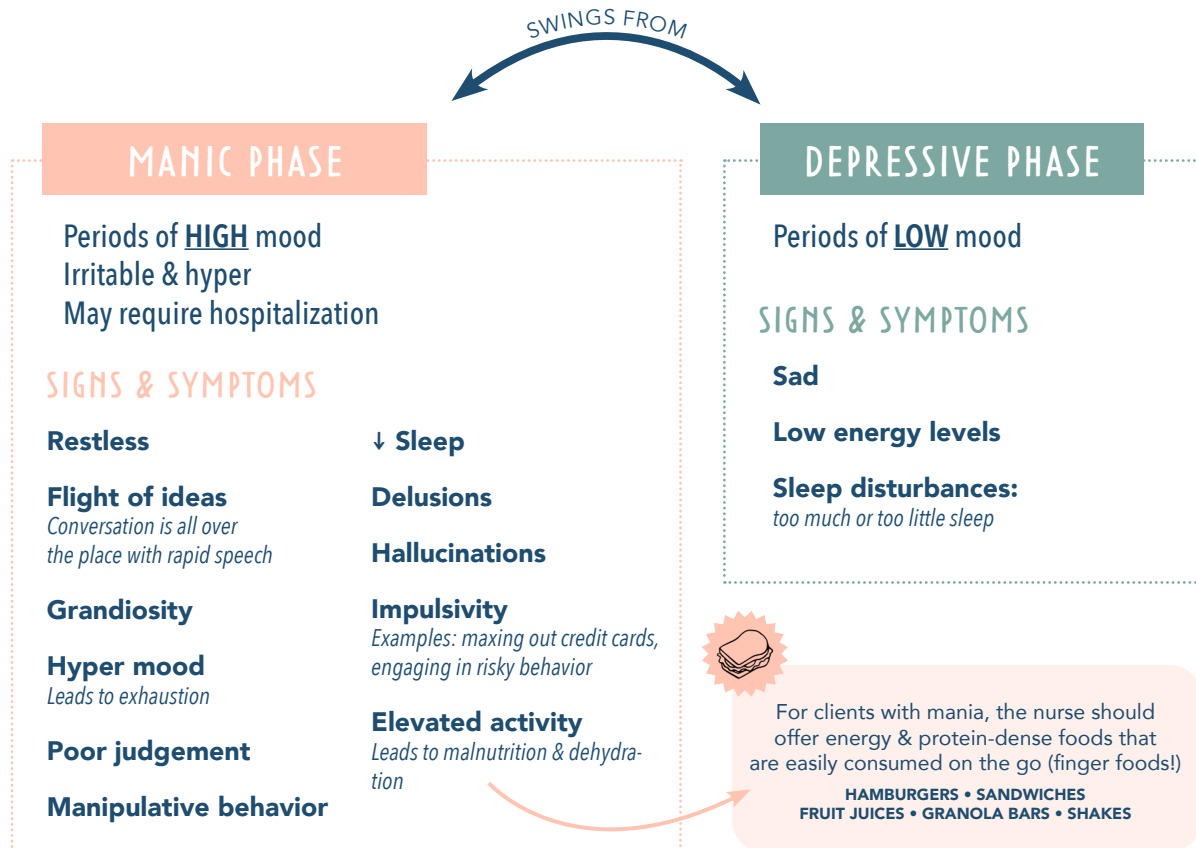
Have the client be a part of the decision making & the plan of care!


Therapy group, individual or family

BIPOLAR DISORDER

MOOD SWINGS:

Depression to mania with periods of normalcy



| TREATMENT | |
|--|--|
|  <p>NURSING CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE ACUTE PHASE</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a safe environment <i>Remove harmful objects from the room</i> • Set limits on manipulative behavior • Provide finger foods & fluids • Re-channel energy for physical activity • ↓ Stimuli <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Turn off or turn down the TV & music - Keep away from other clients if they are bothersome |
| <p>PHARMACOLOGY</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lithium carbonate • Anticonvulsants • Antidepressants • Antipsychotics • Antianxiety <p style="text-align: right;"><i>See pharmacology section for more details</i></p> |

SCHIZOPHRENIA SPECTRUM DISORDER OVERVIEW

PHASES

| | | |
|---|---------------|--|
| 1 | PRE-MORBID | Normal functioning. Symptoms have not become apparent yet. |
| 2 | PRODROMAL | More tempered form of the disorder. Can be months to years for the disorder to become obvious. |
| 3 | SCHIZOPHRENIA | Positive symptoms are noticeable and apparent. |
| 4 | RESIDUAL | Periods of remission. Negative symptoms may remain, but S&S of the acute stage (positive symptoms) are gone. |

POSSIBLE CAUSES (not fully known)



↑ in the neurotransmitter
DOPAMINE



Illicit substance
(LDS & Marijuana)



Environmental
(malnutrition, toxins, viruses during pregnancy)



Genetics
(family history)

POSITIVE

NEGATIVE

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

Delusions
Anxiety/agitation
Hallucinations
Auditory *most common
Jumbled speech
Disorganized behavior

Flattened/bland effect
Lack of energy
Reduced speech
Avolition
Lack of motivation
Anhedonia
Not capable of feeling joy or pleasure
Lack of social interaction

TREATMENT

- **Medication**
 - Antipsychotic medications
 - Antidepressants
 - Mood stabilizers (lithium)
 - Benzodiazepines
- **Therapy**
- **Exercise**



NURSING CONSIDERATIONS

- Try to establish trust with the client
- Encourage compliance with the medications
- Promote self-care
- Encourage group activities
- Offer therapeutic communication

HOW TO ADDRESS HALLUCINATIONS?

- Don't address the hallucinations
Example: "I don't see spiders on the wall but I see you are scared"
- Be compassionate
- Bring the conversation back to reality
- Do not argue with the client
- Provide safety for the client & the staff!

TYPES OF DEPRESSION

MAJOR DEPRESSIVE DISORDER (MDD)

Has at least 5 of these symptoms every day for at least 2 weeks:

- Depressed mood
- Too much or too little sleep
- Indecisiveness
- Thoughts of death (suicide)
- ↓ ability to think/concentrate
- Not able to feel pleasure
- ↑ or ↓ motor activity
- Weight fluctuations (5% change within a month)

FACTS

- MDD impairs the client's normal functioning
- MDD is not the same depression seen in bipolar disorder
- MDD is not a mood swing, it's constant

TREATMENT PHASES FOR MDD

ACUTE: 6 - 12 weeks

Hospitalization & medications may be prescribed

GOALS:

- ↓ Depressive symptoms
- ↑ Functionality

CONTINUATION: 4 - 9 months-

Medication is continued

GOALS:

- Prevent relapse

MAINTENANCE: 1+ year

Medication may be continued or be phased out

GOALS:

- Prevent relapse & further depressive episodes

Treatment for the client will reflect what phase they are in!

PREMENSTRUAL DYSPHORIC DISORDER (PMDD)

Depression that occurs during the luteal phase of the menstrual cycle.



SYMPTOMS

- Emotional
- ↑ Eating
- ↓ Energy
- ↓ Concentration

SUBSTANCE INDUCED DEPRESSIVE DISORDER

Depression associated with withdrawal or the use of alcohol and drugs.



PERSISTENT DEPRESSIVE DISORDER (DYSTHYMIA)

A more mild form of depression compared to MDD, although it can turn into MDD later in life.



POSTPARTUM

Depression that happens after a woman goes through childbirth. The woman may feel disconnected from the world. She may have a fear of harming her newborn.



SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER (SAD)

Depression that occurs seasonally. Often occurs during the winter months when there is less sunshine.



TREATMENT: Light therapy

TREATMENT

MEDICATIONS

- SSRI's
- SNRI's
- TCA's
- MAOI's

NON-PHARMACOLOGICAL THERAPIES

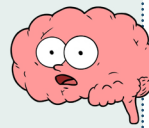
- Light therapy
- St. John's wort

ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY (ECT)

Used for clients who are unresponsive to other treatments. Transmits a brief electrical stimulation to the patient's brain.

THE PROCEDURE

- The client is asleep under anesthesia
- The client will not remember and is unaware of the procedure
- Muscle relaxants may be given to ↓ seizure activity & ↓ risk for injury
- Client may have memory loss, confusion, & headache post-procedure



NURSING CONSIDERATIONS

- Safety is a priority. Those struggling with depression have a higher suicide risk.
Initiate suicide precautions:
 - Remove sharp things
 - Keep medications out of reach
 - Remove objects that may be used for strangulation (wires)
- Help the client identify coping methods & teach alternatives if needed
- Provide local resources such as churches, local programs, community resources, etc.
- Encourage:
 - Physical activity
 - Self-care
 - Supportive relationships*Individual therapy, support groups, & peer support*

DIFFERENT TYPES OF ANXIETY DISORDERS

NORMAL

WORST

| | MILD | MODERATE | SEVERE | PANIC |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|
| LEVELS OF ANXIETY | Normal/healthy amount of anxiety. Allows one to have sharp focus & problem solve. | Thinking ability is impaired. Sharp focus & problem-solving can still happen just at a lower level. | Focus & problem solving are not possible. Feelings of doom may be felt. | Most extreme anxiety. Unstable & not in touch with reality. |
| SYMPTOMS | Nail-biting Tapping Foot jitters | GI upset Headache Voice is shaky | Dizziness Headache Nausea Sleeplessness Hyperventilation | Pacing Yelling Running Hallucinations |

| ANXIETY DISORDERS | Separation Anxiety Disorder | Experiences extreme fear of anxiety when separated from someone they are emotionally connected to. This is a normal part of infancy, but not a normal part of adulthood. |
|-------------------|---|---|
| | Specific Phobia | Irrational fear of a particular object or situation. SOME EXAMPLES: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monophobia - Fear of being alone• Zoophobia - Fear of animals• Acrophobia - Fear of heights |
| | Social Anxiety Disorder (Social Phobia) | Fear of social situations or presenting in front of groups. They fear embarrassment. They may have symptoms (real or fake) to escape the situation. |
| | Panic Disorder | Reoccurring panic attacks that last 15 - 30 minutes with physical manifestations. |
| | Agoraphobia | Extreme fear of certain places where the client feels unsafe or defenseless. May even be too fearful of places to maintain employment. |
| | Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD) | Uncontrolled extreme worry for at least 6 months that causes impairment of functionality. |

Agora means "open space"

| OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDERS | Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) | OBSESSION: Recurrent thoughts COMPULSION: Recurrent acts or behaviors This obsessiveness is usually because it decreases stress & helps deal with anxiety. |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | Hoarding Disorder | Compulsive desire to save items even if they have no value to the person. It may even lead to unsafe living environments. |
| | Body Dysmorphic Disorder | Preoccupied with perceived flaws or imperfections in physical appearance that the client thinks they have. |

SOMATIC SYMPTOM & RELATED DISORDERS (SOMATOFORM DISORDERS)

SOMATIC SYMPTOM DISORDER

Somatization is psychological stress that presents through physical symptoms that can not be explained by any pathology or diagnosis.

NURSING CONSIDERATIONS

- SAFETY is a priority Asses for symptoms or thoughts of self-harm or suicide
- Understand the somatic symptoms are real to the client even though they are not real
- Help the client verbalize their feelings while limiting the amount of time talking about their somatic symptoms
- Assess coping mechanism & educate on alternative ways of coping

MANIFESTATIONS

- Consumed by physical manifestations to the point it disrupts daily life
- Seeks medical help from multiple places
- Remission & exacerbations
- Overmedicates with analgesic and antianxiety medications
- ↑ Stress = ↑ somatic symptoms



PHQ-15:

PATIENT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE 15

An assessment tool used to identify 15 of the most common somatic symptoms

CONVERSION DISORDER

Sudden onset of neurological manifestations & physical symptoms without a known neurological diagnosis. It can be related to a psychological conflict/need beyond their conscious control.

NURSING CONSIDERATIONS

- Ensure SAFETY
- Gain trust & rapport with the client
- Assess coping mechanism & educate on alternative ways of coping
- Assess stress management methods
- Encourage therapy such as:
 - Individual therapies
 - Group therapies
 - Support groups

MANIFESTATIONS

MOTOR

Paralysis pseudoseizures

Pseudocyesis:

Signs & symptoms of pregnancy without the presence of a fetus AKA false pregnancy. This may be present in a client who desires to become pregnant

SENSORY

Blindness

Deafness

Sensations (burning/tingling)

Inability to smell/speak



MEDICATIONS

The client may be prescribed **antidepressants** or **anxiolytics**

POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD)

Mental health condition where exposure to a traumatic event has occurred.

NURSING CONSIDERATIONS

- Teach relaxation techniques
- Teach ways to ↓ anxiety
- Support groups

MANIFESTATIONS

Lasting longer than 1 month:

- Anxiety
- Detachment
- Nightmares of the event



MEDICATIONS

Antidepressants may be prescribed

NEUROCOGNITIVE DISORDERS



Dementia & Alzheimer's are NOT the same.

Dementia is a general term that refers to a group of symptoms, not a specific disease. Dementia may advance to a major neurocognitive disorder such as Alzheimer's disease.

DELIRIUM

SHORT TERM / SUDDEN CHANGE

Impairment (hours - days)

There is always an underlying cause... something is causing the delirium!

- Hospitalization
- ICU delirium
- Polypharmacy
- Old age
- Stroke
- Surgery
- Restraints
- Secondary to a medical condition (infection, electrolyte imbalance, substance abuse...etc)

Delirium is a medical emergency and requires prompt diagnosis & treatment

- Disorganization
 - Most common to time & place
 - Happens mostly at night
- ↓ Memory
- Anxiety & agitation
- Delusional thinking
- Ranges from lethargic to hypervigilance!

- Safety: prevent physical harm
- Avoid restrains when possible
- Remember physical needs (Hygiene, food, water, sleep, etc)
- May be prescribed anti-anxiety/antipsychotic medications

ONSET

RISK FACTORS

MANIFESTATIONS

INTERVENTIONS

CURE?

ALZHEIMER'S

CONTINUOUS

Decline of function (months - years)

Genetics

Family history (immediate family)

Head Injury

Traumatic brain injuries (TBI) & head trauma

Advanced Age

>65 have the highest risk

Cardiovascular Disease & Lifestyle Factors

Inactivity, unhealthy diet, high cholesterol, obesity, & diabetes

STAGES OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

| | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|--|
| SEVERE MODERATE MILD | Early stage not noticeable to others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memory lapse • Misplacing things • Short term memory | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulty focusing • Can still accomplish own ADL's |
| | Middle Stage noticeable to others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forgets own history • Difficulty completing tasks • Personality changes • Unable to do some ADL's & self-care (may be incontinent) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gets lost & wanders often • Gets angry & frustrated |
| | Late Stage Requires full assistance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs assistant with all ADL's • Losing the capability to have discussions • Losing physical skills (walking, sitting, swallowing) • May result in death or coma | |

Caring for a client with Alzheimer's is very complex!

- Help families in planning for extended care
- Monitor nutrition, weight, & fluids status
- Maintain a quiet environment to ↓ stimuli
- **Cholinesterase inhibitor** may be prescribed to improve quality of life but does NOT cure the disease.

Communication

- Speak slowly
- Give one direction at a time
- Don't ask complex or open-ended questions
- Ask simple, direct questions
- Face the client directly when speaking

RX
Used in early & moderate stages of dementia & Alzheimer's disease. May also be used for Parkinson's dementia.



| GENERIC | TRADE NAME |
|--------------|------------|
| donepezil | Aricept |
| galantamine | Razadyne |
| Rivastigmine | Exelon |

Reversible if prompt treatment is initiated

Irreversible

MENTAL HEALTH

PHARMACOLOGY



LITHIUM CARBONATE

MOOD STABILIZER:

Known for its side effects and narrow therapeutic range

THERAPEUTIC RANGE:

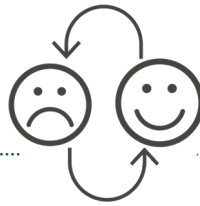
0.6 - 1.2 mEq/L



USES

Bipolar disorder

Helps regulate the "mood swings"
(depression & mania)



ADVERSE REACTIONS

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Thirst
- Polyuria
- Tremors
- Weight gain

TOXICITY!

- Confusion
- Blurred vision
- Diarrhea
- Tinnitus
Ringing in ears
- Slurred speech
- Coma
- Convulsions

TOXICITY LEVELS

Mild: 1.5 - 2 mEq/L

Moderate: 2 - 3 mEq/L

Severe: > 3 mEq/L

HOW DOES TOXICITY HAPPEN?

- Dehydration
causes ↑ lithium levels in blood
- Hyponatremia
- Old age
↓ kidney function...this means lithium builds up in the blood

EDUCATION

- Carry ID that shows you are taking lithium
- Educate on signs & symptoms of **toxicity**
- Educate and stress importance of taking medication regularly
- Serum lithium levels should be checked every 1-2 months
- Do not operate heavy machinery or drive
- Educate on drinking plenty of water to avoid dehydration (therefore avoiding toxicity)
- Avoid starting a low salt diet
Sudden ↓ in salt = ↑ in lithium

CONTRADICTIONS

- Pregnancy category D:
Contradicted in pregnancy & breastfeeding
- Renal / cardiovascular disease
- Dehydrated patients
Excessive diarrhea or vomiting
- Receiving diuretics
- Sodium depletion
- Hypersensitivity to tartrazine

ANTIDEPRESSANT DRUGS

SSRI's

Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor

Inhibits uptake of serotonin = ↑ serotonin

Think
Smiley
Serotonin

- Depression
- Anxiety
- OCD
- Eating disorders

SNRI's/DNRI's

Serotonin / Norepinephrine &
Dopamine / Norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor

Affects serotonin, norepinephrine & dopamine

- Depressive episodes
- Anxiety disorders
- Fibromyalgia
- Diabetic neuropathy pain



NEURO

- Headache
- Tremors
- Difficulty sleeping

3 S's of SSRI's

- Serotonin syndrome
- Sexual dysfunction
- Stomach issues



GI

- Nausea
- Dry mouth / thirst
- Constipation
- Urinary retention
- Sexual dysfunction

SEROTONIN SYNDROME

- Too much serotonin in the brain
- Mental changes
- Tachycardia
- Tightness in muscles
- Difficulty walking
- ↑ BP & temp



NEURO

- Headache
- Dizziness
- Vertigo
- Photosensitivity
- Agitation/tremors
- Insomnia



GI

- Dry mouth/thirst
- Dehydration
- Constipation
- Nausea/diarrhea

- May take 4 -6 weeks to take effect
Educate on the importance of compliance
- Take medication in the morning
- **First line** drug for depression/anxiety

⚠ SUICIDE WARNING ⚠

A client who had suicidal plans may now have the **energy** due to the medication to carry out the plans!

- May take 4-6 weeks to take effect
Educate on the importance of compliance
- Do not mix with TCA's or MAOI's
- **Zyban** is used for smoking cessation. Do not use it while taking bupropion for depression – it could cause **overdose**.

| GENERIC | TRADE NAME |
|--------------|------------|
| sertraline | Zoloft |
| citalopram | Celexa |
| escitalopram | Lexapro |
| fluoxetine | Prozac |
| vilazodone | Viibryd |

SUFFIXES

-talopram, -oxetine, -zodone

| GENERIC | TRADE NAME |
|-------------|--------------------|
| bupropion | Zyban & Wellbutrin |
| duloxetine | Cymbalta |
| venlafaxine | Effexor XR |
| milnacipran | Savella |
| nefazodon | – |

SUFFIXES

-faxine, -zodone, -nacipran

ANTIDEPRESSANT DRUGS

| TCA's | | MAOI's | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|---|------------|------------------------|---|-----------|---|--------------|-----------|---------------|----------|---------------|---------|--|--|---------|------------|------------|--------|-----------------|---------|---------------|---------|------------|
| Tricyclic antidepressants | | Monoamine oxidase inhibitor | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blocks reuptake of serotonin & norepinephrine in the brain | | Blocks monoamine oxidase which causes ↑ in epinephrine, norepinephrine, dopamine, & serotonin, which causes stimulation of the CNS! | | ACTION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Depressive episodes• Bipolar disorder• OCD• Neuropathy• Enuresis | | Depression | | USES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constipation• Dry mouth• Drowsiness• Blurred vision• Orthostatic hypotension• Urine retention• Cardiotoxic <div>Causes heart problems in patients with pre-existing cardiac conditions or elderly clients...give with caution!</div> | | <div><div>NEURO</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orthostatic hypotension• Dizziness• Blurred vision<div>GI</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constipation• Dry mouth• Nausea/ vomiting<div>HYPERTENSIVE CRISIS</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Headache• Stiff neck• Nausea / vomiting• Fever• Dilated pupils<div>Seek medical help to ↓ blood pressure</div></div> | | SIDE EFFECTS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May take 2- 3 weeks to take effect <i>Educate on the importance of compliance</i>• WAIT 14 days after being off MAOI's to start taking TCA's• Amoxapine is not an antipsychotic drug but similar to these drugs, it may cause TD & NMS (D/C the drug immediately if these symptoms occur) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can take up to 4 weeks to reach therapeutic levels <i>Educate on the importance of compliance</i>• Educate on the signs & symptoms of HTN crisis• Avoid foods with Tyramine<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aged cheese• Fermented meats• Chocolate• Caffeinated beverages• Sour cream & yogurt | | NURSING CONSIDERATIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| amitriptyline | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| amoxapine | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| clomipramine | Anafranil | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| protriptyline | Vivactil | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| nortriptyline | Pamelor | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GENERIC | TRADE NAME | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| phenelzine | Nardil | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| tranylcypromine | Parnate | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| isocarboxazid | Marplan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

ANTIANXIETY DRUGS (ANXIOLYTICS)

BENZODIAZEPINES



RX

Bipolar disorder

Benzo's are mainly prescribed for acute anxiety, sedation/muscle relaxant, seizures, & alcohol withdrawal

Not a first-line drug for treating long-term psychiatric anxiety conditions

ACTION

Binds to cell receptors enhancing the effects of GABA

GABA (inhibitory neurotransmitter)
slows/calms the activity of the nerves in the brain



| GENERIC | TRADE NAME |
|------------------|------------|
| alprazolam | Xanax |
| lorazepam | Ativan |
| diazepam | Valium |
| clonazepam | Klonopin |
| chlordiazepoxide | Librium |
| SUFFIXES | |
| -zolam & -zepam | |

Antidote: FLUMAZENIL

ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS (ADR'S)

- Mild drowsiness, sedation
- Lightheadedness, dizziness, ataxia
- Visual disturbances
- Anger, restlessness
- Nausea, constipation, diarrhea
- Lethargy, apathy, fatigue
- Dry mouth

NURSING CONSIDERATIONS TO HELP WITH ADR'S

Take at night if it makes you dizzy/drowsy
Rise slowly from sitting or lying
Do not drive or operate heavy machinery

Fluids, fiber, & exercise!
Give with food to ↓ GI upset

Sips of water, suck on hard candy,
chewing sugar-free gum

SYMPTOMS OF WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawals typically happen when the medication is stopped abruptly or taken for >3 months

- ↑ Anxiety
- ↑ HR
- ↑ BP
- ↑ Temp/sweating
- ↓ Memory
- Agitation
- Seizures/tremors
- Insomnia
- Vomiting
- Muscle aches

NURSING CONSIDERATIONS

- Not meant for long term therapy because ↑ risk for physical & psychological **DEPENDENCE**
- Use of long term therapy leads to **TOLERANCE**
Larger doses of the drug are required to achieve the desired outcome
- Must be **TAPERED**
↓ the dosage gradually.
NEVER stop the medication abruptly!

CONTRAINDICATIONS & PRECAUTIONS

- Pregnant, laboring & lactating women (Preg Category D)
- Elderly (↑ chance of dementia)
- Impaired liver or kidney function
- Debilitation

NONBENZODIAZEPINES

ACTION

Depends on the drug

buspirone (Buspar)
acts on serotonin receptors

hydroxyzine (Vistaril)
acts on the hypothalamus & brainstem reticular formation

| GENERIC | TRADE NAME |
|-------------|------------|
| buspirone | Buspar |
| doxepin | Silenor |
| hydroxyzine | Vistaril |
| meprobamate | — |

ANTIPSYCHOTICS

Most commonly used for psychosis (schizophrenia)



REVIEW: Why are SGA's better than FGA's?

SGA's work on both positive & negative symptoms, and have a lower risk of developing tardive dyskinesia (TD).

FIRST GENERATION ANTIPSYCHOTICS (FGA's)

Also called **typical/conventional**

| GENERIC | TRADE NAME |
|----------------|------------|
| chlorpromazine | – |
| haloperidol | Haldol |
| loxapine | Adasuve |

ACTIONS OF FGA's

- Blocks/inhibits dopamine from being released in the brain
- Helps diminish positive symptoms of schizophrenia

SIDE EFFECTS OF FGA's

- Higher risk of TD, EPS, & NMS
- Orthostatic hypotension

SIDE EFFECTS OF BOTH

- Anticholinergic effects
- Photophobia
- Photosensitivity
- Sedation/lethargy

SECOND GENERATION ANTIPSYCHOTICS (SGA's)

Also called **atypical**

| GENERIC | TRADE NAME |
|--------------|------------|
| risperidone | Risperdal |
| clozapine | Clozaril |
| quetiapine | Seroquel |
| ziprasidone | Geodon |
| aripiprazole | Abilify |

ACTIONS OF SGA's

- Acts on both serotonin & dopamine in the brain
- Helps diminish positive symptoms of schizophrenia & helps negative symptoms as well!

SIDE EFFECTS OF SGA's

- Lower risk of TD, EPS & NMS
- ↑ Weight
- ↑ Cholesterol
- ↑ Triglyceride
- ↑ Blood sugar

TARDIVE DYSKINESIA (TD)

- Involuntary movements of the face, tongue, or limbs that may be irreversible.

EXTRAPYRAMIDAL SYNDROME (EPS)

- Parkinson's like symptoms • Akathisia (restlessness) • Dystonia (muscle twitching)

NEUROLEPTIC MALIGNANT SYNDROME (NMS)

- Combination of symptoms: EPS, high fever, & autonomic disturbance
- One can recover 7-10 days after DC of medication, but it can be fatal if not treated in time

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Hypersensitivity
- Comatose client
- Depressed
- Bone marrow depression
- Blood dyscrasias
- Parkinson's disease
- Liver problems
- Coronary artery disease
- Hyper or hypotension

NURSING CONSIDERATIONS

- Educate that it may take 6 - 10 weeks to take effect
- Tell client about adverse reactions and emphasize that adherence is very important

FGA's

- Teach S&S of TD, EPDS, & NMS!
- Advise the client to get up slowly

SGA's

- Check labs (blood sugar, LDL, triglycerides)
- To decrease the risk of gaining weight, advise the client about exercise, low-calorie diet, & monitor their weight.

MOTHER BABY



ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| IUP/IUFD | Intrauterine pregnancy / intrauterine fetal demise |
| SAB | Spontaneous abortion |
| TAB | Therapeutic abortion |
| LMP | Last menstrual period |
| ROM | Rupture of membranes |
| SROM | Spontaneous rupture of membranes |
| AROM | Artificial rupture of membranes |
| PROM | Prolonged rupture of membranes (>24 hours) |
| PPROM | Preterm premature rupture of membranes |
| SVD | Spontaneous vaginal delivery |
| FHR | Fetal heart rate |
| EFM | Electronic fetal monitoring |
| US | Ultrasound transducer (detects FHR) |
| FSE | Fetal scalp electrode (precise reading of FHR) |
| IUPC | Intrauterine pressure catheter (strength of contractions) |
| LTV | Long term variability |
| SVE | Sterile vaginal exam |
| MLE | Midline episiotomy |

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| NST | Non-stress test |
| CST | Contraction stress test |
| BPP | Biophysical profile |
| VBAC | Vaginal birth after cesarean |
| AFI | Amniotic fluid index |
| BUFA | Baby up for adoption |
| NPNC | No prenatal care |
| PTL | Preterm labor |
| BOA | Born on arrival |
| BTL | Bilateral tubal ligation |
| D&C / D&E | Dilation & curettage / dilation & evacuation |
| LPNC | Late prenatal care |
| TIUP | Term intrauterine pregnancy |
| VMI / VFI | Viable male infant / viable female infant |
| EDB | Estimated date of birth |
| EDC | Estimated date of confinement |
| EDD | Estimated date of delivery |

PREGNANCY DURATION

40 weeks gestational age

The number of completed weeks counting from the 1st day of the last normal menstrual cycle (LMP).

38 weeks fetal age

This refers to the age of the developing baby, counting from the estimated date of conception. The fetal age is usually 2 weeks less than the gestational age.

TRIMESTERS

First Trimester

0 – 13 WEEKS

Second Trimester

14 – 26 WEEKS

Third Trimester

27 – 40 WEEKS

PRENATAL TERMS

Gravida / Gravity

A woman who is pregnant / the number of pregnancies

Nulligravida

Never been pregnant

Primigravida

Pregnant for the first time

Multigravida

A woman who has had 2+ pregnancies

Parity

The number of pregnancies that have reach viability (20 weeks of gestation) whether the fetus was born alive or not

Nullipara

0

Zero pregnancies beyond viability (20 weeks)

Primipara

1

One pregnancy that has reached viability (20 weeks)

Multipara

2+

Two or more pregnancies that have reached viability (20 weeks)

Preterm

Pregnancies that have reached 20 weeks but ended before 37 weeks

Term

Pregnancies that have lasted between week 37 and week 42

Early Term: 37 – 38 6/7

Full Term: 39 – 40 6/7

Late Term: 41 – 41 6/7

Postdate/Postterm

A pregnancy that goes beyond 42 weeks

GTPAL

An acronym used to assess pregnancy outcomes

G

GRAVIDITY



The number of pregnancies

- Includes the present pregnancy
- Includes miscarriages / abortions
- Twins / triplets count as one

T

TERM BIRTHS



The number born at term

- > 37th week of gestation
- Includes alive or stillborn
- Twins / triplets count as one

P

PRE-TERM BIRTHS



The number of pregnancies delivered beginning with the 20th - 36 6th weeks of gestation

- Includes alive or stillborn
- Twins / triplets count as one

A

ABORTIONS / MISCARRIAGES



The number of pregnancies delivered before 20 weeks gestation

- Counts with gravidity
- Twins / triplets count as one

L

LIVING CHILDREN



The number of current living children

- Twin / triplets count individually

ANSWER KEY

Q#1 is (D) 3-2-0-1-2
Q#2 is (C) 4-2-1-0-4

PRACTICE QUESTION 1

You are admitting a client to the mother-baby unit. Two hours ago she delivered a boy on her due date. She gives her obstetric history as follows: she has a three-year-old daughter who was delivered a week past her due date and last year she had a miscarriage at 8 weeks gestation. How would you note this history using the GTPAL system?

- A. 2-2-1-0-2
- B. 3-2-1-0-1
- C. 3-2-1-0-2
- D. 3-2-0-1-2

PRACTICE QUESTION 2

A prenatal client's obstetric history indicates that she has been pregnant 3 times previously and that all her children from previous pregnancies are living. One was born at 39 weeks gestation, twins were born at 34 weeks gestation, & another child was born at 38 weeks gestation. She is currently 38 weeks pregnant. What is her gravidity & parity using the GTPAL system?

- A. 4-1-3-0-4
- B. 4-1-2-0-3
- C. 4-2-1-0-4
- D. 4-2-2-0-4

PREGNANCY SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

PRESUMPTIVE

SUBJECTIVE

Think
"Mom"

These are changes felt by the women that are subjective.
Can be associated with other things.

NOT a definite diagnosis for pregnancy!

- P** Period Absent (Amenorrhea)
- R** Really tired
- E** Enlarged breasts
- S** Sore breasts
- U** Urination increased (urinary frequency)
- M** Movement perceived (quickening)
- E** Emesis & nausea

Why is quickening not a positive sign?

Quickening can be difficult to distinguish from peristalsis or gas so it can not be a positive sign.

PROBABLE

OBJECTIVE

Think
"Doctor"

Pregnancy signs that the nurse or doctor can observe

- P** Positive (+) pregnancy test (high levels of the hormone: hCG)
- R** Returning of the fetus when uterus is pushed w/ fingers (ballottement)
- O** Objective
- B** Braxton hicks contractions
- A** A softened cervix (Goodell's sign)
- B** Bluish color of the vulva, vagina, or cervix (Chadwick's sign)
- L** Lower uterine segment soft (Hegar's sign)
- E** Enlarged uterus

Why is a positive pregnancy test not a positive sign?

High levels of hCG can be associated with other conditions such as certain medications or hydatidiform mole (molar pregnancy).

POSITIVE

OBJECTIVE

Think
"Baby"

Can only be attributed to a fetus

Definite diagnosis for pregnancy!

- F** Fetal movement palpated by a doctor or nurse
- E** Electronic device detects heart tones ♥
- T** The delivery of the baby
- U** Ultrasound detects baby
- S** Seeing visible movements

PREGNANCY PHYSIOLOGY

HORMONES

Prolactin: Allows for breast milk production

Estrogen: Growth of fetal organs & maternal tissues

Progesterone & Relaxin: Relaxes smooth muscles

hCG: Produced by placenta, prevents menstruation

Oxytocin: Stimulates contractions at the start of labor

RESPIRATORY

- ↑ Basal metabolic rate (BMR)
- ↑ O₂ needs
- Respiratory alkalosis (MILD)

CARDIOVASCULAR

- ↑ Cardiac output
(↑ Heart rate + ↑ stroke volume)
- Blood pressure stays the same or a slight decrease
- ↑ in plasma volume
- ♥ Enlarges
(May develop systolic murmurs)

RENAL

- ↑ GFR from ↑ plasma volume
- Smooth muscle relaxation of the uterus = ↑ risk of UTI's!
- ↑ Urgency, frequency & nocturia
- EDEMA!!

SKIN

- **Striae**
Stretch marks (abdomen, breasts, hips, etc)
- **Chloasma**
Mask of pregnancy
Brownish hyperpigmentation of the skin
- **Linea Nigra**
"Pregnancy line" dark line that develops across your belly during pregnancy
- **Montgomery glands / Tubercles**
Small rough / nodular / pimple-like appearance of the areola (nipple)

MUSCULOSKELETAL

- **Lordosis:** center of gravity shifts forward leading to inward curve of spine
- Low back pain
- Carpal tunnel syndrome
- Calf cramps

PITUITARY

- ↓ FSH/LH due to ↑ Progesterone
- ↑ Prolactin
- ↑ Oxytocin

THYROID

- ↑ Thyroxine
- May have moderate enlargement of the thyroid gland (goiter)
- ↑ Metabolism & ↑ appetite

GASTROINTESTINAL

- **Pyrosis**
↑ Progesterone = LOS to relax = ↑ heartburn
- **Constipation & hemorrhoids**
↑ Progesterone = ↓ gut motility
- **Pica**
Non-food cravings such as ice, clay, and laundry starch

HEMATOLOGICAL

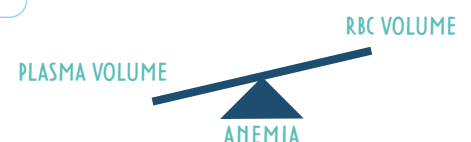
FIBRINOGEN < Non-pregnant levels: 200-400 mg/dL
Pregnant levels: up to 600 mg/dL

Pregnant women are **HYPERCOAGULABLE**
(increased risk for DVT's)

- ↑ White blood cells
- ↓ Platelets

ANEMIA

Plasma volume is greater than the amount of red blood cell (RBC) = hemodilution = **physiological anemia**



NAEGELE'S RULE

➔ Used for estimating the expected date of delivery (EDD) based on LMP (last menstrual period)

DATE OF LAST MENSTRUAL PERIOD — 3 CALENDAR MONTHS + 7 DAYS + 1 YEAR



REMEMBER:

How many days
are in each month?



30 days hath
September, April,
June & November.
All the rest have 31,
except February alone
(28 days)

EXAMPLE

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1st day of last period: | September 2, 2015 |
| Minus 3 calendar months: | June 2, 2015 |
| Plus 7 days: | June 9, 2015 |
| Plus 1 year: | June 9, 2016 (EDD) |

FACTS ABOUT NAEGELE'S RULE

- ♥ Bases calculation on a woman who has a 28-day cycle (most women vary)
- ♥ The typical gestation period is 280 days (40 weeks)
- ♥ First-time mothers usually have a slightly longer gestation period

WHAT TO AVOID DURING PREGNANCY

TERATOGENIC DRUGS



REMEMBER
THE
MNEMONIC!

TERA-TOWAS

- T** Thalidomide
- E** Epileptic medications (valproic acid, phenytoin)
- R** Retinoid (vit A)
- A** Ace inhibitors, ARBS
- T** Third element (lithium)
- O** Oral contraceptives
- W** Warfarin (coumadin)
- A** Alcohol
- S** Sulfonamides & sulfones

TORCH INFECTIONS

TORCH infections are a group of infections that cause fetal abnormalities. Pregnant women should avoid these infections!

REMEMBER
THE
MNEMONIC!

TORCH



- T** Toxoplasmosis
- Parv **O** Virus-B19 (fifth disease)
- R** Rubella
- C** Cytomegalovirus
- H** Herpes simplex virus

STAGES OF LABOR

STAGE 1

CERVIX DILATES FROM 0-10 CM

Longest Stage

LATENT (EARLY)

- ♥ **Cervix dilates:** 1 - 3 cm
- ♥ **Intensity:** Mild
- ♥ **Contractions:** 15 - 30 mins

ACTIVE

- ♥ **Cervix dilates:** 4 - 7 cm
- ♥ **Intensity:** Moderate
- ♥ **Contractions:** 3 - 5 min (30-60 sec in duration)

TRANSITION

- ♥ **Cervix dilates:** 8 - 10 cm
- ♥ **Intensity:** Strong
- ♥ **Contractions:** Every 2-3 min (60-90 sec in duration)

INTERVENTIONS

- ♥ Promote comfort
 - Warm shower, massage, or epidural
- ♥ Offer fluids & ice chips
- ♥ Provide a quiet environment
- ♥ Encourage voiding every 1 - 2 hours
- ♥ Encourage participation in care & keep informed
- ♥ Instruct partner in **effleurage** (light stroking of the abdomen)
- ♥ Encourage effective breathing patterns & rest between contractions

REMEMBER THE MNEMONIC!

Labor
Actively
Transitioning

>30 MIN = RETAINED PLACENTA

STAGE 2

THE BABY IS DELIVERED

- Starts when cervix is fully dilated & effaced
- Ends after the baby is delivered

PUSHING!!!

INTERVENTIONS

- ♥ Provide ice chips & ointment for dry lips
- ♥ Provide praise & encouragement to the mother
- ♥ Monitor uterine contractions & mother's vital signs
- ♥ Maintain privacy & encourage rest between contractions
- ♥ Encourage effective breathing patterns & rest between contractions
- ♥ Monitor for signs of birth (perineal bulging or visualization of fetal head)

STAGE 3

THE PLACENTA IS DELIVERED

The PLACENTA is expelled (5 - 30 min after birth)

SIGNS OF A PLACENTA DELIVERY

- ♥ Lengthening umbilical cord
- ♥ Gush of blood
- ♥ Uterus changes from oval to globular shape

DELIVERY MECHANICS

"Shiny Schultz"

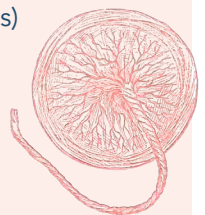
Side of *baby* delivered 1st

"Dirty Duncan"

Side of *mother* delivered 1st

INTERVENTIONS

- ♥ Assessing mother's vital signs
- ♥ Uterine status (fundal rubs every 15 minutes)
- ♥ Provide warmth to the mother
- ♥ Promote parental-neonatal attachment
- ♥ Examine placenta & verify it's intact
 - Should have 2 arteries & 1 vein



STAGE 4

RECOVERY!

RECOVERY: first 1-4 hours after delivery of the placenta

- ♥ Assessing the fundus
- ♥ Continue to monitor vital signs & temperature for infection
- ♥ Administer IV fluids
- ♥ Monitor lochia discharge (lochia may be moderate in amount & red).
- ♥ Monitor for respiratory depression, vomiting, & aspiration if general anesthesia was used
- ♥ **Great time to watch for complications such as bleeding (postpartum hemorrhage)**



- ♥ FIRM
- ♥ Midline



- ♥ Soft
- ♥ Boggy
- ♥ Displaced





TIP

Looks like smiley face!

2 "A" for Arteries
1 "V" for Vein

TRUE VS. FALSE LABOR

| | FALSE LABOR | TRUE LABOR |
|--------------|--|---|
| CONTRACTIONS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irregular • Stops with walking / position change • Felt in the back or the abdomen above the umbilicus • Often stops with comfort measures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occur regularly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stronger - Longer - Closer together • More intense with walking • Felt in lower back -> radiating to the lower portion of the abdomen • Continue despite the use of comfort measures |
| CERVIX | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be soft • NO significant change in.... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Effacement - Dilation • No bloody show • In posterior position (baby's head facing mom's front of belly)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progressive change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Softening - Effacement - Dilation signaled by the appearance of bloody show - Moves to an increasingly anterior position (baby's head facing mom's back)  |
| FETUS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenting part is usually not engaged in the pelvis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenting parts become engaged in the pelvis • Increased ease of breathing (more room to breathe) • Presenting part presses downward & compresses the bladder = urinary frequency |

SIGNS OF LABOR

LABOR

Moving the fetus, placenta, & the membranes out of the uterus through the birth canal

Signs of Preceding Labor

- Lightening
- Increased vaginal discharge (bloody show)
- Return of urinary frequency
- Cervical ripening
- Rupture of membranes "water breaking"
- Persistent backache
- Stronger Braxton Hicks contractions
- Days preceding labor
 - Surge of energy
 - Weight loss (1- 3.5 pounds) from a fluid shift

FETAL HEART TONES

EARLY DECELERATIONS

"Mirror" image of mom's contractions
(They don't technically come early)

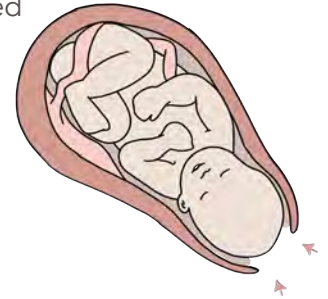
Normal
fetal heart rate
120 - 160 BPM

Cause:

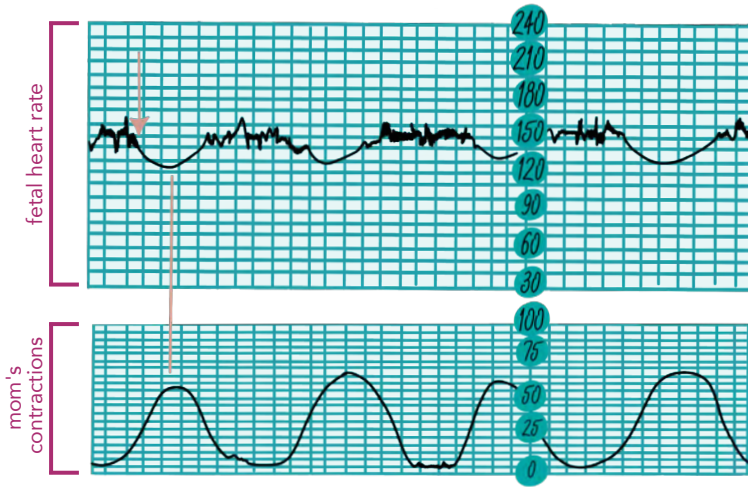
- ♥ From head compression

Intervention:

- ♥ Continue to monitor
- ♥ No intervention needed



✓
NORMAL!



LATE DECELERATIONS

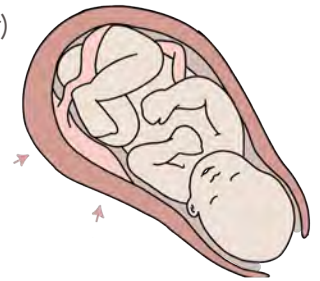
Literally comes late after mom's contraction

Cause:

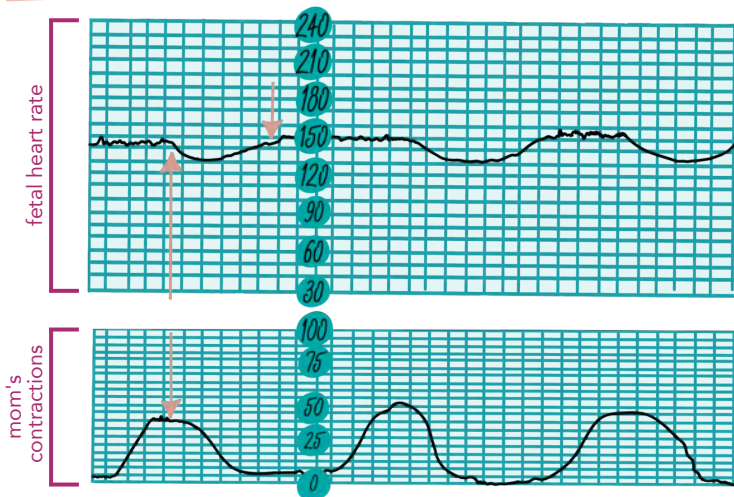
- ♥ Uteroplacental insufficiency

Intervention:

- ♥ D/C oxytocin
- ♥ Position change
- ♥ Oxygen (nonrebreather)
- ♥ Hydration (IV fluids)
- ♥ Elevate legs to correct the hypotension



✗
NON-REASSURING



VARIABLE DECELERATIONS

*Variable: Looks "V" shaped

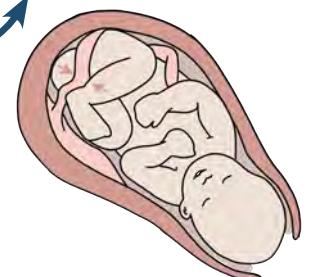
Cause:

- ♥ Cord compression

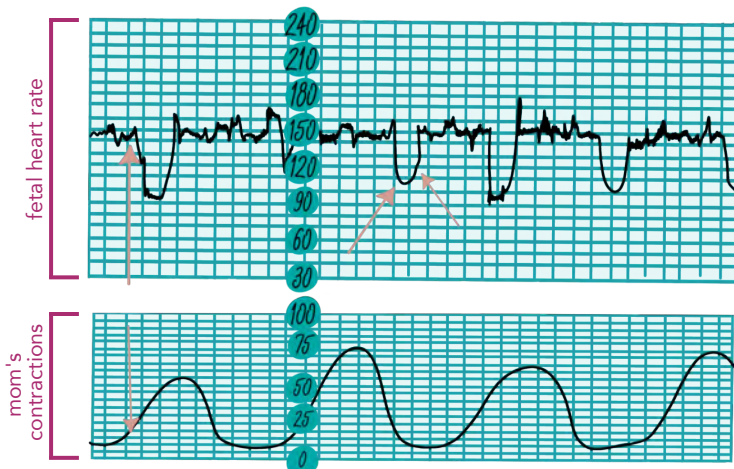
Intervention:

- ♥ D/C Oxytocin
- ♥ Amnioinfusion
- ♥ Position change
- ♥ Breathing techniques
- ♥ Oxygen (nonrebreather)

Side-lying or knee chest will relieve pressure on cord

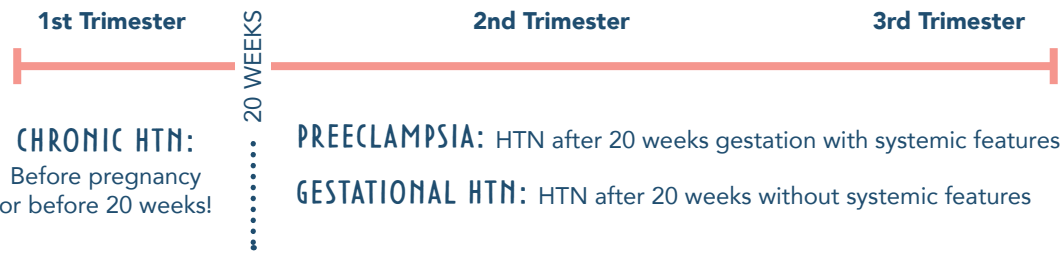


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NON-REASSURING



PREECLAMPSIA OVERVIEW

Overview of Hypertensive disorders during pregnancy



WHAT IS HYPERTENSION?

SYSTOLIC >140
OR
DIASTOLIC > 90

Hypertension may be abbreviated "HTN"

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

"PRE" eclampsia

- P** Proteinuria
 - R** Rising BP
 - E** Edema
- Triad Signs

- ♥ Severe headache
- ♥ RUQ or epigastric pain
- ♥ Visual disturbances
- ♥ ↓ Urine output
- ♥ Hyperreflexia
- ♥ Rapid weight gain

PATHOLOGY

Pathology isn't completely known

PLACENTA is the root cause

- ♥ Defective spiral artery remodeling
- ♥ Systemic vasoconstriction & endothelial dysfunction

RISK FACTORS

- ♥ HX of preeclampsia in previous pregnancies
 - ♥ Family history of preeclampsia
 - ♥ 1st pregnancy
 - ♥ Obesity
 - ♥ Very young (<18) or very old (>35)
 - ♥ Medical conditions (Chronic HTN, renal disease, diabetes, autoimmune disease)
- AMA (advanced maternal age) ↑

HELLP SYNDROME

Variant of preeclampsia
Life-threatening complication

- H** Hemolysis
- EL** Elevated liver enzymes
- LP** Low platelet count

ECLAMPSIA

(seizures activity or a coma)

Immediate care:

- Side-lying
- Padded side rails with pillows/blankets
- O₂
- Suction if needed
- Do not restrain
- Do not leave



MAGNESIUM SULFATE

RX given to prevent seizures during & after labor.

***Remember:** magnesium acts like a depressant

THERAPEUTIC RANGE: 4 – 7 mg/dL

TOXICITY!

- RR <12
- ↓ DTR's
- UOP <30 mL/hr
- EKG Changes

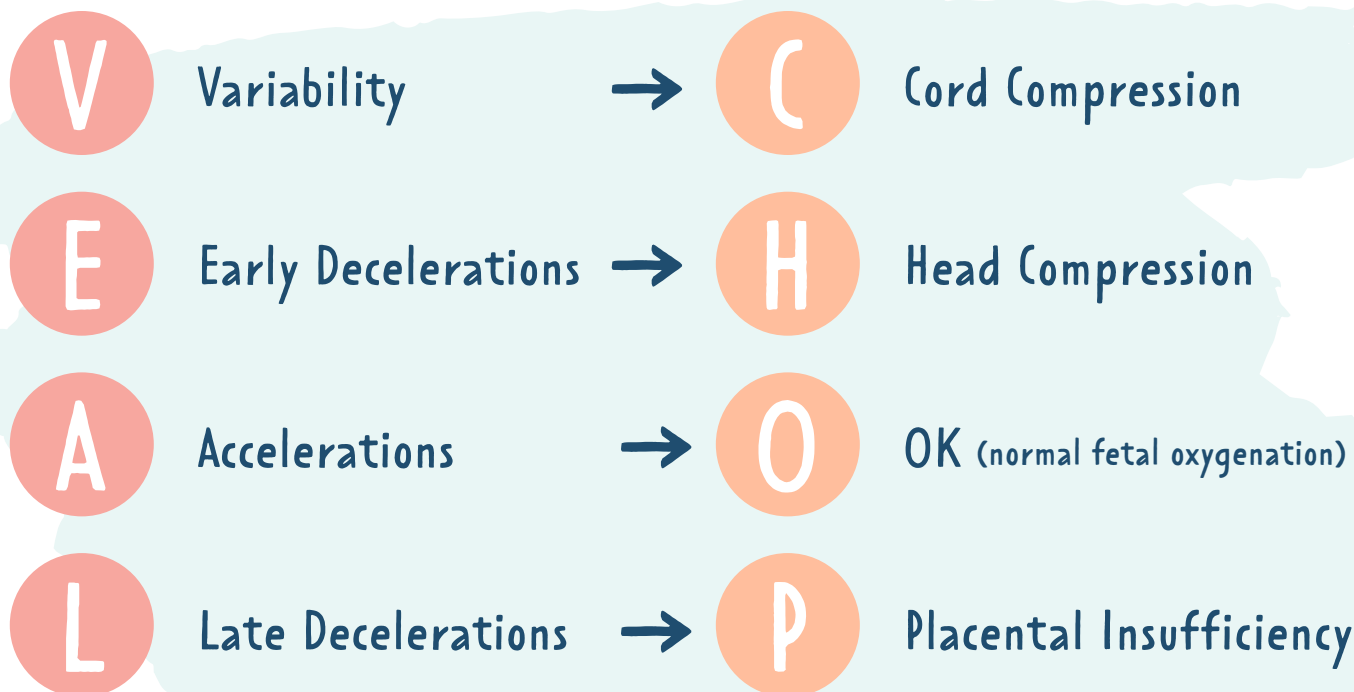
*Mag is excreted in urine
↓UOP → ↑Mag levels

ANTIDOTE: calcium gluconate

*because magnesium sulfate can cause respiratory depression

VEAL CHOP

A tool to help interpret fetal strips



ASSESSMENT OF UTERINE CONTRACTIONS

| | | |
|---------------------|---|--|
| Duration | BEGINNING of the contraction to the END of that same contraction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lasts 45 - 80 seconds • Should not exceed 90 seconds <i>Only measured through external monitoring</i> |
| Frequency | Number of contractions from the BEGINNING of one contraction to the BEGINNING of the next | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 - 5 contractions every 20 minutes • Should not be more FREQUENT than every 2 minutes <i>Only measured through external monitoring</i> |
| Intensity | Strength of a contraction at its PEAK | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 - 50 mm Hg • Should not exceed 80 mm HG <i>Can be palpated</i> <div> <i>Mild</i> - nose <i>Moderate</i> - chin <i>Strong</i> - forehead </div> |
| Resting Tone | TENSION in the uterine muscle between contractions (relaxation of the uterus = fetal oxygenation between contractions) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average: 10 mm HG • Should not exceed 20 mm HG <i>Can be palpated</i> <div> Soft = good Firm = not resting enough </div> |

LABOR & BIRTH PROCESSES

5 P's

5 factors that affect the process of labor & birth

PASSENGER

Fetus & Placenta

PASSAGEWAY

The Birth Canal

POSITION

Position of the Mother

POWERS

Contractions

PSYCHOLOGY

Emotional Response

PASSENGER

FETUS & PLACENTA

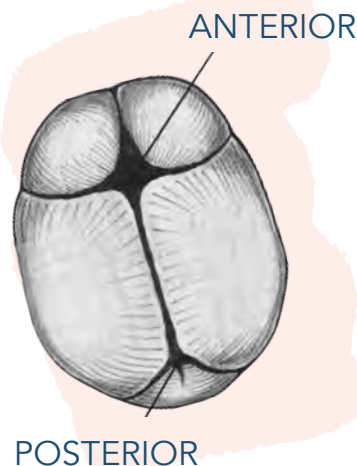
SIZE OF THE FETAL HEAD

FONTANELS

- Space between the bones of the skull allows for molding
- Anterior (larger)
 - Diamond-shaped
 - Ossifies in 12-18 months
- Posterior
 - Triangle shaped
 - Closes 8 - 12 weeks

MOLDING

- Change in the shape of the fetal skull to "mold" & fit through the birth canal



FETAL PRESENTATION

Refers to the part of the fetus that enters the pelvic inlet first through the birth canal during labor

CEPHALIC

- Head first
- Presenting part: Occipital (back of head/skull)



BREECH

- Buttocks, feet, or both first
- Presenting part: Sacrum

SHOULDER

- Shoulders first
- Presenting part: Scapula

FETAL LIE

Relation of the long axis (spine) of the fetus to the long axis (spine) of the mother

LONGITUDINAL OR VERTICAL

- The long axis of the fetus is parallel with the long axis of the mother
- Longitudinal: cephalic or breech

TRANSVERSE, HORIZONTAL, OR OBLIQUE

- Long axis of the fetus is at a right angle to the long axis of the mother
- Transverse: vaginal birth **CANNOT** occur in this position
- Oblique: usually converts to a longitudinal or transverse lie during labor

CONTINUED →

LABOR & BIRTH PROCESSES

PASSENGER

CONTINUED

FETAL ATTITUDE

GENERAL FLEXION

- Back of the fetus is rounded so that the chin is flexed on the chest, thighs are flexed on the abdomen, legs are flexed at the knees

BIPARIETAL DIAMETER

- 9.25 cm at term, the largest transverse diameter and an important indicator of fetal head size

SUBOCCIPITOBREGMATIC DIAMETER

- Most critical & smallest of the anteroposterior diameters

LIGHTENING
What is this?
When the baby "drops"
into the mother's
pelvis

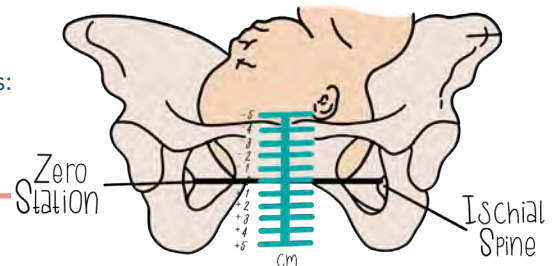
FETAL POSITION

FETAL STATION

- Where the baby's **presenting part** is located in the pelvis
- **Presenting part?**
 - Head, foot, butt (closest to exit of uterus)
- Measured in centimeters (cm)
 - Find the ischial **spine = zero**
 - **Above the ischial spine is (-)**
 - **Below the ischial spine is (+)**
 - +4 / +5 = Birth is about to happen
 - Documented
 - 5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, +1, +2, +3, +4, +5

ENGAGEMENT

- Fetal station zero = baby is "**engaged**"
- Presenting parts have entered down into the pelvis inlet & is at the ischial spine line (0)
- When does this happen?
 - First-time moms:
38 weeks
 - Already had babies:
can happen when labor starts



PASSAGEWAY

THE BIRTH CANAL: Rigid bony pelvis, soft tissue of cervix, pelvic floor, vagina & introitus

TYPES OF PELVIS

GYNECOID

- Classic female type
- Most common

ANDROID

- Resembling the male pelvis

ANTHROPOID

- Oval-shaped
- Wider anteroposterior diameter

PLATYPELLOID

- The flat pelvis
- Least common

SOFT TISSUE

LOWER UTERINE SEGMENT

- Stretchy

CERVIX

- Effaces (thins) & dilates (opens)
- After fetus descends into the vagina, the cervix is drawn upward and over the first portion

PELVIC FLOOR MUSCLES

- Helps the fetus rotate anteriorly

VAGINA

INTROITUS

- External opening of the vagina

LABOR & BIRTH PROCESSES

POSITION

POSITION OF THE MOTHER DURING BIRTH

UPRIGHT POSITION

Sitting on a birthing stool or cushion

LITHOTOMY POSITION

Supine position with buttocks on the table

Most Common

"ALL FOURS" POSITION

On all fours: putting your weight on your hands & feet

LATERAL POSITION

Laying on a side

Frequent changes in position helps with:

- Relieving fatigue
- Increasing comfort
- Improving circulation

POWERS

CONTRACTIONS: PRIMARY & SECONDARY

PRIMARY POWERS

Involuntary uterine contractions
Signals the beginning of labor

DILATION

- Dilation of the cervix is the enlargement or widening of the cervical opening & canal once labor has begun
- Cervix: closed → full dilation (10 cm)
- Pressure from amniotic fluid can also apply force to dilate

EFFACEMENT

- Shortening & thinning of the cervix during the first stage of labor
- Cervix normally:
 - 2 -3 cm long
 - 1 cm thick
- The cervix is "pulled back / thinned out" by a shortening of the uterine muscles

Degree of EFFACEMENT is EXPRESSED in % (0-100%)

FERGUSON REFLEX

- When the stretch receptors release oxytocin, it triggers the maternal urge to bear down

SECONDARY POWERS

Does not affect cervical dilation but helps with expulsion of infant once the cervix is fully dilated

- Voluntary bearing-down efforts by the women once the cervix has dilated
- When the presenting part reaches the pelvic floor, the contractions change in character & become expulsive.
- Laboring women start to feel an involuntary urge to push & she uses secondary powers to aid in the expulsion of the fetus

PSYCHOLOGY

EMOTIONAL RESPONSE

Anxiety can increase pain perception & the need for more medications (analgesia & anesthesia)

THINGS TO CONSIDER:

SOCIAL SUPPORT

PAST EXPERIENCE

KNOWLEDGE

NEWBORN ASSESSMENT

APGAR

7 - 10 supportive care
4 - 6 moderate depression
< 4 aggressive resuscitation

| | SCORE | 0 POINTS | 1 POINT | 2 POINTS |
|----------|---|----------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| A | Activity (Muscle tone) | Absent | Flexed arms & legs | Active |
| P | Pulse | 0 | < 100 | > 100 |
| G | Grimace (Reflex irritability) | Floppy | Minimal response to stimulation | Prompt response to stimulation |
| A | Appearance (Skin color) | Blue / pale all over | Pink body, Blue extremities (acrocyanosis) | Pink all over |
| R | Respiration (Effort) | No Breathing | Slow & irregular | Vigorous cry |

INITIAL GOALS:

1ST PRIORITY = AIRWAY

Suction with bulb syringe / deep suction
*Newborns are obligatory nose breathers

2ND PRIORITY = WARMTH

Dry with a blanket or place in warmer

CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

- Blood flow from umbilical vessels & placenta stop at birth
- Acrocyanosis:**
 - Blueness of hands & feet (normal during the first 24 hours of life)
- Closure of
 - ♥ Ductus arteriosus
 - ♥ Foramen ovale
 - ♥ Ductus venosus
- Transient murmurs are normal

VITAL SIGNS

Respiratory Rate:

30 - 60 breaths/min

Heart Rate: 110 - 160 BPM

Can be 180 if crying
Can be 100 if sleeping
Take apical pulse for 1 full min

Temperature (auxillary):

97.7° - 99.5° F
36.5° - 37.5° C

Blood Pressure:

Not done routinely
Systolic 60 - 80 mm Hg
Diastolic 40 - 50 mm Hg

MAP

Equal to the # of weeks gestation or higher

Breathing pattern is **IRREGULAR**.
Newborns are **abdominal** breathers.
To count breaths, place your hand on their abdomen  Count for a full minute!

Signs of Respiratory Distress
Retractions
Nasal flaring
Grunting

HEAD

Caput Succedaneum:

- Edema (collection of fluid)
- Crosses the suture lines
- (Like a baseball **cap**)

- Molding:** abnormal head shape that results from pressure (normal)

Fontanelles:

Bulging = increase ICP or hydrocephalus
Sunken = dehydration

Cephalhematoma:

- Birth trauma (collection of blood)
- Does not cross the suture lines

Fontanelles may be bulging when the newborn cries, vomits, or is lying down. This is normal.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Head & Chest Circumference

Length & Weight

Head circumference

32 - 39 cm
14 - 15 inches
*measure above eyebrows

Chest circumference

30 - 36 cm
12 - 14 inches
*measure above nipple line

Expected Length

44 - 55 cm
17 - 22 in

Expected Weight

2,500 - 400 g
5 lb, 8 oz - 8 lb, 14 oz



UMBILICAL CORD

Should have
2 arteries
& **1 vein**



Should be dry,
no odor, & no drainage

↓ TEMP → HEAT LOSS DUE TO:

Evaporation: Moisture from skin & lungs

Convection: Body heat to cooler air

Conduction: Body heat to a cooler surface in direct contact

Radiation: Body heat to a cooler object nearby

POSTPARTUM ASSESSMENT: "BUBBLES"

B

BREASTS

- May be sore after breastfeeding
- Breastfeed every 2 - 3 hours (15 - 20 minutes each breast)
- Position newborn "tummy to mummy"
- Latch should be completely around the areola

MASTITIS

Infection & inflammation of breast tissue

- Continue breastfeeding
- Warm compress
- Hydration
- Rest
- Analgesics
- Wash hands!

U

UTERUS

UTERINE ATONY

RISK FACTORS

- Retained placenta
- Chorioamnionitis (infection)
- Uterine fatigue
- Full bladder

SYMPTOMS

- Enlarged
- Soft
- Boggy
- Not midline
- Poorly contracted uterus

INTERVENTIONS

- Fundal massage
- Assist to void or use in-and-out catheter

B

BOWELS

Constipation is common after birth. Increasing **FLUIDS & FIBER** may help!

HEMORRHOIDS

- May see blood in the stool
- Should begin to shrink following birth

INTERVENTIONS

- Tucks / witch hazel
- Ice pack
- Squeeze bottle
- Sitz Bath

B

BLADDER

- Postpartum urinary retention is common
 - In-and-out catheterization may be needed
 - Bladder distention can cause a displaced & boggy uterus!

SIGNS OF INFECTION



- Foul smelling or purulent lochia
- Fever (>100.4 F)
- Abdominal tenderness
- Tachycardia

L

LOCHIA

"Really Sore After"

RUBRA

bright red
1 - 3 days

SEROSA

pinkish/brown
4 - 10 days

ALBA

whitish-yellow
10 - 14 days *Can last up to 6 weeks

E

EMOTIONAL STATUS

- Postpartum depression (PPD) is common for women following childbirth
- As the nurse ask about feelings of...
depression • hopelessness • self-harm • harm to the newborn
- Crying
- Irritable
- Sleep disturbances
- Anxiety
- Feelings of guilt

S

SECTION (c-section incisions) / Episiotomy

- Promote proper wound healing
- Report to the health care provider: *pain • inflammation • surrounding skin is warm to touch*

POSTPARTUM HEMORRHAGE

Postpartum Hemorrhage is defined as:

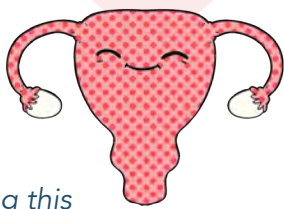
VAGINAL BIRTH: loss of >500 ml of blood
CESAREAN BIRTH: loss of >1,000 ml of blood
A CHANGE IN HEMATOCRIT BY 10%

PATHOLOGY

The uterus is like a **BASKET WEAVE OF MUSCLE FIBERS** that crimps off vessels **protecting mom from hemorrhage.**

If the uterus is not doing this crimping off, it causes bleeding!

The uterus is often called the **LIVING LIGATURE**



SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- ♥ Hypotonia of the uterus
- ♥ Atony / boggy uterus
- ♥ Deviated to the right
- ♥ Uncontrolled bleeding

#1 cause of uterine atony is A FULL BADDER

RISK FACTORS

- ♥ Multiple gestations
- ♥ Polyhydramnios
- ♥ Macrosomic fetus (> 8 lbs)
- ♥ Multifetal gestation

overdistended uterus

DRUGS

"OH MY HEMORRHAGE"

→ This is a way to remember the order in which the drugs are used

#1

OXYTOCIN

"Pitocin"

ACTION

Stimulates contraction of the uterine smooth muscle

#2

METHERGINE

"Methylergonovine"

ACTION

Vasoconstriction

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Contraindicated in people with hypertension

**Remember vasoconstriction causes blood pressure to rise*

#3

HEMABATE

ACTION

Hemabate is a prostaglandin! Hemabate helps control blood pressure and muscle contractions (uterine contractions).

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Contraindicated in people with asthma

ANOTHER MEDICATION THAT CAN BE USED:

MISPROSTOL

given rectally

ACTION

Stimulates contraction of the uterine smooth muscle

PEDIATRIC MILESTONES



PEDIATRIC MILESTONES

INFANT

BIRTH - 12 MONTHS

GROSS MOTOR

FINE MOTOR

LANGUAGE

1
MONTH

- Head lag
- Rounded back while sitting
- Lifts and turns head to the side in prone position

- Fists mostly clenched
- Involuntary hand movements

2
MONTHS

- Raises head & chest
- Head control improving

- Makes verbal noise (coos)

3
MONTHS

- Raises head 45 degrees in prone
- Tiny head lag in pull-to-sit

- Holds hand in front of face with hands open

4
MONTHS

- Lifts head & looks around
- Rolls from prone to supine
- Head leads body when pulled to sit

FUN TIP!
Rolls on the floor
rhymes with four!

- Bats at objects

- Babbling (copies noises)

5
MONTHS

- Rolls from supine to prone & back again
- Sits with back upright when supported

- Grasps rattle

FUN TIP!
You grasp something with five fingers

6
MONTHS

- Tripod sit



- Releases objects in hand to take another

- Babbles (nonspecific)

7
MONTHS

- Sits alone with some use of hands for support

- Transfers objects from one hand to the other

8
MONTHS

- Sits unsupported



- Gross pincer grasp (rakes)

9
MONTHS

- Crawls with abdomen off the floor



- Bangs objects together

10
MONTHS

- Pull to stand
- Able to cruise on objects (furniture)

- Fine pincer grasp
- Puts objects into containers & takes them out

11
MONTHS

- Offers objects to others & releases them

12
MONTHS

- **Walks independently**
- Sits down from standing position without assistance

- Feeds self finger-foods
- Draws simple marks on paper
- Turns pages in a book

- **RECEPTIVE LANGUAGE**
- **EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE**
- **SIGNS OF DELAY**

RECEPTIVE LANGUAGE

- Understands common words independent of context
- Follows a one-step gestured command

EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE

- First word (example: "mama")
- Uses a finger to point to things
- Imitates: gestures & vocal



SIGNS OF DELAY



- After independent walking for several months
 - Persistent tiptoe walking
 - Failure to develop a mature walking pattern

PEDIATRIC MILESTONES

TODDLER

1-3 YEARS

15
MONTHS

18
MONTHS

24
MONTHS

30
MONTHS

GROSS MOTOR

- Walks independently



- Climbs stairs
- Pulls toys

- Kicks a ball
- Able to stand on tiptoes
- Climbs on & off furniture

FUN TIP!
Think: terrible twos!

FINE MOTOR

- Feeds self finger foods
- Uses index finger to point
- Full pincer grasp developed

- Uses their hands a lot for: reaching, grabbing, releasing, stacking blocks
- Turns book pages
- Removes shoes and socks
- Stacks four cubes

- Builds tower of 6-7 cubes
- Right/left-handed
- Scribbles, paints, & imitates strokes
- Turns doorknobs
- Puts round pegs into holes

RECEPTIVE LANGUAGE

- Understands 100-150 words
- Follows commands without gestures
- Looks at adults when communicating

- Understands "no"
- Understands 200 words
- Says: "what's this?"

- Points to named body parts/pictures in books
- Listens to simple stories
- Says: "my" & "mine"

- Follows a series of 2 independent commands

EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE

- Repeats words
- Babbles sentences

- Vocab: 15-20 words
- Uses names of familiar objects

- Vocab: 40-50 words
- Sentences of 2-3 words (ex. "want cookie")
- Use descriptive words: hungry, hot, cold

- Vocab: 150-300 words

SIGNS OF DELAY

- Persistent tiptoe walking
- Does not develop a mature walking pattern

- Not walking
- Not speaking 15 words
- Does not understand the function of common household items

- Does not: use two-word sentences, imitate actions, or follow basic instructions
- Cannot push a toy with wheels

PEDIATRIC MILESTONES

PRESCHOOL

3-6 YEARS

3
YEARS

GROSS MOTOR

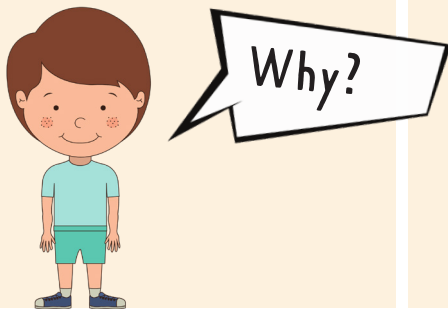
- Climbs well and runs easily
- Pedals tricycle
- Walks up & down stairs with alternating feet
- Bends over without falling

FINE MOTOR

- Undresses self
- Copies circles
- Tower of 9-10
- Holds a pencil
- Screws and unscrews lids
- Turns book pages one at a time

COMMUNICATION

- Understands most sentences
- Understands physical relation (in, on, under)
- Follows a 3-part command
- Half of the conversation understood by outside family
- Says: "why?"
- 3 or 4-word sentences
- Talks about past
- Vocab: 1,000 words
- Says their name, age, & gender
- Uses pronouns and plurals



4
YEARS

- Throws ball overhead
- Kicks ball forward
- Can bounce a ball back
- Hops on one foot
- Alternating feet going up & down steps

- Uses scissors
- Copies capital letter
- Draws circles, squares, & traces a cross or diamond
- Draws a person with 2-4 body parts
- Laces shoes

- Speaks in complete sentences
- Tells a story
- 75% of speech understood by outside observers
- Stays on topic in conversation
- Knows the name of familiar animals
- Knows at least one color
- Uses language to engage in make-believe
- Can count a few numbers
- Vocab: 1,500 words

5
YEARS

- May be able to:
 - Skip
 - Swim
 - Skate
 - Climb
 - Swing

- Can draw a person and some letters
- May dress/undress themselves
- Can use a fork, spoon, & knife
- Mostly cares for own toileting needs

- Most of the child's speech can be understood
- Explains how an item is used
- Participates in long & detailed conversations
- Talks about past, future, and imaginary events
- Answers questions that use "why" and "when"
- Can count to 10
- Says name & address
- Recalls part of a story
- Speech should be completely intelligible, even if the child has articulation difficulties
- Speech is generally grammatical correct
- Vocab: 2,000 words



⚠️ SIGNS OF DELAY ⚠️

- Difficulty with stairs
- Falls a lot while walking
- Can't build a 4+ block tower
- Extreme difficulty separating from parents
- No make-believe play
- Can't copy a circle
- No short paragraphs
- Doesn't understand simple instructions
- Unclear speech & drooling
- Little interest in other kids



- Can't jump in place or ride a tricycle
- Can't stack 4 blocks
- Can't throw a ball overhead
- Does not grasp crayon with thumb and fingers
- Difficulty with scribbling
- Can't copy a circle
- Doesn't say 3+ word sentences
- Can't use the words "me" & "you"
- Ignores other children or doesn't show interest in interactive games
- Still clings or cries if parents leave

- Sad often
- Little interest in playing with other kids
- Unable to separate from their parents
- Is extremely aggressive, fearful, passive, or timid.
- Easy distracted (can't concentrate for 5 minutes)
- Can not do ADL's by themselves (brush teeth, undress, wash & dry hands, etc)
- Rarely engages in fantasy play

PEDIATRIC MILESTONES

PHYSIOLOGICAL CHANGES

EARLY ADOLESCENCE

10-13
YEARS

MIDDLE ADOLESCENCE

14-16
YEARS

LATE ADOLESCENCE

17-20
YEARS

MALE

- Pubic hair spread laterally, begins to curl, pigmentation increases
- Growth & enlargement of testes & lengthening of the penis
- Lengthy look due to extremities growing faster than the trunk

- Pubic hair becomes more coarse in texture & takes on adult distribution
- Testes, scrotum, & penis continue to grow
- The skin around the scrotum darkens
- Glands penis develops
- May experience breast enlargement
- Voice changes

- Mature pubic hair distribution & coarseness
- Breast enlargement disappears
- Adult size & shape of testes, scrotum, and penis
- Scrotum skin darkening

FEMALE

- First menstrual period (average age is 12 years)
- Breasts bud and areola continue to enlarge (no separation of the breasts)
- Pubic hair begins to curl & spread over the mons pubis

- Pubic hair becomes coarse in texture
- Amount of hair increases
- Areola & papilla separate from the contour of the breasts to form a secondary mound

- Mature pubic hair distribution and coarseness

PEDIATRICS



PEDIATRIC CPR (<12 MONTHS)

Cardiac arrest in infants usually stems from **RESPIRATORY ETIOLOGY**

ORDER OF EVENTS

1 PULSE

- ✱ Check pulse no longer than 10 seconds

INFANT: Check **BRACHIAL** pulse

CHILD: Check **CAROTID** pulse

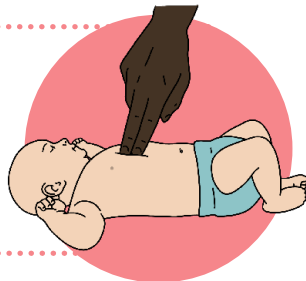
2 CALL FOR HELP

- ✱ Active the emergency response system / shout for nearby **HELP**
- ✱ Delegate someone else to call 911 / get the AED

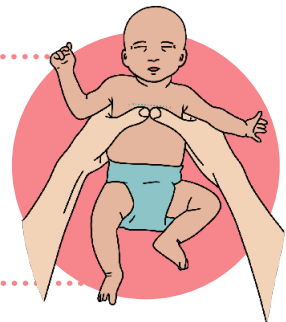
3 CHEST COMPRESSIONS

- ✱ 2 minutes of CPR before retrieving the AED
- ✱ Rate of 100 - 120 compression/min
- ✱ Using either 2 fingers or 2 thumbs on the sternum
- ✱ Depth: **INFANT:** Equal to one-third of chest's anterior-posterior diameter
CHILD: 2 inches
- ✱ Allow for recoil between compressions

2 - FINGER COMPRESSION TECHNIQUE



2 - THUMB ENCIRCLING HAND TECHNIQUE



PEDIATRIC VITAL SIGNS

| AGE | RESPIRATIONS | PULSE | SYSTOLIC BP |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| NEWBORN | 30 - 50 | 120 - 160 | 60 - 80 |
| 6 MO - 1 YR | 30 - 40 | 120 - 140 | 70 - 80 |
| 2 - 4 YR | 20 - 30 | 100 - 110 | 80 - 95 |
| 5 - 8 YR | 14 - 20 | 90 - 100 | 90 - 100 |
| 8 - 12 YR | 12 - 20 | 80 - 100 | 100 - 110 |
| > 12 YR | 12 - 20 | 60 - 90 | 100 - 120 |

BREATHS/
MIN

BEATS/
MIN

SINGLE RESCUER

30:2 compression-to-breath ratio

TWO RESCUERS

15:2 compression-to-breath ratio

4 CONTINUE UNTIL SIGNS OF HELP ARRIVE OR AED BECOMES AVAILABLE

PIAGET'S STAGES OF COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT



MNEMONIC



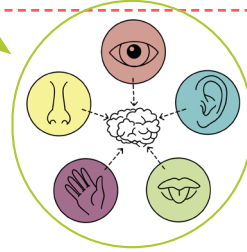
SAYING **PIAGET'S** **COGNITIVE** STAGES IS **FUN**

SENSORIMOTOR STAGE

0 - 2 YEARS



- * Development through our 5 senses
- * Development through motor response
- * **OBJECT PERMANENCE** is developed
- * Egocentric
 - ➔ Can only see the world from one's own point of view



Realizing that objects that are out of sight still exist

PREOPERATIONAL STAGE

2 - 7 YEARS



- * Symbolic thinking
- * Imagination
- * Abstract thinking is still difficult
- * Asks a lot of questions (intuition)

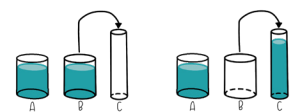
- Magical thinking
- **ANIMISM** - thinks objects are alive
- Plays pretend

CONCRETE OPERATIONAL STAGE

7 - 11 YEARS



- * Develop concrete cognitive operations
 - ➔ Sorting blocks in a certain order
- * **CONSERVATION** is developed
- * Concrete reasoning (Mathematical advancements)



CONSERVATION
Understanding that something stays the same in volume even though its shape changes.

FORMAL OPERATIONAL STAGE

> 11 YEARS

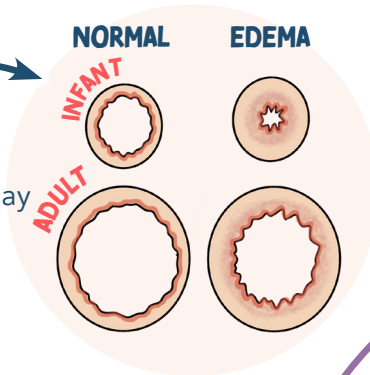


- * More rational, logical, organized, moral, and consistent thinking
- * **HYPOTHETICAL THINKING** - Can think outside the present
- * Abstract concepts
 - ➔ Love, hate, failures, successes
- * Deductive reasoning

VARIATIONS IN PEDIATRIC ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY

RESPIRATORY

- Narrow airways
- Newborns have ↓ alveoli than an adult
 - ➔ Thousands of alveoli grow each day for the first few months of life!
- Floppy airways from less cartilage
- Obligatory nose breathers
- ↑ metabolic rate
- ↑ O₂ requirements



HEAD SIZE

- Head is the fastest growing part of an infant (large in proportion to the body!)
- Head & neck muscles are not well developed

BRAIN & SPINAL CORD

- Cranial bones not completely fused
- The brain is highly vascular = ↑ risk for hemorrhage
- Sutures & fontanelles makes the skull flexible and allows for growth of the brain
- The spine is very mobile = ↑ risk for cervical spin injury

EARS

- ↑ RISK FOR EAR INFECTION
- Eustachian tubes are short, wide, & flat = making drainage difficult = harbors microorganisms

CARDIOVASCULAR

- The transition from fetal circulation → normal circulation at birth
- Infants hearts are thinner and less compliant

SKIN

- Epidermis is thinner
- Blood vessels are closer to the surface - loses heat very easily!

KIDNEYS

- Kidneys are larger in relation to abdomen = less protection
- GFR is slower
- ↓ ability to concentrate urine & reabsorb = ↑ risk for dehydration

IMMUNE SYSTEM

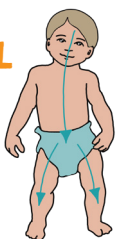
- ↑ RISK FOR INFECTION
- Immature immune systems
- ↓ inflammatory response
- Limited exposure to disease (losing immunity from maternal antibodies)

NERVOUS SYSTEM

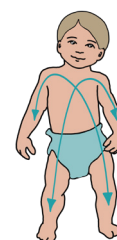
- Myelination is incomplete at birth
- Myelination happens in **CEPHALOCAUDAL DIRECTION** (head to tail)

CEPHALOCAUDAL DIRECTION (HEAD TO TAIL)

HEAD CONTROL BEFORE WALKING!



PROXIMODISTAL (INWARD OUTWARD)



SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS)

**SUDDEN DEATH OF A PREVIOUSLY HEALTHY INFANT
YOUNGER THAN 1 YEAR OF AGE**

RISK FACTORS

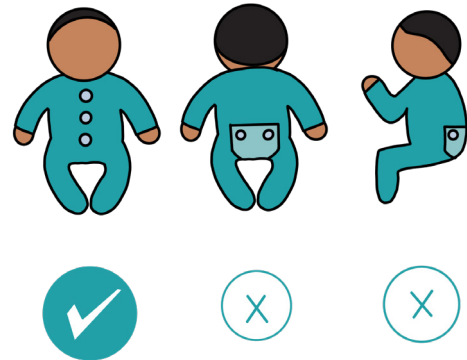
- AGE: 1 - 6 months (↑ risk)
- Preterm
- Sleep position
- Sibling death
- Nicotine exposure
- Socioeconomic status
- Lack of prenatal care
- Genetic
- Bedding (can be smothered)
- Room temp (cooler is better)

**THERE ARE
NO
SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS!**

Sudden death
Leading cause of
death in infants

EDUCATION / PREVENTION

- Sleep in **SUPINE POSITION**
- Bedding
 - **Firm** mattress
 - No toys, blankets, pillows, or stuffed animals
- Avoid over bundling or overdressing the infant
- Avoid smoking
- **No co-bedding**
(Infant should sleep separate from the parents)
- Normal room temp
- Encourage pacifier use

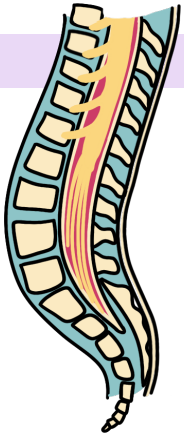


**MEMORY
TRICK**

ABC'S OF SAFE SLEEPING

- A** Alone
- B** On their **B**ack
- C** In a **C**rib

NEURAL TUBE DEFECTS



NORMAL SPINE

The neural tube closes:
3rd - 4th week of gestation

SPINA BIFIDA

is a general term for a birth defect typically diagnosed during pregnancy where the spinal column fails to close.

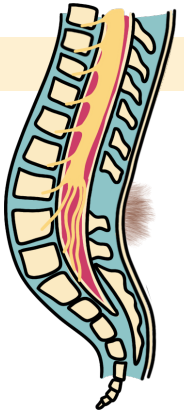
Spina bifida means **"SPLIT SPINE"**

CAUSES

NOT KNOWN...

BUT MANY FACTORS HINDER NORMAL CNS DEVELOPMENT

- Drugs
- Chemicals
- Folic acid deficiency (Vitamin B9)
- Malnutrition
- Genetics
- Diabetes
- Obesity



SPINA BIFIDA OCCULTA

MILDEST FORM

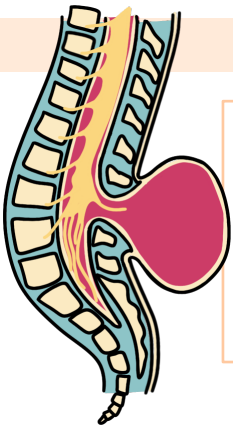
Defect of the vertebral body **WITHOUT** protrusion of the spinal cord or meninges.

Typically asymptomatic

May have dimpling, abnormal patches of hair, or discoloration near the spine.

Does not need immediate medical care if asymptomatic.

If symptoms are present, the client may get an MRI.



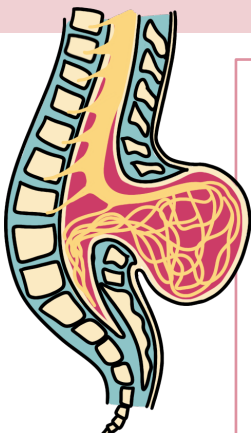
MENINGOCELE

Sac protruding from the spinal area.
Most are covered with skin.

Meninges herniate through a defect in the vertebrae.

Usually minor or no neurological deficits.

Surgical correction of the lesion



MYELOMENINGOCELE

MOST SEVERE FORM

Protrusion of the meninges, cerebrospinal fluid, and spine.
Skin may be exposed as well.

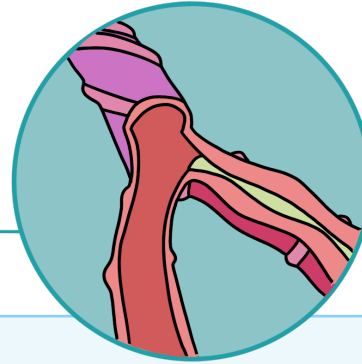
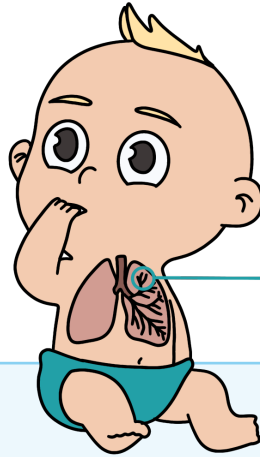
The spinal cord often ends at the point of the defect.

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Absent motor & sensory function beyond that point.

- Multiple surgical procedures
- Paralysis
- Bladder / bowel incontinence
- Neurogenic bladder
- Meningitis (infection)
- Hypoxia
- Hemorrhage
- Freq. catheterization causes...
 - ➔ Latex allergy
 - ➔ UTIs / pyelonephritis
 - ➔ Renal damage

BRONCHIOLITIS (RSV)



PATHO

small airways in the lungs

BRONCHIOLITIS
inflammation

- ★ Viral illness usually caused by **Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)**
- ★ Very contagious
- ★ Starts as an upper respiratory infection & moves into the chest

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

INITIAL

- ★ Upper respiratory symptoms
 - ➔ Nasal congestion
 - ➔ Runny nose
 - ➔ Cough
 - ➔ Sneezing
- ★ Fever

CONTINUED

- ★ Lower respiratory tract symptoms
 - ➔ Tachypnea
 - ➔ Cough
 - ➔ Wheezing

EMERGENT

- ★ Grunting
- ★ Nasal flaring
- ★ Cyanosis
- ★ Hypoxia
- ★ Respiratory failure
- ★ Apneic episodes

TREATMENT

- ★ Self-limited illness & supportive care
- ★ Airway maintenance
 - ➔ Oxygen
 - ➔ Suctioning
 - Saline nose drops & then suction the nares with a bulb syringe to remove the secretions before feeding or at bedtime
 - ➔ Position the child at a 30 - 40 degree angle
- ★ Hydration
 - Increase fluid intake (oral or IV) (risk for dehydration)
- ★ Hospitalization
 - Only necessary if the child has severe symptoms
- ★ Use contact & standard precautions during care

**MOST
CHILDREN
CAN BE
MANAGED
AT HOME**

REYE SYNDROME

RARE DISEASE EFFECTING YOUNG CHILDREN
RECOVERING FROM A VIRAL ILLNESS
(FLU OR CHICKEN POX)

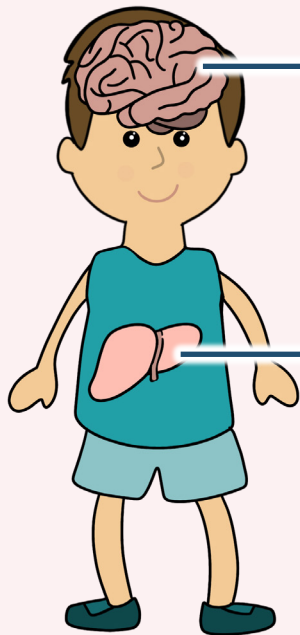
EXACT CAUSE UNKNOWN

Triggered due to the intake of salicylates
or salicylate-containing products
such as **aspirin** to treat a viral illness
(Flu / Chickenpox)



CAUSE

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS



ENCEPHALOPATHY / CEREBRAL EDEMA

ACUTE FATTY LIVER FAILURE

LABS

↑ LIVER ENZYMES
↑ AST
↑ ALT

“CHILDS”

- C** Confusion (changes in mental status)
- H** Hyperreflexia
- I** Irritability
- L** Lethargy
- D** Diarrhea & vomiting
- S** Seizures

TREATMENT

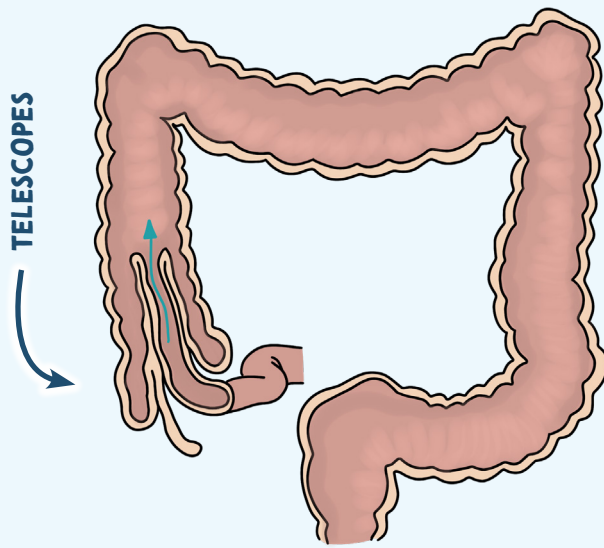
- ★ Early recognition & treatment
- ★ Education on prevention!
- ★ Monitor fluid status
- ★ Swelling of the brain occurs
 - ➔ Maintaining cerebral perfusion
 - ➔ Managing & preventing increased ICP
 - ➔ Seizure precautions

Educate on products
that contain **SALICYLATES**:

ASPIRIN
ALKA-SELTZER
PEPTO-BISMOL
KAOPECTATE

INTUSSUSCEPTION

PATHO



ILEUM TELESOPES INTO THE CECUM

↓
OBSTRUCTION = PAIN

↓
COMPRESSION OF BLOOD VESSELS

↓
BLOOD FLOW DECREASES

↓
BOWEL ISCHEMIA

↓
RECTAL BLEEDING (**CURRENT JELLY STOOLS!**)

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- ✱ Intermittent pain / cramping
- ✱ Child draws up their legs toward the abdomen in severe pain while crying
- ✱ Vomiting & diarrhea
- ✱ **Current-jelly stools (bloody)**
- ✱ Lethargy
- ✱ Sausage-shaped mass in the upper mid-abdomen

THIS IS BECAUSE
TELESOPING IS
INTERMITTENT

CAUSES

- ✱ **NOT COMPLETELY KNOWN**
- ✱ May be due to a virus that causes swelling
- ✱ Condition child is born with
 - ➡ Diverticulum
 - ➡ Polyps

TREATMENT

- ✱ May spontaneously be reduced (Passage of normal, brown stools)
- ✱ IV fluids
- ✱ Antibiotics
- ✱ Decompression via NG tube
- ✱ Provide comfort & emotional support to the parents
- ✱ Monitor for signs of perforation & shock
- ✱ May need air or barium enema

➡ Provide education to child & family about pre-op & post-op

DIAGNOSTIC / TREATMENT

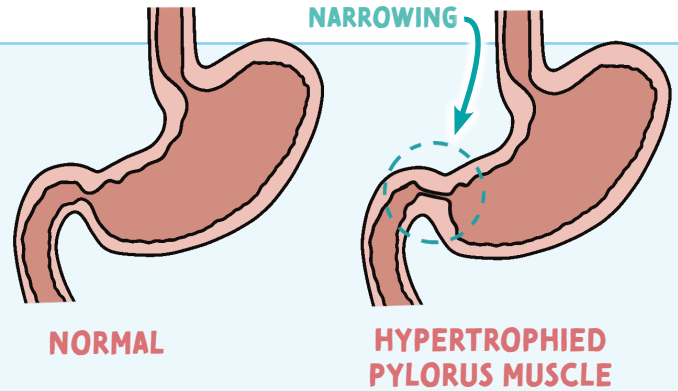
AIR or BARIUM ENEMA works to diagnose & also helps reduce the intussusception

HYPERTROPHIC PYLORIC STENOSIS

PATHO

A HYPERTROPHIED PYLORIC MUSCLE
CAUSES NARROWING OF THE PYLORIC CANAL

THICKNESS CREATES
A NARROW STOMACH OUTLET



HYPERTROPHIC



INCREASE IN SIZE

PYLORIC



PYLORUS

STENOSIS



NARROWING

Opening from the stomach
into the small intestines

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- * Projectile vomiting
- * Non-bilious emesis
- * Olive-shape mass palpable in the right upper quadrant
- * Infants will be hungry constantly despite regular feedings
- * Weight loss
- * **DEHYDRATION!**

↑ Hematocrit from hemoconcentration
↑ BUN

STOMACH
CONTAINS ACID
WHICH BECOMES
DEPLETED WHEN
VOMITING WHICH
LEADS TO
**METABOLIC
ALKALOSIS**

↑PH & ↑HCO₃

TREATMENT

- * Monitor ...
 - ➔ I&O's
 - ➔ Vomiting episodes & stools
 - ➔ Signs of dehydration & electrolyte imbalances
- * Obtain daily weights
- * Provide comfort & emotional support to the parents
- * Educate about surgery

PYLOROMYOTOMY

Cut the muscle of
the pylorus



Relieving the gastric
outlet obstruction

EPIGLOTTITIS

PATHO

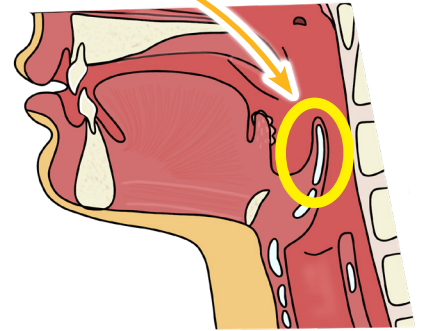
Inflammation of the **EPIGLOTTIS** leading to an **UPPER AIRWAY OBSTRUCTION**

WHAT IS THE EPIGLOTTIS?

Piece of cartilage at the back of the tongue

FUNCTION:

Closes the entry to the trachea during swallowing....
AKA prevents aspiration



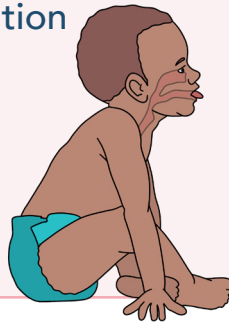
CAUSES

- ★ Most common cause: **HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZA TYPE B**
- ★ Streptococcus pneumonia

PEDS incident falling due to Hib vaccination

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- ★ Tachycardia
- ★ Sore throat
- ★ High fever
- ★ Anxious / apprehensive / agitation
- ★ Difficulty speaking
- ★ Nasal flaring
- ★ Stridor (Frog-like croak on inspiration)
- ★ Drooling / dysphagia
- ★ **Tripod position**
- ★ Sitting forward with the neck extended to breath - mouth open
- ★ Retractions (chest)
- ★ Nasal flaring
- ★ Absent cough!



NURSING MANAGEMENT

- ★ Never leave the client
- ★ Asses oxygen status
- ★ IV access
- ★ May need emergency intubation
- ★ Calm environment
 - ➔ Stay with parents
 - ➔ Don't restrain the child
 - ➔ Help to avoid crying
 - ➔ Most comfortable position (usually tripod position)
- ★ Do not place them in supine position. It becomes harder to breathe.

Do not visualize the throat with a tongue blade.
Take oral temperature or take throat culture...

WHY? It can cause **REFLEX LARYNGOSPASMS** (cutting off the airway)

- ★ NPO
- ★ Medications
 - ➔ Antibiotics
 - ➔ Antipyretics
 - ➔ Corticosteroids (decrease inflammation)
 - ➔ IV Fluids

LARYNGOTRACHEOBRONCHITIS “CROUP”

PATHO

Inflammation of the
LARYNX, TRACHEA, & BRONCHI
occur as a result of viral infection

Most commonly caused by
the **PARAINFLUENZA VIRUS**

LARYNGO



LARYNX

TRACHEO



TRACHEA

BRONCHI



BRONCHI


ITIS



INFLAMMATION

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

✱ Inflammation & edema obstructs the airway

✱  Symptoms occur at night

➔ **Stridor**

➔ **Subglottic swelling**
(causes hoarseness in the voice)

➔ **Seal-bark cough**



CROUP VS. EPIGLOTTITIS

| | Sudden (at night) | Rapid (within hours) |
|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ONSET | | |
| FEVER | Fluctuating | High |
| COUGH | Yes | No |
| DYSPHAGIA | No | Yes |
| CAUSE | Viral | Bacterial |
| EMERGENCY | Not typically | Yes |



HOME CARE

*Self-limiting
(Usually resolves on its own)*

- ✱ Corticosteroids (↓ inflammation)
- ✱ Racemic epinephrine
- ✱ Humidified air
(steamy bathroom or mist humidifier)
- ✱ Encourage rest & fluid intake
- ✱ Calm environment for the child



SEEK HELP

*When the child is indicating
respiratory distress*

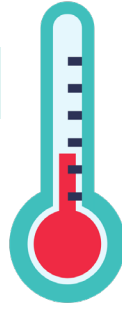
- ✱ Child is confused/restless
- ✱ Blue lips/nails
- ✱ ↑ respiration rate
(breathing faster, but less air is going in)
- ✱ Retractions
- ✱ Nasal flaring
- ✱ Drooling/can't swallow

TREATMENT

FEVER MANAGEMENT

NORMAL TEMP

97.5°F to 98.6°F
36.4°C to 37.0°C



FEVER

> 100.4°F (38.0°C)

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- * Flushed skin
- * Diaphoresis (sweating)
- * Chills
- * Restlessness
- * Lethargy



TREATMENT

- * Administer antipyretics (ibuprofen) → Do not administer aspirin (risk for Reye's Syndrome)
- * Monitor for S&S of dehydration & electrolyte imbalances → Provide adequate fluids!
- * Sponge bath → Tepid water for 20-30 min. Squeeze over back & body
- * Remove excess clothing & coverings to ↓ the temp
- * Cool compress on the forehead

FEBRILE SEIZURE

WHAT IS IT?

Seizures associated with a **FEVER**

Not related to:

- ➔ intracranial infection
- ➔ metabolic imbalance
- ➔ viral illness

Usually **DOES NOT** have long term complications such as epilepsy or intellectual disability

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- * Rapid ↑ in core temperature
- * Child may be drowsy during postictal period

RISK FACTORS

- * 6 months - 5 years
- * Rapidly developed fever
- * HIGH fever
- * Family history of febrile seizures
- * Certain vaccines
 - ➔ DTP & MMR

TREATMENT

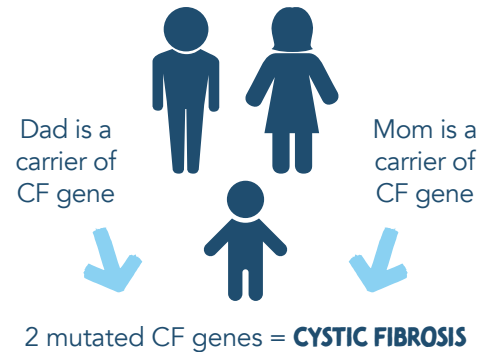
- * NOT anticonvulsants therapy
- * Rectal Diazepam
- * Educate the parents to seek help if...
 - ➔ Last > 5 min
 - ➔ Repeated seizures

CYSTIC FIBROSIS (CF)

PATHO

- * Multisystem disorder of the **EXOCRINE GLANDS** with increased production of thick mucus
- * Gene mutation (CFTR): prevents exocrine glands from properly functioning
- * **EXOCRINE GLANDS:** Produce & transfer secretions (mucus, tears, sweat, & enzymes) via ducts
- * ↑ viscosity of mucous = ↑ resistance to ciliary action = slowing the flow rate of mucous, leading to **mucous plugging**

CF IS AN AUTOSOMAL RECESSIVE GENETIC DISORDER



DIAGNOSIS

- * Ambry test
- * Positive sweat sodium chloride test
- * Genetic screen

TREATMENT

- * **Treatment of the mucous**
 - ➔ Chest physiotherapy (PT)
 - ➔ Postural drainage
 - ➔ Huff coughing
 - ➔ Nebulizers
 - Bronchodilators, mucolytics, anti-inflammatories
- * **Treat & prevent infection**
 - ➔ Wear a mask, hand washing, up-to-date on vaccines, avoid those who are sick.
- * **Nutrition**
- * **Prevent GI blockage**
 - ➔ Fluids & stool softeners



CHEST PT

- * Drains airways of thick mucous to be coughed up
 - ➔ Stimulates cough
 - ➔ Helps loosen mucous
 - ➔ Results in deep breathing
 - ➔ Builds up strength and endurance of respiratory muscles
 - ➔ Improves cardiovascular fitness
- * Done multiple times a day between 1-2 hour increments
 - ➔ NOT done right before or after meals!
- * Causes vibrations & percussions to break apart the mucus (vests, manual vibration)



- * ↑ protein, ↑ fat, ↑ calorie
 - ➔ Fat soluble vitamin supplementation A, K, E, D
- * Possible supplemental oral feeding or enteral feeding
- * **Pancreatic enzymes:**
 - ➔ Pancrelipase or Pancreatin
 - ➔ Can swallow capsules or sprinkle enzymes on foods that are acidic such as apple sauce!

All Kids Eat Donuts



MANIFESTATIONS OF CF

RESPIRATORY

- **INFECTION:** Thick mucous creates a great environment for bacterial growth
 - ➔ Pseudomonas
 - ➔ Staph. aureus
- Pneumonia
- Bronchitis
- **Thick mucus = blocked airways**
 - ➔ Obstructive pulmonary disease (Emphysema)
 - Clubbing
 - Barrel-shape chest
- Pneumothorax
- Strain on lungs = pulmonary hypertension

CARDIOVASCULAR

- Pulmonary hypertension puts strain on the heart
 - ➔ **Right-sided heart failure**

INTEGUMENTARY

- Sweat glands produce ↑ chloride = salty skin
- Salty sweat & salty tears which leads to
 - ➔ Dehydration
 - ➔ Electrolyte imbalance

REPRODUCTIVE

BOYS

- Thick mucus blocks the vas deferens = Infertility

GIRLS

- Thick cervical mucus blocks sperm from penetrating = Infertility

BOTH HAVE
DELAYED
PUBERTY

NOSE & SINUSES

- Sinusitis
- Nasal polyps (snoring, stuffiness)

PANCREAS

PANCREAS SECRETES THICK MUCUS

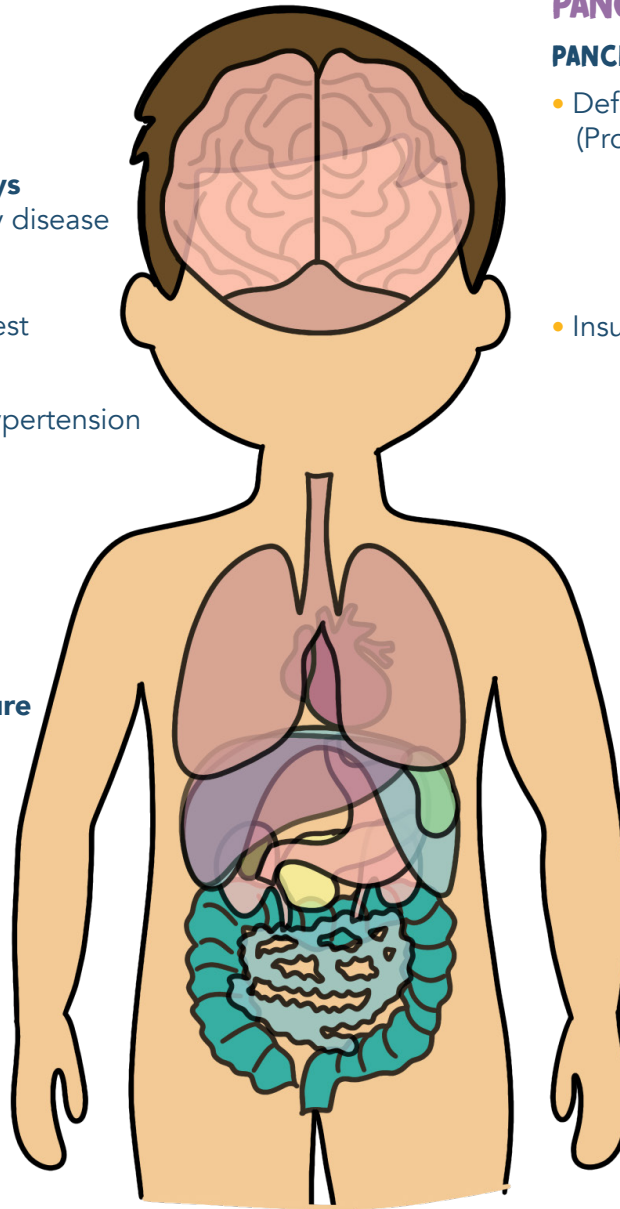
- Deficient in pancreatic enzymes: (Protease, Amylase, Lipase)
 - ➔ Weight loss
 - ➔ Inadequate protein absorption
 - ➔ Deficiency of protein
 - ➔ Failure to thrive
- Insulin deficiency
 - ➔ Hyperglycemia
 - ➔ CF-related diabetes

LIVER

- Bile duct blocked from **THICK mucus**
 - ➔ Gallstones
 - ➔ Biliary cirrhosis

STOMACH & INTESTINES

- Fecal impaction
- Rectal prolapse
- Bowel obstruction
- Intussusception
- Back up of stool in intestine
 - ➔ Constipation
 - ➔ Vomiting
 - ➔ Abdominal distention
 - ➔ Cramping
 - ➔ Anorexia
 - ➔ RLQ pain
- Meconium ileus in infants
- Steatorrhea
 - ➔ Frothy (bulky), fatty, foul-smelling stools



FETAL CIRCULATION IN UTERO

FORAMEN OVALE

Blood is **SHUNTED** from the right atrium to the left atrium by the **FORAMEN OVALE**

Blood bypasses the lungs...why?

It's already oxygenated blood from the placenta (mom)

How can blood be shunted from the right atrium to the left atrium?

PRESSURE DIFFERENCE!

Blood flows from **high resistance** to **low resistance**.



RIGHT ATRIUM

Blood goes from the interior vena cava to the right atrium as well as some **deoxygenated blood** coming from the **SUPERIOR VENA CAVA**.

So the blood is now **MIXED** (oxygen-rich & oxygen-poor blood)



DUCTUS VENOSUS

Umbilical vein is carrying **oxygenated** blood from the placenta. It passes the **LIVER** (Some blood will go to the liver) but most will be **SHUNTED** to the **INFERIOR VENA CAVA** by the **DUCTUS VENOSUS**

Liver not fully functioning yet



THE PLACENTA IS THE "LIFELINE" BETWEEN MOTHER & BABY

The Placenta is like **"TEMPORARY LUNGS"** for the fetus while in utero

2 UMBILICAL ARTERIES

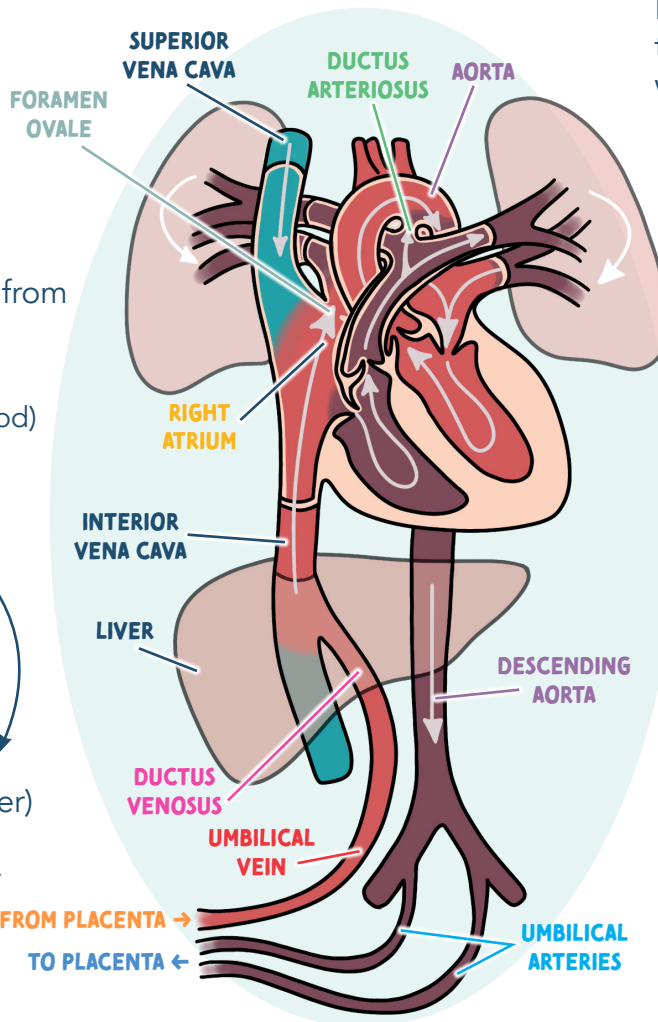
1 UMBILICAL VEIN

A think AWAY

Takes deoxygenated blood + waste **AWAY** from the baby back to the placenta

Gives oxygen rich blood **TO** the baby

START ↑



Lungs: High resistance from all the fluid. So the blood does not want to go in the lungs!



DUCTUS ARTERIOSUS

Blood is **SHUNTED** from the pulmonary artery into the aorta by the **ductus arteriosus**



AORTA

Mixed blood is now in the aorta and being pushed out to oxygenate the fetus



BLOOD GOES BACK TO THE PLACENTA TO GET OXYGENATED AGAIN!

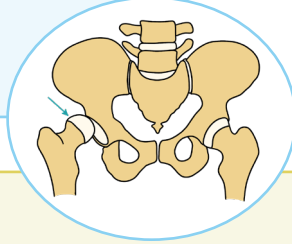
SHUNTS TO KNOW

- * DUCTUS VENOSUS
- * FORAMEN OVALE
- * DUCTUS ARTERIOSUS

DEVELOPMENT DYSPLASIA OF THE HIPS (DDH)

PATHO

- ✱ Abnormal development of the hip joint
- ✱ A baby's bones are not ossified yet so they have the ability to dislocate & relocate easily



DISLOCATION

No contact between femoral head & acetabulum

SUBLUXATION

Partial dislocation (acetabulum is not completely in contact with the hip joint)

DYSPLASIA

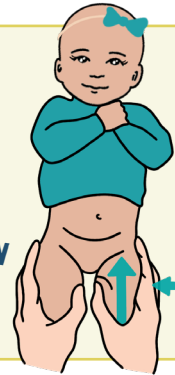
Hip joint doesn't have the proper shape to fit together correctly

DIAGNOSIS

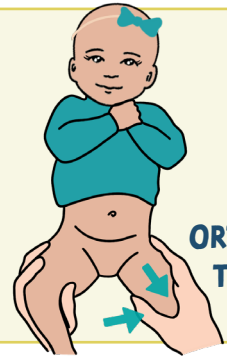
- ✱ Ultrasound for in utero
- ✱ X-ray for those older than 6 months
- ✱ Barlow test & Ortolani

Listen for any noises during the exam.
There should be no "clunks" heard or felt.
If "clunks" are felt or heard
= a positive sign for DDH

BARLOW TEST



ORTOLANI TEST



COMPLICATIONS

- ✱ Avascular necrosis of the femoral head
- ✱ ↓ ROM
- ✱ Leg-length discrepancy
- ✱ Early osteoarthritis
- ✱ Femoral nerve palsy

RISK FACTORS

- ✱ FEMALE → more lax ligaments from maternal hormones
- ✱ Breech positioning
- ✱ Oligohydramnios

TREATMENT

Early detection & treatment are crucial. The bones are not ossified in early infancy, so you want to manipulate them to grow properly. If DDH is not treated early the bones will ossify and develop incorrectly.

> 6 MONTHS

- ✱ **Pavlik harness:**
Stabilizes the hip by preventing hip extension

4 MONTHS - 2 YEARS

- ✱ **Closed reduction:**
 - Requires general anesthesia where the hips will be placed back into the acetabulum by the surgeon
 - Spica cast is worn after surgery to maintain reduction
 - After spica cast the child will wear a brace until acetabulum is fully normal

> 2 YEARS OR NO IMPROVEMENTS WITH SURGERY OR HARNESS

- ✱ Open surgical reduction followed by casting



INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAVLIK HARNESS

- ✱ Must wear the harness at all times!
- ✱ Do not adjust the straps or remove harness until instructed by the HCP
- ✱ Change the diaper while the baby is in the harness
- ✱ Check for redness, irritation or breakdown 2-3 times per day
- ✱ Place baby on their back to sleep
- ✱ Place long knee socks and undershirt to prevent rubbing of the harness

SCARLET FEVER

SCARLET FEVER
THINK STREP!

PATHO

- ✱ Complication of **group A streptococcal infection** AKA **Strep throat**
- ✱ Not all children who have strep will develop scarlet fever
- ✱ **TRANSMISSION:** Droplets & respiratory tract secretions.
Transmission happens in close contact such as schools & daycares.

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- ✱ Onset: **ABRUPT!**
- ✱ **RED RASH!**
➔ Sandpaper-like rash
- ✱ Pharyngitis
- ✱ Fever, body aches, chills
- ✱ Strawberry tongue
- ✱ Tender cervical nodes
- ✱ Tonsils are red
- ✱ Exudate may be present

Begins on the **NECK & CHEST** and spreads outwards to **THE EXTREMITIES!**

Rash is usually not seen on the palms & soles of the feet

S's OF SCARLET FEVER

- ✱ **Strawberry tongue**
- ✱ **Sandpaper rash**



COMPLICATIONS

- ✱ Rheumatic fever
- ✱ Glomerulonephritis
- ✱ Abscesses of the throat
- ✱ Pneumonia

Early diagnosis & treatment are very important to prevent complications!

TREATMENT

Most children can be cared for at home

- ✱ Antibiotics (Penicillin V)
➔ Erythromycin for those allergic to Penicillin
- ✱ Fluids & soft foods
- ✱ Provide comfort
- ✱ Cool mist humidifier

Take antibiotics as directed....
Finish the medication even if the child appears to be better!

SOUPS, TEAS, POPSICLES, SLUSHIES



MED-SURG

RENAL/URINARY SYSTEM

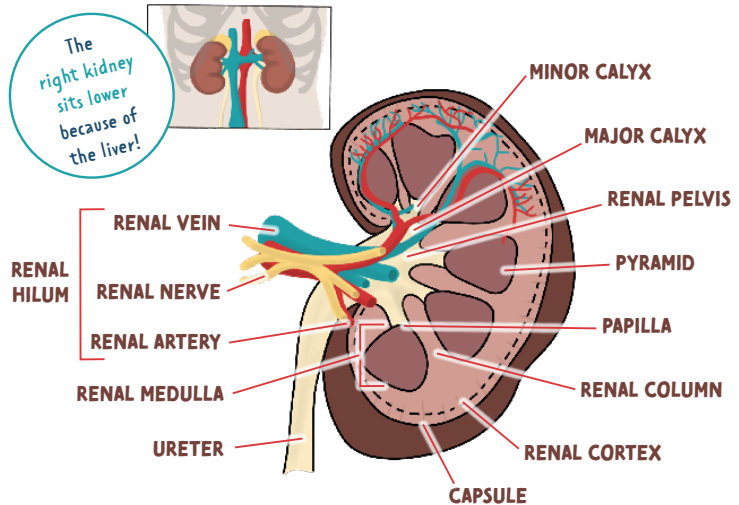


KIDNEY OVERVIEW

FUNCTIONS

- A**CID-BASE BALANCE
- W**ATER BALANCE
- E**LECTROLYTE BALANCE
- T**OXIN REMOVAL
- B**LOOD PRESSURE CONTROL
- E**RYTHROPOIETIN
- VITAMIN D** METABOLISM

ANATOMY OF THE KIDNEY

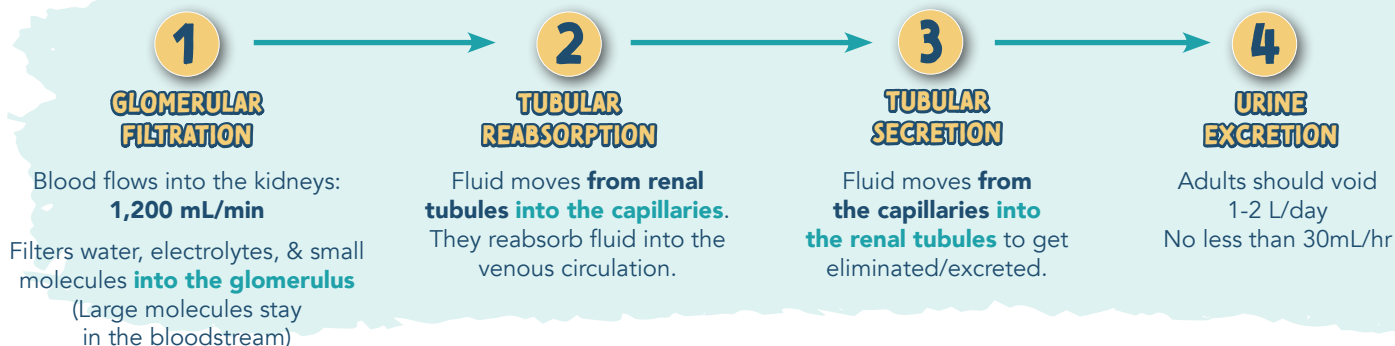


TERMS TO KNOW

DYSURIA.....Pain while urinating
NOCTURIA.....Excessive urination at night
HEMATURIA.....Bloody urine
FREQUENCY.....Voiding more than every 3 hours
URGENCY.....Strong desire to void

INCONTINENCE.....Involuntary voiding
ENURESIS.....Involuntary voiding during sleep
PROTEINURIA.....Abnormal amounts of protein in the urine
OLIGURIA.....Urine output: <400 mL/day
ANURIA.....Urine output: <50 mL/day
MICTURITION.....Voiding

URINE FORMATION

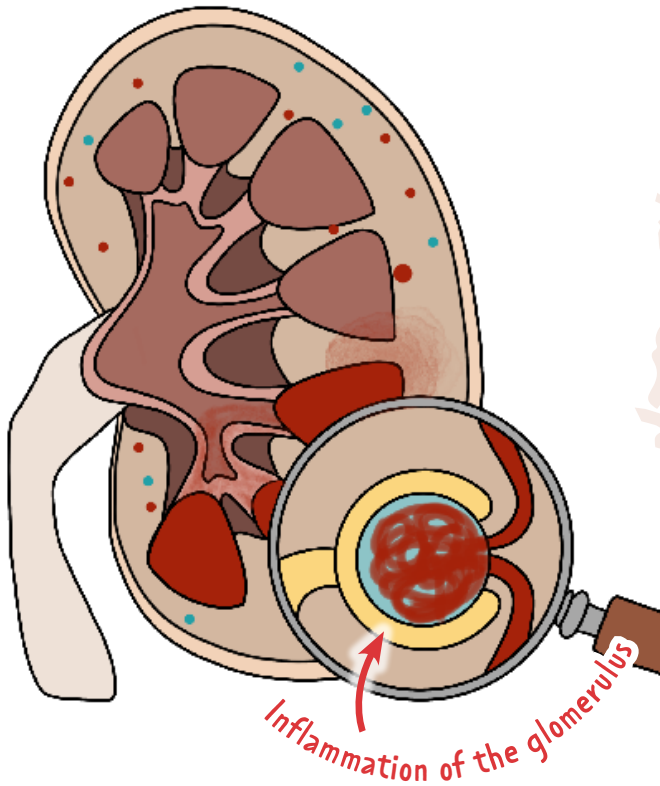


LAB VALUES RELATED TO THE KIDNEYS

You will see **INCREASED** BUN & Creatinine levels during kidney injury/failure

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| GFR | Glomerular Filtration Rate: rate of blood flow through the kidneys. | 90 - 120 ML/MIN |
| BUN | Blood Urea Nitrogen: Normal waste product resulting from the breakdown of proteins. ↑ Levels can indicate a kidney problem & be toxic in the body. | 7 - 20 MG/DL |
| CREATININE | End product of muscle metabolism solely filtered from the blood via glomerulus | 0.6 - 1.2 MG/DL |
| URINE SPECIFIC GRAVITY | Measures the kidney's ability to excrete or conserve water | 1.010 - 1.030 |
| CREATININE CLEARANCE | The amount of blood the kidneys makes per minute that is FREE of creatinine | FEMALE: 85 - 125 ML/MIN MALES: 95 - 140 ML/MIN |

ACUTE GLOMERULONEPHRITIS (POSTSTREPTOCOCCAL)



PATHOLOGY

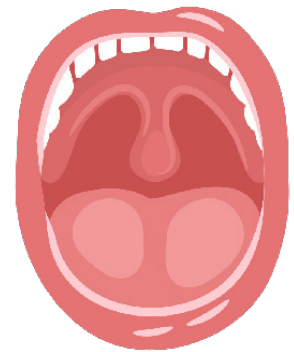
- 1 Untreated strep
- 2 Immune system response by creating **antigen-antibody complexes** (14 days after infection)
- 3 These antibodies get "lodged" in the glomeruli
- 4 Inflammation & scarring
- 5 ↓ GFR

It's not the strep that causes the inflammation of the kidneys.

It's the **antigen-antibody complexes** that form due to the strep that causes the inflammation & damage to the glomeruli

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- Hematuria → Blood in the urine
- Azotemia → Excessive nitrogenous waste in the blood
- Malaise
- Headache
- Proteinuria (mild)
- Hypoalbuminemia
- ↓ GFR = Oliguria
- Edema
 - Swelling in the face/eyes
- ↑ Blood pressure
- Retaining sodium
- ↑ Urine specific gravity
- ↑ BUN & creatinine
- (+) ASO (Antistreptolysin) Titer



MAIN CAUSE:
RECENT GROUP A BETA-HEMOLYTIC
STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTION

INTERVENTIONS

- Fix the cause! (strep)
- Diet modifications
 - Fluid restriction
 - Sodium restriction
 - ↓ Protein
 - Provide a lot of carbohydrates
- Monitor
 - Daily intake & output
 - Daily weight
- Bed rest
- Monitor blood pressure
 - Antihypertensives
 - Diuretics

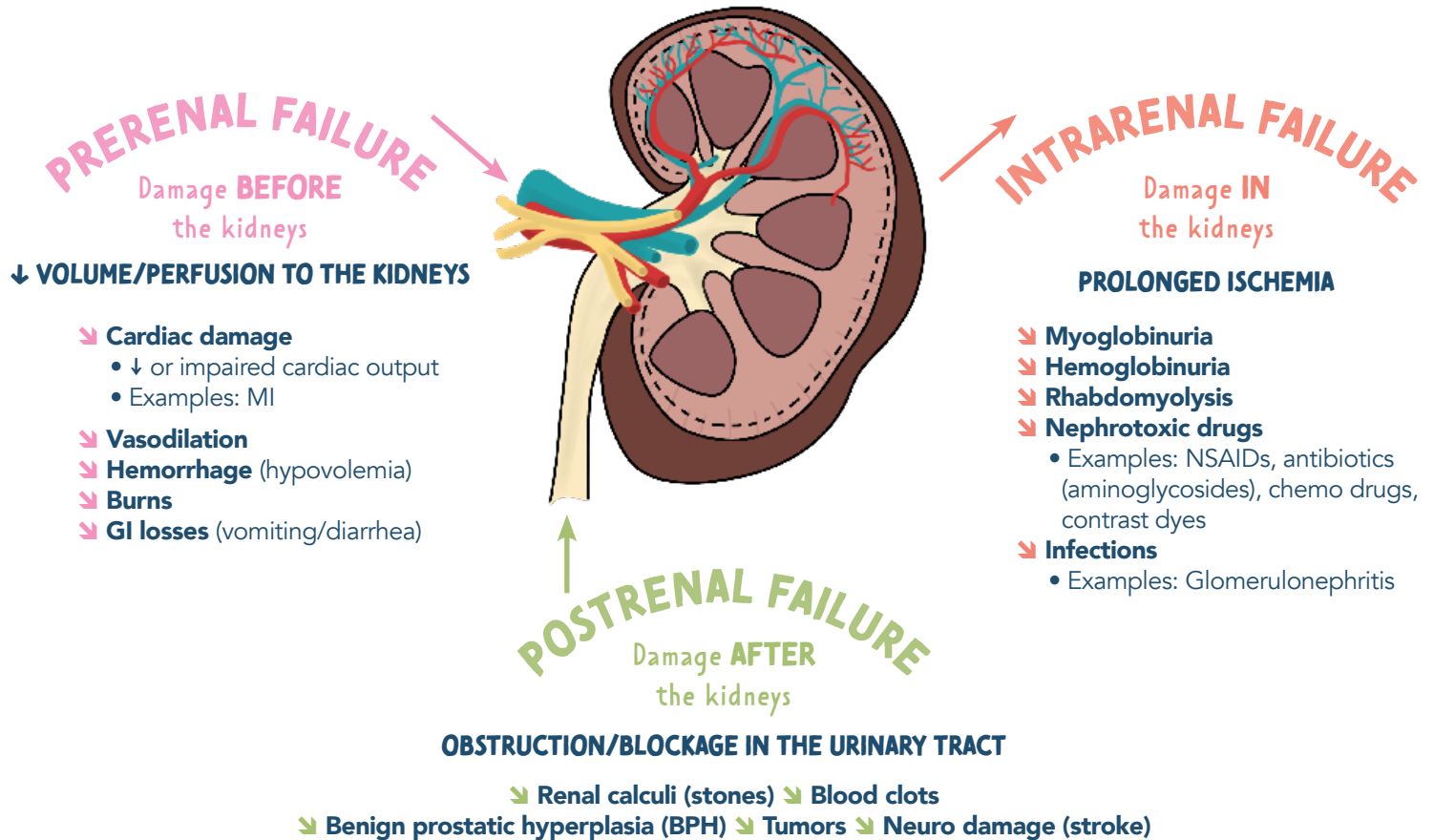
A weight gain
of 1 kg is equal to
1,000 mL
of retained fluid

Carbohydrates
provide energy
& stop the
breakdown of protein

ACUTE KIDNEY INJURY (AKI)

WHAT IS IT?

Sudden renal damage! Causes a build-up of waste, fluid, and electrolyte imbalance.
It can be reversible. Formerly called *Acute Renal Failure*.



PHASES "OH OH DARN RENAL"

INTERVENTIONS

OH ONSET / INITIATION → Triggering event (Prerenal, Intrarenal or Postrenal Failure)

➤ Correct & identify the underlying cause to prevent long term damage to nephrons!

OH OLIGURIC → ↓ Urine output < 400 mL/24 hrs
Glomerulus decreases the ability to filter blood (↓ GFR)

➤ Low protein diet ➤ Limit fluid intake
➤ Strict I&O + daily weights
➤ Monitor EKG & labs • Watch for HYPERkalemia > 5.0
• ↑ BUN & Creatinine
➤ Dialysis may be needed until kidney function returns

DARN DIURETIC → Cause of AKI is corrected
Gradual ↑ in urinary output

➤ Large amount of dilute urine with electrolytes
➤ Monitor the patient for dehydration & hypokalemia

RENAL RECOVERY → ↑ in kidney function
May take up to 6 - 12 months

➤ Some patients may never recover and may develop chronic kidney disease (CKD)

NEPHROTIC SYNDROME

PATHOLOGY

INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE IN THE GLOMERULUS

DAMAGE TO MEMBRANE

LOSS OF PROTEIN (ALBUMIN)

Albumin regulates oncotic pressure

HYPOALBUMINEMIA

LOW ALBUMIN LEVELS

CAUSES
SYNTHESIS OF
CHOLESTEROL
& TRIGLYCERIDES

HYPERLIPIDEMIA

FLUID
SHIFT

GENERALIZED EDEMA

ALBUMIN IS A
PROTEIN WHICH
PREVENTS CLOT
FORMATION

POSSIBLE BLOOD CLOTS
(THROMBOSIS)

CAN LOSE
PROTEIN THAT
HELPS FIGHT
INFECTIONS
(Immunoglobulins)

RISK FOR INFECTION

CAUSES

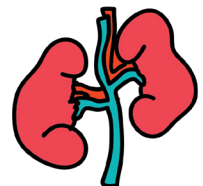
- Bacteria or viral infection
- Cancer
- Genetic predispositions
- Systemic disease (lupus or diabetes)
- NSAIDs

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- Hypoalbuminemia
 - Edema
 - Fatigue & loss of appetite
 - Hyperlipidemia
- Proteinuria (> 3 g/day)
 - Large amounts of protein in the urine

INTERVENTIONS

- Monitor fluid status
 - Daily weights & I&O's
 - Swelling & abdominal girth
- Diet modifications
 - ↓ Cholesterol & saturated fats
 - ↓ Na⁺ intake
 - Moderate protein intake
- Medications
 - Diuretics
 - Statins (lipid-lowering drugs)
 - Prednisone to ↓ inflammation
 - Antineoplastic agent
 - Immunosuppressant
- Monitor signs of...
 - Infection
 - Blood clots



CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD)

PATHO

- Progressive & irreversible loss of kidney function.
- Occurs over a long period of time.

CAUSES

- Untreated acute kidney injury (AKI)
- Diabetes mellitus
- Hypertension
- Family history
- Recurrent infections
- Autoimmune disorders

STAGES

Stages are based on the GFR rate
AS CKD WORSENS... GFR DECREASES ↓

| GFR | |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| STAGE 1 | > 90 |
| STAGE 2 | 60 - 89 |
| STAGE 3 | A: 45 - 59 B: 30 - 44 |
| STAGE 4 | 15 - 29 |
| STAGE 5 | < 15 (END STAGE RENAL DISEASE) ⚠ |

TREATMENT

- Dialysis
- Kidney transplant

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

In the end stages of CKD,
ALMOST EVERY BODY SYSTEM is negatively affected



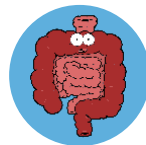
- ↓ Urinary output (UOP)
 - Oliguria = <400 mL/day
 - Anuria = <100 mL/day
- Proteinuria & hematuria



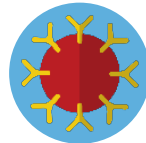
- Lethargy
- Altered LOC/confusion
- Seizures



- Hypertension
- Fluid volume excess (Hypervolemia)
- Heart failure



- Anorexia
- Nausea/vomiting
- Uremic fetor (ammonia breath)
- Metallic taste



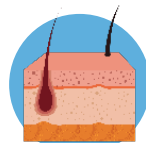
- Impaired immune & inflammatory response



- Anemia (↓ erythropoietin [EPO])
- ↑ Risk for bleeding
- Prolonged bleeding time



- Amenorrhea
- Erectile dysfunction
- ↓ Libido



- Uremic frost
- Pruritus



LABS

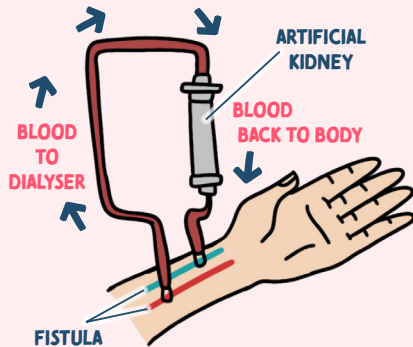
- ↑ BUN
- ↑ Creatinine
- ↑ K+
- ↑ Magnesium
- ↓ Calcium
- ↑ Phosphate

TYPES OF DIALYSIS

HEMODIALYSIS

MOST COMMON METHOD

3X a week (3 - 5 hours per treatment)



THE DIALYZER (Artificial kidney)

Brings blood to the dialyzer

Filters out toxins/waste products

Brings clean blood back to the body

VASCULAR ACCESS

FISTULA

Joining an artery to a vein

GRAFT

Inserting synthetic graft material between an artery and vein

Needs time to heal and mature

BOTH REQUIRE SURGERY

EVALUATION OF PATENCY

- ✓ Feel the thrill...
- ✓ Hear the bruit...

COMPLICATIONS

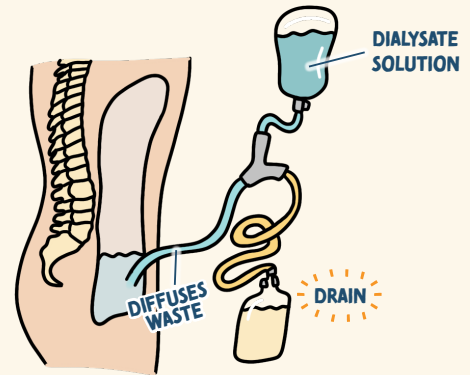
- Hypotension
- Disequilibrium syndrome
- Hemorrhage
- Air embolus
- Electrolyte imbalances

AVOID...

- ✗ Compression
- ✗ Blood draws
- ✗ Blood pressure readings
- ✗ Tight clothing
- ✗ Carrying bags
- ✗ Sleeping on that arm

PERITONEAL DIALYSIS

INSIDE THE BODY



Warm the solution!

Dialysate is infused into the peritoneal cavity by gravity

Close the clamp on the infusion line

Dialysate dwells for a set amount of time (dwell time)

The drainage tube is unclamped

Fluid drains from the peritoneal cavity by gravity

A new container of dialysate is infused as soon as drainage is complete

REPEAT!

PERITONEAL CATHETER

Performed at the bedside or in the operating room

COMPLICATIONS

- Peritonitis (infection)
 - Cloudy or bloody drainage
 - Fever
 - Abdominal pain
 - Malaise

URINARY TRACT INFECTION

PATHO

Infection within the urinary system caused by either a **BACTERIA**, **VIRAL**, or **FUNGUS**.

BACTERIA
IS MOST COMMON
SPECIFICALLY
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CAUSES

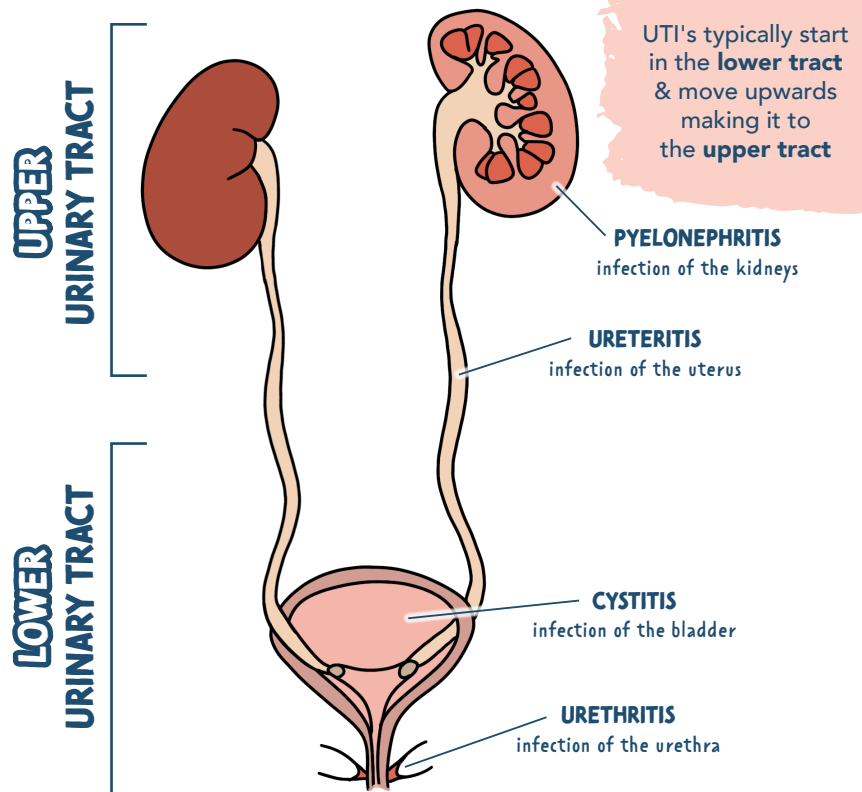
- Most common in women (shorter urethra & urethra is close to the rectum)
- Overuse of antibiotics
- Indwelling catheters
- Hormone changes (pregnancy changes)
- Diabetes
- Lifestyle
 - Baths, scented tampons, perfumes etc.

EDUCATION

- Take entire antibiotics course
- Wipe from front to back
- Void after intercourse
- Avoid caffeine & ETOH
- Void frequently
- Avoid bubble baths, perfumes, or sprays!
- Wear non-tight cotton underwear

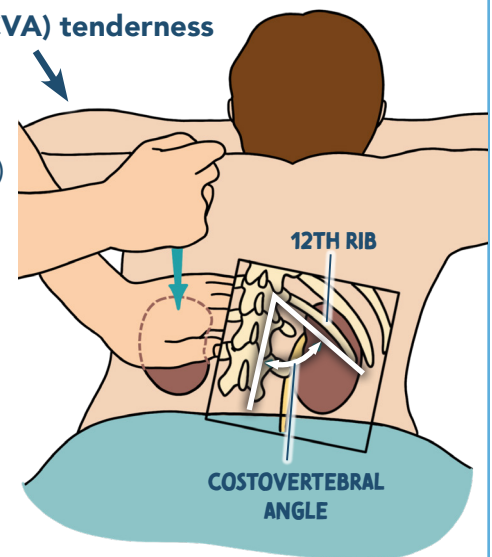
NURSING CONSIDERATIONS

- Maintain fluid status
 - 2 - 3 L per day → "flushing" out the urinary tract
 - Remove the catheter ASAP (per HCP order)
- Medications
 - Antibiotics → Take urine culture BEFORE giving first dose of antibiotics
 - Analgesia (control pain)
 - Phenazopyridine (Pyridium) → Analgesic to ↓ pain
May turn urine orange



SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- Smelly urine
- Chills & fever
- Costovertebral angle (CVA) tenderness**
- Nausea & vomiting
- Headache/malaise
- Painful urination (dysuria)
- Burning on urination
- Frequency & urgency
- Nocturia
- Incontinence
- Hematuria
- Fever
- WBC's in the urine



**ELDERLY CLIENTS
MAY SHOW
DIFFERENT SYMPTOMS**

- Confusion
- Lethargy
- New incontinence

RENAL CALCULI

PATHO

Stones (calculi) found in the urinary tract & kidney!

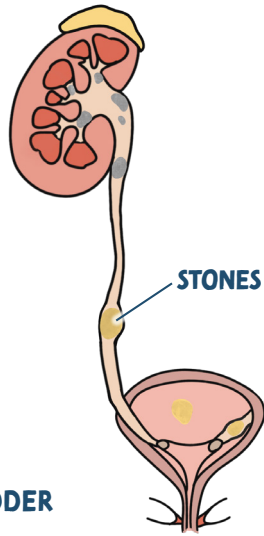
NEPHROLITHIASIS:

stones in the **kidneys**

URETEROLITHIASIS:

stones in the **ureter**

- Stones can be very large or very small
- They can be found inside the **KIDNEYS, URETERS, or the BLADDER**



TREATMENT

MOST COMMONLY, THE STONE WILL PASS ON IT'S OWN!

▪ MEDICATIONS to control the *PAIN*

- NSAIDs
 - Opioids analgesics
- ↓ Pain & inflammation
(makes the stone easier to pass)

▪ STRAIN THE URINE

- keep any stones & send them to the lab to evaluate the type of stone

▪ GET THEM MOVING OR FREQUENTLY TURNING THEM!

- ↑ FLUIDS! → Push stone forward & out!
Decreases risk of infection

▪ DIET

- Limit protein, NA+ foods, & calcium

▪ PROCEDURES:

NONINVASIVE Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy (ESWL)
Sends shock waves to break up the stone!

INVASIVE! Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy
Stone removed by an incision made on the back where the kidneys are located.

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- PAIN!**
- Discomfort
- Hematuria → (RBC's)
- Pyuria → (WBC's)
- Nausea & vomiting

DIAGNOSIS

- KUB: X-ray of kidneys, ureters, bladder
- IVP: intravenous pyelogram
- Ultrasound or CT scan
- Urine test

What is URIC ACID?

Uric acid is a waste products of the breakdown of **purines**

STONE TYPE

CAUSES

MOST COMMON!

CALCIUM

Forms due to ↑ amounts of calcium & oxalate in the urine

Hypercalcemia
Hypercalciuria
Hyperparathyroidism
↑ Intake of Na+
Dehydration
GI disorders
↑ Intake of calcium supplements with vit D

URIC ACID

Too much uric acid in the urine (acidic urine)

Gout
Foods high in purine or animal proteins
Dehydration
Metabolic issues (Diabetes)

STRUVITE

Persistent alkaline environment that is ammonia-rich urine
Due to a **bacteria**

Chronic urinary tract infections (UTI's)
Foreign bodies
Neurogenic bladder

RARE!

CYSTINE

Rare, genetic, inherited disorder that affects renal absorption of cystine

MED-SURG

CARDIAC SYSTEM



CARDIAC TERMS

CARDIAC OUTPUT (CO)

Total volume pumped per minute

Normal 4 - 8 L/min

Less volume = ↓ CO

More volume = ↑ CO

CO = HR x Stroke Volume

Cardiac Output = Heart Rate



↓ CO = ↓ perfusion to the body

- ↓ LOC
- Lungs sound wet due to backflow
- Shortness of breath
- Skin will be cold & clammy
- ↓ UOP
- Weak peripheral pulses

STROKE VOLUME

Amount of blood pumped out of the ventricle with each beat or contraction

CONTRACTILITY

Force / strength of contraction of the heart muscle

EJECTION FRACTION (EF)

% of blood expelled from the left ventricle with every contraction

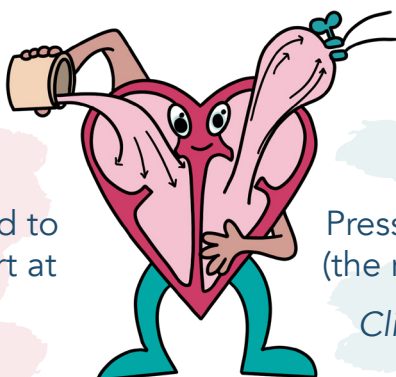
Normal EF: 50 - 70%

EXAMPLE:

If the EF is 55%, the heart is pumping out 55% of what's inside of the left ventricle

PRELOAD

Amount of blood returned to the right side of the heart at the end of diastole



AFTERLOAD

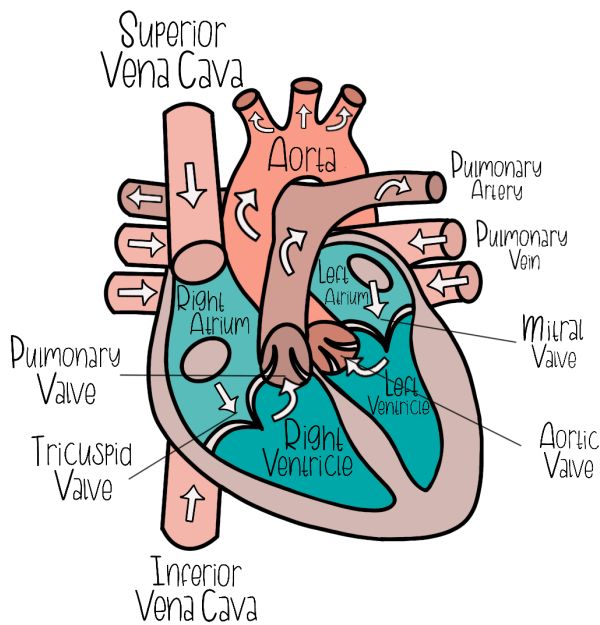
Pressure that the left ventricle has to pump against (the resistance it must overcome to circulate blood)

Clinically measured by systolic blood pressure!

HEMODYNAMIC PARAMETERS

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Cardiac output (CO) | Total volume pumped per minute | Normal 4 - 8 L/min |
| Cardiac Index (CI) | Cardiac output per body surface area $CI = \frac{CO}{\text{surface area}}$ | 2.5 - 4.0 L/min/m² |
| Central Venous Pressure (CVP) | Pressure in the superior vena cava. Shows how much pressure from the blood is returned to the right atrium from the superior vena cava. | 2 - 8 mmHg |
| Mean Arterial Pressure (MAP) | Average pressure in the systemic circulation (your body) through the cardiac cycle | 70 - 100 mmHg <i>At least 60 mm Hg is require to adequately perfuse the vital organs</i> |
| Systemic Vascular resistance (SVR) | The resistance it takes to push blood through the circulatory system to create blood flow | 800 - 1200 dynes/sec/cm |

FLOW OF BLOOD THROUGH THE HEART



RIGHT SIDE

Deoxygenated Blood

Carries oxygen poor blood **from the body** back to the right side of the heart

1. Superior / Inferior Vena Cava
2. Right Atrium
3. Tricuspid Valve
4. Right Ventricle
5. Pulmonic Valve
6. Pulmonary Artery

**DEOXYGENATED BLOOD
TO THE LUNGS**

LEFT SIDE

Oxygenated Blood

Oxygenated blood **from the lungs**

7. Pulmonary Vein
8. Left Atrium
9. Bicuspid / Mitral Valve
10. Left Ventricle
11. Aortic Valve
12. Aorta

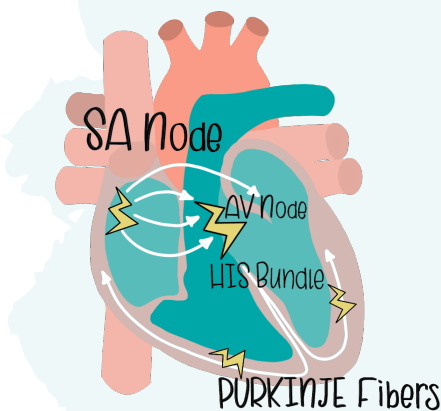
**OXYGENATED BLOOD
TO THE BODY**

VASCULAR SYSTEM FACTS

ARTERIES - Carry oxygenated blood to tissues → (think **A**way from the heart)

VEINS - Carry deoxygenated blood back to the heart

Electrical Conduction of the Heart



MNEMONIC

Send

A

Big

Bounding

Pulse

SA Node

↓
AV Node

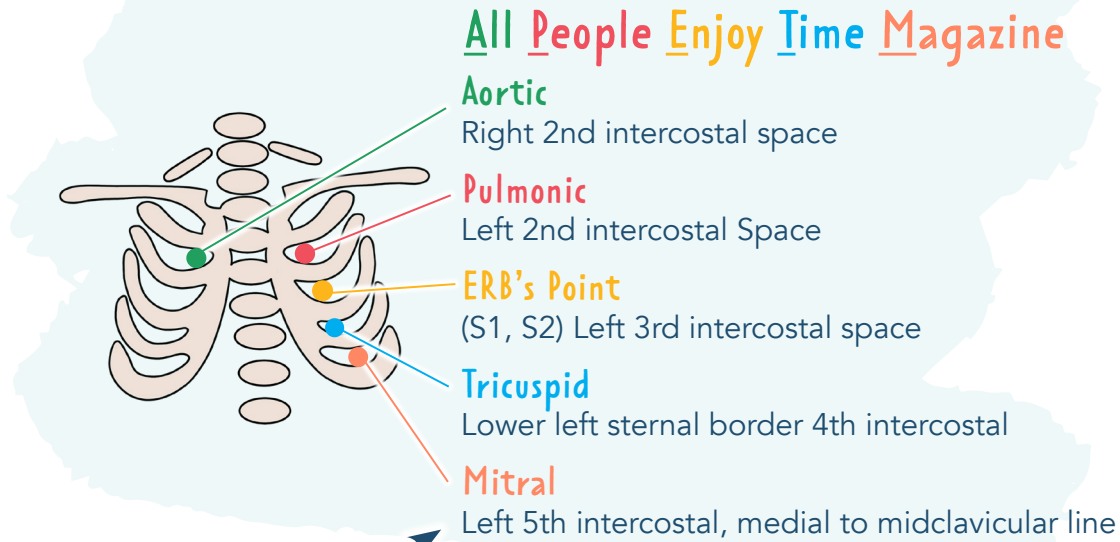
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Bundle of His

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Bundle Branches

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Purkinje Fibers

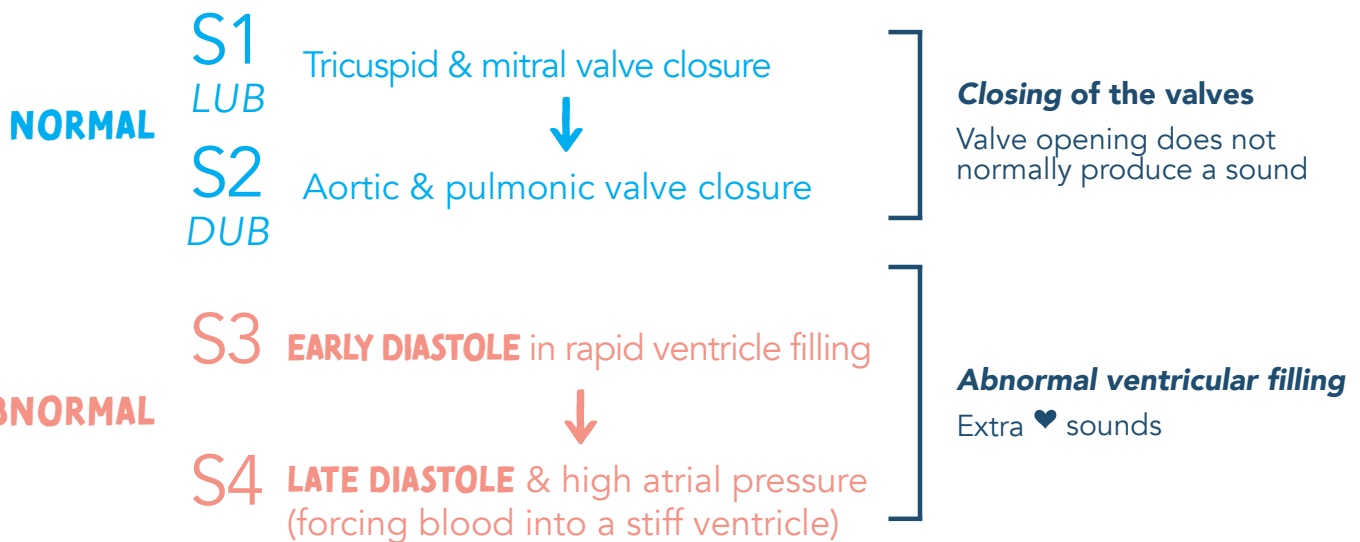
AUSCULTATING HEART SOUNDS

5 Areas for Listening to the Heart



TIP

Think **M** for **M**idclavicular & **M**itral has 5 letters for "5th intercostal space"



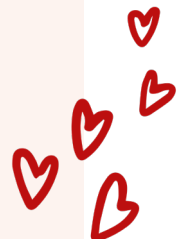
SYSTOLE: Ventricle pump / ejection = LUB (S1)

DIASTOLE: Ventricle relax / filling = DUB (S2)

Memory Trick

"COZY RED"

CO (contract) **ZY** (systole)
RE (relax) **D** (diastole)

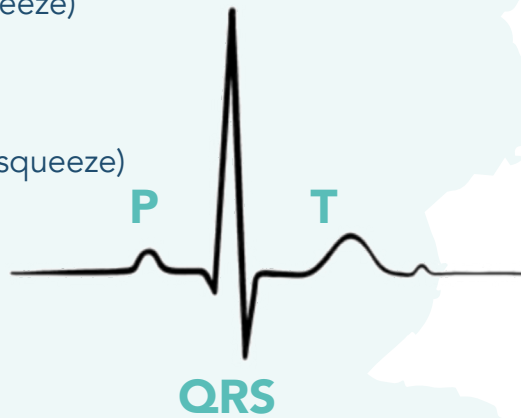


EKG WAVEFORMS

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

PQRST

- P** Atrial contraction (squeeze)
DE-polarization
DE-compressing
- QRS COMPLEX** Ventricle contraction (squeeze)
DE-polarization
DE-compressing
- T** Ventricles
RE-laxing
RE-polarizing
RE-filling with blood



PR INTERVAL

Movement of electrical activity from atria to ventricles

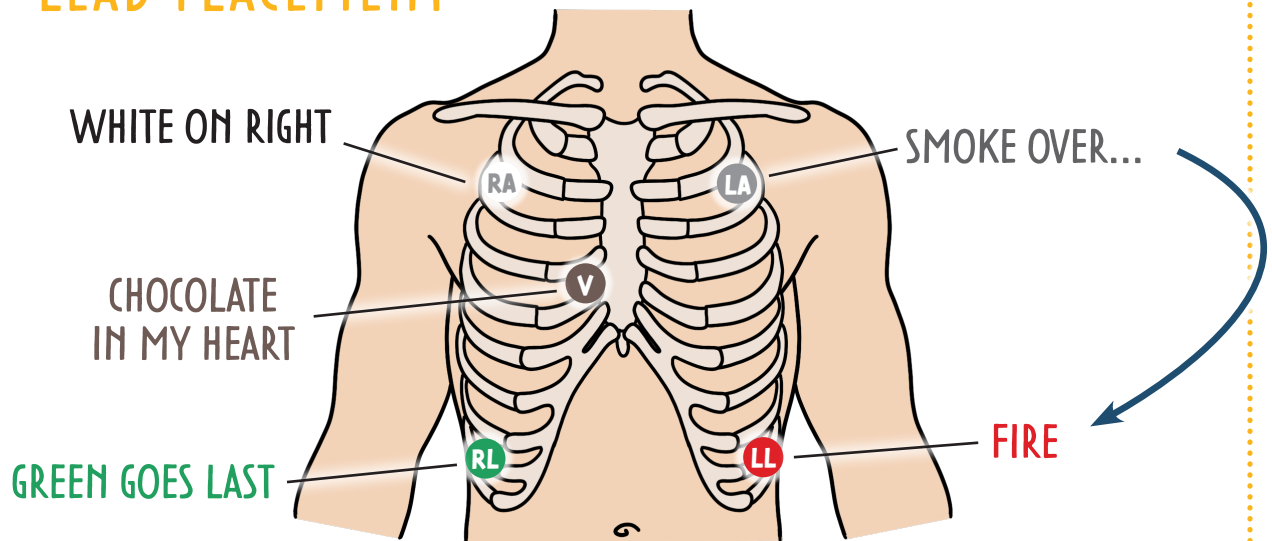
ST SEGMENT

Time between ventricular depolarization and repolarization (ventricular contraction)

QT INTERVAL

Time take from ventricles to depolarize, contract, and repolarize

5-LEAD PLACEMENT



6 STEPS TO INTERPRETING EKG'S

#1 P WAVE

Identify & examine the P waves

- Should be present & upright
- Comes before QRS complex
- One P wave for every QRS complex

#2 PR INTERVAL

Measure PR interval

Normal PR interval:
0.12 - 0.2 seconds

#3 QRS WAVE

Is every P wave followed by a QRS complex?

- Should not be widened or shortened – this may indicate problems!

Normal QRS complex:
0.06 - 0.12

Widen is often seen in PVC's, Electrolyte imbalances & drug toxicity!

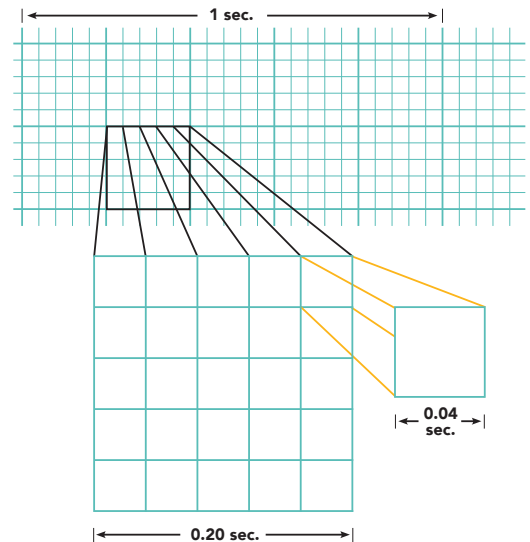
#4 R-R

Are the R to R intervals consistent

- Regular or irregular?

BASIC RHYTHMS

NORMAL SINUS 60 - 100 bpm
SINUS TACHYCARDIA > 100 bpm
SINUS BRADYCARDIA < 60 bpm



1 large box = 0.20 seconds

5 large boxes = 1 second

1 small box = 0.04 seconds

#5 DETERMINE THE HEART RATE

6 SECOND METHOD

Count the number of R's in between the 6 second strips & multiply by 10



6 R's X 10 = 60 beats per minutes

Be sure and check that the strip is 6 seconds!
Count the boxes

BIG BOX METHOD

300 divided by the number of big boxes between 2 R's



300 / 5 = 60 BPM

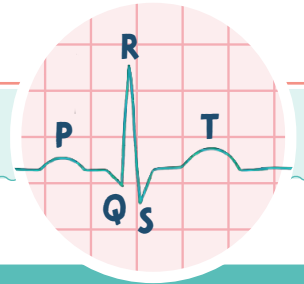
#6 IDENTIFY THE EKG FINDING!

EKG'S

NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM



| | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| RATE | 60 - 100 bpm |
| RHYTHM | Regular |
| P WAVE | Upright & uniform before each QRS |
| PR INTERVAL | Normal |
| QRS COMPLEX | Normal |



SINUS BRADY



KEY

The sinus node creates an impulse at a **slower**-than-normal rate

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| RATE | < 60 bpm |
| RHYTHM | Regular |
| P WAVE | Upright & uniform before each QRS |
| PR INTERVAL | Normal |
| QRS COMPLEX | Normal |

CAUSES

- ♥ Lower metabolic needs
 - Sleep, athletic training, hypothyroidism
- ♥ Vagal stimulation
- ♥ Medications
 - Calcium channel blockers, beta blockers, Amiodarone

TREATMENT

- ♥ Correct the underlying cause!
- ♥ ↑ the heart rate to normal

SINUS TACHY



KEY

The sinus node creates an impulse at a **faster**-than-normal rate

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| RATE | > 100 bpm |
| RHYTHM | Regular |
| P WAVE | Upright & uniform before each QRS |
| PR INTERVAL | Normal |
| QRS COMPLEX | Normal |

CAUSES

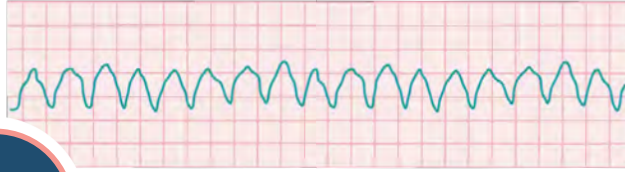
- ♥ Physiologic or psychological stress
 - Blood loss, fever, exercise, dehydration
- ♥ Certain medications
 - Stimulants - caffeine, nicotine
 - Illicit drugs - cocaine, amphetamines
 - Stimulate sympathetic response - epinephrine
- ♥ Heart failure
- ♥ Cardiac tamponade
- ♥ Hyperthyroidism

TREATMENT

- ♥ Identify the underlying cause!
- ♥ ↓ the heart rate to normal

EKG'S

VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA (VT)



Memory trick:
looks like
tombstones

Irregular, coarse waveforms of different shapes. The ventricles are quivering and there is **no contractions or cardiac output** which may be **fatal!**

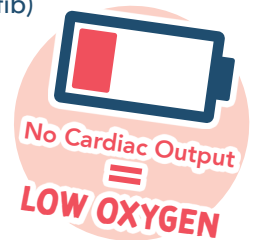
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| RATE | 100 - 250 bpm |
| RHYTHM | Regular |
| P WAVE | Not visible |
| PR INTERVAL | None |
| QRS COMPLEX | Wide (like tombstones) > 0.12 seconds |

CAUSES

- ♥ Myocardial ischemia / infarction
- ♥ Electrolyte imbalances
- ♥ Digoxin toxicity
- ♥ Stimulants: caffeine & methamphetamines

MANIFESTATIONS

- ♥ Patient is usually awake (unlike V-fib)
- ♥ Chest pain
- ♥ Lethargy
- ♥ Anxiety
- ♥ Syncope
- ♥ Palpitations



TREATMENT

STABLE CLIENT WITH A PULSE

- ♥ Oxygen
- ♥ Antidysrhythmics (ex. Amiodarone...stabilizes the rhythm)
- ♥ Synchronized Cardioversion

- Synchronized administration of shock (delivery in sync with the QRS wave).
- Cardioversion is NOT defibrillation! (defibrillation is only given with deadly rhythms!)

UNSTABLE CLIENTS WITHOUT A PULSE

Also called **PULSELESS V-TACH**

- ♥ CPR
- ♥ Follow ACLS protocol for defibrillation
- ♥ Possible intubation
- ♥ Drug therapy
 - Epinephrine, vasopressin, amiodarone

SHOCK!

UNTREATED VT CAN LEAD TO



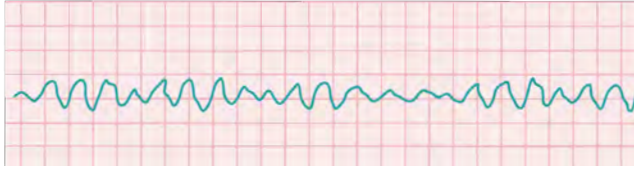
VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION



DEATH

EKG'S

VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION (V-FIB)



Rapid, disorganized pattern of electrical activity in the ventricle in which electrical impulses arise from many different foci!

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| RATE | Unknown |
| RHYTHM | Chaotic & irregular |
| P WAVE | Not visible |
| PR INTERVAL | Not visible |
| QRS COMPLEX | Not visible |

CAUSES

- ♥ Cardiac injury
- ♥ Medication toxicity
- ♥ Electrolyte imbalances
- ♥ Untreated ventricular tachycardia

MANIFESTATIONS

- ♥ Loss of consciousness
- ♥ May not have a pulse or blood pressure
- ♥ Respirations have stopped
- ♥ **Cardiac arrest & death!**

**NO CARDIAC
OUTPUT
=
NO OXYGEN
TO THE BODY**

TREATMENT

- ♥ CPR
- ♥ Oxygen
- ♥ Defib (follow ACLS protocol for defibrillation) ⚡
- ♥ Possible intubation
- ♥ Drug Therapy
 - Vasoconstriction: Epinephrine
 - Antiarrhythmic: Amiodarone, lidocaine
 - Possibly magnesium

TIP

"DEFIB THE VFIB"

CARDIOVERSION VS. DEFIBRILLATION

KEY

CARDIOVERSION

- ♥ Synchronized shock
- ♥ Lower amount of energy
- ♥ Not done with CPR
- ♥ Stable clients
 - ♥ Ex. A-fib

DEFIBRILLATION

- ♥ Asynchronous
- ♥ Higher amount of energy
- ♥ Resume CPR after shock
- ♥ Unstable clients
 - ♥ Example: pulseless VT or VF

EKG'S

ATRIAL FIBRILLATION (A-FIB)

IRREGULAR R-R INTERVALS



Uncoordinated electrical activity in the atria that causes rapid & disorganized "fibbing" of the muscles in the atrium.

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| RATE | Usually over 100 BPM |
| RHYTHM | Irregular |
| P WAVE | None. They are irregular (fibrillatory waves) |
| PR INTERVAL | Visible |
| QRS COMPLEX | Normal |

**THE ATRIA IS
QUIVERING!**

CAUSES

- ♥ Open heart surgery
- ♥ Heart failure
- ♥ COPD
- ♥ Hypertension
- ♥ Ischemic heart disease

MANIFESTATIONS

- ♥ Most commonly asymptomatic
- ♥ Fatigue
- ♥ Malaise
- ♥ Dizziness
- ♥ Shortness of breath
- ♥ Tachycardia
- ♥ Anxiety
- ♥ Palpitations

**ALL DUE
TO
LOW O2**

TREATMENT

STABLE PT.

- ♥ Oxygen
- ♥ Drug therapy!
 - Beta blockers
 - Calcium channel blockers
 - Digoxin
 - Amiodarone
 - Anticoagulant therapy to prevent clots

RISK FOR CLOTS!

The atria quiver causes pooling of blood in the heart which increases the risk for clots = increased risk for MI, PE, CVA's, & DVTs!

UNSTABLE PT.

- ♥ Oxygen
- ♥ Cardioversion
 - Synchronized administration of shock (delivery in sync with the QRS wave).
 - Cardioversion is NOT defibrillation!

DEFIBRILLATION

Defibrillation is only given with deadly rhythms!

EKG'S

PREMATURE VENTRICULAR CONTRACTIONS (PVCs)



Early "premature" conduction of a QRS complex

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| RATE | Depends on the underlying rhythm |
| RHYTHM | Regular but interrupted due to early P waves |
| P WAVE | Visible but depends on timing of PVC (may be hidden) |
| PR INTERVAL | Slower than normal but still 0.12 - 0.20 seconds |
| QRS COMPLEX | Sharp, bizarre, and abnormal during the PVC |

CAUSES

- ♥ Heart failure
- ♥ Myocardial ischemia / infarction
- ♥ Drug toxicity
- ♥ Caffeine, tobacco, alcohol
- ♥ Stress or Pain
- ♥ Increased workload on the heart

EXERCISE
FEVER
HYPERVOLEMIA
HEART FAILURE
TACHYCARDIA

BIGEMINY: every **other** beat

TRIGEMINY: every **3rd** beat

QUADRAGEMINY: every **4th** beat

R-ON-T PHENOMENON: PVC arises spontaneously from the repolarization gradient (T-wave) may precipitate V-fib

TREATMENT

TX based on underlying cause

- ♥ May not be harmful if the client has a healthy heart
- ♥ Oxygen
- ♥ Decrease caffeine intake
- ♥ Correct the electrolyte imbalances
- ♥ D/C or adjust the drug causing toxicity
- ♥ Decrease stress or pain

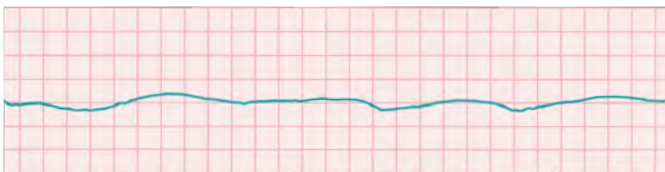
MANIFESTATIONS

- ♥ May be asymptomatic
- ♥ Feels like your heart...
 - "Skipped a beat"
 - "Heart is pounding"
- ♥ Chest pain

CHEST PAIN

Notify the healthcare provider if the client complains of chest pain, if the PVC's increase in frequency or if the PVC's occur on the T wave (R-on-T phenomenon).

ASYSTOLE



RATE
RHYTHM
P WAVE
PR INTERVAL
QRS COMPLEX

FLATLINE

CAUSES

- ♥ Myocardial ischemia/infarction
- ♥ Heart failure
- ♥ Electrolyte imbalances (common: hypo/hyperkalemia)
- ♥ Severe acidosis
- ♥ Cardiac tamponade
- ♥ Cocaine overdose

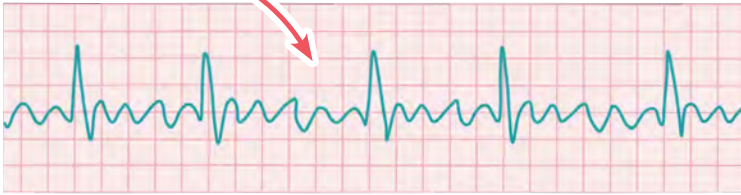
TREATMENT

- ♥ **High quality CPR**
 - Heel of hand on the center of the chest
 - Arms straight
 - Shoulders aligned over hands
 - Compress at 2 - 2.4 inches at a rate of 100 - 120 min
 - 30 compressions to 2 rescue breaths
 - Minimal interruptions

EKG'S

ATRIAL FLUTTER

SAWTOOTH



Similar to A-fib, but the heart's electrical signals spread through the atria. The heart's upper chambers (atria) beat too quickly but at a regular rhythm.

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| RATE | 75-150 BPM |
| RHYTHM | Usually regular |
| P WAVE | "Sawtooth" P wave configuration shaped flutter waves |
| PR INTERVAL | Unable to measure |
| QRS COMPLEX | Usually normal & upright |

CAUSES

- ♥ Coronary artery disease (CAD)
- ♥ Hypertension
- ♥ Heart failure
- ♥ Valvular disease
- ♥ Hyperthyroidism
- ♥ Chronic lung disease
- ♥ Pulmonary embolism
- ♥ Cardiomyopathy

MANIFESTATIONS

- ♥ May be asymptomatic
- ♥ Fatigue / syncope
- ♥ Chest pain
- ♥ Shortness of breath
- ♥ Low blood pressure

TREATMENT

STABLE PT.

- ♥ Drug therapy!
 - Calcium channel blockers
 - Antiarrhythmics
 - Anticoagulants

RISK FOR CLOTS!

Atrial flutter causes pooling of blood in the atria = risk for clots

UNSTABLE PT.

- ♥ Cardioversion
 - Synchronized administration of shock (delivery in sync with the QRS wave).
 - Cardioversion is NOT defibrillation!

DEFIBRILLATION

Defibrillation is only given with deadly rhythms!

HEART FAILURE

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

LEFT SIDED HF



LEFT SIDE THINK LUNGS

Fluid is backing up into the lungs = pulmonary symptoms

- D**yspnea
- R**ales (crackles)
- O** orthopnea
- W**eakness / fatigue
- N**octurnal paroxysmal dyspnea
- I**ncreased HR
- N**agging cough (*frothy, blood tinged sputum*)
- G**aining weight (2 -3 lb's a day)

OTHER S&S
↑ UOP
Hypotension
S3 Gallop

RIGHT SIDED HF

Fluid is backing up into the venous system

- S**welling of the legs & hands
- W**eight gain
- E**dema (pitting)
- L**arge neck veins (JVD)
- L**ethargy / fatigue
- I**rrregular heart rate
- N**octuria
- G**irth (Ascites)

OTHER S&S
Hepatomegaly
Splenomegaly
Anorexia

SYSTOLIC HF VS. DIASTOLIC HF

SYSTOLIC HF

Weakened heart muscle

The ventricle does not **EJECT** properly

DIASTOLIC HF

Stiff & non-compliant heart muscle

The ventricle does not **FILL** properly

EJECTION FRACTION (EF)

Amount of blood **PUMPED OUT**

Amount of blood **IN THE CHAMBER**

% EF

EF REDUCED



NORMAL EF



**NORMAL EJECTION FRACTION
50% - 70%**

HEART FAILURE: DIAGNOSIS & INTERVENTIONS

DIAGNOSIS

BNP

B-TYPE NATRIURETIC PEPTIDE

Secreted when there is ↑ pressure in the ventricle

BNP ↑ in HF

CHEST X-RAY

Enlarged heart & pulmonary infiltrates

ECHOCARDIOGRAM

Looks at ejection fraction, back flow, & valve problems

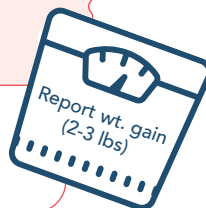
EF is ↓ in most types of HF

INTERVENTIONS

MONITOR

Strict I&O's
Daily weights
Edema

Same time
Same scale
Same clothes



DIET MODIFICATIONS

Fluid restrictions
↓ Sodium
↓ Fat
↓ Cholesterol

Spread fluids out during the day
Suck on hard candy to ↓ thirst

REPORT S&S OF FLUID RETENTION

Edema
Weight gain

ELEVATE HOB

(Semi-Fowler's position)

BALANCE PERIODS OF ACTIVITY & REST

CORONARY ARTERY DISORDERS (CAD)

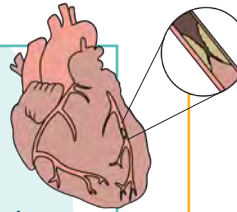
RISK FACTORS

NON-MODIFIABLE

Age
Gender
Race
Family history

MODIFIABLE

Diabetes
Hypertension
Smoking
Metabolic Syndrome
Obesity
Physical inactivity
High cholesterol



PATHO

Fatty plaques develop



Called **ATHEROSCLEROSIS**



Restriction of blood flow to the heart

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

ISCHEMIA

Inadequate blood supply to the heart = ↓ O₂ to the heart.

ISCHEMIA: ↓ O₂

INFARCTION: Death

ANGINA PECTORIS

Chest pain that is caused by **myocardial ischemia**

- Chest pain w/ activity
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigued

PREVENTION

- Management of hypertension
- Management of diabetes
- Smoking cessation
- Diet
- Exercise

DIAGNOSIS

BLOOD TEST - Lipoprotein profile

- LDL
- HDL
- Total Cholesterol
- Triglycerides

ECG

- Assess for changes in ST segments or T waves!

TREATMENT

- Lipid-lowering medications "Statins"
- Heart-healthy diet
- Physical activity
- Smoking cessation
- Stress management
- Hypertension management
- Diabetes management
- Coronary stent / angioplasty
- Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG)

WEEKLY EXERCISE GOALS
Moderate: 75 min
Vigorous: 150 min

Cholesterol

LDL →

Low Density Lipoprotein

Want **LOW** Levels (<100 mg/dL)
BAD CHOLESTEROL

HDL →

High Density Lipoprotein

Want **HIGH** Levels (>60 mg/dL)
HAPPY CHOLESTEROL

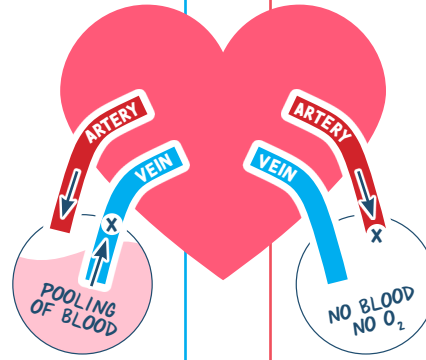
PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASE

is an umbrella term for...

PERIPHERAL VENOUS DISEASE (PVD)

Deoxygenated blood can't get back to the heart.

Pooling of oxygenated blood in the extremities.



PAIN ?



Dull, constant, achy pain!

PULSE ?



May not be palpable due to edema

EDEMA ?



Blood is POOLING in the leg

TEMP ?

Warm legs
(Blood is warm)

COLOR ?

Stasis dermatitis
(Brown/yellow)

WOUNDS ?

Venous STASIS ulcers,
Irregular shaped wounds, shallow

GANGRENE ?



We have too much blood! Gangrene is caused by insufficient amounts of blood.

POSITIONING ?

Elevate Veins Positions that make it worse: dangling, sitting/standing for long periods of time

PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE (PAD)

Think "BAD"

Narrow artery (atherosclerosis) where oxygenated blood can't get to the distal extremities (hands & feet).

Ischemia & necrosis of the extremities

PAIN ?



Sharp pain: Gets worse at night "rest pain"
Intermittent claudication

PULSE ?



Very poor or even absent

EDEMA ?



No blood in the extremities

TEMP ?

Cool No blood = cool leg
(blood is warm)

COLOR ?

Pale, hairless, dry, scaly, thin skin due to lack of nutrients ($\downarrow O_2$)

WOUNDS ?

Regular in shape, red sores round appearance "punched out"

GANGRENE ?



Tissue death caused by a lack of blood supply

POSITIONING ?

Dangle arteries

CAUSES OF BOTH

Smoking • Diabetes • High cholesterol • Hypertension

DX: Doppler Ultrasound or Ankle Brachial Index (ABI)

TREATMENT — KEEP VEIN OPEN!

- Elevate **V**eins
- Medications
 - Aspirin or Clopidogrel
 - Cholesterol lowering drugs "statin"
- Surgery
 - Angioplasty
 - Bypass (CABG)
 - Endarterectomy

TREATMENT — GET BLOOD MOVING!

- **D**Angle Arteries
(Dependent position)
- Perform daily skin care with moisturizer
- Stop smoking
- Avoid tight clothing (vasoconstriction)
- No heating pads!
- Medications
 - Vasodilators
 - Antiplatelets

ANGINA PECTORIS

Chest pain that is caused by myocardial ischemia

TYPES OF ANGINA

STABLE

"Predictable"

Occurs with

EXERTION

↑ myocardial
demand for oxygen

UNSTABLE

"Preinfarction"

Occurs at

REST

& more frequently

PRINZMETAL'S / VARIANT

"Coronary artery vasospasm"

Pain at rest with reversible

ST-ELEVATION

MANIFESTATIONS

- Chest pain (heavy sensation) may radiate to neck, jaw, or shoulders
- Unusual fatigue
- Weakness
- Shortness of breath
- Pallor
- Diaphoresis

INTERVENTIONS

GOAL: ↓ OXYGEN DEMAND

REPERFUSION PROCEDURES

PCI

Percutaneous
Coronary
Interventions

CABG

Coronary Artery
Bypass Graft

DRUG THERAPY

NITRATES

- Vasodilators
- ↓ ischemia = ↓ pain
- Usually administered sublingually

CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS

- Relaxes blood vessels
- ↑ oxygen supply to the heart
- ↓ workload of heart

BETA BLOCKERS

- ↓ myocardial oxygen consumption

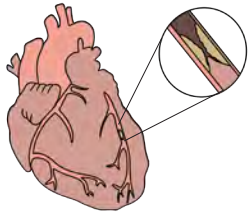
ANTIPLATELET / ANTICOAGULANT

- Prevents platelet aggregation & thrombosis

MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION (MI)

PATHO

Complete blockage in one or more arteries of the heart



ARTHEROSCLEROSIS

Coronary arteries become narrow due to plaque build-up

ANGINA

Due to ischemia (low O₂)

MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION (MI)

Plaque rupture become a blood clot that blocks arteries of the heart

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

SUDDEN, CRUSHING, RADIATING CHEST PAIN THAT CONTINUES DESPITE REST & MEDICATIONS

- Shortness of breath
- Nausea & vomiting
- Sweating
- Pale & dusty skin

PAIN FELT IN THE...

- Left arm
- Mid back/shoulder
- Heartburn

WOMEN PRESENT WITH DIFFERENT SYMPTOMS

- Fatigue
- Shoulder blade discomfort
- Shortness of breath

DIAGNOSIS

- ECG

- ST-Elevation (no O₂)
- ST-Depression (low O₂)
- T-wave inversion

- TROPONIN

- STRESS TEST

- Chemical & exercise

TREATMENT

IMMEDIATE

- M** MORPHINE
↓ workload of the heart & ↓ pain
- O** OXYGEN
↑ O₂ to the heart
- N** NITROGLYCERIN
opens up the vessels
- A** ASPIRIN
Prevents platelets from sticking together

CATH LAB OR CLOT BUSTER

MEDICATIONS

- Thrombolytics (clot busters)
- Example: Streptokinase

SURGERY

- PCI "Percutaneous Coronary Intervention"
- CABG
- Endarterectomy
- Cut out the blockage

Suffixes:
-teplase
-ase

PREVENTION & REST

PREVENT / STABILIZE CLOT

- Heparin IV

REST THE HEART WITH...


- Nitro
- Beta-Blockers
- Calcium channel blockers

ANY TIME YOU GIVE A THROMBOLYTIC, WATCH FOR SIGNS OF BLEEDING!

HYPERTENSION (HTN)

HYPERtension = **HIGH** BP

MOST ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS FOR HTN

| CATEGORIES | SYSTOLIC (SQUEEZE) | DIASTOLIC (DECOMPRESS) |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| NORMAL | < 120 | < 80 |
| PRE-HTN | 120 - 139 | 80 - 89 |
| STAGE 1 HTN | 140 - 159 | 90 - 99 |
| STAGE 2 HTN | > 160 | > 100 |
|  HTN CRISIS | > 180 | > 120 |

AFFECTED ORGANS



CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE (CHF)

Overworking of the heart muscle (ventricle enlarges)



STROKE

Weak & narrow vessels could lead to rupture of vessels



RENAL FAILURE

Too much blood flowing to the kidneys at a fast rate & high pressure



VISUAL CHANGES

Damages blood vessels in the retina (blurred vision, can't focus on objects)

RISK FACTORS

MOST COMMON

PRIMARY HTN

Also called **ESSENTIAL** or **IDIOPATHIC HTN**

- Cause is unknown
- Not curable, only controllable

- F** Family HX
- A** Advanced age
- C** ↑ Cholesterol
- T** Too much caffeine
- O** Obesity
- R** Restricted activity
- S** Sleep apnea
- R** Race (African Americans)
- I** Intake of Na/ETOH
- S** Smoking
- K** Low K⁺ & vitamin D levels

SECONDARY HTN

- Has a direct cause / preexisting condition
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - Diabetes
 - Hypo/Hyperthyroidism
 - Cushing syndrome
 - Pregnancy
 - Certain drugs (oral contraceptives)

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

Usually asymptomatic!

Commonly called the "silent killer"

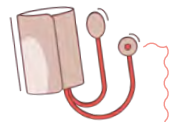
Symptoms: (if seen)

- Blurred vision
- Headache
- Chest pain
- Nose bleeds

EDUCATION

- Limit sodium intake
- Limit alcohol intake
- Smoking cessation
- Teach how to measure BP & keep a record
- Exercise programs for weight loss if needed

TAKING A PROPER BLOOD PRESSURE



- Look for the brachial artery!
- Do not smoke, exercise, drink caffeinated beverages or alcohol within 30 minutes
- Instruct the client to...
 - Sit in a chair with legs uncrossed
 - Arm at ♥ level
 - Correct size cuff
- **NO BP in arms with....**
 - HX mastectomy
 - HX of AV shunt
 - Blood clots
 - Current IV in the arm

Too small = false high BP
Too large = false low BP

ANTIHYPERTENSIVE MEDICATION OVERVIEW

"ABCDD"

- A** ACE inhibitors
- B** BETA Blockers
- C** Calcium Channel Blockers
- D** Digoxin
- D** Diuretics

SUFFIXES

-PRIL
-OLOL
-PINE -AMIL

CARDIAC BIOMARKERS

TROPONIN

Protein released in the blood stream when the heart muscle is damaged.

BEST indicator of an acute MI

RANGE 0 - 0.4 NG/ML

> 0.4 = Heart attack!

PEAK CAN REMAIN ELEVATED FOR AS LONG AS 3 WEEKS

CK-MB

CREATINE KINASE - MB

An enzyme released in the bloodstream when the heart, muscles or brains are damaged!

Cardiac-specific isoenzyme
BUT less reliable than Troponin

RANGE 0 - 5 NG/ML

PEAK 24 HOURS

MYOGLOBIN

Myoglobin is found in cardiac & skeletal muscle

NOT a specific indicator of an acute MI, but a (-) sign is good for ruling out an acute MI

Myoglobin Think Muscle 

RANGE 5 - 70 NG/ML

PEAK 12 HOURS

BNP

BRAIN NATRIURETIC PEPTIDE

A peptide released when the ventricle is filled with too much fluid and STRETCHES!

Indicates heart failure (HF)

RANGE Normal: <100 PG/ML

Mild HF: 100 - 300

Moderate HF: 300 - 700

Severe HF: >700

DIURETIC OVERVIEW

DIURETICS

DIURESIS THE BODY

DIURESIS = DRY INSIDE

- Where sodium goes...water flows!
- Sodium makes us retain water
 - ➔ Low sodium diet (Sodium Swells!)
- Give diuretics in the morning not at night
 - ➔ You don't want your client peeing all night long (Nocturia)
- Instruct the client to make slow position changes (due to orthostatic hypotension)
- Monitor...
 - ➔ Daily weights (report 2-3 lbs weight gain)
 - ➔ Intake & Output
 - ➔ Vital signs
 - ➔ Potassium levels

OSMOTIC DIURETIC

GENERIC

mannitol

TRADE NAME

Osmitrol

| ACTION | PURPOSE | SIDE EFFECTS | NURSING CONSIDERATIONS |
|--|--|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↑ the thickness of the filtrate so water can't be reabsorbed • Excretion of Na⁺ & Cl⁻ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tx of cerebral edema • ↓ Intraocular Pressure (IOP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edema • Blurred vision • Nausea, vomiting, & diarrhea • Urinary retention | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only administered IV • May crystalize (<i>check solution before adm.</i>) • Perform neuro assessment & LOC (<i>if using for cerebral edema</i>) |

K⁺ SPARING DIURETIC


GENERIC

spironolactone

TRADE NAME

Aldactone

Spironolactone is a potassium sparing diuretic...
S think **S**paring!

| ACTION | PURPOSE | SIDE EFFECTS | NURSING CONSIDERATIONS |
|---|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blocks aldosterone ("salt water" hormone) • Lets fluid out of the body into the potty! • Excretion of Na⁺ & H₂O <p>NOT K⁺ (Saves potassium)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypertension • Edema • Hypokalemia • Hyperaldosteronism • Cross-sex hormonal therapy <p>SPIRONOLACTONE INHIBITS TESTOSTERONE</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hyperkalemia (> 5.0) • Diarrhea • Gastritis • Drowsiness • Erectile dysfunction • Gynecomastia (man boobs) <p>EDUCATE: GYNECOMASTIA IS USUALLY REVERSIBLE AFTER THERAPY HAS STOPPED</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid eating foods high in potassium (<i>Green leafy veggies, melons, bananas, avocado, etc.</i>)  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid salt substitutes & potassium supplements • Monitor K⁺ levels <p>⚠ Watch out for HYPERKALEMIA (K⁺ > 5.0 mg/d)</p> |

DIURETIC OVERVIEW

LOOP DIURETIC

| GENERIC | TRADE NAME |
|------------|------------|
| furosemide | Lasix |
| bumetanide | Bumex |
| torsemide | Demadex |

ACTION

- Inhibit reabsorption of Na^+ & Cl^-

Acts on 3 sites
=
↑ reabsorption

PURPOSE


- Hypertension
- Heart failure
- Renal disease
- Edema
- Pulmonary edema

SIDE EFFECTS

- ↓ Hypokalemia ⚠️
- ↓ Hypotension
- ↑ Hyperglycemia
- ↓ Photosensitivity
- ↓ Hyponatremia
- Dehydration

NURSING

CONSIDERATIONS

- Obtain baseline vital signs
- Adm. furosemide SLOWLY (rapid adm. can cause ototoxicity) 
- Replace K^+ if $< 3.5 \text{ mEq/L}$



NORMAL POTASSIUM
3.5 - 5.0

POTASSIUM WASTING!

THIAZIDE DIURETIC

| GENERIC | TRADE NAME |
|---------------------|------------|
| hydrochlorothiazide | Microzide |
| chlorothiazide | Diuril |
| methyclothiazide | - |

ACTION

- Inhibit reabsorption of Na^+ & Cl^-
- Excretion of Na^+ , Cl^- , & H_2O

↑ UOP
=
↓ Blood Volume

PURPOSE

- Hypertension
- Heart failure
- Renal disease
- Cirrhosis
- Edema
- Corticosteroids
- Estrogen Therapy

SIDE EFFECTS

- ↓ Hypokalemia
- ↓ Hypotension
- ↓ Hyponatremia
- ↓ Libido
- ↑ Hyperglycemia
- ↑ Photosensitivity
- Dehydration
- Azotemia

POTASSIUM WASTING!

NURSING

CONSIDERATIONS

- Obtain baseline vital signs
- Monitor Intake & Output
- Give w/ meals to ↓ GI upset
- Replace K^+ if $< 3.5 \text{ mEq/L}$
→ **NEVER** give K^+ IV push
- Avoid giving to pt.'s with gout
- Monitor renal function
- Daily weights
→ Same time, same scale!
- Clients with a **sulfa allergy** should avoid thiazide diuretics ⚠️

ANTHYPERLIPIDEMIC DRUGS

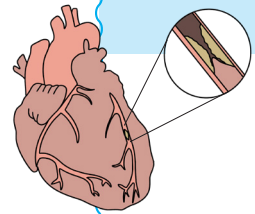
OVERVIEW

- ✦ Atherosclerosis is when lipids stick to the blood vessel walls which can obstruct blood flow
- ✦ The goal of all antihyperlipidemic drugs is to lower lipid levels in the blood

CHOLESTEROL

LDL → Want LOW Levels (<100 mg/dL)
Low Density Lipoprotein
BAD CHOLESTEROL

HDL → Want HIGH Levels (>60 mg/dL)
High Density Lipoprotein
HAPPY CHOLESTEROL



HMG-CoA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS "STATINS"

USES



- ✦ Hyperlipidemia
- ✦ **PRIMARY PREVENTION:**
Preventable treatment for patients at risk for coronary artery disease (CAD)
- ✦ **SECONDARY PREVENTION:**
Stabilizes fatty plaques in clients with current coronary artery disease (CAD)

LOWERS
CHOLESTEROL

NURSING CONSIDERATIONS

- ✦ Monitor liver enzymes
→ ALT/AST
- ✦ Monitor therapeutic response
→ Statins should lower LDL, & increase HDL
- ✦ Avoid grapefruit consumption
→ Increases risk for toxicity of statins
- ✦ Statins are **pregnancy category X** & should not be taken while breastfeeding
- ✦ Monitor for signs of **rhabdomyolysis** because statins have been associated with this

ACTIONS

- ✦ Inhibits the enzyme HMG-CoA Reductase
- ✦ Statins are not a cure!

SIDE EFFECTS

NEURO

- Headache
- Nausea
- Dizziness

GI

- Constipation
- Cramping
- Abdominal pain
- Hyperglycemia

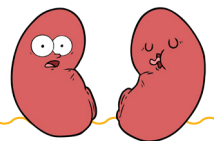
GENERIC TRADE NAME

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Atorva statin | Lipitor |
| Fluva statin | Lescol |
| Lova statin | Altoprev |
| Pitava statin | Livalo |
| Simva statin | Zocor |
| Rosuva statin | Crestor |

SUFFIX: "-STATIN"

RHABDOMYOLYSIS

- ✦ Rare condition where the muscles are damaged
- ✦ Myoglobin leaks into the blood which can cause **kidney damage**
- ✦ Signs & symptoms:
 - Muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness
 - Accompanied by malaise or fever
 - ↑ creatine kinase levels
 - Dark urine color (tea or cocoa like urine)



BILE ACID RESINS

USES



- ✦ Hyperlipidemia
- ✦ Gallstone dissolution
- ✦ Pruritus associated with partial biliary obstruction

SIDE EFFECTS

GI

- ✦ Constipation
- ✦ Increase risk for bleeding R/T Vit K malabsorption
- ✦ Vitamin A & D deficiencies

ACTIONS

Bile is made & secreted by the **liver**

Then, it's stored the **gallbladder**

Once emulsified, the fats & lipids are absorbed in the **intestines**

Bile Acid Resins binds to the bile acid to form an insoluble substance (can not be absorbed by the intestine)

So it's excreted with the **feces**

↓ bile acids = **liver** uses cholesterol to make more bile = ↓ cholesterol



NURSING CONSIDERATIONS

GENERIC TRADE NAME

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Cholestyramine | Prevalie |
| Colestipol | Colestid |
| Colesevelam | Welchol |

- ✦ Bile acid resins may interfere with the digestion of fats, preventing the absorption of **fat-soluble vitamins**

All Kids Eat Donuts

- Vitamin A & D may be given in a water-soluble for long term therapy
- ✦ Bile acid resins may cause constipation, so educate to...
 - Increase fluids, fibers
 - Exercise regularly
 - Use stool softener

ANTIHYPERTENSIVES

ACE INHIBITORS

angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors

| GENERIC | TRADE NAME |
|--------------------|------------|
| Capto pril | - |
| enalapril | Vasotec |
| fosino pril | - |
| lisino pril | Prinivil |

SUFFIX: "-PRIL"

USES



- ♦ Hypertension
- ♦ Heart Failure

ACTION

Dilates blood vessels, which lowers blood pressure. They do not directly affect the heart rate.

- ♦ Inhibits RAAS Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone-System
- ♦ RAAS is the main hormonal mechanism involved in regulating the blood pressure
- ♦ ACE converts angiotensin I → angiotensin II (a powerful vasoconstrictor)
- ♦ Inhibiting ACE will inhibit this vasoconstricting effect, decreasing blood pressure!

SIDE EFFECTS

- A** = ANGIOEDEMA
- C** = COUGH (DRY)
- E** = ELEVATED K+

Orthostatic Hypotension
Dizziness

NURSING CONSIDERATIONS

- ♦ Assess BP & pulse routinely
- ♦ Monitor for hypotension
 - Educate on changing positions slowly
- ♦ Monitor K+ levels
 - Normal 3.5 - 5.0
 - Educate to avoid foods high in potassium & avoid salt substitutes
- ♦ Assess for angioedema
 - Swelling of the area beneath the skin or mucosa (deep edema)
 - **DANGEROUS:** swelling of the face & mouth
- ♦ Educate to not suddenly stop the medication it can cause **rebound hypertension** (needs to be tapered off)
- ♦ Ace inhibitors are contraindicated in pregnancy due to the teratogenic effects on the fetus

BETA BLOCKERS

| GENERIC | TRADE NAME |
|---------------------|------------|
| acebuto lol | Sectral |
| metopro lol | Corgard |
| proprano lol | Inderal |
| nado lol | Bystolic |

SUFFIX: "-LOL"

USES



- ♦ Hypertension
- ♦ Stable angina
- ♦ Chronic / compensated heart failure (not acute heart failure)
- ♦ Dysrhythmias

ACTION

- ♦ Blocks norepinephrine & epinephrine (fight or flight hormones)
- ♦ Blocks the negative effects of the sympathetic nervous system

- Beta blockers can be selective or non-selective
 - Meaning they can block different beta sites (beta 1 and/or beta 2)

↓ Resistance
↓ Workload
↓ Cardiac Output



SIDE EFFECTS

- ♦ Bradycardia & heart **B**locks
- ♦ Breathing problems
 - Bronchi spasms
- ♦ Bad for heart failure patients (in an acute setting)
- ♦ Blood sugar masking
 - Masks S&S of hypoglycemia (low blood sugar)
- ♦ Blood pressure lowered - Hypotension

THE B'S OF BETA BLOCKERS

NURSING CONSIDERATIONS

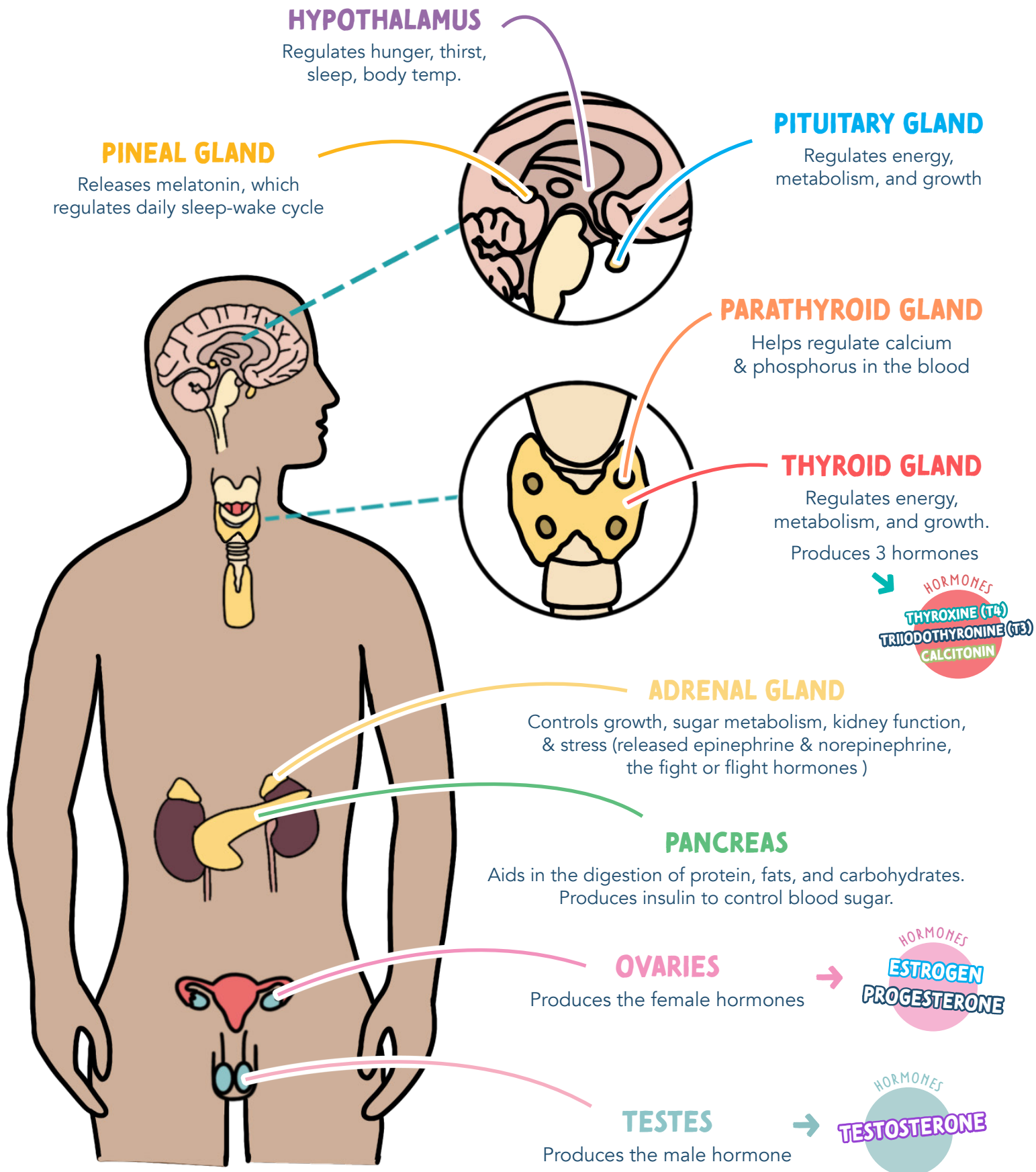
- ♦ Monitor for hypotension
- ♦ Educate on changing positions slowly
- ♦ Do not give non-selective beta blockers to asthma patients or COPD patients (remember: non-selective works on Beta1 & **Beta2** = Lung constriction)
- ♦ Educate to not suddenly stop the medication. It can cause rebound hypertension (needs to be tapered off)
- ♦ Monitor for S&S of heart failure
 - These medications produce inotropic effects (↑ contraction strength of the ♥)
 - S&S of ♥ failure: Wet lung sounds, weight gain, edema, etc

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ENDOCRINE SYSTEM



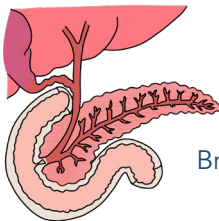
ENDOCRINE SYSTEM OVERVIEW



DIABETES TYPE 1 & 2

HOW THE PANCREAS WORKS (WITH FOOD)

Consume food
↓
Blood sugar increases
↓
This causes the pancreas to release insulin
↓
Insulin puts sugar & potassium into the cells!



HOW THE PANCREAS WORKS (WITH NO FOOD)

NO food
↓
Pancreas "back up plan"
↓
Glucagon hormone is released
↓
Breaks down stored glucose (glucagon) in the liver
↓
Releases glucose into the blood stream

TYPE 1 DIABETES

NO INSULIN PRODUCTION "type ONE we have nONE"

PATHOLOGY

- Usually diagnosed in childhood
- Caused by an autoimmune response
- The cells are starved of glucose since there is no insulin to bring it into the cells
- The cells break down protein and fat into energy causing ketones to build up = **ACIDOSIS!**

ONSET: ABRUPT

TREATMENT

Insulin only!
Oral hypoglycemic agents will not work for this pt.
Insulin dependent for life!

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

Hyperglycemia
Glucose >115 & HbA1C 6.5 +



Polyuria: Excessive peeing
Polydipsia: Excessive thirst
Polyphagia: Excessive hunger

TYPE 2 DIABETES

DOES NOT PRODUCE ENOUGH INSULIN OR PRODUCES "BAD" INSULIN THAT DOES NOT WORK PROPERLY

PATHOLOGY

- Insulin resistance
- Insulin receptors are worn out & not working properly!
- Onset usually as an adult and is due to a poor diet, sedentary life style & obesity!

ONSET: GRADUAL

TREATMENT

Diet & exercise
Oral hypoglycemic agents
Example: Metformin
Possibly Insulin

DIABETIC KETOACIDOSIS (DKA)

ONSET: ABRUPT

PATHOLOGY

Not enough insulin
↓
Blood sugar becomes VERY high
↓
Cells break down protein & fat into energy
↓
Ketones build up = **Acidosis!**

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- Ketosis & acidosis
- Hyperglycemia
- Dehydration
- Kussmaul respirations (trying to blow off CO2)
- Acid breath "fruity breath"

TREATMENT

IV INSULIN • Fluid replacement
Correction of electrolyte imbalances

HYPEROSMOLAR HYPERGLYCEMIC STATE (HHS)

ONSET: GRADUAL

PATHOLOGY

NO acidosis present!
Simply high amounts of glucose in the blood

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

Hyperglycemia
>600 +

TREATMENT

Fluid replacement
Correction of electrolyte imbalances
Possible Insulin administration

COMPLICATIONS

COMPLICATIONS

LONG TERM COMPLICATIONS



KIDNEY
NEPHROPATHY
Renal Failure



NERVES
RENAL NEUROPATHY
Loss of sensation



EYE
RETINOPATHY



HEART
HTN & ATHEROSCLEROSIS

HYPERGLYCEMIA VS. HYPOGLYCEMIA

HYPERGLYCEMIA

↑ BLOOD SUGAR

>200 mg/dL
Gradual (hours to days)

BLOOD GLUCOSE
GOAL:
70 - 110 mg/dL

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- Polyuria
- Polydipsia
- Polyphagia
- Hot & dry skin
- Dry mouth (dehydration)
- Fruity breath
- Deep, rapid breaths (air hunger)
- Numbness & tingling
- Slow wound healing
- Vision changes

CAUSES

- Sepsis (infection)
- Stress
- Steroids
- Skipping insulin or oral diabetic medication
- Not eating a diabetic diet



TREATMENT

- Administer insulin as needed
- Test urine for ketones

DIABETIC DIET



Complex carbohydrates
Fiber-rich foods
Heart-healthy fish
"Good fats"
Sugar-free fluids



Saturated fats
Trans fats
Cholesterol
Sodium



HYPOGLYCEMIA

↓ BLOOD SUGAR

<70 mg/dL
Happens suddenly



THE BRAIN
NEEDS GLUCOSE...
NO GLUCOSE
CAUSES
BRAIN DEATH!

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- Cool & clammy skin
- Sweating (Diaphoresis)
- Palpitations
- Fatigue & weakness
- Confusion
- Headache
- Shakiness
- Inability to arouse from sleep
→ Can lead to coma ⚠

CAUSES

- Exercise
 - Swimming, cycling, college athlete etc.
- Alcohol
- Peak times of Insulin

TREATMENT

CONSCIOUS PATIENTS

15 X 15 X 15

Oral intake of
15 GRAMS
of carbohydrates
Juices, soda,
low fat milk.
NOT peanut butter
or high fat milk

Recheck
blood glucose
in **15 MIN**



Give another
15 GRAMS
of carbohydrates
if needed

UNCONSCIOUS PATIENTS

Do not put anything in an unconscious client's mouth, they can **ASPIRATE!**

ADMINISTER IV 50% DEXTROSE (D50)

INSULIN TYPES

| RAPID | GENERIC | BRAND-NAME | ONSET: PEAK: DURATION: | HIGHEST RISK FOR HYPOGLYCEMIA |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| | LISPRO ASPART GLULISINE | Humalog Novolog Apidra | 5 - 30 min 30 - 90 min 3 - 5 hrs | |
| SHORT | REGULAR | | ONSET: PEAK: DURATION: | ONLY INSULIN GIVEN IV "Regular goes Right into the vein" |
|  | | Humulin R Novolin R | 30 - 60 min 2 - 4 hrs 5 - 7 hrs | |
| INTERMEDIATE | NPH | | ONSET: PEAK: DURATION: | NEVER GIVE IV |
|  | | Humulin N Novolin N | 1 - 2 hrs 4 - 12 hrs 18 - 24 hrs | |
| LONG | GLARGINE DETEMIR | Lantus Levemir | ONSET: PEAK: DURATION: | LOWEST RISK FOR HYPOGLYCEMIA Do not mix with any other insulin |
| | | | 1 - 2 hrs None 24 hrs+ | |

MIXING REGULAR INSULIN & NPH INSULIN



How to remember this order?

"You are **Not** Retired you are an **RN**"

ADMINISTRATION

- Must be given subcut or IV
 - Insulin is destroyed by the GI tract so it can not be given PO
- Remove all air bubbles
- Rotate site 1 inch from previous site
- Common sites: back of arms, thighs & abdomen (at least 2 inches away from the belly button)

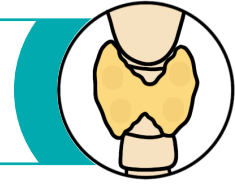
COMPLICATIONS

- Hypoglycemia (especially with rapid insulin)
- Weight gain
 - Insulin is a growth hormone
- Lipoatrophy (loss of subcut fat)

THYROID DISORDERS

FUNCTION

- ☞ The thyroid gland produces 3 hormone (T3, T4, & Calcitonin)
 - You need **IODINE** to make these hormones
- ☞ Thyroid gives you **ENERGY!**



HYPERTHYROIDISM

PATHOLOGY

Excessive production of thyroid hormone

TOO MUCH ENERGY!

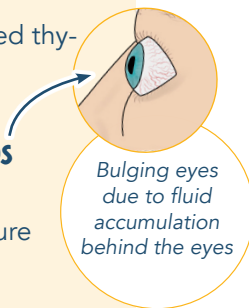
- Graves disease
- Too much Iodine (helps makes T3 + T4)
- Toxic Nodular Goiter
- Thyroid replacement medication (Toxicity)

LAB VALUES

↑ T3 & T4 ↓ TSH

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- Hyper-excitable
- Nervous/tremors
- Irritable
- ↓ Attention span
- Increased appetite
- Weight loss
- Hair loss
- Goiter (enlarged thyroid)
- Hot
- **EXOPHTHALMOS**
- Increased:
 - Blood pressure
 - Pulse
 - GI function



⚠ LIFE-THREATENING COMPLICATIONS



THYROID STORM!

⚠ ACUTE / LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY!

TREATMENT

- Anti-Thyroid Medications
 - Methimazole or PTU
- Beta Blockers (↓ HR & BP)
- Iodine Compounds
- Radioactive Iodine Therapy
- Thyroidectomy



HYPOTHYROIDISM

PATHOLOGY

Low production of thyroid hormone

NOT ENOUGH ENERGY!

- Hashimoto's disease *Most Common*
- Anti-thyroid medications
- Not enough Iodine
- Pituitary hormone
- Thyroidectomy
- Affects women more often than men

LAB VALUES

↓ T3 & T4 ↑ TSH

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- No energy
- Fatigue
- No expressions
- Weight gain
- Cold
- Amenorrhea
- Slurred speech
- Dry skin
- Coarse hair
- Decreased
 - HR
 - GI function (constipation)
 - Blood sugar (Hypoglycemia)

⚠ LIFE-THREATENING COMPLICATIONS

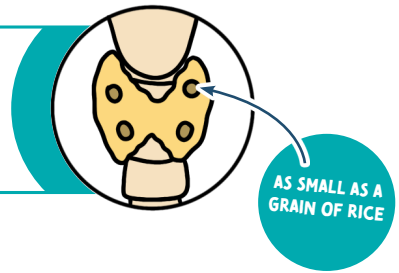
MYXEDEMA COMA!

TREATMENT

- Hormone replacement (replacing levothyroxine)
 - Synthetic levothyroxine
 - Synthroid or Levothroid
 - Will be on this medication forever

PARATHYROID GLAND DISORDERS

The parathyroid gland produces and secretes PTH (parathyroid hormone) which controls the levels of **CALCIUM** in the blood



HYPERPARATHYROIDISM

↑ CALCIUM ↓ PHOSPHORUS

CAUSES

PRIMARY CAUSE:

Tumor or hyperplasia of the parathyroid

SECONDARY CAUSE:

Chronic kidney failure

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- **STONES:** Kidney stones (↑ calcium)
- **BONES:**
 - Skeletal pain
 - Pathological fractures from bone deformities
- Abdominal **MOANS**
 - Nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain
 - Weight loss / anorexia
 - Constipation
- Psychic **GROANS**
 - Mental irritability
 - Confusion

STONES,
BONES,
MOANS, &
GROANS

TREATMENT

- Parathyroidectomy
- Removal of more than one gland
- Administer
 - Phosphates, calcitonin, & IV or oral bisphosphonates
- DIET: ↑ fiber & moderate calcium



HYPOPARATHYROIDISM

↓ CALCIUM ↑ PHOSPHORUS

CAUSES

- Can occur due to accidental removal of the parathyroid
 - Thyroidectomy, parathyroidectomy, or radical neck dissection
- Genetic predisposition
- Exposure to radiation
- Magnesium depletion

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- Numbness & tingling
- Muscle cramps
- Tetany
- Hypotension
- Anxiety, irritability, & depression

Same S&S of
hypocalcemia!

POSITIVE TROUSSEAU'S:

Carpal spasm caused by inflating a blood pressure cuff

CHVOSTEK'S SIGNS:

Contraction of facial muscles with light tap over the facial nerve

TREATMENT

- IV Calcium
- Phosphorus binding drugs
- DIET: ↑ Calcium ↓ Phosphorus

ADRENAL CORTEX DISORDERS

ADRENAL CORTEX HORMONES:

RETAINS:
NA⁺ & H₂O
LOSES:
K⁺

GLUCOCORTICOIDS
MINERALOCORTICOIDS
SEX HORMONES



On the top of
each kidney



CUSHING'S

Disorder of the adrenal cortex
Too many steroids

THEY "HAVE A CUSHION"

CAUSES

- Females
- Overuse of cortisol medications
- Tumor in the adrenal gland that secretes cortisol

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- | | |
|--|--|
| ▪ Muscle wasting | ▪ Weight gain |
| ▪ Moon face | ▪ Hirsutism (masculine characteristics) |
| ▪ Buffalo hump | ▪ ↑ Glucose ↑ NA ⁺ |
| ▪ Truncal obesity w/ thin extremities | ▪ ↓ K ⁺ ↓ CA ⁺ |
| ▪ Supraclavicular fat pads | ▪ Hypertension |

TREATMENT

- Adrenalectomy
 - Requires lifelong glucocorticoid replacement
- Avoid infection
- Adm. chemotherapeutic agents if adrenal tumor is present



ADDISON'S

Disorder of the adrenal cortex
Not enough steroids

WE NEED TO "ADD" SOME

CAUSES

- Surgical removal of both adrenal glands
- Infection of the adrenal glands
- TB, cytomegalovirus, & bacterial infections

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| ▪ Fatigue | ▪ ↓ Blood sugar |
| ▪ Nausea / vomiting / diarrhea | ▪ ↓ Na & H ₂ O ↑ K ⁺ |
| ▪ Anorexia | ▪ Hyperpigmentation of the skin |
| ▪ Hypotension & Hypovolemia! | ▪ Vitiligo: white areas of depigmentation |
| ▪ Confusion | |



ADDISONIAN CRISIS

SIGNS &
SYMPTOMS

- Profound fatigue
- Dehydration.....shock!
- Renal failure
- Vascular collapse
- Hyponatremia
- Hyperkalemia

TREATMENT

Fluid resuscitation
& high-dose
hydrocortisone

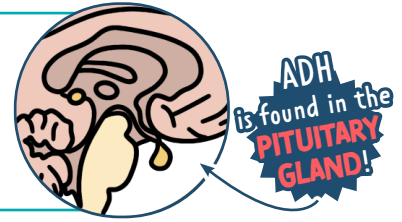
TREATMENT

- Adm. glucocorticoid and/or mineralocorticoid
- Diet: high in protein & carbs

PITUITARY GLAND DISORDERS

ANTIDIURETIC HORMONE (ADH):

ADH REGULATES & BALANCES
THE AMOUNT OF WATER IN YOUR BLOOD



SYNDROME OF INAPPROPRIATE ANTIDIURETIC HORMONE (SIADH)

➔ SIADH is often of non-endocrine origin

Too much ADH

RETAINS WATER

CAUSES

- Pulmonary disease
 - ➔ TB
 - ➔ Severe pneumonia
- Disorders of the CNS
 - ➔ Head injury
 - ➔ Brain surgery
 - ➔ Tumor
- HIV
- Medications
 - Vincristine
 - Phenothiazines
 - Antidepressants
 - Thiazide diuretics
 - Anticonvulsants
 - Antidiabetic drugs
 - Nicotine

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- Low urinary output of concentrated urine
- Fluid volume overload
- Weight gain without edema
- Hypertension
- Tachycardia
- Nausea & vomiting
- Hyponatremia

TREATMENT

- Implement seizure precautions
- Elevate HOB to promote venous return
- Restrict fluid intake
- Adm. loop diuretics
- Adm. vasopressin antagonists



DIABETES INSIPIDUS (DI)

➔ **DI** think Dry Inside!

Not enough ADH

LOSES WATER

CAUSES

- Head trauma, brain tumor
- Manipulation of the pituitary
 - ➔ Surgical ablation, craniotomy, sinus surgery, hypophysectomy
- Infections of the central nervous system (CNS)
 - ➔ Meningitis, encephalitis, or TB
- Failure of the renal tubules to respond to ADH

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- Excretes large amounts of diluted urine
- Polydipsia (increased thirst)
- Polyuria (increased urine output)
- Dehydration
- Decreased skin turgor
- Dry mucous membranes
- Muscle pain & weakness
- Headache
- Postural hypotension
- Tachycardia
- Low urinary specific gravity

Normal specific gravity
1.005 - 1.030

TREATMENT

- Adequate fluids
- IV hypotonic saline
- ADH replacement (replace the missing hormone!)
 - ➔ Vasopressin or desmopressin
- Monitor
 - ➔ Intake & output
 - ➔ Weight



ADRENAL MEDULLA DISORDER

ADRENAL MEDULLA HORMONES:

EPINEPHRINE ▪ NOREPINEPHRINE

"FIGHT
OR FLIGHT"
RESPONSE

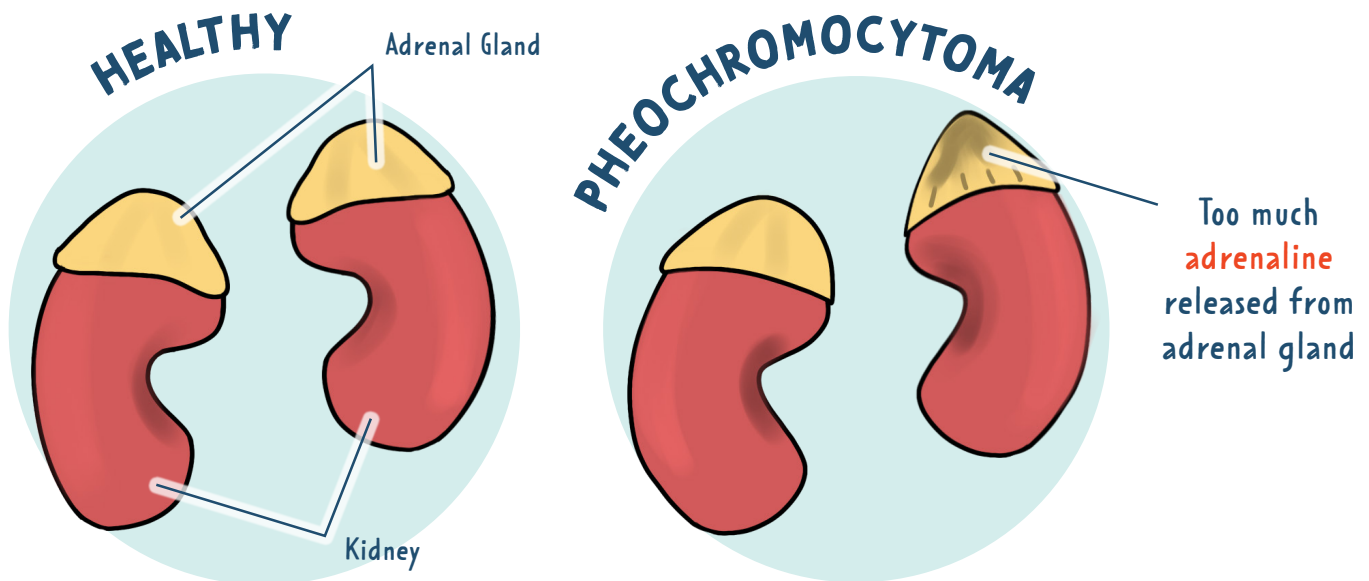


PHEOCHROMOCYTOMA

RARE tumor on the adrenal gland that secretes excessive amounts of epinephrine & norepinephrine

CAUSES

- Family history that makes them prone to developing the tumor



SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

H's

- Hypertension (severe)
- Headache
- Heat (excessive sweating)
- Hypermetabolism
- Hyperglycemia

TREATMENT

- Adrenalectomy (if a tumor is present)
- Tell the client not to smoke, drink caffeine or change position suddenly
- Adm. anti-hypertensives
- Promote rest & calm environment
- Diet: high in calories, vitamins, & minerals



**Avoid
Stimuli!**

It may cause a
hypertensive
crisis!

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RESPIRATORY DISORDERS



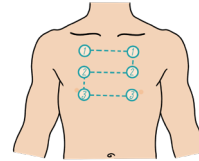
AUSCULTATING LUNG SOUNDS

TIPS FOR LISTENING

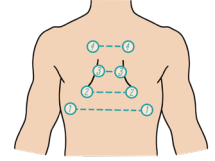
- Listen directly on the skin with the diaphragm
- Listening inside the **intercostal spaces** (*IN between the ribs*)
- Listen to the anterior & posterior chest
- Have the client sit upright (high fowler's), arms resting across the lap.
- Instruct client to take deep breaths
- Listen from top to bottom (comparing sides)

Listen for a
FULL INHALATION TO EXPIRATION
on each spot

ANTERIOR
Will hear
UPPER lobes well



POSTERIOR
Will hear
LOWER lobes well



NORMAL SOUNDS

BRONCHIAL (TRACHEAL)

DESCRIPTION

High, loud & hollow tubular

LOCATION HEARD

Anteriorly only
(heard over trachea & larynx)

DURATION

Inspiration < expiration



VESICULAR

DESCRIPTION

Soft, low pitched,
breezy / rushing sound

LOCATION HEARD

Heard anterior & posteriorly

DURATION

Inspiration > expiration



BRONCHOVESICULAR

DESCRIPTION

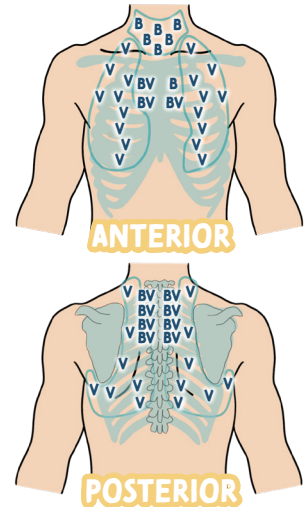
Medium pitched, hollow

LOCATION HEARD

Heard anterior & posteriorly

DURATION

Inspiration = expiration



ABNORMAL (ADVENTITIOUS) SOUNDS

DISCONTINUOUS SOUNDS

DISCRETE CRACKLING SOUNDS

FINE CRACKLES (RALES)

DESCRIPTION: High pitched, crackling sounds
(Sound like fire crackling, or velcro coming apart)

DUE TO: Previously deflated airways that are popping back open

EXAMPLE: Pulmonary edema, asthma, obstructive diseases

COARSE CRACKLES (RALES)

DESCRIPTION: Low pitched, wet bubbling sound

DUE TO: Inhaled air collides with secretion in the trachea or large bronchi

EXAMPLE: Pulmonary edema, pneumonia, depressed cough reflex

PLEURAL FRICTION RUB

DESCRIPTION: Low pitched, harsh / grating sounds

DUE TO: Pleura is inflamed and loses its lubricant fluid.

It's literally the surfaces rubbing together during respirations

EXAMPLE: Pleuritis

CONTINUOUS SOUNDS

CONNECTED MUSICAL SOUNDS

WHEEZES

DESCRIPTION: High-pitched musical instrument with more than one type of sound quality (polyphonic)

DUE TO: Air moving through a narrow airway

EXAMPLE: Asthma, bronchitis, chronic emphysema

STRIDOR

DESCRIPTION: High pitched whistling or gasping with harsh sound quality

DUE TO: Disturbed airflow in larynx or trachea

EXAMPLE: Croup, epiglottitis, any airway obstruction

 **REQUIRES MEDICAL ATTENTION**

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD)

PATHOLOGY

Pulmonary disease that causes chronic airflow obstruction



EMPHYSEMA or **CHRONIC BRONCHITIS**

OTHER FACTS

- COPD is a progressive disorder which means the disease gets worse over time; it's irreversible!
- Alveoli sac lose their elasticity (inability to fully exhale)

DIAGNOSTIC

- Arterial blood gases (ABG's)
- Chest x-ray
- Pulmonary function test: Spirometry

Obstructive lung disease
FEV1 / **FVC** ratio of less than 70%

FEV1 = **FORCED EXPIRATORY VOLUME**
FVC = **FORCED VITAL CAPACITY**

RISK FACTORS

- Smoking **MOST COMMON**
 ➔ Breathing in harmful irritants
- Occupation exposure
- Infection
- Air pollution
- Genetic abnormalities
- Asthma
- Severe respiratory infection in childhood

Deficiency of Alpha1- antitrypsin (Protects the lining of the lungs)

EMPHYSEMA VS CHRONIC BRONCHITIS

EMPHYSEMA

Abnormal distention of airspaces

Enlargement & destruction of airspace distal to the terminal bronchiole

Hyperventilation (breathing fast)
 Trying to blow off CO₂

LIMITED AIRFLOW

↓ O₂
 &
 ↑ CO₂

CHRONIC BRONCHITIS

Mucus secretion

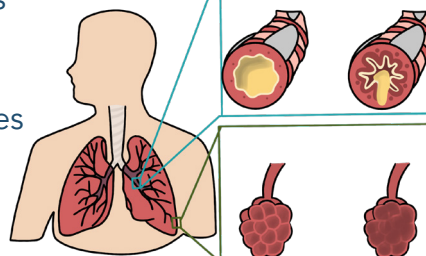
Airway obstruction (inflammation)

Chronic productive cough & sputum production for >3 months (within 2 consecutive years)

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

"PINK PUFFERS"

- Hyperinflation of the lungs (barrel chest)
- Thin - weight loss
 ➔ Burning a lot of calories from breathing a lot!
- Shortness of breath
- Severe dyspnea



SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

"BLUE BLOATERS"

- Overweight
- Cyanotic (blue) - Hypoxemia
 ➔ ↓ O₂ & ↑ CO₂
- Peripheral edema
- Rhonchi & wheezing
- Chronic cough

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD)

NURSING MANAGEMENT & EDUCATION

MONITOR RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

- * Lung sounds
- * Sputum production
- * Oxygen status

LIFESTYLE MODIFICATIONS

- * Smoking cessation
 - ➔ Determine readiness
 - ➔ Develop a plan
 - ➔ Discuss nicotine replacement

DIET MODIFICATIONS

- * Promote nutrition
- * Increase calories
- * Small frequent meals
- * Stay hydrated
 - ➔ Thins mucous secretions

TEACH PROPER BREATHING TECHNIQUES

- * Pursed lips
- * Diaphragmatic breathing

SURGERY

- * Bullectomy
- * LVRS: lung volume reduction surgery
- * Lung transplant

STAY UP TO DATE ON VACCINES

- * Influenza & pneumococcal vaccine
 - ↓ the incidence of pneumonia

OXYGEN THERAPY

- COPD clients are stimulated to breathe due to ↓ O_2 (if you give too much O_2 ...they lose their "drive to breathe")
- Healthy clients are stimulated to breathe due to ↑ CO_2

Adm. O_2 during exacerbations or showing signs of respiratory distress

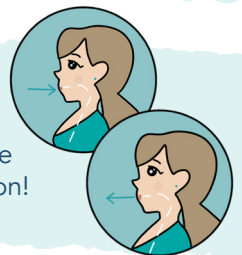
Adm. oxygen with caution to clients with **CHRONIC HYPERCAPNIA** (elevated $PaCO_2$ levels)
1 - 2 liters max

Clients with COPD (especially emphysema) are using a lot of their energy to breathe, therefore burning a lot of calories



PROMOTES CARBON DIOXIDE ELIMINATION

Allows better expiration by ↑ airway pressure that keeps air passages open during exhalation!



We want to use the **DIAPHRAGM** rather than the *accessory muscles* to breathe!

- ➔ This strengthens the diaphragm and slows down breathing rate



MEDICATION

BRONCHODILATORS

- * Relaxes smooth muscle of lung airways = better airflow
- * Symbicort (steroid + long-acting bronchodilator)

CORTICOSTEROIDS

- * ↓ inflammation (oral, IV, inhaled)
- * Example: Prednisone, Solumedrol, Budesonide

BUPROPION (ANTI-DEPRESSANT)

SUFFIX:
"-asone"
"-inide"
"-olone"

ORDER OF EVENTS

- 1 **Bronchodilator**
Dilated airways
- 2 **Corticosteroids**
Airways are open now in order for the steroids to do its job!

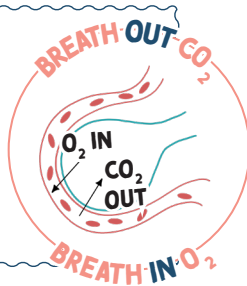
PNEUMONIA

PATHOLOGY

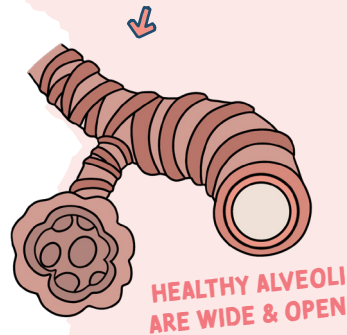
Lower respiratory tract infection that causes inflammation of **ALVEOLI SACS**!

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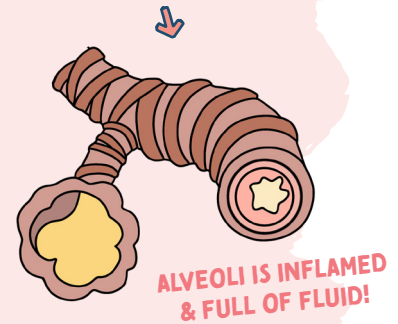
gas exchange takes place in the alveoli... so pneumonia causes **impaired gas exchange**.



HEALTHY



PNEUMONIA



SYMPTOMS

- * ↑ Temperature: **mild** - **high** fever
- * ↑ HR
- * ↑ RR
 - * Attempting to blow off CO₂
- * ↓ O₂ saturation
- * Chills
- * Chest pain
- * Difficulty breathing
- * Productive cough
- * Unusual breath sounds: coarse crackles & wheezes
- * Respiratory acidosis
- * ↑ CO₂ ↓ O₂

RISK FACTORS

Can be **COMMUNITY-ACQUIRED** or **HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED**!

- * Prior infection
- * Immunocompromised
 - * HIV, young/old, auto immune infections
- * Postoperative
- * Lung diseases
 - * COPD
- * Immobility
- * Aspiration risk

DIAGNOSTIC

Chest X-ray * ↑ White blood cells * Sputum culture



shows pulmonary infiltrates or pleural effusions



can be BACTERIAL, VIRAL, or FUNGAL

INTERVENTIONS

- * Monitor...
 - * Respiratory status
 - * Vital signs: HR, temp, & pulse oximetry
 - * Color, consistency & amount of sputum

Diet

- * ↑ Calorie
- * ↑ Protein
- * ↑ Fluids (oral or IV)
- * Small frequent meals

Thins secretions & compensates dehydration from fever

Medications

- * Antipyretics
- * Antibiotics (only for bacteria)
- * Antivirals
- * Bronchodilators
- * Cough suppressants
- * Mucolytic agents

Semi Fowler's position

Helps lung expansion

EDUCATE

- * Use of Incentive Spirometer
 - * Helps to pop open the alveoli sacs & get the air moving
- * Up to date vaccines
 - * Annual flu shot
 - * Pneumococcal vaccine
- * Smoking cessation
- * Hand washing & avoiding sick people!



ASTHMA

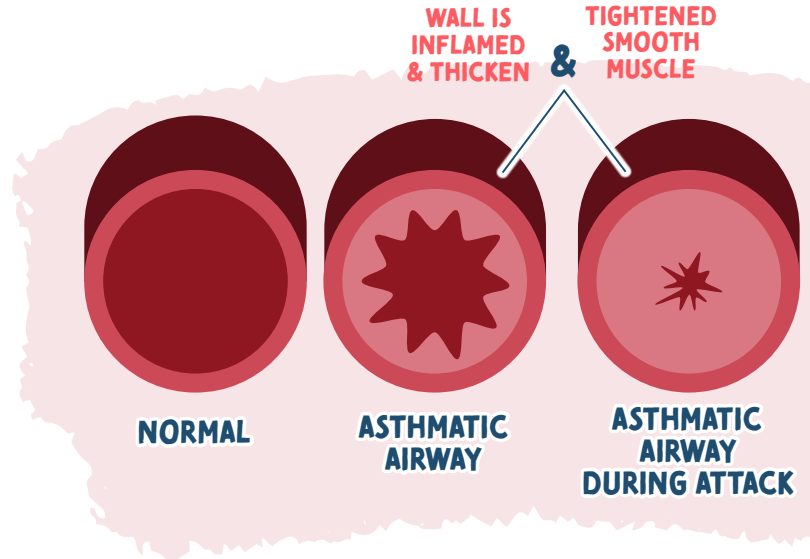
PATHOLOGY

Chronic lung disease that causes an inflamed, narrow, & swollen airway (bronchi & bronchioles)

CAUSES

NOT COMPLETELY KNOWN!

- Genetic
- Environmental
 - Smoke, pollen, perfumes, dust mites, pet dander, cold or dry air, etc.
- GERD
- Exercise-induced asthma
- Certain drugs
 - NSAIDS, aspirin



CLASSIFICATIONS BASED ON SYMPTOMS

MILD INTERMITTENT

< 2 a week

MILD PERSISTENT

> 2 a week
Not daily

MODERATE PERSISTENT

Daily symptoms & exacerbations that happen 2x a week

SEVERE PERSISTENT

Continually showing symptoms with frequent exacerbations

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

CHARACTERIZED BY FLARE-UPS
(meaning: it comes & goes)

- Dyspnea (shortness of breath)
- Tachypnea (fast respiratory rate)
- Chest tightness
- Anxiety
- Wheezing
- Coughing
- Mucus production
- Use of accessory muscles
- AIR TRAPPING**

Air trapping causes the client to retain CO₂ which is **ACIDIC** = **RESPIRATORY ACIDOSIS**

NURSING CARE

- Assess client's airway
- High Fowler's position
- Provide frequent rest periods
- Adm. oxygen therapy
 - Goal: keep the O₂ at 95 - 100%
- Maintain a calm environment to ↓ stress
- Asses peak flow meter reading
- Asses for cyanosis & retractions



STATUS ASTHMATICUS

Life-threatening asthma episode
Medical emergency!

OXYGEN
↓
HYDRATION
↓
NEBULIZATION
↓
SYSTEMIC CORTICOSTEROID

MEDICATIONS

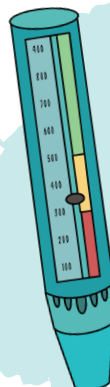
- BronchoDILATORS**
 - Short-acting (Albuterol) → **RAPID RELIEF**
 - Long-acting (Salmeterol)
 - Methylxanthines (Theophylline) → **PREVENTS ASTHMA ATTACKS**
- Corticosteroids**
 - Suffix **-ASONE** & **-IDE** → **ANTI-INFLAMMATORY AGENTS**
 - Ex: Beclomethasone
- Leukotriene Modifiers
- Anticholinergics



PEAK FLOW METER

- Shows how controlled the asthma is & if it's getting worse
- Establish a baseline by performing a "personal best" reading
 - Client will exhale as hard as they can & get a reading

GREEN = GOOD
YELLOW = NOT TOO GOOD
RED = BAD



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HEMATOLOGY DISORDERS



IRON DEFICIENCY ANEMIA

MOST
COMMON TYPE
OF ANEMIA

PATHOLOGY

TYPE OF ANEMIA CAUSED BY ↓ IRON LEVELS

- Iron is **ESSENTIAL** to hemoglobin in red blood cells.
- The body uses **IRON** to make hemoglobin. Hemoglobin carries oxygen to the cells!

RED BLOOD CELLS ROLE

Transports O₂ & removes CO₂ from the body with the help of hemoglobin (Hgb)

HEMOGLOBIN (HGB)

Found in the RBC's
It's a protein that contains IRON

CAUSES

- Blood loss / hemorrhage
- Malabsorption
- Inadequate dietary intake of iron

SYMPTOMS

- Pallor
- Weakness & fatigue
- Microcytic (small) red blood cells
- ↓ hemoglobin & ↓ hematocrit

NORMAL VALUES

Hemoglobin (Hgb)

Female: 12 - 16 g/dL Male: 13 - 18 g/dL

Hematocrit (HCT)

Female: 36% - 48% Male: 39% - 54%

IRON-RICH FOODS



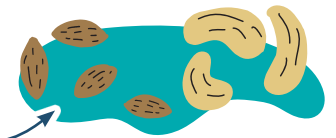
Egg Yolks
Apricots
Tofu

Legumes
Oysters
Tuna
Seeds

Potatoes
Ofish



Iron-fortified cereals
Red meats
Oultry
Nuts



INTERVENTIONS

- Diet changes
- ↑ Iron
- ↑ Protein
- ↑ Vitamins
- Administer iron
 - Oral, IM, or IV
- D/C any damaging drugs
- If active bleed is suspected, identify cause & control bleeding!

Administering Iron Supplements

↓ ABSORPTION

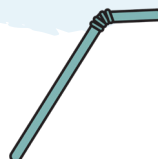
Calcium:
Milk & antacids

↑ ABSORPTION

Vitamin C:
Fruit juice & multivitamin

Liquid iron stains the teeth!

1. Take with a straw
2. Brush teeth after



Side Effects of Iron Supplements

Black stool
Constipation
Foul aftertaste

THROMBOCYTOPENIA

PATHOLOGY

↓ PLATELETS

Platelets help clot the blood

Platelet aggregation

→ The clumping together of platelets that form a plug at the site of the injury

↓ platelets = think **BLEEDING**

Normal Platelet Count
150,000 - 400,000 per microliter

Thrombocytopenia
< 150,000



CAUSES

- P**latelet disorders
- L**eukemia
- A**nemia
- T**rauma
- E**nlarged spleen
- L**iver disease
- E**thanol (alcohol-induced)
- T**oxins (drug-induced)
- S**epsis

SYMPTOMS

- Weakness, dizziness, tachycardia, hypotension
- Prolonged bleeding time
- Petechiae (pinpoint bleeding)
- Purpura (bruising)
- Bleeding from the gums & nose
- Heavy menstrual cycles
- Blood in stool or urine
- ↑ INR & ↑ PT/PTT

DIAGNOSIS

- Bleeding time
- aPTT - Activated partial thromboplastin time
- PT - Prothrombin time
- INR - International normalized ratio
- ↓ Hgb & Hct

NURSING MANAGEMENT

- Platelet transfusion
- Bone marrow transplant**
 - Platelets are made in the bone marrow
- Splenectomy**
 - For those unresponsive to medical therapy

BLEEDING PRECAUTIONS



- Use electric razors
- Use small needle gauges
- Protect from injury
- NO aspirin
- Decrease needle sticks



IMMUNE THROMBOCYTOPENIC PURPURA (ITP)

Formerly called "idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura"

PATHOLOGY

Autoimmune disease where the body produces antibodies against its own thrombocytes (Platelets)

"Purpura" is in the name because it causes easy bruising & petechiae in the trunk & extremities!

ITP
< 20,000

CAUSES

- Children after viral illness
- Females (ages 20 - 40)
- Pregnancy

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GASTROINTESTINAL DISORDERS



ACUTE & CHRONIC PANCREATITIS

PATHO

The islets of Langerhans secrete **INSULIN & GLUCAGON INTO THE BLOOD STREAM**

Pancreatic tissue: secrete digestive enzymes that break down **CARBOHYDRATES, PROTEINS & FATS**

PANCREATITIS is an **AUTO-DIGESTION** of the pancreas by its own digestive enzymes released too early in the pancreas

LABS

- ↑ Amylase
- ↑ Lipase
- ↑ WBC's
- ↑ Bilirubin
- ↑ Glucose
- ↓ Platelets
- ↓ Ca & Mg

ACUTE

Sudden inflammation that is **REVERSIBLE** if prompt recognition and treatment is done

VS

CHRONIC

Chronic inflammation that is **IRREVERSIBLE**

CAUSES

- Gallstones
 - Blocks the bile duct
- Alcohol (ETOH)
 - Damages the cells of the pancreas
- Infection
- Medications
- Tumor
- Trauma

- Repeated episodes of acute pancreatitis
- Excessive & prolonged consumption of alcohol (ETOH)
 - Recurrent damage to the cells of the pancreas
- Cystic Fibrosis

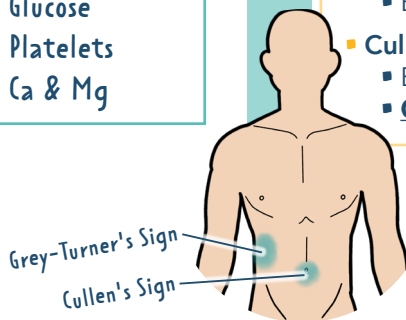
SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

In **ACUTE**, there will still be working functions of the pancreas.

- Sudden sever **PAIN!**
 - Mid-epigastric pain LUQ
- Nausea & vomiting
- Fever
- ↑ HR & ↓ BP
- ↑ Glucose
- Mental confusion & agitation
- Abdominal guarding
- Rigid/board-like abdomen
- Grey-Turner's Sign
 - Bluish discoloration at the flanks!
- Cullen's Sign
 - Bluish discoloration of the umbilicus
 - Cullen's = Circle belly button

In **CHRONIC**, you will see different S&S due to the prolonged damage & loss of function

- Chronic epigastric pain or no pain
- Pain ↑ after drinking ETOH or after a fatty meal
- Steatorrhea "fatty stools"
 - Oily/greasy frothy stool
- Weight loss
 - Can't digest food properly
- Jaundice
 - Yellowish color of the skin from build up of bile
- Diabetes Mellitus
 - Damage to the islet of Langerhans
- Dark urine
 - From excess bile in the body



MEDICATIONS

- Opioid analgesics
- Antibiotics
- Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPI's), H2 antagonists, antacids
- Pancreatic enzymes
- Insulin

DIGESTIVE ENZYMES (EXOCRINE)

AMYLASE: Breaks down carbs to **glucose**

PROTEASE: Breaks down **proteins**

LIPASE: Breaks down **fats**

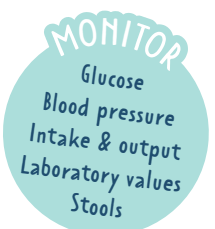
DIET

- NO ETOH!
- ↑ protein
- Limit sugars
- ↓ fat (no greasy, fatty foods)
- Complex carbohydrate (fruits, vegetables, grains)



INTERVENTIONS

- Rest the pancreas!
 - NPO (we don't want stimulation of the enzymes)
- IV fluids
- Pain management
- Positioning
 - Side lying → fetal position, NOT supine!
- Insert NG tube
 - Remove stomach contents



INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE (IBD)

CROHN'S DISEASE

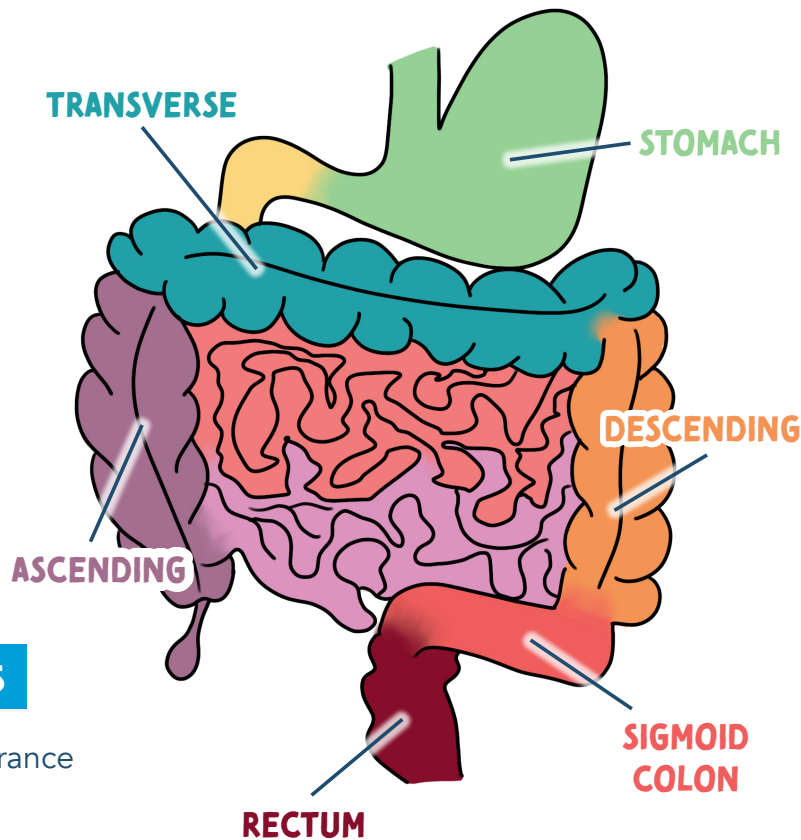
PATHO

Inflammation that occurs anywhere in the GI tract (mouth - anus)

NO CURE!

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- Cobble-stone appearance
- Fever
- Cramping after meals
- Mucus like diarrhea (semisolid)
- Abdominal distention
- Nausea & vomiting



ULCERATIVE COLITIS

PATHO

Inflammation & **ulceration** of only the large intestine & rectum

CURE: COLECTOMY WITH ILEOSTOMY

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- Ulcers cause
 - Rectal bleeding
 - Bloody diarrhea
 - Abdominal cramping
- ↑ HR & ↓ BP
 - Hypovolemic shock
- Malnutrition
- Malaise
- Dehydration
- Vitamin K deficiency

INTERVENTIONS

FOR THE ACUTE PHASE

Adm. fluids, electrolytes or parenteral nutrition

- Dairy
- Whole-wheat grains
- Nuts
- Fruits & vegetables
- Alcohol
- Caffeine

Corticosteroids

Immunosuppressants

Antidiarrheals

Salicylate compounds

NPO

DIET

- Clear liquids to ↓ fiber
- ↑ Protein
- Vitamins & iron supplements
- Avoid gas-forming foods

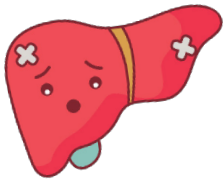
AVOID SMOKING

MEDICATIONS

MONITOR

- Bowel sounds
- Bowel perforation
- Peritonitis
- Hemorrhage
- Stool
 - Color
 - Consistency
 - Presence of blood

TYPES OF HEPATITIS



HEPATITIS

LIVER INFLAMMATION

"INFLAMMATION OF THE LIVER"

CAUSED BY:

- **VIRAL (A, B, C, D, E)** MOST COMMON
- **EXCESSIVE USE OF ALCOHOL**
- **HEPATOTOXIC MEDICATIONS**

| | TRANSMISSION | SIGNS & SYMPTOMS | DIAGNOSTIC | TREATMENT | VACCINE |
|---|---|--|--|--|---------|
| HAV ACUTE ONLY | Fecal & oral • Food & water | GI symptoms (N&V, Stomach pain, Anorexia) Jaundice Dark-colored urine Clay-colored stool Vomiting Flu-like symptoms | Anti-HAV IgM = Active infection IgG = Recovered (It's Gone) | Supportive therapy... REST! | ✓ |
| HBV B IS BOTH ACUTE & CHRONIC | B think Body fluids (Semen, saliva) • Birth & blood • Childbirth, sex, & IV drugs | | HBsAG = Active infection Anti-HBs = Immune / recovery | ACUTE Supportive therapy & rest CHRONIC Antivirals | ✓ |
| HCV ACUTE & CHRONIC | Body fluids • Most common: IV drug users | | Anti-HCV No post exposure immunoglobulin | Antivirals Interferon | ✗ |
| HDV ACUTE & CHRONIC | Depends on B B & D = BuDs Hep D occurs with Hep B | | HDAG Anti-HDV | Antivirals Interferon | ✗ |
| HEV ACUTE ONLY | Fecal & oral • Food & water uncooked meats, 3rd world countries | | Anti-HEV | Supportive therapy... REST! | ✗ |

EDUCATION FOR ALL TYPES OF HEPATITIS!

- Rest
- Diet
- Small frequent meals
- ↑ Carbohydrates
- ↑ Calories
- ↓ Protein & fat
- Proper hand hygiene
- Do not share personal hygiene products
- Avoid sex until hepatitis antibodies are negative
- Educate on toxic substance avoided
- Alcohol, acetaminophen, aspirin, sedatives,

LABS:

Liver enzymes

ALT: 7 - 56 U/L
AST: 5 - 40 U/L

Bilirubin: <1 mg/dL

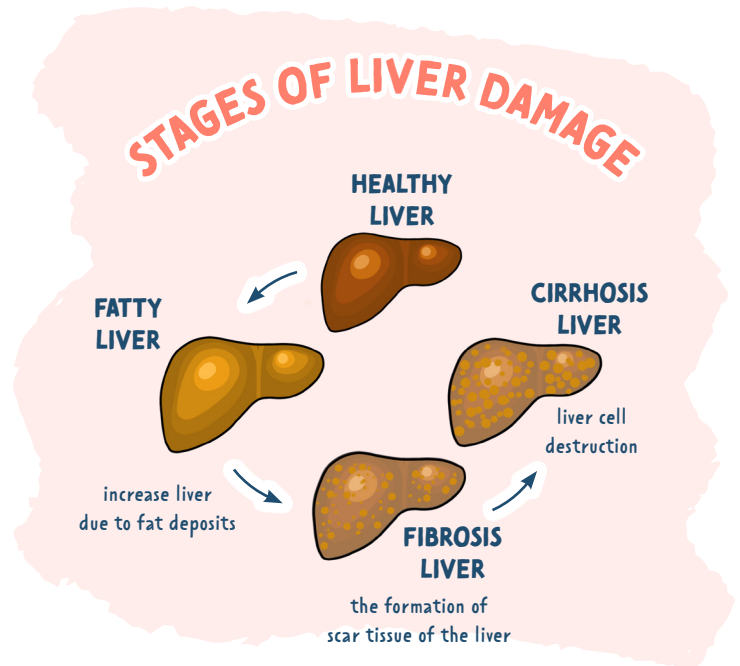
Ammonia: 15 - 45 mcg/dL

ALL WILL BE ELEVATED IN HEPATITIS

CIRRHOSIS

FUNCTIONS OF A HEALTHY LIVER

- 1 **DETOX THE BODY**
- 2 **HELPS TO CLOT THE BLOOD**
- 3 **HELPS TO METABOLIZE (BREAKDOWN) DRUGS**
- 4 **SYNTHESIS (MAKES) ALBUMIN**



PATHOLOGY

Liver cells are **DESTROYED** and replaced with fibrotic (**scar**) tissue.

Loss of normal function of the liver.

CAUSES

- ✶ ETOH consumption
- ✶ Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)
 - Viral hepatitis B & C
 - Autoimmune
 - Hepatotoxic drugs
 - Toxins & parasites
 - Fat collection in the liver (obesity, diabetes, ↑ cholesterol)

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- ✶ Asterixis
 - Liver flap
- ✶ Jaundice
 - Yellow discoloration in the eyes & skin
- ✶ Ascites
- ✶ Edema
- ✶ Abdominal pain
- ✶ Chronic dyspepsia (GI upset)
- ✶ Itchy skin
- ✶ ↑ Bilirubin & ammonia
- ✶ ↓ Platelets
 - Risk for bleeding
- ✶ ↓ WBC's
 - Risk for infection

COMPLICATIONS

- ✶ Portal HTN
 - Portal veins become narrow due to scar tissue
- ✶ GI bleeding (esophageal varices)
- ✶ Splenomegaly
- ✶ Anemia
- ✶ Hepatic encephalopathy/coma
 - Due to ↑ ammonia levels. Ammonia is a sedative
- ✶ Gynecomastia
 - Breast development in men
- ✶ Hepatorenal Syndrome
 - Acute kidney injury

TREATMENT

- ✶ No more alcohol
- ✶ Rest
- ✶ Prevent bleeding
 - Bleeding precautions
- ✶ Measure abdominal girth
- ✶ Daily weights & I&O's
- ✶ Electric razor
- ✶ Soft-bristled tooth brush
- ✶ Pressure on all venipuncture
- ✶ Paracentesis
 - Removal of fluid from the peritoneal cavity (ascites)
- ✶ Liver transplant

MEDICATION

- ✶ Antacids
- ✶ Vitamins
- ✶ Diuretics
- ✶ Lactulose
 - ↓ serum ammonia through the stool
- ✶ Avoid narcotics

THE LIVER CAN'T METABOLIZE DRUGS WELL WHEN IT'S SICK



DO NOT GIVE ACETAMINOPHEN TO PEOPLE WITH LIVER ISSUES!

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NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS



NEUROLOGICAL ASSESSMENTS

LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS (LOC)

Level of CONSCIOUSNESS (LOC)
is always **#1** with neurological assessment

A change in LOC may be the only sign that there is a PROBLEM!



PUPILLARY CHANGES

PERRLA

Pupils, **E**qual, **R**ound, **R**eactive to **L**ight & **A**ccommodation



NORMAL PUPIL SIZE : 2 - 6 mm

GLASGOW COMA SCALE

TOOL FOR ASSESSING A CLIENT'S RESPONSE TO STIMULI

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| EYE OPENING RESPONSE | Spontaneous | 4 |
| | To speech | 3 |
| | To pain | 2 |
| | No response | 1 |
| VERBAL RESPONSE | Oriented | 5 |
| | Confused | 4 |
| | Inappropriate words | 3 |
| | Unclear sounds | 2 |
| MOTOR RESPONSE | None | 1 |
| | Obeys command | 6 |
| | Localizes pain | 5 |
| | Withdraws | 4 |
| | Flexion | 3 |
| | Extension | 2 |
| | None | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 3 - 15 |

INTERPRETATION

WORST 3 Severe impairment of neurological function, coma, or brain death

<8 Unconscious patient

BEST 15 Fully alert & oriented

MENTAL STATUS

ARE THEY AWARE OF THEIR SURROUNDINGS?

ARE THEY ORIENTED TO PERSON, PLACE, TIME, & SITUATION?

DO THEY HAVE THEIR SHORT TERM & LONG TERM MEMORY?

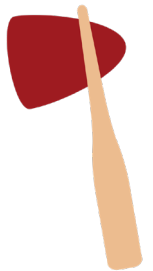
Ask these types of questions to assess mental status:

- What is your name?
- Do you know where you are?
- Do you know what month it is?
- Who is the current U.S. president?
- What are you doing here?



DEEP TENDON REFLEX (DTR) RESPONSES

- 0 = No response **ABSENT**
- 1+ = Present, but sluggish or diminished
- 2+ = Active or expected response **NORMAL**
- 3+ = More brisk than excited; Hyperactive
- 4+ = Brisk, Hyperactive, with intermittent, or transient clonus



BABINSKI REFLEX (PLANTAR REFLEX)

ELICITED BY STROKING THE LATERAL SIDE OF THE FOOT



INTACT CNS

The lateral sole of the foot is stroked and the toes contract & draw together.



BRAIN DYSFUNCTION

Toes fan out when stroked.

Remember this is only normal in newborns & infants up to 2 years of age, but abnormal in adults!



Babinski think:

Normal in **B**abies & the **B**ig toe fans out

SEIZURES

WHAT IS A SEIZURE? Abnormal & sudden electrical activity of the brain

WHAT IS EPILEPSY? Chronic seizure activity due to a chronic condition

CAUSES

- ↑ fever (Febrile seizure in child)
- CNS infection
- Drug or alcohol withdrawal
- ABG imbalance
- Hypoxia
- Brain tumor
- Hypoglycemia
- Head injury
- Hypertension

STAGES OF A SEIZURE

PRODROMAL

When symptoms start before the actual seizure (can be days before the seizure happens)

AURA

Warning sign right before the seizure happens:

- Weird smell or taste
- Altered vision
- Dizzy

NOT ALL CLIENTS EXPERIENCE AN AURA

SEIZURE!

Status Epilepticus: a seizure that lasts >5 minutes without any consciousness during the seizure

POST-ICTUS

Recovery after the seizure

- Headache
- Possible injury
- Confusion
- Very tired

GENERALIZED SEIZURES



THE ENTIRE BRAIN IS AFFECTED

TONIC-CLONIC

"Used to be called grand-mal" May begin with an aura. Stiffening (tonic) and/or rigidity (clonic) of the muscles.

MYOCLONIC

Sudden jerking or stiffening of the extremities (arms or legs).

ABSENCE

Usually looks like a blank stare that lasts seconds. Often goes unnoticed

ATONIC

Sudden loss of muscle tone. May lead to sudden falls or dropping things.

PARTIAL (FOCAL) SEIZURES



ONE AREA OF THE BRAIN IS AFFECTED

SIMPLE PARTIAL

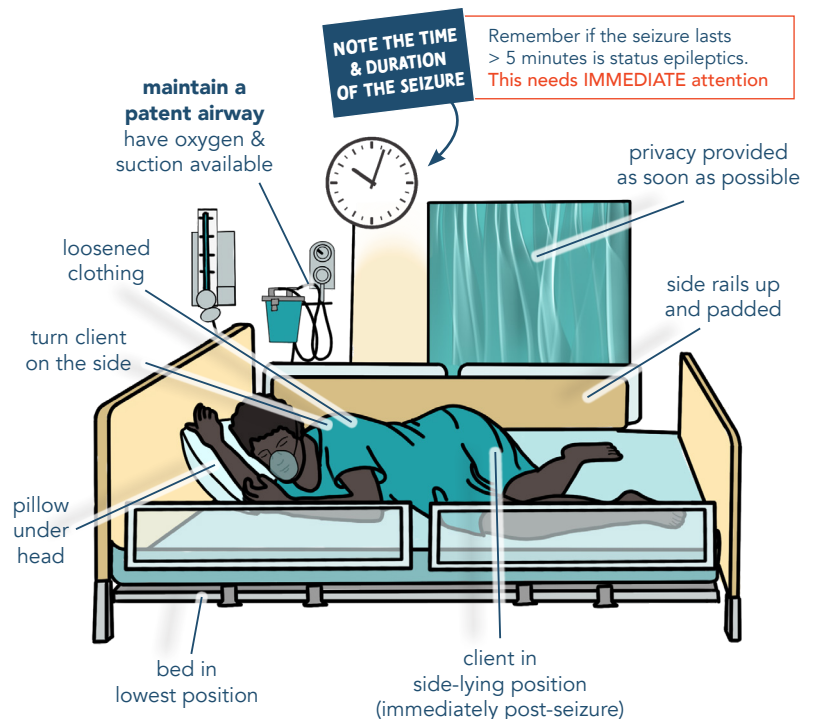
Sensory symptoms with motor symptoms and stays aware. They may report an aura.

COMPLEX PARTIAL

Altered behavior/awareness and loses consciousness for a few seconds.

CARE DURING THE SEIZURE

SEIZURE PRECAUTIONS



DON'T

- Restrain the client
- Place anything in their mouths
- Force the jaw open
- Leave the client

CEREBROVASCULAR ACCIDENT (CVA) "STROKE"

ISCHEMIC STROKE

BLOCKAGE

"Thrombotic or embolic"

THROMBOSIS: blood clot that formed on the artery wall

EMBOLISM: A clot has left part of the body

Blood flow is cut off which leads to **ISCHEMIA**.

TRANSIENT ISCHEMIC ATTACKS: "TIA'S"

"Mini strokes"

The same pathology as a stroke but no cerebral infarction occurs

HEMORRHAGIC STROKE

BLEEDING

RUPTURED ARTERY

ANEURYSM (weakening of the vessel)

UNCONTROLLED HYPERTENSION

The collection of blood in the brain leads to ischemia & increased ICP

TREATMENT

FIBRINOLYTIC THERAPY

(TPA) TISSUE PLASMINOGEN ACTIVATOR

DISSOLVES DOWN THE BLOOD CLOT!

- Avoid IM injections
- Avoid unnecessary IV punctures
- Prevent injury (bed rest)
- Check for bleeding

STOP THE BLEEDING PREVENT INCREASED ICP

- Poor prognosis
- Needs careful monitoring in an intensive care unit
- Blood may need to be removed to ↓ pressure on the brain

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

Face drooping

- Uneven smile

Arm weakness

- Arm numbness; can't lift arm

Speech difficulty

- Slurred speech

Time to call 911

REMEMBER!

If the stroke occurs on the left side of the brain, the right side of the body will be affected

TYPES OF APHASIA

RECEPTIVE

Unable to comprehend speech
(**WERNICKE'S AREA**)

EXPRESSIVE

Can comprehend speech
(but can't respond back with speech)
(**BROCA'S AREA**)

RISK FACTORS

MODIFIABLE

- Hypertension
- Atherosclerosis
- Anticoagulation therapy
- Diabetes Mellitus
- Obesity
- Stress
- Oral contraceptives

NON-MODIFIABLE

- Family history of strokes
- Older age
- Male gender
- Black
- Hispanic

NURSING MANAGEMENT

- Assist with safe feeding
 - Do not feed until gag reflex has come back
 - ↓ chances of aspiration
 - Keep suction at the bedside
 - Crush medications

- Positioning of the client
 - Elevate head of the bed to ↓ ICP
 - Place a pillow under the affected arm in a neutral position

- Assist with communication skills
- Encourage passive range of motion every 2 hours
- Preventative DVT measures
- Assist with Activities of Daily Living (ADL's)
- Communication
 - Be patient
 - Make clear statements
 - Ask simple questions
 - Don't rush!

PREVENTATIVE DVT MEASURES

- Compression stockings
- Frequent position change
- Mobilization

- Frequent rest periods
- Dress the affected side first
- Support affected side

LIQUID

- Thin
- Nectar-like
- Honey-like
- Spoon-thick

FOOD

- Pureed
- Mechanically altered
- Mechanically softened
- Regular

CRANIAL NERVES

WHAT ARE CRANIAL NERVES?

Nerves that originate from the brain stem.
They send information to & from various parts of the body.

SE SENSORY
M MOTOR
B BOTH



XII: HYPOGLOSSAL **M**

FUNCTION: GLOSSO MEANS TONGUE!

Tongue movement (swallowing & speech)

TEST:

Inspect tongue & ask to stick tongue out



XI: SPINAL ACCESSORY **M**

FUNCTION:

Controls strength of neck & shoulder muscles

TEST:

Ask the client to rotate their head & shrug their shoulders



X: VAGUS **B**

FUNCTION:

MOTOR - Swallowing, speaking, & cough
SENSORY - Facial sensation

TEST:

Sensation coming from skin around the ear



IX: GLOSSOPHARYNGEAL **B**

FUNCTION: GLOSSO MEANS TONGUE!

MOTOR - Tongue movement & swallowing
SENSORY - Taste (sour & bitter)

TEST:

Test tongue by giving client sour, bitter, & salty substance.



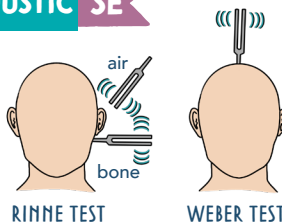
VIII: VESTIBULOCOCHLEAR / ACOUSTIC **SE**

FUNCTION:

balance & hearing

TEST:

- Stand with eyes closed
- Otitoscopic exam
- Rinne & Weber Tests



VII: FACIAL **B**

FUNCTION:

MOTOR - Facial expression
SENSORY - Taste (sweet & salty)

TEST:

- Ask client to do different facial expression (Frown, smile, raise eyebrows, close eyes, blow etc)
- Test tongue by giving client sour, sweet, bitter, and salty substances.



VI: ABDUCENS **M**

FUNCTION:

Controls parallel eye movement
Abduction - moving laterally
AKA away from midline

TEST:

- Look up, down, & inward
- Ask the client to follow your finger as you move it towards their face



IV: TROCHLEAR **M**

FUNCTION:

Controls downward & inward eye movement

TEST:

- Look up, down, & inward
- Ask the client to follow your finger as you move it towards their face



V: TRIGEMINAL **B**

FUNCTION:

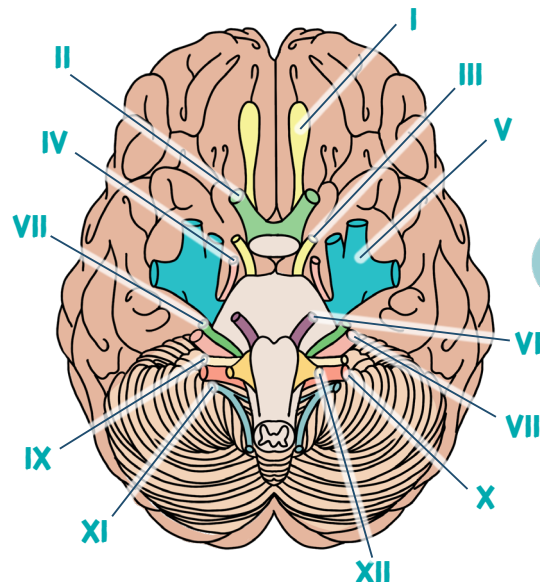
MOTOR - Mastication (biting & chewing)
SENSORY - Facial sensation

TEST:

- Pressure on the forehead cheek & jaw with a cotton swab to check sensation
- Ask client to open mouth & then bite down

MNEMONICS

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Ooh, Olfactory | Some Sensory |
| Ooh, Optic | Say Sensory |
| Ooh, Oculomotor | Marry Motor |
| To Trochlear | Money Motor |
| Touch Trigeminal | But Both |
| And Abducens | My Motor |
| Feel Facial | Brother Both |
| Very Vestibulocochlear / Acoustic | Says Sensory |
| Good Glossopharyngeal | Big Both |
| Velvet. Vagus | Brains Both |
| Such Spinal Accessory | Matter Motor |
| Heaven! Hypoglossal | More Motor |



I: OLFACTORY **SE**

FUNCTION:

Sense of smell

TEST:

Smell substance with eyes closed
(test each nostril separately)



II: OPTIC **SE**

FUNCTION:

Vision

TEST:

- Snellen chart
- Ophthalmoscopic exam
- Confrontation to check peripheral vision



III: OCULOMOTOR **M**

FUNCTION:

Ocular (eye) motor (movement)
Controls most eye movements,
pupil constriction, & upper-eyelid rise

TEST:

- Look up, down, & inward
- Ask the client to follow your finger as you move it towards their face

MED-SURG

BURNS



BURNS



WHAT IS A BURN?
Damage to skin integrity

TYPES OF BURNS

THERMAL

most common

Superficial heat
Examples: liquid, steam, fire

CHEMICAL

Burn caused by a toxic substance
Can be Alkali or Acidic
Examples: bleach, gasoline, paint thinner

RADIATION

Sunburns (UV radiation)
& cancer treatment (radiation therapy)

INHALATION

Caused by inhaling smoke which can cause flame injury or carbon monoxide poisoning

FRICTION

Burn caused when an object rubs off the skin
Examples: road rash, scrapes, carpet burn

COLD

Skin has been overexposed to cold
Example: frostbite

ELECTRIC

Electrical current that passes through the body causing damage within

POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS

Dysrhythmias, Fracture of bones.
Release of **myoglobin & hemoglobin** into the blood which can clog the kidneys.

BURNS INJURY DEPTH

1st Degree

SUPERFICIAL

- Epidermis
- Pink & painful (still has nerves)
- No scarring
- Blanching: present
- Heals: few days

2nd Degree

SUPERFICIAL PARTIAL THICKNESS

- Epidermis & dermis
- Blisters, shiny, & moist
- Painful
- Blanching: present
- Heals: 2 - 6 weeks

3rd Degree

FULL THICKNESS

- Epidermis, dermis, & hypodermis
- May look black, yellow, red & wet
- No pain/limited pain (nerve fibers are destroyed)
- Skin will not heal (need skin grafting)
- **Eschar**: dead tissue, leathery; must be removed!

LAYERS OF THE SKIN

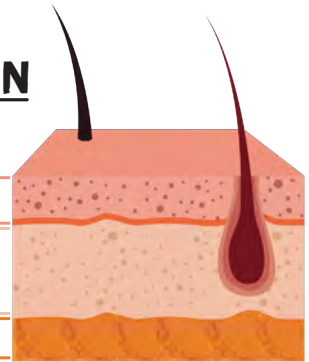


EPIDERMIS

DERMIS

HYPODERMIS

subcut/fatty tissue



BURN LOCATION

RESPIRATORY

- Face
- Neck
- Chest
- Torso

DISABILITY

- Hands
- Feet
- Joints
- Eyes

TROUBLE HEALING

- Poor blood supply
- Diabetes
- Infection

INFECTION

Any open area where bacteria can easily enter

- Perineum
- Ears
- Eyes

COMPARTMENT SYNDROME

- In the extremities
- Tight skin such as eschar acting like a band around the skin cutting off blood circulation

INHALATION INJURY

Damage to the respiratory system!
Happens mostly in a **closed area**

SIGNS OF INHALATION INJURY

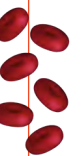
- Hair singed around the face, neck or torso
- Trouble talking
- Soot in the nose or mouth
- Confusion or anxiety

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING

Carbon monoxide travels faster than oxygen, making it bind to hgb first.

Now oxygen cannot bind to hgb = **HYPOXIC**

Classic symptom: **cherry red skin**
Treatment: **100% O2**



NOTE:

Oxygen saturation may appear normal

PHASES OF BURN MANAGEMENT



EMERGENT PHASE

Onset of Injury to the restoration of capillary permeability



24 - 48 HOURS
after burn

PATHO

↑ Capillary permeability (leaky vessels) causing:

- Plasma leaves the intravascular space
 - Albumin & sodium follows
- Fluids shift to the interstitial tissue

LEADS TO
EDEMA

LEADS TO FLUIDS VOLUME DEFICIT (FVD)
IN THE INTRAVASCULAR SPACE

VITAL SIGNS

- ↑ Pulse
- ↓ Blood pressure
- ↓ Cardiac output
- ↓ Urine output
(from ↓ perfusion to the kidneys)

THINK:
HYPOVOLEMIC
SHOCK!

LABS

- ↑ Potassium (K+)
- ↑ Hematocrit (HCT)
- ↓ White Blood Cells (WBC's)
- ↑ BUN/Creatine

NURSING CONSIDERATIONS

- Establish IV access (preferably 2)
- Fluids (Lactated Ringer's, crystalloids)
- Parkland formula
- Foley catheter to monitor urinary output (UOP)
 - Goal: > 30 mL/hr of UOP
- Decrease edema
 - Elevate extremities above heart level

THINK:
ABC's



ACUTE PHASE

Capillary permeability stabilized - to wound closure



48 - 72 HOURS

after burn & until wounds have healed

PATHO

Capillary permeability is restored which leads to the body diuresing (increased urine production). All the excess fluid that shifted from the interstitial tissue shifts back into the intravascular space.

GOALS

- Prevent infection
 - Systemic antibiotic therapy
- Ensure proper nutrition
 - Needs ↑ calories
 - Protein & Vit C to promote healing
- Alleviate pain
- Wound care
 - Always premedicate before wound care!
 - Debridement or grafting

NURSING CONSIDERATIONS

- Renal
 - Diuresis is happening
 - Foley catheter to monitor UOP
- Respiratory
 - Possible intubation if respiratory complications occurred
- Gastrointestinal
 - Since the client is in FVD, there is
 - ↓ perfusion to the stomach
 - Paralytic ileus
 - Curlings ulcer
 - Medication to decrease chance of ulcers
 - H2 histamine blocking agent (↓HCl)
 - Monitor bowel sounds
 - May need NG tube for suctioning



REHABILITATIVE PHASE

Burn healed and the patient is functioning mentally & physically

GOALS

- Psychosocial
- Activities of daily living (ADL's)
- Physical therapy (PT)
- Occupational therapy (OT)
- Cosmetic corrections



FLUID RESUSCITATION FOR BURNS

THE PARKLAND FORMULA

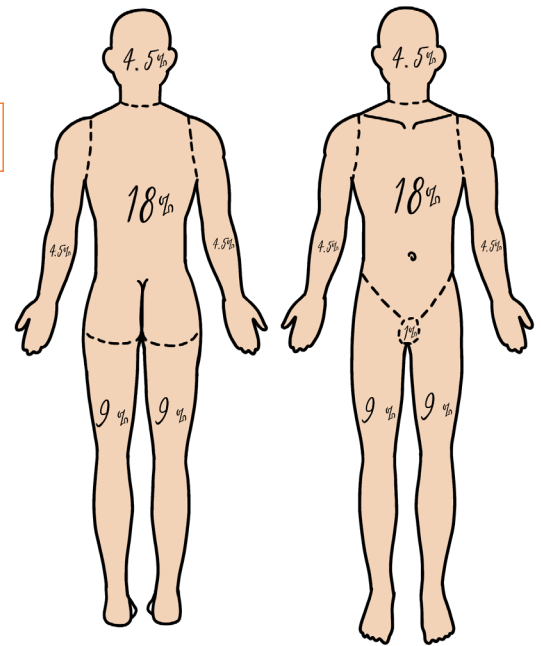
Used to calculate the total volume of fluids (mL) that a patient needs **24 hours** after experiencing a burn
Apply only in 2nd & 3rd degree burns.

$$4 \text{ mL} \times \text{TBSA (\%)} \times \text{Body Weight (kg)} = \text{total mL of fluid needed}$$

Give half of the solution for the **FIRST 8 HOURS**

Give half of the solution for the **NEXT 16 HOURS**

RULE OF NINES



RULE OF NINES

Quick estimate of the % of the **total body surface area (TBSA)** has been effected by a partial & full-thickness burn in an adult client.

PRACTICE QUESTION

PART 1

A 25 year old male patient who weighs **79 kg** has sustained burns to the back of the right arm, posterior trunk, front of the left leg, and their anterior head and neck. Using the **Rule of Nines**, calculate the total body surface area percentage that is burned.

Back of right arm - 4.5%
Posterior trunk - 18%
Front of left leg - 9%
Anterior head & neck- 4.5%

ANSWER:
36%

NOTE:

The formula uses TBSA (%). However, you must calculate using 36. Not 0.36 (also written as 36%).

PART 2

Use the Parkland formula to calculate the total amount of Lactated Ringer's solution that will be given over the next 24 hours.

ANSWER:
11,376 mL

$$4 \text{ mL} \times 36\% \times 79 \text{ kg} = 11,376 \text{ mL}$$

$$11,376 / 2 = 5,688 \text{ mL}$$

FIRST 8 HOURS

$$11,376 / 2 = 5,688 \text{ mL}$$

NEXT 16 HOURS

Keep in mind: the question could ask you for mL given in the first 24 hours, the first 8 hours, etc., so read the question carefully.

ARTERIAL BLOOD GASES (ABG's)



ABG INTERPRETATION

1

KNOW YOUR
LAB VALUES!

| | Acidosis | Normal | Alkalosis |
|------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| pH | <7.35 | 7.35 - 7.45 | >7.45 |
| CO ₂ | >45 | 35 - 45 | <35 |
| HCO ₃ | <22 | 22 - 26 | >26 |

2

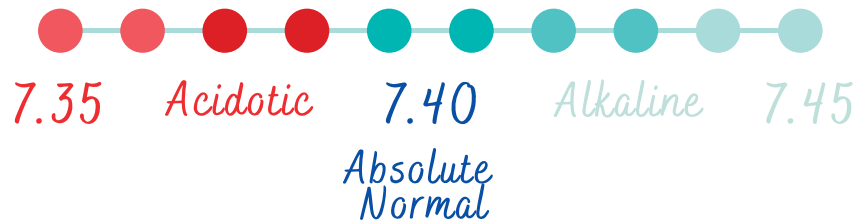
RESPIRATORY OR A
METABOLIC PROBLEM?

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Respiratory Opposite | pH ↑ CO ₂ ↓ | Alkalosis |
| | pH ↓ CO ₂ ↑ | Acidosis |
| Metabolic Equal | pH ↑ HCO ₃ ↑ | Alkalosis |
| | pH ↓ HCO ₃ ↓ | Acidosis |

3

UNCOMPENSATED, PARTIALLY
COMPENSATED, OR FULLY
COMPENSATED?

LOOK AT THE PH



- 1.If the pH is out of range & CO₂ or HCO₃ is in range = Uncompensated
- 2.If CO₂ & HCO₃ are BOTH out of range & the PH is out of range = Partially Compensated
- 3.If PH is in range (7.35 - 7.45) = Fully Compensated

HOW DO THE ORGANS COMPENSATE?



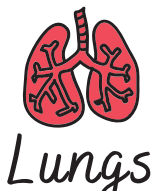
Excreting excess acid & bicarb (HCO₃)
OR
Retaining hydrogen & bicarb (HCO₃)

Bicarb
Hydrogen → B think
"Base"

Hours - days
to compensate



Hyperventilating = ↓ CO₂ = Alkalosis
Hypoventilating = ↑ CO₂ = Acidosis



Compensates
FAST!

CO₂ think
"acid" → CO₂

RESPIRATORY ACIDOSIS

Pathophysiology



Lung
problem

The lungs are
retaining too
much **CO₂**



Kidneys
compensate

The kidneys excrete
hydrogen & retain
bicarb (HCO₃)

| PH | CO ₂ |
|-------|-----------------|
| <7.35 | >45 |

Causes

Retaining **CO₂**
"DEPRESS" breathing

- D**rugs (Opioids & Sedatives)
- E**dema (Fluid in the lungs)
- P**neumonia (Excess mucus in the lungs)
- R**espiratory center of the brain is damaged
- E**mboli (Pulmonary emboli)
- S**pasms of the bronchial (Asthma)
- S**ac elasticity damage (COPD & Emphysema)

All these things cause impaired gas exchange

Signs & Symptoms

Hypoxic

- ↓ Blood pressure
- ↓ Respiration rate
- ↑ Heart rate
- Restlessness
- Confusion
- Headache
- Sleepy / coma

Interventions

- Administer O₂
- Semi-Fowler's position
- Turn, cough, & deep-breathe (TCDB)
- **Pneumonia**: ↑ fluids to thin secretions & administer antibiotics
- Monitor potassium levels (normal 3.5 - 5.0 mmol/L)
- If **CO₂** >50, they may need an endotracheal tube

RESPIRATORY ALKALOSIS

Pathophysiology



Lung
problem

The lungs are
losing too
much **CO₂**



Kidneys
compensate

The kidneys excrete
bicarb (HCO₃)
& retain **hydrogen**

| PH | CO ₂ |
|-------|-----------------|
| >7.45 | <35 |

Causes

Losing **CO₂**
"TACHYPNEA"

- ↑ Temperature
- Aspirin toxicity
- Hyperventilation

Signs & Symptoms

- Respiratory rate >20
- ↑ Heart rate
- Confused & tired
- Tetany
- EKG changes
- (+) Chvostek sign

Twitching of the facial
muscles when tapping
the facial nerve in
response to
hypocalcemia

Interventions

- Provide emotional support
- Fix the breathing problem!
 - Encourage good breathing patterns
 - **Rebreathing into a paper bag**
 - Give anti-anxiety medications or sedatives to ↓ breathing rate
- Monitor K⁺ & Ca²⁺ levels

METABOLIC ACIDOSIS

Pathophysiology



Kidney
problem

Too much **Hydrogen**
Too little **Bicarb (HCO₃)**



Lungs
compensate

The lungs will
blow off **CO₂**

| PH | HCO ₃ |
|-------|------------------|
| <7.35 | <22 |

Causes

- Diabetic ketoacidosis → Not enough insulin = ↑ fat metabolism = excess **ketones (acid)**
- Acute/chronic kidney injury
- Malnutrition → Breaking down of fats = excess **ketones (acid)**
- Severe diarrhea → Excessive loss of base from your "base"

Signs & Symptoms

- Kussmaul's breathing → Deep rapid breathing >20 breaths per minute
- Hyperkalemia
 - Muscle twitching
 - Weakness
 - Arrhythmias
- ↓ Blood pressure
- Confusion

Interventions

- Monitor intake & output
- Administer IV solution to ↑ bases & ↓ acids
- Initiate seizure precaution
- Monitor K⁺ levels

Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA)

- Give Insulin (this stops the breakdown of fats which stops **ketones** from being produced)
- Monitor for hypovolemia due to polyuria

Kidney disease

- Dialysis to remove toxins
- Diet
 - ↑ Calories
 - ↓ Protein

METABOLIC ALKALOSIS

Pathophysiology



Kidney
problem

Too much **Bicarb (HCO₃)**
Too little **Hydrogen**



Lungs
compensate

The lungs will
retain **CO₂**

| PH | HCO ₃ |
|-------|------------------|
| >7.45 | >26 |

Causes

- Too many antacids → Too much **sodium bicarbonate (BASE)**
- Diuretics
- Excess vomiting → Excess loss of **hydrochloric acid (HCL)** from the stomach
- Hyperaldosteronism

Signs & Symptoms

- Hypoventilation <12 breaths per minute
- Low Potassium (K⁺)
 - Dysrhythmias
 - Muscle cramps/weakness
 - Vomiting
 - Tetany
 - Tremors
 - EKG changes

Interventions

- Monitor Potassium & Calcium levels
- Administer IV fluids to help the kidneys get rid of **bicarbonate**
- Replace K⁺
- Give antiemetics for vomiting (Zofran or Phenergan)
- Watch for signs of respiratory distress

Dear future nurse,

You may be stressed, you may feel tired, and you may want to give up. Nursing school is hard, there's no doubt about it. Everyone cries, everyone has meltdowns, and there will be moments you don't feel qualified for the task at hand. But take heart, the challenge only makes you stronger. Put in the work, show up on time, and find an amazing study group. You got this! 😊

— Kristine Tuttle, BSN, RN



You
got this! ✨
future
nurse!

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