

# Intensive Care Unit Protocol 2014

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# **Appreviations**



<b>Ab</b>	Antibiotic	<b>Intub.</b>	<b>Intubation</b>
<b>abd.</b>	Abdomen	<b>ITP</b>	Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura
<b>ABGs</b>	Arterial blood gases	<b>IV</b>	Intravenous
<b>ACS</b>	Acute coronary syndrome	<b>IVIM</b>	Intravenous immunoglobulin
<b>ACTH</b>	Adrenocortical tropic hormone	<b>JVP</b>	Jugular venous pressure
<b>ADH</b>	Antidiuretic hormone	<b>K</b>	Potassium
<b>ADHF</b>	Acute decompensated heart failure	<b>L</b>	Liter
<b>AED(s)</b>	Anti-epileptic drug(s)	<b>LA</b>	Local anesthetic
<b>AF</b>	Atrial fibrillation	<b>Lab.</b>	Laboratory
<b>AFE</b>	Amniotic fluid embolism	<b>LFT</b>	Liver function test
<b>AFLP</b>	Acute fatty liver of pregnancy	<b>LMWH</b>	Low molecular weight heparin
<b>ALI</b>	Acute lung injury	<b>LP</b>	Lumbar puncture
<b>ALS</b>	Advanced life support	<b>LR</b>	Lactated ringer
<b>ARDS</b>	Acute respiratory distress syndrome	<b>LV</b>	Left ventricle m (s) = month (s)
<b>ATN</b>	Acute tubular necrosis	<b>m (s)</b>	
<b>AV</b>	Atrio-ventricular	<b>MAP</b>	Mean airway pressure
<b>AVP</b>	Vasopressin	<b>MDCT</b>	Multi-detector CT
<b>AVRT</b>	Atrio-ventricular re-entrant tachycardia	<b>MDRO</b>	Multi drug resistant organism
<b>BAL</b>	Broncho-alveolar lavage	<b>Mg</b>	Magnesium
<b>BCAA</b>	Branched chain aminoacids	<b>MI</b>	Myocardial infarction
<b>BE</b>	Base excess	<b>MILS</b>	Manual inline stabilization
<b>BIPAP</b>	Bi-level positive airway pressure	<b>MR</b>	Mitral regurgitation
<b>bl pr</b>	Blood pressure	<b>MRI</b>	Magnetic resonant imaging
<b>Bl.</b>	blood	<b>MRSA</b>	Methicillin resistant staph aureus
<b>BNP</b>	Natriotic peptide	<b>MV</b>	Mechanical ventilation
<b>BSL</b>	Blood sugar level	<b>N&amp;V</b>	Nausea and vomiting
<b>BVM</b>	Bag valve mask	<b>N2</b>	Nitrogen
<b>BW</b>	body weight	<b>Na</b>	Sodium
<b>C&amp;S</b>	Culture & sensitivity	<b>NDMR</b>	Non-depolarizing muscle relaxant
<b>Ca</b>	Calcium	<b>NGT</b>	Naso-gastric tube
<b>CABAG</b>	Coronary artery bypass graft	<b>NIF</b>	Negative inspiratory force
<b>CAP</b>	Community acquired pneumonia	<b>NIV</b>	Non-invasive ventilation
<b>CBC</b>	Complete blood count	<b>NMB</b>	Neuro-muscular blocker
<b>CBF</b>	Cerebral blood flow Colony forming unit	<b>NON-STEMI</b>	Non-ST segment elevation acute coronary syndrome
<b>CFU</b>	Central	<b>Ns</b>	Normal saline
<b>Cent. CHF</b>	Congestive heart failure	<b>NSAIDS</b>	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
<b>CI</b>	CI = contraindicated	<b>OHSS</b>	Ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome
<b>CMV</b>	Cytomegalo-virus	<b>PCC</b>	Prothrombin complex concentrate
<b>CNS</b>	Central nervous system	<b>PCI</b>	Percutaneous coronary intervention
<b>CO</b>	Carbon monoxide	<b>PCWPs</b>	Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure
<b>CO-Hgb</b>	Carboxyhemoglobin	<b>PD</b>	Peritoneal dialysis
<b>Conc.</b>	Concentration	<b>PE</b>	Pulmonary embolism
<b>COP</b>	Cardiac output	<b>PEEP</b>	Positive end expiratory pressure

<b>COPD</b>	Chronic obstructive lung disease	<b>PEFR</b>	Peak expiratory flow rate
<b>CPAP</b>	Continuous positive airway pressure	<b>Periph.</b>	peripheral
<b>CPK</b>	Creatinine phosphokinase	<b>PFT</b>	Pulmonary function test
<b>CPP</b>	Cerebral perfusion pressure	<b>PhE</b>	Physical examination
<b>CPR</b>	Cardio-Pulmonary resuscitation	<b>PIH</b>	Pregnancy induced hypertension
<b>CRBSI</b>	Catheter related blood stream infection	<b>PND</b>	Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
<b>CRT</b>	Capillary refill time	<b>PO</b>	Post-operative
<b>CS</b>	Cesarean section	<b>PO4</b>	Phosphorus
<b>CSF</b>	Cerebro-spinal fluid	<b>PPT</b>	Partial thromboplastin time
<b>CT</b>	Computerized tomography	<b>Pr</b>	Pressure
<b>CT- PA</b>	Computerized tomography – pulmonary angiography	<b>PRBC</b>	Packed red blood cell
<b>CVC</b>	Central venous catheter	<b>PSVT</b>	Paroxysmal supra-ventricular tachycardia
<b>CVP</b>	Central venous pressure	<b>PT</b>	Prothrombin time
<b>CXR</b>	Chest X-ray	<b>Pt(s)</b>	Patient(S)
<b>d(s)</b>	Day(s)	<b>ptn</b>	Protein
<b>DANR</b>	Order of do not attempt resuscitation	<b>PTS</b>	Post-traumatic seizures
<b>DC</b>	Discontinue	<b>RBCs</b>	Red blood cells
<b>DDAVP</b>	Desmopressin	<b>Resusc</b>	Resuscitation
<b>Defib.</b>	Defibrillation	<b>RF</b>	Respiratory failure
<b>DIC</b>	Disseminated intravascular coagulation	<b>RL</b>	Ringer lactate
<b>Dis.</b>	Disease	<b>RR</b>	Respiratory rate
<b>DKA</b>	Diabetic keto-acidosis	<b>RRT</b>	Renal replacement therapy
<b>DLT</b>	Double lumen tube	<b>RSI</b>	Rapid sequence induction
<b>DVT</b>	Deep venous thrombosis	<b>RWMAs</b>	Regional wall motion abnormalities
<b>ECF</b>	Extra-cellular fluids	<b>s</b>	Second
<b>ECG</b>	Electrocardiogram	<b>S</b>	S yndrome
<b>EDD</b>	Esophageal detector device	<b>S bl pr</b>	S ystolic blood pressure
<b>EEG</b>	Electro-encephalogram	<b>S. aureus</b>	Staph aureus
<b>EN</b>	Enteral nutrition	<b>SC</b>	Subcutaneous
<b>ETT</b>	Endotracheal tube	<b>SLE</b>	Systemic lupus erthematosis
<b>FAST</b>	Focused assessment of sonography of trauma	<b>ST infection</b>	Soft tissue infection
<b>FB</b>	FB = foreign body	<b>STEACS</b>	ST elevation acute coronary syndrome
<b>FES</b>	Fat embolism syndrome	<b>STEMI</b>	ST segment elevation myocardial infarction
<b>FFP</b>	Fresh frozen plasma	<b>SVT</b>	Supra-ventricular tachycardia
<b>FiO2</b>	Fractional inspired O2 concentration	<b>TAD</b>	Tricyclic antidepressant drug
<b>FOB</b>	Fiberoptic bronchoscope	<b>TB</b>	Tuberculosis
<b>FOI</b>	Fiberoptic intubation	<b>TBI</b>	Traumatic brain injury
<b>FVC</b>	Forced vital capacity	<b>TBN</b>	Total parenteral nutrition
<b>G</b>	Gauge	<b>TBSA</b>	Total body surface area
<b>GBS</b>	Guillian barre syndrome	<b>TCD</b>	Trans-cranial doppler
<b>GCS</b>	Glasgow coma scale	<b>TEE</b>	Trans-eseophageal echo
<b>GFR</b>	Glomerular filtration rate	<b>Temp.</b>	Temperature
<b>GI</b>	Gastro-intestinal	<b>TMJ</b>	Tempo-mandibular joint
<b>HAP</b>	Hospital acquired pneumonia	<b>TPN</b>	Total parenteral nutrition

<b>HB</b>	Heart block	<b>TSCI</b>	Traumatic spinal cord injury
<b>HBO</b>	Hyperbaric oxygen	<b>TTE</b>	Trans-thoracic echo
<b>HCAP</b>	Health care associated pneumonia	<b>TTE</b>	Tte = transthoracic echo
<b>HD</b>	Hemodialysis	<b>TTJV U</b>	Transtracheal jet ventilation Unit
<b>Hge</b>	Hemorrhage	<b>UF</b>	Ultra-filtration
<b>HF</b>	Heart failure	<b>UFH</b>	Unfractionated heparin
<b>Hgb</b>	Hemoglobin	<b>UOP</b>	Urine output
<b>HIT</b>	Heparin induced thrombocytopenia	<b>US</b>	Ultrasound
<b>HIV</b>	Human immune-deficiency virus	<b>UTI</b>	Urinary tract infection
<b>HOB</b>	Head of bed	<b>VAP</b>	Ventilator associated pneumonia
<b>HPA</b>	Hypothalamic pituitary axis	<b>Vent</b>	Ventilation
<b>HPF</b>	High power field	<b>VF</b>	Ventricular fibrillation
<b>Hr (s)</b>	Hour(s)	<b>VILI</b>	Ventilator induced lung injury
<b>HR</b>	Heart rate	<b>VQ</b>	Ventilation/ Perfusion
<b>HUS</b>	Hemolytic uremic syndrome	<b>VSD</b>	Ventricular septal defect
<b>IABP</b>	Intra-aortic balloon counterpulsation	<b>VTE</b>	Venous thromboembolism
<b>IAH</b>	Intra-abdominal hypertension	<b>w (s)</b>	Week (s)
<b>IAP</b>	Intra-abdominal pressure	<b>+ ve</b>	Positive
<b>ICP</b>	Intracranial pressure	<b>- ve</b>	Negative
<b>ICU</b>	intensive care unit	<b>1ry</b>	Primary
<b>IHD</b>	Ischemic heart disease	<b>2ndry</b>	Secondary
<b>IJ</b>	Internal jugular	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	First
<b>ILV</b>	Independent lung ventilation	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Second
<b>IM</b>	Intramuscular	<b>3rd</b>	Third
<b>Inf.</b>	Infection		
<b>INR</b>	International normalized ratio		



## **Protocol overview**

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### Rating Scheme for Strength of Evidence

#### Class I

- Prospective randomized controlled trials

#### Class II

- Clinical studies in which data was collected prospectively and retrospective analyses that were based on clearly reliable data

#### Class III

- Studies based on retrospectively collected data.
- Evidence used in this class includes clinical series and database or registry review

- The protocol based on
  - Evidence based practice
  - Unit specific practice
- This protocol is confined mainly to adult critically ill pts
- The main references of the protocol are
  - Uptodate "available off line on ICU computer
  - ALS
  - ATL
  - Espen&Aspen guidelines for nutritional support
  - ICU book "paulmarino"
  - AnesthesiadepartmentDA&MVmanual
  - Nice guidelines
  - Surgical critical care net



- Means, the resident on call must consult
- If there is no response or a clear plan, the ICU consultant on call must be informed



- Means, the resident needs a final decision from the ICU consultant on call or assistant lecturer in some cases



- Means you should write an **order form**



- Means you should write a **sheet**

### Rating Scheme for Strength of Recommendations Level I

- The recommendation is convincingly justifiable based on the available scientific information alone
- This recommendation is usually based on Class I data, however, strong Class II evidence may form the basis for a Level I recommendation, especially if the issue does not lend itself to testing in a randomized format
- Conversely, low quality or contradictory Class I data may not be able to support a Level I recommendation

#### Level II

- The recommendation is reasonably justifiable by available scientific evidence and strongly supported by expert opinion
- This recommendation is usually supported by Class II data or a preponderance of Class III evidence

#### Level III

- The recommendation is supported by available data but adequate scientific evidence is lacking
- This recommendation is generally supported by Class III data
- This type of recommendation is useful for educational purposes and in guiding future clinical research

**ICU rationale**



## Resident orientation

- Be sticky to **ICU board** for:
  - Consultant on duty rota.
  - Any new events
- Know on call of various departments from the updated **on-call file**

### • Monitors

- ECG including ST segment analysis
- Pulse oximetry
- Capnometry
- Non-invasive bl.pr.
- Invasive bl. Pr.
- Non-invasive COP
- EEG

### • Center station including recorder for documentation

### • Ventilators

- Bennet 840, 7200
- Dräger Evita 4, Safina
- Siemens I, S, 300, 900
- Avea
- High frequency oscillator

### • Resuscitation cart

- Resusc. drugs
- Defibrillator "bi-phasic"
- Pacing "trans-cutaneous"
- Airway management including LMAs, and laryngeal tube, ETTs, oropharyngeal airways, and bag valve mask
- Methods of O<sub>2</sub> administration including non-rebreathing mask
- Interosseous needle, peripheral, and central iv sets, catheters
- Pressure infuser
- Resuscitation board

### • Airway management cart

- Drugs "Xylocaine gel, spray, IV, Atropine, EP
- Primary intubation attempts "Mcoy, Miller, Macintosh 5, oro-pharyngeal and naso-pharyngeal airways, stylet, and gum elastic bougie
- Intubation alternatives "retrograde set, ILMA, airQ"
- Cannot intubate cannot ventilate "Cricothyrotomy set, standard LMAs, supreme, and l-gel"
- Bag valve mask, cuff pr manometer, suction catheters, and ETT

### • Portable X-ray

### • Trans-thoracic ECCHO "TTE"

### • Hemo-filtration unit

### • Portable US with a superficial probe

### • Fiberoptic bronchoscope

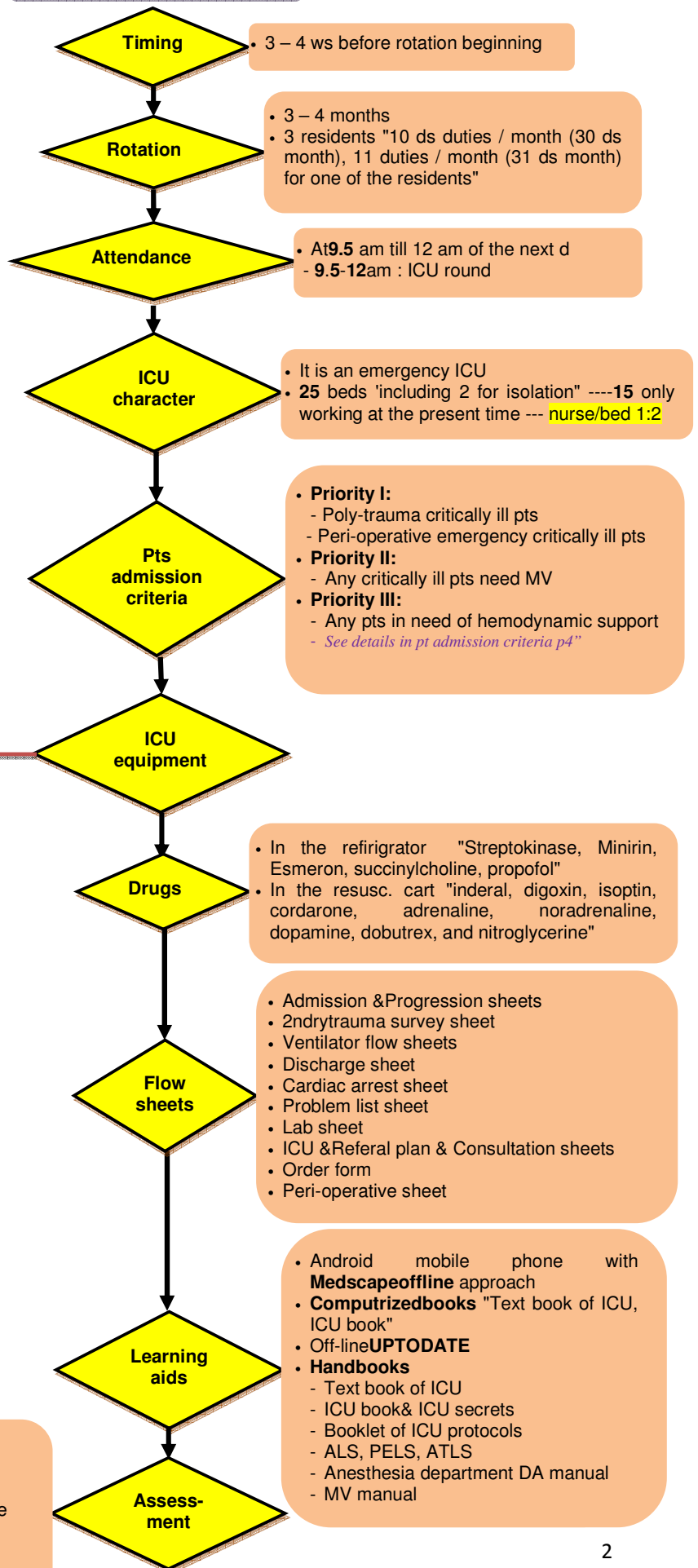
### • ABG analysis

- Osmolarity
- Chloride, Na, Ca, and k
- Hematocrit
- Oxygenation indices

### • Transport trolley including

- Portable ventilator, suction, defib. monitor, oximetry, syringe pump, and airway & resusc. bag

- Protocol application
- Continuous knowledge & decision making assessment during ICU rounds
- Practical skills "central line insertion, arterial line insertion, CPR, airway management"
- Communication skills
- History taking & case presentation



## Admission principles

### Admission criteria

#### Priority 1:

##### 1. Trauma pt

###### Poly-trauma pt with:

- Hemodynamic instability
- Need for MV for any reason
- In need of O2 therapy "high FiO2"
- Need for airway management for any reason
- Disturbed conscious level

###### Isolated TBI with the following criteria:

- Severe TBI (GCS < 8)
- Need for MV for any reason
- In need of O2 therapy "high FiO2"
- Hemodynamic instability
- Acute deterioration of conscious level > 2 GCS
- New onset seizure

###### Isolated chest trauma with criteria:

- Hemodynamic instability
- Need for MV for any reason
- In need of O2 therapy "high FiO2"

###### Burned patient with;

- Signs of inhalation injury
- Need for MV for any reason
- In need of O2 therapy "high FiO2"
- Hemodynamic instability

###### Cervical trauma pt with following criteria

- Hemodynamic instability
- Need for MV for any reason
- In need of O2 therapy "high FiO2"

##### 2. Surgical Emergencies emergency and:

###### Cardiac System

- Acute chest pain including ACS&Shock
- Complex arrhythmias & Acute CHF
- Hypertensive emergencies

###### Pulmonary System

- Acute RF requiring ventilatory support
- Massive hemoptysis
- Respiratory distress for any cause

###### Neurologic Disorders

- Acute stroke with altered mental status
- Coma: metabolic, toxic, or anoxic
- CNS or neuromuscular disorders with deteriorating neurologic or pulmonary function
- Status epilepticus

###### Drug Ingestion and Drug Overdose

- Hemodynamically unstable drug ingestion
- Drug ingestion with significantly altered mental status with inadequate airway protection
- Seizures following drug ingestion

###### Gastrointestinal Disorders

- Life threatening GI bleeding
- Fulminant hepatic failure & Severe pancreatitis

###### Endocrine

- Endocrinal emergencies
- Manifested electrolytes disorders

###### Surgical

- PO pts requiring: Hemodynamic monitoring, Ventilatory support, Extensive nursing care

###### Miscellaneous

- Septic shock with hemodynamic instability
- Hemodynamic monitoring
- Clinical conditions requiring ICU nursing care
- Environmental injuries (lightning, near drowning, hypo/hyperthermia)
- New/experimental therapies with potential for complication

#### Priority II

1. Medical pts with:
  - Need for MV
  - Post cardiac arrest with cardiopulmonary failure

#### Priority III

1. Acute medical emergencies
  - Respiratory distress & Uncontrolled fits & Shock



- ICU admission is reserved for pts with actual or potential vital organ system failures, which appear reversible with provision of ICU support
- **Organ System Failures** include RF and cardiovascular instability
- **The ICU support** includes advanced monitoring, invasive procedures and intensive care like MV and vaso-active drugs

- The request for admission **must** be made by the referring doctor
- The ICU doctor on-duty must see and assess the referred pt
- Resusc. or admission must not be delayed where the presenting condition is imminently life threatening, (eg profound shock or hypoxia)
- **All admissions to ICU must be approved by the Consultant ICU on duty**
- Pts admitted directly through the ED come under the name of the admitting medical or surgical consultant of the day
- Pts sent to the ICU from the wards must have their beds reserved
- The pt is managed by the ICU staff during their stay in ICU

- Organized by the ICU doctor on-duty
- Be sticky to **Admission criteria**
- Inform ICU Charge Nurse to prepare for admission
- Inform the Charge Nurse of the ward currently holding the pt
- On arrival to the ICU, attach monitors and record vital signs of the pt
- Resusc. priorities must follow **ALS** and **ATLS** guidelines
- ICU doctor must discuss management with duty ICU consultant
- ICU doctor must write **Admission doctor's orders**
- The ICU doctor must write all the required **Medications** in new drug charts
- The ICU doctor must complete, **Investigations requests, General consent form** etc...
- ICU doctor must write a full **Admission note** (history, physical exam, assessment and the ICU management) in the progress sheet
- **Pt admission out of the 3 priorities or priorities II, III is the ICU consultant on duty**

## Discharge criteria

### A. When a pt's physiologic status has stabilized and the need for ICU monitoring and care is no longer necessary

- Hemodynamically stable (off vaso-active drugs) for at least 12hrs
- No evidence of active bleeding
- Oxygen requirement is no more than FiO2 40% with SpO2 >90%
- Acceptable pH
- Extubate for >6-24hrs no evidence of upper airway obstruction
- Appropriate level of consciousness to protect the airway or has tracheostomy

### B. When a pt's physiological status has deteriorated and active interventions are no longer planned, discharge to a lower level of care is appropriate

The ultimate authority for ICU admission, discharge, and triage rests with the ICU Director

## Discharge criteria

### ICU Discharge Policy

- Pts are discharged from ICU when the need for tit or advanced monitoring is no longer needed
- The duty ICU consultant must approve ptdischarge

### ICU Discharge Procedure

- Inform and discuss with the referring Team
- Inform the ICU nursing staff
- Ensure a ward bed is available
- The appropriate ward will be notified
- Complete the doctor's orders and discharge summary in the pt's notes
- The pt will be informed of the transfer

### Discharge Protocol

- The status of pts admitted to an ICU should be revised continuously to identify pts who may no longer need ICU care
- Organized by the ICU doctor on-duty
- Be sticky to **Discharge criteria**
- Inform ICU Charge Nurse to prepare for discharge
- Inform the Charge Nurse of the ward currently receiving the pt
- **The ICU doctor must write a full dischargenote**
- **Premature discharge of pt out of policy due to overwhelming of cases is the ICU consultant on duty**
- **No elective discharge before 9 am**

Consult consultant on duty for premature discharge



## Medical records "see appendix 5.14"

### Admission sheet

- Document **priority**, **ApachII** score, and **IBW**
- Take full recent & remote **History** from pt, relatives, and obtain any previous drug prescription, investigations, or radiology and document
- **Pt presentation** at admission should be clearly documented including invasive devices already inserted before admission
- **ICU and referral Plan** should be clear and written

### Order form

- Document the need for vasopressors, inotropes, therapeutic heparin, intense glycemic control, O2 therapy, pneumatic compression, specific positioning, EN initiation, C&S

### Problem list sheet

The following should be documented in the **Problem list sheet** & discussed on the morning round:

- 1ry pathology "surgery, trauma, emergency medical or surgical situations"
- Shock including all varieties
- Metabolic disorders as acidosis, alkalosis, DKA, electrolyte disorders
- Medical emergencies "thyroid storm, hypertensive encephalopathy, etc.,"
- Hypoxemia and the need for O2 therapy
- Organ failure "renal, hepatic, cardiac, or MOF"
- Coagulopathy & hematologic disorders as HIT, HUS, DIC, ITTPHUS, etc.
- Complications of EN "diarrhea, high GRV, etc.,"
- Complications of PN
- Sepsis, various types of infection "VAP, soft tissue in., CRBSI, UTI, etc"
- Complications of critical illness "stress ulcer, venous thrombo-embolism, critical illness myopathy, or polyneuropathy, and hypoalbuminemia, etc."
- Ventilatory support, indication "pathology", difficult weaning, and complications "VILI, VAP"
- complications of intub. "subglottic stenosis, etc"
- Cardiac arrest, tachy, or brady-arrhythmias
- Procedures "tracheostomy, dialysis, pacing, etc"
- Brain death, fits, major disturbed gcs "drop > 2 GCS"

#### In the Morning round

- Resident presents every pt. The presentation should include "Pt demography & Remote & recent history & Problem list since admission & Systematic review & Existing problems"
- **ICU plan** should be fulfilled daily by on duty consultant & workup needed as radiology, lab., consultation"

### Ventilation initiation & Ventilator flow sheets

- Indication, possible pathology, and objectives, initial settings and the events from intub. or application of NIV mask till the 1<sup>st</sup> 30 min. should be documented in the **initiation of ventilation sheet**
- Any troubleshooting, setting changes, and weaning plan should be documented on the **ventilator flow sheet**

### Cardiac arrest sheet

- Document attendants, timing, peri-arrest events and management during the peri-arrest period

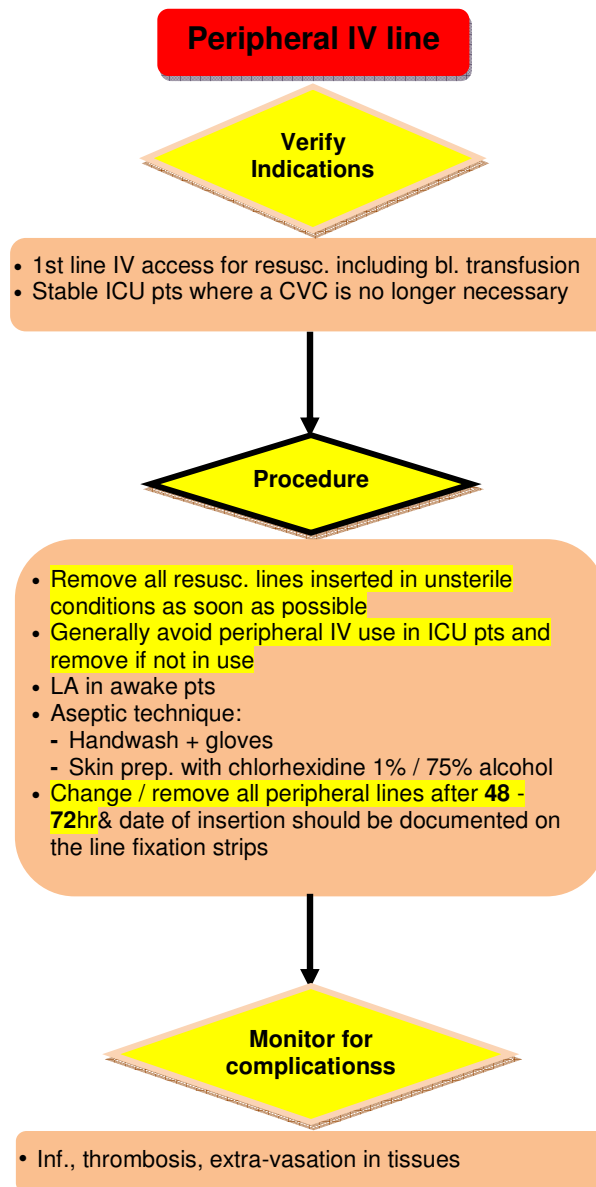
### Progression sheet

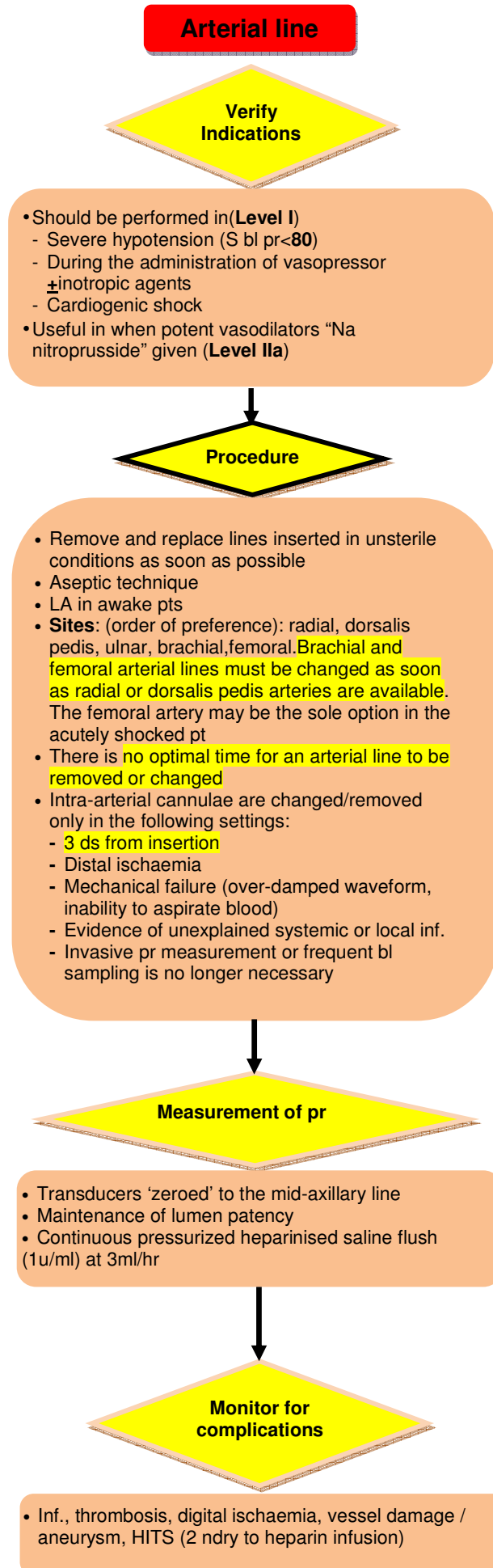
- All pts must have DVT, GIT ulcer risk assessment reviewed within 24 hr of admission and documented If risk of VTE is identified and prophylaxis withheld, the reason(s) for this must be documented clearly on the progression sheet
- Review /d for adding, change, or DC and documented
- Ab prescription should follow the unit antibiogram.
- Do not administer ab on admission without clear indication "**no prophylactic ab unless indicated**"
- Screen daily for change, escalation, or DC and documented
- Start EN within 24 hrs from admission unless CI
- Review daily for change rate "increase or decrease", shift to PN or oral feeding, complications
- Once the pt is intubated, decision of Tracheostomy should be discussed with consultants within the first w and document
- Screen invasive devices as CVC, urinary catheter, or tracheostomy daily for weaning, change and document
- **Referral plan should be fulfilled daily by on duty**

### Other paper work

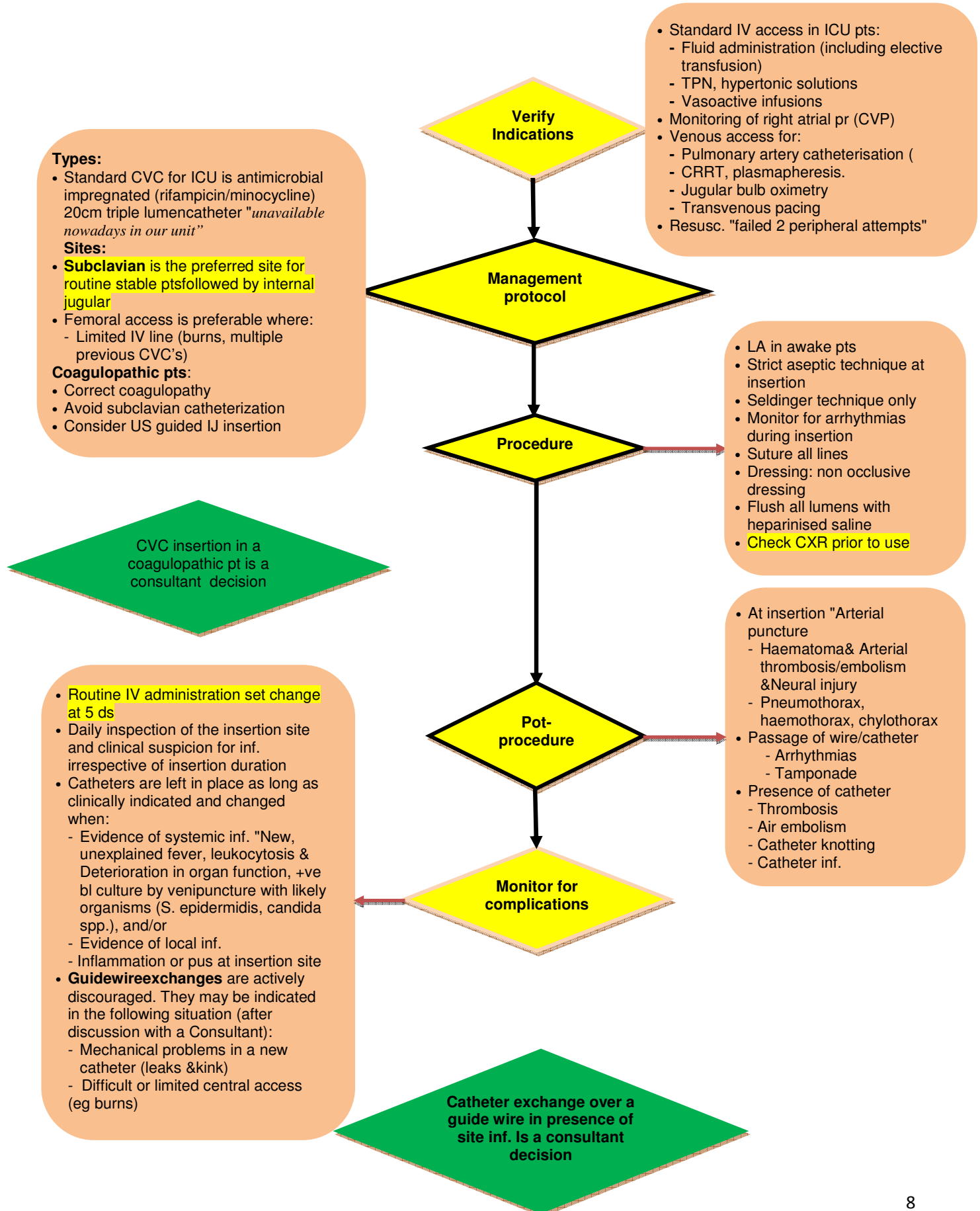
- Includes ; **2ndry trauma survey, peri-operative, Lab. and consultation sheets**

**Clinical procedures**





## Central venous catheter



## Epidural catheter

### Verify indications

- PO pain relief (usually placed in theatre)
- Analgesia in chest trauma

### Management protocol

- Strict aseptic technique at insertion
- LA protocol
  - Adequately inserted catheter "tip at center of site to be blocked" ----- consider a boluses of 5ml 1% Xylocaine with hemodynamic monitoring. If no response after 3 doses, consider failure
  - Followed by infusion 5 – 10 ml/hr marcaine 0.125% + fentanyl 2 uq /ml
- Top- up doses protocol**
  - Consider 5 ml Xylocaine 1% ----- If no response, consider another 5 ml. If no response, consider failure
  - If there is unilateral anesthesia after 5 ml xylocaine 1%, consider slight withdrawal of the catheter and inject another 5 ml LA. If there is no response, consider failure
  - If there is response after 5-10 ml Xylocaine 1% , re- infuse, and consider increasing the rate
- Daily inspection of the insertion site. The catheter should not be routinely redressed
- After 7 ds ---- weight the risk- benefit for removal of the catheter**
- Remove if not in use for > 24 hr or clinical evidence of unexplained sepsis or +ve bl culture by venipuncture with likely organisms (S.epidermidis, candida)
- Insertion & removal of catheter in anti-coagulated pt
  - Prophylactic heparin ----- delay dose for 1 hr after insertion, remove 4 hrs from last dose or 1 hr before next dose
  - Prophylactic LMWH ---- insert 10-12 after the last dose
  - Therapeutic LMWH ----- insert 24 after last dose. Re-administer 24 hrs after insertion Remove catheter 2 hr before next dose

### Monitor for complications

- Hypotension from sympathetic blockade / relative hypovolaemia ----- usually responds to adequate IV volume replacement
- Pruritis--if severe, Naloxone 100 uq/10 min "400 total"
- N & V---- metochloperamide 10 mg /4hr
- Weakness & Numbness --- check catheter migration, stop infusion, re-infuse at a lower rate
- Inf.: epidural abscess

## Fiberoptic bronchoscopy

### Verify indications

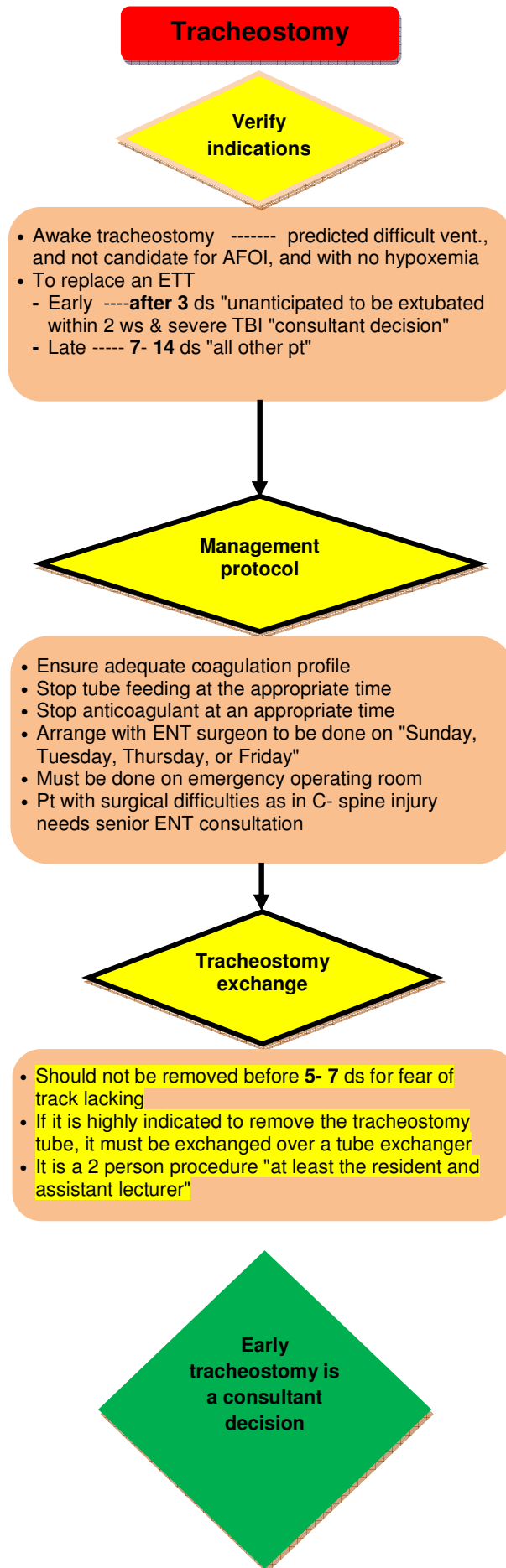
- **Absolute:** pt with predicted difficult vent. "when, it is hazardous to induce anesthetics". Examples include "head, neck burns, Ludwig's angina, pt with stridor"
- **Relative:** pt with predicted difficult intub., but seems to be easily mask ventilated

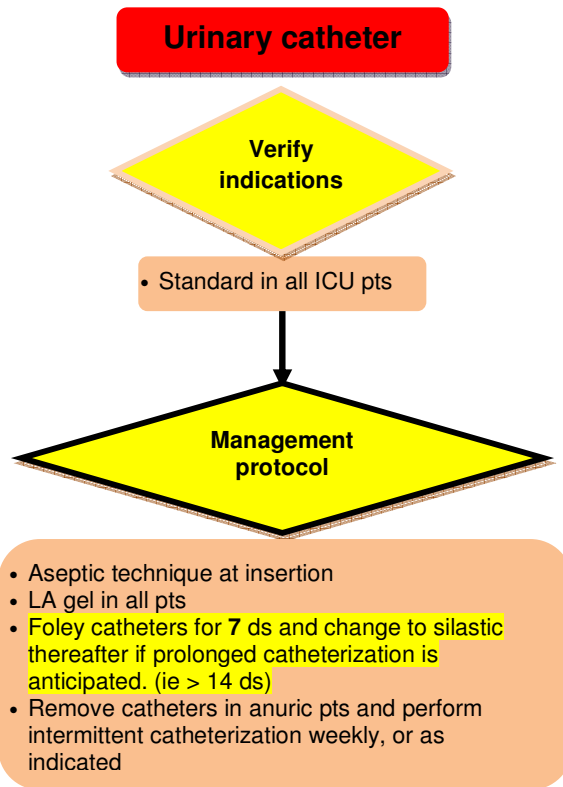
### Management protocol

- The resident should inform the consultant permitted to use the FOB who on duty
- It is not permitted to use the FOB without permission, for training without attendant consultant, to be delivered outside ICU except to be used in emergency OR by a permitted person
- High nurse on duty is responsible for disinfection after use

Fiber-optic use is a consultant decision



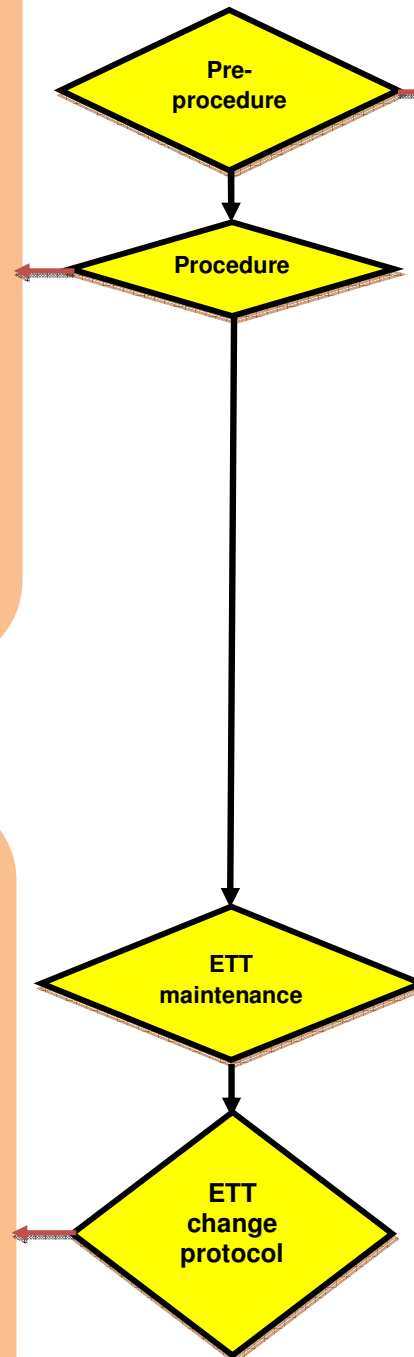




# Intubation

- Oro-tracheal intubation is the standard method of intubation in our unit
- Naso-tracheal intubation may be indicated where: Fiberoptic intubation is indicated: "Following head and neck surgery, inability to open the mouth: e.g. inter-maxillary fixation, TMJ trauma, rheumatoid arthritis, etc."
- Standard ETT: low pressure, high volume PVC oral tube.
  - Males 8 mm: secure at 21-23cm to incisors
  - Females 7 mm: secure at 19-21cm to incisors
  - Do not cut tubes to <26 cm long
- Double lumen tubes
  - Unilateral lung isolation for abscess, broncho-pulmonary fistula, or hge
  - These tubes should be inserted as a temporary manoeuvre prior to a definitive procedure
  - Allow ILV
- Intubation is a 3- 4 persons procedures
  - 1 for intub.
  - 1 for drug administration, monitoring
  - 1 for cricoids pr and MILS if needed

- Prepare as for de novo intub.
- Set the FIO2 = 1.0 and controlled vent.
- Ensure sufficient anesthesia  $\pm$  NMB
- Perform laryngoscopy and carefully identify patency of upper airway after suction, anatomy of larynx, degree of laryngeal exposure and swelling
- Clear view of larynx and no or minimal laryngeal swelling:
  - Application of cricoid pr by assistant and careful, graded extubation under direct vision
  - Maintain laryngoscopy and replace tube under direct vision
- Impaired visualisation of larynx:
  - Place bougie through ETT under direct vision and insert to a length just distal to the end of the ETT
  - Assistant control the bougie so that it does not move during ETT movement
  - Application of cricoid pr by assistant and careful, graded extubation
  - Maintain laryngoscopy, ensure bougie is through cords on extubation
  - Replace tube over bougie and guide through larynx under available vision
- Inflate cuff, check EtCO2, auscultation, VTe and then release cricoid pr
- Secure tube with tape



- Verify **indication**---- if in doubt consult
- Review airway cart, equipment and drugs
- If you are alone --- **Call for help**"1 doctor, and 1-2 nurses
- Be sure that there is at least 1 working **IVline**, and **monitor** attached
- Anticipate physiologic difficulty "consider pathology, appropriate drugs"
- Pts with full stomach with no predicted vent. difficulty ----use**RSI**
- Pts with full stomach with no predicted intub. difficulty ----- use RSI with a backup plan "ILMA, Air-Q"
- Pt with predicted vent. difficulty ---- prepare for awake techniques "intub.or tracheostomy & used by skilled personnel and authorised by the duty consultant "
- Be prepared for initial intub. attempts "2 working laryngoscopes, working lights, bougie on pt, s chest, working suction, BVM, oro and naso pharyngeal airway, and high flow O2
- prepare surgical airway in failed airway

- **Confirmplacement** "direct vision, auscultation, capnography, , and CXR"
- **Tapes**
  - Secure tubes with white tape
  - Ensure that loop of tape is snug around back of neck but not too tight to occlude venous drainage. Should allow 2 fingers under tape
  - Re-tape with adhesive tape post CXR
- **Cuffcheck**
  - Volumetric (sufficient air to obtain a seal + 1 ml) tests are done following insertion and whenever a leak is detected with a manual hyperinflation once / nursing shift
  - Assess seal by auscultation over trachea during normal vent.
  - **Manometric tests "25 mmHg, 20 for hypoperfused pt**
- **Persistent cuff leaks**
  - Tubes requiring >5ml of air to obtain a seal or if there is a persistent cuff leak must be examined by direct laryngoscopy as soon as possible even if the tube appears to be taped at the correct distance at the teeth
  - Ensure that:
    - Cuff has not herniated above cords
    - Tube has not ballooned inside the oral cavity and "pulled" the cuff above the cords

## Lumbar puncture "LP"

The findings on CSF analysis also may help distinguish bacterial meningitis from viral inf of the CNS. However, there is often substantial overlap

### No absolute CI

#### Caution should be used in pts with:

- Suspected spinal epidural abscess
- Possible raised ICP
  - Order CT scan before LP in pts with altered mentation, focal neurologic signs, papilledema, seizure within previous w, and impaired cellular immunity
- Thrombocytopenia or other bleeding diathesis (including ongoing anticoagulant therapy)
  - Do not perform LP in pts with coagulation defects active bleeding, have severe thrombocytopenia (eg, platelet counts <50-80,000/ $\mu$ L), or an INR >1.4, without correcting the underlying abnormalities
  - When an LP is considered urgent and essential in a pt with an abnormal INR or platelet count in whom the cause is not obvious, consultation with a hematologist may provide the best advice
  - For elective procedures in a pt receiving systemic anticoagulation ----stop UFH 2-4 hrs, LMWH 12 - 24 hrs, and warfarin 5-7 ds before LP
  - SC heparin administration is not believed to pose a substantial risk for bleeding after LP if the total daily dose <10,000 U
  - Aspirin has not been shown to increase the risk of serious bleeding following LP
  - In all cases, the relative risk of performing an LP has to be weighed against the potential benefit (eg, diagnosing meningitis due to an unusual or difficult to treat pathogen)
  - In cases in which LP is considered necessary but the risk of bleeding is considered to be high, it may be useful to perform the procedure under fluoroscopy to reduce the chance of accidental injury to small blood vessels

### Relatively safe procedure

- Post-LP headache
- Inf.
- Bleeding
- Cerebral herniation
- Minor neurologic symptoms as radicular pain or numbness
- Late onset of epidermoid tumors of thecal sac

Verify indications

Detect CI

Management protocol

Monitor for complications

### Urgent

- Suspected CNS inf. (except brain abscess or a parameningeal process)
- Suspected SAH in a pt with a -ve CTscan

### Non-urgent

- Idiopathic intracranial hypertension
- Carcinomatous & TB meningitis
- Normal pr hydrocephalus
- CNS syphilis & vasculitis

❖ Conditions in which LP is rarely diagnostic but still useful include; Multiple sclerosis, Guillain-Barré syndrome, AND Paraneoplastic syndromes

❖ LP is also required as a therapeutic or diagnostic maneuver in the following situations ; Intra-thecal administration of chemotherapy, Intra-thecal administration of antibiotics, ND Injection of contrast media for myelography or for cisternography

- **Position:** lateral recumbent ---- allows accurate measurement of the opening pr. The pt assumes a fetal position with neck, back, and limbs held in flexion. The lower lumbar spine should be flexed with the back perfectly perpendicular to the edge of a bed or examining table. The hips and legs should be parallel to each other and perpendicular to the table. Pillows placed under the head and between the knees

- **Insertion site:** L3/4 or L4/5 interspace

#### • Procedure:

- Antiseptic application ---- surgical drapes ---- needle advancement ---- Once CSF appears and begins to flow through the needle, slowly straighten or extend legs to allow free CSF flow
- A manometer should then be placed over the hub of the needle and opening pr should be measured
- Fluid is then serially collected in sterile plastic tubes. A total of 8-15 mL is typically removed, when special studies are required, as cytology or cultures for organisms that grow less readily (eg, fungi or mycobacteria), 40 mL of fluid can safely be removed
- Aspiration of CSF should not be attempted as it may increase the risk of bleeding
- The stylet should be replaced before the spinal needle is removed

## **General principles**

## Drug prescription

- Ideally, drugs should only be prescribed where proven benefit has been demonstrated
- **Drugs prescription** according to Unit protocols and guidelines
  - E.g., **steroids, and albumin should not be prescribed without clear indications**
- Ensure that the drug **Doses** are correct: seek advice if unsure "*See local protocols, medscape, uptodate*"
- The risk and benefit of starting any drug must be carefully considered
  - Critically ill pts have altered pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics with the potential for toxicity and drug interactions
- Where possible:
  - Use drugs that can be titrated or prescribed to an easily measured endpoint
  - Use drugs that can be measured to monitor therapeutic drug levels
  - Avoid drugs with narrow therapeutic indices (eg digoxin, theophylline), particularly in pts with associated hepatic or renal dysfunction
  - Cease a drug if there is no apparent benefit
  - If 2 drugs are of equal efficacy, choose the cheaper drug (eg pancuronium vs vecuronium) as the cost of drugs in ICU is significant
- **Any Specific medications** as manitol, steroids, etc, should be documented and be cleared who prescribe either in the consultation or plan forms
- **O<sub>2</sub> therapy** with a SPO<sub>2</sub> target should be clearly prescribed in the order form
- **Vasopressors** and **Inotropes** with mean arterial pressure target should be clearly prescribed also in the order form
- **Albumin** is indicated in the following settings only
  - Liver cell failure
  - Colloid volume resusc. in septic shock which is not responding to early goal directed therapy "60 gm /d in divided doses"
  - Colloid volume resusc. In septic shock due to spontaneous bacterial peritonitis "1 gm /Kg bolus followed by 1.5 gm /Kg after 2-3 ds
  - ARDS with poor oxygenation despite appropriate protective ventilator strategy "60 gm /d in divided doses"
  - Pts with multi-organ dysfunction syndrome and low albumin "less than 3 gm /L " "60 gm /d in divided doses"
  - Pts with low tolerance to EN and diarrhea with albumin less than 2.5 gm /L "60 gm /d in divided doses"

## Patient positioning

- The ideal position for critically pt is 30 - 45° head of bed "HOB" unless CI
  - Unstable C- spine
  - Hemodynamic instability
- Turning pt /2 hrs according to the nursing protocol
- Prone position mostly for ventilation of the ALI pt should be the responsibility of the on duty consultant "p61"

Non –head up  
position should  
be ordered in  
the order form

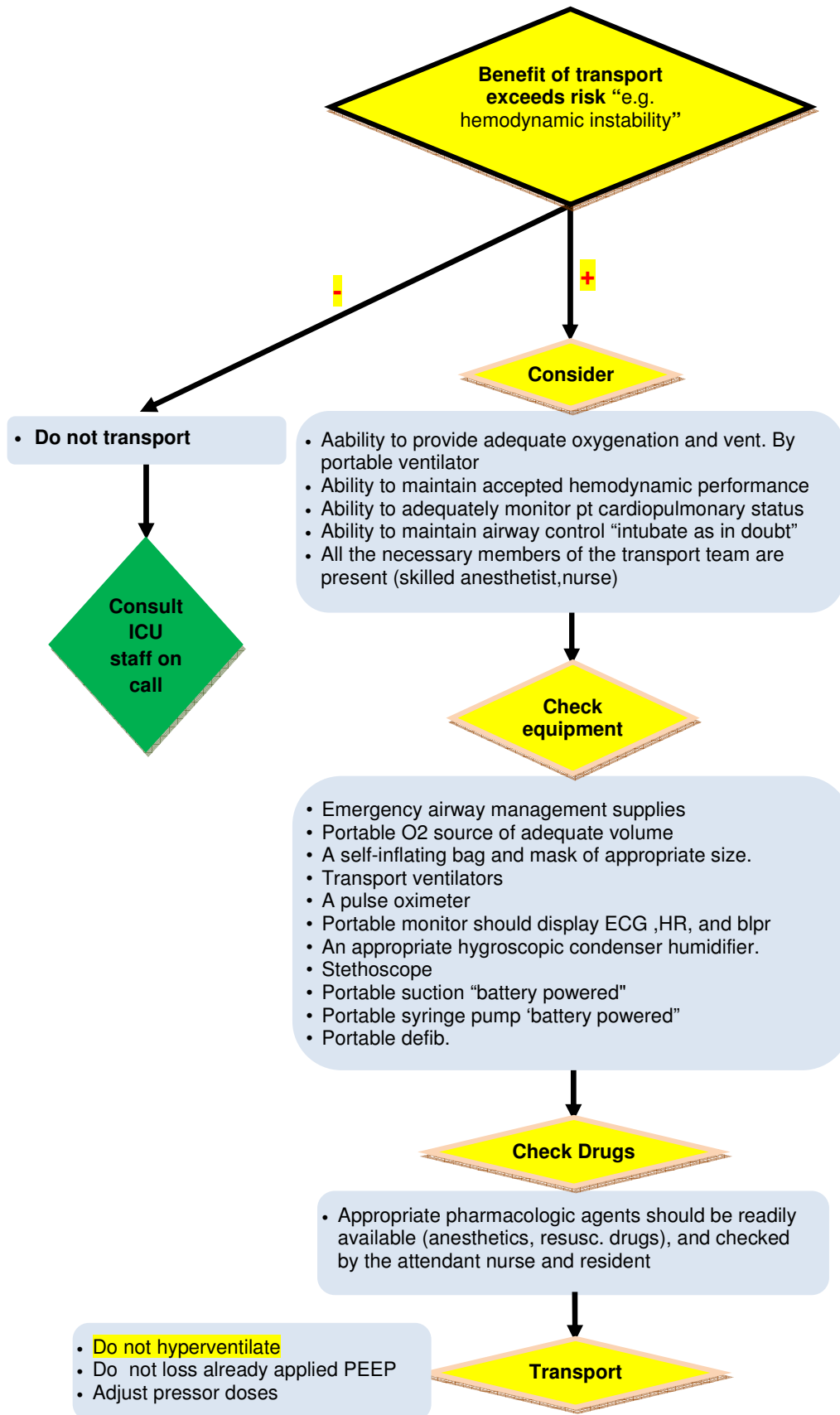
## Order of do not attempt resuscitation "DANR"

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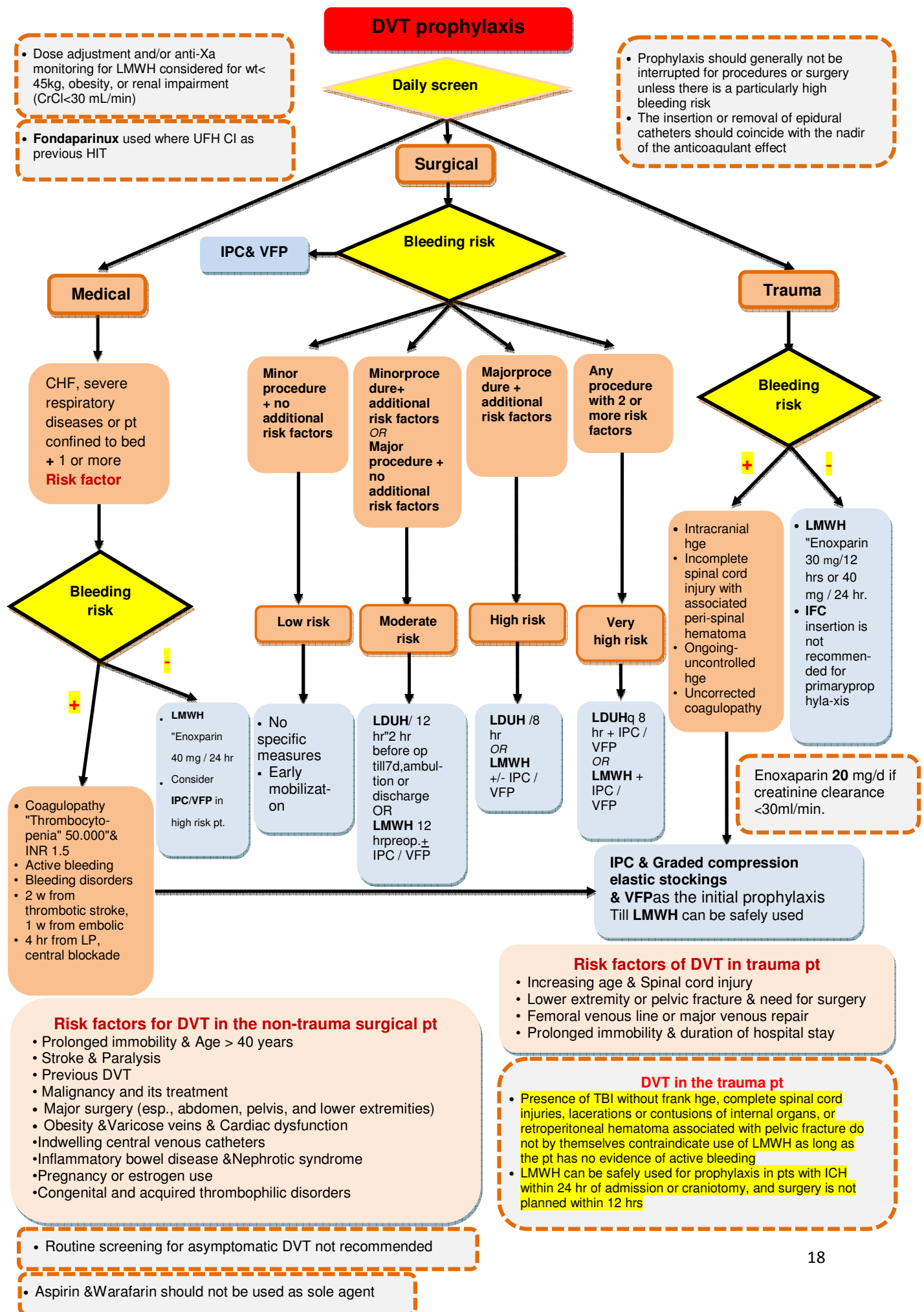
## Withdrawal of treatment

- Our unit does not follow the order of do not attempt resusc. and does not withhold ttt from pts with end of life care
- In cases of end of life care as brain dead pts we do not futile therapies
- However, these two issues will need sooner to be clear from both the legal and religious views

## Transport of critically ill patients







## GIT prophylaxis

- **Stress ulcers** are mucosal erosions which primarily occur in the stomach, but can also be found in the distal esophagus or duodenum. They can develop within hrs of a trauma or the onset of a critical illness. Critically ill pts who bleed from these lesions have a 5-fold increase in mortality compared with pts who do not bleed
- Stress ulcers are believed to be caused by an imbalance between gastric acid production and mucosal protection mechanisms. Mucosal ischemia may be an important cause in pts with underlying shock, sepsis, and trauma

Daily screening

Daily screening

Prophylaxis indicated

- MV > 48hrs, Coagulopathy" platelet count < 50,000 / m3, an INR > 1.5, or a PTT > 2 times the control value", severe TBI, major burns > 35%, and history of GI ulceration or bleeding in last year "**Level I**"
- Poly-trauma, sepsis, and acute renal failure "**Level II**"
- Need of high-dose steroids (> 250 mg hydrocortisone or equivalent / d) "**Level III**"

### H2 BLOCKER

- Rantidine 50 mg / 8 hrs
- Adjust according to renal function

Start EN

- Start Early EN "contributes to stress ulcer prophylaxis"
- Should not be used alone for the sole purpose of prophylaxis esp., in high risk pts (**Level IIc**)

Select agent

- Administer **Oral PPI** rather than any alternative prophylactic agent if EN is feasible (**Level IIb**)
- Administer **IV H2 blocker** rather than an IV PPI if EN is not feasible (**Level IIb**). IV H2 blockers are usually much less expensive than IV PPIs and appear to be nearly as efficacious
- If cost is not an issue, and EN is not feasible **IV PPI** is a reasonable choice

DC agent

- Till weaning from MV or ICU discharge "**Level II**"

## Sedation

- Control environment (**Level II**)
- Light turned off at night. Minimize background noise
- Maintain day- night cycle
- The agents of choice are:
  - **Midazolam 2-3 mg** at bed time
  - If necessary, **Diphenylhydramine 25 - 50 mg IV**

- Facilitate sleep

### Indicated

- Agitation / delirium

- Relieve distress
- Reduce anxiety
- Protect against myocardial ischemia

- Delirium may or may not be accompanied by agitation
- Assess using **RASS score**
- Signs of delirium include:
  - Disorganized thinking, altered consciousness level, and inattention
- Identify and treat reversible causes
  - Metabolic derangement
  - Pharmacological interaction / side effects
- Control environment

#### Drug therapy

- The agent of choice for acute delirium is **Midazolam**
- The alternative is **Haloperidol (Level III)**
  - **2.5-5 mg** bolus followed by **2.5-5 mg / 30 min.** till level of sedation is reached
  - Maintain sedation with **5 -10 mg / 4-6 hrs**
  - Once controlled, a standing dose of the haloperidol, at 25% of loading dose, is administered / 6 hrs
  - Maximum dose to be administered over a 24 hr period is **40 mg**
  - If over sedated hold drug dosage for 1 hr and then resume with 25% reduced dose
  - Give midazolam **1-2 mg / 2-4 hrs** for amnesia and anxiolysis
  - Monitor for prolongation and arrhythmia (**Level II**)
- **Continuous Midazolam** is indicated if intermittent doses and Haloperidol did not manage (**Level II**)

- Difficult vent. "bad compliance"
- Reduce O2 demand "severe tachypnea"
- Inverse ratio vent.
- Need for NMB
- TBI

#### Propofol

- **150-200 mg** bolus, then **25-50 mcg/kg/min.** and titrate in increments **25 mcg/kg/min.** till desired level is achieved
- Check TG after 72 hrs. Watch for lactic acidosis and rhabdomyolysis
- +
- **50-100 mcg fentanyl** bolus followed by **50 mcg/hr**, or **5 mg morphine IV** then either **2-5 mg / 1 hr** or continuous infusion **4 mg/hr**
- ±
- **Midazolam** "1-2 mg/hr"

#### Richmond agitation sedation "RAS" score

Target	Description
+4	Combative & violent
+3	Remove catheters & aggressive
+2	Frequent non-purposeful movement & fight ventilator
+2	Anxious & apprehensive, not aggressive
0	Alert & calm
-1	Awaken to voice 10` s
-2	Movement, eye opening, no eye contact
-3	No response to voice & Movement, eye opening to physical stimuli
-4	No response to voice
-5	No response to physical stimuli

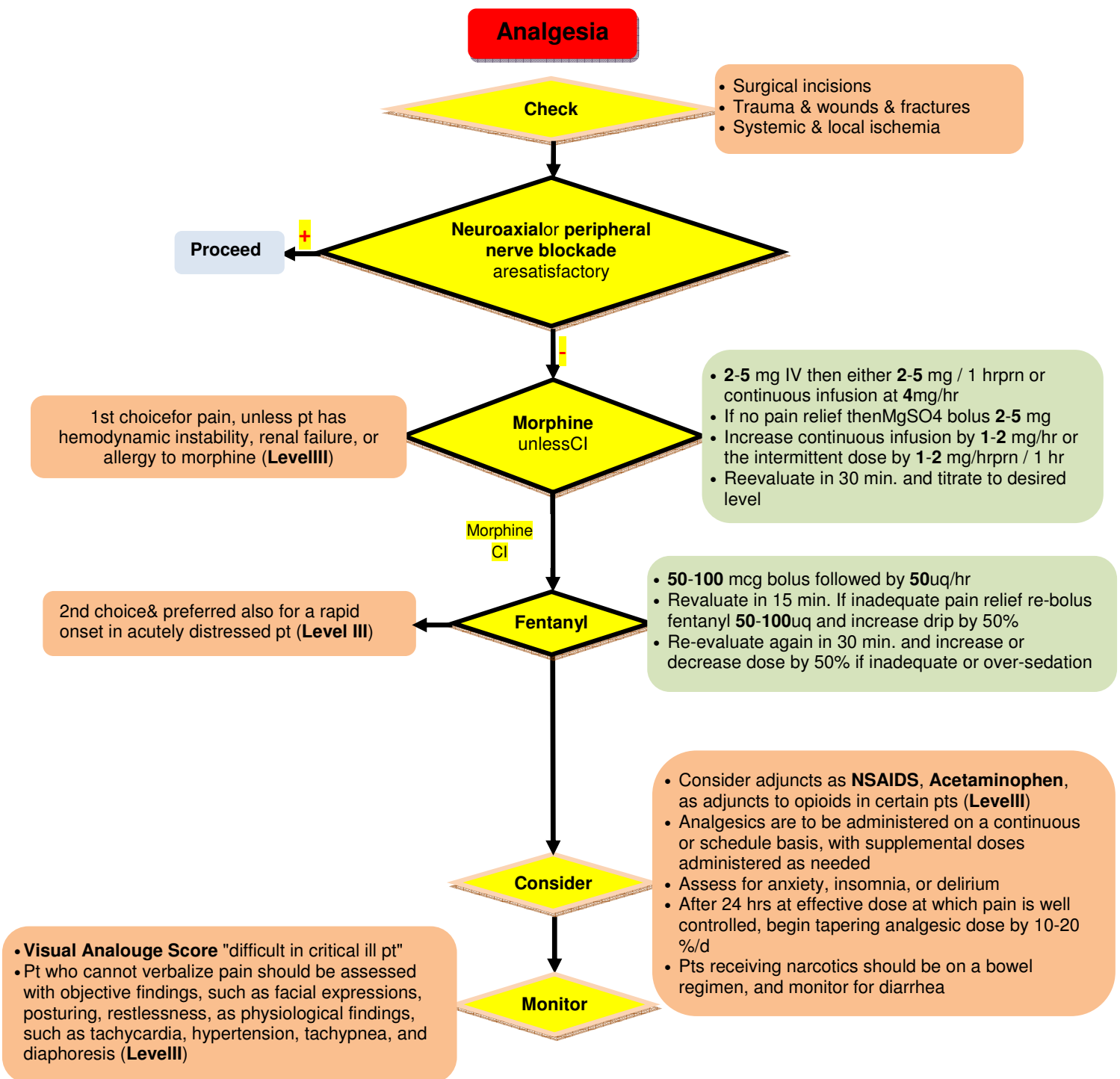
#### Non-pharmacological measures

- Adequate analgesia before sedation if there is pain (**Level III**)
- The target level of sedation is a calm pt who is easily aroused and has a normal sleep – wake cycle (**RASS 0-2**)
- Achieved by either:
  - Midazolam**
    - **2 mg** bolus followed by **1-2 mg/hr** infusion or **1-2 mg q 1 hr** prn titrated in increments of 1-2 mg after reassessing ' 30 min. till desired level is achieved
    - Concurrent use of narcotics **50-100 mcg fentanyl** bolus followed by **50 mcg/hr**, or **5 mg morphine IV** then either **2-5 mg / 1 hr** or continuous infusion **4 mg/hr**
    - Once adequate level of sedation and analgesia are achieved, the pt is to be evaluated / 4 hrs. If depth of sedation is more than desired, decrease anxiolytics by 25% and analgesic by 25%
    - **Consider daily interruption**
  - Propofol**
    - **10-25 mcg/kg/min.** titrated in increments of **10-25 mcg/kg/min / 5-10 min.** till desired level.
    - Indicated if there is failure of conventional sedation or need for rapid neurologic assessment (**Level II**)

- **BIS** is not yet proven useful in ICU (**Level III**)

#### Non- pharmacological measures

- Establish regular sleep-wake cycles
- Reassure & Minimize stimulation during sleep



# Neuro-muscular blockade "NMB"

It is an assistant lecturer decision

- Intub. & procedures (tracheostomy)
- Control of vent. With very high respiratory drive
- Treat certain diseases (eg, tetanus)
- Reduce O<sub>2</sub> demand with critical oxygenation
- Control PaCO<sub>2</sub> and prevent increases in ICP for example, in TBI
- Severe RF with very bad chest wall compliance
- Facilitation of ILV & Inverse ratio ventilation
- **Inappropriate reflex hyperventilation** (CNS dis.)
- Excessive shivering
- Need for immobility (e.g., CT)

Indicated

Apply heavy sedation

Still in need of NMB

Continue sedation

Pancronium  
CI & Unavailable

- **Pancronium** --- 1<sup>st</sup> choice in pts without (**Level II**):
  - Tachycardia
  - Concomitant glucocorticoids administration
  - Significant hepatic & renal dysfunction (**Level III**)

- **Vecronium** :an alternative to pancronium in pts who but have pre-existing tachycardia (**Level III**)
- **Cisatracrium** reserved for pts not candidates for Pancronium or Vecronium (**Level II**)

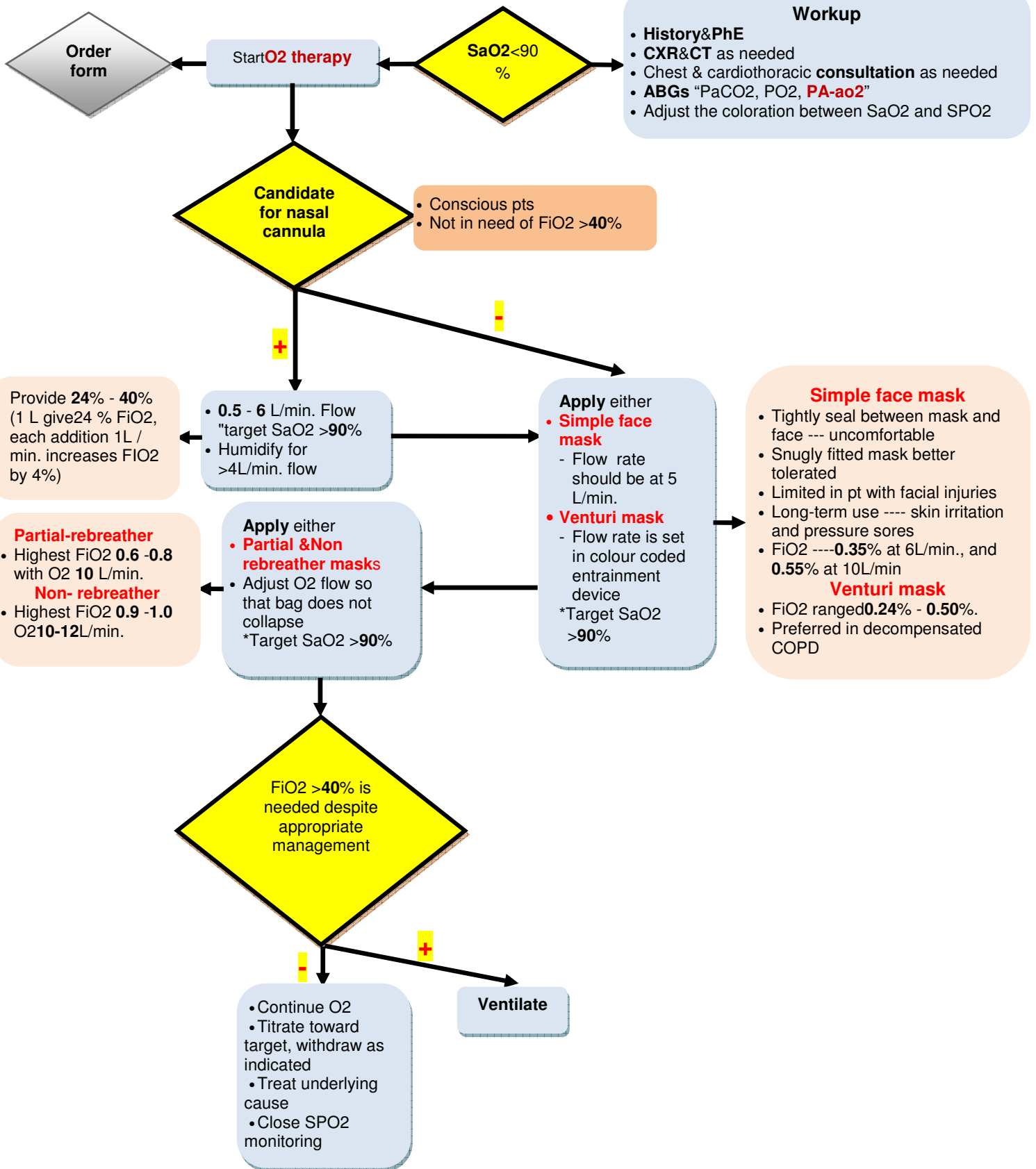
Consider

Monitor

- Establishing MV prior to administration (**Level II**)
- Prophylactic eye care (**Level II**)
- Physical therapy and DVT prophylaxis (**Level III**)
- Infusions should be interrupted daily to assess motor function & level of sedation and decrease incidence of myopathy (**Level III**)
- Every effort should be done to DC these agents as early as possible (**Level III**)

- Clinical assessment of respiratory and skeletal muscles to detect **prolonged weakness of NMB** (**Level II**)
- PNS "train of 4 with target of 1-2 twitches" (**Level II**)

# Oxygen "O2" therapy



# Renal replacement therapy

Verify  
Indications

- Symptomatic ARF: Uncontrolled acidosis, or hyperkalaemia, pulmonary edema
- Symptomatic uremia (urea > 35 mmol/l): Encephalopathy, GIT hge, Pericarditis
- Severe sepsis: Developing oliguric renal failure, removal of cytokines / mediators is an unproven indication
- Diuretic resistant pulmonary edema
- Drug removal: Salicylate, methanol, Theophylline, ethylene glycol, lithium
- Other drug overdoses (eg ecstasy/fantasy) associated with severe hyperpyrexia/ rhabdomyolysis / acidosis

Choose  
modality

Peritoneal  
dialysis "PD"

Hemodialysis  
"HD"

- Is less efficient in altering bl solute composition and fluid removal, can be applied continuously
- The absolute **indication** is the inability to perform any other renal replacement technique. Other relative indications are:
  - Hemodynamic instability
  - Bleeding diathesis or hemorrhagic conditions
  - Difficulty in obtaining bl access
  - Removal of high MW toxins (>10 kD)
  - Clinically significant hypo & hyperthermia
  - HF refractory to medical management
- **CI** -----most are relative:
  - Recent abdominal  $\pm$  cardiothoracic surgery
  - Diaphragmatic peritoneal-pleural connections
  - Severe RF
  - Life-threatening hyperkalemia
  - Extremely high catabolism
  - Severe volume overload in ventilated pt
  - Severe GER disease Low peritoneal clearances
  - Fecal or fungal peritonitis
  - Abdominal wall cellulitis
  - Acute renal failure in pregnancy

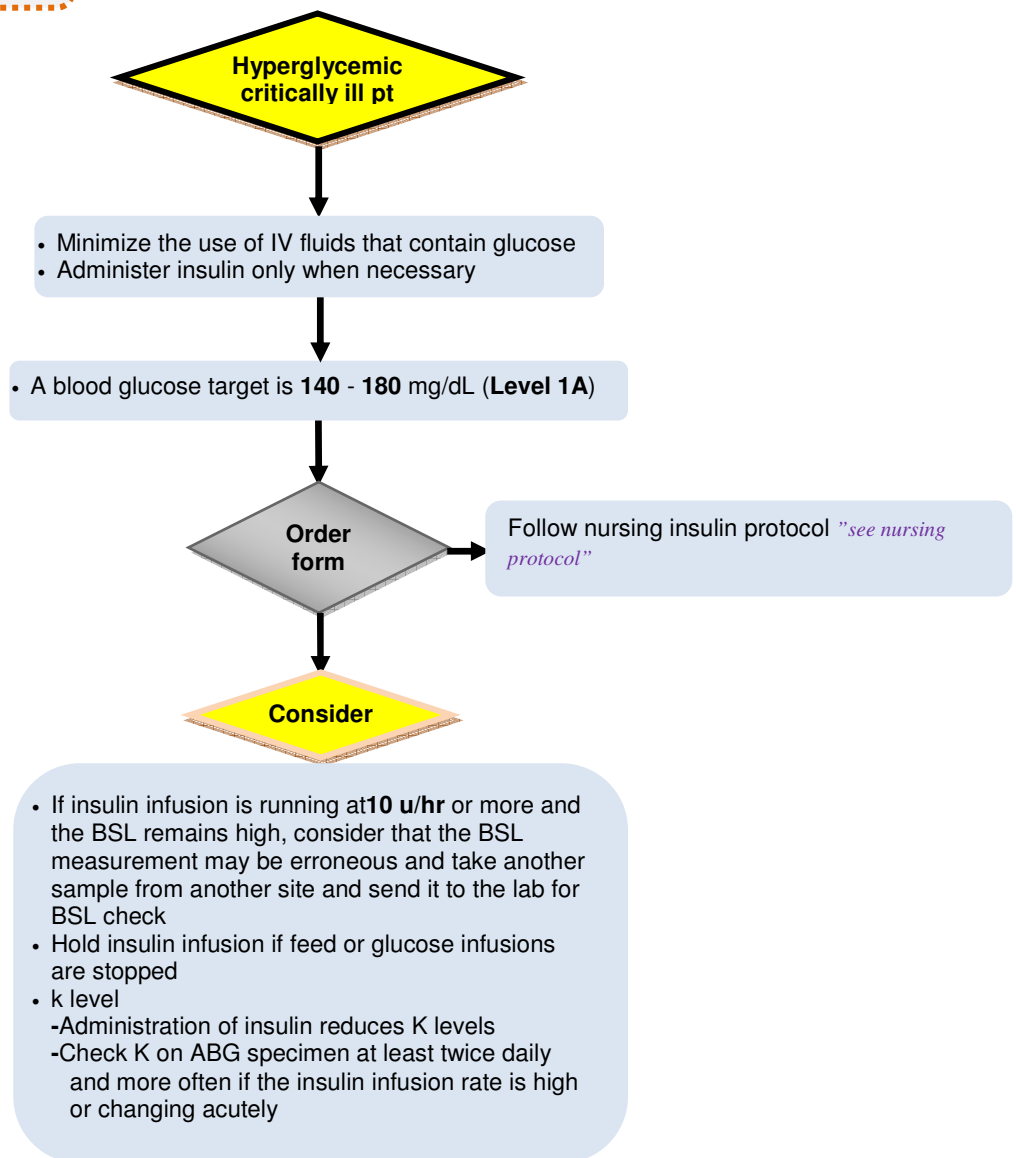
- Rapidly changes plasma solute composition and removes excessive body water compared to the other modalities
- **Not tolerated by hemodynamic unstable pt**

Continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT)

- The use of CRRT (**Hemo-filtration**) includes (continuous arterio-venous hemofiltration, continuous VV hemofiltration, continuous AV hemodialysis, and continuous VV hemodialysis)
- The use **VV** circuits rather than **AV** circuits is recommended (**Level 1B**)
- The rate of fluid and solute removal is slow and continuous (better tolerated than HD in pts who are hemodynamic unstable)
- removal of solutes over 24 - 48 hrs is as efficient as HD
- Preferred in pt with sepsis or multiorgan system failure, as it may enhance the removal of cytokines

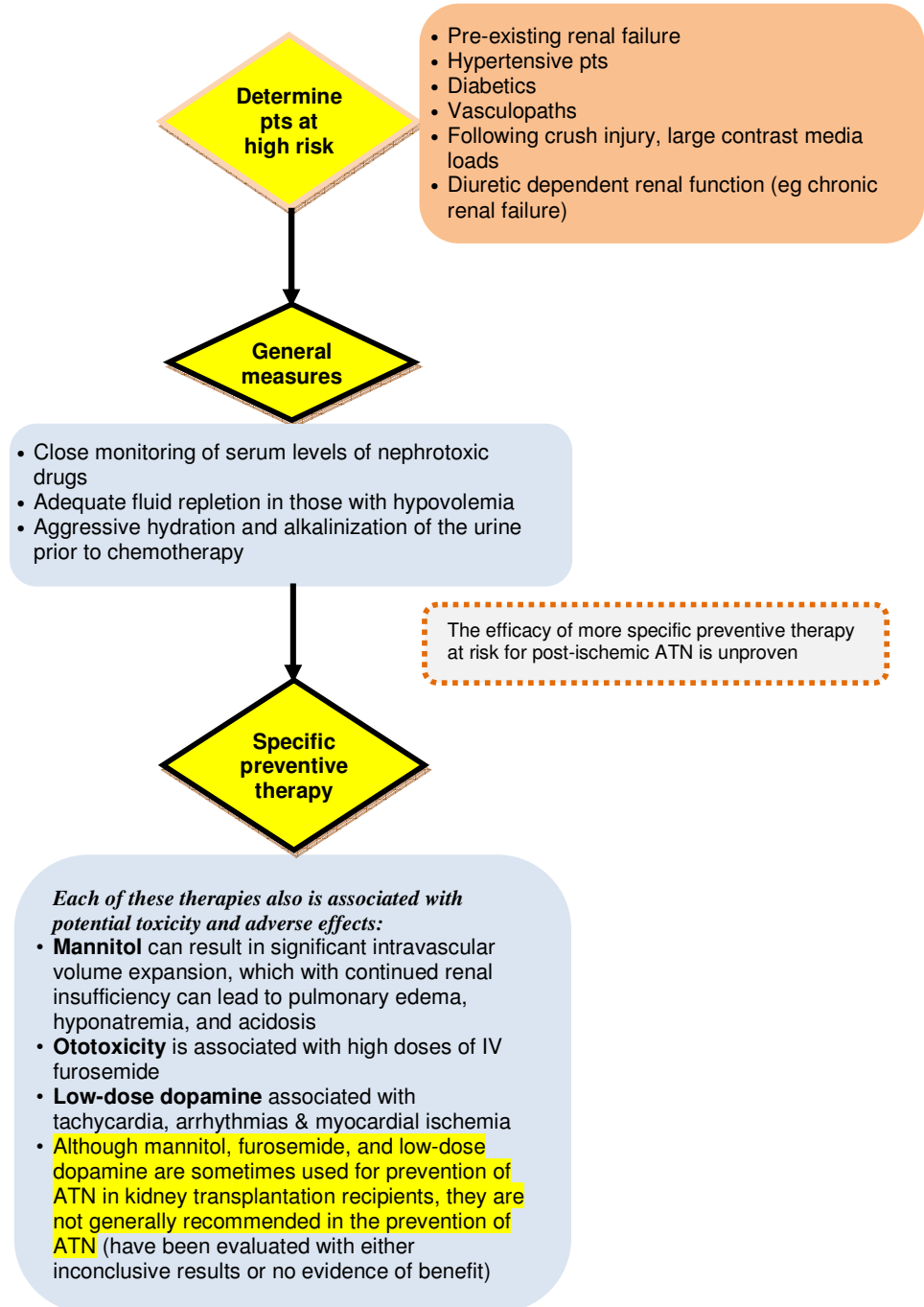
## Glycemic control and intensive insulin therapy

**Hyperglycemia** is associated with poor clinical outcomes in critically ill pts





## Renal protection in critically ill pts



**Advanced life support**

# ALS universal algorithm

- Ventilate **10** b/min., check pulse / min. in respiratory arrest + pulse

## Defib.

- Determine if it is mono or biphasic to detect energy level
- Position: Apico-pericardial "put any paddle on any area of them, do not rely on what is written on the paddles"
- Ensure safety: "No part of any person should make contact with pt directly or indirectly, free O2 1 meter away, dry skin, gloves, and consider a distance of 8 cm from ICD"
- Ensure efficacy: shave chest with no delay, minimize PEEP, deliver at end-expiration, increase with emphysema

Unresponsive, breathlessness, or occasional gasps

- Check signs of life
- Call for help
- Start CPR **30** compression / 2vent. "minimize interruption"
- Attach Defib. monitor

Assess rhythm

Shockable "VF & pulseless VT"

- 1st shock** : 150 - 200 bi, 360 monophasic
- Subsequent shocks** : 150 - 360 bi, 360 mono
- If there is doubt about whether the rhythm is asystole or very fine VF, do not attempt defib
- 2 min. CPR immediately & minimize interruption "5 s"
- Pause briefly to check monitor
- Adrenaline 1 mg** is given after 3rd shock, and then / other cycle
- Amiodarone 300 mg** IV after 3rd shock

Non-shockable "Asystole & PEA"

- Immediately resume CPR & minimize interruption
- Adrenaline 1 mg** once in hand & IV line in place and / other cycle "3-5 min." followed by 20 ml NS flush & elevate hand 10- 20 s
- When switching from non-shockable to shockable side, next dose of adrenaline will be given before the 1st or the 2nd shock depend on when adrenaline was last given
- Consider pacing for **Pwave asystole**

## Tamponade

- Difficult to be diagnosed during cardiac arrest
- Diagnosed just by history, US
- Consider centesis or thoracotomy

## Pericardial thumb

- An appropriate therapy for witnessed monitored arrest, and defib. Is not available when several clinicians are present
- Successful only if performed in the first few seconds of onset
- By a trained health care professional using the ulnar edge of a tightly clenched fist giving a sharp impact over the lower half of the sternum at a height of **20 cm**

## IV access

- Consider inter-osseous access if failed cannulation for 2 min

During resusc

- Ensure high quality CPR "rate, depth, recoil"
- Consider advanced airway & capnography & O2 & No intub. attempt more than 30 s
- Post intubation -- uninterrupted chest compression / ventilation "**100: 10**" & avoid rapid forceful breath "1 s Ti"
- Consider vascular access "IV or intra-osseous"
- Correct reversible causes "**4H, 4T**"
  - Hypoxemia, hypovolemia, hypothermia, hypo, hyperkalemia, and metabolic disorders
  - Thrombosis, cardiac, tamponade, tension pneumothorax, and toxins

ROSC

- Consider cessation of resusc. in asystole after 20 min, without reversible cause "esp. if ETCO2 > 10 mmHg"
- Consider resusc. for 1.5 hr after thrombolytic "suspected or proven PE"

- Use ABCDE approach
- Controlled oxygenation & vent.
- 12 lead ECG
- CXR
- Treat precipitating cause

## Mg

- Give Mg (**2g** IV bolus) for shock-refractory VF if there is any possibility of hypomagnesaemia (e.g., diuretic use)

## NaHCO3

- Indicated in
  - Life-threatening hyperkalaemia
  - Tricyclic overdose
  - Arterial pH < **7.1**
- 50 ml** 8.4% cardiac arrest associated with NaHCO3 IV
  - Repeat the dose according to the clinical condition and result of repeated ABG
- Central venous blood gas analysis provides closer estimate of tissue acid base state than arterial one
- Ca solutions & Na HCO3 should not be given simultaneously by the same route

## Lidocaine

- Lidocaine 100 mg** IV (or 1-1.5 mg/kg may be used as an alternative if amiodarone is not available)
  - Give an additional bolus of **50 mg** if necessary
  - Do not exceed **3 mg/kg** during 1 sthr
- Do not give if amiodarone has been given already

## Ca

- Indicated in PEA caused by
  - Hyperkalemia & Hypermagnesaemia
  - Hypocalcaemia
  - Ca channel blocking overdose
- The initial dose of **10 ml** 10% CaCl (6.8 mmolCa) repeat if necessary

## K

- 20mmol/min.** for 10 min., then, **10mmol** in 10 min

## Fluids

- If hypovolaemia is suspected
- Use 0.9% NS or RL. avoid D5

## Pulse check

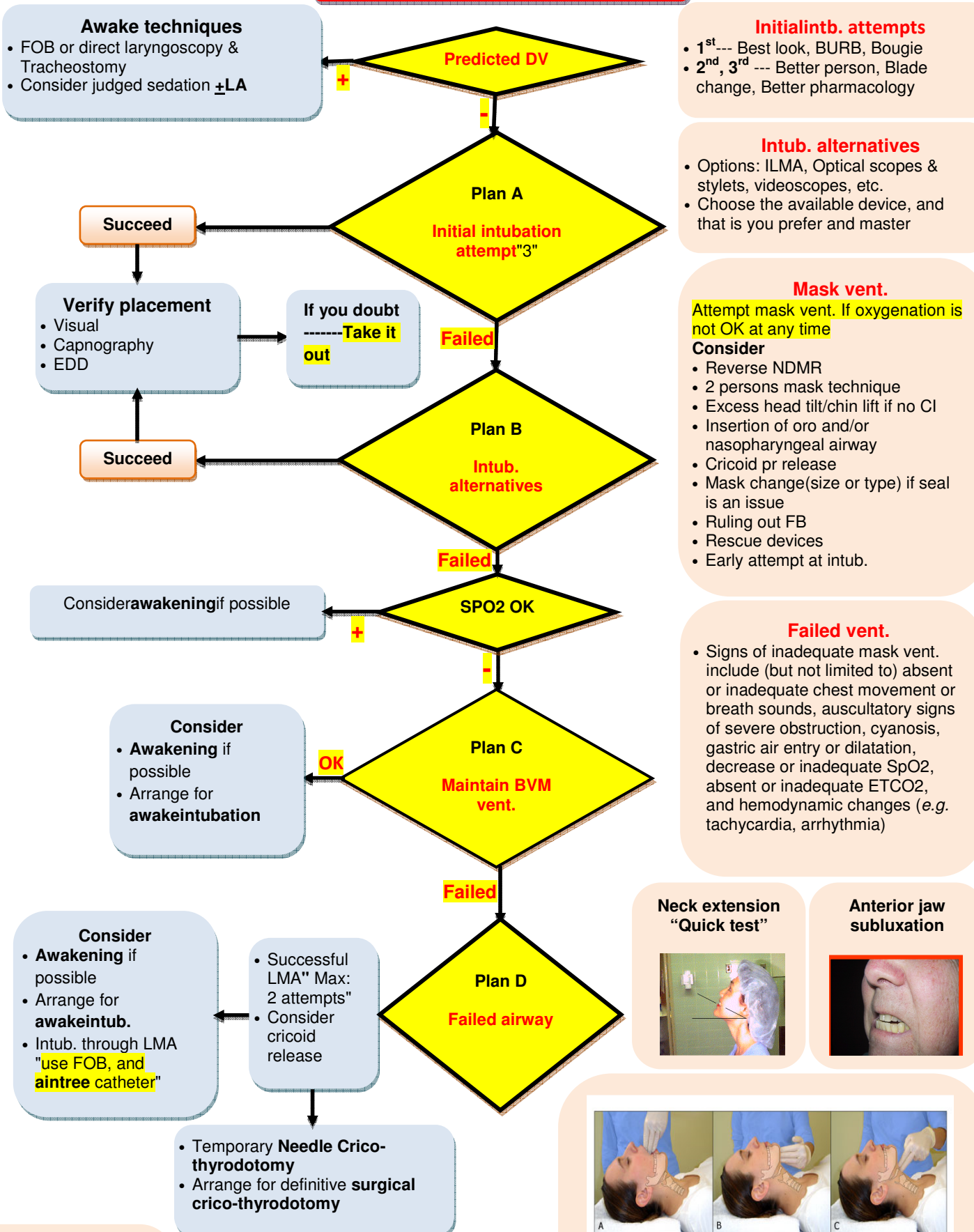
- Pulse check should be undertaken if organized rhythm is observed
  - If organized rhythm is seen during the 2-min. CPR, do not interrupt CPR for pulse check unless there are signs of life
  - Check ETCO2 if available

## Intub. & Vent.

- Pause CPR "**10 S**" during tube pass through vocal cord only
- Attempt uninterrupted **100/10** compression/vent. with supraglottic device unless excess leak is observed ---- shift to **30:2**

**Airway mangement**

# Difficult airway "DA" algorithm



## 5 Predictors of DMV and Oxygenation "OBESE"

- **Obese** (BMI > 26 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- **Bearded**
- **Elderly** (>55 y)
- **Snorer**
- **Edentulous**

## Predictors of DI and laryngoscopy, "Magboul 4 M & Ms"

- **MM** = Mallampati **M** = Measurements 3-3-2-1 or 1-2-3-3 Fingers, **M** = Movement of the Neck "quick test", **M** = Malformations of the skull, teeth, obstruction, and Pathology (the Macros and Micros) Which are also summarized in the word (STOP) **S** = Skull, **T** = Teeth, **O** = Obstruction, **P** = Pathology

## Neck extension "Quick test"



## Anterior jaw subluxation



The spatial relationships depicted here are important determinants of successful direct laryngoscopy. A) The patient can open his/her mouth sufficiently to admit three of his/her own fingers. B) The distance between the mentum and the neck/mandible junction (near the hyoid bone) is the length of three of the patient's fingers. C) The space between superior notch of thyroid cartilage and the neck/mandible junction, near hyoid bone, is the length of 2 of the pt's fingers

## Extubating difficult airway (DA)

### DA

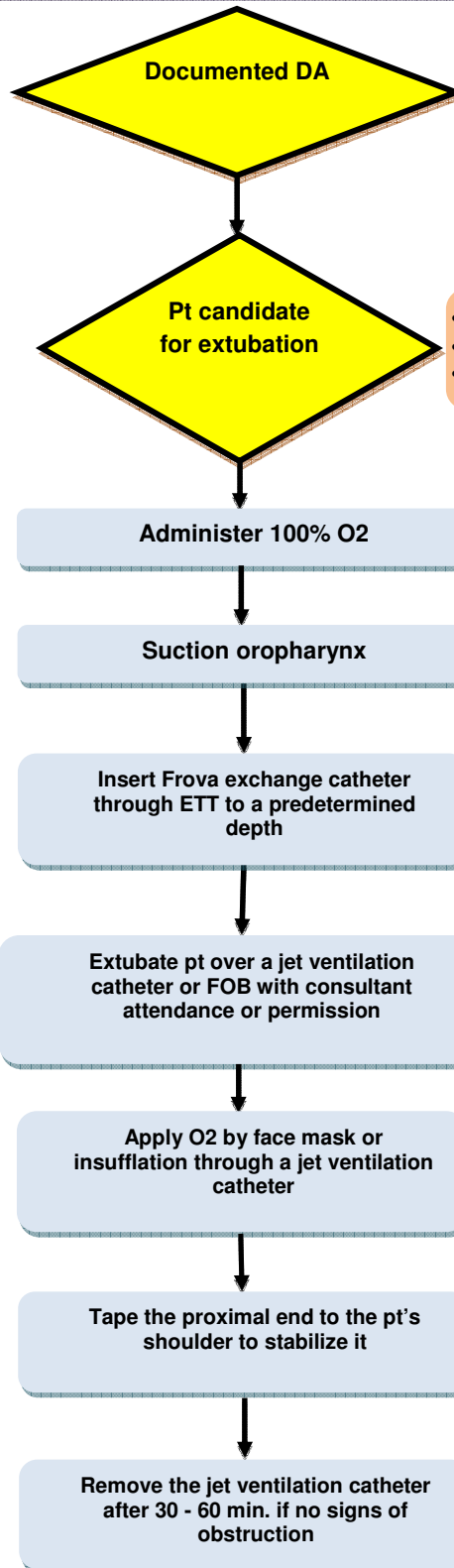
- Clinical situation in which a conventionally trained anesthetist experiences difficulty with B MV of the upper airway, difficulty with tracheal intubation, or both

### Difficult BMV

- When it is not possible for the unassisted clinician to maintain the  $\text{SaO}_2 > 92\%$  using 100%  $\text{O}_2$  and positive pr mask ventilation in a pt whose  $\text{SaO}_2$  was  $> 90\%$  before clinician intervention

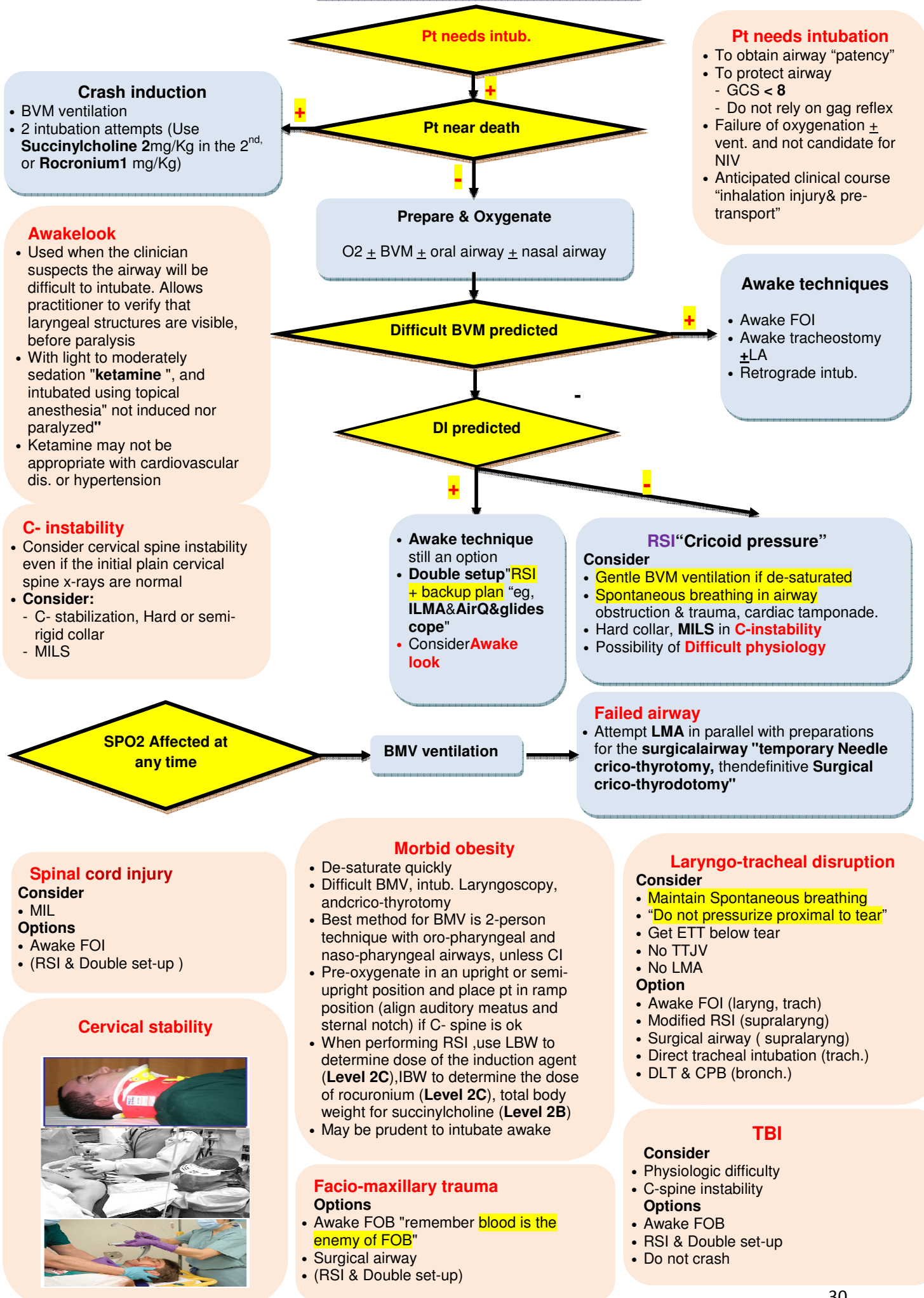
### DI

- One that requires multiple attempts, operators, or devices, excessive lifting force, ELM, or is performed with an inadequate glottic view



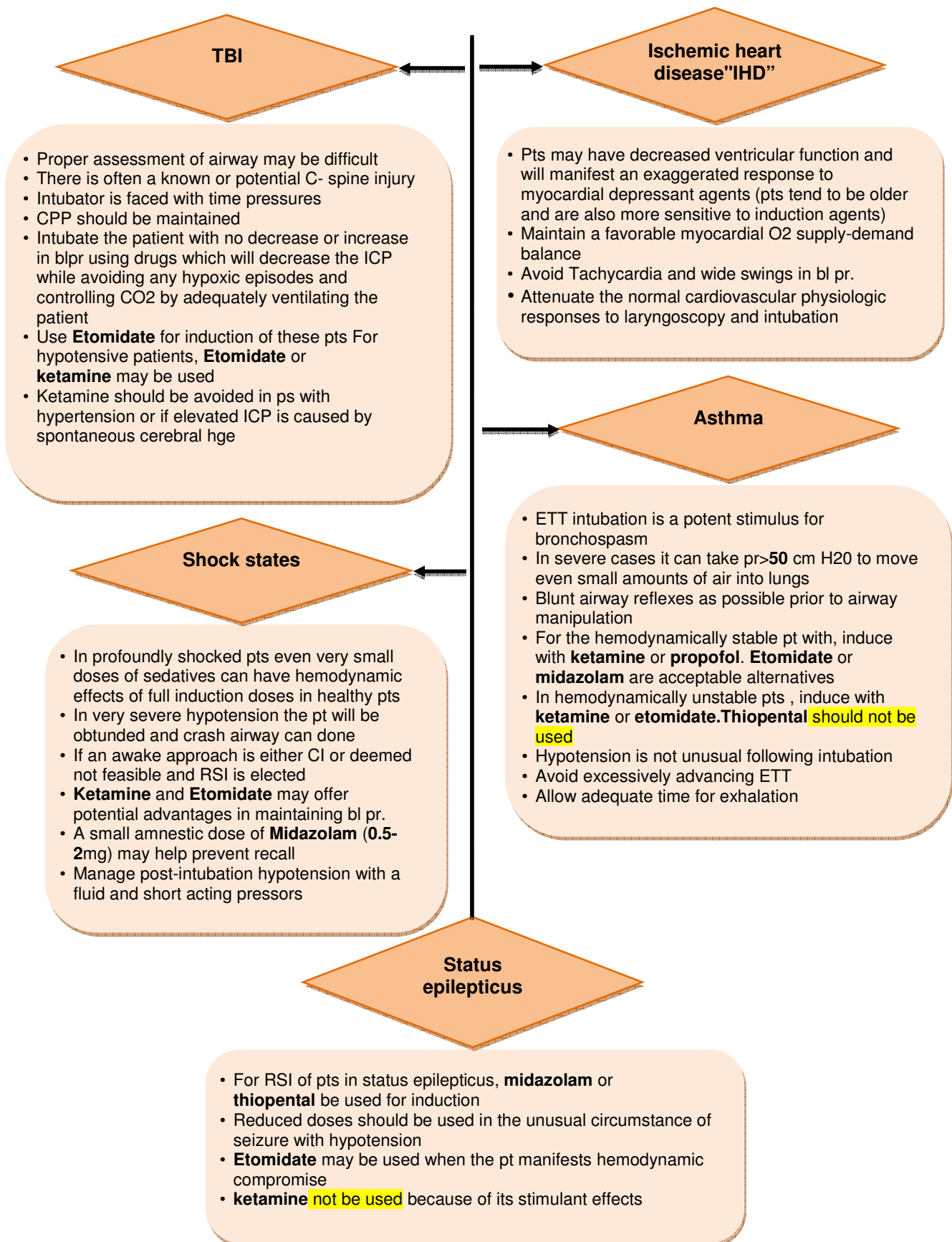
- **Positive cuff leak test**
- Adequate conscious level
- Stable hemodynamics

# Emergent airway management





## Physiologic difficulty



## Rapid sequence induction "RSI"

- Virtually simultaneous administration of a sedative and paralytic agent to render a Pt rapidly unconscious and flaccid in order to facilitate emergent intub. and minimize risk of aspiration
- Pre-oxygenation is required to permit a longer period of apnea without clinically significant O<sub>2</sub> desaturation
- **BMV is avoided between drug administration and intub.**

### Pre-oxygenation

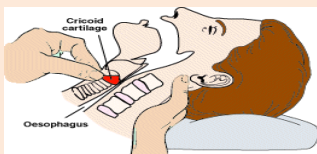
- Achieved by high flow O<sub>2</sub> via a non-rebreather mask for 3 - 5 min. If time allows
- If time not allow, pt take 8 vital capacity breath/min. or 4 in 1/2 min.
- BMV is unnecessary, even between laryngoscopy attempts. If SPO<sub>2</sub> <90%, or is unknown, clinicians provide ventilatory support using a **Gentle** bag-mask, with cricoid pr.

### Cricoid pr

- Applied immediately following induction and maintained until adequate tube placement
- Light pr before loss of consciousness "10 N. 30 Nafter loss of consciousness = comparable to the pr that would feel uncomfortable if applied to the nasal bridg"
- Sometimes it may obscure glottic view, impede passage of ETT, or prevent adequate vent.(if necessary). If so, reduce pr

Place the ETT with stylet inside

### Cricoid pr



**Time 0 min.**

In a pt weighing 75 kg with Sblpr 140

- **Pre-oxygenate** while **preparing** at least 1, but preferably 2, functioning IV line, cardiac, pulse oximetry, and blpr monitors in place, necessary airway and resusc. equipment are available
- **Position** airway manager should have easy access to head of bed, and should adjust the height of bed and position of the pt

**Time 3min.**

- Consider pre-treatment +/-
  - **Lidocaine** 100 mg (TBI)
  - **Thiopental** **Fentanyl** 200 mcg (IHD) +/-
  - **Pancuronium** 1 mg if using succinylcholine (TBI)

**Time 5 min.**

- Pharmacologic induction
  - **Propofol** 150 mg Or
  - **Tiopental** 250 mg Or
  - **Ketamine** 120 mg Or
- Followed immediately by Muscle Relaxation
  - **Succinylcholine** 120 mg or
  - **Rocuronium** 80 mg
- **Cricoid pr** applied when pt rendered unconscious

**Time**

**5 3/4 min.**

**Failed intubation during RSI**

**Verify placement**

**Call for help**

**Failed airway**

**Fail**

**Consider**

- LMA
- Release cricoid pr. during insertion
- Oxygenate & ventilate

**Succeed**

**Consider**

- Awaken pt
- Arrange for awake intubation

**SpO<sub>2</sub> OK**

- Maintain cricoid pr
- Insert oral airway or nasopharyngeal airway + mask vent. with 100% O<sub>2</sub>
- 2 handed mask vent.

**Fail**

- Try alternative blade
- Limited amount of external laryngeal manipulation possible with cricoid force
- Use bougie
- **Do not give further succinylcholine**
- **No more than 3 attempts**
- Maintain
  - BVM Vent.
  - Anesthesia
  - Cricoid pre-release if poor view

**Succeed**

**Renal &Electrolytes  
&  
Acid base disorders**

# Acute kidney injury "AKI"

## Suspect

- Formerly referred to as **Acute renal failure (ARF)**
- Abrupt loss of kidney function that results in retention of urea & other nitrogenous waste products and in the dysregulation of ECF & electrolytes
- The loss of kidney function is most easily detected by measurement of the serum creatinine
- The causes of AKI are categorized as follows:*
- Prerenal azotemia** results from either volume depletion (hypovolemia), decrease effective arterial pr (shock), or effective circulating volume (HF)
- Intrinsic renal disease** includes disorders that involve the renal vascular (arterial or venous thrombosis), glomerular (glomerulonephritis), tubular (ATN), or interstitial pathology
- Postrenal AKI** is due to bilateral urinary tract obstruction unless there is a solitary kidney.
- \* Increased abd. pr probably exerts its effect at all above levels: consider decompression if >20 mmHg

- Suggestive history 'hypovolemia, sepsis, etc. & Ph E esp., oliguria in susceptible pts

## Evaluate

- Detailed history & Ph E can detect specific signs or symptoms for the underlying disorder
- Urine analysis**
- Serum **Creatinine** to estimate GFR
- Lab.:** differentiate between prerenal ARF and ATN

	Prerenal ARF	ATN
Urine Na (meq/L)	< 20	> 30
Fractional excretion of Na	< 1%	> 2%
Urine osmolality (mOsm/L)	< 350	> 500
Serum BUN/Cr ratio*	> 20 : 1	< 20 : 1

\* Used only in adolescents and older children

- Renal **US** document presence of 1 or 2 kidneys, delineate renal size, surveys renal parenchyma, and detect urinary tract obstruction and occlusion of major renal vessels
- An IV fluid challenge should be administered to detect pre-renal AKI that may progress to ATN
- Obvious volume overload or HF
- Renal biopsy:** mostly in pts with suspected glomerulo-nephritis or those with otherwise unexplained AKI
- ATN = acute tubular necrosis, ARF = acute renal failure, BUN = blood urea nitrogen

## Classify

STAGE

### Serum creatinine criteria

### Urine output criteria

1	Increase in serum creatinine of $\geq 0.3$ mg/dL or increase to $\geq 150$ - 200 % (1.5- 2-fold) from baseline	< 0.5 mL/kg / hr for > 6 hrs
2	Increase in serum creatinine to >200 - 300 % (>2- 3fold) from baseline	< 0.5 mL/kg / hr for > 12 hrs
3	Increase in serum creatinine to >300 % (>3-fold) from baseline (or serum creatinine of $\geq 4.0$ mg/dL with an acute increase of at least 0.5 mg/dL	< 0.3 mL/kg / hr for 24 hours or anuria for 12 hrs

\* Modified from RIFLE (Risk, Injury, Failure, Loss, and End-stage kidney disease) criteria. The staging system proposed is a highly sensitive interim staging system and is based on recent data indicating that a small change in serum creatinine influences outcome. The diagnostic criteria should only be applied after volume status has been optimized. Only one criterion (creatinine or urine output) has to be fulfilled to qualify for a stage. 200 - 300 % increase = 2- to 3-fold increase. Given wide variation in indications and timing of initiation of renal replacement therapy (RRT), individuals who receive RRT are considered to have met the criteria for stage 3 irrespective of the stage they are in at the time of RRT

## Maintenance of electrolyte and fluid balance

### Hyperkalemia<sup>p43</sup>

,Hyperphosphatemia<sup>p47</sup>, Hypocalcemia<sup>p48</sup> & Acidosis<sup>p36</sup>

### Intravascular volume

- May be hypovolemic, euvolemic, or hypervolemic ( pulmonary edema & HF)
- A pt with a clinical history and pulmonary edema consistent with fluid loss, and/or oliguria ----- immediate IV fluid therapy
- If UOP does not increase and renal function fails to improve with the IV fluids ----- invasive monitoring
- An edematous hypertensive pt with a history of oliguria, and/or signs of HF ----- immediate fluid removal and/or fluid restriction (trial of furosemide (2 - 5 mg/kg / dose) to convert oliguric to non-oliguric RF & should not be continued in an unresponsive pt
- Low-dose dopamine and mannitol not recommended**
- If a diuresis does not ensue and/or the pt has evidence of fluid overload with pulmonary edema, RRT should be initiated
- Once euvolemia has been obtained, the clinician must pay careful attention to ongoing fluid losses (insensible water loss of approximately 300 - 500 mL/m<sup>2</sup> / d in addition to replacement of urine and GI losses) and gains (fluid administered for nutritional and medical requirements)
- Ongoing fluid balance evaluation is aided by daily weights, accurate records of fluid inputs and outputs, and findings on Ph E

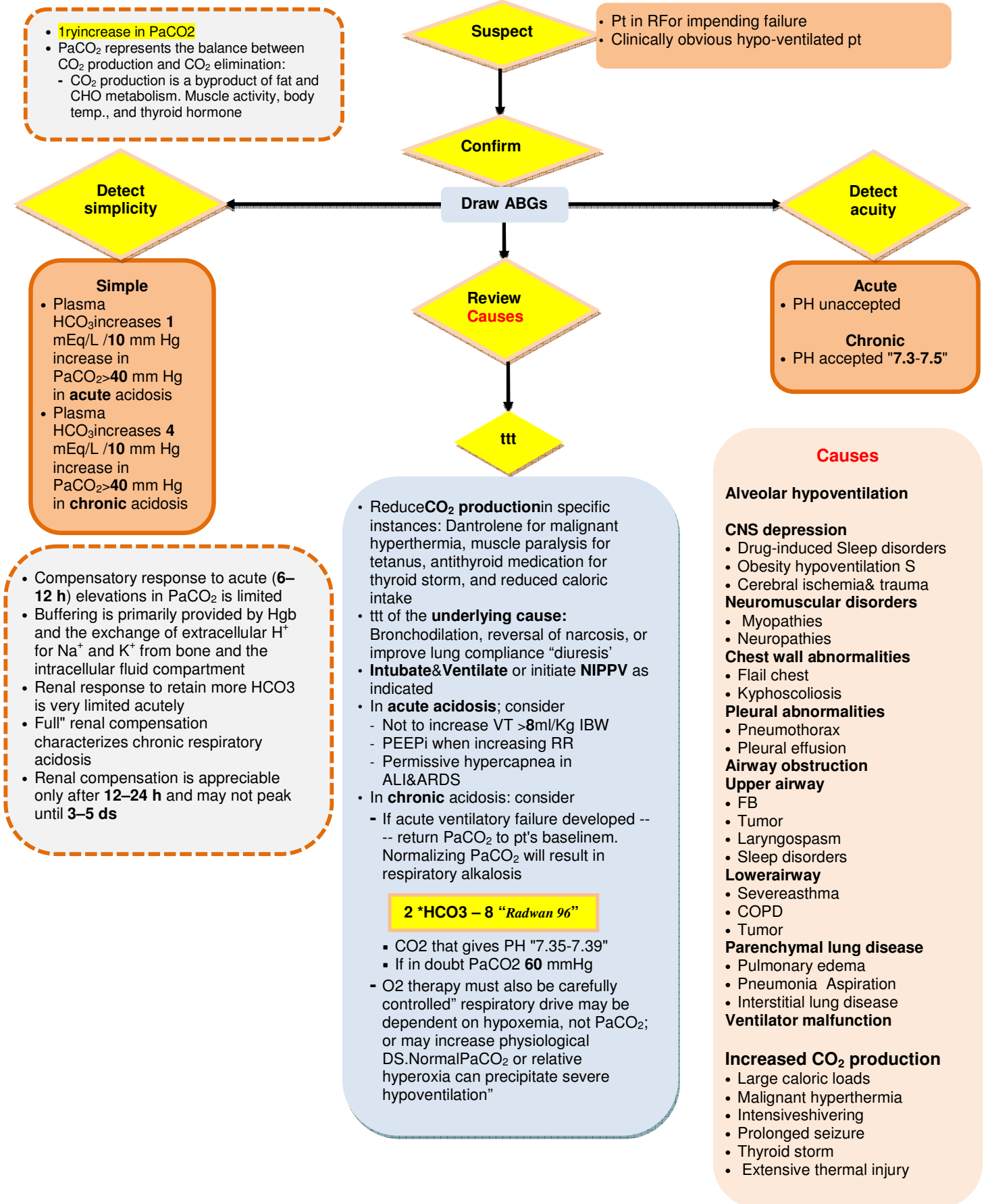
## RRT<sup>p24</sup>

### General principles

- Avoid life-threatening complications
- ttt underlying cause
- Exclude post-renal obstruction
- Avoid nephrotoxic drugs, esp: Aminoglycosides, Amphotericin, Contrast media, NSAIDs
- Careful prescription and monitoring of gentamicin and vancomycin where indicated
- Prompt ttt of inter-current inf.
- Adequate nutritional support

## Manage

# Respiratory acidosis



# Respiratory alkalosis

- Primary decrease in  $\text{PaCO}_2$
- The mechanism is usually an inappropriate increase in alveolar ventilation relative to  $\text{CO}_2$  production

**Suspect**

- Pt in respiratory failure or impending failure.
- Clinically obvious tachypnea.

**Confirm**

**Chronic**

Plasma  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  decreases 2-5 mEq/L / 10 mm Hg decrease in  $\text{PaCO}_2 < 40$  mm Hg

**Draw ABGs**

**Acute**

Plasma  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  decreases 2 mEq/L / 10 mm Hg decrease in  $\text{PaCO}_2 < 40$  mm Hg

**Review Causes**

**ttt**

- Correct underlying process is the only ttt
- Consider :
  - Increase physiological dead space.
  - $\text{Ca}^{++}$ : if tetany occurred

## Causes

### Central stimulation

- Pain
- Anxiety
- Ischemia
- Stroke
- Tumor
- Inf.
- Fever
- Drug-induced
  - “Salicylate Progesterone (pregnancy) Analeptics (doxapram)”

### Peripheral stimulation

- Hypoxemia
- High altitude
- Congestive HF
- PE
- ARDS
- Asthma
- Severe anemia

### Unknown mechanism

- Sepsis
- Metabolic encephalopathies
- Iatrogenic**



# Metabolic acidosis

## Suspect

## Confirm

## ABGs

- PH < 7.4
- 1ry ↓ in HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>

## Detect simplicity

## Detect compens.

## Compensated

- PH accepted "7.3-7.5"
- Uncompensated
- PH unaccepted
- PaCO<sub>2</sub> accepted "30-50"
- Partially compensated
- PH unaccepted
- PaCO<sub>2</sub> unaccepted

## Normal AG

- **Increased GI losses of HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>**
  - Diarrhea
  - Anion exchange resins
  - Ingestion of CaCl<sub>2</sub>, MgCl<sub>2</sub>
  - Fistuls
  - Ureterosigmoidostomy or obstructed ileal loop
- **Increased renal losses of HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>**
  - Renal tubular acidosis
  - Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors
  - Hypoaldosteronism
- **Dilutional**
  - Large amount of HCO<sub>3</sub>-free fluids
- **TPN (Cl<sup>-</sup> salts of amino acids)**
- **Increased intake of CL-containing acids**
  - Ammonium, Lysine, and Arginine hydrochloride

## High AG

- **Increased production of endogenous nonvolatile acids**
  - Renal failure
  - Ketoacidosis (Diabetic, Starvation)
  - Lactic acidosis
  - Mixed (Nonketotic hyperosmolar coma, Alcoholic)
- **Inborn errors of metabolism**
- **Ingestion of toxin**
  - Salicylate
  - Methanol
  - Paraldehyde
  - Ethylene glycol
  - Toluene
  - Sulfur
- **Rhabdomyolysis**

## AG & Delta ratio & BE & Standard HCO<sub>3</sub>

## Detect associated alkalosis "Delta gap"

ttt

## Delta ratio

### Increase in AG/ Decrease in HCO<sub>3</sub>

ratio	Assesment guidelines
< 0.4	Hyperchloraemic normal anion gap acidosis
0.4 - 0.8	Consider combined high AG & normal AG acidosis BUT note that the ratio is often <1 in acidosis associated with RF
1 - 2	Usual for uncomplicated high-AG acidosis. Lactic acidosis: average value 1.6 DKA have a ratio closer to 1 due to urine ketone loss (esp if pt not dehydrated)
> 2	Suggests a pre-existing elevated HCO <sub>3</sub> level so consider: a concurrent metabolic alkalosis, or a pre-existing compensated respiratory acidosis

## Anion gap "AG"

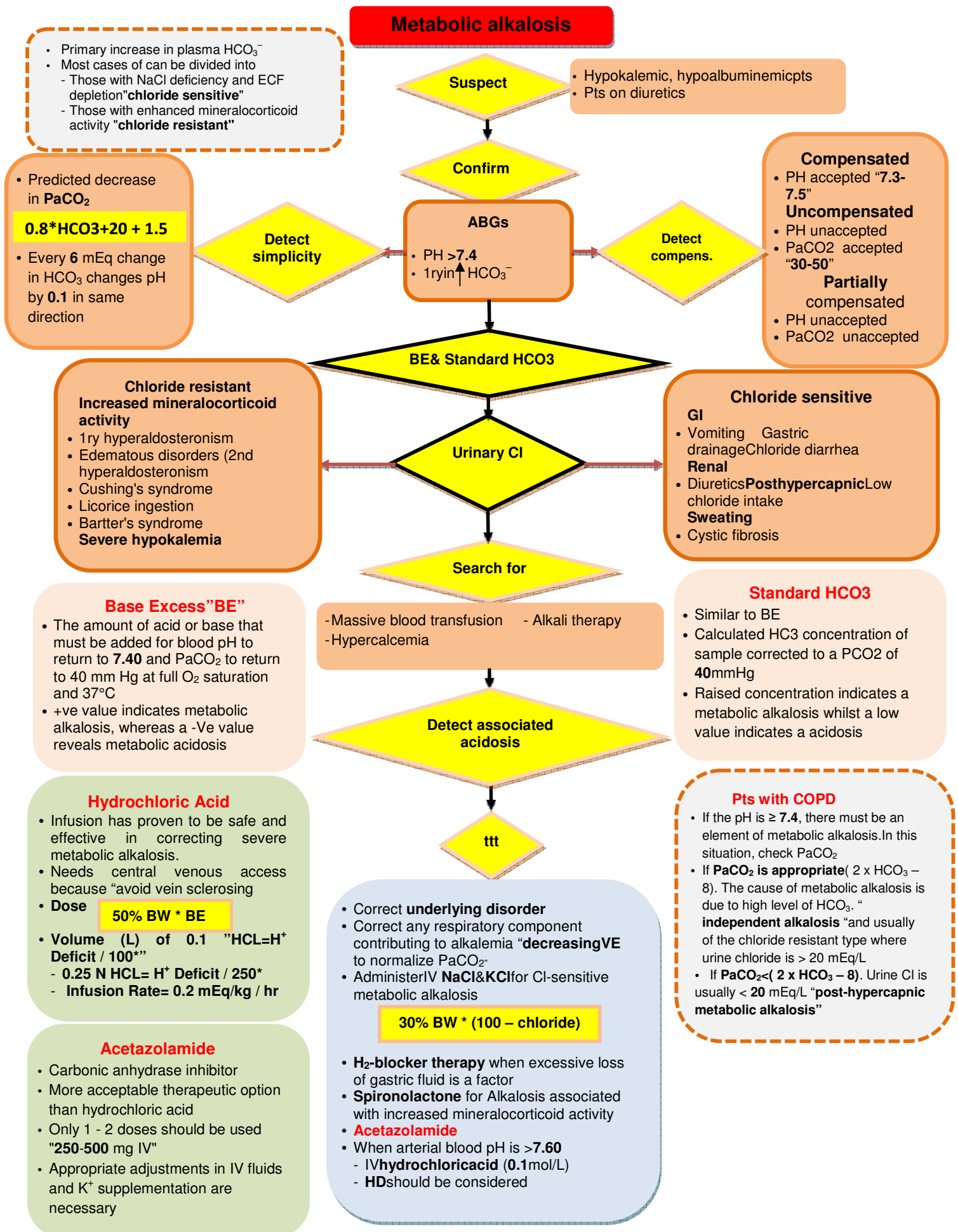
$$AG = Na + K - Cl + HCO_3$$

- Reference range is 8 - 16 mmol/l
- Every 1 gm decrease in albumin will decrease AG by 2.5 - 3 mmoles
- >30 mmol/l-- metabolic acidosis
- 20-29 mmol/l, about 1/3 of will not have a metabolic acidosis

- Controlled ventilation if needed
- **Alkali therapy**
- **Specific therapy** "correct cause"
  - Diabetic ketoacidosis--- fluids, insulin
  - Lactic acidosis---- restore oxygenation & perfusion
  - Salicylate poisoning---urine alkalinization

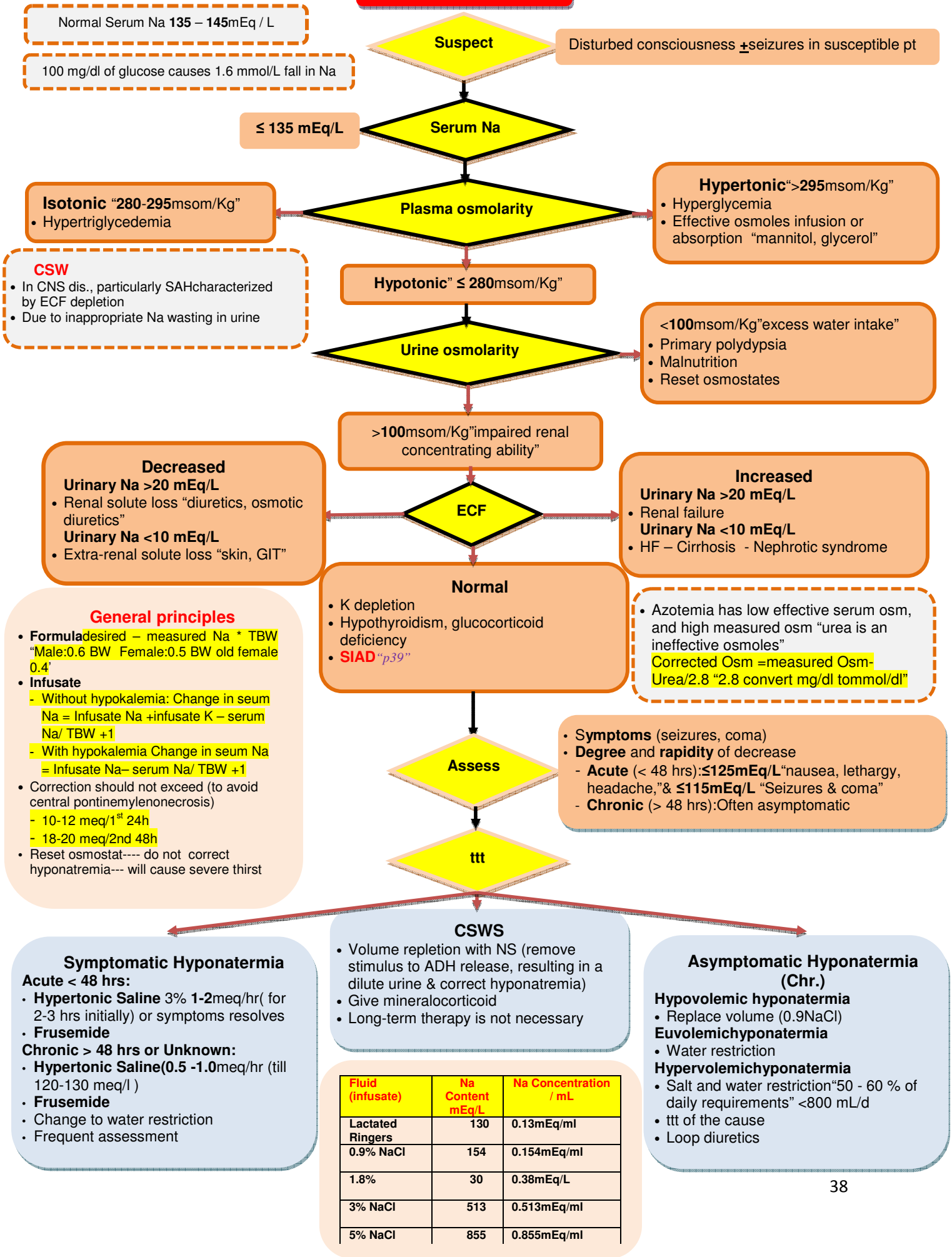
## Alkali therapy "NaHCO<sub>3</sub>"

- **Indications**
  - Hypotension refractory to volume & inotropic support
  - PH < 7.2 "normal AG acidosis"
  - Emergent hyperkalaemia
  - Promote alkaline diuresis (eg to hasten salicylate excretion)
  - No routine use in cardiac arrest and low flow states
- **Dose**
  - (1 mEq/kg) or **30% bw \* BE**
  - Give 50% of calculated dose---serial ABGstoguide therapy
  - Target pH > 7.25 is sufficient
  - Refractory acidemia ---- HD
- **Molar solution = 84 g/l (8.4 %)**
  - 1 mmol/ml
- **Undesirable effects of HCO<sub>3</sub>**
  - Hypokalaemia, hypernatraemia, and hyperosmolality
  - Volume overload
  - Rebound or overshoot alkalosis
  - Impaired O<sub>2</sub> unloading
  - Accelerate lactate production
  - Hypercapnia
- **Incompatible with** Dobutamine- Insulin-Mg-Dopamine-Epinephrine





# Hyponatremia



# SIADH

Suspect

Serum Na & Serum, urine Osmolarity

Principles of ttt

Choose appropriate therapy

Goal

- Hyponatremia is initially mediated by ADH-induced water retention
- Volume expansion activates 2ndry natriuretic mechanisms, results in Na and H<sub>2</sub>O loss and restoration of near euvoemia unless there is a 2ndry problem leading to salt loss (eg, vomiting, diarrhea, or diuretic therapy)
- The net effect is that, with chronic SIADH, Na loss is more prominent than H<sub>2</sub>O retention
- Hyponatremia may also be associated with K loss. Since K is as osmotically active as Na, the loss of K contributes to the reductions in plasma osmolality and Na concentration

- Urine volume is normally regulated by ADH in response to changes in H<sub>2</sub>O intake
- When ADH release does not respond to changes in H<sub>2</sub>O intake, as in SIADH, urine osmolality is relatively fixed and urine volume varies with changes in solute excretion. Increasing solute excretion by giving salt or urea will increase urine volume and tend to raise serum Na

- Depends on severity & presence of symptoms

## Symptomatic

### Severe symptomatic hyponatremia

- seizures, and coma "(Levella) ---- urgent regimen (100 mL 3 % saline IV bolus, should raise serum Na by about 1.5 in men & 2.0 meq/L in women). If neurologic symptoms persist or worsen--- repeat 100 mL bolus 3 % saline 1 or 2 more times /10 min

### Less severe neurologic signs+ serum Na <120 meq/L >48 hrs, a lesser degree of hyponatremia < 48 hrs, or chronic moderate hyponatremia (serum Na 120 - 129 meq/L)----- therapy depends on severity

- Pts with confusion and lethargy---- administer hypertonic saline to raise serum Na "Levellb". Target; raise serum Na 1 meq/L / hr for 3-4 hrs. Measure serum Na at 2-3 hrs and adjust subsequent infusion rate to achieve a rate of correction of <10 meq/L at 24 hrs and <18 meq/L at 48 hrs
- Pts with mild symptoms (eg, gait disturbance)---- fluid restriction & oral salt tablets
- Maintenance therapy ---- fluid restriction. If serum Na persist <130 meq/L--- add oral salt tablets and, if necessary in pts with a urine osmolality >twice plasma, add loop diuretic (eg, furosemide 20 mg orally /12 hrs)

## Asymptomatic pts

- Fluid restriction. Oral salt tablets may be added. Loop diuretic if necessary in pts with a urine osmolality >twice that of the plasma. Do not use tolvaptan, demeclocycline, or lithium

## Reset osmostat

- A pattern " variant of the SIADH --- suspect in mild to moderate hyponatremia (125 - 135 meq/L) that is stable over time despite variations in Na and water intake---- only ttt underlying dis.

Susceptible pts; malignancy as small cell carcinoma, drugs as carbamazepine, surgery, HIV inf., and pulmonary dis. as pneumonia who developed manifestation of hyponatremia

- Serum Na <135 meq/L
- Urine Na >40 meq /L
- Serum osmolality <280 mosm/Kg
- Urine osmolality >400 mosm/Kg
- low BUN, uric acid
- Normal thyroid & adrenal functions & K

## ttt underlying cause

### Therapies to increase serum Na

#### 1. Fluid restriction

- Target <800 ml/d
- SIADH pts with SAH --- hypertonic (3 %) saline to preserve cerebral perfusion and prevent complications from hyponatremia-induced brain swelling ---initial infusion rate of 20 mL/h with subsequent dosing being dependent upon serial measurements of serum Na / 6 hrs

#### 2. Administration of NaCl

- Either as oral salt tablets or IV NS. When using IV NS, the electrolyte concentration of administered fluid must be >electrolyte concentration of urine. This requires use of hypertonic saline. NS is infrequently effective and leads to further lowering of serum Na. An initial large rise in serum Na follows hypertonic saline administration that falls over time as the administered Na is excreted

#### 3. Diuretic therapy

- Among pts with a urine osmolality >twice the plasma osmolality (>500 mosmol/kg) --- use loop diuretic to lower urinary concentration, increase water excretion

#### 4. Vasopressin receptor antagonists

- Produce a selective water diuresis without affecting Na and K excretion
- IV **Conivaptan** (used in hospitalized pts) and **Oraltolvaptan** are available and approved for use in pts with hyponatremia due to SIADH
- The utility of **Tolvaptan** therapy is limited by excessive thirst, prohibitive cost, and the potential for overly rapid correction which has led to the necessity for hospitalization for the initiation of therapy

#### 5. Demeclocycline or lithium

- Act on collecting tubule cell to diminish its response to ADH, increase H<sub>2</sub>O excretion
- In ts with bipolar disorder who are treated with chronic lithium therapy, nephrogenic DI develops in up to 20 - 40 %
- Demeclocycline (300-600 mg /12hrs) is more predictably effective and more often used than lithium. However, both drugs can be nephrotoxic, demeclocycline can cause nausea, vomiting, and photosensitivity, and lithium has a variety of neuropsychiatric side effects

>130 meq/L because of the possible presence of subtle neurologic manifestations and falls when serum Na is 120 - 129 meq/L (Levellb)

# Hyponatremia

- **Dehydration:** Hyponatremia due to water loss
- **Hypovolemia:** both salt and water are lost

Changes in plasma osmolality & serum Na conc. associated with osmotic diuresis are complex:

- Pts with DKA or HNKc present with a high Na osmolality due to both hyperglycemia and osmotic diuresis. Serum Na concentration is variable, reflecting the balance between hyperglycemia-induced increase in serum tonicity, lowering serum Na, and glucosuria-induced osmotic diuresis, which will raise serum Na
- Initial rise in serum mannitol will lower serum Na due to osmotic water movement out of cells. In absence of impaired renal function, mannitol is rapidly excreted in urine and associated osmotic diuresis raising serum Na due both to the removal of mannitol from the plasma, which will allow water to move back into the cells, and to osmotic diuresis, which will cause water loss in excess of Na + K
- osmotic diuresis due to urea (during resolution of azotemia) can produce hyponatremia. Because urea is an ineffective osmole, water does not move out of cells. As urea is excreted in the urine, the loss of water in the urine will raise serum Na conc.

- Plasma tonicity "effective osmolality" = 
$$\frac{(2 \times \text{Nae} + 2 \times \text{Ke})}{\text{TBW}}$$
- Ineffective osmoles: Urea, Mannitol "moves freely between ECF, and ICF"

- History; water losses in older pts whose losses are not replaced because of impaired mental status
- Hypothalamic lesion affecting thirst center should be strongly suspected in an alert pt with access to water who has a serum Na concentration **>150 meq/L** "Adipsic diabetes insipidus"
- Disturbed consciousness in susceptible pt

>145 mEq/L

Serum Na

**Hypovolemia (Unreplaced H<sub>2</sub>O loss = Hypotonic fluid loss = decreased Total body Na > decreased TBW)**

**Renal loss "Urinary Na >20&osmolality>700"**

- Post-obstruction
- Osmotic & loop diuretics

**Extra-renal loss "Urinary Na <20&osmolality>700"**

- Excess sweat - Burn - Diarrhea - Fistula

**Hypervolemia (increased Total body Na > increased TBW "Na gain")**

**Urinary Na >20**

- Hyper-aldosteronism
- Cushing, s syndrome
- Hypertonic dialysis & NaHCO<sub>3</sub>
- NaCl tablets

ECF

**Euovolemia (decreased TBW & normal Total body Na)**

**Renal loss "Urinary Na variable"**

- **Diabetes insipidus** "osmolality<700"
- Insufficient intake "hypodipsia & obtunded bed ridden" "osmolality>700"
- Extra-renal loss "Urinary Na variable & osmolality >700"**
- Insensible loss "respiratory, dermal"

Assess severity

- Presence of symptoms
- Degree and rapidity of decrease

**Hypervolemic hyponatremia**

- Loop diuretics

**Hypovolemic hyponatremia**

- Restoring vascular volume quickly

**Isovolemic hyponatremia**

- Replacing water deficit (1/2 NS or free water)

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**General principles**

## Correction rate

- Acute hyponatremia: **1 mmol/L/hr**, elderly --- <10 meq/L/d
- Chronic hyponatremia "≥1d": **0.5 mmol/L/hr** "0meq/L per day is considered safe"
- **1/2 deficit in 24 hrs&remaining over 48-72 hrs**
- Add in obligate H<sub>2</sub>O losses from stool and skin" 40 mL/hr"
- Add in other ongoing H<sub>2</sub>O losses from either GIT or urine, if can be estimated
- **Formula:** Water deficit = 
$$\frac{\text{plasma Na} - 140}{140} \times \text{TBW}$$
 "Male:0.6 BW Female:0.5 BW old female 0.4"
- **Infusate**
  - Without hypokalemia: **Change in seum Na = Infusate Na +infusate K - serum Na/ TBW +1**
  - With hypokalemia: **Change in seum Na = Infusate Na - serum Na/ TBW +1**
- Select most hypotonic infusate. The more hypotonic the infusate, the lower the rate required
- Avoid hyperglycemia when using dextrose

- Pts with secretory diarrheas (cholera, VIPoma) have a Na + K conc. in the diarrheal fluid that is similar to the plasma Na conc. Loss of this fluid will lead to both a fall in ECF volume and K depletion, but will not directly affect the serum Na conc.
- Many viral and bacterial enteritides and osmotic diarrhea induced by lactulose or charcoal-sorbitol are associated with an isosmotic diarrheal fluid that has a Na + K concentration between 40 and 100 meq/L; organic solutes, which do not affect the serum Na conc., make up the remaining osmoles. Unreplaced loss of this fluid will tend to induce hyponatremia, because water is being lost in excess of Na+K. Similar considerations apply to urinary losses during an osmotic diuresis induced by glucose, mannitol, or urea
- Na+K conc. in vomitus and sweat is similar to that in non-secretory forms of diarrhea. Loss of this fluid will tend to raise the serum Na even though the fluid is isosmotic to plasma. Loss of HCl has no effect on the serum Na

# Diabetes insipidus "DI"

- Polyuria is UOP >3 L/d in adult & 2 L/m2 in child

- Polyuria in susceptible pt "see causes below"

- Central DI is characterized by decreased release of ADH "vasopressin or AVP", resulting in a variable degree of polyuria. Lack of ADH can be caused by disorders act at sites involved in ADH secretion: the hypothalamic osmoreceptors

Suspect

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Confirm

- DI (central or nephrogenic) should be differentiated from psychogenic polydipsia, prostatic hypertrophy, or osmotic diuresis (including post-obstructive diuresis)

## Polyuria

- Central, nephrogenic DI, and psychogenic polydipsia associated with increased H<sub>2</sub>O output

## Plasma Na & Serum osmolality

- Normal plasma Na is not helpful in diagnosis but, if associated with a urine osmolality >600 mosmol/kg ---- excludes a diagnosis of DI
- Low plasma Na (<137 meq/L) + low urine osmolality (<1/2 of plasma) ----- 1<sup>ry</sup> polydipsia
- High-normal plasma Na (>142 meq/L, due to H<sub>2</sub>O loss), esp if urine < plasma osmolality --- DI. Plasma Na >150 meq/L should not occur in pts with no cognitive impairment because initial H<sub>2</sub>O loss stimulates thirst, increasing intake to match urinary losses except when DI is due to a central lesion impairing thirst, causing adipsia or hypodipsia; here, plasma Na can be >160 meq/L

## Water restriction test

### ADH measurement

- If history and H<sub>2</sub>O restriction test provide equivocal results, plasma samples collected at baseline and following water deprivation (prior to the administration of ADH)
  - Nephrogenic DI excluded if there is appropriate relationship between the rise in urine osmolality and plasma ADH
  - Central DI excluded if there is appropriate rise in plasma ADH + rise in plasma Na or osmolality

## Therapeutic options

- Low solute (Na and ptn) diet; desmopressin (dDAVP), an ADH analog; and other drugs (thiazide diuretics)

## Choice of therapy

- Varies with the severity of the polyuria. Pts with partial DI and mild to moderate polyuria and nocturia may be adequately controlled with a low solute diet (if acceptable) and, if necessary, a thiazide diuretic. Although these modalities also reduce UOP in pts with marked polyuria and nocturia
- Desmopressin therapy is usually required for symptom control. Desmopressin can also be used in pts with less severe DI who do not want to comply with a low solute diet

## Desmopressin

- Long t<sub>1/2</sub>: duration 8-12 hrs, up to 24 hrs
- 1 µg IV/SC /24 hrs
- Once nasal mucosa stable can switch to intranasal
- DDAVP: 1 µg IV/SC = 10 µg IN = 0.1 mg oral
- Desmopressin can lead to water retention and hyponatremia if the urine is concentrated for most of the day. This can usually be avoided by giving the minimum required dose to control the polyuria and not administering another dose until the pt has had a period of brisk diuresis, indicating that the effect of the previous dose of desmopressin had waned.
- Serum Na should be checked at 24 hrs after initiation of therapy
- Continued for as long as the pt has central DI

## Causes

### Central

- Neurosurgery (usually trans-sphenoidal) or traumatic hypothalamus and posterior pituitary
- 1<sup>ry</sup> or 2<sup>ndy</sup> (most often due to lung cancer, leukemia, or lymphoma) tumors in brain
- Hypoxic encephalopathy or severe ischemia (as with cardiopulmonary arrest or shock)
- Infiltrative disorders as sarcoidosis
- Post-supraventricular tachycardia
- Nephrogenic; Drugs (lithium and ), Electrolyte disorders (decreased K and increased Ca), Renal disorders (obstructive nephropathy), Miscellaneous (sickle cell anemia)

## Water restriction test

### Normal physiologic response to H<sub>2</sub>O restriction

- Raising plasma osmolality, progressive elevation in ADH release and increased urine osmolality
- Once plasma osmolality reaches 295-300 mosmol/kg or plasma Na >145 meq/L, the effect of endogenous ADH on kidney is maximal. At this point, administering desmopressin will not further elevate urine osmolality unless endogenous ADH release is impaired (ie, central DI)

### Technique

- Stop drink 2-3 hrs or administer hypertonic saline
- Measure urine volume and osmolality / hr and plasma Na and osmolality / 2 hrs
- Continued till reaching 1 of the following end points:
  - Urine osmolality reaches a clearly normal value (>600 mosmol/kg) ---- ADH release and effect are intact. Pts with partial DI may have a substantial rise in urine osmolality, but not to this extent
  - Urine osmolality stable on 2-3 successive hourly measurements despite a rising plasma osmolality
  - Plasma osmolality >295-300 mosmol/kg or plasma Na ≥145 meq/L
- In the last 2 settings, desmopressin is administered, and urine osmolality and volume monitored / 30 min. over next 2 hrs

### Interpretation

- A submaximal increase in urine osmolality in response to water deprivation (but usually to ≥300 mosmol/kg), with desmopressin resulting in a rise in urine osmolality of >100 % in complete central DI and 15 - 50 % in partial central DI
- Submaximal rise in urine osmolality in response to H<sub>2</sub>O restriction (but to well <300 mosmol/kg), with desmopressin producing little or no elevation in urine osmolality in complete nephrogenic DI, and a small (<45 %) elevation in urine osmolality with partial nephrogenic DI
- 1<sup>ry</sup> polydipsia will be associated with rise in urine osmolality, usually >500 mosmol/kg, and no response to DDAVP (endogenous release is intact)

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# Hypokalemia

Normal K level 3.5- 5.3mEq/L

- Severity of hypokalemia proportionate to degree and duration of reduction. Symptoms generally do not become manifest till  $K < 3.0 \text{ mEq/L}$ , unless falls rapidly or pthas a potentiating factor, as a predisposition to arrhythmia due to use of digitalis. Symptoms usually resolve with correction

Suspect

- History "diuretic use"
- Arrhythmias esp. if refractory,
- Muscle weakness or paralysis "begins in the lower extremity" including RF, and ileus
- Alkalosis

< 3.5 mEq/L

Serum K

Review Causes

Assess & ttt

General principles

- Assess muscle strength
- ECG; depressed ST segment, decreased amplitude of the T wave, and increased amplitude of U waves

Severe

Mild - Moderate

- For pts with severe manifestations or unable to take oral medications, ---initiate IV KCL (Level 1B)
- Depending upon severity, IV K may be given at doses ranging from **20meq** / 2-3 hrs to a recommended maximum rate of **10- 20meq/hr**, and up to **40meq/hr** in life-threatening hypokalemia. Once resolved, slow rate (**10 - 20meq/h**), or changed to only oral
- Infuse above 20 meq/hr into a large central vein or into multiple peripheral veins
- Concentrations of **100-200meq/L** are used commonly
- IVK is most often infused in a peripheral vein at concentrations of **20-60meq/L** in a non-dextrose-containing saline solution. Use of an infusion pump is preferred in any IV container with **>40meq** of K or if desired of administration is **>10meq/h**
- Pts should be treated till serum K is persistently above **3.0 - 3.5meq/L** and symptoms or signs have resolved
- Pain and phlebitis can occur during infusion into a peripheral vein. This primarily occurs at rates **>10meq/hour**, but can be seen at lower rates. If pain occurs, reduce rate or, preferably, concentration
- Careful monitoring of physiologic effects of severe hypokalemia (ECG abnormalities, muscle weakness, paralysis) is essential. Continuous ECG monitoring is warranted in pts with significant ECG abnormalities, IVK repletion at a rate greater than **10meq/ hr**, and patients at risk for rebound hyperkalemia (most often due to thyrotoxic periodic paralysis). Once the hypokalemia is no longer severe, rate of repletion should be reduced or changed to oral therapy
- Pts with hypokalemia-induced rhabdomyolysis ---release of K from muscle cells can mask severity of the underlying hypokalemia or even lead to normal or elevated values at presentation or after K supplementation. If serum K is normal or elevated at baseline, it will not be possible to be certain that underlying hypokalemia was responsible for the rhabdomyolysis and initial K therapy is not warranted and may be dangerous. In pts who present with hypokalemia, K therapy can be initiated with repeated monitoring of the serum K (eg, / 4-6 hrs initially)

- ttt depends upon cause and acid-base status. Pts with gastrointestinal losses are treated with KCL if they have metabolic alkalosis or a normal serum  $\text{HCO}_3$  concentration, and with  $\text{KHCO}_3$  (or potassium citrate or acetate) in the presence of metabolic acidosis
- Start with **10 - 20meq** of K given 2-4 times / d (**20 - 80meq/d**), depending upon severity
- Pts who cannot take oral require IV repletion
- Sequential monitor serum K

## Causes

### Decreased K intake

### Increased entry to cell

- Acidosis
- Increased insulin availability
- Elevated adrenergic activity
- Hypothermia
- Hypokalemic periodic paralysis
- Marked red cell production

### Increased GIT loss

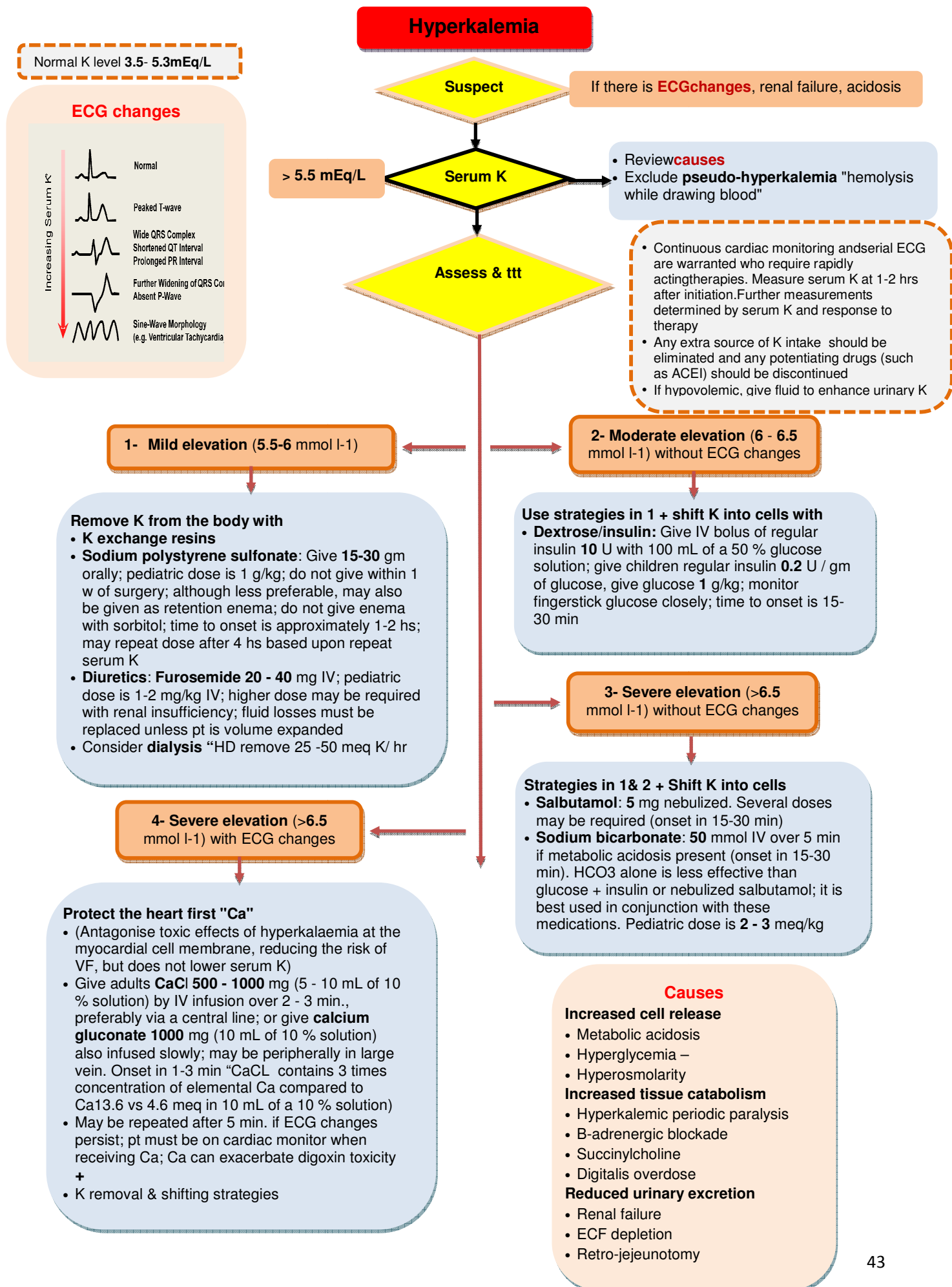
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Tube drainage
- Laxative abuse

### Increased urinary losses

- Diuretics
- Primary mineral-corticoid excess
- Dialysis
- Salt wasting nephropathy
- Polyuria
- Plasmapheresis

## K preparations

- An IV or oral **KCl** preparation is generally preferred over **Kcitrate** or  **$\text{KHCO}_3$** , esp., with metabolic alkalosis
- K citrate** or  **$\text{HCO}_3$**  preferred with metabolic acidosis
- Oral **KCl** can be given in crystalline form (salt substitutes), liquid, or in a slow-release tab. or capsule
  - Salt substitutes contain **50 - 65 meq** / level teaspoon ----
  - safe, well tolerated and much cheaper
- KCl** solutions are often unpalatable, and slow-release preparations can rarely cause ulcerative or stenotic GIT lesions
- Increasing intake of K -rich foods is less effective



# Hypomagnesemia

Normal range **1.4 - 1.7 meq/L** is equivalent to **0.70 - 0.85 mmol/L** and **1.7 - 2.1 mg/dl**)

- A daily excretion **>10 -30 mg** (in a 24-hr urine specimen) or a fractional excretion of Mg **>2 %** in a person with hypomagnesemia and normal renal function indicates renal magnesium wasting
- 24-hr urinary Mg excretion **<10 mg** or a fractional excretion of Mg **<2%** usually indicates an extrarenal source of Mg losses (typically GI)

**< 1.4 mEq/L**

- Consider normo-magnesemic Mg depletion as a cause of refractory hypokalemia or unexplained hypocalcemia in pts at high risk for Mg loss
- Pts with malnutrition, cirrhosis, diarrhea, or on long-term diuretics have +ve test, whether or not they have signs or symptoms referable to Mg depletion
- Administer Mg to these pts if they have unexplained hypocalcemia ± hypokalemia

## General principles

- Correct Underlying dis. if possible; thiazide or loop diuretics ----- may benefit from adding K-sparing diuretic
- High-risk pts; chronic alcoholics, long term diuretics --- monitor serum Mg regularly & supplement if necessary
- Give Mg daily to ICU pts with normal renal function

## Pts with no or minimal symptoms

- Give **240 -1000 mg** oral Mg daily if available and tolerable + normal renal function
- Many pts are given IV rather than oral Mg "unable to take oral or have side effects, even if symptoms are minimal or absent"
- If plasma Mg **<1.0 mg/dL** ----- give **4-8 gm** over 12-24 hrs & repeat as needed. If **1.0-1.5 mg/dL** ----- give **2-4 gm** over 4-12 hrs. If **1.6-1.9 mg/dL** --- give **2 gm** over 1-2 hrs
- **Asymptomatic** pts with severe hypomagnesemia + moderate decrease kidney function ---- 1/2 dose of recommended oral preparation for pt with normal renal function ----- Measure plasma Mg before next dose

## Causes

- **Redistribution of Mg**
- Refeeding & insulin therapy & Hungry bone S
- Correction of acidosis & Catecholamine excess & Massive blood transfusion

### GIT causes

- Reduced intake & Mg free IV fluid
- Reduced absorption "malabsorption, chr. diarrhea, intest. resection"

### Renal loss

- Diuretics

### Renal diseases

- Post-obstructive nephropathy & Dialysis & Diuretic phase of renal failure

### Endocrinal causes

- Hyperparathyroidism, primary hyperparathyroidism, Hypercalcemia, hyperthyroidism

### DM

### Alcoholism

## Suspect

- Pts with risk factors (eg, chronic diarrhea, PPI therapy, alcoholism, diuretic use)
- Clinical manifestations (eg, unexplained hypocalcemia, refractory hypokalemia, neuromuscular disturbances, ventricular arrhythmias)

## Serum Mg

- Review **Causes**
- Distinct GI from renal losses --- measure 24-hr urine Mg excretion or fractional excretion of Mg on a random urine specimen
- Check other electrolyte disorders (hypokalemia, and hypocalcemia)
- **Normo-magnesemic Mg depletion**, if Mg is normal and Mg depletion is highly suspected

## Assess Severity

- Presence or absence of **symptoms**
  - Arrhythmias (Atrial tachycardias, AF, SVT, Ventricular arrhythmias, and Torsade de pointes)
  - Neuromuscular (carpo-pedal spasm, fasciculations, tremors, convulsions, muscle cramps and weakness)
- **Degree and rapidity** of decrease

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## Pts with severe symptoms

- Give IV therapy + continuous cardiac monitoring
- Acute hemodynamic unstable pts (torsade de pointes, hypomagnesemic hypokalemia) ----- **1-2 g** Mg sulfate initially over 2-15 min
- Hemodynamic stable pts + severe symptoms (**≤ 1.0 mg/** --- give **1-2 gm** Mg sulfate in 50 - 100 mL of 5 % D in water initially over 5 - 60 min followed by an infusion
- A simple infusion regimen for non-emergent repletion --- **4 - 8 g** Mg sulfate over 12 - 24 hrs. This dose can be repeated as necessary to maintain plasma Mg above 1.0 mg/dL. In the normo-magnesemic pt with hypocalcemia --- repeat this dose daily for 3-5 ds
  - Pts with moderately reduced kidney function (ie, estimated GFR of 15 - 30 mL/min / 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) and severe hypomagnesemia --- **2 - 4 g** IV Mg sulfate over 4 - 12 hrs. Check plasma Mg prior to subsequent doses, and daily if given less frequently
- In children ----- slow infusion; **25 - 50 mg/kg** with a maximum single dose of **2 g**

## Normo-magnesemic Mg depletion

### 24 hr urine

- Excretion **>10-30 mg** with normal renal function indicates renal Mg wasting due to drugs as diuretics, aminoglycosides

### Magnesium Retention Test

- Add **24 mmol** Mg over 250 ml NS over 1 hr ----- collect urine from start of infusion in 24 hrs ----- urinary Mg excretion **< 1/2** of the infused ---- + ve test

### Indication

- End point of resusc

### Limitation

- Cardiac instability & renal failure

## MgSO4 "50%" "

- Each gm has **8 mEq** (4 mmol) of elemental Mg
- MgSO4 solution (500 mg/ml) ----- osmolarity of 4000 mOsm/L --- must be diluted to a 10% (100 mg/mL) or 20% (200 mg/mL) solution
- Saline should be used as diluent (Ringer's should not be used)

# Hypermagnesemia

Normally, ingested Mg is readily excreted in the urine. On a regular diet, for example, about 3 % of the filtered Mg escapes tubular reabsorption and is excreted. In contrast to most other filtered solutes, most of the filtered Mg is reabsorbed in the cortical aspect of the thick ascending limb of Henle (50 - 60 %), rather than the proximal tubule. Loop reabsorption is appropriately diminished with Mg loading, thereby allowing the excess Mg to be excreted in the urine

## Suspect

- ECG changes, CHB, RF, hypotension , and bradycardia, in susceptible pts
- Other electrolytes disorders (hypokalemia, and hypocalcaemia)

Normal range **1.4 - 1.7 meq/L** is equivalent to **0.70 - 0.85 mmol/L** and **1.7 - 2.1 mg/dl**)

>1.4mEq/L

## Serum Mg

- Review **Causes**
- Check **Ca** level

Hypermagnesemia may inhibit the secretion of parathyroid hormone, causing transient hypocalcemia

## Assess severity

- Presence or absence of **symptoms**
  - ECG changes (as hyperkalemia)
  - CVS (hypotension, bradycardia), RF
- **Degree and rapidity** of decrease
  - Plasma Mg **4 - 6 meq/L** nausea, flushing, headache, lethargy, drowsiness, diminished deep tendon reflexes
  - Plasma Mg **6 - 10 meq/L** somnolence, hypocalcemia, absent deep tendon reflexes, hypotension, bradycardia, ECG changes
  - Plasma Mg **>10 meq/L** muscle & respiratory paralysis, CHB, and cardiac arrest. In most cases, RF precedes cardiac collapse

- Most cases of symptomatic hypermagnesemia can be prevented by anticipation
  - Pts in renal failure should not receive Mg-containing medications and pts receiving parenteral Mg for any reason should be carefully and frequently monitored
  - In normal renal function, cessation therapy allows prompt restoration of normal level

**General principles**



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## Causes

### Redistribution

### Excessive intake

- Oral
  - Antacids Cathartics
- Rectal
  - Purgation
- Parenteral
  - Urethral irrigation

### Renal failure

- Acute and chronic renal failure
- Rhabdomyolysis

### Others

- Lithium therapy
- Familial hypocalciuric hypercalcaemia
- Hypothyroidism
- Addison's disease
- Milk alkali syndrome
- Depression

## IV fluids

- Dilute extracellular Mg
- With diuretics --- promote urinary excretion
  - NS or RL
  - Adult **1 L IV** - Pediatric **20 mL/kg IV** initially

## Dialysis

- In impaired renal function "PD or HD"
  - HD lowers Mg to nontoxic range in 3-4 hrs

## Diuretics

- Furosemide (**Lasix**)
- Adult **20-80 mg/dose IV**; single dose not >6 mg/kg Pediatric **1 mg/kg/dose IV** /6-12 hr prn

## Mineral supplements "Ca"

- IV Ca given as a Mg antagonist
- **100 - 200 mg** elemental Ca over 5-10 min
- **Calcium gluconate (Kalcinate)**
  - 10% IV solution provides **100 mg/mL** of Ca gluconate
  - Adult **100-200 mg** 10% solution IV, then continuous infusion (**2 - 4 mg/kg/hr**)
  - Pediatric **2 mg/kg** of elemental Ca IV (about **20 mg/kg** of Ca gluconate 10%)

## Preparation

## Elemental Mg

Preparation	Elemental Mg
<b>Oral</b>	
<b>MgCl coated enteric tab</b>	64 mg "5.3meq"
<b>Mg oxide tab 400mg</b>	241 mg "19.8meq"
<b>Mg oxide tab. 140 mg</b>	85 mg "6.9meq"
<b>Mg gluconate tab. 500mg</b>	27 mg "2.3meq"
<b>Parenteral</b>	
<b>Mg sulphate 50%</b>	500mg "4meq"
<b>G sulphate 12.5%</b>	120mg "1meq"



# Hypophosphatemia

Normal range 4.5-6.5mg/dl

- Hypophosphatemia induced by decreased net intestinal absorption, increased urinary PO<sub>4</sub> excretion, or acute movement of extracellular PO<sub>4</sub> into cells.
- The normal renal response to PO<sub>4</sub> depletion is to increase PO<sub>4</sub> re-absorption, leading to decreased PO<sub>4</sub> excretion in urine

**Suspect**

- Arrhythmias, muscle weakness seizures, encephalopathy
- Challenge to wean from ventilator

≤ 4.5 mEq/L

**Serum PO<sub>4</sub>**

- Review **Causes**

- 24-hr urine collection
- Fractional excretion of filtered PO<sub>4</sub> (**FEPO<sub>4</sub>**) from a random urine specimen "Daily PO<sub>4</sub> excretion ≤ 100 mg and FEPO<sub>4</sub> ≤ 5 % (N - 20 %) if kidney is responding normally and renal PO<sub>4</sub> wasting is not the

$$FEPO_4 = \frac{[UPO_4 \times PCr \times 100]}{[PPO_4 \times UCr]}$$

here U and P refer to the urine and plasma concentrations of PO<sub>4</sub> and creatinine (Cr)

**PO<sub>4</sub> excretion**

The triad of hypercalcemia, hypophosphatemia, and urinary PO<sub>4</sub> wasting is usually present in 1<sup>st</sup> hyper-parathyroidism. In contrast, hypocalcemia is the major stimulus for hypersecretion of para-thyroid hormone in 2<sup>nd</sup> dis. Hypophosphatemia and urinary po<sub>4</sub> wasting in someone without hypercalcemia should prompt an evaluation for vitamin D deficiency

## Causes

### Internal redistribution

- Increased insulin secretion, particularly during refeeding
- Acute respiratory alkalosis
- Hungry bone syndrome

### Decreased intestinal absorption

- Inadequate intake
- Antacids containing aluminum or Mg
- Steatorrhea & chronic diarrhea
- Vitamin D deficiency or resistance

### Increased urinary excretion

- Primary and secondary hyperparathyroidism
- Vitamin D deficiency or resistance
- Hereditary hypophosphatemic rickets
- Oncogenic osteomalacia
- Fanconi syndrome

**Assess severity**

- Presence or absence of symptoms:** Symptoms rarely occur unless serum PO<sub>4</sub> <2 mg/dL, serious symptoms as muscle weakness & rhabdomyolysis are not seen until serum PO<sub>4</sub> <1 mg/dL
- Degree and rapidity of decrease**

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**General principles**

- Most pts will not require therapy other than ttt of underlying cause "GIT loses"
- 10-15 mmol/L / 1000 Kcal TPN**

## Oral Therapy

- If PO<sub>4</sub> is ≥1.5 mg/dL, 1 mmol/kg of elemental PO<sub>4</sub> (minimum of 40 mmol & maximum of 80 mmol) can be given in 3-4 divided doses over 24 hrs
- If PO<sub>4</sub> <1.5 mg/dL, 1.3 mmol/kg elemental PO<sub>4</sub> (up to maximum 100 mmol) can be given in 3-4 divided doses over 24 hrs
- Severely obese pts -- receive maximal initial doses or adjusted dose based on height & weight
- Pts with reduced GFR should receive approximately 1/2 of suggested initial dose
- Recheck 2-12 hrs following last of the divided doses to determine the needed repeated doses -- If so, re-apply the same approach
- Select oral supplement according to its K and Na content and dosed according to mmol of PO<sub>4</sub>
- Commonly used oral PO<sub>4</sub> supplements include 250 mg (8 mmol) of PO<sub>4</sub>/ tablet

## PO<sub>4</sub> repletion regimens

- In **asymptomatic** pts with a serum PO<sub>4</sub> < 2.0 mg/dL (0.64 mmol/L) --- give oral PO<sub>4</sub> therapy since many of these pts have not clinically apparent myopathy & weakness
- ttt of **symptomatic** pts varies with severity of hypophosphatemia
  - ttt with oral PO<sub>4</sub> if serum PO<sub>4</sub> is 1.0 - 1.9 mg/dL (0.32 - 0.63 mmol/L)
  - ttt with IV PO<sub>4</sub> if serum PO<sub>4</sub> is <1.0 mg/dL (0.32 mmol/L), and switch to oral replacement when serum PO<sub>4</sub> >1.5 mg/dL (0.48 mmol/L)
  - Monitor /6 hrs. Stop PO<sub>4</sub> repletion when the serum PO<sub>4</sub> is ≥2.0 mg/dL

## IV PO<sub>4</sub>

- Potentially dangerous---can produce hypo-calcemia due to binding of Ca, renal failure due to CaPO<sub>4</sub> precipitation in kidneys, and possibly fatal arrhythmias
- In severe symptomatic hypophosphatemia or inability to take oral**
- If the serum PO<sub>4</sub> ≥1.25 mg/dL (0.40 mmol/L) ----give 0.08 - 0.24 mmol/kg over 6 hrs (up to maximum total dose 30 mmol)
- If the serum PO<sub>4</sub> <1.25 mg/dL (0.40 mmol/L) ----give 0.25 - 0.50 mmol/kg over 8 - 12 hrs (up to max. total dose 80 mmol)

# Hyperphosphatemia

Normal range 4.5-6.5mg/dl

## Pseudo-hyperphosphatemia

- Due to interference with analytical methods that may occur in pts with hyperglobulinemia, hyperlipidemia, hemolysis, and hyperbilirubinemia

Suspect

- Arrhythmias, muscle weakness seizures, encephalopathy

Serum PO4

>6.5mg/dl

- Review **Causes**
- Check Ca, and tetany
- Exclude Pseudo- hyperphosphatemia

Assess severity

- Presence or absence of symptoms
- Degree and rapidity of decrease

## Causes

### Massive acute PO4 load

- Tumor lysis syndrome
- Rhabdomyolysis
- Lactic and ketoacidosis
- Exogenous PO4
- Acute PO4 nephropathy

### Renal failure

### Increased tubular reabsorption of PO4

- Hypoparathyroidism
- Acromegaly
- Bisphosphonates
- Vitamin D toxicity

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## Chronic

- Diminishing intestinal PO4 absorption by a low PO4 diet and PO4 binding salts Ca, Mg and aluminum
  - The latter is avoided in renal failure, as aluminum can accumulate (Ca is preferred)

## Acute

- Can be life-threatening. if with symptomatic hypocalcemia
- Usually resolves within 6 - 12 hrs if renal function is intact
- PO4 excretion can be increased by **NS** infusion----- can further reduce serum Ca by dilution
- **HD**---- in pts with symptomatic hypo-calcemia, particularly if renal function is impaired

Preparation	PO4 Content	Na	K
<b>Oral preparations</b>			
Skim cow's milk	1/L	28 meq/L	38 meq/L
Neutra-Phos	250 mg/packet	7.1 meq/packet	7.1 meq/packet
Phospho-Soda	10mg/mL	4.8 meq/mL	0
Neutra-Phos K	250 mg/capsule	0	14.25 meq/capsule
K-Phos Original	150 mg/capsule	0	3.65 meq/capsule
K-Phos Neutral	250 mg/tablet	13 meq/tablet	1.1 meq/tablet
<b>IV preparations</b>			
Neutral sodium potassium PO4	1.1 mmol/mL	0.2 meq/mL	0.02 meq/mL
Neutral sodium PO4	0.09 mmol/mL	0.2 meq/mL	0
Sodium PO4	3.0 mmol/mL	4.0 meq/mL	0
Potassium PO4	3.0 mmol/mL	0	4.4 meq/mL

# Hypocalcemia

## Suspect

- Carpopedal spasm, tetany, twitches, laryngospasm, seizures
- ECG---- prolonged QT interval

Normal total serum Ca 8.5 - 10.5 mg/dL (2.12 - 2.62 mmol/L)

**Tetany** uncommon unless serum ionized Ca < 4.3 mg/dL (1.1 mmol/L), serum total Ca 7.0 - 7.5 mg/dL (1.8-1.9 mmol/L)

≤ 8.5 mg/dL

## Total Serum Ca

Review Causes

### Ionized calcium

• 4.65 - 5.25 mg/dL (1.16 - 1.31 mmol/L)

### Serum albumin concentration

- Each 1 g/dL reduction in serum albumin will lower total Ca by approximately 0.8 mg/dL (0.2 mmol/L) without affecting the ionized Ca concentration "without producing any symptoms or signs of hypocalcemia"
- If diagnosis is in doubt, either because pt's symptoms are atypical or pt's serum Ca is only slightly low, serum ionized Ca should be measured if reliably available

### Serum Mg

- Mg supplementation indicated in unexplained hypocalcemia who are at risk for hypomagnesemia, as malabsorption, alcoholism

### PO4

- Persistent hypocalcemia & hyperphosphatemia, in absence of kidney dis. or increased tissue breakdown, virtually diagnostic of hypoparathyroidism (PTH deficiency) or pseudohypoparathyroidism (PTH resistance)
- Low PO4 indicates excess PTH secretion (2nd hyperparathyroidism), or low intake (uncommon)

## Assess & ttt

- Depends upon absolute level, and rate of decrease ---- acute will be symptomatizing at a lower serum Ca than chronic one

### Oral Ca

- For acute milder degrees (corrected Ca 7.5 - 8.0 mg/ or a serum ionized Ca > 3.0 - 3.2 mg/) or chronic "typically asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic (eg, oral paresthesias)"
- If symptoms do not improve with oral --- switch to IV Ca
- 1500 - 2000 mg elemental Ca as **Calcitonin** or **citrate** daily, in divided doses "eg, Calcitonin is 40 % elemental Ca -- 1250 mg Ca carbonate has 500 mg elemental Ca"

### IV Ca

- For acute symptoms, prolonged QT interval, rapid and progressive reduction, asymptomatic hypocalcemia with acute decreases to ≤ 7.5 mg/dL (1.9 mmol/L) who may develop serious complications if untreated, and mild or chronic hypocalcemia who unable to take or absorb oral supplements
- 1 - 2 g of **CaGluconate**, = 90 - 180 mg elemental Ca, in 50 mL of 5 % D5) over 10 - 20 min. (because of risk of serious cardiac dysfunction, including arrest). will raise serum Ca for 2-3 hrs "followed by slow infusion in persistent cases"
- 10 % **CaGluconate** (90 mg elemental Ca / 10 ml) "usually preferred "less likely to cause tissue necrosis if extravasated" or 10 % **CaChloride** (270 mg elemental Ca / 10 ml)
- IV solution containing 1 mg/mL of elemental CaGluconate is prepared by adding 100 mL of 10 % CaGluconate (90 mg elemental Ca / 10 mL for a total of 900 mg elemental Ca) to 1000 mL of 5 % dextrose in water
- Start Infusion 50 mL/h (= 50 mg/h)
- The dose can be adjusted to maintain serum Ca concentration at the lower end of the normal range
- Pts require 0.5 - 1.5 mg/kg elemental Ca / hr
- Infusion considerations:
  - Should be diluted in dextrose and water or saline (Concentrated Ca solutions are irritating to veins)
  - The IV Ca solution should not contain HCO<sub>3</sub> or PO<sub>4</sub>, which can form insoluble Ca salts (If needed, use another IV line (in another limb)

### Vitamin D deficiency

- **Ergocalciferol** (vit D2) or **Cholecalciferol** (vit D3)
- Available in several doses orally
- Give daily for wks before full effect
- In hypoparathyroidism, severe acute hypocalcemia. Rapid onset "hrs"
- Renal failure-- **Calcitriol**. Initial 0.25 - 0.5 mcg twice daily. Side effects --- hypercalcemia, hypercalciuria, which, if chronic --- nephrolithiasis, nephrocalcinosis, and renal failure
- Measure urinary Ca excretion periodically, and reduce Ca and vitamin D if elevated (≥ 300 mg / d)

### Concurrent hypomagnesemia

- Infuse 2 g (16 meq) MgSO<sub>4</sub> as 10 % solution over 10 - 20 min., followed by 1 g (8 meq) / 100 mL fluid / hr
- Continue Mg repletion as long as Mg < 0.8 meq/L (1 mg/dL or 0.4 mmol/L)
- Carefully monitor in renal impairment
- Persistent hypomagnesemia, --- oral Mg, typically 300 - 400 mg daily / 8 hrs

### Causes

#### Hypo-parathyroidism

- Genetic
- Post-surgical
- Auto-immune
- Infiltrative
- Radiation
- HIV

#### 2ndry hyperparathyroidism

- Vitamin D deficiency or resistance
- Parathyroid hormone resistance "hypomagnesemia"
- Loss of calcium from the circulation "Hyperphosphatemia, Tumor lysis, Acute pancreatitis, Acute respiratory alkalosis, Sepsis or acute severe illness"

#### Drugs

- Phenytoin

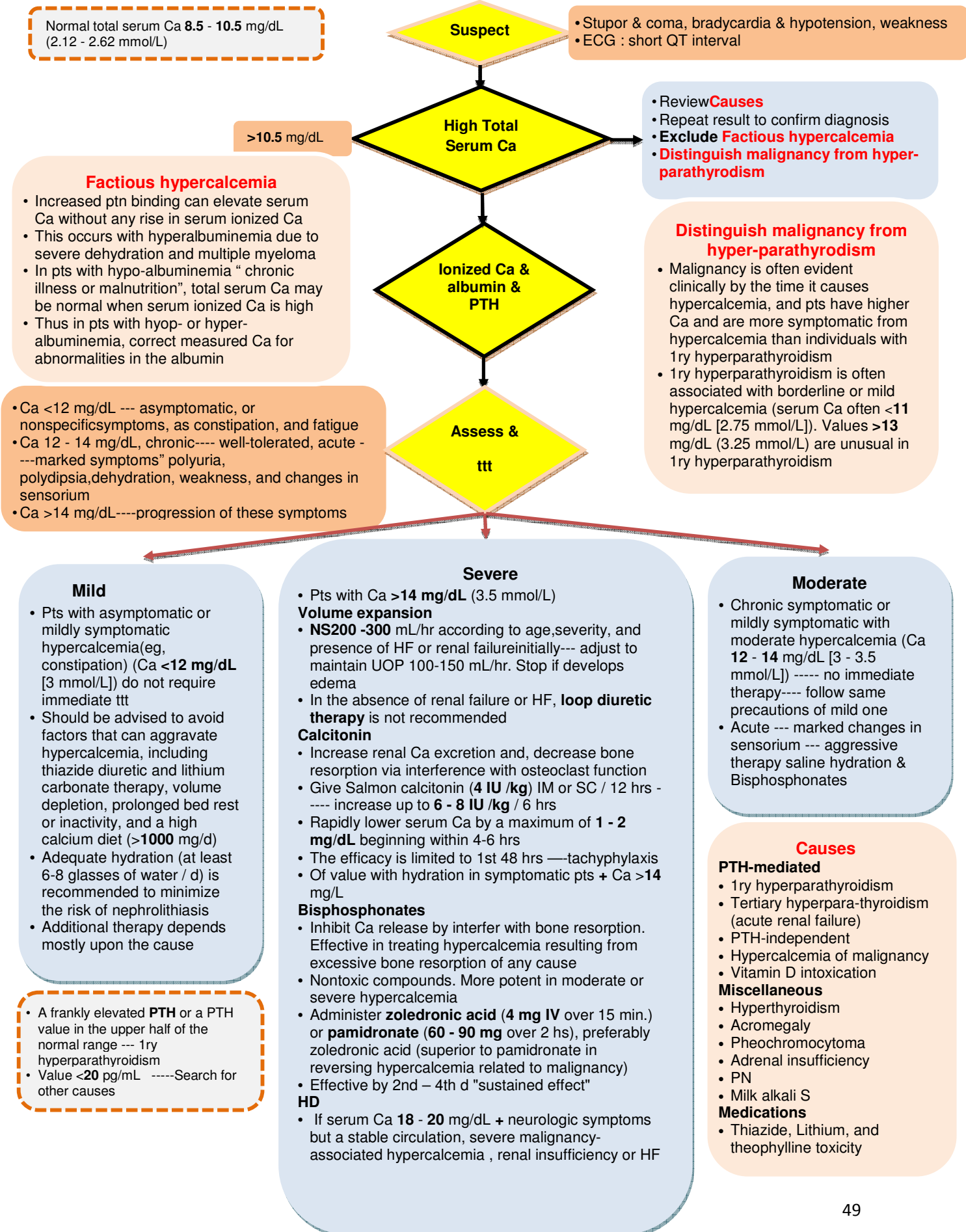
#### Hypomagnesemia

- Can reduce PTH secretion or cause PTH resistance and is therefore associated with normal, low, or high PTH levels

### hypo-parathyroidism

- Target --- maintain serum Ca in low-normal range "8.0 - 8.5 mg/dL"
- Initial oral dose --- 1.0 - 1.5 g elemental Ca daily, in divided doses
- **Calcitonin** often used (least price & less well-absorbed in the old)
- Treat with **Calcitriol**
- **Calcitriol** --- 0.25 mcg / 12 hrs --- increase w. Many require 2.0 mcg / d
- Monitor urinary and serum Ca and serum PO<sub>4</sub> / weekly initially, until a stable serum Ca, thereafter, / 3-6 ms

# Hypercalcemia



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**Ventilatory support**

# Indications of ventilatory support

## Acute respiratory failure

- Inability of the respiratory system to provide adequate gas exchange and is no longer able to meet the metabolic demands of the body
- May be due to:
  - Gas exchange failure manifested by hypoxemia
  - Ventilatory failure manifested by hypercapnea

## Impending ventilatory failure

- Worsening respiratory function "more WOB, more tachypnea" and/or worsening ABGs despite appropriate target management to the underlying cause

## Failed conventional O2 therapy

- $PO_2 < 60$  mmHg with  $F_{IO_2} 60\%$  or
- $PO_2 > 60$  mmHg but with a higher  $F_{IO_2}$  "non-rebreathing, or partial rebreathing mask" esp., if there is no reversible cause

## Ventilatory failure

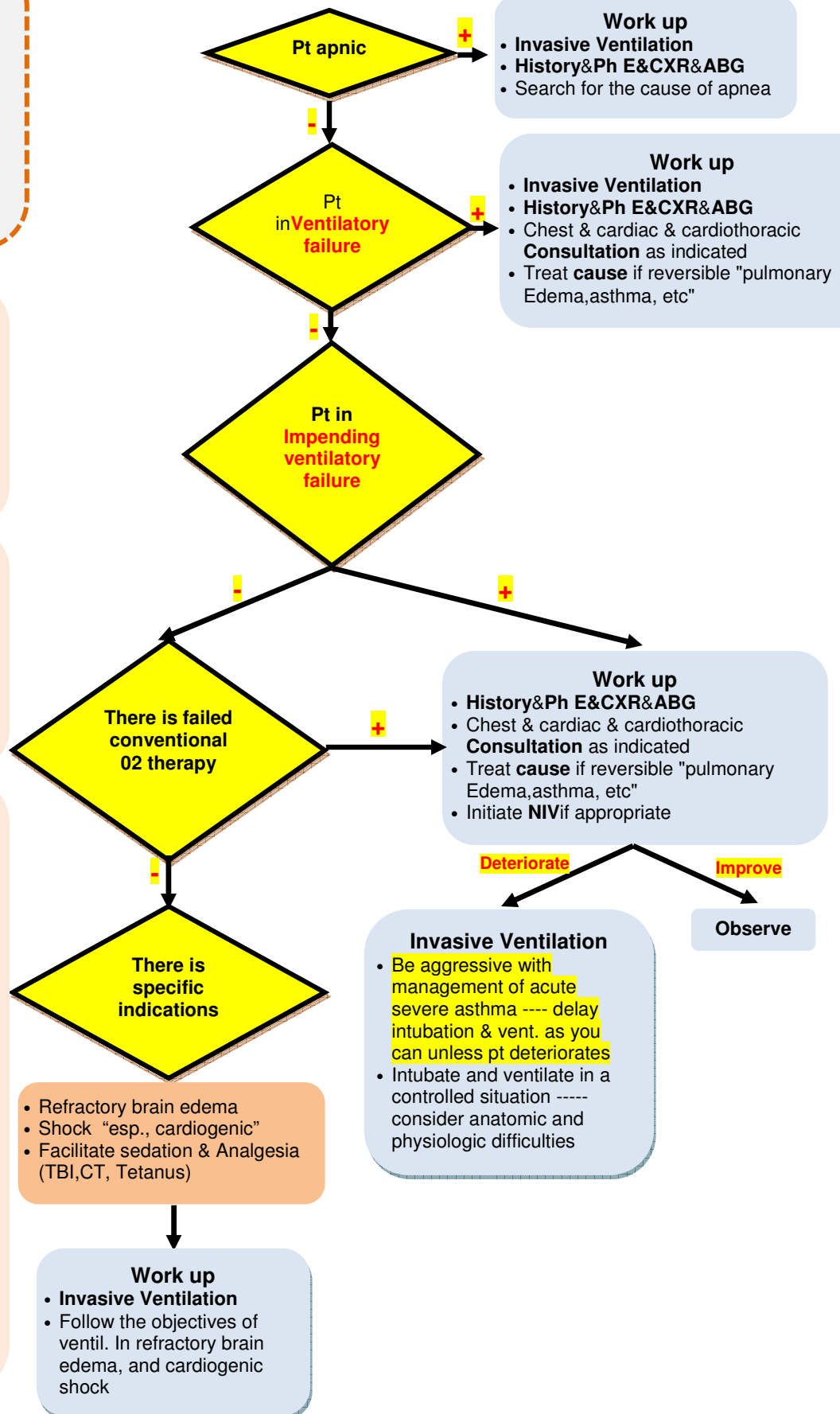
### Manifestations:

### Respiratory decompensation

- Tachypnea
- Accessory muscle use
- Suprasternal, intercostals, and supraclavicular retractions
- Abdominal paradox
- Increased sympathetic tone

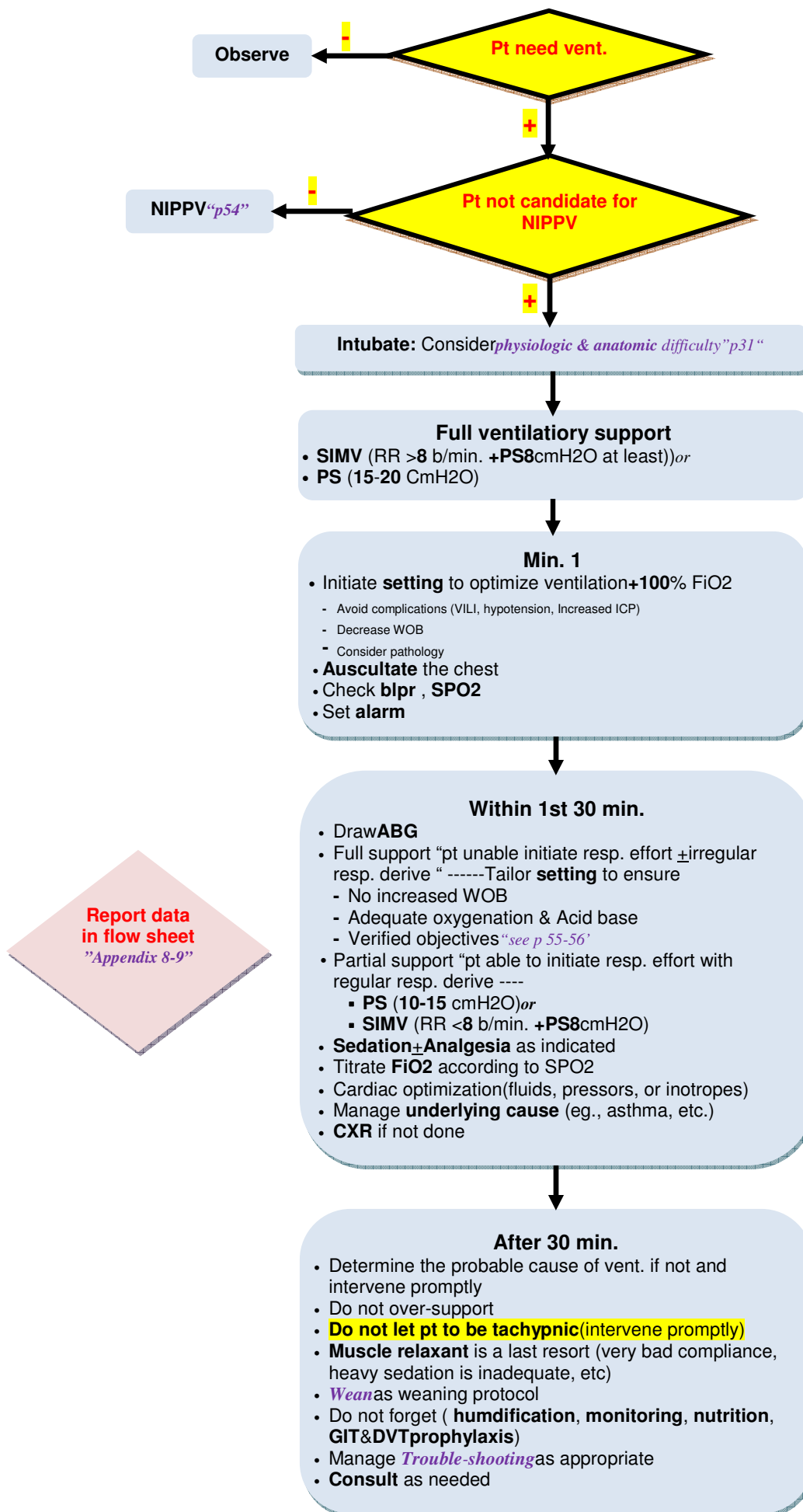
### End-organ hypo-perfusion

- Altered conscious level
- Bradycardia
- Hypotension
- Cyanosis
  - Requires 5 gm reduced Hgb
  - Not obvious in anemic pt
  - Apparent on  $PO_2$  40 mmHg and  $SPO_2$  75%





## Initiation of invasive ventilation



# Ventilator setting

## FiO2

- After intubation, a **100%** FiO2 should always be used
- Decrease gradually / 20 min. to be below the toxic threshold 60% with saturation 90% or to reach to the least FiO2 with saturation >90%
- Avoid FiO2 > 60% to avoid O2 toxicity by using other techniques to improve oxygenation as PEEP.
- FiO2 should be given for 3 min. before and after suction

## RR

- Usually started at **8 breaths/min.**, may increase according to PaCO2 if the pt is otherwise clinically stable (full ventilatory support)
- < 8 in partial ventilatory support
- Consider higher rates in restrictive lung diseases
- Consider lower rates in chronic respiratory acidosis

## Flow Rate

- Pts require a peak flow roughly 4 times that of the VE
- Usually set at **40 - 100 L/min.** in volume target ventilation
- High flow rate **90 - 100 L/min** in pts with high inspiratory demand, prolonged I:E
- Set slightly higher with the decelerating waveform
- It determines the value of Ti in volume target modes & value of VT in pressure target time cycled modes

## VT

- Should be adjusted with R.R. for PaCO2 and PH control (7.30 - 7.45)
- **8 ml/Kg** for normal lung (keep Ppl to <**30** cm H2O to limit volu-trauma in pt without IAH)
  - Some ventilators compensate for VT lost in the breathing circuit (keep to **6ml/Kg**)
  - Consider lower VT in asthma, COPD, and ARDS
  - Consider higher VT in neuromuscular diseases

## Rising Time

- It is time taken to reach the target pr
- It can affect the total Ti
- The starting value is **0.2 sec**
- Alternative to flow (inverse relation)
  - Consider increase if low flow is needed
  - Consider decrease if high flow is needed

## Trigger sensitivity

- Should not be too sensitive (avoid auto-cycling)
- Should not be too insensitive (increased WOB)
- Up to **2 L/min. flow** & **2 cmH2O pr.** is accepted

## Pause time

- Delay opening expiratory valve (no flow)
- Is used as a measure of increasing the inspiratory time & to measure Pplat
- May be adjusted in seconds in some ventilators or as a % of the total Ti in others

## Ti

- Total Pi is the sum of both inspiratory time and pause time
- Should be set in pr mode
- May be set in volume modes or be the integration of flow, VT or the integration of I:E, respiratory cycle

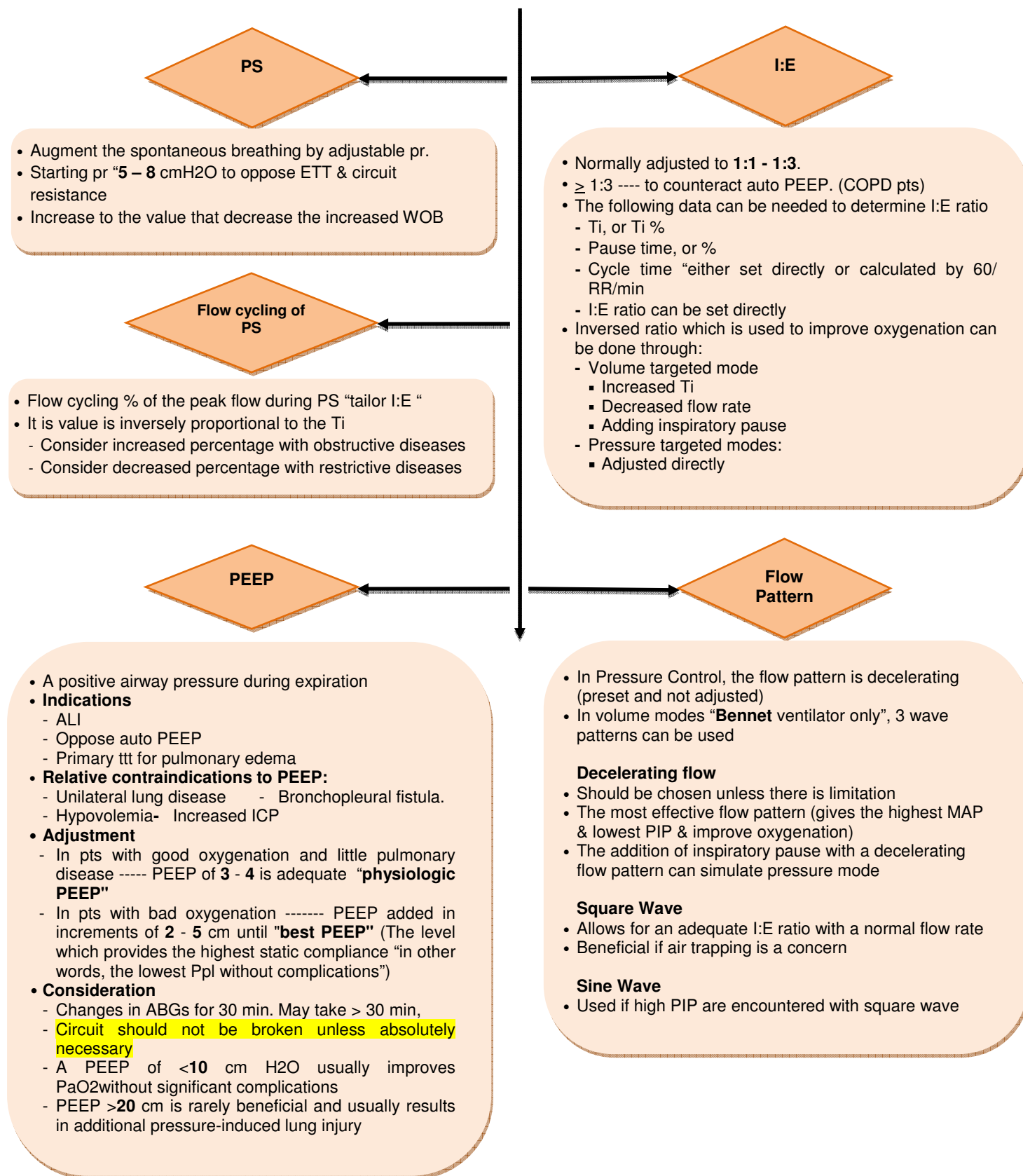
## Pressure limit

- To limit increased pressure in volume modes
- A pressure limit of **30 H2O** is appropriate in adults

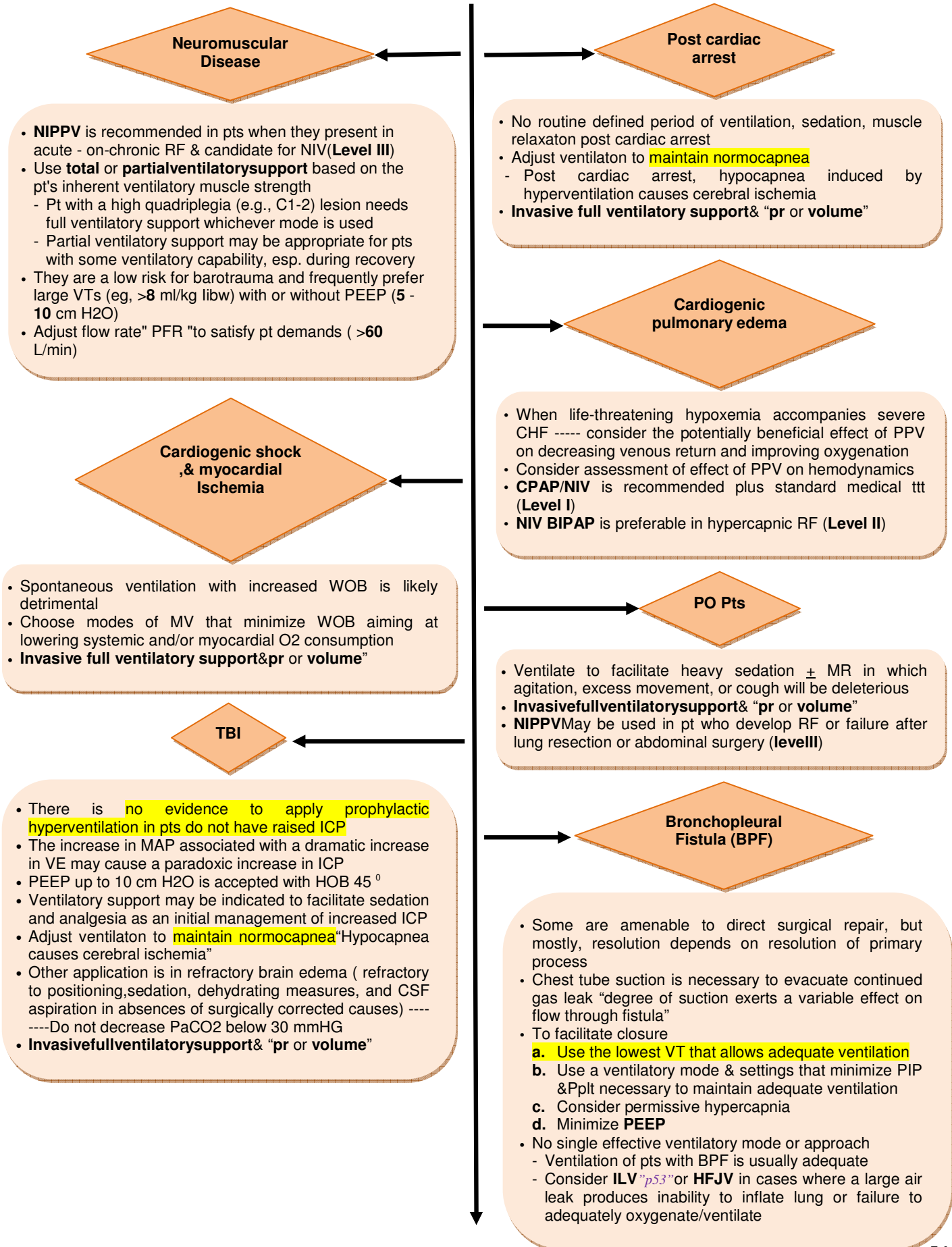
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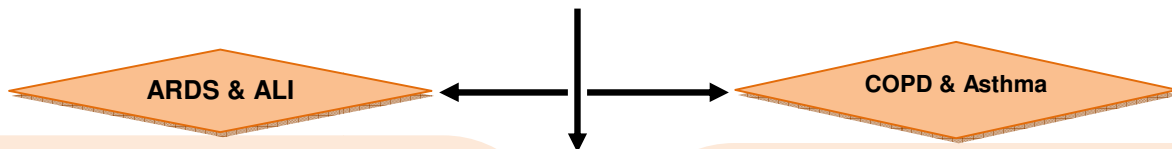
- Adjust to the value of Ppl during volume targeted ventilation, or the that gives accepted exhaled VT, or ABGs





## Tailoring of ventilatory support





## ARDS & ALI

- The main 2 **Objectives** are to Prevent lung injury mainly volutrauma by applying low VT and **keeping Ppl<30. Better 28cm H2O**, and atelectrauma by applying PEEP” **Lung protective strategy**”, and to Improve oxygenation
- Invasive vs noninvasive**
  - Use invasive MV rather than an initial trial of NPPV (**Level 2C**)
- Mode selection**
  - Volumelimited** and **prlimited** modes are both acceptable; “no evidence that pr limited approaches confer additional benefit”
  - Fully supported modes** are favored (**Level 2C**)
- Lung protective strategies (LTVV)”ARMA trial” (Level 1B)**
  - Set mode to volume assist-control
  - Set initial VT to **8 ml/kg IBW**
  - Reduce VT to **7** and then to **6 ml/kg** over 1-3 hr
  - Set initial RR **≤35** b/min. to match baseline VE
  - Subsequent VT adjustment Ppl goal **≤30** cmH2O
    - Check inspiratory Ppl with 0.5 S inspiratory pause at least / 4 hrs and after each change in PEEP or VT
    - If Ppl>30 cmH2O, decrease VT in 1 ml/kg PBW steps to 5 or if necessary to 4 mL/kg PBW
    - If Ppl<25 cmH2O and VT <6 ml/kg, increase VT by 1 mL/kg PBW until Ppl>25 cmH2O or VT = 6 ml/kg
    - If breath stacking (PEEPi) ± severe dyspnea--- VT may be increased to 7 or 8 mL/kg IBW if Ppl remains **≤30** cmH2O
- Oxygenation goal PaO2 **55-80** mmHg or SpO2 **88-95** %
  - Use FiO2/PEEP combinations to achieve oxygenation goal:

FiO2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
PEEP	5	5-8	8-10	10	10-14	14	14-18	22

Consider using high PEEP rather than increasing FiO2 > 60%

- Refractory hypoxemia:** Consider; IRV, prone ventilation, HFV
  - HFV** provides VT below that of the anatomic dead space at RR >60 b / min. Potential benefits include reduced barotrauma, improved V/Q matching, and less risk of hemodynamic compromise. Complications include inspissation of mucus, airway damage, air trapping, should be **reserved as salvage therapy for pt failing conventional ventilation**

## COPD & Asthma

### NIV

- BIPAP** is the preferred mode of NPPV for COPD pt. Consider with standard medical therapy, when they present in acute exacerbation (PH < 7.35, PaCO2 > 45mmHg) (**Level I**). Pts with relatively mild exacerbation of COPD (PH>7.35) may not benefit from NIV (**Level II**). However, it does not cause harm
- No routine use in asthma exacerbation (Level III)**
  - Try in acute severe asthma who fail to respond quickly to medical tt and have no CI (**Level II**)

### Invasive full ventilator support

- Indicated in severe RF or in which NIV is CI
- No evidence that one mode is better than another ---- Choose a pr or volume modes (**prtargeted** modes may not apply well in asthma “requires a high pr”)
- Maintain Ppl<**30** cm H2O
- Sedation ± paralysis “last resort” may be necessary in somepts if the ventilation mode cannot be matched to pt's needs (i.e., patient “**fighting**” the ventilator)
- Adjust PaCO2 to the basal not the normal** in COPD
  - That gives accepted PH
  - 2\*HCO3 -8 “Redwan 96”**
  - If confused “keep 60 mmHg”
- Monitor for & minimize **PEEPi** by:
  - Change ventilator settings**
    - Increase expiratory time, decrease RR&VT
  - Reduce ventilatory demand**
    - Reduce anxiety, pain, fever, shivering, reduce dead space, give sedatives and paralytics
  - Reduce flow resistance**
    - Use large-bore ET, suction frequently, give bronchodilators
  - Counterbalance expiratory flow limitation**
    - External PEEP**
      - 75-85% of measured PEEPi”
      - Till WOB decreased
      - Till PIP and Ppl start to increase

# Non-invasive ventilatory support "NPPV"

## Prepare for NIPPV

- Psychological preparation
- Choose appropriate interface "Oral mask for acute situation"
- Apply mask to face firmly first but without strapping.
- Usually start with low pressure in BIPAP "6-8 IPAP, 2-4 EPAP" keep the difference 4 "
- Wait 5 min. to decide success or failure

## Pt not candidate for NIPPV

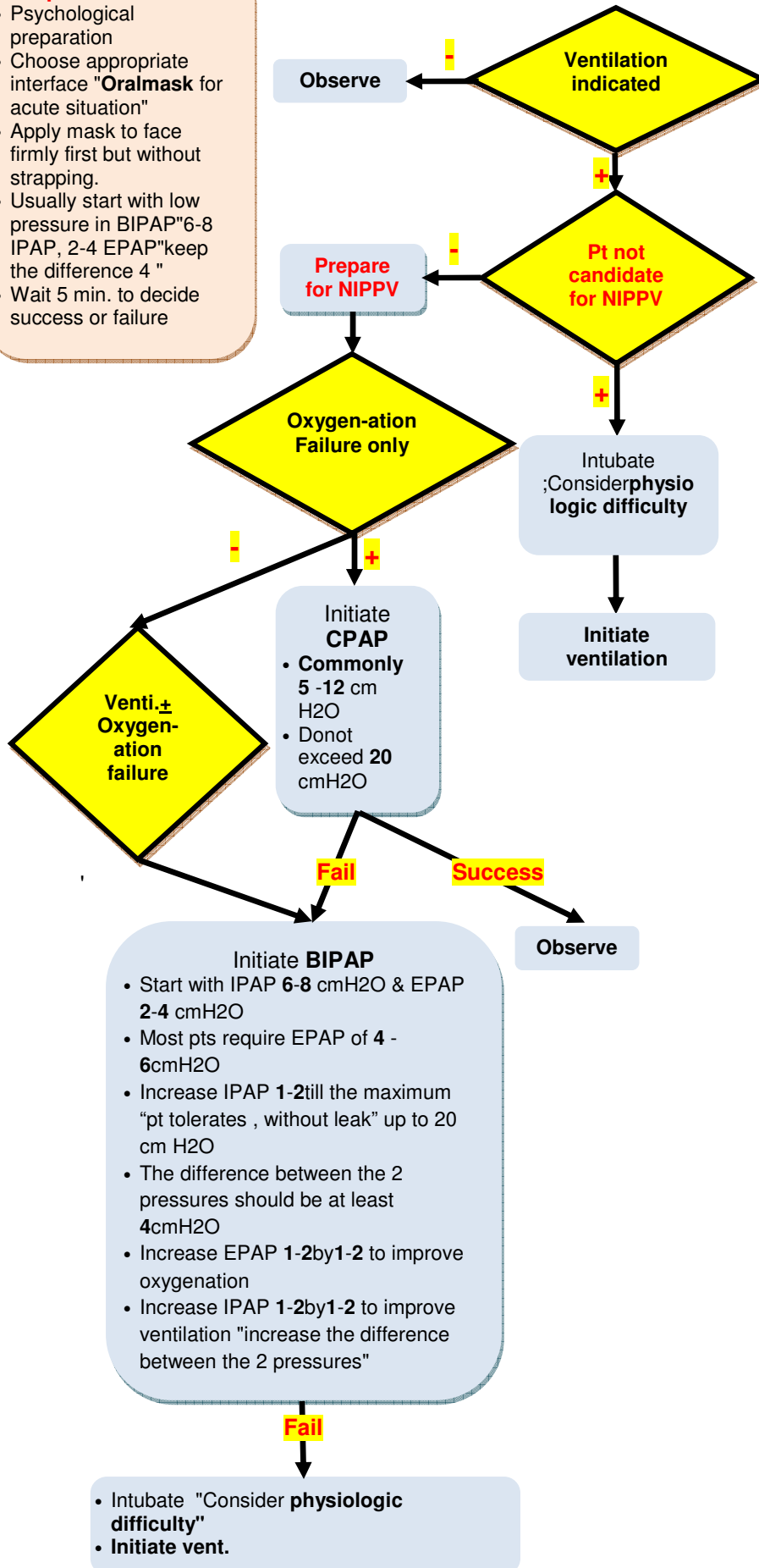
- Respiratory arrest
- Need for immediate intubation
- Inability to protect airway
- Intractable vomiting
- Inability to clear secretion
- Inability to cooperate or tolerate mask vent.
- Hypotension (S bl.pr < 90mmHg)
- Uncontrolled arrhythmia
- Upper airway obstruction
- Relative CI --- Morbid obesity, bronchospasm

## CPAP uses

- Lung contusion, chest trauma with flail chest
- Plus standard medical ttt in cardiogenic pulmonary edema (Level I)
- May be used with great caution in cases of ALI (Level III)

## BIPAP uses

- NIV is not recommended for routine use of asthma exacerbation. (Level III). NIV may be tried in ICU in pts of acute severe asthma who fail to respond quickly to medical ttt and have no CI
- Respiratory distress or RF after lung resection or abdominal surgery
- Neuromuscular disease and chest wall deformity when they present in acute - on-chronic RF if the pt can handle secretions
- Obesity hypoventilation syndrome (Central alveolar hypoventilation syndrome) with acute RF
- Hypercapnic cardiogenic pulmonary edema



# Independent lung ventilation "ILV"

- ILV is a rare and technically demanding procedure for managing unilateral lung dis. or injury in pts who have failed conventional modes of MV
- No controlled clinical trials of ILV exist and there are no clear-cut indications for its use
- In select critically ill pts, ILV can significantly improve aeration of collapsed alveolar segments, increase systemic oxygenation, reduce hypoventilation, and reduce intrapulmonary shunt fraction
- While the need to apply ILV is rare, it is a skill with which all physicians who manage the critically ill should be familiar

## Synchronous ILV

- The RR applied to each lung is the same, but the VT, flow, PEEP, and FiO<sub>2</sub> are selectively titrated to optimize oxygenation and ventilation while minimizing the potential for VILI in each lung
- Requires 2 ventilators with special software that are synchronized using an external cable

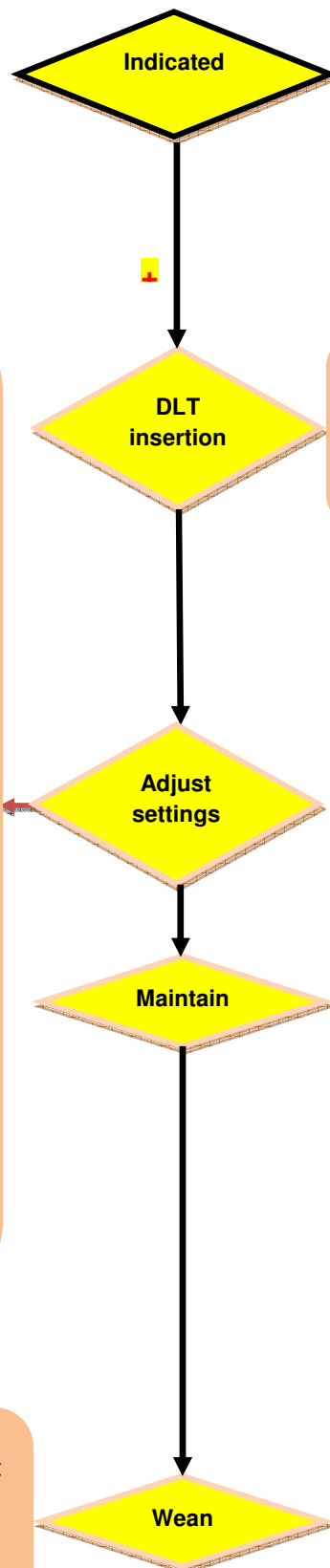
## Asynchronous ILV

- RR, VT, flow, PEEP, FiO<sub>2</sub>, and even mode of support (controlled MV, intermittent mandatory ventilation, pressure control ventilation, high frequency oscillatory ventilation, CPAP, etc...) can differ from one lung to the other
- Does not require specialized software packages and is considered to be less complicated than synchronous ILV

## Starting settings

- VT of 5 mL/kg in the normal lung and 2 mL/kg in the injured lung, titrated to achieve adequate ventilation while maintaining P<sub>plat</sub> below 26 cm H<sub>2</sub>O, which has been demonstrated to optimize PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub> and compliance
- RR, flow, PEEP, and FiO<sub>2</sub> should be adjusted to optimize oxygenation and CO<sub>2</sub> excretion while, in the pt with a BPF, simultaneously minimizing air leak

- ILV should be continued as long as is necessary to allow sufficient healing of the injured lung such that the VT and compliance of the 2 lungs differs by less than 100 mL and 20% respectively
- At that time, conventional mechanical ventilation using a single-lumen ETT can generally be reinstated and pt weaned as tolerated

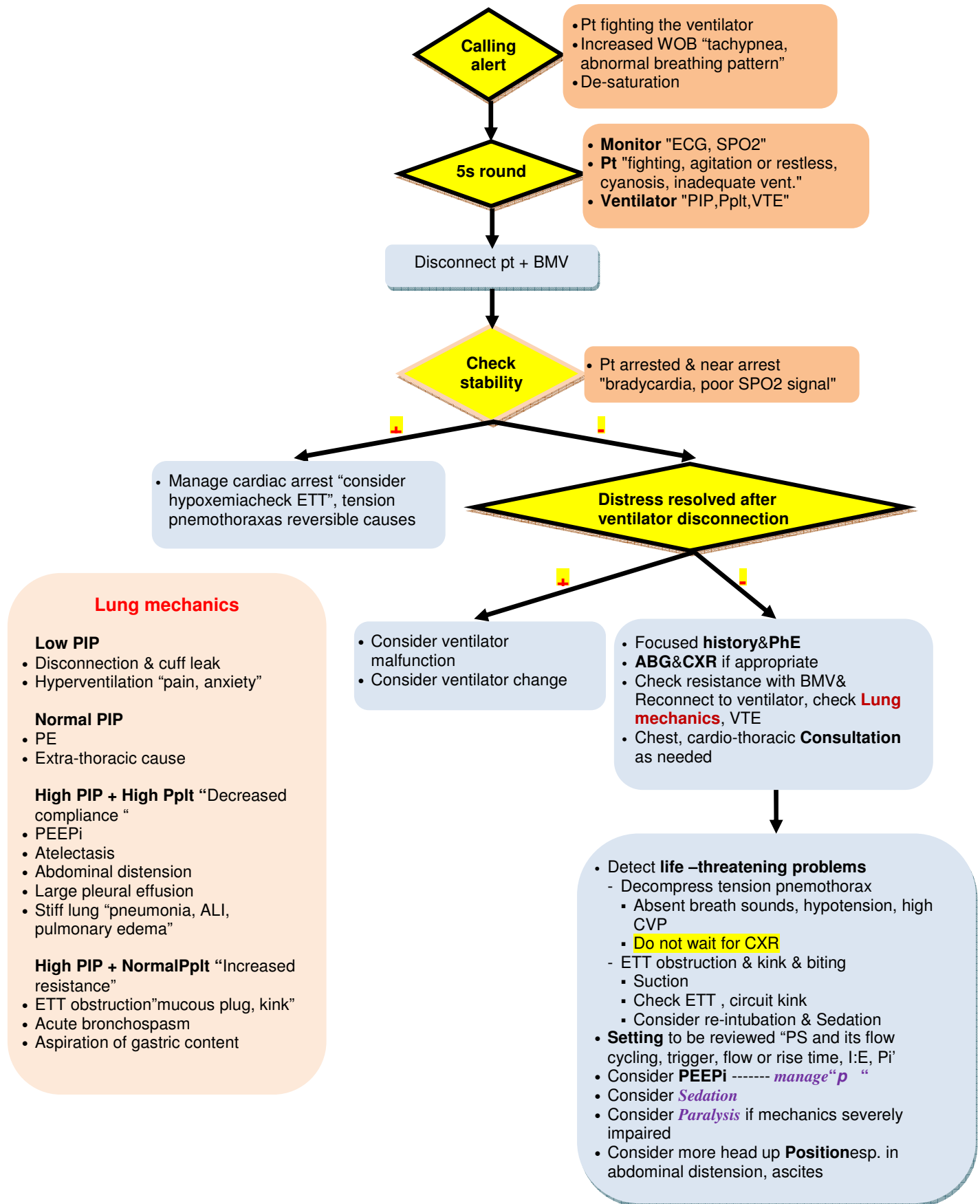


- Pat with radiographically apparent unilateral lung dis. and 1 or more of "Level III":
  - Hypoxemia refractory to high FiO<sub>2</sub> and PEEP
  - PEEP-induced deterioration in oxygenation or shunt fraction
  - Over-inflation of the noninvolved lung with or without collapse of the involved lung
  - Significant deterioration in circulatory status in response to PEEP
- Pt with BPF with 1 or more of "Level III":
  - Air leak exceeding 50% of the delivered VT
  - Hypercapnic respiratory acidosis (pH < 7.30)
  - Refractory hypoxemia particularly in pts in whom increases in PEEP exacerbate air leak
  - Persistent lung collapse despite optimum catheter drainage

- Proper placement and positioning is essential to the success of ILV
- The volume of air necessary to seal cuffs of a DLT is relatively small; inflation with large volumes can lead to mucosal injury and even bronchial rupture

- If DLT displacement is suspected, tube position should immediately be confirmed via bronchoscopy with repositioning as necessary.
- The small lumens of a DLT can make bronchial hygiene, suction, and bronchoscopy difficult
- Even small movements of the tube, as may occur during routine care, may compromise lung separation and ILV. Sedation and neuromuscular paralysis are commonly necessary
- **Monitor For complications**
  - Laryngeal trauma, bronchial trauma, and obstruction of the DLT lumens
  - The small lumens of a DLT can make bronchial hygiene and suctioning as well as bronchoscopy difficult if not impossible
- Invasive hemodynamic monitoring is advisable to monitor the effect of ILV on cardiac output and intrapulmonary shunt

## Troubleshooting during ventilatory support





## Weaning & Discontinuation

### RSBI calculation

- Measure RR and VE for 1 min. during **unassisted breathing**: (0 PEEP/ 5-8 cmH<sub>2</sub>O PSV to oppose tube resistance)

$$RSBI = RR/VE/RR$$

- At the end of 1 min. divide the VE by RR to calculate average VT
- Divide = RR by VT to obtain the RSBI
- \*NB; Be sure that RR < 35 b/min

### SBT

- Continuation of unassisted breathing for 30min- 2 hr

### Pt candidate for weaning

- An improvement in or some resolution of the underlying **cause**
- Pao<sub>2</sub>/Fio<sub>2</sub> > 150 - 200**
- Can initiate **respiratory effort**
- Hemodynamically** stable (Absence of active ischemia & S bl pr > 90 mmHg, with minimal pressors & inotropes (<5ug/Kg /min. dobutamine, dopamine)
- No need for heavy sedation

### Signs of SBT tolerance

- RR < 35/min.
- SaO<sub>2</sub> > 90% with up to 10% increase in Fio<sub>2</sub>
- HR & bl pr stability within 20% of baseline
- ICP < 20 mmHg
- Absence of marked use of accessory muscles, abdominal paradox, diaphoresis, excessive dyspnea, decreased consciousness, and agitation attributed to increased WOB
- Spontaneous VT > 5ml /Kg IBW

### Increased load

#### Chest wall

- Abdominal distension & ascitis
- Pneumothorax & Rib fracture

#### Lung

- Alveolar edema & PEEP<sub>i</sub>
- Atelectasis & infection

#### Minute ventilation

- Sepsis & PE
- Excess calories

#### Resistive load

- Bronchospasm "asthma & COPD"
- Obstructive sleep apnea
- Upper airway obstruction "croup"
- Edema & secretion of airway

### Neuro-muscular incompetence

#### Decreased respiratory drive

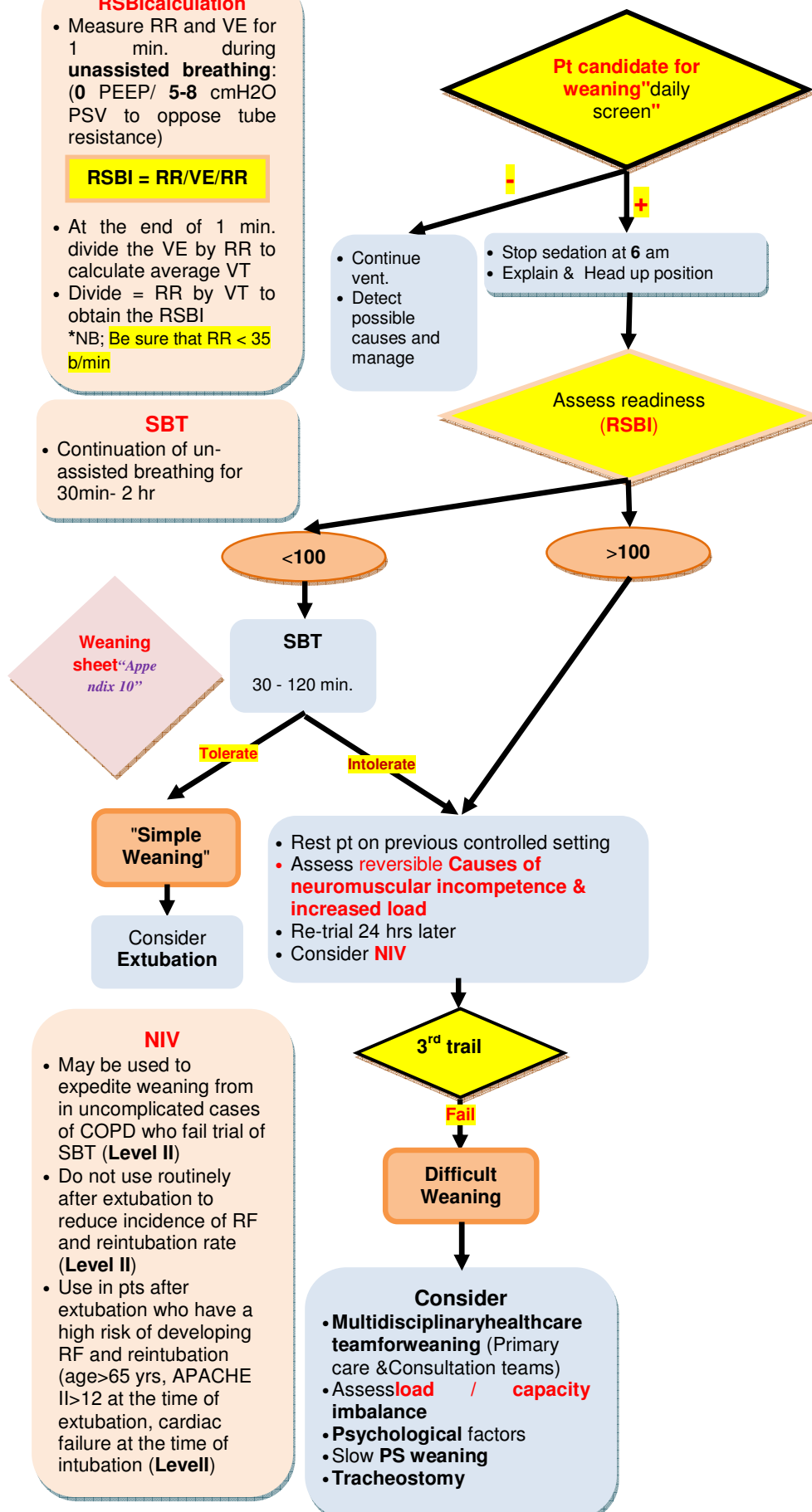
- Hypothyroidism & Drug overdose
- Brain stem lesion
- Sleep-disordered breathing

#### Impaired neuro-transmission

- Aminoglycosides
- Guillain barre s & Myasthenia Gravis
- Phrenic nerve palsy
- Spinal cord lesion
- Neuro-muscular blockers

#### Muscle weakness

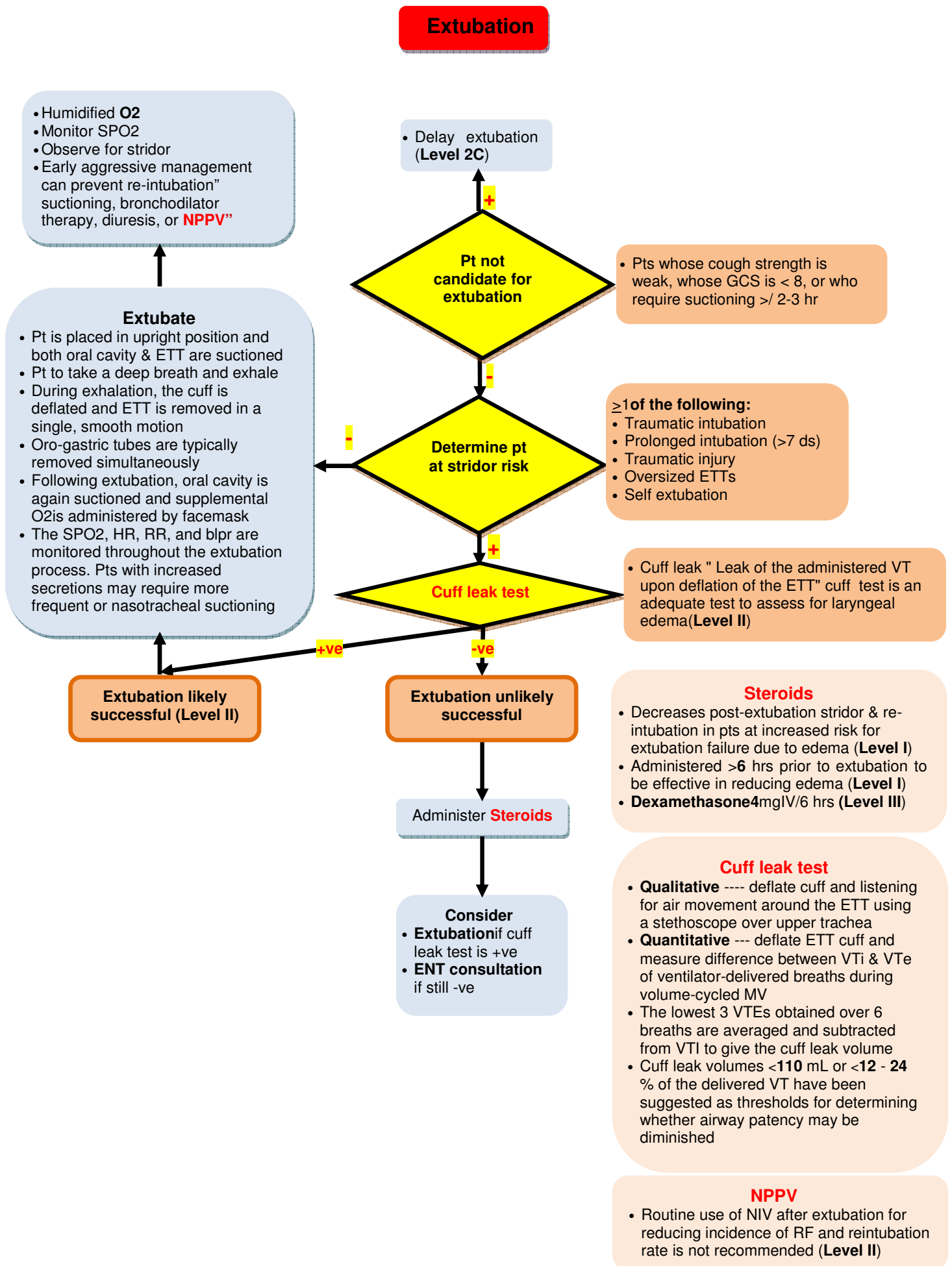
- Electrolytes disorders & Malnutrition
- Hypoperfusion & Myopathy
- Disuse atrophy
- Incomplete rest between trails



### NIV

- May be used to expedite weaning from in uncomplicated cases of COPD who fail trial of SBT (Level II)
- Do not use routinely after extubation to reduce incidence of RF and reintubation rate (Level II)
- Use in pts after extubation who have a high risk of developing RF and reintubation (age > 65 yrs, APACHE II > 12 at the time of extubation, cardiac failure at the time of intubation (Level II))

# Extubation





## Prone ventilation

- MV with the pt lying in the prone position
- It improves oxygenation in most pts with ARDS, although the mechanism and clinical benefit of this effect are uncertain

### Consultant decision

#### Indicated

- Used as early rescue therapy for refractory hypoxemia after conventional ventilatory strategies has been failed
- No CI-- spinal & hemodynamic instability, thoracic, abdominal surgeries "relative", facial, pelvic fractures, increased ICP, life-threatening arrhythmias
- **We do not use prone ventilation as routine for pts with ARDS**

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#### Consider

- Possible adverse effects of positioning on chest tube drainage
- Confirm from a recent CXR that tip of the ETT is located 2-4 cm above main carina
- Inspect and confirm that the ETT and all central and large bore peripheral catheters are firmly secured
- Consider exactly how pt's head, neck, and shoulder girdle will be supported after turning prone
- Stop EF, check for residual, fully evacuate stomach, and cap or clamp the feeding and gastric tubes
- Prepare endotracheal suctioning equipment, and review what the process will be if copious airway secretions abruptly interfere with ventilation
- Decide whether the turn will be rightward or leftward
- Prepare all IV tubing and other catheters and tubing for connection when pt is prone
  - Assure sufficient tubing length
  - Relocate all drainage bags on the opposite side of the bed
  - Move chest tube drains between legs
  - Reposition IV tubing toward patient's head, on opposite side of bed

#### Apply

- Place one (or more) people on both sides of the bed (to be responsible for the turning processes) and another at the head of the bed (to assure the central lines and the ETT do not become dislodged or kinked)
- Increase the FiO<sub>2</sub> to 1.0 and note the mode of ventilation, the VT, the VE, and PIP & P<sub>pl</sub>t
- Pull the pt to the edge of the bed furthest from whichever lateral decubitus position will be used while turning
- Place a new draw sheet on side of bed that the pt will face when in this lateral decubitus position. Leave most of the sheet hanging
- Turn the pt to the lateral decubitus position with the dependent arm tucked slightly under the thorax. As the turning progresses the non-dependent arm can be raised in a cocked position over the pt's head. Alternatively, the turn can progress using a log-rolling procedure
- Remove ECG leads and patches. Suction the airway, mouth, and nasal passages if necessary
- Continue turning to the prone position
- Reposition in bed center using new draw sheet
- If the pt is on a standard hospital bed, turn his/her face toward the ventilator. Assure that the airway is not kinked and has not migrated during turning. Suction the airway if necessary
- Support the face and shoulders appropriately avoiding any contact of supporting padding with orbits or eyes.
- Position the arms for pt comfort. If the pt cannot communicate, avoid any type of arm extension that might result in a brachial plexus injury
- Auscultate chest to check right mainstem intubation. Reassess the VT and VE
- Adjust all tubing and reassess connections and function
- Reattach ECG patches & leads to back.
- Tilt the pt into reverse trendelenburg. Slight, intermittent lateral repositioning (20-30°) should also be used, changing sides at least / 2 hr
- Document a thorough skin assessment every shift, specifically inspecting weight bearing, ventral surfaces

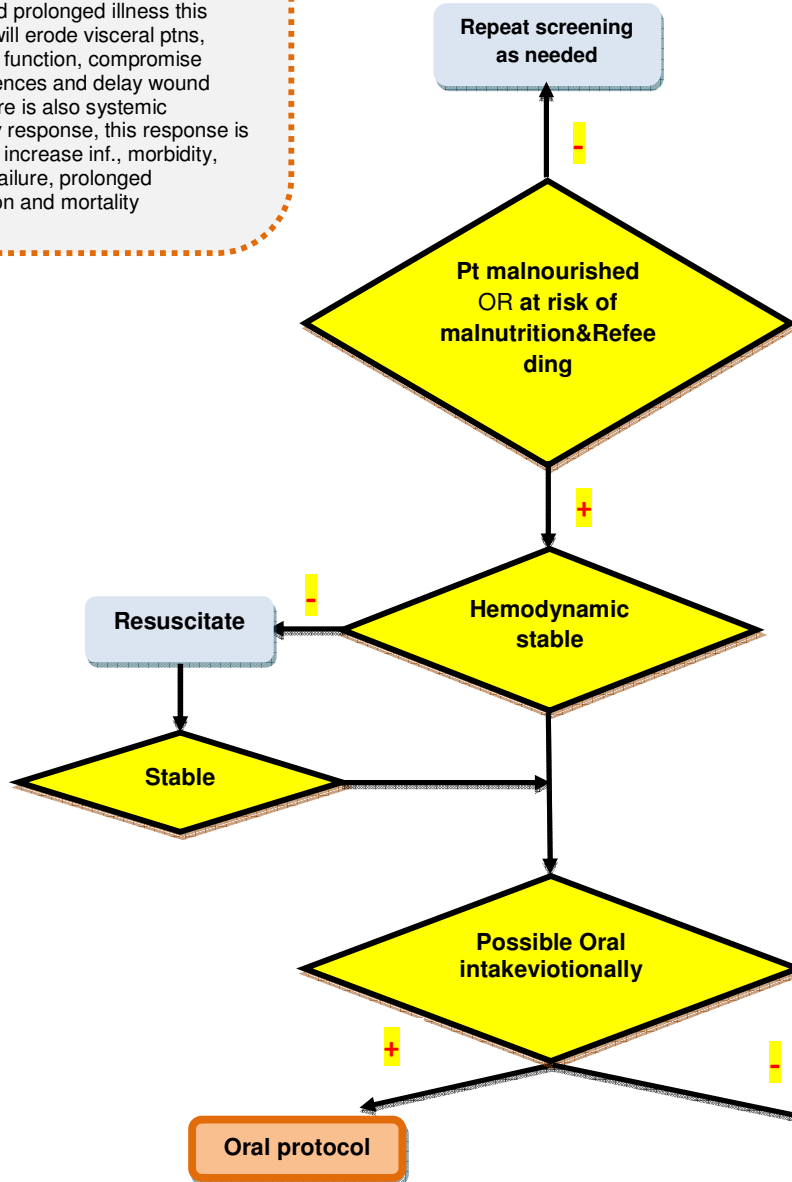
#### Post procedure

- PIP & P<sub>pl</sub>t tend to increase immediately after a pt is placed in the prone position, but typically decline with time
- Paralysis is not required and potentially harmful
- No need for additional monitoring, although the need for endotracheal suctioning should be assessed with increased frequency after being prone
- All involved staff should know how to quickly put the pt back into the supine position for CPR
- **Maintain prone ventilation for as long as it is effective**, with position changes only as needed for nursing care
- Transient hemodynamic instability and de-saturation can be minimized by providing adequate sedation and pre-oxygenating with 1.0 FiO<sub>2</sub>
- Skin breakdown over pressure points and dependent facial edema can occur. These adverse events can be minimized by frequent repositioning and soft padding
- Rate of EN should be reduced

**Nutritional support**

## Screening for nutrition support

- Critical illness is associated with an increased metabolic rate, breakdown of skeletal muscle, gastrointestinal mucosa and other tissues. This tissue breakdown may provide adequate nutrients for organ function and integrity during short periods of stress, however, in severe and prolonged illness this breakdown will erode visceral ptns, impair organ function, compromise immune defences and delay wound healing. There is also systemic inflammatory response, this response is coupled with increase inf., morbidity, multi organ failure, prolonged hospitalization and mortality



### Malnutrition

- BMI < 18.5 Kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Unintentional weight loss > 10% within last 3 – 6 ms
- BMI < 20 Kg/m<sup>2</sup> and unintentional weight loss > 5 % within last 3 – 6 ms

### At risk of malnutrition

#### A.

- Critically ill with expected stay > 3 ds
- Eaten little or nothing for > 3-5 ds and/or likely to eat little or nothing for the next 5 ds or longer
- Poor absorptive capacity, and/or high nutrient losses "mal-absorption, fistula, short bowel S" ± increased nutritional needs from catabolism "burn, trauma, and sepsis" or

#### B.

### • Nutrition risk score

### Re-feeding risk

- Life threatening condition encompassing acute micronutrient deficiencies, fluid, electrolyte imbalances, and disturbances of organ function and metabolic regulation that may result from over-rapid or unbalanced nutrition support provision to malnourished pt
- NICE 2006 criteria to determine risk :

≥ 1 of	≥ 2 of
BMI < 16 Kg/m <sup>2</sup>	BMI < 18.5 Kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Unintentional weight loss > 15% in the last 3-6 ms	Unintentional weight loss > 10% in the last 3-6 ms
Little or no nutritional intake for > 10 ds	Little or no nutritional intake for > 5 days
Low level of K, Ph, Mg prior to feeding	History of alcohol abuse or drug as insulin, diuretics, chemotherapy, antacids

- Consider oral nutrition support to improve nutritional intake for people who can swallow safely
- Overall nutrient intake should offer a balanced dmixture of ptn, energy, fiber, electrolytes, vitamins, and minerals
- If there is a concern about the adequacy of micro-nutrient intake, a complete oral vitamins, and mineral supplement providing the reference nutrient intake for all vitamins and trace elements should be considered
- Oral nutrition support should be stopped when the patient is established on an adequate oral intake
- Peri-operative oral nutrition support should be considered for surgical patients who can swallow safely
- Consider some oral intake within 24 hrs post CS or gynaecological surgeries
- Consider some oral intake within 24 hrs post abdominal surgeries in pts who can swallow and without specific concerns about gut function, with monitoring for any signs of N&V

# Nutrient requirement

## Nutritional goals

### IBW

#### Male

- Height 150 cm, weight 48 kg
- Every 2.5 cm above 150 cm of height, add 2.7 kg

#### Female

- Height 150 cm, weight 45 kg
- Every 2.5 cm above 150 cm of height, add 2.3 kg

### Should focus on

- The ptn, calories and micronutrients needs
- The potential response of pts to different nutrients
- The composition of specialized formulas

## Energy

- 25 Kcal/Kg "Espen 2009" During acute and initial phases of critical illness an exogenous energy supply in excess of 20–25 kcal/kg BW/d should be avoided, whereas, during recovery, the aim should be to provide values of 25–30 total kcal/ kg BW/d
- Consider **Hypocaloric feeding** in critically ill obese BMI >30 Kg/m<sup>2</sup> (60 -70 % of total energy requirement or 11 -14 Kcal/Kg actual body weight or 22 -25 Kcal/Kg IBW "Aspen 2009")
  - Re-feeding syndrome
  - Severe malnutrition
  - Trauma pts following shock resuscitation
  - Hemodynamic instability
  - ARDS or COPD
  - SIRS or sepsis
- ❖ Use actual body weight if weight is < IBW

## Glucose \*

- Contain 4 kcal /g
- Should provide 60-70% of total calories
- NB**
  - 100 g glucose is needed to prevent ketosis
  - Maximal oxidation rate 4 -7 mg/Kg /min./24 hrs
- Ideally keep <4 -7 mg/Kg /min./ 24 hrs "Espen 2009"
- Minimum 2 g /Kg
- Blood glucose levels should be monitored and nutrition regimen and insulin adjusted to maintain glucose between 110-150 mg/dl

## Fluid Needs

- 30 - 40 ml/Kg
- 1 ml/kcal baseline+ cover Additional losses – (ie. fever, diarrhea, GI output, tachypnea)
- Fluid restriction – CHF, renal failure, hepatic failure, CNS injury, and electrolyte abnormality

### Potential source of fluid loss & excess

Intake	Output
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaince IV fluids</li> <li>• Medications given via IV drip</li> <li>• Water flushes with crushed medications</li> <li>• Water flushes to keep tube patent</li> <li>• Water contained in tube feedings or PN</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chest tubes</li> <li>• Percutaneous drains               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Biliary&amp; pancreatic</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wound drainage</li> <li>• Ostomies/stool/ urine</li> <li>• Naso/Orogastric suction</li> <li>• Excess drooling&amp;siallorhea</li> <li>• Fistulas</li> <li>• Insensible losses               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Burn –Tracheostomy -Fever</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Ptn

- Contain 4 Kcal /g
- 1.2 - 2 g/Kg if BMI <30 Kcal/Kg, and may likely be even higher in burn or multi-trauma pts (**Level E**)
  - 2 g/Kg if BMI 30 -40 Kcal/Kg
  - 2.5 g/Kg if BMI >40 Kcal/Kg "Aspen 2009"
- 15 -20 % "mild to severe stress" of total calories
- Non-ptn calorie/ g of nitrogen ratio for critically ill = 100:1 "150 : 1 in mild stress to severe stress"

## Fat/Lipid\*

- Fat contain 9 Kcal /g
- Should provide 30 -40% of total calories
  - Diabetic: 60 % fat & CHO 40%
  - Pulmonary: 50 -60 % fat & CHO 40 -50 %
- 0.7 – 1.5 g/Kg "Espen 2006" Caution with use of fats in stressed & trauma pts:
  - High fat feedings (esp LCT) cause immno-suppression
  - New formulas focus on Omega 3 Fatty Acids.
- Intolerance sings:
  - Hyperlipidemia
  - Impaired Immune function
  - Hypoxemia
- ❖ Consider all lipid sources as propofol, or glucose sources as glucose infusions when calculating energy

## Electrolytes & Vitamins & Trace elements

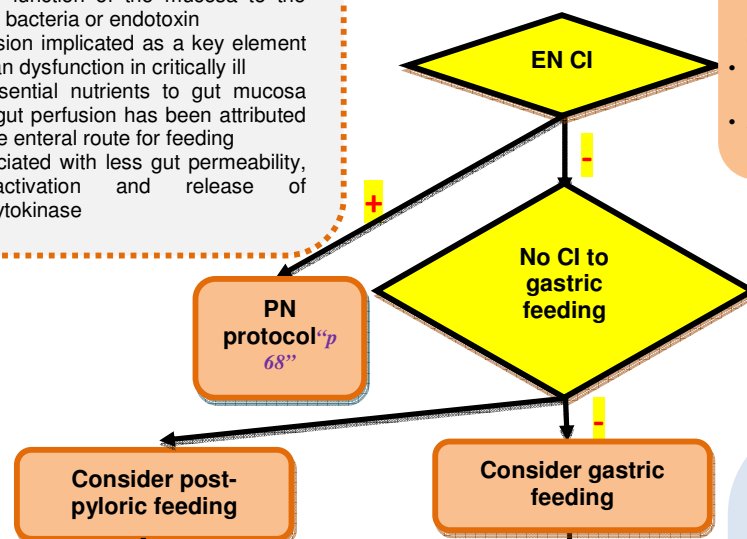
Nutrient	Daily requirements/day
<b>Sodium</b>	2mmol/Kg
<b>Potassium</b>	1mmol/Kg "depends on renal function"
<b>Magnesium</b>	0.2mmol/Kg "depends on renal function"
<b>Phosphate</b>	0.3mmol/Kg "depends on renal function"
<b>Calcium</b>	According to clinical condition
<b>Trace elements</b>	Zinc, copper, chromium, manganese, selenium, iodide
<b>Multivitamins</b>	B group; b12, folate, A, D, E
<b>Vitamin K</b>	Weekly unless on warafarin

## Enteral nutrition "EN"

- Critical illness is associated with gut mucosal atrophy and increased permeability and a failure in the "barrier" function of the mucosa to the translocation of bacteria or endotoxin
- Poor gut perfusion implicated as a key element in ongoing organ dysfunction in critically ill
- Delivery of essential nutrients to gut mucosa and improved gut perfusion has been attributed to the use of the enteral route for feeding
- Early EN associated with less gut permeability, diminished activation and release of inflammatory cytokines

- Bowel obstruction & ischemia, gastroparesis, intractable vomiting & diarrhea, active gastrointestinal bleeding "**absolute**"
- Enteric fistula, imminent bowel resection & endoscopy "**relative**"
- Acute pancreatitis & Enteric anastomosis may still option for **Elemental feeds**

- Gastroparesis or severely delayed gastric emptying & acute/chronic gastro-esophageal reflux & major intra-abdominal surgery
- Gastric feed intolerance "GRV >250ml despite prokinetics"
- **High risk pulmonary aspiration "Level III"**
- Acute severe pancreatitis



Consider post-pyloric feeding

Initiate

### Timing

- Within the 1 st 24 hrs of admission

### Access

- Insert Naso-entric tubes surgically or endoscopically or manually
- Obtain direct small bowel access in pt undergoing laparotomy for blunt & penetrating abdominal injuries (via nasojejunal feeding tube, gastrojejunal feeding tube, or feeding jejunostomy) and EN begun as soon as is feasible following resusc. (Level III)

### Delivery

#### Determine energy & nutrient requirement

- Deliver continuously over 16–24 hrs
- Start standard 20 ml **Polymeric feeding** 1Kcal/ml, unless **Specialized formula** is indicated
- Increase 20 ml/4 hrs till target

Maintain

- Do not aspirate jejunal feeds
- Medications in liquid form (not crushed tablets)
- Reflux into the stomach is still possible ----- check GRV via an NGT or gastric port of PEG/PEJ tube / 6 hrs x 24hrs then discontinue if GRV contains enteral feeding material and is consistently < 300 ml. If > 400 ml and contains enteral feeding material, continue to check GRV or use continuous gastric suctioning if gastric access is present "NGT". High NG output ">800 ml" ----- hold feeding & X-ray to verify placement
- Observe clinically for abdominal distension, emesis, cramping etc. If any signs of intolerance, hold feeds and check KUB
- Monitor for **Complications**

### Timing

- Within the 1 st 24 hrs of admission
- Commences in surgical patients without waiting for flatus & bowel motion "**Level I**"

### Access

- No recommendation of gastrostomy over NGT
- When possible, use a large-bore feeding tube for the 1st 1-2 ds of EN "**Level I**"
- Consider gastrostomy for long-term (>4 ws) EN
- Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) tubes can be used 4 hrs after insertion

### Delivery

#### Determine energy & nutrient requirement

##### Intermittent feeding

- Bolus feeding 125 ml / feed, increase by 125 ml till target with 3 hrs interval at least
- Volume should not be > 400 ml / feeding which includes flushing tube with 30- 50 ml water before and after feeding
- Do not allow feeding funnel to run empty
- Observe pt during feeding for signs of respiratory distress or vomiting

##### Continuous feeding

- For pts with risk for aspiration "**Level IV**" & GI intolerance
- Deliver continuously over 16–24 hrs
- Start standard 20 ml **Polymeric feeding** 1Kcal/ml, unless **Specialized formula** is indicated
- Increase 20 ml/4 hrs till target

### Polymeric preparations

- Contains intact ptn, complex CHO, and fats in addition to the trace elements, vitamins, minerals, and fiber
- Fiber is an important constituent of such feeds as it maintains the structural integrity of the gut enterocytes
- These feeds are usually made lactose free as lactose intolerance is common in critically ill pts
- Should be used unless the pt demonstrates intolerance, GI complications "short bowel syndrome & pancreatitis"



## Constipation

"Difficult passing & no motion for >3 ds"

- Rule out dehydration
- Increase free water content
- Rectal exam to exclude impaction
- Ensure adequate bowel regimen
- **Lactulose** "NG 20 ml/ 12hrs"

## Emesis

- Review medications that may cause N&V
- Exclude ileus & obstruction
- Reduce rate by half x 2 hrs and observe clinically. If emesis continues, hold feeds x 6 hrs, place NGT/OGT if not already in place and apply low continuous wall suction, examine abdomen and check KUB. Consider anti-emetic therapy. If emesis resolves, restart feeds at rate 25 mL/hr< previous rate (minimum 10 mL/hr)
- Consider
  - HOB elevation
  - Anti-emetics & gastric motility agent
  - Elemental formula in malabsorption
  - TPN if intractable

## Abdominal distension & Cramp

- Review medications that cause cramping
- **Mild** ----- Check for constipation, maintain rate, re-examine in 6 hrs, if remains mild--- maintain rate
- **Moderate** ----- Check small bowel obstruction abdominal X-ray series". If present --- stop feeding, replace existing tube, consider checking bladder pr, CBC, electrolytes with Mg&PO<sub>4</sub>, ABG with lactate, and consider changing formula to low f fiber if present

## Diarrhea

- **Mild** "1-2 /shift or 100-200/12 hrs" ----- Evaluate medications & Maintain rate & Increase to goal
- **Moderate** "3-4 /shift or 200-300/12 hrs" ---
  - Evaluate medications & Maintain rate, & Examine in 6 hrs, if mild or moderate ---- increase to goal
- **Severe** "> 4 /shift or >300/12 hrs" ----
- Consider
  - Manage CDI suspected
  - Distended, tympanic, or painful abdomen ---- DC EN
  - Medical/surgical history consistent with diarrhea "short bowel, pancreatic insufficiency" ----- medical intervention
  - Risk of stool impaction ----- Rectal check; manual disimpaction if +ve. Obtain abdominal x-ray to rule out more proximal impaction as indicated
  - Change all oral liquid medications to tablet or parenteral alternative; change oral electrolyte solutions to parenteral; DC all known cathartics if possible. rule out other potential drug related cause of diarrhea "Metochloperamide", Mg & PO<sub>4</sub>, Sorbitol, Erythromycin"
  - If All above -ve;
    - consider, Elemental, Isotonic, Fiber-containing, and high MCT content FormulaS (in fat mal-absorption)
    - Use low fat or skim yoghurt in place of feed to stop (Mix each 500 ml of water with 1 can of yoghurt)
    - Anti-diarrheal
    - Decrease rate by 50 %. If persists, consider PN

Maintain

Monitor for complications

Assessment

- See assessment "p69"

Wean

- Start oral, as pt is alert & able to manage mechanics of chewing & swallowing
- Hold EN 1 hr before scheduled meals to stimulate appetite
- If oral intake approaches 50% of the nutrients requirements for > 2 - 3 consecutive ds, rate can be:
  - Reduced in infusion rate Or
  - Reduced in the number of feeding

- Follow **General principles of tube feeding**
- Follow **Recommendations of administering medications**
- Evaluate for risk of aspiration "**Level I**"
- Elevate HOB **30 -45°** unless CI
- Aims to achieve **80-100 %** of the goal rate within 48 -72 hrs ---consider prokinetics, postpyloric feeding --- If not, consider supplemented PN
- If 100% reached for a minimum of 24 hrs---- insert fine bore tube feeding
- Withhold EN if hemodynamically unstable---- Restart once resuscitated
- Check gastric residuals / 4 hrs during the 1 st 48 hrs. After target rate is achieved ----check/ 6-8 hrs in non-critically ill pts for another 48 hrs "**Level III**" & 4-hr measurements are prudent in critically ill pts "**Level II**"
- Monitor for **GRV**
- Consider **When to stop tube feeding**

## Regurgitation

- Effortless passage of gastric contents into the nasopharynx

## Reflux

- Simple passage of gastric contents into the esophagus

## Emesis/ vomiting

- Passage of gastric contents into the nasopharynx that is associated with retrograde peristalsis and abdominal muscle contractions

## Penetration

- Entry of material into the larynx above the true vocal cords

## Aspiration

- Inhalation of material into the airway below the level of the true vocal cords

## Micro aspiration

- Aspiration of small volume that is usually asymptomatic and clinically undetected

## Macro aspiration

- Aspiration of large volume that is usually witnessed or detected by clinical observation

## Silent aspiration

- Aspiration occurring in the observed acute symptoms

## Symptomatic aspiration

- Aspiration accompanied by acute clinical symptoms of coughing, choking, dyspnea or respiratory distress

### When to hold tube feeding

- ½ hr-- procedure s require trendelenberg position
- 1 hr-- upper GIT endoscope "place NGT to suction"
- 6 hrs--GA for non-intubated pt
- 6 hrs--intubated pt undergo airway surgery including tracheostomy & planned intubation "thoracotomy"
- Midnight -- intubated pt with planned GIT surgery
- At the time of departure to the OR -- all other intubated pt including those who will be prone or those who will be extubated po "flush & aspirate gastric tube"

#### N.B.

- Stop insulin infusion before transport to OR
- Alert anesthetist to perform acuocheck in OR if SC insulin is given within 2 hrs
- Restart feeding PO unless orders to hold
- Adhere to the ICU approved extubation NPO periods:
  - Pre-extubation: NPO 1 hr (place NG to suction)
  - Post-extubation: resume EN at last tolerated rate in 4 hrs (unless CI)
  - Post-extubation: resume oral intake (sips/clear fluids) in 6 hrs (unless CI)
  - Prior to extubation, assess if EN is required. If required, ensure the pt has the appropriate feeding access. Unless CI, small bore NG tube is preferred
- For pt on BiPAP EN is initiated/continued unless CI:
  - <4 hrs post-extubation
  - Impending intubation
  - High risk aspiration (i.e. Hx GERD; elevated GRV; inability to protect airway – decreased LOC)

### General principles of tube feeding

- Feeding should be at room temperature, and should not be hang more than 12 hrs. Supply at one time
- Use closed enteral feed systems
- Change administration sets as per manufacture guidelines & "open systems /24 hrs"
- Use sterile water for flushing tube
- Use sterile liquid feeds
- Hang closed system formulas for 24 hrs & "powder reconstituted feeds for "4 hrs"
- Store unopened liquid formula as manufacture guidelines & use before expiry date
- Avoid use of food dyes to assist in identifying regurgitation or aspiration
- Flushing feeding tubes with 10-30 ml of water / 4 hrs during continuous feeding
- Flushing the feeding with 30 ml of water after residual volume measurements
- Blood sugar control "6 hrs keep between 140 -180 & use insulin infusion s needed
- Consider additional micronutrient supplementation
- TTT of tube occlusion ----- flush with warm water, replace tube if necessary

### Specialized feeds

#### Immune modulating formula

- Formula "enriched with **arginine, nucleotides, omega3 fatty acids**
- At least deliver 50% - 65% energy need '**Level III**'.
- Superior to standard enteral formula in:
  - Elective upper GIT surgical pts '**Level I**'
  - Mild sepsis "APACHE II <15 "not recommended in pts with severe sepsis '**Level II**'
  - Trauma '**Level I**'
  - ARDS "formula containing omega 3 fatty acids, antioxidants" '**Level II**'
- Insufficient data in burn
- ICU pts with very severe illness who do not tolerate >700 ml enteral feeds / d should not receive immune modulating formulas '**Level II**'

#### High lipid, low CHO formula

- In difficult to wean pt

#### Elemental formula

- The various macronutrients are present in a readily absorbable form e.g. ptr "peptides or AA", fats "medium chain TG", and CHO "mono or disaccharides"

- For pts with severe form of mal-absorption

#### Soluble fiber

- Beneficial for fully resuscitated, hemodynamically stable critically ill pt who develops diarrhea. Insoluble fiber should be avoided in all critically ill ps. Both should be avoided in pts at high risk for bowel ischemia or severe dysmotility (**Level III**)

#### Renal feeds

- For patient with AKI not on CRRT, or CKD with electrolytes abnormalities "**2 Kcal/ml**", low PH & K

#### The addition of enteral Glutamine

- Considered in trauma, and burn (**Level II**)
- Insufficient data in surgical, heterogeneous critical ill pts

#### Administration of Probiotic agents

- Improve outcome in specific critically ill pt populations involving transplantation, major abdominal surgery, and severe trauma (**Level III**).
- No recommendation for general ICU population

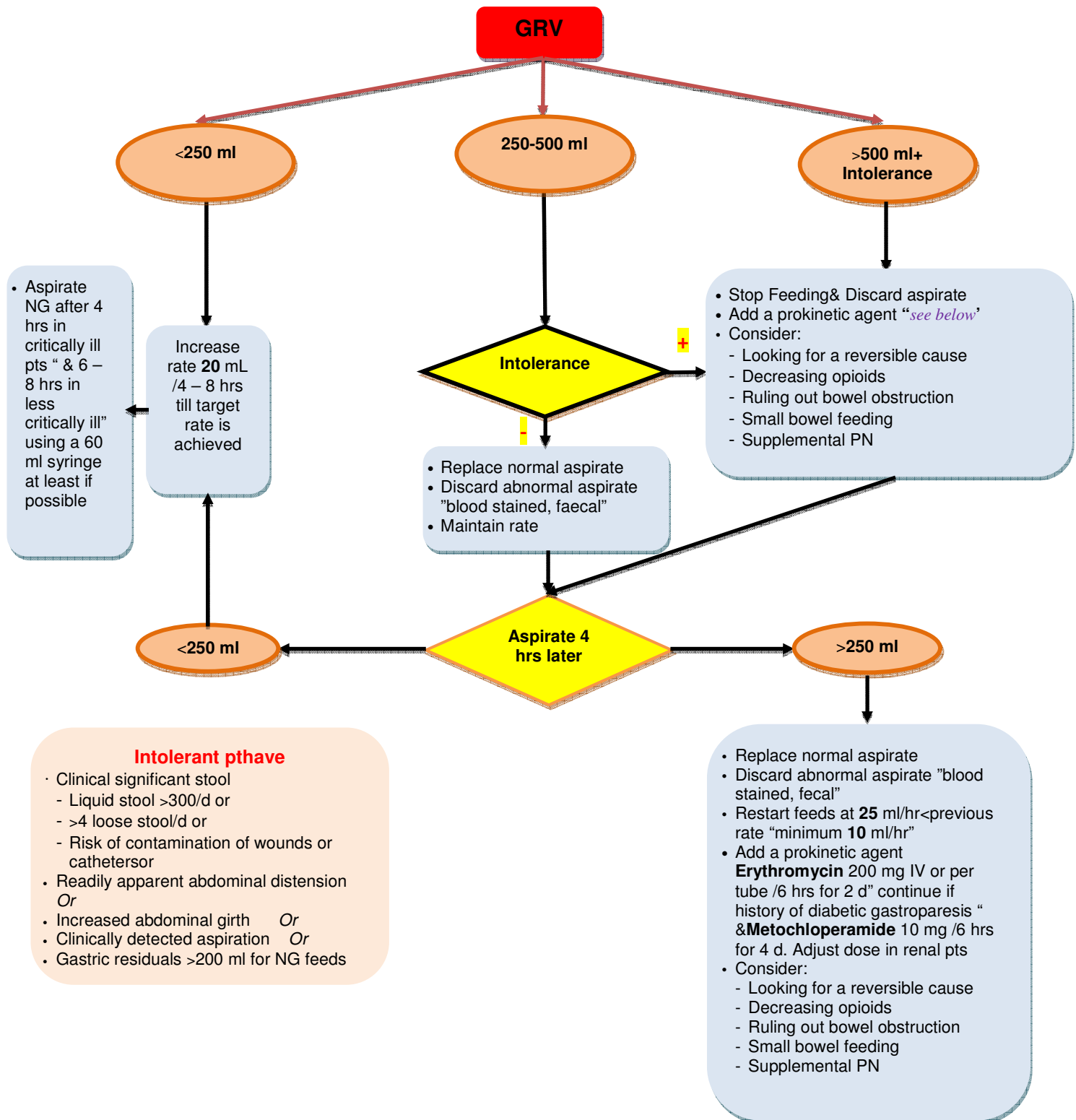
**Antioxidant & Vitamins & trace minerals** Should be provided to all critically ill pts receiving specialized nutrition therapy (**Level II**)

- Burn --- higher rate of **Trace elements** '**Level I**'

### For medications administration

- Each medication should be administered separately through an appropriate access. Liquid dosage forms should be used when available and if appropriate. Only immediate-release solid dosage forms may be substituted. Grind simple compressed tablets to a fine powder and mix with sterile water. Open hard gelatin capsules and mix powder with sterile water (**Level II**)
- Prior to administering medication, stop the feeding and flush the tube with at least 15 mL water. Dilute the solid or liquid medication as appropriate and administer using a clean oral syringe (≥ 30 mL in size). Flush the tube again with at least 15 mL water taking into account pt's volume status. Repeat with the next medication (if appropriate). Flush the tube one final time with at least 15 mL water. Assess fluid restricted pts individually





# Parenteral nutrition "PN"

EN is insufficient or CI

Initiate PN immediately

Ptn-calorie malnutrition

Initiate PN only after the 1st 3 - 7 ds of hospitalization "Level III"

Nutrient & Energy requirement

## Access

- Central PN ----- Via separate Central line "IJ or Subclavian" & tunneled catheter is recommended for long term use ">30 ds" & Separate catheter or exclusive one port. & tubing changed daily
  - Infusion rates not exceed /hr "0.5 gm /Kg glucose, 0.15 gm/Kg fat, 0.1 gm/ kg ptn"
  - Avoiding femoral venous access
- Peripheral PN ---- for short term use & Not >10% D & ≤10% AA solution & ≤2 gm lipid/kg/d, not >60% of total kcal & <900 mosm/l

## Delivery

- Continuous administration is the preferred method ----- Infuse over 24 hrs "via volumetric pumps"
- Solution is generally started at 25 ml/hr
- Consider a gradual change from continuous to cyclical delivery in pts requiring PN for >2 wks

- Consider full required energy level & IV lipids if PN expected to be >10 ds
- Consider hypocaloric PN & withhold lipids if
  - PN expected to be <10 ds
  - After resusc.
  - At risk of re-feeding
- Commence daily IV **Vitamins & Trace elements** if not part of PN regimen
- Glutamine** supplemented PN or supplement with IV glutamine infusion "Level III". Parenteral doses 0.5 g L-glutamine/kg/d 2 and 0.2 - 0.4 g L-glutamine/kg/d 7

Initiate

Maintain

Wean

- Target** ----- No >50% of estimated needs for the 1st 24-48 hrs & Increase gradually to 80% of target at 72 hrs
- Monitor **Glycemic control** "Measure /4 hrs & Keep between 140 -180 mg/dl"
- When solution is discontinued, taper like start to prevent rebound hypoglycemia or start 10% D5
- To stop TPN for surgery, replace TPN with 5% D5 at the same infusion rate
- If TPN is stopped suddenly, the patient is at risk of hypoglycemia. Insulin infusions should be ceased and BSLs monitored hourly for 4 hrs

- Reassess daily for EN eligibility
- Begin tapering PN when enteral tube feedings are providing 33 to 50% of the total nutrient requirements
- When enteral tube feedings are well tolerated and provided >60 -75% of nutrient requirements, PN can be discontinued
- Reduce PN/EN by 1/2 of the goal
- Reduce by 1/2 of goal "DC lipids, decrease D5"
- EN can be cycled to 12 nighttime cycled to encourage appetite during the day
- When EN are well tolerated and provided >60-75% of nutrient requirements. PN can be DC

## Nutritional assessment

Parameter	Frequency	Rationale	Interpretation
Sodium, potassium, urea, creatinine	Baseline Daily until stable Then 1 or 2 times a week	Assessment of renal function, fluid status, and Na and K status	Interpret with knowledge of fluid balance and medication  Urinary sodium may be helpful in complex cases with gastrointestinal fluid loss
Glucose	Baseline 1 or 2 times a day (or more if needed) until stable Then weekly	Glucose intolerance is common	Good glycaemic control is necessary
Magnesium, phosphate	Baseline Daily if risk of refeeding syndrome Three times a week until stable Then weekly	Depletion is common and under recognised	Low concentrations indicate poor status
Liver function tests including International Normalised Ratio (INR)	Baseline Twice weekly until stable Then weekly	Abnormalities common during parenteral nutrition	Complex. May be due to sepsis, other disease or nutritional intake
Calcium, albumin	Baseline Then weekly	Hypocalcaemia or hypercalcaemia may occur	Correct measured serum calcium concentration for albumin  Hypocalcaemia may be secondary to Mg deficiency  Low albumin reflects disease not protein status
C-reactive protein	Baseline Then 2 or 3 times a week until stable	Assists interpretation of protein, trace element and vitamin results	To assess the presence of an acute phase reaction (APR). The trend of results is important
Zinc, copper	Baseline Then every 2–4 weeks, depending on results	Deficiency common, especially when increased losses	People most at risk when anabolic  APR causes Zn decrease and Cu increase
Selenium <sup>a</sup>	Baseline if risk of depletion Further testing dependent on baseline	Se deficiency likely in severe illness and sepsis, or long-term nutrition support	APR causes Se decrease  Long-term status better assessed by glutathione peroxidase
Full blood count and MCV	Baseline 1 or 2 times a week until stable	Anaemia due to iron or folate deficiency is	Effects of sepsis may be important

### Assess nitrogen balance

- Reliable only when creatinine clearance stable and above 50 ml/min.
- Method**
  - Obtain 24 hr timed urine urea nitrogen in grams / 24hrs
  - Multiply by 0.85 to correct for non-urea nitrogen losses
  - Add 2 - 4 gms for correct for insensible nitrogen losses
  - Multiply by 6.25 to determine ptn intake required for equilibrium
- Interpretation:**
  - Compare result to patient's protein intake from all sources: oral, enteral and parenteral
  - Intake > output: "positive" = anabolism exceeds catabolism
  - Intake < output: "negative" = catabolism exceeds anabolism
  - Intake = output: "zero" = in equilibrium between catabolism and anabolism
- Goal:**
  - Achieve a positive to zero nitrogen balance. May not be feasible in severely hypercatabolic patients for several weeks

### Metabolic gas analysis

- Indirect calorimetry and 24 hrs urine urea N2 should be utilized to determine the caloric needs for mechanically ventilated pts for more than 7 ds

Traditional nutrition assessment tools are not validated in critical care (albumin, prealbumin, and anthropometry). Before initiation of feedings, assessment should include evaluation of weight loss and previous nutrient intake before admission, level of disease severity, comorbid conditions, and function of the GIT (**Level E**)

### Assess visceral protein stores

- Note that these parameters are unreliable if creatinine clearance is under 50 ml/min. or if patient is in fulminant renal or hepatic failure.
- Serum albumin is invalid as an indicator of protein nutrition after fluid resuscitation has been initiated and acute stress response has occurred.
  - Start to measure once acute inflammatory phase begin to improve & patient received EN at goal at goal for more than 72 hrs.
- Laboratory values may differ slightly by institution and assay used

	Adequate stores mg/dl	Mild depletion Mg/dl	Moderate depletion Mg/dl	Severe depletion Mg/dl
Albumin	3.5 - 5.0	2.8 - 3.4	2.1 - 2.7	≤ 2.1
Transferrin	212 - 360	150 - 211	100 - 149	≤ 100
Prealbumin	18 - 45	15 - 17	11 - 14	≤ 10

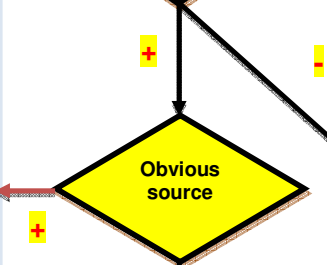
# **Infections in ICU**

# New onset fever

- Suspect **pneumonia** ----- **Pneumonia protocol** "p73"
- Suspect **CRBSI** --- **CRBSI protocol** "p74"
- Suspect **UTI** ---- **Evaluation of suspected UTI**
- Suspect **soft tissue inf.** ----- **Soft tissue inf. Protocol** "p 75"
- **Suspect abdominal sepsis** (tenderness, distension, intolerance EN) ----- abd. CT & US
- Suspect **C difficile diarrhea** ----- **CDI protocol** "p78"
- Suspected **infected FB & devices** ----- remove
- **Suspect CNS inf.** ---- **CNS inf. protocol** "p 76"
- Suspect **infected FB & devices** --- remove
- **PO fever** -----
  - likely after 72 hrs "exceptions are erysipelas, clostridial myonecrosis or toxic shock S"
  - If there is suspicion of inf. --- open wound & no need for culture if there is no inf. (**Level II**) & Obtain gram -ve stain & cultures from any expressed purulence from levels within incisions consistent with a deep incisional or surgical site inf., tissue biopsies & aspirates preferable to swab (**Level III**)



- **Temp. measurement Protocol**
- **Antipyretics, Cooling** as indicated



- Suspect **non-infectious causes** ---- **Procalcitonin** if in doubt
- If **community acquired infection** is clinically suspected ---- **bl. & sputum & urine cultures** & culture from possible site ---- start empiric ab
- **In the 1st 72 hrs PO**
  - A high level of suspicion should be maintained for superficial thrombophlebitis, and VTE
  - CXR not indicated if fever is the only indication "exception: possible peri-operative aspiration, community acquired process as Legionella pneumonia"
  - Urine analysis & culture not indicated if fever is only indication

## Temp. Measurement protocol

- Accurately measured by intravascular, esophageal, bladder thermistor, then rectal, oral, and tympanic membrane
- **Axillary should not be used (Level II)**

- Consider **non-infectious causes** ---- **Procalcitonin** to confirm diagnosis (**Level II**)
- **Bl. & sputum & urine culture** if not done
- **Empiric ab**
- Pt in **septic shock** ---- **Septic shock protocol** "p107"
- Pt **neutropenic** ---- **Neutropenia protocol** "p79"
- **Central line >2 ds** ---- draw bl. Culture centrally
- If **Sinusitis** clinically suspected "esp., if there is nasal tube" ----
  - Remove tube & obtain CT or US (**Level III**)
  - ENT consult ---- puncture & aspiration of sinuses under sterile conditions (**Level III**), Gram stained & cultured (**Level III**)

De-escalate ab according to C&S

Evaluate response after 48- 72hrs &

Good response

Bad response

- **Culture +ve** ---- Continue till after 48 hrs from apyrexia - consider, procalcitonin for follow up & Consider longer course in infective endocarditis, deep seated inf., MRSA, and pseudomonas inf.
- **Culture -ve** ---- review **Organism** & repeat culture & consider **non-infectious causes**

- **Culture +ve** ---- review **Drug & Organism**
- **Culture -ve** ---- Consider **non-infectious causes**
  - Venography & Abd. image
  - **Drug fever**: Consider new medications & bl. products. If possible, re-challenge pts with drug to confirm diagnosis. If suspected drug can be stopped, do so. If drug cannot be stopped, consider a comparable substitute (**Level II**) ---- Review **Organism**

## Antipyretic & Cooling

- Do not use routinely
  - **Antipyretics preferred to cooling**
- Lower the body temp. e in:
  - Temp. >41.1°C- Limited cardiorespiratory reserve
  - Recent stroke, TBI - Pregnancy

Pt who is hypothermic or eutermic may have a life-threatening inf. Unexplained hypotension, tachypnea tachycardia, rigors, confusion, skin lesions, acidosis, leukocytosis, leukopenia, oliguria or thrombocytopenia might mandate a comprehensive search for inf., and aggressive, immediate empiric therapy

### Empiric ab therapy

- Helpful information guide
  - Localization**
  - Source " **Nosocomial/community**"
  - Presence of MDRO (Level II)**
  - Patterns of resistance, organisms prevalent in ICU environment "Up to date **Unit Antibigrams**"
- Consider adequate dose, intervals & duration
- Combination therapy for MDR pathogens
  - G-ve coverage typically involves a  $\beta$ -lactam, fluoroquinolone or aminoglycoside "Quinolones better lung penetration & less renal toxicity"
- Consider **Antibiotic cycling**
  - Classes of drugs are used for empiric therapy for 3-4 mo "3 gen **Cephalosporins, Fluoroquinolones, Piperacillin – tazobactam, Carbapenems**"

Site	Suggested treatment
<b>UTI &amp; Severe acute pyelonephritis</b>	<b>Community acquired</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ciprofloxacin 400 mg /12 hrs</li> </ul> <b>Hospital acquired</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indwelling catheter related infection</li> <li>Piperacillin –tazobactam 4.5 g /8 hrs</li> </ul>
<b>Intra-abdominal sepsis "for 7-14 ds"</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Cefipime 2gm IV /12 hrs or</b></li> <li><b>Piperacillin –tazobactam 4.5 g IV /8hrs or</b></li> <li><b>Imipenem 500 mg IV /6 hrs</b></li> </ul>
<b>Diabetic foot "severe"</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Piperacillin –tazobactam 4.5 g IV /8hrs or</b></li> <li><b>Imipenem 500 mg IV /6 hrs +</b></li> <li><b>Vancomycin 15 mg /Kg IV 12 hrs</b></li> </ul>
<b>Pneumonia</b>	See cap & VAP & HCAP "p73"
<b>CRBSI &amp; Septic thrombo-phlebitis</b>	See CRBSI "p74"
<b>CNS inf.</b>	<b>Community acquired meningitis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ceftriaxone 2 gm IV /12 hrs +</li> <li>Vancomycin 15 mg /Kg /8 hrs "max. 2 gm" +</li> <li>- Adjust according drug level</li> <li>Ampicillin 2 gm /4 hrs "immune-suppressed pts /more than 50 years"</li> <li><i>Simultaneously with</i></li> <li>Dexamethazone 10 mg /6 hrs for 4 ds</li> <li>"suspected or known streptococcal inf."</li> </ul> <b>Hospital acquired meningitis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cefipime 2 gm IV /8 hrs or</li> <li>Meropenem 2 gm IV /8 hrs +</li> <li>Vancomycin 15 mg /Kg /8 hrs "max. 2 gm" +</li> <li><i>Simultaneously with</i></li> <li>Dexamethazone 10 mg /6 hrs for 4 ds</li> </ul> <b>In presence of shunt</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rifampacin 600 mg /24 hrs for 4 ds</li> </ul> <b>Herpetic meningo-encephalitis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acyclovir 10 mg /Kg / 8 hrs</li> </ul>
<b>ST inf.</b>	<b>Cellulitis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Amoxicillin/clavulanic acid 1.2 gm /8 hrs</b></li> </ul> <b>Necrotizing fasciitis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See <b>Necrotizing fasciitis</b> "p75"</li> </ul>

### MDRO risk factors

- Recent hospitalization  $\pm$  MV
- Residency in a healthcare-associated facility

### Bl. culture

- Obtain before initiation of ab therapy (**Level II**)
- For pts with no vascular catheter, obtain at least 2 cultures 10 min. apart from peripheral sites by separate venipunctures (**Level II**)
- If venipuncture is difficult to perform and if there is an intravascular device in place, 2nd culture can be drawn from the device at the time of peripheral one. In most cases, when true bacteremia or fungemia exists, the 2 cultures will be identical. Most of discordant results, culture drawn through device will be positive and by venipuncture will be negative; in such case, organism is more likely to be a contaminant not pathogen"
- If CVC is suspected to be a potential source, drawn a bl. culture through the catheter
- Obtain no >3 cultures within first 24 hrs of onset of fever
- Obtaining bl. culture more than / 24 hr is rarely helpful
- Additional bl. cultures should be drawn thereafter only when there is clinical suspicion of continuing or recurrent bacteremia or fungemia or for test of cure or prolonged bacteremia "staph Inf."
- Additional cultures should be paired (**Level II**)
- For cutaneous disinfection, 2% chlorhexidine gluconate in 70% isopropyl alcohol is preferred, but tincture of iodine is equally effective. Both require  $\geq 30$  s of drying before proceeding with the culture procedure
  - Povidone iodine is an acceptable alternative, but must be allowed to dry >2 min. (**Level I**)
- Wipe injection port of bl. culture bottles with 70 - 90% alcohol before injecting sample into the bottle (**Level III**)
- Draw **10-20** up to **30 mL** bl. / culture (**Level II**)
- Label blood culture with the exact time, date, and anatomic site (**Level II**)

### Evaluation of suspected UTI

- Collect urine from sampling port not drainage bag (**Level II**)
- Transport urine to lab. within 1 hr. If delayed, specimen should be refrigerated (**Level II**)
- Bacteria & WBCs are a normal finding in catheterized pt. Cultures  $>10^3$  cfu/mL represent bacteriuria or candiduria, but neither higher counts nor presence of pyuria alone are of much value in determining if catheter-associated bacteriuria or candiduria is the cause of fever; mostly, it is not the cause of fever (**Level I**)
- UTI in catheterised pt is defined as:
  - $>10^5$  bacteria + +ve culture, +
  - $>500$  WBC/HPF.
- Abs will not clear colonization & indicated if it is thought that the pt is systemically unwell from this source. Catheter removal only effective. Bladder wash-out may be beneficial



# HAP & VAP & HCAP

## CAP

Start **Empiric ab**--- Culture----  
Descalateab

## Empiric ab

- For severe CAP "need ICU admission" & Early VAP ----- Choose effective empiric ab if MDRO is not suspected
  - **Levofloxacin 750 mg IV/24 hrs**
  - + **Ceftriaxone 2 gm IV /24 hrs**
- Late VAP & MDR pathogen & pseudomonas ----- initiate the following for 7 -14 ds
  - 1- Broad spectrum B-lactam "select one"
    - **Cefipime 2 gm IV /12 hrs**
    - **Piperacillin-tazobactam 4.5 g IV /8hrs**
    - **Imipenem 500 mg IV /6 hrs**
  - 2- Anti-pseudomonal quinolones "select one"
    - **Levofloxacin 750 mg/24 hrs**
    - **Ciprofloxacin 400 mg/ 8 hrs**
  - 3- If MRSA risk factors are present "select one"
    - **Vancomycin 15 mg/Kg IV /12 hrs**
    - **Linezolid 600 mg IV /12 hrs**

< 48hrs

## Clinical suspicion

- New persistent or progressive infiltrate
- Respiratory "purulent trachea-bronchial secretion, declined pulmonary function"
- Inflammatory "fever, leucocytosis, new onset delirium"

A + more than one of B, or C

## HAP

- Pneumonia > 48 hrs after admission, in pt with no ETT at admission

## VAP

- Early >48-96 hrs post intub.
- Late >96 hrs post intub.

## HCAP

- Includes hospitalized pt in an acute care hospital for >2 ds within 90 ds of inf.; resided in a nursing home or long-term care facility; received recent IV ab therapy, chemotherapy, or wound care within the past 30 ds of current inf.; or attended a hospital or hemodialysis clinic
- Need therapy for MDRO

Search for other source

> 48hrs

## CPIS & Others

<6

>6 or <6+ high clinical probability

- Empiric ab" Consider MDRO"

Trach. aspirate or bronchoscopic BAL

## Clinical improvement

+ve culture

DC ab

- Search for other pathogens "mycobat., virus, fungi, & repeat culture, consider non-infectious cause & complications "empyema, lung abscess" & other site of inf.

De-escalate ab.

## Clinical improvement 2-3 ds later "reduced CPIS"

- Adjust ab therapy
- Search for other pathogens "mycobat., virus, fungi, & repeat culture & consider non-infectious cause & complications "empyema, lung abscess" & other site of inf.

- De-escalate ab
- ttt selected pts for 7-10 ds
  - Longer therapy for pseudomonas, acinetobacter
- Reassess

## CPIS

Factor	Score
<b>Temperature</b>	
• 36.5–38.4 C	0
• 38.5–38.9	1
• < 36 or > 39	2
<b>Oxygenation "PaO2/FiO2"</b>	
• PaO2/FiO2 >240 or ARDS	0
• PaO2/FiO2 < 240 and no evidence of ARDS	2
<b>Blood leukocytes (cells/μL)</b>	
• 4000–11000	0
• < 4000 or > 11000	1
• > 500 band forms -2 points: moderate or greater growth	2
<b>Tracheal secretions (score)</b>	
• Rare	0
• Abundant	1
• Abundant & purulent	2
<b>Culture of tracheal aspirate</b>	
• -ve	0
• +ve	2
<b>Pulmonary radiography</b>	
• No infiltrate	0
• diffuse or patchy infiltrates	1
• localized infiltrate	2

- +ve BAL = >105 CFU/mL

- If BAL counts of 104-105 CFU/mL----- repeat bronchoscopy if clinical course still suggests pneumonia

## BAL

- Ensure sufficient sedation
- Place pt on 100% O2
- Select lobe to be lavaged
- LA gel is CI
- If possible, do not suction through scope prior to lavage Pass scope directly into the selected lobe
- Wedge scope as far as possible
- Lavage with 4-6 x 20-40 ml aliquot's of sterile NS
- Discard first aliquot
- Aspirate between aliquot's and label aliquot's accordingly
- Send aspirates immediately for quantitative culture

## Others

- Pleural fluid cultures, if effusion is large and cause is uncertain
- Legionella urinary antigen
- Nasopharyngeal or BAL for respiratory virus and Legionella detection
- Obtain CRP and procalcitonin "High levels ---- more severe pneumonia"

## Non-infectious causes

Atelectasis, CHF, VTE, drug fever pancreatitis, chemical pneumonitis from aspiration, pulmonary hge, or proliferative ARDS



# Catheter related blood stream infection "CRBSI"

- Bloodstream inf. in a pt with a CVC in situ, where the catheter is proven to be the source of the septicaemia
- **CVC:** any catheter which terminates in the great veins or right atrium includes femoral lines and peripherally inserted central catheters

## Catheter tip culture

- Quantitative or semi-quantitative culture of catheter is recommended
- Culture tip not the SC segment
- Growth of  $>15$  cfu from a 5-cm segment of tip by semi-quantitative culture or  $>10^2$  cfu by quantitative broth culture reflects colonization
- Semi-quantitative growth of  $<15$  colony-forming U/plate of the same microbe from both insertion site culture and catheter hub culture strongly suggests, it is not CRBSI

Suspect

- New onset fever  $>39$  c or Hypothermia
- New onset leucocytosis or leucopenia+
- Central line  $>72$  hrs+
- No obvious source rather than CRBSI

Catheter site inf.

- Obtain **bl culture** "cent. & periph."
- **Empiricalab.** --- De-escalate if +ve. If -ve --- consider non-infectious causes & other source & repeat culture if highly suspect

## BI culture

- A paired bl. samples from catheter & a peripheral vein should be cultured before initiation of ab (**A-II**). Clean catheter hub with either alcohol or tincture of iodine or alcoholic chlorhexidine ( $>0.5\%$ ) and allow adequate drying time to mitigate bl. culture contamination (**A-I**). For quantitative bl. cultures, a colony count of microbes grown from obtained through catheter hub that at least 3-fold  $>$  that from bl. samples obtained from a peripheral vein best defines CRBSI (**A-II**)
- If a bl. sample cannot be drawn from a peripheral vein,  $\geq 2$  bl. samples should be obtained through different catheter lumens (**B-III**). Colony count for bl. sample drawn through one lumen is at least 3-fold  $>$  colony count for bl. sample obtained from 2nd lumen should be considered to indicate possible CRBSI (**B-II**)
- Difficult peripheral cultures ----- use external jugular, brachial artery, or US-guided venepuncture

- Obtain **bl culture** "cent. & periph."
- Remove catheter
- Send **tip for culture**
- Expressed purulence from catheter site Gram stained & cultured (**LevelII**)
- It is not routinely necessary to culture infusate, unless there is strong epidemiologic evidence (**LevelI**)
- Insert at a new site
- Consider catheter change over guide wire if there is technical difficulty with reinsertion and there is no catheter site infection signs. Repeat cultures after an interval of 2-3 days should be considered to ensure the new catheter has not become infected
- **Empiricalab**
- Exclude vascular compromise, and embolic phenomena (**LevelIII**)

## Empiric management

- Suspect **G-ve bacilli** if they are critically ill, have sepsis, neutropenic, have a femoral catheter, or if they have a known focus of G-ve bacillary inf. (**A-II**). Empirical coverage should be based on local antimicrobial susceptibility and severity (e.g., a 4th-generation cephalosporin, carbapenem, or  $\beta$ -lactam/ $\beta$ -lactamase combination+aminoglycoside) (**A-II**)
- **Vancomycin** if MRSA suspected. **Linezolid** should not be used for empirical therapy (**A-I**)
- Empirical **Antifungal** therapy for suspected **Candidemia** should be used for septic pts with associated risk factors for fungal inf. (**B-II**) "see"

CVC culture +ve

Catheter inf. unlikely

## Catheter colonization

- ab not required

BI culture +ve

CRBSI

- **ab** according to C&S consider ab lock therapy

Persistent bacteremia & fungemia

## Consider Infective endocarditis

- TEE for pts with: prosthetic valve, pacemaker, or ICD, S. aureus CRBSI
- Exclude suppuration (**B-II**)
- Catheter withdrawal is required (**A-II**)

## Suppuration

- Confirm by radiology (CT, US) (**A-II**)
- Surgical consultation
- Role of heparin use unresolved (**C-III**)
- 4-6 ws of antimicrobial therapy (**B-III**)

## ab management

- **Coagulase negative staph**----- ab for 5-7 ds
- **Staph aureus** ----- ab for 14 ds & TEE "to exclude vegetations" ---- if TEE +ve --ab for 4-6 ws(**A-II**)
- **Gram-negative rods** except pseudomonas, and enterococci--- ab 7-14 ds
- **Pseudomonas** --- "antipseudomonal" ab for 14 ds
- **Candida** ----systemic antifungal for 14 ds after last +ve bl. culture and signs or symptoms of inf. Have been resolved

# Necrotizing fascitis

## Clinical

- Fever, malaise, myalgias, diarrhea, and anorexia may be present during 1st d
- Hypotension may be present initially or develop over time
- Signs & symptoms of inf. are not initially apparent in pts with postsurgical inf., gunshot, knife wounds, or diabetes "due to peripheral neuropathy"

## Lab

- Nonspecific. Blood tests demonstrate a leukocytosis with a marked left shift, coagulopathy, and elevations in the serum lactate, creatine kinase and creatinine

## Imaging studies

- Soft tissue x-rays, CT scan and MRI are most helpful if there is gas in the tissue "type I necrotizing fasciitis or gas gangrene caused by clostridia"
- Emergent non-contrast CT to assess presence of air along the fascial planes is the most expedient approach. MRI may not be adequate to delineate findings of air along the fascial planes. However, gas is highly specific but not very sensitive
- Imaging studies show only soft tissue swelling, which is not unusual in pts with trauma, postsurgical or postpartum. Direct surgical exploration will determine if necrotizing fasciitis or myonecrosis is present in such cases
- Absence of evidence of deeper tissue involvement by CT scan or MRI can be useful in cases in which the diagnosis of necrotizing fasciitis has been raised but is considered clinically unlikely. MRI can be overly sensitive, because it tends to overestimate deep tissue involvement, and does not distinguish necrotizing fasciitis from cellulitis or inflammation

## Embricab

- Cover aerobes & anaerobes
- **Ampicillin or ampicillin-sulbactam + clindamycin or metronidazole**
- For pts who have been hospitalized previously---- gram-ve coverage by substituting **ticarcillin-clavulanate**, **piperacillin-tazobactam**, 3rd generation **cephalosporin**, a **carbapenem**, **fluoroquinolone**, or an **aminoglycoside** for ampicillin or ampicillin-sulbactam
- If group A streptococcal is suspected, combine **clindamycin** and **penicillin**
- Ab therapy should be narrowed based upon operative culture results and susceptibility pattern

## Reusc.

- Massive IV fluids (10 - 20 L/d) are often necessary to maintain tissue perfusion even though anasarca is a predicted complication. blpr may improve with fluids alone
- **Dopamine** is pressor of choice if needed

Deep seated inf. of SC tissue results in progressive destruction of fascia & fat, but may spare skin

Suspect

Confirm

Consult S  
urgeon

ttt

- Unexplained **pain** increases rapidly over time "may be 1st sign"
- Diffuse or local **erythema** within 1<sup>st</sup> 2 ds, darken to a reddish-purple color, frequently with **blisters** and **bullae**; bullae can also develop in normal appearing skin, and initially filled with clear fluid but rapidly take on a blue or maroon appearance
- **Crepitus** is present in about 10 %
- Locations — feet (in diabetics), head and neck, and perineum

- **Type I necrotizing fasciitis**: mixed inf. caused by aerobic and anaerobic bacteria and occurs most commonly after surgical procedures and in pts with diabetes and peripheral vascular disease
- **Type II necrotizing fasciitis** refers to a mono-microbial inf. caused by group A streptococcus (GAS, *Streptococcus pyogenes*)
  - Predisposing factors include a history of blunt trauma, varicella (chickenpox), injection drug use, a penetrating injury as laceration, surgical procedures, and childbirth

- To establish diagnosis and distinguish from gas gangrene, pyomyositis, and myositis
- In necrotizing fasciitis, to perform aggressive surgical debridement of the involved fascia, and obtaining material for appropriate cultures
- Re-exploration should be performed in 24 hrs; repeat explorations and debridement may be necessary on a daily basis till all necrotic tissue has been removed

## Cervical necrotizing fasciitis

- Careful & expedited management is essential because of proximity to vital structures of neck
- Determine depth and extent of the inf. and to separate necrotizing fasciitis from more benign conditions using CT scan or MRI but should not delay emergent surgical consultation in pts with systemic toxicity or those with obvious rapid extension of inf. clinically

## Fournier's gangrene

- Is a surgical emergency, and early aggressive drainage or debridement is essential
- Affected pts may require cystostomy, colostomy, or orchiectomy

# Bacterial meningitis

## Suspect

- The major causes of community-acquired meningitis are *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Neisseria meningitidis*, and, primarily in pts over age 50 - 60 years or those who have deficiencies in cell-mediated immunity, *Listeria monocytogenes*
- The major causes of healthcare-associated bacterial meningitis are (usually staphylococci and aerobic gram--ve bacilli) and, in cases occurring after neurosurgery, may vary with whether or not antimicrobial prophylaxis has been given to prevent surgical site inf. Healthcare-associated bacterial meningitis may also occur in pts with internal or external ventricular drains, or following trauma (ie, cranial trauma or after basilar skull fracture with or without clinical evidence of leak of CSF)

- Fever & disturbed conscious level in a quite ill pt

## PhE

- Sometimes, hypothermia instead of fever
- Neurologic sequelae; seizures, focal deficits, and papilledema ----- may be present early as in *Listeria* meningitis or later in the course
- N. meningitidis**----- characteristic skin lesions, as petechiae and palpable purpura
- Neck rigidity

## LP

- CT scan brain before LP should be performed in
  - Immuno-compromised state (eg, HIV inf.)
  - History of CNS dis. (mass lesion, stroke)
  - New onset seizure (within 1 w)
  - Papilledema
  - Abnormal level of consciousness
  - Focal neurologic deficit
- If delayed or deferred, Obtain 2 sets of **bl cultures** "about 50 - 90 % have +ve cultures"
- The usual CSF findings are ; High opening pr, WBCs **1000-5000/microL** (range of <100 - >10,000) with a % of neutrophils usually **>80%**, ptn of **100-500 mg/dL**, and glucose **<40 mg/dL** (with a CSF:serum glucose ratio of **≤0.4**)
- Absence of ≥ typical findings is of little value
- A Gram stain should be obtained whenever there is suspicion of bacterial meningitis
- No absolute CI to LP. Be caution with evidence of raised ICP, thrombocytopenia or another bleeding diathesis, or spinal epidural abscess

## Confirm

- Dexamethasone** (0.15 mg/kg IV / 6 hrs) before or at the same time as the ab. Continue if CSF Gram stain and/or the CSF or bl cultures reveal *S. pneumoniae*.
- Rifampin** is added under certain circumstances
- Once the CSF Gram stain results are available, ab regimen should be tailored to cover the most likely pathogen. If CSF findings are consistent with diagnosis, but Gram stain is - ve, empiric ab should be continued. The ab regimen should be modified further, when indicated, based on the CSF culture and susceptibility results

## Empiric abs

- Just after CSF or bl culture

## No known immunodeficiency

- Ceftriaxone** — 2 g IV / 12 hrs or
- Cefotaxime** — 2 g IV / 4-6 hrs +
- Vancomycin** — 15 - 20 mg/kg IV / 8-12hrs (not to exceed 2 g / dose or a total daily dose of 60 mg/kg; adjust dose to achieve vancomycin serum trough concentrations of 15 - 20 mcg/mL) +
- In pts >50 years, **ampicillin** — 2 g IV / 4 hrs

## Impaired cell-mediated immunity

- Vancomycin** — 15 - 20 mg/kg IV / 8 - 12 hrs (not to exceed 2 g / dose or a total daily dose of 60 mg/kg) +
- Ampicillin** — 2 g IV / 4 hrs + EITHER
- Cefepime** — 2 g IV / 8 hrs OR
- Meropenem** — 2 g IV / 8 hrs

## Healthcare-associated meningitis

- Vancomycin** +
- Ceftazidime** — 2 g IV / 8 hrs OR
- Cefepime** — 2 g IV / 8 hrs OR
- Meropenem** — 2 g IV / 8 hrs
- Allergy to beta-lactams**
- Vancomycin** +
- Moxifloxacin — 400 mg IV once daily +
- If *Listeria* coverage is required (in pts >50 years of age and/or in those with defects in cell-mediated immunity), trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole — 5 mg/kg (of the trimethoprim component) IV / 6 - 12 hrs

## ttt

- Pleocytosis** — a false +ve elevation of the CSF WBC count can be found after traumatic LP, or in pts with intracerebral or SAH in which both RBCs and WBCs are introduced into the subarachnoid space ---- used this formula to correlate true WBC count in the presence of CSF RBC:

$$\text{True WBC in CSF} = \text{WBC in bl} \times \text{RBC in CSF}$$

$$- \text{Actual WBC in CSF} \times \text{RBC in bl}$$

- Generalized seizures may induce transient pleocytosis (primarily neutrophilic)

- Normal CT scan does not always mean that performance of an LP is safe and that certain clinical signs of impending herniation (ie, deteriorating level of consciousness, particularly a GCS < 11; brainstem signs including pupillary changes, posturing, or irregular respirations; or a very recent seizure) may be predictive of pts in whom an LP should be delayed

- Normal CSF values are <50 mg/dL of ptn, a CSF/serum glucose >0.6, <5 WBCs/microL, and a lactate concentration <3.5 meq/L

# Infective endocarditis "IE"

## Suspect

### False +ve cultures

- Occasionally occur despite use of the most exacting techniques for collection and processing. When organisms as *Propionibacterium* spp, *Corynebacterium* spp, *Bacillus* spp, and coagulase-negative staphylococci are recovered from a single bl culture or a minority of bl culture bottles, the result is probably falsely +ve. However, since all of these organisms are capable of causing endocarditis, it is important to determine if the bacteremia is persistent
- The definition of persistent bacteremia varies with the likelihood that the organism is a cause of endocarditis: For an organism likely to cause endocarditis (eg, *S. aureus*, viridans streptococci), +ve samples collected more than 12 hrs apart. For an organism that is more commonly a skin contaminant, 3 or a majority of 4 or more separate bl cultures are +ve and the 1st and last samples are collected at least 1 hr apart

- Predisposing factor** as structural heart dis. "eg., rheumatic heart dis." & prosthetic valves & HD, HIV, and previous IE pts, and IV drug use+
- Recent **source of bacteremia** "CVC insertion" +
- Evidence of HF or neurologic deficit

## Native Valve endocarditis "NVE"

- Vancomycin** (30 mg/kg / 24 h IV in 2 divided doses)
- Optimal ab regimen depends upon causative organism and in vitro susceptibility results
- Duration: Short 2w in carefully selected pts with right-sided endocarditis and endocarditis due to highly susceptible viridans streptococci. Most ps are treated for 4 or 6ws. longer 6wttt regimens are used in pts with highly virulent or more resistant pathogens, those with 2ndry cardiac or extracardiac complications, and in pts with inf. of long duration prior to diagnosis
- Careful regular clinical follow-up includes serial PhE & bl cultures to insure antimicrobial efficacy
- Indications of surgery; valve dysfunction leading to HF (Level 1B), inf. with difficult to ttt pathogens (Level 1C), asymptomatic individuals with valve destruction resulting in severe regurgitation with hemodynamic evidence of high LV end-diastolic or left atrial pr (Level 1C), persistent infection, including perivalvular abscess (Level 1C), embolic events while on an appropriate antibiotic regimen OR associated with a large vegetation (Level 2C), and severe regurgitation or stenosis and vegetation >10 mm with no coexisting major embolic stroke (severe regurgitation or stenosis and vegetation >10 mm with no coexisting major embolic stroke (Level 2B))

## Prosthetic valve endocarditis "PVE"

- More difficult ttt & may require surgery
- abregimens as for NVE (Grade 1B). An exception is staphylococcal endocarditis---ttt with 3 agents in combination, with one of these being rifampin (Level 1B)
- Duration: at least 6 ws (Level 1C)
- ttt choices for staphylococcal PVE are the same regardless of whether the pathogen is coagulase-negative staphylococcus or *S. aureus*. The primary consideration in choosing therapy hinges upon whether or not the organism is sensitive to methicillin
- ttt regimen for enterococcal PVE---- penicillin, ampicillin, or vancomycin and an aminoglycoside

## Confirm

## Consult

- Early cardiac surgeon consultation for cases
- Specialists in infectious dis. and/or cardiology

## ttt

## PhE

- Signs of new regurgitant murmurs or HF & focal neurologic impairment & embolic manifestations "renal, splenic infarcts" & cutaneous or mucocutaneous lesions include petechiae "commenest", splinter hges, Janeway lesions "macular, non-painful, erythematous lesions on the palms and soles", Osler's nodes 'painful, violaceous nodules found in the pulp of fingers and toes", and Roth spots" exudative, edematous hemorrhagic lesions of the retina

## Bl cultures

- A minimum of 3 at any time prior to giving ab
- If subacute and pt is not critically ill--- delay therapy for 1-3 ds while awaiting results. If pt is acutely ill---- obtain over 1-hr time span before giving ab
- Culturing for anaerobes is rarely necessary
- A minimum of 10 mL (best 20 mL) of bl from adults & 0.5 - 5 mL from infants and children
- Obtained from separate venipuncture sites, not from pre-existing vascular catheter

The following organisms as "typical causes" of IE: *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Viridans streptococci*, *Streptococcus bovis*, Enterococci, HACEK group organisms; staphylococci account for the majority of healthcare-associated IE., staphylococci and streptococci occur in roughly equal proportions ofps with community-acquired IE.

## Baseline ECG & CXR

## TTE

- Confirm diagnosis (persistent bacteremia without a known source or high clinical suspicion with -ve cultures)
- Detect vegetations, valvular dysfunction, shunts or abscesses and assess hemodynamic severity
- TEE --- Has a higher spatial resolution & more sensitive for detection of endocarditis, vegetations, prosthetic valve endocarditis, abscess, and assessment of embolic risk
- Perform TTE as the 1st diagnostic test & begin with TEE in selected settings: Limited transthoracic windows (eg, due to obesity, or MV), prosthetic valves, esp., aortic or mitral, prior valvular abnormality (including previous endocarditis). *S. aureus*, and , bacteremia due to an organism known to be a common cause of IE as viridans streptococci
- For pts with a normal TTE ---perform TEE in: A high clinical suspicion of IE (persistently +ve bl cultures and/or multiple minor criteria for endocarditis), a technically limited TTE study

## Cardiac CT

- ECCHO more sensitive for detecting vegetations, less cost and no radiation exposure than CT and MRI



# Clostridium difficile infection "CDI"

## Suspect

- C. difficile accounts for **10% - 25%** of all cases of ab-associated diarrhea and virtually all of the cases of ab associated pseudo-membranous colitis
- Other organisms that can cause fever & diarrhea include Salmonella, Shigella, Campylobacter jejuni, Aeromonas, Yersinia, E. coli, Entamoebahistoltytica, and multiple viruses that are not usually identified by standard techniques
  - In general, these are community-acquired diseases and only rarely cause infectious diarrhea acquired after a pt has been admitted to ICU

- Pt with **fever** and mild to moderate **diarrhea** ">2 stools / d" who received an antibacterial agent or chemotherapy within 3 wsep. if there is no other source of inf. or there is no response to initial ab therapy

- Majority of infected hospital inpatients are asymptomatic, sometimes, presented with lower **abd. cramping**
- Rare pts, esp those who are PO, may present with **ileus** or toxic megacolon without diarrhea
- Severe **colitis** without pseudo-membrane formation may occur with profuse, debilitating diarrhea,

## Confirm diagnosis

### Sigmoidoscopy

- Direct visualization of pseudo-membranes is highly specific for C. difficile colitis
- In terms of sensitivity, in pts with severe disease, only **71%** of pts had pseudo-membranes documented by direct visualization, while pseudo-membranes were present in only **23%** of pts with mild disease
- Concerns about cost, risk of perforation during examination, and relative ease of cytotoxin assays have removed flexible sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy from the forefront of diagnosis.
  - However, a role for direct visualization may exist in cases requiring rapid diagnosis if laboratory results will be delayed or if false negative C. difficile toxin assays are suspected
- **In our unit, we treat such pts empirically rather than perform sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy**

- Testing for C. difficile or its toxins should be performed only on diarrheal stool
- Testing stool from asymptomatic pts is not clinically useful
- **Stool assay** for toxins A or B "Toxin enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) tests"
  - Up to 2 stool specimens should be examined for **leukocytes** & Neutophilia and toxin ELISA test (Level III)
- Should the ELISA be negative and a high index of suspicion for C difficile exist, the following are recommended:
  - **Sigmoidoscopy** (Level III), and/or
  - **Cytotoxicity assay**, and/or
  - CT scan abd. looking for thickened colonic wall
- Stool cultures for other enteric pathogens are rarely indicated in a pt who did not present to the hospital with diarrhea or in pts who are not HIV infected (Level III)

### Stool assay for toxins A or B

- Slightly less sensitive than tissue culture assay, but technically more easy, gives answer within 2-3 hrs
- Sensitivity is **72%** for 1 st sample and **84%** for 2 nd sample
- Once diagnosis is made and therapy commences, repeat toxin assays should not be done to assess response to therapy or used as criteria to DC enteric precautions, as many pts will harbor toxin in a carrier state without any manifestations of colitis

## ttt

- DC therapy with inciting antimicrobial agent(s) as soon as possible (**A-II**)
- Avoid anti-peristaltic agents "may obscure symptoms and precipitate toxic megacolon" (**C-III**)
- When severe or complicated CDI is suspected, initiate empirical ttt as soon as the diagnosis is suspected while awaiting diagnostic studies (**C-III**)
- Empiric therapy is not generally recommended if 2 stool evaluations are -ve using a reliable assay
- **Metronidazole** is the drug of choice for the initial episode of mild-to-moderate CDI. The dosage is **500 mg orally 3 times / d for 10 -14 ds (A-I)**
- **Vancomycin** administered orally (and per rectum, if ileus is present) with or without IV administered metronidazole is the regimen of choice for the ttt of severe, complicated CDI
  - Dosage is **125 mg orally 4 times / d for 10 -14 ds (B-I)** and **500 mg in approximately 100 mL NS / rectum / 6 hrs** as a retention enema
  - Metronidazole dosage is **500 mg IV / 8 hrs (C-III)**
    - Consider colectomy for severely ill pts
    - Do not use metronidazole beyond the 1st recurrence of CDI or for long-term chronic therapy

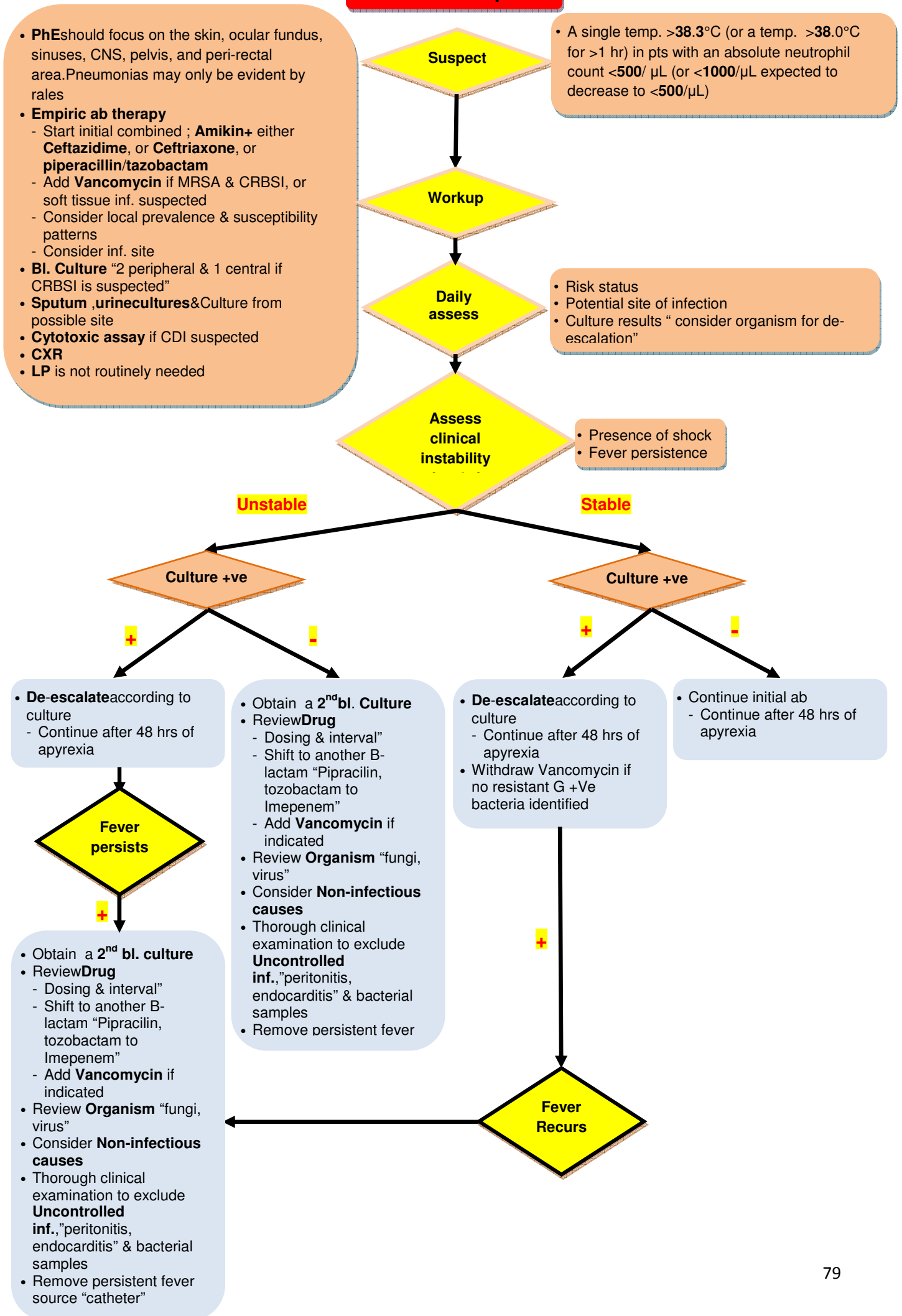
### Fecal leukocyte exam

- Sensitive for identifying inflammatory diarrhea & non-specific
- If fecal leukocytes are demonstrated by methylene blue stain, the sensitivity is **40%**; using lactoferrin latex agglutination test increases sensitivity to **75%**

### Cytotoxicity assay

- Gold standard test
- Has a high sensitivity (**94 - 100%**) and specificity (**99%**).
- Disadvantages ---high expense & time needed to complete assay ( -3 ds) --- Not routinely performed
- Cultures may be useful in the setting of nosocomial outbreaks when isolates are needed for strain typing for epidemiologic purposes

## Febrile neutropenia



# Fungal infection

## Suspect

- Fever despite appropriate empiric / therapeutic therapy + 2 **Major risk factors**

No therapy

- Continue for at least 14 ds from the last +ve culture

- Repeat bl. Cultures after 3-5 ds to assess organism clearance

- Start **systemic Anti-fungal**
- Change urinary catheter in candiduria --- if persists --- start **Fluconazole**

- Culture bl. & Urine & Sputum
- Start empiric **systemic Anti-fungal** "**Fluconazole**, or **Amphotercin**" if there is previous azole therapy

## Major risk factors

- A leading risk factors are colonization of non-sterile sites 'risk increases with the number of sites affected' & prior use of broad spectrum ab >5 ds
- Others: Severity of illness, presence of CVC, TPN, diabetes, renal support and gastrointestinal perforation, burn, systemic steroids. immunosuppression, abd. surgery, intra-abd. abscess,

>2 colonization sites "sputum, urine, CVC, vaginitis"

+ve bl. culture

- Particularly with Candida species spp, differentiating between colonization and inf. is often difficult
- There are few recognized standards for significant colony counts
  - >10,000 CFU c/m3 in urine is significant for inf.
  - Significant colony count for intra-cutaneous segment, tissue, or sputum cultures -- not been well defined
  - +ve cultures from sterile sites as bl. should be considered an inf.

+ve peritoneal culture

- Fundoscopy exam
- Change CVC if there is significant CFU & rule out venous thrombosis
- Start **systemic Antifungal**
  - Amphotercin**
    - Previous azole therapy
    - C. glabrata & C. krusei & C. lusitana
  - Fluconazole** in
    - no previous azole therapy
    - C. albican & C. tropicalis & C. parapsilosis
  - For C. albican & C. tropicalis & C. parapsilosis ----- use **Caspofungin**

- Non-neutropenic pts with isolation of Candida species from pulmonary samples (tracheal aspirates, bronchoscopic or blind sampling methods), even in high concentrations, are unlikely to have invasive candidiasis
- Initiation of antifungal in these pts should be based on histologic evidence or identification from sterile specimens

+ve thrush

Start systemic Ani-fungal

Repeat bl. Cultures after 3-5 ds to assess organism clearance

Continue for at least 14 ds from the last +ve culture

No therapy

Start **Diflucan** suspension 200 mg /d

## Amphotercin

- Infusion related reactions include hypotension, fever, and tachycardia, and doses should be preceded by 1 mg test dose followed by infusion over 4 hrs
- Premedicate with Hydrocortisone -- minimize changes in symptomatic pt
- Dose
  - Stable pt: 0.5 – 0.7 mg Kg/d cont. infusion with total of 6-8 mg/Kg
  - Unstable pt: 0.7 – 1 mg /Kg /d cont. infusion with total of 10 mg/Kg
  - Aspergillus: 1-1.5 mg/Kg/d with the total of 10-30 mg/Kg
- Nephrotoxicity develop in up to 30% of pts, and minimized by Na+ loading with 500 ml NS before and after dosing. Avoid other nephrotoxic agents as possible

## Caspofungin

- Dose
  - 70 mg /Kg IV, then 50 mg/Kg/d
- Suitable for pt with renal failure, oronamiodarone
- Doses are normal for hepatic function

## Fluconazole

- Duse
  - 800 mg bolus 1 then 400 mg /24hrs
- Should be given enterally if possible , if not, give IV
- Doses are normal for renal function



# **Trauma in ICU**

# ICU management of trauma patient

- Pts should be evaluated by an emergency physician and/or a general or trauma surgeon prior to transfer to the ICU
- However, pts remain at risk for deterioration due to unrecognized injuries, iatrogenic complications of initial diagnostic studies and therapy, and general complications of ICU

- Take past medical history
  - Intentional drug overdose prior to injury should also be considered
- Perform a repeat head-to-toe trauma survey on all pts within 24 hr of admission
  - Potentially life-threatening injuries may have been missed on initial evaluation include **Intracranial hge, Traumatic aortic disruption, Intra-abdominal injuries**, and Rhabdomyolysis
- **Consider early femoral fracture fixation**

**Fulfill sheet "Appendix 12"**

**1ry survey**

**2ndry survey**

**Support**

## ABCDE approach

- Evaluate breath sounds, and, if pt is intubated, position of ETT should be assessed to insure that it did not dislodge during transport
- The pt's cardiovascular status should be evaluated, the patency of peripheral and central intravascular catheters confirmed, and total volume of IV fluids administered since presentation established
- Fully document pt's neurologic status **Pt should be completely exposed, at least briefly, to evaluate external injuries**

- **GIT, DVT prophylaxis**
- **Nutrition, abif indicated**

## Intra-cranial injuries

- Serious intra-cranial injuries may remain undetected due to a failure to obtain an indicated CT, reliance upon an in-experienced interpreter, or because the injury was not apparent on initial scan
- **Initial CT may be normal when epidural or subdural hematomas result from venous disruption**
- Development of intra-cerebral hematomas hrs or ds following trauma and after an initial, normal CT has been reported
- Follow up CT for intra-cerebellar contusions in 1<sup>st</sup> 24 hr
- The course of all pts with potential intra-cranial injuries should be reviewed upon admission to the ICU to insure that a head CT has been performed, if indicated
- If the pt's neurologic condition deteriorates or fails to improve as expected, a repeat scan should be obtained despite an initially normal study

## Intra-abdominal injury

- A missed intra-abdominal injury should be suspected with blunt or penetrating trauma and evidence of ongoing unexplained blood loss
- Abdominal CT scanning is non-invasive and can both localize and quantify the injury
  - Has sensitivity 88 % and specificity 97 %
  - May miss pancreatic diaphragmatic, bladder, and intestinal injuries
  - Only appropriate in hemodynamically stable pt
- Serially monitor bladder pr
- **US** is fast, noninvasive, for hemodynamically unstable pt. "sensitivity and specificity ranging from 88% - 100 %"
- **FAST** evaluation looks at peri-hepatic, peri-splenic, pelvic, and pericardial views, rapid, easy for hemodynamically unstable pt
  - Has a sensitivity 80-100% and specificity 88% - 100 %

## Pulmonary contusion

- **Pulmonary contusion is easily missed initially because clinical findings may not develop until several hrs after the initial injury and may occur in absence of any visible chest wall injury, esp., in children**
- **Radiographic** findings may not develop until 4-6 hrs post-injury
- Homogeneous opacification that does not conform to segmental or lobar anatomy is frequently seen and may take up to 10 ds to resolve
- CT scans of the chest have a higher sensitivity for diagnosing contusion than plain radiographs but are significantly more expensive and rarely affect ttt decisions
- Fractured ribs may or may not be present; contusions resulting from fractured ribs have a more localized pattern, whereas in the absence of rib fractures the pattern is more diffuse

# Traumatic brain injury "TBI"

**Suspect**

- History of trauma
- Ph E 'GCS, Laterlization "

**ABCD**

- Intubate as indicated 'onsider physiologic difficulty"
- BP should be monitored and hypotension (systolic BP <90 mm Hg) avoided (**Level II**)
- Oxygenation should be monitored and hypoxia ( $PaO_2$ <60 mm Hg or  $O_2$  saturation <90%) avoided

**Neuro-surgeon Consultation**

**Perform CT brain**

## Analgesics, & sedatives

- Do not use prophylactic **Barbiturates** to induce burst suppression EEG (**Level II**)
- Use high-dose **Barbiturate** to control high ICP refractory to maximum standard medical and surgical ttt "Hemodynamic stability is essential before and during therapy (**Level II**)"
- Use **Propofol** to control high ICP, but not to improve mortality or morbidity (**Level II**)"

## Anti-seizure prophylaxis

- Prophylactic use of **Phenytoin** is not recommended for preventing late post-traumatic seizures (**Level II**)
- Anticonvulsants are indicated to decrease incidence of early PTS (within 7 ds of injury)" early PTS is not associated with worse outcomes (**Level II**)"

**Avoid increase in ICP**

## Hyperventilation

- Prophylactic hyperventilation ( $PaCO_2$  ` 25 mm Hg) is not recommended (**Level II**)

## Prophylactic hypothermia

- Not significantly associated with decreased mortality "greater decrease observed when target temp. are maintained for ` 48 hr (**Level III**)
- Still not experimented in our ICU

## ICP monitoring

- In all salvageable pts with severe TBI; after resuscitation) and an abnormal CT scan "hematomas, contusions, swelling, herniation, or compressed basal cisterns" (**Level II**)
- In pts with severe TBI with a normal CT scan if >2 of the following are noted at admission: age over 40 years, unilateral or bilateral motor posturing, or syst bl pr <90 mm Hg (**Level III**)
- TTT should be initiated with ICP thresholds >20 mm Hg (**Level I**)

## Cerebral perfusion thresholds

- Aggressive attempts to maintain CPP >70 mm Hg with fluids and pressors should be avoided because of the risk of ARDS (**Level II**)
- CPP of <50 mm Hg should be avoided (**Level III**)
- CPP target :50–70 mm Hg "Pts with intact pr auto-regulation tolerate higher CPP values (**Level III**)"

**Monitor**

## Brain oxygen monitoring and thresholds

- Jugular venous saturation thresholds <50% & brain tissue  $O_2$  tension thresholds <15 mm Hg (**Level III**)

## Steroids

- Not used to improve outcome or reduce ICP (**Level I**)

**Control high ICP**

## Hyperventilation

- Temporary to reduce high ICP (**Level III**)
- Avoided during first 24 hr after injury (**Level III**)
- Do not decrease <30 without measuring CPP

## Hyperosmolar therapy" Mannitol"

- Control raised ICP"0.25 - 1 g/kg". Avoid hptension (syst. bl pr <90 mm Hg) (**Level II**)
- Use prior to ICP monitoring in herniation or progressive neurological deterioration not due to extracranial causes (**Level III**)
- Keep osmolarity <320 mosmol/l

## Analgesia& Sedation

- Ensure adequate analgesia if there is pain
- Ensure sedation: midazolam with no high ICP, compromised CPP. Propofol with high ICP & exclude metabolic causes, and drug effects

**Further manage**

- **Nutrition:** Initiate in the 1 st 24 hr & Full caloric requirement by d 7 (**Level II**)
- **DVTprophylaxis- Inf prophylaxis:** Pre-procedural ab for intub.reduces pneumonia - **Earlytracheostomy** does not decrease mortality nor pneumonia (**Level II**)

# Traumatic spinal cord injury "TSCI"

## Suspect

- Significant distracting injury & injury above clavicles
- Altered consciousness for any reason (TBI, etc)
- Neck pain or tenderness
- Abnormal neurological signs or symptoms

## A&B

- High cervical cord injury may require airway suction, intub. , or vent.
- RSI with MILS is preferred when airway is urgently required. If time is not an issue, intubate over a FOB
- SPO2 should be monitored and O2 supplemented as needed
- Till spinal injury has been ruled out, neck and body immobilization must be maintained using cervical collar, straps, tape, and blocks" Hard collars allow up to 73% of normal flexion and extension – and so still need appropriate spinal care even if in place". Soft collars donotprovide effective C-spine immobilization
- Consider log-roll movements and a backboard for transfer

## C

- **Manage shocked pt**

## D

- Neurologic examination"mental status & cranial nerve function should be included & completed as soon as possible"
- Check bladder distension by palpation or US. Catheter should be inserted as soon as possible

## Initial assessment & Resusc.

## Imaging

## Spine surgeon consultation

## Manage

## Plain X- ray

- Antero-posterior, lateral, and open-mouth odontoid views
- Oblique views if suspects a lateral mass or facet injury or damage
- All C- vertebrae & top of T1 must be visualized
- In muscular males with a neck injury, pulling shoulders down by pulling down on wrists in a straight line and downward towards feet may better allow visualization of lower C- vertebrae

## CT

- Pts suspected to have a spinal injury & normal plain films should undergo CT
- A **swimmer's view** if the lower cervical levels and the top of T1 are not adequately visualized
- Better than plain films in assessing patency of spinal canal
- Provides some assessment of the para-vertebral soft tissues and perhaps spinal cord, but is inferior to MRI

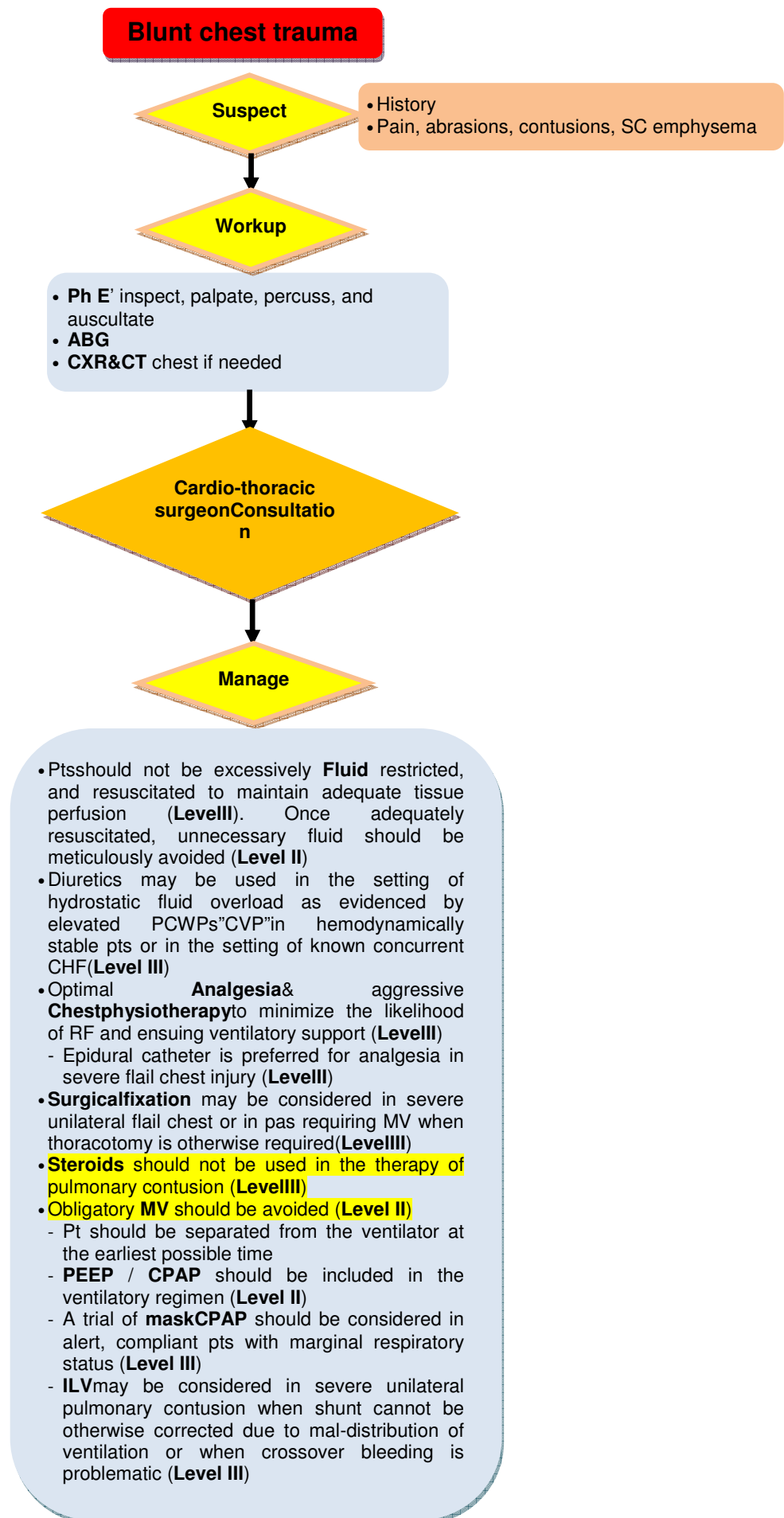
## MRI

- Provides a detailed image of spinal cord as spinal ligaments, inter-vertebral discs, and para-spinal soft tissues " superior to CT & more sensitive for detecting epidural hematoma"
- Indicated in pts with negative CT scan who are suspected to have TSCI, in order to detect occult ligamentous or disc injury or epidural hematoma
- Inferior than CT in assessing bony structures
- CI in the setting of a cardiac pacemaker and metallic FBs
- In absence of cord transection or intramedullary hemorrhage, MRI is not perfectly sensitive to cord damage in the earliest stages of TSCI

## Glucocorticoids "Methylprednisolone"

- **Methylprednisolone** only ttt that improve outcomes in acute, non-penetrating TSCI" evidence is limited, best in 1st 8 hrs"
- Indication ---- acute spinal injury with neurological loss within **8 hrs**of injury
- Loading dose: **30mg/kg** methylprednisolone over 15 min.
- Infusion: **5.4 mg/kg/hr** 45 minutes after completion of loading dose for:
  - 23 hrs if started within 3 hrs of injury
  - 47 hrs if started 3-8 hrs after injury

- **Ventilatory support** when indicated
- Early **Chest physiotherapy**& frequent **Suction**
- **Consider early Tracheostomy**
- **DVT prophylaxis**
- **Pain control**
- **Pressure sores**
  - After spinal stabilization, pt should be turned side to side (log-rolled) / 3 hr
  - Rotating beds should be used , if available
- **Urinary catheterization**
  - Initially to avoid bladder distension
  - 3-4 ds later, intermittent catheterization
- **Gastrointestinal stress ulceration**
  - PPI upon admission for 4ws
- **Glucocorticoids "Methylprednisolone"**



## Moderate and severe thermal injury

### 1<sup>st</sup> survey

#### ABCDE approach

- Early tracheal **Intubation** if inhalation injury or as indicated. **Consider the need for awake intubation**
- Support oxygenation & vent.
- Consider **Lung protection**
- Venous **Line** & Initial **Fluid resusc.**
- **Stop burning process**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> survey & Exclude Cyanide, CO toxicity

- History & Head to toe exam

### Estimate TBSA & depth

### Fluid & bl. resusc

### General management & Wound care

### Manage Chemical & Electrical & Circumferential extremity burns

### Stop burning process

- Remove carefully chemically burned clothes. Do not peel off adherent ones
- Synthetic fabrics can ignite, burn rapidly at high temp. and melt into hot residue that continue to burn the pt
- Brush dry chemical powders from wound & avoid direct contact with chemical. Then rinse involved BSA with copious amount of warm tap water, then covered with warm, clean linen to prevent

### Fluid resusc

- Rapidly, aggressively replete fluid
- Major burns --- insert 2 large-bore IV lines through non-burned skin, "or be inserted", or may be CVC through burned tissue if necessary"
- Monitor b/lpr invasively; UOP to determine adequacy of resusc.
- Over-resusc. correlate with increased intra-abdominal pr & compartment S
- Initially, administer IV **LR** solution
- **Hypertonic saline** has no better outcomes
- **Colloids** do not improve survival compared with crystalloids
- After adequate resusc. & pt stabilization, change fluids to **5 % D in 1/2 NS** (ie, 0.45 % NaCl) with 20 mEq KCl / L
- Any change to infusion rate is made as gradually as possible

#### Estimated fluid needed "Parkland"

- During the initial 24 hr is **2-4 mL/kg** of bw for each % of TBSA burned <sup>"appendix p1"</sup>
- Superficial burns are excluded
- 1/2 in first 8 hr & remaining 1/2 over the subsequent 16 hr. This formula for starting target rate --- then amount of fluids adjusted to UOP target **"0.5 mL/kg for adults, 1 mL/kg for children <30 Kg"**. Should UOP fall **<0.5 mL/kg/hr** or other clinical parameters suggest inadequate resusc, additional fluid is infused (bolus of IV crystalloid (average 500 mL - 1000 mL) is given & crystalloid increase by approximately **20-30 %**)
- Children require maintenance fluid in addition to calculated fluid resusc. Volumes.. Children **<10 Kg** need D5 in the resusc. fluid

### Circumferential extremity burn

- Aware of signs of compartment S. If there is concern, measure compartment pr (insert a needle connected to pr tubing "arterial or CVP monitor" into the compartment. If pr **>30 mmHg**, **Escharotomy** is indicated "usually not needed in 1st 6 hrs from burn"
- Compartment S may also present with circumferential chest and abdominal burns, leading to increased PIP --- Perform chest and abdominal escharotomies down anterior axillary line with a cross incision at junction of thorax and abd.
- Remove all jewelry on extremity
- Assess status of distal circulation
- Fasciotomy is seldom required, but may be needed to restore circulation in skeletal trauma, crush injury, and high voltage electrical injury

### General management

#### Tetanus immunization & DVT prophylaxis

#### No role for prophylactic IV ab

#### Gastrointestinal interventions

- Insert NGT with burns **>20 % TBSA**
- High-risk pts receive medication to reduce gastric acid secretion
- Early EN "within 24 hr"
- Avoid overfeeding

#### Pain management

- Manage hypoxemia, hypovolemia
- Simply covering wounds
- Use IV **Morphine** for significant burn. Extremely large doses or other opioids may be required
- Give pts with significant burns **Benzodiazepines** to relieve anxiety

### Wound care

- Partial thickness burns are painful when air current passes over --- Gently cover with clean sheets
- Do not break blisters or apply any anti-septic agents
- Any applied medications should be removed before applying appropriate anti-bacterial topical agents
- Do not apply cold water to burn **>10%**

### Bl. Transfusion

- If no risk for an ACS, threshold **8 g/dL** "2U of RBCs"; for pts at risk for ACS, a transfusion threshold of **10 g/dL**

### Electrical burn

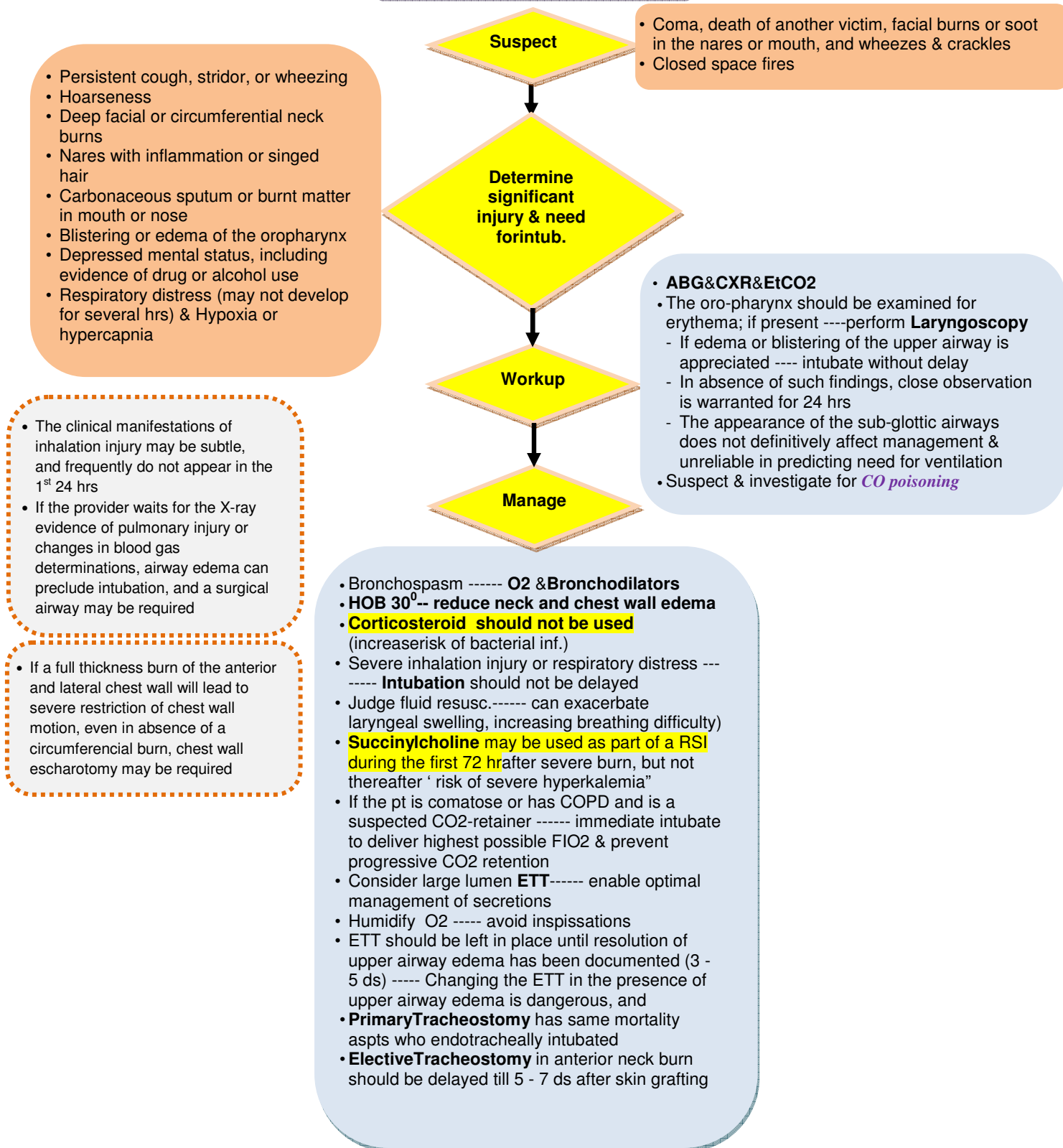
- Attention should be directed to airway, breathing, and venous line insertion
- Bladder catheterization & ECG. If there are no arrhythmias in 1st few hrs --- long term monitoring is not necessary
- Assess for skeletal and muscular damage including spinal injuries
- Pts frequently needs fasciotomies

### Chemical burn

- Alkali burns are more dangerous than acid ones "alkalies penetrate deeply"
- Rapidly remove chemicals and immediate wound care
- Brush dry powder if before water irrigation. Otherwise, immediately flush away with large amount of water for 20-30 min. using hose. alkali burn require longer irrigation. Neutralizing agents offer no advantage over water lavage
- Alkali burn to eye requires continuous irrigation during 1st 8 hrs. A small-caliber cannula can be fixed in the palpebral sac for irrigation



# Smoke inhalation injury





# Carbon monoxide poisoning

- Pts with CO level <20% usually have no physical symptoms
- Higher levels can result in
  - Headache & nausea "20-30%"
  - Confusion "30-40%"
  - Coma "40-60%"
  - Death "more than 60%"
- Cherry-red skin colour is rare, and may only be seen in moribund pt

**Suspect**

- Altered conscious level, headache, N&V
- Coma, death of another victim
- Fire in a closed space

- Initiate of 100% **NBO**therapy

**Workup**

- CO-Hgb level
- ECG
- ABGs
- CBC, Chemistry

**Determine need for HBO**

- Unconscious at scene or hospital
- New neurologic deficit or mental status change
- Obtain **CO-Hgb** level
  - CO-Hgb  $\geq$  40%
  - Pregnant women with CO-Hgb  $\geq$  20 %
- ECG ischemic changes
- PH < 7.1

**Consider HBO**

**Need transfer to a specialized center**

**Headache, N&V, blurred vision, CO-Hgb > 10%**

**100% NBO therapy till CO-Hgb  $\leq$  10% and asymptomatic**

**Discharge**



## Aortic rupture

### Suspect

- Rapid deceleration injury following a motor vehicle accident or a fall from a height

### Confirm

- Among those who arrive in the ED, as many as 40 % die within the 1st 24 hr unless the injuries are detected and surgically repaired

- Selection of diagnostic studies to exclude or establish diagnosis of aortic disruption based on stability of pt, clinical probability of a serious aortic injury, and skills and experience of local personnel
- When clinical suspicion is high but results of a given diagnostic study are equivocal, it may be necessary to resort to a different modality

- Pts may present with few or non-specific symptoms, as chest or mid-scapular pain, dyspnea, hoarseness, or dysphagia
- **Ph E---** may be non-contributory. Up to 50 % of pts may have no external signs of chest trauma
- Chest CT is only suitable for hemo-dynamically stable pts. It does not yield detailed information on vascular anatomy and can miss small arterial tears
- **TEE** offers the advantage of portability; can be performed at the bedside in unstable pts
  - Have a comparable sensitivity to CT in diagnosing aortic disruption
  - Operator-dependent, requires that the pt be sedated, does not have high resolution of the distal ascending aorta and proximal arch, and is difficult to interpret in the setting of atherosclerotic disease
- **Angiography** is considered the gold standard for assessing aortic injuries and has the highest resolution of vascular detail
  - Invasive and time-consuming
  - It is associated with a 1 - 10 % complication rate and is +ve in only 10 % of pts with a widened mediastinum on chest radiograph
- **MRI** has seen infrequent clinical use in the diagnosis of traumatic aortic rupture, but has shown promise in several pilot studies

### Cardiothoracic consultation

## Submersion injuries

- dA process resulting in primary respiratory impairment from submersion or immersion in a liquid medium
- Drowning and near-drowning typically begins with a period of panic, loss of normal breathing pattern, breath-holding, air hunger, and a struggle by the victim to stay above the water
- Reflex inspiratory efforts eventually occur, leading to hypoxemia by means of either aspiration or reflex laryngospasm that occurs when water contacts the lower respiratory tract
- Both types of near-drowning "salt and fresh water" result in decreased lung compliance, ventilation-perfusion mismatching, and intrapulmonary shunting, leading to hypoxemia that causes diffuse organ dysfunction
- Hypoxemia in turn affects every organ system, with the major component of morbidity and mortality being related to cerebral hypoxia

ABCDE

- **Intubate** as indicated
- **O<sub>2</sub> therapy** ---- maintain SPO<sub>2</sub> >94%
- Cervical spinal cord injury is uncommon in near-drowning victims, unless there are clinical signs of injury or a concerning mechanism
- **Ventilate** as indicated
  - If pt candidate for NIV ---- NIV either CPAP, or BIPAP
  - If not ---- intubate & insert oro-gastic tube & consider **lung protection**
- **Circulatory support**
  - Consider volume repletion in case of hypovolemia "cold diuresis"
  - Inotropic support \* & CVC in case of hypoxic cardiomyopathy
- **Remote wet clothing and initiate rewarming**

Subsequent management

- Frequent vital sign measurements and clinical reassessment, monitoring of symptomatic pt should include continuous O<sub>2</sub> saturation, Et CO<sub>2</sub>, and bedside glucose measurement

Organ support

### Neurologic

- Prevent 2nd neurologic injuries due to ongoing ischemia, cerebral edema, hypoxemia, fluid and electrolyte imbalances, acidosis, and seizures
- Maintain: Normocapnea or temporarily mild hyperventilation "30-35 mmHg, normothermia, normo-glycemia, elevated HOB, diuretics without volume depletion, aggressive control of seizures, NMB better avoided "mask neurologic signs"

### Respiratory

- CXR may not reflect the severity of pulmonary involvement and should be performed only when indicated by symptoms
- Bronchospasm ---- treat similarly to acute asthma; most cases rapidly improve with inhaled b-adrenergic agonists
- **There is no good evidence to support the routine use of glucocorticoids or prophylactic ab.** Ab should be used only in cases of clinical pulmonary inf. or if the victim was submerged in grossly contaminated water. If pneumonia follows near-drowning, a high suspicion for water-borne pathogens, as aeromonas, Pseudomonas, and

## Rhabdomyolysis

### Administer high fluid rate (Level 1B)

- Starting prior to extrication of the victim whenever possible (Level 2B)
- Give **NS** rather than an isotonic alkaline solution (Level 2C)

- Administer fluid at **1 L/hr** initially
- Avoid IV solutions containing **K**, as LR

After the victim has been removed from rubble & UOP is documented, switch to **HCO<sub>3</sub> isotonic solution (Level 2C)**

- 1 L** of NS alternating with **1 L** of 1/2 NS + 50 mEq **NaHCO<sub>3</sub>** 200-300 meq in 1<sup>st</sup> d may be given"

- Close monitoring of serum **HCO<sub>3</sub>**, **Ca**, **K**, , serum and urine **PO<sub>4</sub>**, volume overload
- Goal urine pH > **6.5**

- Discontinuing the **HCO<sub>3</sub>**-containing solution is recommended (but continuing to replete volume with NS) if the arterial pH B, the serum **HCO<sub>3</sub>** exceeds 31 mEq/L, or the pt develops symptomatic hypocalcemia

- Ca** should be given only for symptomatic hypocalcemia, or severe hyperkalemia

If UOP >20 mL/hr among victims removed from the rubble, add Mannitol to the IV alkaline solution (Level 2C)

- Add **50 mL** of 20 % mannitol (1- 2 g/kg /d [total,120 g], given at rate of 5 g/hr)
- Maximum rate of fluid is **500 mL/hr**
- CI ----- pts with oligo-anuria
- Discontinue if the **Desired diuresis** cannot be achieved (Level 1B)

**Loop diuretics have no impact on AKI outcome**

- May worsen already existing hypocalcemia
- Judicious use may be justified in elderly pts, esp., if volume overloaded

- Rhabdomyolysis** is a syndrome characterized by muscle necrosis due to either traumatic or non-traumatic muscle injury & release of intracellular muscle constituents into circulation, causing heme pigment-associated **ATN**, resulting in abrupt rise in serum creatinine, or **AKI**

### Crush syndrome

- Crush injury** complicated by **AKI**
- May include hypovolemic shock, sepsis, electrolyte disturbances (esp, hyperkalemia ), HF, arrhythmias, ARDS,DIC, bleeding, and heme pigment-induced **ATN**
- Occurs in 30- 50 % of traumatic **rhabdomyolysis**

### ATN

- Due to heme pigment-induced AKI
- Characterized by initial oliguric period followed by polyuria, starts within 1-3 ws may present with a non-oliguric course

### Compartment S "swollen muscles"

- Traumatic ---blunt or penetrating trauma
- Crushing ---Myalgia & AKI & dark urine & hypovolemia

- Plasma creatinine concentration rises more rapidly with rhabdomyolysis (up to **2.5 mg/dL** or /d) than with other AKI causes
- Hyper "kalemia ,phosphatemia", and hypocalcemia
- Marked elevation in the plasma CK level"above **100,000 IU/L**.
- Myoglobinuria "late course"

Prevent

Suspect

Confirm

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### Causes

#### Traumatic or compression

- Multiple trauma & Crush injuries
- Vascular or orthopedic surgery
- Coma & Immobilization

#### on-traumatic

#### Normal muscle

- Extreme exertion
- Environmental heat illness
- Sickle cell trait
- Seizures
- Hyperkinetic states

#### Abnormal muscle

- Metabolic myopathies
- Mitochondrial myopathies
- Malignant hyperthermia
- Neuroleptic malignant syndrome

#### on-exertional

- Alcoholism & Drugs and toxins
- Inf. (including HIV)
- Electrolyte abnormalities
- Endocrinopathies
- Inflammatory myopathies

- Fasciotomy** if the compartment pr is within 30 mmHg of diastolic pr
- Cause of rhabdomyolysis should be identified & specifically treated
- Initiate **Dialysis** for usual indications

### Compartment S

- Severe pain, weakness, paresthesia, paresis or paralysis and pallor in affected extremities
- Distal pulses may be absent when intra-compartmental pr. is very high "increased pr. may be present even when distal pulses are palpable"
- Compartment pr. should be monitored
- Normal tissue pr. is approximately 0 mmHg and that the ischemic threshold of normal muscle is reached when the intra-compartment pr rises to within 20 mmHg of diastolic pr or 30 mmHg of mean pr

### UOP goal

- Adjust administration of IV fluid to maintain the UOP at **200 - 300 ml/hr**
- If goal is achieved, this fluid regimen should be administered until the disappearance of myoglobinuria (either clinically or biochemically)
- This usually requires several ds
- If the desired diuresis is not established, place CVP catheter. And closely monitor input and all losses (urinary volume + other losses together) of the previous d
- Abandon forced diuresis if CVP above accepted threshold "**15 cm H<sub>2</sub>O**"
- Therapy should be based on CVP measurements, biochemical analysis, close monitoring of fluid intake and output, and body weight
- If the pt is anuric and catabolic, a stable body weight may be deceptive ----- Administer **500 - 1000 mL** fluid in excess of all losses of the previous d

## Unstable pelvic fracture

ABCDE

Suspect

Confirm

DD

Manage

• Pelvic injury is indicative of a high energy trauma and pts with pelvic fractures frequently have severe associated injuries "rectal, bladder, urethral, vaginal. And iliac vessels

- History of trauma
- Pt without pelvic X-ray during 1ry survey
  - Pelvic pain or tenderness on palpation
  - Overlying abrasions or contusions
- Hemodynamically unstable pt

Pelvic fractures can be described as mechanically stable or unstable. 2 or more breaks in the pelvic ring are needed to create an unstable pelvic fracture. Pelvic fractures are classified as rotationally unstable, vertically unstable, or both. The hemodynamic status of the pt is not necessarily related to the type of mechanical stability of the pelvis. Fractures that create soft tissue defects are termed "open" fractures and these associated injuries complicate management

- Other life-threatening injuries that causes hemodynamic instability such as hemothorax, cardiac tamponade, or hemoperitoneum, using chest radiograph, pelvic radiograph, and FAST

### PhE

- "Rocking" the pelvis by pressing down on the iliac crest from front to back and side to side should **not** be used "it risks "re-opening" an unstable pelvis, potentially disrupting any pelvic hematoma leading to vascular injury

### Imaging

- **X-ray pelvis** if not done during 1ry survey
- **CT pelvis**
- CT scan, particularly 3-D reconstruction, helps define management strategy and helps in planning definitive fracture repair by defining geometry of the pelvic fracture, identifying occult fractures not seen on plain film, quantifying pelvic displacement, and evaluating integrity of ligaments. Pelvic bleeding may also be seen as contrast extravasation but this finding should not be used in isolation as an indication for arteriography
- Transportation of the hypotensive pt is potentially unsafe. Hemodynamically stable pts undergoing further imaging should be accompanied by a qualified intensivist who should be prepared to abort the study and transport the pt directly to the operating room if pt becomes hemodynamically unstable
- **FAST scan** is used in the initial evaluation of abdominal trauma

## Control of retroperitoneal bleeding

- Hemodynamically unstable pts with indications for surgery (eg, positive FAST scan) are taken directly to the operating room to identify and manage abdominal hge. If ongoing hemodynamic instability following exploration is thought to be due to retroperitoneal bleeding from pelvic fracture--do **external fracture fixation** and **pre-peritoneal pelvic packing** or **angio-embolization**
- Fracture stabilization decreases pelvic volume, promotes tamponade of venous bleeding and prevents shifting of the bony elements which can lead to 2ndry hge
- **Pre-peritoneal pelvic packing** is a surgical procedure in which laparotomy sponges are placed in the pre-peritoneal space to tamponade bleeding and reduce the available volume of the retroperitoneal space
- Following an interval of ongoing resusc. and management of other urgent injuries, **internal fracture fixation** is performed, if indicated
- Management in operating room also allows examination of rectum and vagina and washout of any open wounds
- **Arteriography** is appropriate for pts with persistent bleeding who are responsive to fluid resusc. and do **not** have other urgent indications for surgery. If arteriography identifies arterial bleeding, **angio-embolization** can be used. Selective embolization is preferred to minimize the potential for tissue ischemia or necrosis. disadvantage ---- addresses arterial hge, however, the majority of bleeding due to pelvic fractures is venous in origin. Only a small % of pts who undergo arteriography can have their bleeding sites successfully

## Resusc. & Care

- Acute resusc. encompasses the 1st 12 hrs following injury and combines optimizing tissue perfusion, restoring normothermia, and restoring normal coagulation
- Determines when the pt can return to operating room to replace pelvic packing or definitively manage other injuries
- Specific goals of resusc. include a base deficit <6, normal coagulation indices, and a core temperature >37° C
- Fluid management ----- May require infusion volumes of 10 L. Early colloid administration is appealing, but evidence to date does not support this concept in pts who do not demonstrate acute traumatic coagulopathy ----- Managing crystalloid remains a challenging "balancing optimal cardiac performance against excessive tissue edema which can contribute to pulmonary edema, ACS, and poor wound healing"-----Use a goal-directed resusc. approach consisting of initial volume loading, followed by the judicious use of inotropic agents or vasopressors
- Maintain Hg >10 g/dL during initial resusc ---- Thereafter, transfusion for Hg <7 g/dL (euvolemic pt) limits the adverse inflammatory effects of stored RBCs
- Use OF PACs remains controversial "cardiac function, metabolic status), may be useful in managing multiply-injured pts who require advanced inotropic support"
- Give (mechanical or pharmacologic) prophylaxis for DVT, unless CI ----- Use of removable IVC filter is a good choice

**Surgical disorders**



# Acute pancreatitis

Acute inflammatory process of the pancreas

**Suspect**

- Acute upper abdominal **Pain** at the onset "steady and may be in the mid-epigastrium, right upper quadrant, diffuse, or, infrequently, confined to the left side"
- **Systemic features:** fever, tachycardia, and, in severe cases, shock and coma

**Confirm**

## Clinical

- **History** of gallstones, alcohol use, hypertriglyceridemia or hypercalcemia, family history of pancreatic disease, prescription & non-prescription drug history, trauma, and autoimmune diseases
- In mild disease, epigastrium may be minimally tender "severe episodes are often associated with abdominal distention, esp. in epigastrium, and guarding"
- May shallow breathing "diaphragmatic irritation"
- Dyspnea may occur "if there is pleural effusion"
- Ecchymotic discoloration in the flank (**Grey-Turner's sign**) or the peri-umbilical region (**Cullen's sign**) "in 1 % of "not diagnostic"

## Lab

- Elevated serum **Amylase&Lipase**

## Radiology

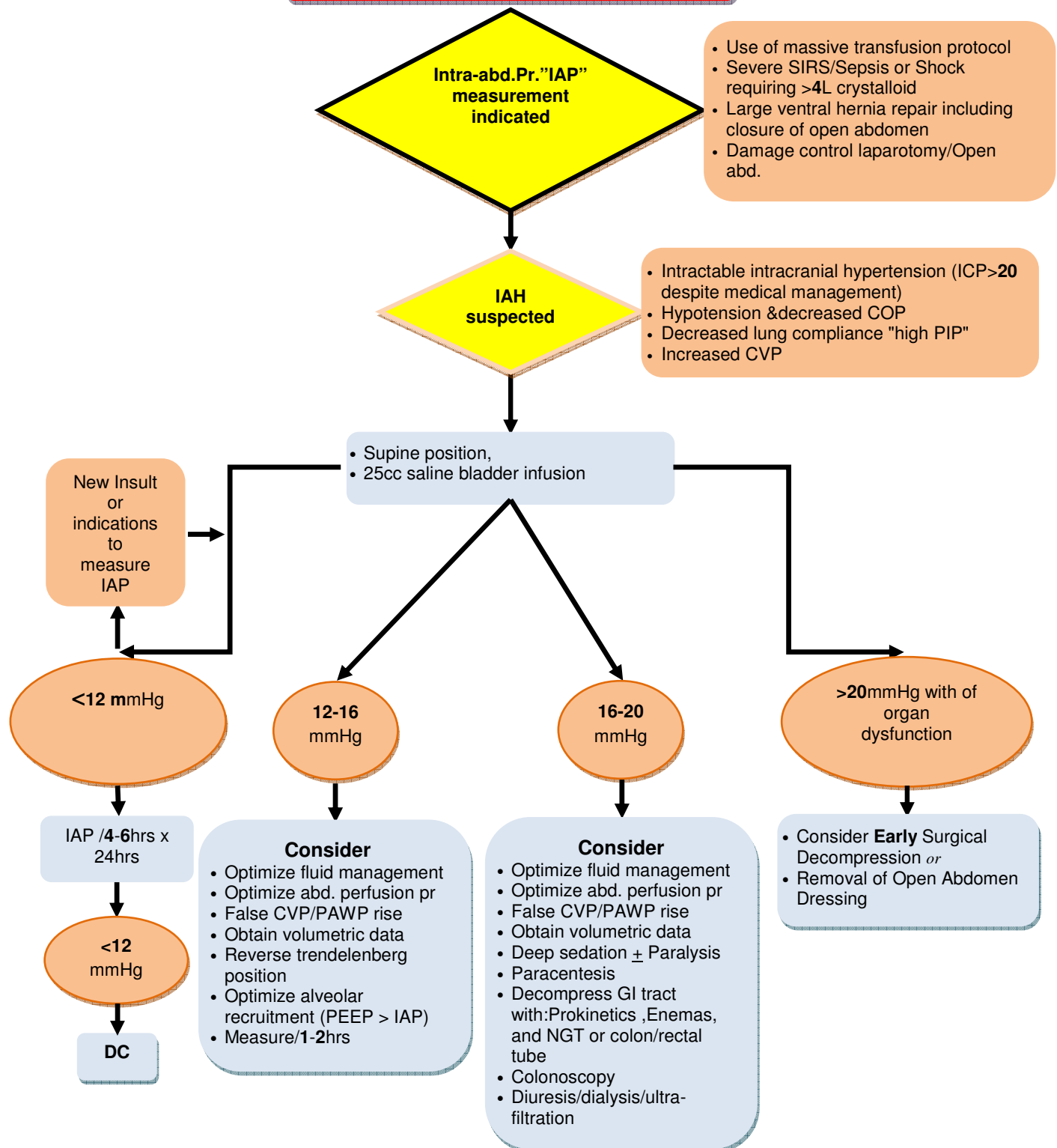
- Abd. **Plainfilm** & US
- **CT** abdomen
- **MRCP**
- **CXR** "pleural effusion"

**Consult surgeon**

**Manage**

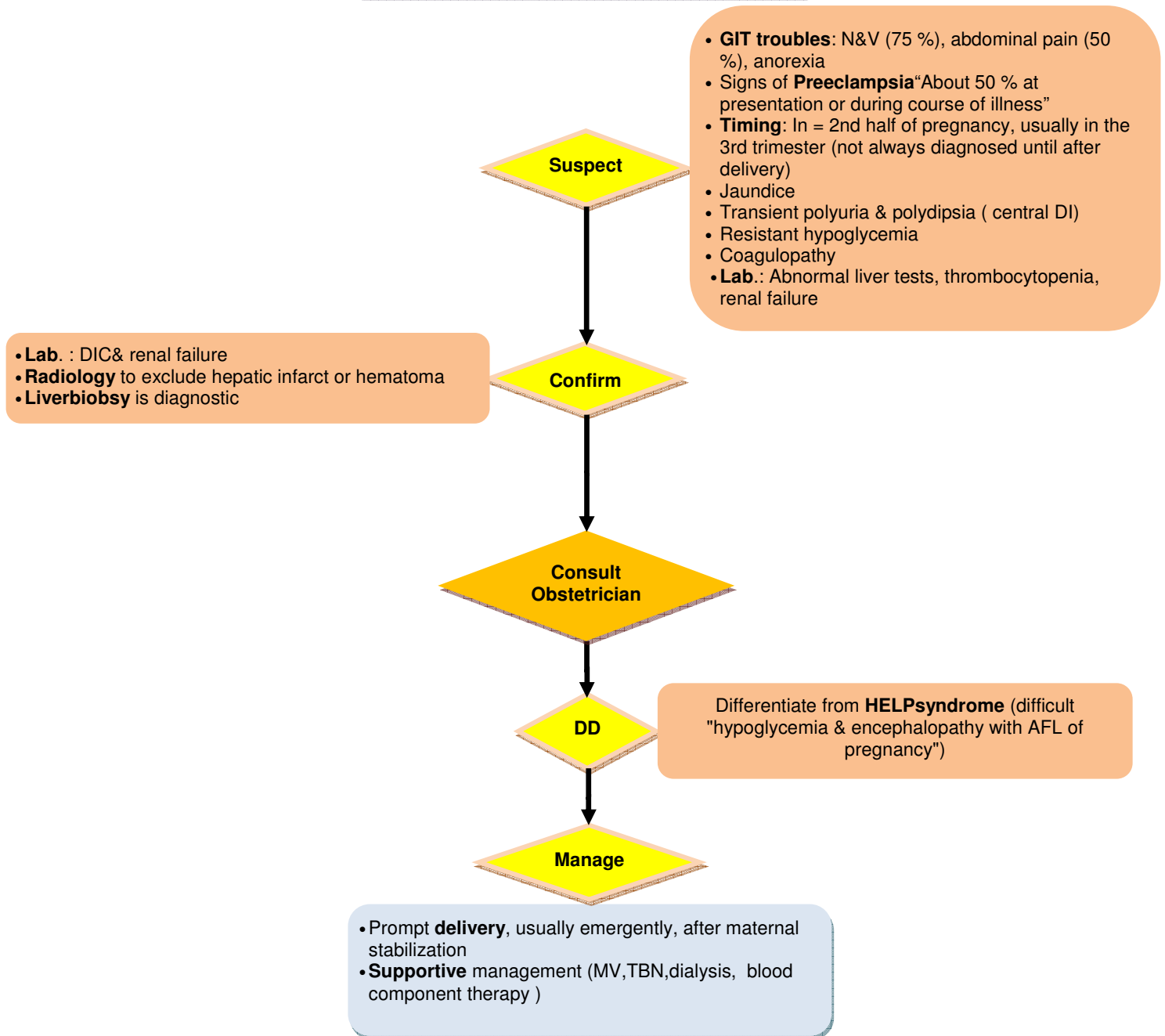
- Correct any **Underlying predisposing factors** as ERCP in gallstone pancreatitis
- **Supportive ttt**
  - **Volume repletion** "250-300 cc of IV fluids / hr are typically required for 48 hr if cardiac status permits"
  - **O2** administered to maintain SPO2 of >95 %
  - **DVT prophylaxis** "pneumatic compression"
  - **Pain relief** "meperidine , or fentanyl"
- **Prevent inf. in acute necrotizing form**
  - **EN**
  - **Selective digestive decontamination**
  - Prophylactic abs "Imepenem for 14 ds"
- **ttt of pancreatic necrosis**
  - Minimally invasive approaches or surgical debridement in stable pts with infected pancreatitis necrosis who do not improve with abs (**Level 2B**)
  - The choice should be based upon the available expertise and whether the collection is localized or diffuse

# Intra-abdominal hypertension "IAH"

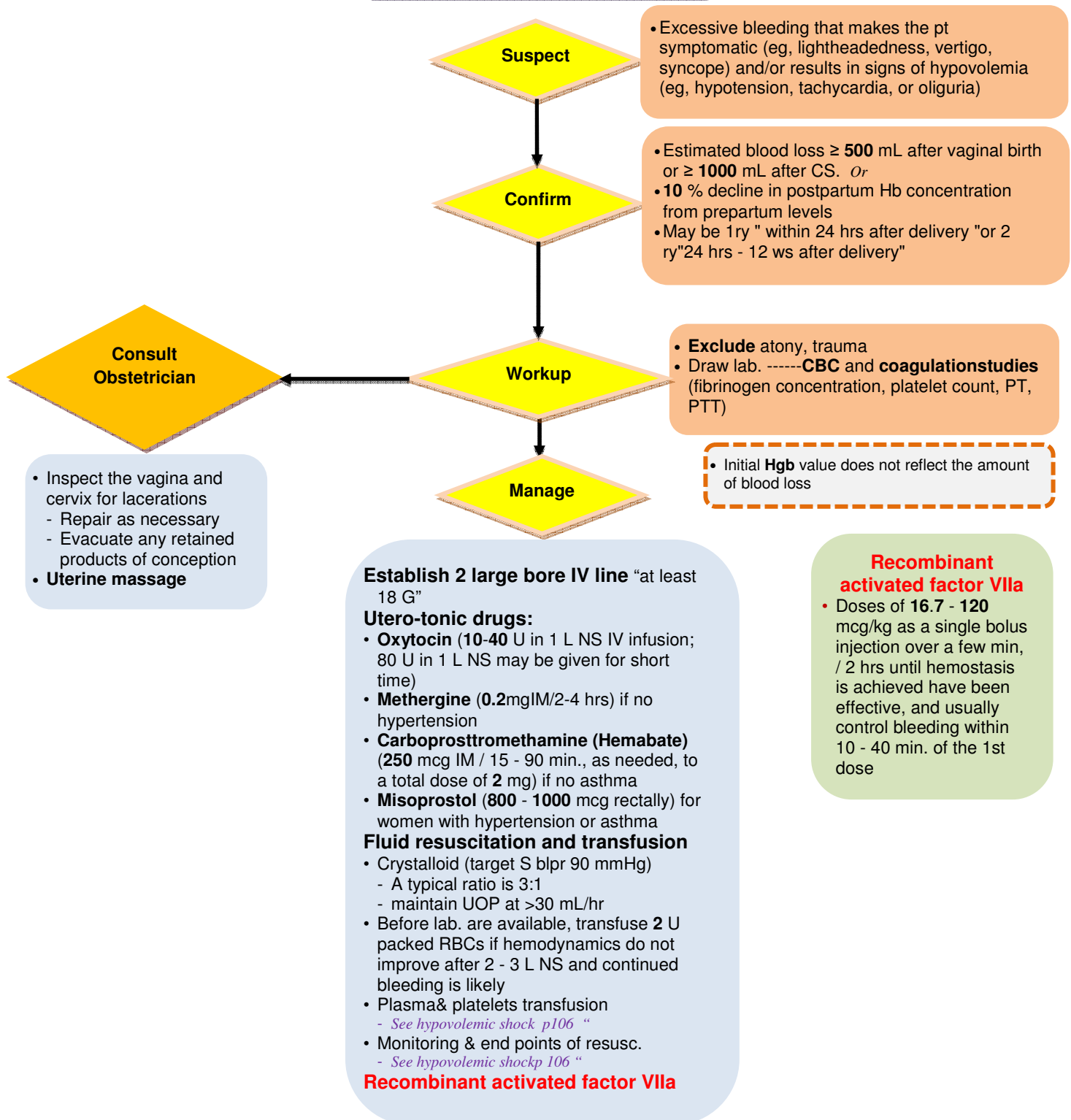


**Obstetric disorders**

## Acute fatty liver of pregnancy "AFL"



# Postpartum hemorrhage



# Amniotic fluid embolism "AFE"

AFE is a clinical diagnosis

**Suspect**

- Whenever **shock** and/or **Respiratory compromise** develops during labor or immediately postpartum (rarely, 48 hrs after CS or postpartum)

**Confirm**

- May Tonic-clonic **seizures**
- **DIC**

**DD**

- Other causes of sudden **Intra-partum** or **postpartum cardio-respiratory failure** must be excluded

**Manage**

**Consult Obstetrician**

- Continuous vital signs monitoring
- Consider **O2** therapy or Intubation & MV as indicated
- Optimize O2 delivery to the fetus (eg,. Anemia)
- **Blood component therapy** as indicated
- Immediate **delivery**

**Assess intravascular volume**

Pulmonary arterial catheter should not be inserted routinely (may be helpful in selected pts, particularly those who have shock, pulmonary edema, and an uncertain intravascular volume status & Do not delay ttt for insertion)

History & PhE & **PA catheter**

**Hypovolemia (rarely)**

**Euvolemic or hypervolemic** "probably cardiogenic"

**Fluid resusc.**

**Unresponsive**



- **Nor-epinephrine** & **dopamine** are drugs of choice
- **Dobutamine**, may be beneficial
- Should not be used until after the vasopressors have improved the blpr



## Pregnancy induced hypertension "PIH"

### Mg sulphate therapy

#### • Indications

- Prevent eclampsia in severe preeclampsia (**Level 1A**) & mild pre-eclampsia (**Level 2B**)
- **Loading 4 - 6g IV 15 - 20 min.**
- **Maintenance 1 - 3 g / hr.**
- Therapeutic level: **4-6 mg/dL**. "Sub-therapeutic" Mg levels (<4 mg/dL) more with a 4 g loading
- Following serum Mg levels is not required if woman's closely monitored clinically
- Maintenance phase is given only if patellar reflex is present, RR > 12 / min., and UOP > 100 mL / 4 hrs
- Dosing should be adjusted with renal insufficiency (serum creatinine >1.0 mg/dL)
- Give a standard loading dose, then reduced maintenance dose (1 g / hr or no maintenance dose if the serum creatinine is > 2.5 mg/dL) with close monitoring of their serum Mg / 6 hr
- Continued for 24 hr postpartum (12 hr in mild pre-eclampsia, may 48 in severe one)
- Adjust dose down if there is clinical evidence of toxicity
- **CI** in myasthenia gravis ---- use diazepam
- Concurrent Ca channel blockers may cause hypotension

### Indications of delivery

- Deliver mild preeclampsia by **40 W** gestation
- Progression to eclampsia
- Severe preeclampsia & eclampsia regardless of gestational age

### Antihypertensive therapy

- Control mildly elevated bl pr in PIH does not alter the course of the disease, nor to diminish peri-natal morbidity or mortality
- Consider aggressive therapy for sustained D pr >105 - 110 or S ≥160 mmHg
- Target -S pr 140 -155 & D pr 90 -105 mmHg
- Options for tt include
  - **Hydralazine** (5 mg IV, followed by 5 - 10 mg boluses as necessary / 20 min.) or
  - **Labetalol** (10 or 20 mg IV followed by doubling dose at 10-min. intervals up to 80 mg for a maximum total cumulative dose of 220 - 230 mg [eg, 20 - 40 - 80 - 80 mg or 10 - 20 - 40 - 80 - 80 mg])

- Suspect**
- 1- New onset of **Hypertension** (S pr 140 mmHg, D pr 90 mmHg) after 20 ws of gestation in a previously normo-tensive woman
  - 2- Grand mal **Seizures** in a pregnant

Search for proteinuria

- Confirm**
- 1 + **Proteinuria** (> 0.3 gm in a 24-hr urine specimen) ---- diagnose **Pre-eclampsia**
  - 1 + 2 + **Proteinuria** ----- diagnose **Eclampsia**
    - May be with gestational hypertension
    - Seizures not be attributable to another cause

- DD**
- Exclude other disorders characterized by hypertension and proteinuria

**Assess severity**

- Mild or severe (there are no criteria for moderate preeclampsia)

**Assess fetus**

- **Well-being & growth**
- Consider ante-natal **corticosteroids**

**Manage**

### Seizures

- If is witnessed ---maintain airway & prevent aspiration
- Roll gravida onto left side
- A bed with raised, padded side rails protect from trauma
- Supplemental **O2**
- **Mg sulphate therapy**

### Invasive monitoring

- You can manage without these tools and avoid risks associated with arterial and CVC (Useful in complicated pt "severe cardiac&renal disease, oliguria, refractory hypertension, or pulmonary edema")

### Preeclampsia superimposed upon chronic hypertension

- When a woman with preexisting hypertension develops new onset proteinuria >20 ws gestation
- Women with both preexisting hypertension and proteinuria are considered pre-eclamptic if there is an exacerbation of bl pr systolic ≥160 mmHg or diastolic ≥110 mmHg in the last half of pregnancy, especially if with increased liver enzymes or thrombocytopenia

### Chronic hypertension

- Refers to systolic pr ≥140 mmHg, diastolic pr ≥ 90 mmHg, or both, that antedates pregnancy, is present <20th week pregnancy, or persists >12 ws postpartum

### Gestational hypertension

- Hypertension without proteinuria (or other signs of preeclampsia) in the latter part of pregnancy
- Bl pr should be elevated on at least 2 occasions at least 6 hrs apart
- Should resolve by 12 w postpartum

## HELLP syndrome

- HELLP syndrome (hemolysis with a microangiopathic blood smear, elevated liver enzymes, and a low platelet count) develops in approximately 1 of 1000 pregnancies overall and 10 - 20 % of pregnancies with severe PIH

### Clinical

- Many pts also have N & V, and malaise
- DIC, abruptio placentae, acute renal failure, pulmonary edema, sub-capsular liver hematoma, and retinal detachment
- Jaundice and ascites may be present. Bleeding due to thrombocytopenia is uncommon
- Some pts are asymptomatic

### Lab

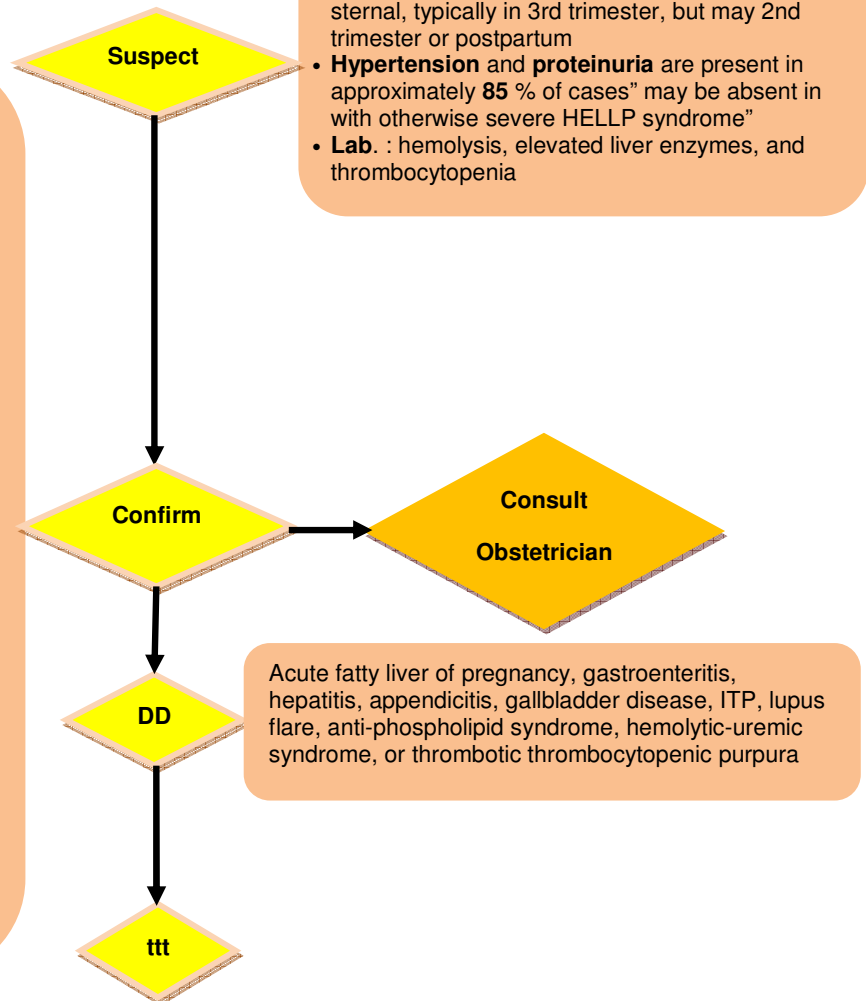
- Micro-angiopathic hemolytic anemia with characteristic schistocytes (also called **helmet cells**) on blood smear
- Elevated LDH or indirect bilirubin and a low serum Hgb ( $\leq 25$  mg/dL)
- Platelet count  $\leq 100,000$  cells/microL
- Serum LDH  $\geq 600$  IU/L or total bilirubin  $\geq 1.2$  mg/dL
- Serum AST  $\geq 70$  IU/L. Some obtain ALT instead of, or in addition to, AST levels. An advantage of the AST is that it is a single test that reflects both hepatocellular necrosis and red cell hemolysis

- Women who do not meet all of the above laboratory abnormalities are considered to have **partial HELLP syndrome**. These pts may progress to complete expression of HELLP S

### Imaging

- Particularly CT or MRI, are useful when complications such as hepatic infarction, hematoma, or rupture are suspected

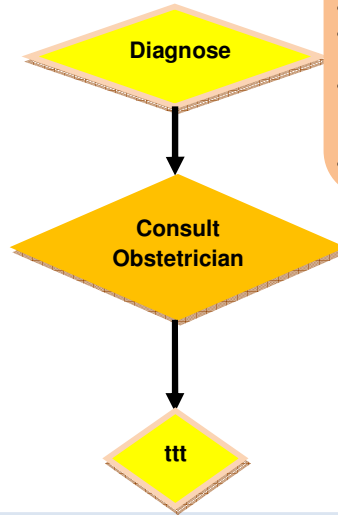
- Abdominal **pain** and tenderness in the mid-epigastrium, right upper quadrant, or sub-sternal, typically in 3rd trimester, but may 2nd trimester or postpartum
- Hypertension** and **proteinuria** are present in approximately 85 % of cases" may be absent in with otherwise severe HELLP syndrome"
- Lab.** : hemolysis, elevated liver enzymes, and thrombocytopenia



- Severe maternal disease (eg, multiorgan dysfunction, DIC, liver infarction or hge, renal failure, abruptio placenta) or non-reassuring fetal status ---- prompt **Delivery** regardless of gestational age
- $\geq 34$  ws gestation ----- **Delivery** rather than expectant management is recommended (**Level 1C**)
- $< 34$  ws gestation in which maternal and fetal status is reassuring ----- **Delivery** after a course of glucocorticoids rather than expectant management or prompt delivery is recommended (**Level 2C**)
- $< 30 - 32$  ws with an unfavorable cervix ----- **CS**
- Give **Dexamethasone** (**Level 1B**). Does not accelerate resolution of lab. abnormalities or reduce risk of complications
- Platelet transfusion** in maternal bleeding (spontaneous or from surgical incisions), or if platelet  $< 20,000$  cells/microL. If CS is planned, transfusion is recommended to achieve a preoperative count  $\geq 40,000 - 50,000$  cells/microL

# Ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome "OHSS"

- A serious complications of excessive ovarian stimulation
- Refers to a combination of ovarian enlargement due to multiple ovarian cysts and an acute fluid shift out of the intravascular space.
- It is a potentially life-threatening complication of ovulation induction



- Respiratory distress & hypoxemia , may pneumonia, ALI, and VTE
- Hemodynamic instability& oliguria
- Ascitis " Women with severe OHSS can gain as much as 15 - 20 kg over 5 - 10 ds".
- Thromboembolic complications "reported in the internal jugular, subclavian, axillary, and mesenteric vessels"
- Stroke

## General measures

- **Intercourse** is restricted in all grades of OHSS because of risk of cyst rupture
- Avoid impact-type activities or strenuous exertion

## Grade I hyperstimulation "supportive"

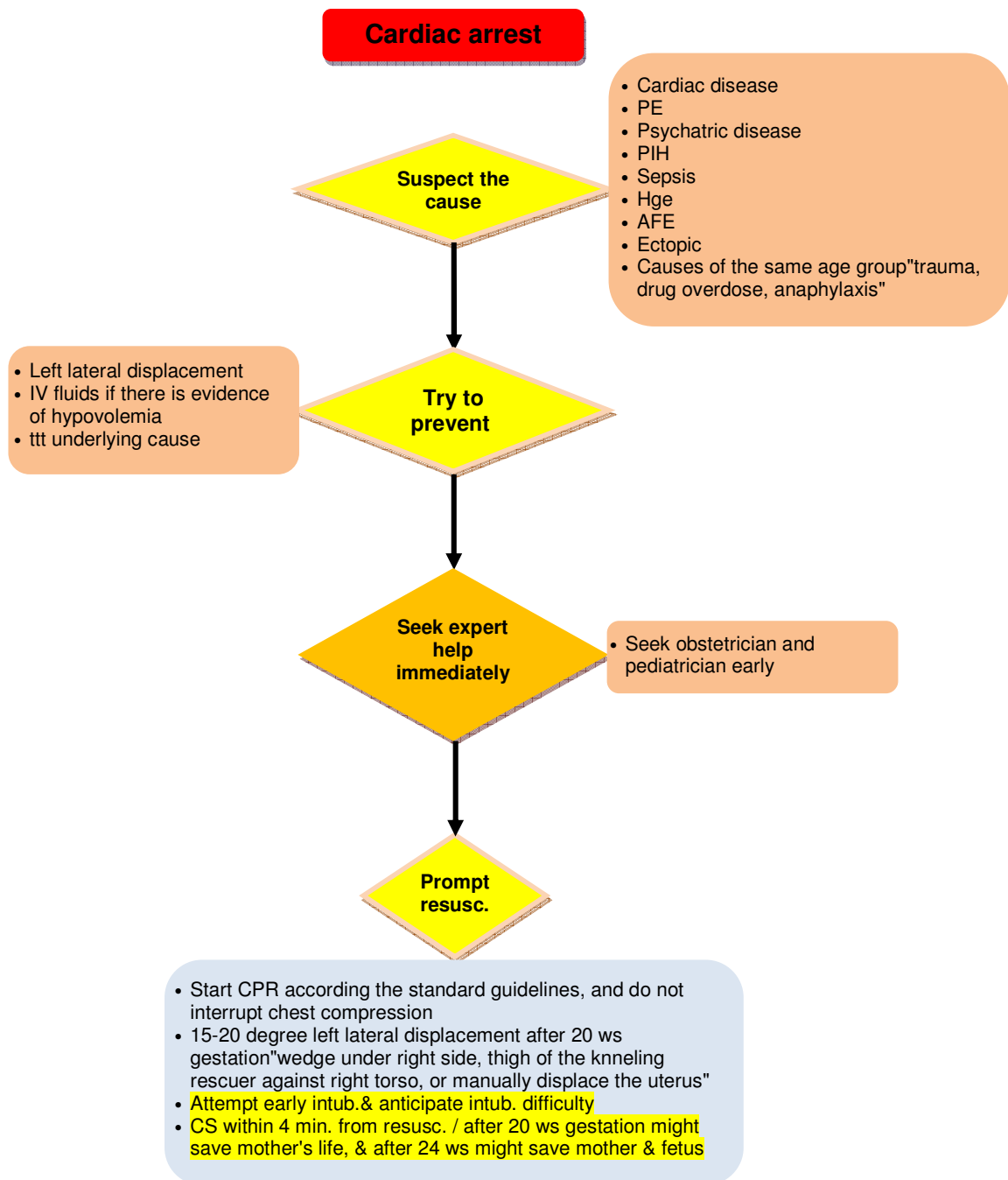
- Observe for enlarging abdominal girth, acute weight gain, and abdominal discomfort on an ambulatory basis for at least 2 ws or until the appearance of menstrual bleeding

## Grade II hyperstimulation

- Observation, bed rest, adequate fluids
- Sono-graphic monitoring of cyst size " Initiation of resolution is apparent when the cysts become smaller on 2 consecutive US"
- Obtain serum electrolytes, ht, and creatinine
- Monitor fluid balance --- A discrepancy in fluid balance >1000 mL/d would be of concern

## Grade III hyperstimulation

- Maintaining blood volume while correcting the disturbed **Fluid and electrolyte balance**
  - 1-2 L of NS in 1st hr---- restore tissue perfusion
  - Further fluids -----while monitoring CVP
  - Fluid repletion ----- continue at the initial rapid rate as long as the cardiac filling pressures and the systemic blpr remain low
  - Check vital signs & intake/output& weight &abd. girth
  - CVC----- in hemodynamically unstable pt
  - Plasma expanders as dextran, human albumin (200 mL of 25 % albumin over 4 hrs), and plasma (500-1000 mL over 24 hrs) supplemented with appropriate electrolytes should be administered early & repeated as needed
  - Ht / 4 hrs; stop plasma expanders when <38 %
- Oral **Indomethacin**" blocks prostaglandin synthesis and reduces capillary permeability"
- **Diuretic** agents are not recommended
- **Pleural effusions** -----Drain to relieve dyspnea
- **Massive ascites** --- Cautious Us guided paracentesis
- Preventing thromboembolic phenomena
- **Laparotomy**----- catastrophic complications" ovarian torsion or rupture and internal hge"



**Drug intoxication**

# General approach to intoxicated patient

ABCDE

Suspect

Disturbed conscious level

DD

Other metabolic % central causes of disturbed conscious level

Take history

- Often unreliable when provided by a pt following intentional ingestion
- Confirmed and correlated with clinical, and laboratory the expected data
- If history is unreliable, take information from paramedics, police, family, friends
- A thorough search of the exposure environment should be conducted for pill bottles or a suicide note, drugs prescribed for pt, pt's family or friends
- Unknown pills or chemicals may be identified by consultation with toxicology department

Ph E

- Mental status & Vital signs
  - Pupil & Odour
  - Respiratory rate & pattern
- See up-to-date for details*

Work up

- Rarely necessary when pt with a non-intentional ingestion is asymptomatic or have clinical findings consistent with medical history
- Screen for **Acetaminophen & Salicylates** for pt with uncertain history or intentional poison
- "Drug of abuse" immunoassay screens can be used to detect **Opiates, Benzodiazepines, Cocaine** metabolites, **Barbiturates**, TAD, and phencyclidine in urine "inexpensive and provide rapid results, usually within 1 hr"
- **Comprehensive toxic screening** should be performed on blood and urine only in pts with severe or unexplained toxicity
- **Quantitative assays**--- Useful in guiding management of certain intoxications when interpreted in conjunction with clinical status and the timing of poisoning

Toxin Screen

- **ECG** for symptomatic pt who exposed to potentially cardiotoxic agent
  - **Radiology** not required in every pt
  - Symptomatic pts, those with an unreliable or unknown history should undergo **urinalysis**, Serum **electrolytes, BUN, creatinine, and glucose**
  - Serum **osmolality, ketones, creatine kinase, liver function tests, amylase, Ca, and Mg** in most significantly ill pt
  - **Urine pregnancy test** in childbearing women
  - **ABGs, co-oximetry**, and serum **lactate** in pts with acid-base, cardiovascular, neurologic, or respiratory disturbances
  - In acid-base disorders, rule out increased serum **Osmolal gap**, toxic etiology
- See up-to-date for details*

- Optimal management depends on specific poison(s) involved, presenting and predicted severity of illness, and elapsed time between exposure and presentation
- The sooner the decontamination, the more effective it is at preventing poison absorption

Decontaminate

## Dermal exposure

- Initial tt is immediate decontamination
- Manually remove clothing and particulate matter and exposed surfaces copiously irrigated with NS, RL, or tap water. for at least 20 min., and longer for corrosives. Wash with soap and water is more effective than water in **Organophosphate** or **Carbamate** insecticides if skin is intact)
- Water irrigation is absolutely CI in certain elemental and reactive metal compounds (eg, Ca oxide, cesium, lithium, Mg, PO<sub>4</sub>, K)

- Copious water or NS irrigation for topical exposures and administration of **Activated charcoal** for ingestions are preferred methods
- Other methods may be warranted **asyrup of ipecac, gastric lavage, whole bowel irrigation, endoscopy, surgery, dilution, and cathartics**

## Inhalation exposure

- **CO** is responsible for the bulk of them
- Victims should be rapidly removed from exposure environment and treated with fresh air or O<sub>2</sub>

## Ocular exposure

- Immediately decontaminate
- Carefully remove particulate with a cotton tipped swab and irrigation performed for at least of 30 min. with copious amounts of NS, RL solution, or tap water. Continued till pH of ocular fluid is between 6 and 8 in pt with acid or alkali exposures





## Antidote

"P170"

- Antidote may be eliminated more rapidly than the ingested substance
  - Somnolence and respiratory depression due to ingested opiates reversed with **Naloxone** but recur in approximately 1/3 of cases because elimination 1/2 life only 60 - 90 min.
  - In certain situations antidotes may require repeated administration or infusion
- Routine administration of **Flumazenil** suspected of benzodiazepine overdose may precipitate seizures and worsen clinical course if TCA have been co-ingested

- **Urinary alkalization**
- **Multi-dose activated charcoal**
- **HD & hemoperfusion**
- **Hemofiltration**
- **Exchange transfusion**

## Enhance elimination

### Gastric lavage

#### Technique

- Performed with the pt in the left lateral decubitus position with the head in a 15° Trendelenburg position
- Intubation is not necessary in an awake cooperative pt
- Gravitational instillation & drainage of multiple sequential aliquots of **200 - 300 mL** of warmed NS or tap water
- Continued till effluent is relatively clear "**5 L** sufficient"

#### Efficacy

- Decreases as the time between ingestion & ttt increases
- Large amounts of unabsorbed drug removed in minority
- Less than activated charcoal & equivalent to ipecac
- More effective when combined with activated charcoal

#### Indications

- Its routine use is no longer recommended
- Acceptable if pt ingested potentially toxic substance and the procedure can be performed within 1 hr of ingestion
- Its use is not excluded in pt who present > 1 hr, particularly when they are highly toxic

#### CI

- A corrosive agent
- A depressed mental status & pt not intubated
- Risk for hge or perforation

#### Complications

- Increased risk of aspiration
- Laryngospasm, hypoxia and hypercapnia, esophageal and gastric erosions, bleeding, perforation, inadvertent tracheal insertion, arrhythmias, ischemia, pneumothorax, fluid and electrolyte imbalances, and hypothermia

### Activated charcoal

- The preferred means of GI decontamination

#### Agents not well adsorbed by activated charcoal

Heavy metals	Arsenic	Lead	Mercury	Iron	Zinc
Cadmium	Inorganic ions	Lithium	Sodium	Calcium	
Potassium	Mg	Fluoride	Iodide	Boric acid	Corrosives
Acids	Alkali	Hydrocarbons	Alcohols	Acetone	Ethanol
Ethylene glycol	Isopropanol	Methanol	Essential oils		

- 90 % of an intoxicant adsorbed when the activated charcoal / intoxicant is  $\geq 10:1$
- Larger doses (single or multiple), are more effective
- Dose**
- (1 g/kg with at least a 10::1 activated charcoal to intoxicant); the usual single adult dose is **25 - 100 g** with water and administered as a slurry by mouth or NGT
- Doses > **100 g** are not recommended in obtunded pt

#### Efficacy

- Greatest when administered within 1 hr from ingestion

#### Indications

- Administered even with equivocal exposure history
- For greatest benefit ----administer within 1 hr

#### CI

- Absolutely CI in pt with bowel obstruction or perforation and should not be given to pt with a depressed level of consciousness until the airway is secured by ETT
- Not recommended in pt who have ingested non-adsorbable acidic or alkaline corrosives and who require endoscopy "will obstruct view of the endoscopist"

#### Complications

- N&V, cramps, diarrhea, constipation & bowel obstruction
- Aspiration, pneumonitis or, rarely airway obstruction

### Urinary alkalization

#### Indications and efficacy

#### Agents for which alkaline diuresis may enhance elimination

2,4-D chlorphenoxyacetic acid (herbicide)	Chlorpropamide
Salicylates	Diflunisal
Fluoride	Methotrexate
Barbiturates	Phenobarbital

- Urinary alkalization is the most effective single method short of HD to enhance **Salicylate** excretion

#### Technique

- Target urine pH  $\geq 7.5$  while a serum pH no  $> 7.55 - 7.60$
- Administer IV bolus of **1-2 mEq/kg** of 8.4 %  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , followed by continuous infusion "mixed by placing **150 mEq** of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  into **1 L** of 5 % D5 in water "at **200 - 250 cc/hr**".
- Prior to initiation, perform baseline measurements of electrolytes, BUN, serum creatinine, glucose, systemic pH, urinary pH, and serum drug conc.
- Place of a foley catheter to accurately measure UOP

### Syrup of ipecac

- Induces emesis in > 90 % of overdose pts with a mean time of onset of 20 min.
- The adult dose is **30 mL** by mouth + **240 mL** water

#### Indications

- Should not be administered routinely
- Alert, conscious pt within 1 hr.

#### CI

- Depressed mental status (eg, coma, seizure)
- Substance compromise airway protective reflexes in 1 hr
- Corrosive agents

#### Complications

- Protracted vomiting in a substantial number of pt
- May delay giving activated charcoal and oral antidotes

## Organo-phosphorus poisoning

### Acute Toxicity

- Generally manifests in min. to hrs
- Evidence of cholinergic excess
- Respiratory insufficiency "result from muscle weakness, decreased central drive, increased secretions, and bronchospasm"

### Intermediate Syndrome

- Occurs 24-96 hrs after exposure
- Bulbar, respiratory, and proximal muscle weakness are prominent features
- Generally resolves in 1-3 ws

### Organophosphorous Agent-Induced Delayed Peripheral Neuropathy (OPIDN)

- Usually occurs several ws after exposure
- Primarily motor involvement
- May resolve spontaneously, but can result in permanent neurologic dysfunction

Suspect

- History
- Evidence of cholinergic symptoms
  - **SLUDGE** = Salivation, Lacrimation, Urination, Defecation, Gastric Emptying
  - **BBB** = Bradycardia, Bronchorrhea, Bronchospasm

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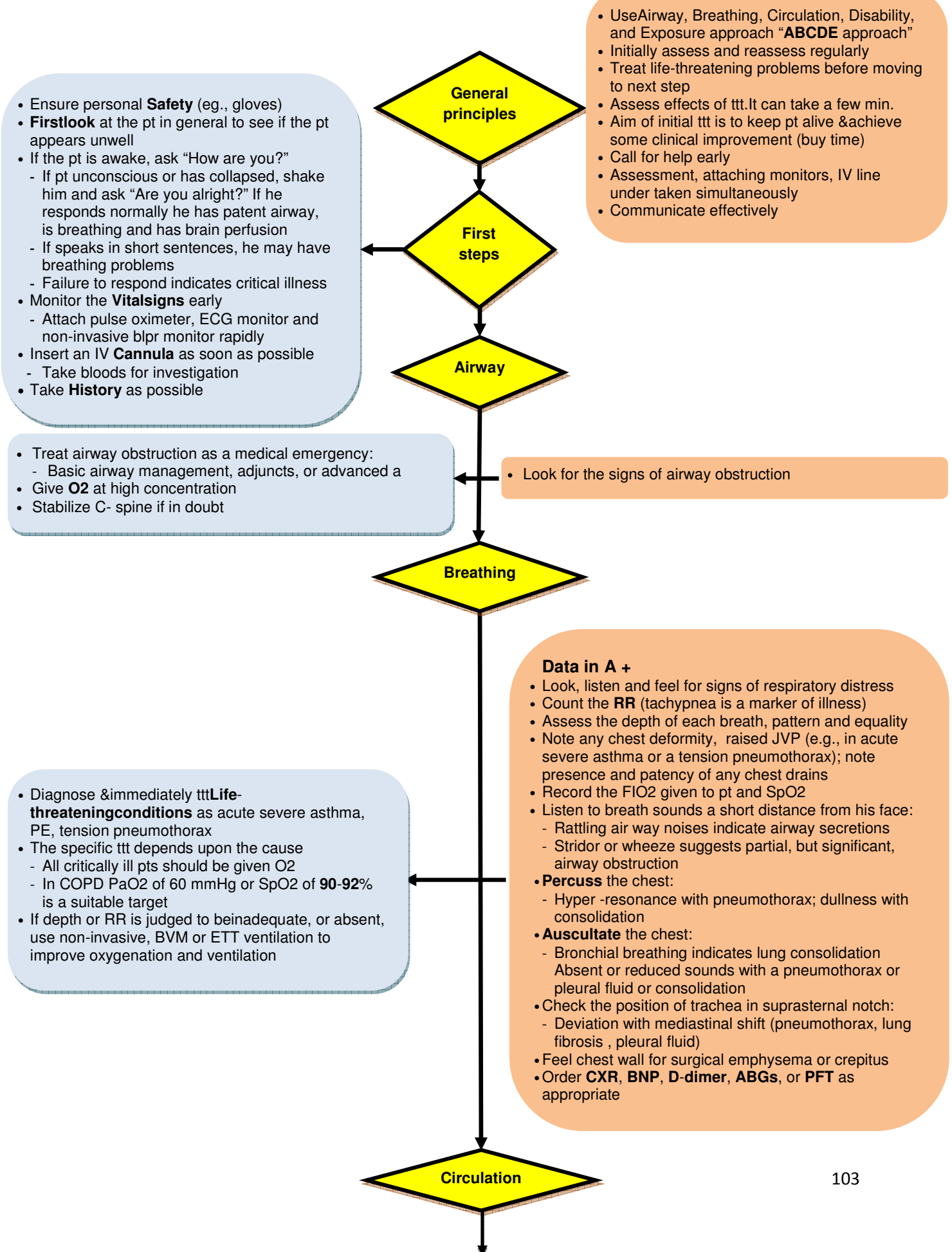
- **Atropine challenge** if diagnosis is in doubt (1 mg IV in adults, **0.01-0.02 mg/kg** in pediatric)
  - Absence of anti-cholinergic signs and symptoms (tachycardia, mydriasis, decreased bowel sounds, or dry skin) strongly suggests poisoning with organophosphate or carbamate
- Draw blood sample for measurement of RBC **acetyl-cholinesterase activity**

ttt

- Deliver 100 % **O2**
- Strongly consider **Intubation**
- **Atropine** 2-5 mg IV bolus (**0.05 mg/kg** IV in children)
  - Escalate (double) dose / 3-5 min. till bronchial secretions & wheezing stop
  - Tachycardia and mydriasis are not CI to atropine use; Hundreds of mg may be needed over several ds in severe poisonings
- **Pralidoxime** (2-PAM) **2 g** (**25-50 mg/kg** in children) IV over 30 min.
  - Continuous infusion at **8 mg/kg/hr** in adults (**10-20 mg/kg/hr** in pediatric)
- **Benzodiazepine** therapy

# **Approach to critical ill patient**

# General approach to critical ill patient



- The specific ttt of cardiovascular collapse depends on the cause, but should be directed at fluid replacement, hge control and restoration of tissue perfusion
- Seek signs of conditions that are immediately life threatening, e.g., cardiac tamponade, massive or continuing hge, septicaemic shock, and ttt them urgently
- Insert one or more large short, wide-bore (14 or 16 G) IV line
- Take blood from the cannula for routine haematological, biochemical, coagulation and microbiological investigations, and cross-matching, before infusing IV fluid
- Give rapid fluid challenge (over 5-10 min) 500 ml of warmed crystalloid solution if normotensive. 1 L, if hypotensive
  - Use smaller volumes (e.g., 250 ml) for pts with known cardiac failure and use closer monitoring (listen to the chest for crackles after each bolus, consider a CVP line)
- Reassess HR and BP regularly (/ 5 min), aiming for pt's normal BP or, if this is unknown, a target > 100 mmHg systolic
- If pt does not improve, repeat fluid challenge.
- If symptoms and signs of cardiac failure (dyspnoea, increased HR, raised JVP, a third heart sound and pulmonary crackles on auscultation) occur, decrease the fluid infusion rate or stop the fluids altogether
  - Seek alternative means of improving tissue perfusion (e.g. inotropes or vasopressors)
- If the pt has primary chest pain and a suspected ACS record a 12-lead ECG early, and ttt initially with O<sub>2</sub>, aspirin, nitroglycerine, and morphine

#### Data in A + B +

- **Suspect shock in disturbed conscious level, tachycardic, pt with cold skin**
- In most medical and surgical emergencies, consider hypovolaemia as primary cause, till prove otherwise
- In surgical pt, rapidly exclude hge (overt & hidden)
- Breathing problems, as a tension pneumothorax, can compromise a pt's circulatory state
- Look thoroughly for external hge from wounds or drains or evidence of concealed hge (e.g., thoracic, intra-peritoneal, retroperitoneal)
- Look at the colour of the hands and digits:
  - Are they blue, pink, pale or mottled?
- Assess the limb temperature by feeling pt's hands
  - Are they cool or warm?
- Measure the capillary refill time (CRT)
  - A prolonged CRT suggests poor peripheral perfusion. Other factors (e.g., cold surroundings, poor lighting, old age) can prolong CRT
- Assess state of veins (underfilled or collapsed with hypovolaemia)
- Count pulse rate (or preferably HR)
- Palpate peripheral and central pulses, assessing for presence, rate, quality, regularity, equality
  - Barely palpable central pulses suggest poor COP & bounding pulse may indicate sepsis
- Measure bl pr.
  - Even in shock, blpr may be normal
  - Low diastolic pr suggests vasodilation (eg., sepsis)
  - A narrowed pulse pr (normally 35-45 mmHg) suggests arterial vasoconstriction (cardiogenic shock or hypovolaemia) or tachyarrhythmia
- Look for other signs of a poor COP, such as reduced conscious level and, if the pt has a urinary catheter, oliguria (urine volume < 0.5 ml/kg/hr)
- Auscultate the heart
  - Is there a murmur or pericardial rub?
  - Are the heart sounds difficult to hear?
  - Does the audible HR correspond to the pulse rate?

#### Disability

- ttt metabolic causes
- Give an antagonist where appropriate (e.g., naloxone for opioid toxicity)
- ttt ABCD, exclude & treat hypoxia and hypotension
- If bl glucose below 50 mg/dl, give 50 ml of 10% glucose solution IV
- ttt definite seizures with **Phenytoin** or equivalent
- Nurse unconscious pt in the lateral position if their airway is not protected

#### Data in A + B + C+

- **Causes** of unconsciousness include: metabolic causes "profound hypoxia, hypercapnia, cerebral hypoperfusion, recent administration of sedatives or analgesic drugs" or central causes
- Check the pt's drug chart for reversible drug-induced causes of depressed consciousness
- Examine the **Pupils** (size, equality and reaction)
- Make rapid initial assessment of conscious level using the **AVPU score** "Alert, responds to Vocal stimuli, responds to Painful stimuli or Unresponsive"
  - Alternatively use the GCS score
- Detect **Seizures**, or signs of **Lateralization**
- Measure the blood glucose, CBC, thyroid, adrenal functions, screening for TTP, DIC if appropriate
- CT or MRI brain or LP if central causes suspected

#### Exposure

- Prevent hypothermia
- Keep dignity of the pt

#### Data in A + B + C+ D+

- Appropriate exposure individually
- Consider head to toe examination in poly-trauma pt
- Search for bleeding, suction drain, bed sores, edema, etc.,

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## **Cardiovascular disorders**



# SHOCK "see drug summary p163"

Physiologic state characterized by significant reduction of systemic tissue perfusion, result in decreased tissue O2 delivery

## Suspect

### • Suggestive History

- (trauma, septic focus, fluid loss, MI, long term steroids, trigger anaphylactic agent etc)

### • Suggestive Examination

- Altered conscious level, tachycardia, cold clammy skin

## PhE

### Cardinal findings

- **Hypotension (Absolute)** (eg, S blpr < 90 mmHg) or **Relative** "eg, drop in S blpr > 40 mmHg "pt may in shock with a high or normal BP").

- **Oliguria**

- **Change in mental state**

- **Cold clammy skin** (early distributive or terminal shock ----- may flushed, hyperemic)

- **Metabolic acidosis**

**Suggestive findings** (neither sensitive nor specific)

### Lab.

- **CBC** (anemia in hypovolemia, or leucocytosis in sepsis)

- **Chemistry** tests (Na, K, CL, serum HCO<sub>3</sub>)

- **BUN, creatinine, liver function tests, amylase, lipase**

- **PT or PTT, fibrinogen**, fibrin split products or dimer, cardiac enzymes

- **ABG, toxicology screen & lactate**

- **Urinalysis**

- **Gram stain** of material from sites of possible infection (sputum)

### ECG

- Ischemia, MI, and arrhythmias

### Radiology

- A **CXR** for pulmonary congestion or pulmonary edema, abdominal radiograph for intestinal obstruction

- **FAST** examination in stable or unstable pt in traumatic abd. injury "CT scan typically is performed in stable pt"

### ECHO

- Assess ventricular function; detect tamponade, severe MR, vent. septal rupture, proximal aortic dissection)

- **TTE** is usually performed (difficult to obtain adequate image in ICU pts) "TEE is not 1st choice "some risk in non-intubated pt"

### Intra-arterial pr

- Should be performed (**Level I**) in
  - Severe hypotension (sys Pr < 80)
  - During the administration of vasopressor ± inotropic agents
  - Cardiogenic shock

- Useful in when potent vasodilators "Na nitroprusside" given (**Level IIa**)

### Pulmonary art. Catheterization

#### Should be performed in

- Progressive hypotension when no response or Clto fluids
- Suspected mechanical complications of STEMI (ventricular septal rupture, papillary muscle rupture) if echo is not performed

#### Considered useful (Level IIa) in:

- Hypotension without pulmonary congestion who has not responded to initial fluid resusc.
- Cardiogenic shock
- Severe & progressive HF or pulmonary edema that does not respond rapidly to therapy
- Persistent signs of hypoperfusion with no hypotension or lung congestion

## Confirm

# Hypovolemic shock

**Suspect**

- Positive history; hematemesis, hematochezia, melena, vomiting
- Evidence of blunt or penetrating trauma, or operation

**Confirm**

- **PE**: Decreased skin turgor, dry skin, axillae, tongue, or dry oral mucos, postural hypotension, or diminished CVP
- **CBC&Na& ABGs & Lactate**
- **FAST**

**4+ bl. In the floor**

- **4=** Intapertoneal, Retropertoneal&pelvi, Chest, Long bones
- **Bl. In the floor** = External he

**Fluid resusc.**

- Initial fluidresusc. for traumatic hemorrhagic shock -----2 L of **NS (Level 2C)**
- Change to **LR** after the initial resuscitation (ie, once 3 L or 50 mL/kg of NS has been infused) if require additional IV fluid
- Given as rapidly as possible via short, large (>16) peripheral lines
- Blpr, UOP, mental status, and peripheral perfusion, are adequate to guide resusc.
- Peripheral edema is often due to dilutionalhypoalbuminemia and not used as a marker for adequate resusc.
- Place arterial line in all pts who fail to respond promptly to initial resusc." monitoring of CVP can direct therapy"
- Measure PCWP if pt has underlying cardiopulmonary dis.

**Blood component therapy**

- RBCs transfusion (Hgc)**
- 2 U of PRBC transfused if hemodynamics fail to improve after administration of 2-3 L (or > 50 mL/kg) of crystalloid (**Level 2C**)
  - Immediate transfusion is needed with exsanguination imminent
  - Typed and cross-matched PRBCs are best, but can require considerable time to prepare. If the pt's condition warrants, transfuse immediately using O Rh-positive for males and type O Rh-negative for girls and women of child-bearing age, until type-specific or typed and cross-matched blood is available
- Plasma & platelets transfusion (hgic)**
- For pts with severe ongoing bleeding who have received 4U of PRBCs, give 1 U of FFP / 1U of PRBCs
  - Give 6 U of platelets once 6U of PRBCs transfused

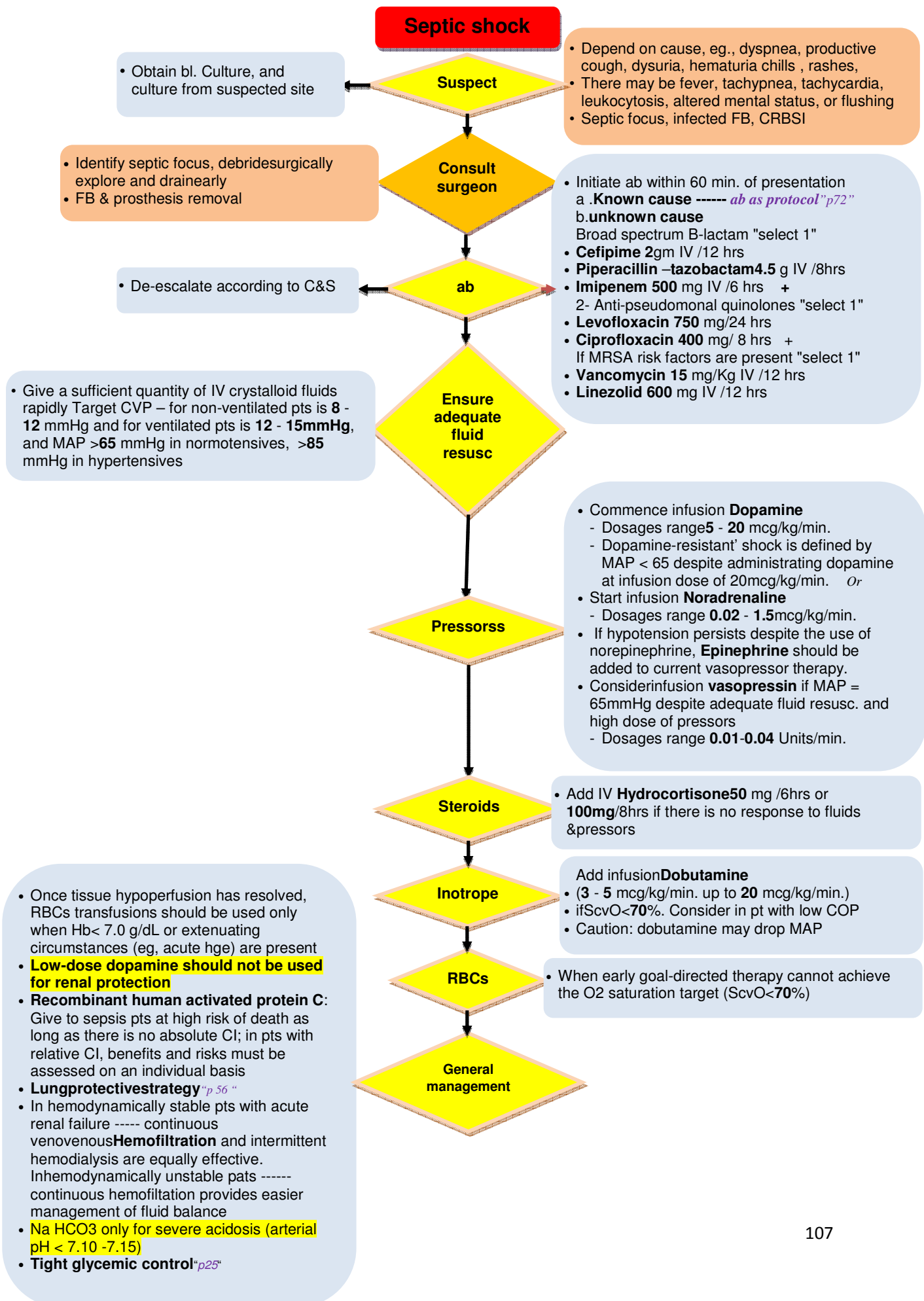
- In traumatic shock, further transfusions are based upon response to initial transfusion
  - MAP 65 mmHg or a Sblpr 90 mmHg is a reasonable in penetrating trauma
  - In blunt trauma pt, particularly those with possible TBI, a MAP >105 mmHg or a SBP >120 mmHg is reasonable
  - These goals adjusted upward in ptwith a history of uncontrolled hypertension
  - During resusc., do not allow initial favorable response to fluids to distract from possible severe, occult injury "**4 + bl. In the floor**" + Consult as indicated
- **Delayed fluid resusc.**
  - Targets early fluid resusc. to a S blprof 70 mmHg" Controlled hypotension
  - Beneficial in hemorrhagic shock due to torso injuries(gunshot or stab wound)
  - May be detrimental to blunt trauma pts with brain injury
  - Do not implement unless emergent surgical exploration can be performed

**Vasopressors& Buffer therapy**

- Do not administer pressors (do not correct the primary problem & reduce tissue perfusion)
- Na HCO3 can be added to the replacement fluid if pH < 7.10
- Efficacy of alkali therapy in lactic acidosis remains controversial
- Optimal monitoring of acid-base may require measurement of mixed venous as ABGs

**Monitoring & endpoints for prolonged resusc**

- **Blpr**: MAP >65 mmHg for penetrating, and >105 mmHg for blunt trauma
- **HR**: 60 -100 b/ min. **SPO2**: maintain >94**UOP**: >0.5 mL/kg/hr**CVP**: 8 - 12 mmHg
- **Lactate and base deficit**: serum lactate and serum HCO3 / 4 hrs
- **SVO2**: / 4 hrs; "target >70 %"
- Transfuse bl. products in pts without massive bleeding undergoing prolonged resusc. of trauma-related shock using the following guidelines:
  - **Hb**: 2 U PRBCsif Hgb falls <8 g/dL for pts without risk for ACS, or <10 g/dL for pts at risk for ACS
  - **Platelets**: 6 U if <50,000/microL
  - **INR**: 2U of FFP if INR rises > 2
  - **Fibrinogen**: 10 U of cryoglobulin if <100 mg/d



# Cardiogenic Shock

- Positive history "eg.; chest trauma, cardiac pt"
- Symptoms; dyspnea, chest pain, or palpitations

- Ph E; crackles, a new murmur, high JVP, PCWP, and CVP" may be normal or borderline elevated PCWP initially, then becomes clearly elevated after fluid challenge"
- Right vent. MI ----- (jugular venous distension with no lung congestion)
- ECCHO, angiography, ECG, and **Hemodynamic profiles**

## Pharmacologic agents

### Dopamine

- In alpha dose ( $>15 \mu\text{g/kg/min.}$ )
- Minimum required dose should be used
- It has positive inotropic effects, which may be beneficial but produces an undesirable elevation in PCWP

### Nor-epinephrine

- Give when the response to dopamine is inadequate, profound hypotension or persists despite use of an IABP, or if there is marked tachycardia
- Increased SVR limit improvement in COP, increase cardiac work, raise PCWP

### Dobutamine & Milrinone

- Produce vasodilation, do not reverse the hypotension
- Dobutamine should not be used as 1 st-line single therapy when hypotension is present, but can be given to less sick pts with a low CI and high PCWP but no hypotension
- An additive effect can be achieved by combining moderate dose dobutamine with dopamine
- Milder cases (ie, non-hypotensive pts in low output state) can be treated with dobutamine combined with vasodilators (IV nitroglycerin) "reduce afterload & preload"

### Devices "IABP"

- Produce rapid, temporary, stabilization of the shocked pt
- In many pts, IABP reverses end-organ hypoperfusion
- Use IABP as a stabilizing measure in an acute MI in pts When cardiogenic shock not reversed with drug therapy

- May be due to recurrent ischemia or re-infarction or rupture of ventricular septum or papillary muscle
- Do emergency ECHO is extremely important to rule out "mechanical" causes
- The only role for thrombolysis administered  $> 12 - 24$  hrs if late shock is thought to be due to recurrent coronary artery occlusion and if urgent angiography and revascularization cannot be performed; prompt transfer to a tertiary center with revascularization facilities should be arranged, unless impossible

Suspect

Confirm

Optimize intra-vascular volume

Vent.

Circulatory support

Reperfusion in MI

Tachy & Brady Arrhythmias <sup>P</sup>  
114-115"

Late shock

## Coronary angiography

- Assess coronary anatomy in shock who are candidates for PCI & CABAG
- "Emergency PCI while patient in shock should be performed in centers with appropriate facilities & personnel"

- Guided by ----- PCWP, SaO<sub>2</sub>, systemic blpr, and COP
- pts with suspected cardiogenic shock when there is no evidence of pulmonary congestion "clinical, chest x-ray" and pt is not in distressed ----- Give empiric challenge of 250 mL of NS prior to right heart catheterization in
- Right ventricular shock due to a right ventricular MI ----- High filling pr are required to maximize flow to left ventricle
- Volume overload and pulmonary edema without hypotension ----- Give diuretics, morphine, O<sub>2</sub>, and vasodilators for

- To correct hypoxemia and, in part, acidosis

## Fibrinolysis

- Fibrinolysis superior compared to placebo, but PCI or CABG are superior compared to fibrinolysis
- very high risk pts when primary PCI is not available----give fibrinolytics within 3 hr of onset, then urgent transfer
- **Use with IABP**
  - If an IABP is to be used, fibrinolytic therapy should not be delayed once diagnosis of MI is established
  - Femoral artery IABP should be inserted by experienced one
  - **Choice of agent** : Not different from pts without cardiogenic shock

## Primary PCI

- Preferred for shock complicating AMI
- "Should be performed with IABP"

## CABAG

- For pts with MI who have left main or 3 vessel disease
- Underutilized in our community

## Hemodynamic profile

- Pts with acute MI and LVF with evidence of peripheral hypoperfusion divided into 2
- **Subset 1 "pre-shock"** PCWP  $>15$  mmHg, systolic pr  $>100$  mmHg, and a cardiac index  $< 2.5$  L/min / m<sup>2</sup>
- **Subset 2"** PCWP  $> 15$  mmHg, systolic pr  $< 90$  mmHg, and CI  $< 2.5$  L/min / m<sup>2</sup>
- Useful in assessing degree of VC or VD and in identifying pts with low left-sided filling pressures due to inadequate intravascular volume or to rt vent. Infarct "Some have vasodilatory shock after MI"

# Adrenal shock

## Suspect

- Positive history "eg., long term steroids use"
- Critically ill shocked pt "eg., septic pt" unresponsive to standard measures

## Confirm

- In normal subjects serum cortisol higher in early morning (about 6 AM), "**10-20 µg/dL**", than at other times of the day
  - Early morning low serum cortisol (< 3 mcg/dL) provides clear evidence that pt has adrenal insufficiency, and value <10 mcg/dL suggests diagnosis
  - Normal serum cortisol "**3 - 10 µg/dL**" (85 - 275 nmol/L) at 4 PM, and concentrations are lowest, < 5 µg/dL
- Normal response to high-dose (IV 250 mcg) ACTH stimulation test is a rise in serum cortisol concentration after 30 or 60 min. to a peak of 18 - 20 mcg/dL (500 - 550 nmol/L) or more
- Low-dose (1 mcg iv bolus) ACTH stimulation test criteria for a normal cortisol response after 20 or 30 min. are more variable: 17 - 22.5 mcg/d
- For both tests, a subnormal response confirms diagnosis of adrenal insufficiency
  - A normal response to the high-dose (250 mcg) ACTH stimulation test excludes primary adrenal insufficiency, and most patients with secondary adrenal insufficiency

## Emergency measures

- Continue IV NS at slower rate for 24 - 48 hrs
- Search for and treat possible infectious precipitating causes of the adrenal crisis
- Perform a short ACTH stimulation test to confirm diagnosis of adrenal insufficiency, if pt does not have known adrenal insufficiency
- Determine the type of adrenal insufficiency and its cause if not already known
- Taper **Glucocorticoids** to maintenance dose over 1-3 d, if precipitating illness permits
- Begin **Mineralocorticoid** replacement with fludrocortisone (0.1 mg by mouth daily) when saline infusion is stopped

## Sub-acute measures

- Establish large-gauge IV access
- Draw bl. for stat serum electrolytes and glucose and plasma cortisol and ACTH "Do not wait for lab results"
- Infuse **2 - 3 L of NS** or 5 % dextrose in isotonic saline as quickly as possible
- Monitor for signs of fluid overload by measuring central or peripheral venous pr. and listening for pulmonary rales
- Reduce infusion rate if indicated
- Inject **4 mg dexamethasone IV**. IV **hydrocortisone** (**100 mg** immediately and / 6 h thereafter) may also be used, but will interfere with measurement of plasma cortisol during the short ACTH stimulation test
- Use cortisol assays no hydrocortisone if biochemical testing is performed
- For pts with a previously known diagnosis of adrenal insufficiency, any IV glucocorticoid preparation may be used "diagnostic testing not necessary"
- Mineralocorticoids are unnecessary
- Use supportive measures as needed

## Anaphylactic shock

### Suspect

- Positive history "eg., trigger agent" followed by sudden collapse  $\pm$  respiratory insufficiency  $\pm$  upper airway obstruction

### Confirm

- Signs of upper airway obstruction
- Auscultatory wheezes
- Signs of circulatory collapse
- Generalized rashes

### Manage

- Remove **trigger**
- **Lie** pt flat, raise leg
- Airway stabilization "consider early **Intubation** & consider awake techniques, surgical airway" + high flow **O2**.
- **Adrenaline** 0.5 mg 1/1000 IM "antero-lateral middle thigh" repeat 5 min. Apart, or 50 uq 1/10-000 IV titration
- Rapid fluid challenge "1/2 -1 L" **crystalloids**, repeat as needed
- Anti-histamine " **chlorphenamine** 10 mg IM or slow IV
- **Hydrocortisone** 200 – 500 mg IM or slow IV
- ttt bronchospasm as appropriate

## Neurogenic shock

**Suspect**

- Positive history "eg., trauma"
- Shock that does not improve despite adequate fluid resusc.
- Bradycardia $\pm$  respiratory insufficiency in high cervical lesion

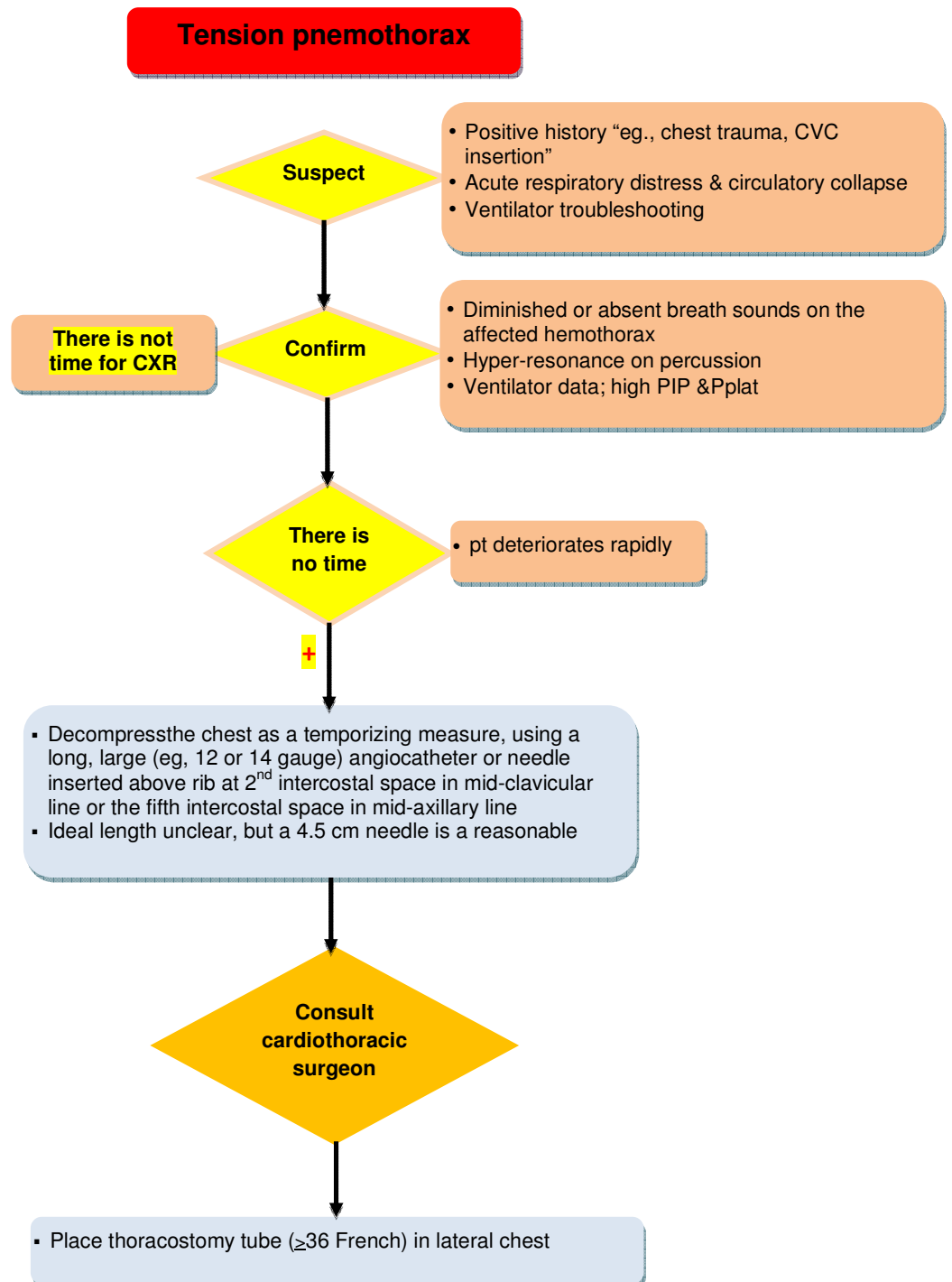
**Confirm**

- Radiology to detect level of lesion "see TSCI P83 "

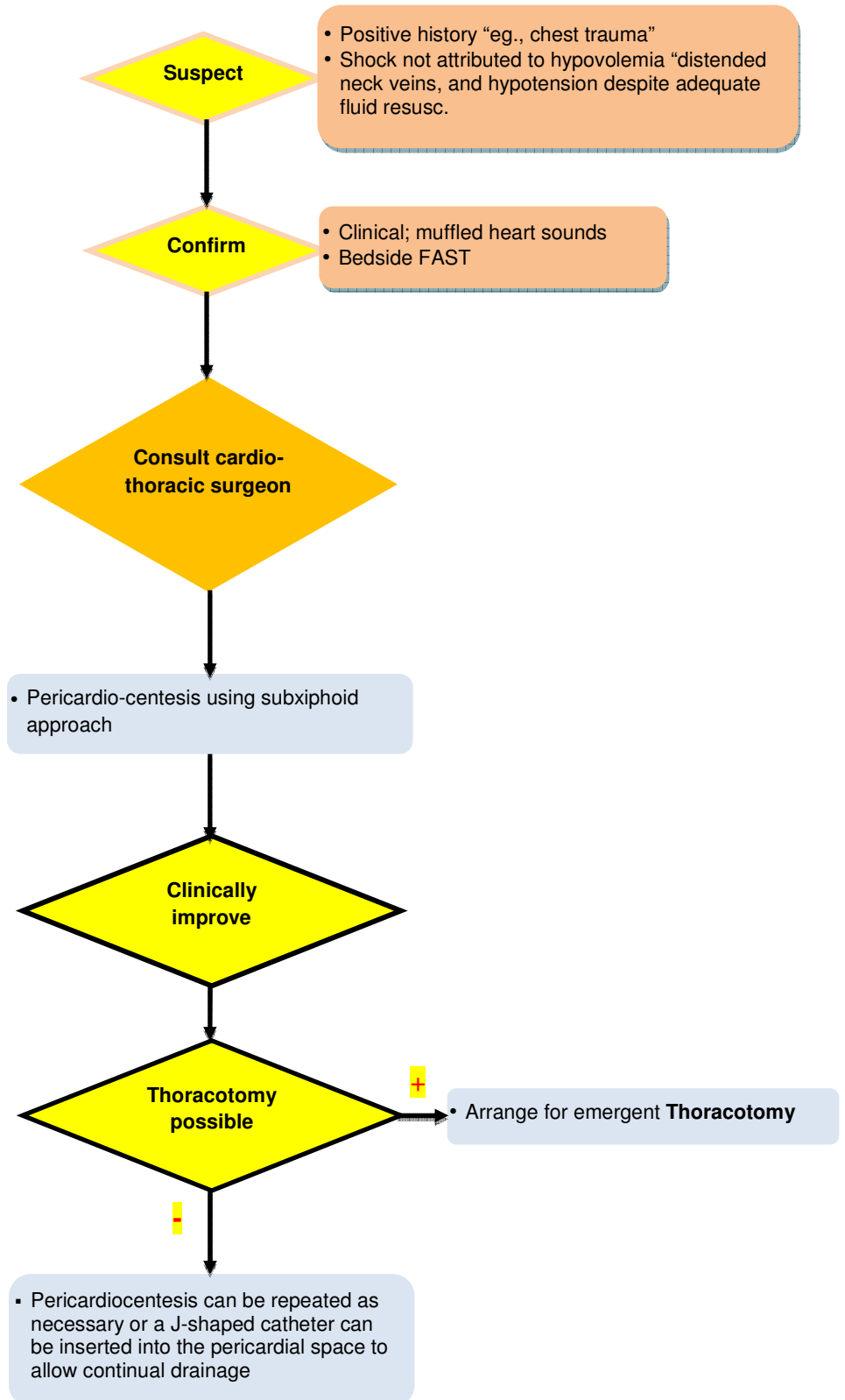
**Manage**

- Maintaining MAPs of at least **85 - 90 mmHg**
  - Use IV fluids, transfusion, and pressors as needed
  - Excess fluids ---further cord swelling & increase damage
  - Fluid, UOP, and electrolyte must be carefully monitored
- **Bradycardia**
  - This usually occurs in severe, high cervical (C1 through C5) lesions in the 1st 2 ws after TSCI
  - ttt as protocol
- **Ventilate** as indicated





## Pericardial tamponade



## Tachy-arrhythmias (see drugs summary p166)

### Vagal maneuvers

- **Carotid sinus massage:** 5 s unilateral massage of carotid
- **Valsalva maneuver:** Ask pt to try to move the plunger of a 50 ml syringe by pushing air from his own breath

- **ABCDE** approach assessment
- **O2&IV** line
- **Monitor** ECG, bl pr, oximetry, 12 lead ECG
- **ttt reversible causes** "eg., electrolytes disorders"

Extreme tachycardia ">150b/min. considered by itself as adverse sign.

For sinus tachycardia---- treat the underlying cause & do not attempt

### Assess evidence of adverse signs

- Shock
- Syncope
- HF
- Myocardial ischemia

### Check QRS

#### Narrow QRS

#### Broad QRS

### Check regularity

### Check regularity

#### Regular

### Vagal maneuver

- **Adenosine** 6 mg ---- 12 mg ---- 12 mg bolus
- If adenosine CI --- consider **Verapamil** 2.5 - 5 mg IV over 2 min.

### Sinus rhythm restored

- Consider A-flutter - Rate control

### Seek expert

- **Control rate with**
  - B-blockers, or Diltiazem
  - Digoxin, or amiodrone if HF
- Do not attempt cardioversion unless anticoagulant is not administered for 3 weeks or TTE to exclude atrial thrombus

#### Irregular

### Consider AF

<48 hrs

- **Rhythm control**
  - Chemical "amiodrone"
  - Electrical cardioversion
- Anticoagulate 'therapeutic LMWH or UFH to reach 1.5-2 appt, then oral anticoag. For at least 4 ws'

#### Regular

- If VT "of uncertain rhythm" ---- **Amiodrone** 300 mg over 20-60 min. followed by **Amiodrone** 900 mg over 24 hrs
- If known to be SVT with BB --- **Adenosine** as narrow complex tachycardia

#### Irregular

### Seek expert

- Consider
  - **AF with BBB** --- --treat as narrow complex
  - **Pre-excited AF** ---- consider **Amiodrone**
  - **Polymorphic VT "Torsade de points"** ---- **Mg sulphate** 2gm over 2 min.

- **Broad complex tachycardia&AF** -- start with 120- 150 J biphasic or 200 J monophasic. If 1 st shock does not terminate arrhythmia, give up to 2 more shocks of increasing energy up to the maximum setting of defib.
- For **Atrial flutter** and **Regular narrow complex tachycardia** --- Start with 70-120 J biphasic or 100 J monophasic. If 1st shock does not terminate arrhythmia, give up to 2 more shocks of increasing energy up to maximum setting of the defib.

# Brady-arrhythmias

- **ABCDE** approach assessment
- O2 & IV line
- Monitor ECG, blpr, oximetry, 12 lead ECG
- ttt reversible causes "eg., electrolytes disturbances"

## Assess evidence of adverse signs

- Shock
- Syncope
- HF
- Myocardial ischemia

Atropine 500mq IV

## Satisfactory response

## Risk signs of asystole

- Recent asystole
- Mobitz type II AV block
- Complete HB with wide QRS
- Ventricular pause >3s

Observe

## Intern measures

- Atropine 500mq IV bolus up to 3 mg
- Isoprenaline 5mq/min
- Adrenaline 2-10mq/min.
- Alternative drugs
  - Aminophylline
  - Dopamine
  - Glugacon in b blocker, Ca channel blocker overdose

Or

- **Transcutaneous pacing**

- Seek expert help
  - Arrange for transvenous pacing

## Trans-cutaneous pacing

- Avoid any un-necessary delay in starting pacing once indicated
- Use scissors or razors, quickly remove excess chest hair from skin where the electrode pad is to be applied
- Make sure that skin is dry
- Conscious pt may need IV analgesia ± sedation
- **Position** pads in RT pericardia – apical position, if not possible use antero-posterior position "site of V2 3 anteriorly, between lower lt scapula and spine posteriorly at the same plane"
- Select **Mode** "demand or fixed in case of increasing artifacts"
- Select **Rate** "usually between 60-90b/ min."
- Increase current "usually 50-100 mA" till spike appears on the ECG, and followed by QRS complex "ventricular depolarization", and T wave
- If the highest current setting is reached and electrical capture has not occurred, try change electrode position. Continued failure indicates a non-viable myocardium
- Check pulse to confirm the presence of mechanical capture. Absence of pulse indicates PEA
- When produces COP, seek expert help to arrange for trans-venous pacing
- There is no hazard from trans-cutaneous pacing to others in contact with pt, however, it is best to shut off pacing during CPR

# Hypertensive emergencies

**Suspect**

- Are acute, life-threatening (usually associated with marked increases in BP, " $\geq 180/120$  mmHg")
- **There are 2 major clinical syndromes induced by the severe hypertension:**  
**Malignant hypertension**
  - Marked hypertension with retinal hges, exudates, or papilledema. There may also be renal involvement, called **Malignant nephrosclerosis**
  - Although papilledema had been thought to represent a more severe lesion, it does not appear to connote a worse prognosis than hges and exudates alone (**Accelerated hypertension**)
  - ttt the same whether or not papilledema is present**Hypertensive encephalopathy**
  - Refers to presence of signs of cerebral edema caused by breakthrough hyperperfusion from severe and sudden rises in blpr
  - Malignant hypertension is usually associated with a diastolic pr  $> 120$  mmHg
  - In comparison, **hypertensive encephalopathy can be seen at diastolic pr as low as 100 mmHg in previously normotensive pts with acute hypertension due to preeclampsia or acute glomerulonephritis**

- **History** : Long-standing uncontrolled hypertension, many of whom discontinued anti-hypertensives
- **Neurologic symptoms** : Encephalopathy, Insidious onset of headache, N&V, then non-localizing neurologic symptoms as restlessness, confusion, and, if not treated, seizures & coma

**Confirm**

## Fundus examination

- Retinal hge, exudates and papilledema
- **MRI**
  - Edema of white matter of parieto-occipital regions (**reversible posterior leuko-encephalopathy S**) or
  - Primarily pontine abnormalities (**Hypertensive brainstem encephalopathy**)
  - These neurologic symptoms differ from the abrupt onset of focal neurologic symptoms of stroke or hge (not treated aggressively)

## Renal biopsy

- Fibrinoid necrosis in arterioles and capillaries, producing histologic changes " indistinguishable from any of the forms of hemolytic-uremic S

ttt "see drugs summary P167"

- The goal is to rapidly lower diastolic pr to about **100 - 105 mmHg** within **2-6hrs**, with maximum initial fall in blpr not exceeding **25 %** of the presenting value
- Once blpr is controlled, pt should be switched to oral therapy, with diastolic pr being gradually reduced to **85 - 90 mmHg** over **2-3ms**
- Initial reduction to a diastolic pr of approximately **100 mmHg** is often associated with a modest worsening of renal function; this change, however, is typically transient as the vascular dis. tends to resolve and renal perfusion improves over **1-3ms**
- Anti-hypertensives should not be withheld unless there is excessive blpr reduction
- A change in medication, however, is indicated if decline in renal function is temporally related to ACE inhibitor or angiotensin II receptor blocker
- **Consider blpr control in special situations**

## Special situations

### Chronic hypertension without neurological symptoms

- Rapid correction is not necessary in asymptomatic pt
- Slow , gradual reduction indicated in pt with known cerebrovascular dis. or long-standing uncontrolled hypertension

### Angina pectoris or AMI

- Use IV vasodilators, **Nitroprusside**, **Nitroglycerin**, **Labetalol**
- **Hydralazine** is CI

### Aortic dissection

- The initial aim is to decrease S blpr of **100 - 120 mmHg** if tolerated
- Combine **Nitroprusside** and IV **Bblocker**  
**"Nitroprusside should not be given without a B blocker"**

### Pregnancy

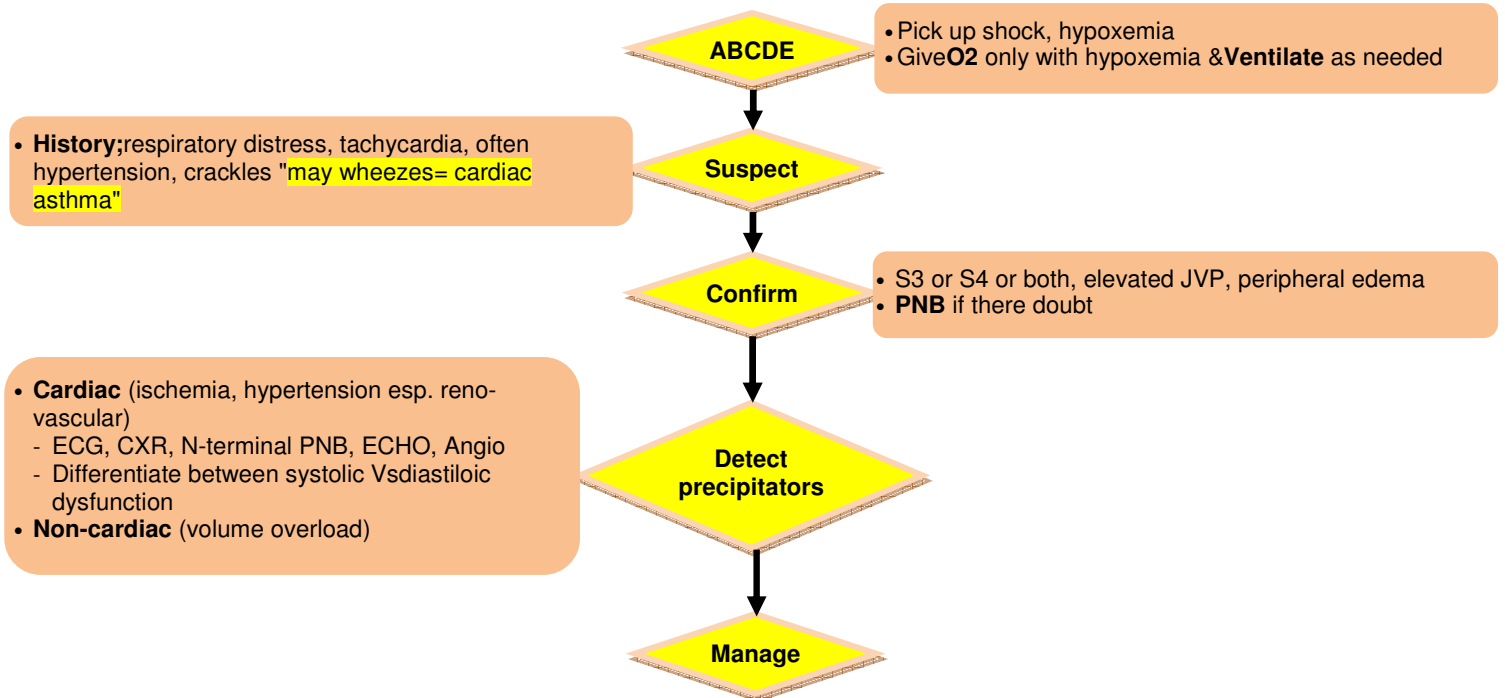
- IV **Hydralazine** is of choice. **Nicardipine** or **Labetalol** are alternatives
- **Nitroprusside** , **ACEinhibitors** and **angiotensin II receptor blockers** are CI
- **Ischemic stroke or subarachnoid or intra-cerebral hge**

- Antihypertensive should be given for pts with blpr  $\geq 130/80$  mmHg after they being stabilized following a stroke
- Combine **Diuretics & ACEinhibitor**
- Monitor for hypotensive symptoms due to failure of cerebral auto-regulation
- **Withdrawal of antihypertensives**
  - Re-administer drug and, if necessary, **Phentolamine**, **Nitroprusside**, or **Labetalol**

### Acute pulmonary edema

- **Nitroprusside** or **Nitroglycerin** with a loop **Diuretic** is of choice
- **Hydralazine** or **Bblocker** CI

# Acute decompensated heart failure"ADHF"



## Restrict fluids

- (<2 L/d) in pts with moderate hyponatremia (<130 meq/L) & volume overload

## Diuresis

- For both systolic & diastolic HF
- Even without volume overload
- Exception ----- hypotension, cardiogenic shock
- **Furosemide** ----- 40 mg IV ----- increase dose to 80 mg "Pts with chronic diuretics"
- If inadequate response ----- salt water restriction & double dose
- If increases in serum creatinine appear to reflect intravascular volume depletion ---- reduce or temporary DC diuretic or vasodilator therapy & consider inotropic therapy
- Pts with moderate to severe renal dysfunction and evidence of intravascular fluid overload ---- Continue to be treated with diuretics
- In the presence of severe fluid overload. If substantial congestion persists, diuresis cannot be achieved without an unacceptable degree of azotemia ---- consider ultrafiltration or dialysis

## Morphine sulfate

- For both systolic & diastolic HF "In selected pts

## Vasodilators

- For both systolic & diastolic HF
- In the absence of symptomatic hypotension, ----- Consider IV **nitroglycerine**, **Nitroprusside** + diuretic
- Frequent blpr monitoring
- Dosage of vasodilator agents should be decreased if symptomatic hypotension develops
- Once symptomatic hypotension is resolved ----- Consider reintroduction in increasing doses

## ACE inhibitors & B blockers

- Should be avoided in systolic dysfunction,
- ACE inhibitors and B blockers "pts taking chronic medication & with no hypotension" may be useful in acute as well as chronic HF in pts with primarily diastolic dysfunction

## Inotropic agents

- Not indicated in pts with diastolic dysfunction with preserved systolic function
- Manage **Cardiogenic shock** "p 108 "

## General approach to patient with chest pain

### ABCDE

- O<sub>2</sub>, IV access, cardiac monitor, and vital signs
- A 12-lead ECG and a blood sample for cardiac enzyme should be obtained if possible
- Evaluate the need for emergent care "MI, pneumothorax, aortic dissection, esophageal rupture, or acute abdomen"

#### Quality of pain

- Myocardial ischemia ---- squeezing, tightness, pr, constriction, strangling, burning, heart burn, fullness in the chest, a band-like sensation, knot in the center of the chest, lump in the throat, ache, heavy weight on chest (elephant sitting on chest), like a bra too tight, and toothache (when there is radiation to lower jaw)
- Myocarditis can be pleuritic (can also mimic that of myocardial ischemia)

#### Region or location of pain

- Ischemic pain is a diffuse discomfort that may be difficult to localize
- Pain that localizes to a small area on the chest is more likely of chest wall or pleural origin

#### Radiation

- Myocardial ischemia --- neck, throat, lower jaw, teeth, upper extremity, or shoulder
- A wide extension of radiation increases the probability that it is due to MI
- Pain radiating to left arm is classically associated with coronary ischemia, radiation to right arm may be a particularly useful finding & Radiation to both arms is a strong predictor of AMI
- Acute cholecystitis can present with right shoulder pain, although concomitant right upper quadrant or epigastric pain is more typical than discomfort
- Pain that radiates between scapulae may be due to aortic dissection
- The pain of pericarditis typically radiates to one or both trapezius ridges
- Cervical radiculopathy may present with chest, upper back or upper extremity

#### Time course

- Pain of pneumothorax & aortic dissection or PE have abrupt onset "greatest at the start"
- Onset of ischemic pain is more often gradual with an increasing intensity over time
- A crescendo pattern of pain can also be caused by esophageal disease "Functional" or non-traumatic musculo-skeletal chest pain might have a much more vague onset

#### Duration

- Discomfort that lasts only for seconds or pain that is constant over ws is not ischemic
- Pain from myocardial ischemia generally lasts for a few min; it may be more prolonged in MI
- Myocardial ischemia may demonstrate a circadian pattern (more in morning).

#### Severity

- Not a useful predictor of the presence of coronary heart dis.

### History

#### Provocation

- Discomfort that reliably occurs with eating is suggestive of upper GI dis.
- Postprandial chest pain may be due to GI or cardiac dis.
- Chest discomfort provoked by exertion is classic angina symptom "esophageal pain the same"
- Other factors that may provoke ischemic pain "cold, emotional stress, meals, or intercourse"
- Pain made worse by swallowing is likely of esophageal origin
- Body position or movement, as well as deep breathing, may exacerbate musculoskeletal pain
- Truly pleuritic chest pain is worsened by respiration and may be exacerbated when lying down
- Causes of pleuritic chest pain include PE, pneumothorax, pneumonia, and pleuro-pericarditis

#### Palliation

- Pain that is reliably and repeatedly palliated by antacids or food is likely gastro-esophageal
- Pain responds to SL Nitroglycerine is frequently have a cardiac etiology or esophageal spasm
- Relief of pain following "GI cocktail" does not reliably distinguish GI from ischemic chest pain
- Pain that abates with cessation of activity strongly suggests an ischemic origin
- Pain of pericarditis typically improves with sitting up and leaning forward

#### Associated symptoms

- Associated symptoms " Belching, a bad taste in the mouth, and difficult or painful swallowing "may not reliably distinguish between a cardiac and GI chest pain 'up to 35 %'
- Vomiting may occur with myocardial ischemia, and GI problems as peptic ulcer, cholecystitis, and pancreatitis (DKA, which can be precipitated by AMI, is another cause of vomiting
- Diaphoresis is more frequently associated with MI than esophageal disease
- Exertional dyspnea may predate, is common when chest pain is due to myocardial ischemia
- Differential diagnosis of chest pain and cough includes infection, as ,CHF, PE, and neoplasm
- Cough, hoarseness, or wheezing may also be the result of gastro-esophageal reflux dis.
- Pts with ischemia can feel palpitations resulting from ventricular ectopy. AF is associated with chronic CHD" new onset isolated AF is uncommon in pts with AMI but common with PE"
- Pt with myocardial ischemia may describe presyncope "syncope with chest pain suggest aortic dissection, a hemodynamically significant PE, a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm, or critical aortic stenosis (particularly if the pt has a history of exertional dyspnea)



## ECG

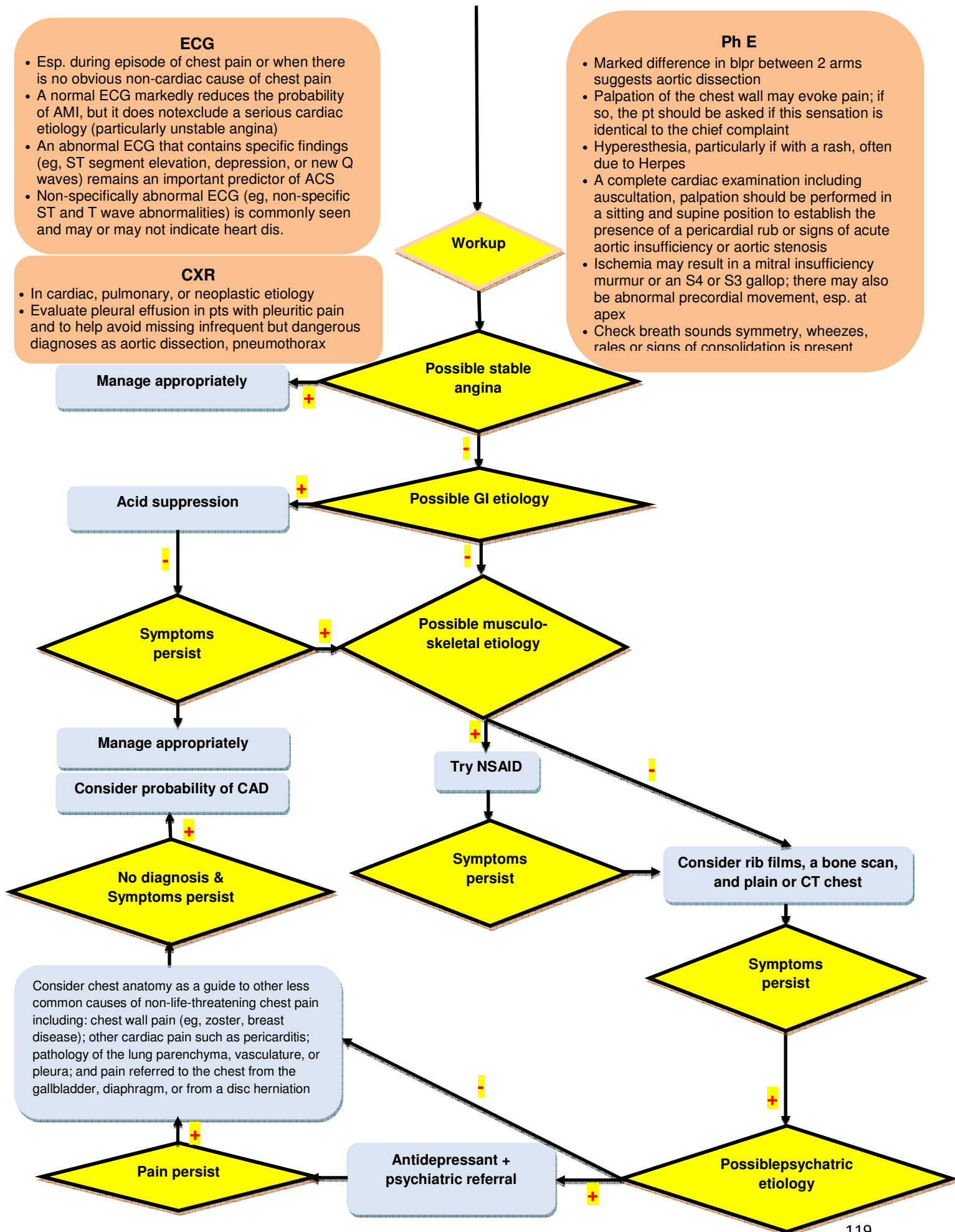
- Esp. during episode of chest pain or when there is no obvious non-cardiac cause of chest pain
- A normal ECG markedly reduces the probability of AMI, but it does not exclude a serious cardiac etiology (particularly unstable angina)
- An abnormal ECG that contains specific findings (eg, ST segment elevation, depression, or new Q waves) remains an important predictor of ACS
- Non-specifically abnormal ECG (eg, non-specific ST and T wave abnormalities) is commonly seen and may or may not indicate heart dis.

## CXR

- In cardiac, pulmonary, or neoplastic etiology
- Evaluate pleural effusion in pts with pleuritic pain and to help avoid missing infrequent but dangerous diagnoses as aortic dissection, pneumothorax

## Ph E

- Marked difference in blpr between 2 arms suggests aortic dissection
- Palpation of the chest wall may evoke pain; if so, the pt should be asked if this sensation is identical to the chief complaint
- Hyperesthesia, particularly if with a rash, often due to Herpes
- A complete cardiac examination including auscultation, palpation should be performed in a sitting and supine position to establish the presence of a pericardial rub or signs of acute aortic insufficiency or aortic stenosis
- Ischemia may result in a mitral insufficiency murmur or an S4 or S3 gallop; there may also be abnormal precordial movement, esp. at apex
- Check breath sounds symmetry, wheezes, rales or signs of consolidation is present



# Acute coronary syndrome "ACS"

## ECG& Cardiac enzymes

- Normal ECG + normal enzs. (**unstable angina**)
- Non- specific changes "T wave inversion" + normal enzs (**unstable angina**)
- ST segment depression + normal enzs(**non STE ACS**)
- ST segment+ elevated enzymes(**STE ACS**)
- ❖ **Cardiac troponins (troponin T and troponin I)** are very sensitive and specific markers of cardiac injury& Elevated troponin level 6-8 hr after onset of pain indicates a higher risk of further coronary events in unstable angina & A combination of ST segment depression and raised troponin identifies a particularly high-risk group for subsequent MI & sudden death
- ❖ **CKmb** relatively low until 4-6 hs after symptom onset " a negative test in this period does not exclude infarction (some pts do not show a biomarker" elevation for 12 hrs)
- ❖ **Troponins** onset 3-12 hrs peak 18-24 duration 36-48hrs& CKmb onset 3-12 hr peak 18-24 duration 10 ds
- ❖ In pts without a clear diagnosis but at risk for ACS, ECGs should be repeated at frequent intervals until the pt's chest pain resolves or a definitive diagnosis is made

## Echo

- Has no role when diagnosis already apparent
- Assist in identifying or ruling out non-cardiac causes of chest pain & Can visualize RWMAs within seconds of a coronary artery occlusion & detect location & extent of an infarct & Diagnose RV infarction. acute VSD. MR

- **Anterior or anteroseptal infarction**----- V1 - 4
- **Inferior infarction** -----II, III, and aVF
- **Lateral infarction** ----- V5-V6 and/or I and aVL
- **Posterior MI** ----- V1- 3" ST segment depression & dominant R wave"
  - Confirmed by repeating ECG with posterior leads (V8, V9 and V10) are placed in a horizontal line around the chest, continuing from V6 (mid-axillary line) and V7 (posterior axillary line). V9 is placed to the left of the spine, V8 half way between V7 and V9 and V10 to the right of the spine

- Maximum benefit if delivered within 1 h of onset
- 12 hrs after onset of chest pain of AMI, risks of reperfusion outweigh any small residual benefit
- Should not await the availability of results of cardiac biomarkers (**Level I**)

## PCI

- Recommended method for reperfusion therapy in STEMI is 1ry PCI, provided this can be achieved within 90 min. of 1st medical contact
- **May be 'rescue PCI'** in case of failed thrombolytics & re-occlusion after thrombolytics

## Thrombolytics

- 2nd choice "unavailable PCI or delayed > 90 min.
- The delay from pt arrival to administration of thrombolytics should be < 30 min.

## History:

- IHD

## Symptoms

- Heaviness or tightness or indigestion-like discomfort in chest or upper abdomen, often radiates into throat, one or both arms (more commonly left), back or epigastrium & Some pts experience discomfort predominantly in one or more of these other areas rather than in the chest" & Sometimes it may be accompanied by belching "may be misinterpreted as indigestion"
- Usually sustained for at least **20-30 min**, often longer in STEMI & NON-STEMI

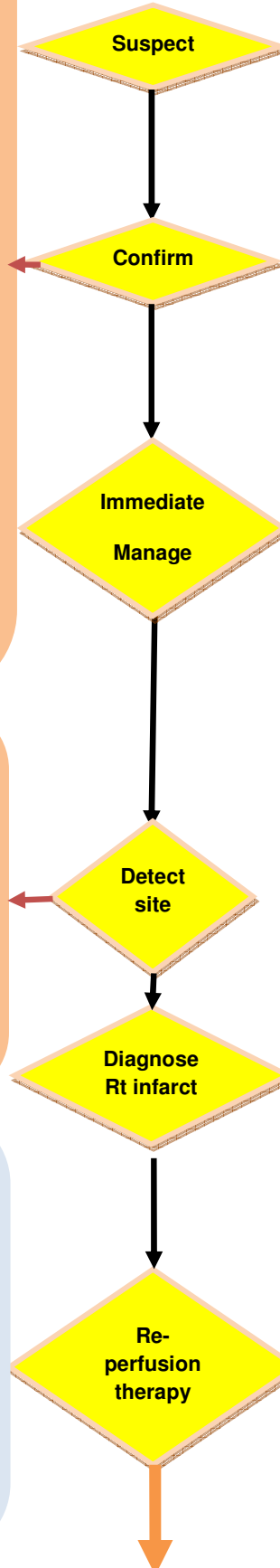
## Signs

- Non-specific" sweating, pallor & tachycardia"

- **O2** given if arterial oxygen saturation <90 %
- **IV access** and blood work obtained
- Sitting up **position**
- **Aspirin** 162 - 325 mg given
- **Nitrates**
  - SL NG **0.4 mg / 5 min.** for 3 doses, after which an assessment of blpr and pain relief should guide the need for IV nitroglycerine
  - Nitrates are CI if **sildenafil (Viagra)**, **ildenafil (Levitra)**, or **tadalafil (Cialis)** have been used in the last 24 hrs (or perhaps as long as 36 hrs with tadalafil)
  - Be cautious before giving nitrates in inferior MI with possible involvement of RV
- **Morphine** given (unless CI)
  - Administer IV morphine sulfate **2 - 4 mg**, with increments of **2 - 8 mg**, repeated / 5-15 min., to relief of chest pain and anxiety
- Anti-emetic, esp. if nausea is present

- Suspected in posterior & inferior infarction
- Fluid-responsive hypotension and signs of high CVP without pulmonary congestion
- Right-sided precordial leads----- RV infarction
- **2-DECHO**

- **Fluid resusc.**: Saline infusion ---- target "PCWP 15 mmHg". If not available, infuse 1-2 L saline ---- target "blpr and UOP and signs of pulmonary congestion"
- If volume loading does not improve hemodynamics or not tolerated---- inotropes
- **Avoid "Nitrate"**
- Afterload reducing agents or an intra-aortic balloon pump in LV dysfunction
- **Coronary reperfusion**
  - Early reperfusion is recommended "Success higher with 1ry PCI"



## Thrombolytic "Streptokinase"

### CI

#### Absolute

- Lack of verbal informed consent
- Active internal bleeding
- Recent TBI, major trauma or surgery within 3 ws
- Cerebro-vascular accident within 6 ms
- Refractory hypertension (>200/100 mmHg)

**Relative** should be considered in view of the potential clinical benefit and risk to each pt".

- Known bleeding diathesis
- Current use of anticoagulants (warfarin)
- Active peptic ulceration or other GI bleeding within 6 ms
- Prolonged CRP (> 10 min.) and/or traumatic resusc.
- Pregnancy. 1 w postpartum
- Diabetic proliferative retinopathy
- Non-compressible vascular puncture/injury
- Previous allergic reaction
- Advanced liver disease
- Active peptic ulcer disease

#### Follow up

- ECG at 1 and 4 hrs post STK/TNK
- Cardiac enzs 6, 12 and 24 hrs post infusion
- IF ST-elevation persists 1 hr post-TNK, contact cardiology regarding "rescue angioplasty"

## Anti-platelet therapy

### Aspirin

- Administer **162 - 325 mg** "chew and swallow as soon as possible to any pt with STEMI"

### Clopidogrel

- In pts treated with primary PCI (**Level I**)
- **300 -600 mg** loading dose followed by **75 mg / d**
- Given when aspirin is rarely CI

### B- blockers

- Administer to all pts without CI, irrespective of concomitant fibrinolytic therapy or performance of primary PCI
- **Metoprolol** can be given in **5 mg** increments by slow IV administration (**5 mg** over 1-2 min.), repeated / 5 min. for a total initial dose of **15 mg**. Pts who tolerate this regimen should then receive oral therapy beginning 15 min. after the last IV dose (**25 - 50 mg / 6 hs** for 48 hrs) followed by a maintenance dose of **100 mg** twice daily
- IV **Atenolol** can be given in a **5 mg** dose followed by another 5 mg 5 min. later. Pts who tolerate this regimen should then receive oral therapy beginning 1-2 hrs after last IV dose (**50 - 100 mg/day**)

- **Esmolol** (**50 mcg/kg / min** increase to **200 - 300 mcg/kg / min** maximum) can be used if an ultra-short acting B blocker is required

### Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa inhibitors

- Administer **Abciximab** as early as possible prior to PCI, with or without stent, in pts with STEMI (**Level IIa**)

### IV nitroglycerin

- For ttt of persistent pain, CHF, or hypertension, IV nitroglycerin can be given, provided there are no CI
- Goal of therapy is a **10 %** reduction in S blpr or a **30 %** reduction in hypertensive pts
- Stop hypotension resulting from NG prevents administration of B- blockers, which are of greater proven benefit in STEMI

### Electrolyte repletion

- Maintain serum **K** above **4.0 meq/L** in pts with an acute MI, and they recommend maintaining a serum **Mg** concentration **>2.0 meq/L** (**2.4 mg/dL** or **1 mmol/L**)

### Heparin "see drug summary P168"

- Use UFH with STEMI undergoing percutaneous or surgical revascularization, and to pts undergoing thrombolysis with selective fibrinolytic agents (**Level I**)
- LMWH might be considered (**Level IIb**) an alternative to UFH in pts receiving thrombolysis provided they are **< 75 years** of age and have no renal dysfunction

## Additional therapy

## Aortic dissection

- The primary event is a tear in the aortic intima. Degeneration of the aortic media, or cystic medial necrosis, is felt to be a prerequisite for the development of non-traumatic aortic dissection
- Bl. passes into the aortic media through the tear, separating the intima from the surrounding media and/or adventitia, and creating a false lumen. It is uncertain whether the initiating event is a primary rupture of the intima with 2ndry dissection of the media, or hge within the media and subsequent rupture of the overlying intima
- Propagation of the dissection can occur both distal and proximal to the initial tear, involving branch vessels and the aortic valve and entering the pericardial space
- Such propagation is responsible for many of the associated clinical manifestations, including ischemia (coronary, cerebral, spinal, or visceral), aortic regurgitation, and cardiac tamponade

### Surgical management

- **Acute dissections involving the ascending aorta are considered surgical emergencies**
- Dissections of descending aorta are treated medically unless the pt demonstrates progressive dissection or continued hge into pleural or retro-peritoneal space

### Medical management

- Pain control with **Morphine**
- Pts who are hemodynamically unstable or with airway compromise should be intubated
- **bl pr control**
  - Target ----S bl pr **100 - 120 mmHg** or the lowest tolerated level, decrease LV contraction velocity
  - Initial titr---- IV **B- blocker** "reduce HR **≤60** b/min
    - **Propranolol** (1-10 mg load, then 3 mg/h)
    - **Labetalol** (20 mg initially, followed by 20 - 80 mg / 10 min. to a total dose of 300 mg) or as an infusion (0.5 - 2 mg/min)
    - **Esmolol**: preferred in acute setting, esp. pts intolerant of B- blockers "eg., asthma, HF"
  - **Verapamil** or **Diltiazem** are alternatives in pts who cannot tolerate B- blockers
  - **Hydralazine**, should be avoided
  - If, after B- blockade, the S bl pr remains above 100 mmHg with good mentation and renal function, IV **Na nitroprusside** should be added
    - The initial dose is **0.25 - 0.5 mcg/kg / min.**
    - Should not be used without first controlling the HR with B- blockade since vasodilation alone induces reflex activation of the sympathetic nervous system leading to enhanced ventricular contraction and increased aortic wall shear stress
    - Pts should be continuously monitored, preferably using an intra-arterial cannula from the arm with the highest auscultatory pr.
  - The pt can be switched to oral B- blocker therapy after HR control has been achieved
- **Hypotensive pts**
  - Exclude hemopericardium with tamponade, or HF before volume is administered
  - Inotropic agents should be avoided
  - Tamponade --- percutaneous pericardiocentesis can accelerate bleeding and shock

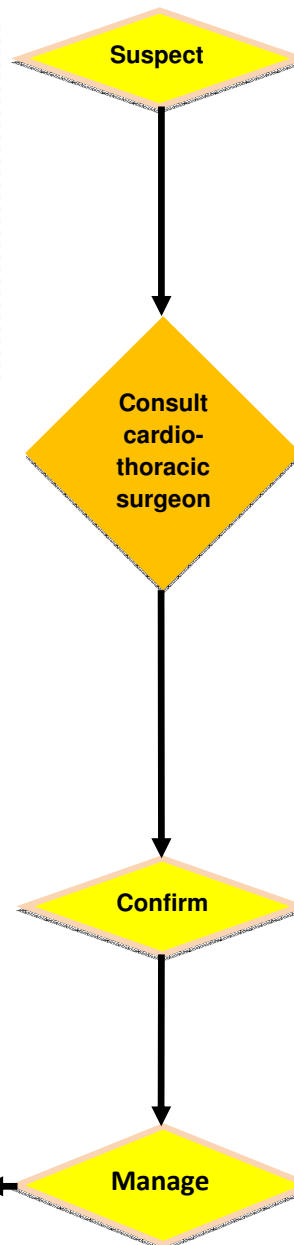
- Severe, sharp or "tearing" posterior chest or back **Pain** (in dissection distal to Lt subclavian) or anterior chest pain (in ascending aortic dissection). Radiate anywhere in the thorax or abdomen. May be associated with syncope, a cerebro-vascular accident, MI, HF

**Involvement of ascending aorta** — In addition to pain (chest more often than back or abdominal pain)

- Acute myocardial ischemia or MI, Cardiac tamponade, hemothorax, acute aortic insufficiency "diastolic murmur", **considerable variation (>20 mmHg) in S bl pr between the arms**, neurologic deficits, including stroke or decreased consciousness, horner syndrome

**Involvement of the descending aorta**

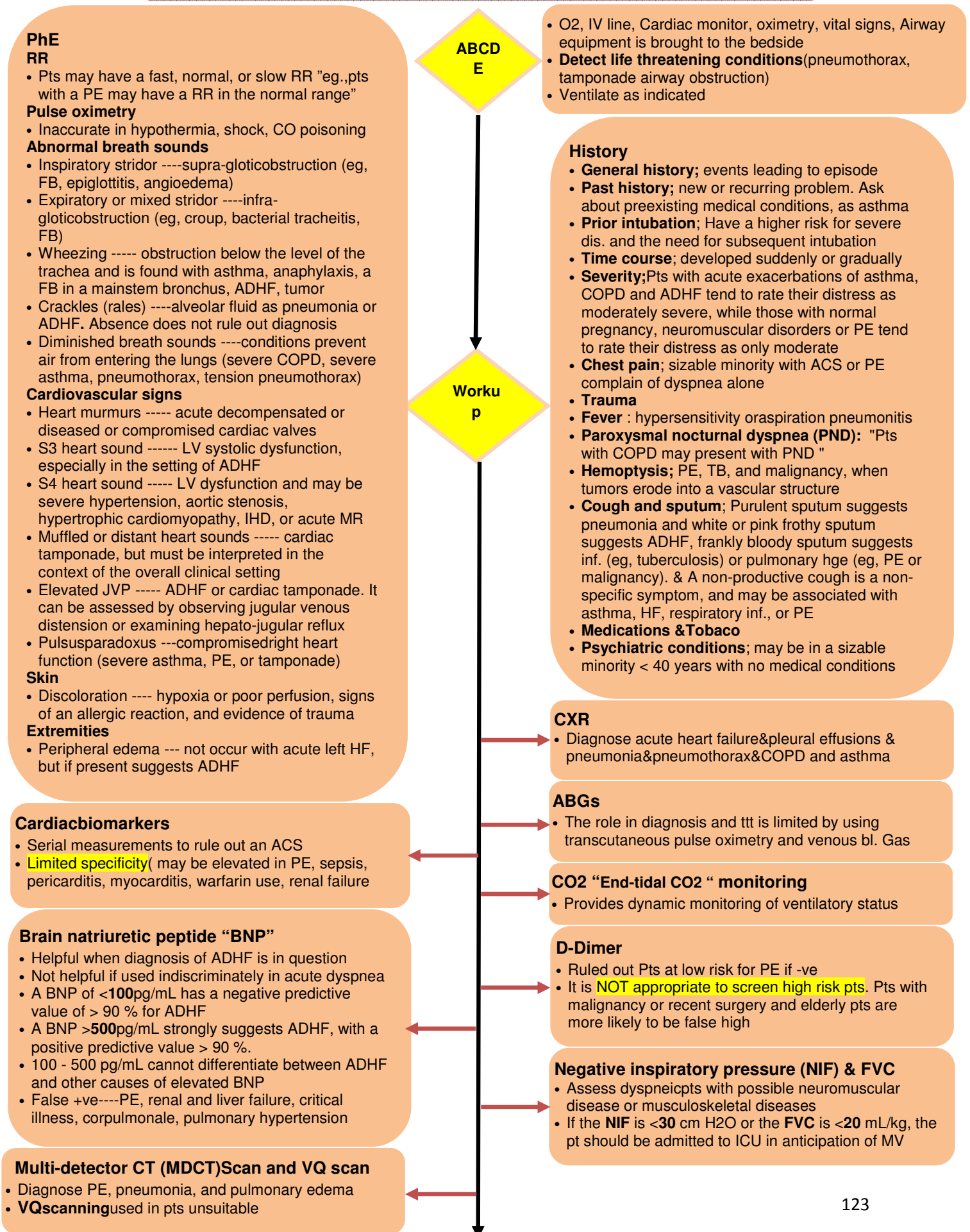
- In addition to pain, a dissection that involves the descending aorta can lead to splanchnic ischemia, renal insufficiency, lower extremity ischemia, or focal neurologic deficits due to spinal artery involvement and spinal cord ischemia
- Multi-plane **TEE** at the bedside for pts who present with acute chest pain and/or are clinically unstable
- Hemodynamically unstable pts with a very strong suspicion of dissection can be emergently brought to the operating room and undergo TEE after induction of anesthesia as the chest is being prepared
- **MRI** is preferred in pts with chronic chest pain and in those who are hemodynamically stable, or are seen for follow-up of a chronic dissection
- **CTscan** with contrast is reserved for situations in which both TEE and MRI are unavailable or CI. As such, it is often indicated as an initial screening study in pts with suspected aortic dissection, especially in the emergency department setting where TEE and MRI are less available, especially after hrs. If CT is equivocal, or further delineation of the dissection is needed, TEE or MRI are indicated
- **Aortography** is used when ascending aortic dissection is strongly suspected, but non-invasive tests are unavailable or inconclusive
- Coronary **angiography** is generally safe in stable pts, although the delay to surgical intervention for ascending dissections should be minimized. Generally attempted in all pts with a prior history of angina or MI, pts older than 60 years of age, and pts with multiple risk factors for coronary dis.

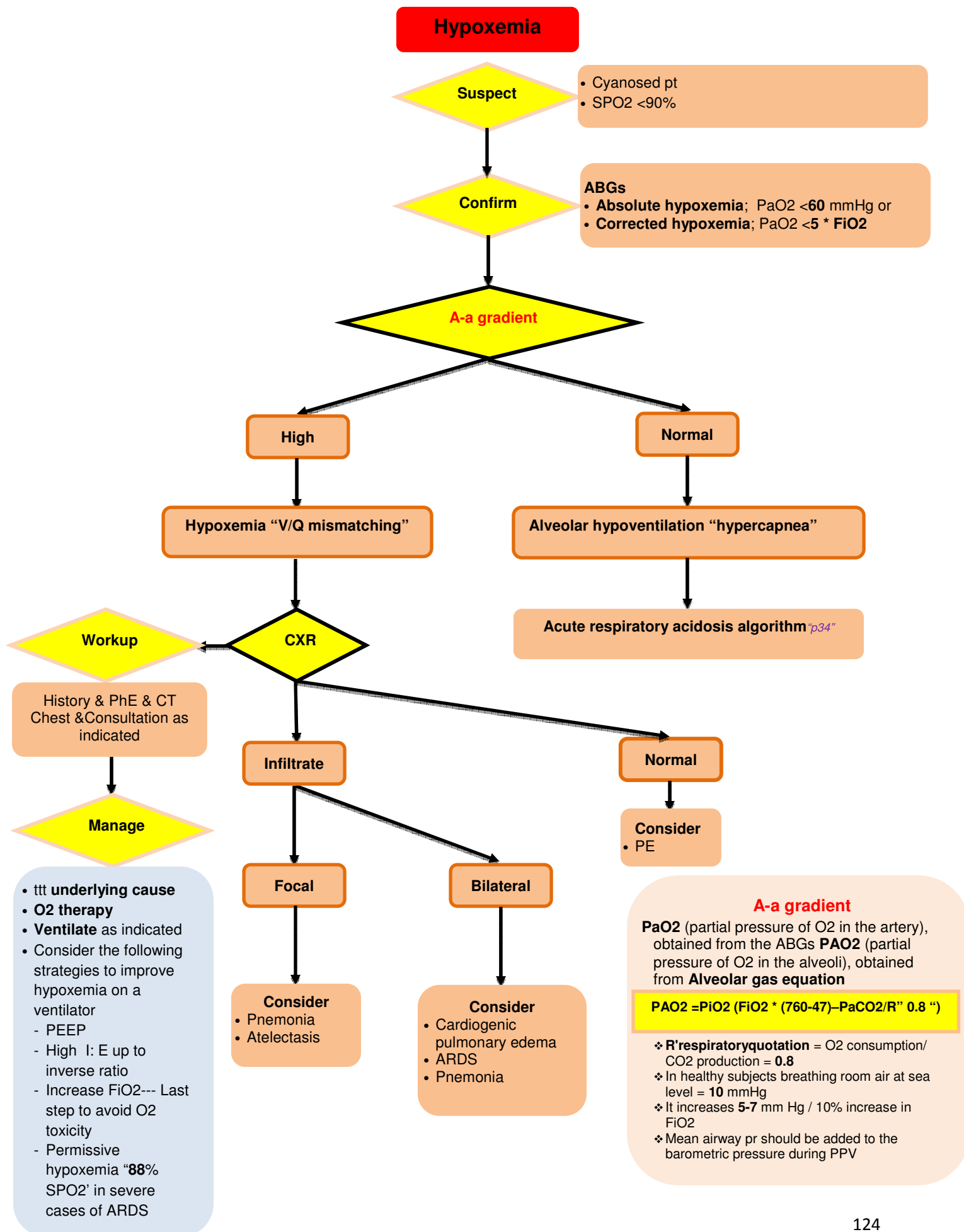


**Respiratory disorders**



# General approach to a patient with approach to respiratory distress







## Acute exacerbation of asthma

ABCDE

- Give **O2** ----maintain SaO<sub>2</sub> 92 % (>95 % in pregnancy)
- Establish **IV access**; may give bolus of NS for prolonged episode to replace insensible losses
- **Ventilate** As indicated

### Clinical danger signs

- Use of accessory muscles of respiration; brief, fragmented speech; inability to lie supine; profound diaphoresis; agitation; severe symptoms that fail to improve with initial ttt
- Life-threatening airway obstruction can still occur when these signs are not present
- Inability to maintain respiratory effort, cyanosis, and depressed mental status portend imminent respiratory arrest

### Spirometry

- PEFR <40 % predicted (or <200 L/min. in most adults) indicates severe obstruction
- Pts in severe distress are often unable to perform peak flow tests

### ABG

- Severe hypoxemia (eg, SpO<sub>2</sub> 95 % despite high flow O<sub>2</sub> ttt by non-rebreather mask) portends imminent respiratory arrest
- Continuously monitor pulse oximetry
- Hypercapnia (a sign of impending RF) usually does not occur unless a PEFR <25 % of normal (generally <100 - 150 L / min.) is present

### CXR

- Generally unhelpful
- Obtain if complications suspected (eg, pneumonia, pneumothorax), diagnosis is in doubt, or pt is high-risk (eg, IV drug abuser, immunosuppressed, COPD, CHF)

Assess severity

ttt

### Corticosteroids

- Start early systemic glucocorticoids for all pts who have a moderate (PEFR<70 % of baseline) or severe exacerbation (PIF<40 % of baseline), or in whom inhaled short-acting B- agonists do not fully correct decrement
- IV glucocorticoids should be given to pts who present with impending or actual respiratory arrest, or pts who are intolerant of oral glucocorticoids (steroids may be given IM or orally if IV access is unavailable)
- Administer **60 - 125 mg** of IV **Methylprednisolone** / 6 - 8 hrs) in life-threatening asthma (smaller doses may be equally effective "eg, **40 - 60 mg** / 12 hrs"). or **Prednisone** **40-60 mg** po; alternatives include: **Dexamethasone** **6-10 mg** IV or **Hydrocortisone** **150-200 mg** IV
- Transit to oral glucocorticoids when the pt can tolerate and absorb oral medication
- Tapering oral glucocorticoids is not necessary if duration of glucocorticoid ttt is <3 ws

### Inhaled B- agonist

- Give nebulized **Albuterol** **2.5 mg** / 20 min. for 3 doses
- Alternatively, administer **10-15 mg** by continuous nebulization over 1 hr

### Ipratropium bromide

- Give **500 mcg** by nebulization / 20 min. for 3 doses, or as needed for up to 3 hrs

### Mg sulfate

- Give **2 g** IV over 20 min. for life-threatening exacerbations (ie, impending intubation for RF) or those whose exacerbation remains severe after 1 hr of intensive conventional therapy)

### Epinephrine

- Give **0.2 - 0.5 mL** of 1:1000 solution by SC injection for severe asthma unresponsive to standard therapies

### Corticosteroids

## Acute COPD exacerbation

### Underlying Cause

- 50 - 60 % of exacerbations are due to respiratory inf. (mostly bacterial and viral)
- Others (myocardial ischemia, HF, aspiration, or PE)

ABCDE

Workup

Manage

- History, PhE, CXR, and routine lab.
- ABG to assess the severity, establish a baseline
- **Sputum gram stain & culture**
  - Advantageous if pts whose exacerbations are due to bacterial inf.
  - Risk factors for *Pseudomonas* "recent hospitalization ( $\geq 2$  d duration during the past 90 ds), frequent administration of abs ( $\geq 4$  courses within the past year), severe COPD (FEV1  $<50$  % of predicted), isolation of *P. aeruginosa* during a previous exacerbation, and colonization during a stable period
- Sputum purulence
  - Important not absolute, indicator of bacterial inf.

### Glucocorticoids

- Administer systemic Glucocorticoids (**Level 1A**)
  - Inhaled glucocorticoids should not be a substitute
- Oral glucocorticoids are rapidly absorbed = efficacy is comparable to that with IV therapy
- IV glucocorticoids should be given to pts who present with a severe exacerbation, who respond poorly to oral glucocorticoids, who are vomiting, or who may have impaired absorption due to splanchnic hypoperfusion (shock)
- Administer
  - IV -- **Methylprednisolone (60-125 mg, 2-4 times daily)**
  - Oral --- **Prednisone (40-60 mg orally/d** "Lower doses (eg, equivalent of **30 - 40 mg** of Prednisone") may be equally effective to higher doses and safe
- Should be treated for 7 - 10 ds
- Taper over about 7 ds as a trial to see if continued glucocorticoid therapy is required
- Tapering solely because of concerns about adrenal suppression is not necessary if duration of therapy is  $< 3$  ws

### Underlying cause

#### O2 therapy

- Adequate oxygenation must be assured, even if it leads to acute hypercapnia
- **Target** PaO2 60-70 mmHg, SPO2 90-94% (**Level 2C**)
- Inability to correct hypoxemia with a relatively low FiO2 should prompt consideration of PE, ARDS, pulmonary edema, or severe pneumonia as the cause of RF

#### B- Adrenergic agonists

#### Anti-cholinergics

- **Ipratropium** 500 mcg by nebulizer / 4 hrs as needed

#### Glucocorticoids

#### Ab therapy

- Is not initiated in pts whose exacerbation is mild" not requiring ventilatory assistance"
- Duration is usually **3 - 7 ds**, depending upon the response to therapy
- Started on parenteral abs, switched to oral regimen when able to take medications orally

#### Antiviral therapy

- Pts whose exacerbation was triggered by influenza virus and who are diagnosed within 48 hrs of the onset of influenza symptoms should be treated with **oseltamivir** (75 mg orally twice daily)
- **Zanamivir** is also effective in the ttt of influenza but is CI in this pt population due to the risk of airway reactivity

#### Mucoactive agents, mechanical techniques to augment sputum clearance, and methylxanthines

- Have not been shown to confer benefit for patients with a COPD exacerbation

### B adrenergic agonists

- Administer inhaled short-acting B- adrenergic agonist and an inhaled short-acting Anti-cholinergic agent, rather than either medication alone (**Level 1B**)
- **Albuterol** 2.5 mg (diluted to a total of 3 mL) by nebulizer / 1 - 4 hrs as needed
- **Continuous nebulized B-agonist has no advantage**
- SC injection if inhaled administration is not possible
- Parenteral use results in greater inotropic and chronotropic effects (may cause arrhythmias or ischemia in susceptibles)

# Acute respiratory distress syndrome "ARDS"

## Berlin definition of ARDS

- **Timing:** Within 1 w of a known clinical insult or new or worsening respiratory symptoms
- **Chest Imaging:** Bilateral opacities – not fully explained by effusion, lobar/lung collapse, or nodules
- **Origin of Edema:** Respiratory failure not fully explained by cardiac failure or fluid overload. Need objective assessment "ECCHO" to exclude hydrostatic edema if no risk factor present
- **Oxygenation:**
  - Mild** ---200- 300mmHg with PEEP  $\geq$  5 cmH<sub>2</sub>O
  - Moderate** ----100- 200mmHg with PEEP  $\geq$  5 cmH<sub>2</sub>O
  - Severe** ----<100mmHg with PEEP  $\geq$  5 cmH<sub>2</sub>O

## Precipitators

Sepsis - Aspiration - Infectious pneumonia - Severe trauma - Surface burns - Multiple blood transfusions - Leukoagglutination reactions - Pancreatitis - Drug overdose - Near drowning - Smoke inhalation - Cardiopulmonary bypass - Pulmonary contusion - Multiple fractures - Following upper airway obstruction - Following bone marrow transplantation - Drug reaction - Venous air embolism - Amniotic fluid embolism - Neurogenic pulmonary edema - Acute eosinophilic pneumonia  
 \* Bronchiolitis obliterans organizing pneumonia (BOOP)  
 \* Miliary tuberculosis\*

**Suspect**

- **Precipitators** "e.g. sepsis"
- Typical onset--- **48-72 hrs**
- Tachypnea, refractory hypoxemia

**Confirm**

- **Ph E** ---- tachycardia, cyanosis, tachypnea, and either normal auscultation, or diffuse rales
- **ABGs** ---- respiratory alkalosis, hypoxemia, elevated alveolar-arterial O<sub>2</sub> gradient
- **Lab.** ---- Related to the underlying risk factors "e.g. "leukocytosis, DIC, and lactic acidosis"
- **CXR** ---- Typically has bilateral alveolar infiltrates
- **CT** ----- Reveals patchy abnormalities that are denser in dependent lung zones

**Exclude**

- **Cardiogenic pulmonary edema** ---- **PNB**"100 pg/mL favors ALI/ARDS", TTE "Normal EF"
- **Pneumonia** ---- Pneumonia is characterized by cough, fever, and dyspnea. Aerobic bacteria, Legionella pneumophila, Pneumocystis jirovecii (previously called Pneumocystis carinii), respiratory viruses, or viral inclusion bodies can frequently be identified in sputum or BAL specimens
- **Diffuse alveolar hge** may be associated with a large, otherwise unexplained drop in Hgb and Ht. While hemoptysis may be minimal or absent, bronchoscopy often reveals frothy bloody secretions throughout the airways and invariably detects an increasing amount of RBCs in serial BAL specimens
- **Cancer** ---- Can disseminate through lungs so rapidly that the ensuing RF may be mistaken for ARDS. This is most often due to lymphoma or acute leukemia, but lymphangitic spread of solid tumors occasionally behaves this way. Cytological preparation of bronchoscopic specimens eg, brushings, lavage) may reveal malignant cells
- **MiliaryTB**---Considered when ARDS develops in pts who are hospitalized because of a systemic febrile illness. The diagnosis is made by recovery of acid-fast bacilli from BAL fluid

## Supportive

- **GIT, DVTprophylaxis, Nutritionsupport, sedation, NMblockade, prevention, managementofVAP, glycemiccontrol, hemodynamicmonitoring** "Swan ganz catheter not routinely done"
- Conservative strategy of **Fluidmanagement** is warranted, as long as hypotension and organ hypoperfusion can be avoided. It is reasonable to target a CVP of <4 mmHg
- **PRBCs** can be withheld until the Hb<7 g/dL, unless there are alternative reasons for transfusion
- No benefit from **Inotropes** in normal cardiac function
- Decrease O<sub>2</sub> consumption "antipyretics, sedation, NMB

**Manage**

## Novel

### Corticosteroids

- Have no role in prevention and late phase of ARDS
- There is silver lining in early ARDS using these agents. There is distinct advantage in improving organ function score, lung injury score, and oxygenation which result in reduction in duration of MV requirement

## Fat embolism syndrome "FES"

### Suspect

- **Presence of predisposing factors**
  - Trauma (long bone fractures "closed > open" is the most common cause, pelvic fractures, soft tissue injuries, burns, liposuction)
  - Non- trauma (pancreatitis, diabetes, osteomyelitis)
- Presence of respiratory insufficiency, neurologic impairment, and a petechial rash
- Onset **24 - 72hr** after the initial insult (rarely, as early as **12hr** or as late as **2ws** after the event)

### Confirm

- No **laboratory** test is sufficiently sensitive or specific to be diagnostically useful
- **CXR** are normal in the majority

### Prevent

- Early immobilization of fractures
- Operative correction rather than conservative management of fractures (ie, traction alone)
- **Corticosteroid**
  - Controversial
  - Give prophylactic steroid therapy only to those pts at high risk for FES, eg, those with long bone or pelvic fractures, especially closed ones
  - **Methylprednisolone** 1.5 mg/kg IV can be administered / 8 hrs for 6 doses
- Limit elevations in intra-osseous pr. during orthopedic procedures in order to reduce intra-vasation of intra-medullary fat and other debris
- Use of cementless fixation of hip prostheses and un-reamed intra-medullary femoral shaft stabilization

### ttt

- **Supportive** care is the mainstay of therapy for clinically apparent FES
- Do not start **Steroid** therapy once FES is established

# Air embolism

## Suspect

Sudden onset of cardiopulmonary or neurologic decompensation in a **predisposed pt**

## DD

- Acute pulmonary decompensation (PE, pneumothorax, bronchospasm, pulmonary edema)
- Acute cardiovascular decompensation (hypovolemia, cardiogenic shock, MI, septic shock)
- Acute neurological decompensation (cerebral hypoperfusion, stroke, SAH, hypoxic brain injury, TBI, and metabolic disorders)

## Confirm

- **Diagnosis of exclusion**, requiring appropriate clinical setting and exclusion of other life-threatening processes
- The following tests provide supportive evidence
  - **ECG**---- sinus tachycardia, right heart strain, non-specific ST-segment and T-wave changes, and acute ischemia or infarction
  - **CXR**---- usually normal
  - **ABGs**--hypoxemia "may severe", hypercapnea
  - **Lab** -- thrombocytopenia, high CK
  - **Echo** ---- detect emboli in right ventricle
  - **V/Qscan & Angio** --- resolve within 24 hrs
  - **CTscan** --- detect large emboli

## Prevent

- **MV**----- minimize airway pr
- **CVC** ----ttt hypovolemia prior to placement, occlude hub of catheter during insertion, keep all connections to a central line closed and locked when not in use, and place pt supine and do Valsalva or exhale during CVC removal

## ttt

- **Supportive**----**MV & High flow supplemental O2 & Vasopressor &**
- **Prevent further emboli; Venous**---- place pt into **left lateral decubitus position**, Trendelenburg position, or left lateral decubitus head down position & **Arterial** ---place pt supine
- **Restoration of circulation** ---- If above positioning fails ---- chest compressions "force air out of pulmonary outflow tract and into smaller pulmonary vessels, improving forward blood flow"
- **Removal of embolized air** --- from right ventricle via an already in place CVC or per-cutaneously introduced needle, of limited benefit because the volume recovered  $\leq 20$  mL
- Pts with evidence of cardio-pulmonary compromise or neurologic deficits ---- **HBO**

## Predisposed pt

### Surgical procedures

Surgical incision is superior to heart at a distance that is greater than CVP

- Neurosurgery (craniotomy, shunt)
- Otolaryngological procedures
- Orthopedic surgery (arthroscopy)
- Ob-Gyn procedures (hysteroscopy/laparoscopy, CS)
- Cardiothoracic surgery (cardiopulmonary bypass, lung resection, transplantation)

### IV catheterization

- CVC & Hemodialysis
- CABG/angioplasty
- Pacemaker & Radiofrequency ablation

### Radiologic procedures

- IV contrast injection & Arthrography

### Trauma

- Head and neck injuries
- Penetrating and blunt chest trauma
- Blunt abdominal trauma

### PPV

### Decompression sickness

- Air embolism is an uncommon, but potentially catastrophic, event that occurs as a consequence of entry of air into vasculature. It can be venous or arterial
- It requires direct communication between a source of air and vasculature, and a pr gradient favoring passage of air
- Minor cases of air embolism are common and cause minimal or no

## Pathophysiology

- If the capacity of the lung to filter microbubbles of air from the venous circulation can be exceeded. When this capacity is exceeded, air may pass through the pulmonary capillaries, enter arterial circulation, and cause arterial air embolization with organ ischemia. It is estimated that **300-500 mL** of gas introduced at a rate of **100 mL/sec** is a fatal dose for humans. This flow rate can be attained through a 14-gauge catheter with a pr gradient of only 5 cm H2O
- Arterial air embolism may be due to either direct introduction of air into arterial system or paradoxical embolization through a septal defect, patent foramen ovale, or pulmonary arterial-venous malformation. In pts with a left-to-right shunt, venous air embolization into the pulmonary circulation can raise right heart prs and reverse the direction of the shunt, allowing paradoxical embolism to occur. Air in the arterial circulation can occlude the microcirculation and cause ischemic damage to end organs, as brain, spinal cord, heart, and skin. The organs may also be damaged secondarily by the release of inflammatory mediators and O2 free radicals. In addition, there may be **Hemodynamic complications** --- Large bubbles obstruct pulmonary outflow tract (air lock) ---diminishes bl flow from right heart, increase CVP, decrease pulmonary arterial pr, and decrease systemic arterial pr. Smaller bubbles lodge within pulmonary arterioles or pulmonary microcirculation, directly impeding bl flow and inducing vasoconstriction---- increase pulmonary vascular resistance, increase pulmonary arterial pr, and increase right ventricular pr. There may be an initial brief increase in the COP and systemic arterial pr due to tachycardia followed by a decrease in COP and systemic arterial pr, and myocardial ischemia due to hypoxia, right ventricular overload, and/or air emboli to the coronary arterial circulation, and **Pulmonary complications** --- Bubbles in pulmonary microcirculation --- local endothelial damage and accumulation of neutrophils, platelets, fibrin, and lipid droplets at the gas-fluid interface. Additional endothelial damage ---- non-cardiogenic pulmonary edema, bronchoconstriction, hypoxemia (alveolar flooding and ventilation-perfusion mismatching), increased physiologic dead space (with a rise in PaCO2 if ventilation is held constant), decreased lung compliance (2ndry to pulmonary edema), and increased airway resistance



# Massive hemoptysis

Generally used to describe the expectoration of a large amount of blood and/or a rapid rate of bleeding, although the precise thresholds that constitute massive hemoptysis are controversial. massive hemoptysis defined as **≥500 mL of expectorated blood over a 24 hr period or bleeding at a rate ≥ 100 mL/hr**

- May be difficult
- Occasionally, on the bleeding side there is a history of lung disease or there may be a gurgling sound that can be auscultated, or an abnormal sensation
- Many signs are misleading because they occur away from the bleeding site "eg, upper lobe hge may manifest as wheezing, rhonchi, or air space disease in the lower lobe, due to accumulation of blood in the lower lobe with gravitational pooling

**Identify bleeding site**

- Placepts immediately with presumed **bleeding lung in the dependent position**
- Establish a **patent airway** using **Single lumen ETT**
  - Insert into mainstem bronchus of the non-bleeding lung. The right upper lobe bronchus may become blocked
- **Double-lumen ETT**
  - MV permits ventilation of both lungs & preventing aspiration from one lung to the other
  - Recommended only for pts who are exsanguinating and/or asphyxiating from their bleeding, when no other approaches are possible, due to its practical limitations (difficult to insert & maintain, pts need to be paralyzed, and easily obstructed "narrow lumen")
- **Ventilate** as indicated
- Optimize cardiovascular function
  - Volume replacement: Crystalloid first, blood products are an appropriate alternative in coagulopathic, anemic, pts and/or bleeding rapidly
  - Arrhythmias are best managed with restoring adequate gas exchange

**Initial management**

**Cardio-thoracic consultation**

**Bleeding control**

- Rapidly reverse known or suspected coagulation abnormalities
- Flexible bronchoscopy ----- assess & control bleeding & advised overarterio-graphic embolization & surgery (**level 2C**)
- Rigid bronchoscopy ----- accepted alternative if flexible bronchoscopy is either inadequate or insufficient "It has greater suctioning capacity that may provide superior visualization.
  - Bronchoscopic strategies to control pulmonary hge include balloon tamponade, iced saline lavage, administration of a topical vasoconstrictor or a topical coagulant, laser therapy, and electro-cautery
- If bronchoscopy fails to identify the cause & bleeding has ceased ----- do CT chest with high-resolution cuts
- For pts with massive hemoptysis who continue to bleed despite a flexible bronchoscopic & stable enough to leave the ICU ----- do Arterio-graphic embolization rather than surgery during active bleeding episodes (**Grade 2C**)
- Pts who continue to bleed despite both a flexible bronchoscopic intervention and arterio-graphic embolization ----- do another attempt of rigid bronchoscopic bleeding control -----
  - If bleeding cannot be controlled via rigid bronchoscopy, surgery may be the best



# Aspiration pneumonia

Suspect

Respiratory distress in a **predisposed pt**

Confirm

ttt

- Aspiration pneumonia refers to the pulmonary consequences resulting from abnormal entry of fluid, particulate exogenous substances, or endogenous secretions into lower airways
- There are usually 2 requirements to produce aspiration pneumonia:
  - Compromise in usual defenses that protect lower airways including glottic closure, cough reflex, and other clearing mechanisms
  - An inoculum deleterious to the lower airways by a direct toxic effect, stimulation of an inflammatory process from a large enough bacterial inoculum, or obstruction due to a sufficient volume of material or particulate matter
- Most pneumonia arises following the aspiration of less virulent micro-organisms which are common constituents of the normal oral or nasopharyngeal flora in a susceptible host prone to aspiration, primarily anaerobes. The 3 syndromes that are most frequently seen clinically and best studied are **chemical pneumonitis, bacterial infection, and airway obstruction**. Although there may occasionally be overlap and inability to classify individual cases, this classification is essential to an understanding of aspiration pneumonia
- The term chemical pneumonitis refers to the aspiration of substances that are toxic to the lower airways, independent of bacterial infection. The prototype and best studied clinical example is chemical pneumonitis associated with gastric acid aspiration

## Predisposed pt

- Reduced consciousness, compromising cough reflex and glottic closure
- Dysphagia from neurologic deficits
- upper GIT disorders including esophageal dis., surgery involving the upper airways or esophagus, and gastric reflux
- Mechanical disruption of glottic closure or cardiac sphincter due to tracheostomy, intub., bronchoscopy
- Miscellaneous --- protracted vomiting, large volume tube feedings, feeding gastrostomy

## Chemical pneumonitis "inoculum = acids"

- Abrupt onset of dyspnea
- low-grade fever
- Diffuse crackles on lung auscultation
- Severe hypoxemia
- CXR; infiltrates typically appear within 2 hrs involve dependent segments "in upright position are lower lobes & in recumbent position are the superior segments of lower lobes and posterior segments of upper lobes"
- Bronchoscopy ---- erythema of bronchi

## Bacterial inf." inoculum = Oropharyngeal bacteria"

- Insidious onset, some have abrupt onset suggestive of a pyogenic pneumonia, but without chills
- Cough, fever, purulent sputum
- Complications "lung abscess, and empyema"
- CXR; infiltrate involving dependent segment or lobe ± cavitation
- Putrid diagnostic of anaerobic inf

## Mechanical Obstruction

- Acute dyspnea, cyanosis ± apnea & Pulmonary edema "inoculum = inert fluids"
- Ranging from acute apnea and rapid death to irritative chronic cough ± recurrent inf. Depends on level of obstruction "inoculum + particulate matter"

- **Ventilate** as indicated
- Pts with an observed aspiration --- immediate tracheal suction to clear fluids and particulate matter ---- will not protect the lungs from chemical injury
- Witnessed aspiration ---- Empiric antimicrobial, if no infiltrates develop after 48 - 72 hrs --- stop ab
- When anaerobes are suspected ----  
**clindamycin** (600 mg IV / 8 hrs followed by 300 mg orally 4 times daily or 450 mg orally / 8 hrs) as first-line therapy. Alternative are ----  
**amoxicillin-clavulanate** (875 mg / 12 hrs); or  
**metronidazole** (500 mg orally or IV / 8 hrs) + amoxicillin (500 mg orally / 8 hrs) or **penicillin G** (1-2 million units IV / 4-6 hrs)
- For nosocomial pneumonia ----  
**carbapenem** or **piperacillin-tazobactam**
- The duration of ab ---- is arbitrary and not well studied. The usual duration of therapy for cases that are not complicated by cavitation or empyema is 7- 10 ds

**Neurologic disorders**

# General approach to a patient with disturbed conscious level

**History:** From witnesses, friends or family members, and old hospital chart

- What was the time course of the loss of consciousness?
- Did focal signs or symptoms precede coma?
- What recent illness has the pt had?
- What prescription or non-prescription drugs are used?

*See up-to-date for details*

## Ph E

- **General:** Vital signs, breathing pattern, and skin lesion
- **Neurologic:** GCS, motor exam, posture, pupils, cranial nerves, eye movement, reflexes

*See up-to-date for details*

## Lab

- CBC Glucose S electrolytes BUN, creatinine
- PT, PTT ABG LFTs
- Drug screen
- Adrenal and thyroid function tests
- Blood cultures
- Blood smear: screen for TTP or DIC
- CO-Hgb if CO poisoning is suggested
- Serum drug concentrations for specific drugs

## Neuro-imaging

- Prioritize emergent if focal neurologic signs, papilledema, or fever
- CT is inferior to MRI for detecting abnormalities in pts with HZ encephalitis, early ischemic strokes (esp., brainstem), multiple small hge or white matter tract disruption associated with traumatic diffuse axonal injury, anoxic-ischemic damage from cardiac arrest
- MRI takes longer time than CT, requires the pt to be farther from monitoring, and may be problematic for unstable pt
- CT is the test of choice for initial evaluation
- Follow-up MRI is recommended when CT and other testing do not explain, or incompletely explain, the clinical picture

## LP

- Prioritize emergent after CT scan if fever, elevated WBC, meningismus; otherwise do according to level of suspicion or if cause remains obscure
- Evaluation of CSF is a necessary inurgent evaluation of a pt with suspected CNS inf. In a pt with altered level of consciousness, neuro-imaging to exclude an intracranial mass lesion is required prior to LP "avoid herniation"
- Obtain Coagulation test beforehand
- Empiric antimicrobial ttt is recommended when diagnosis of bacterial meningitis or herpes encephalitis is strongly suspected
- Obtain bl cultures prior to antibiotic
- CSF exclude subarachnoid hge when CT is normal and diagnosis remains suspect, and may help in diagnosis inf., as demyelinating, inflammatory, and neoplastic conditions

## EEG

- If the pt has clinical finding suggestive of non-convulsive seizures, or if the cause of coma remains obscure after other testing
- Non-epileptiform EEG findings can help
- Can help in determining prognosis in cardiac arrest "somatosensory evoked potential more prognostically definitive"
- Continuous EEG may help in showing effects

ABCDE

Workup

Manage

- Intubate if GCS 8 Supplement O2 & IV access
- Blprsupportas needed
  - Hypotension (Fluids & Vasopressors)
  - Hypertension (Labetelol 5 - 20 mg)
- Glucose 50 % IV 50 mL (after blood drawn, before results back) & Thiamine 100 mg IV
- Treat definite seizures with Phenytoin or equivalent

Stabilize C- spine

- For possible infection:
  - Ceftriaxone 2 g IV / 12 hrs and Vancomycin 2 g/d IV in 4 divided doses
  - Acyclovir (10 mg/kg IV every/ 8 hrs)
- For possible ingestion
  - Naloxone
  - Flumazenil
- Gastric lavage/activated charcoal
- For possible increased ICP:
  - Mannitol (1 g/kg IV)
  - Hyperventilation
- For possible non-convulsive status:
  - Phenytoin or equivalent (15-20 mg/kg phenytoin equivalent IV)

# New onset seizures

**Epilepsy** is defined as recurrent unprovoked seizures

## Medication history

- Review medications that may cause seizure
- Partial-onset are less likely to be drug-induced than generalized tonic-clonic seizures

## Past medical history

- Review risk factors for epileptic seizures as TBI, stroke, inf., and alcohol or drug abuse

## Family history

- A +ve family history is highly suggestive that pt has epilepsy. In particular, absence seizures and myoclonic seizures may be inherited
- Occasionally, a family member does not have seizures but has an abnormal EEG

## History

## PH E

- See approach to comatosed pt

## Lab.

- Determine a serum **Glucose** and sodium level on pts with a 1<sup>st</sup> time seizure with no comorbidities who have returned to their baseline (**Level II**)
- Pregnancy test in childbearing age woman (**Level II**)

## LP

- After CT scan, either in ED or after admission, on immune-compromised pts (**Level II**)

## Neuro-imaging

- When feasible

## EEG

- Consider an emergent EEG in pts suspected of being in non-convulsive status epilepticus or in subtle convulsive status epilepticus, pts who have received a long-acting paralytic, or pts who are in a drug-induced coma (**Level III**)

- **ABCDE** approach
- O2 & IV line
- Monitor ECG, blpr, oximetry, 12 lead ECG

## Workup

## ttt

- To diagnose **Non-convulsive status epilepticus** (ie, complex partial status and absence status) and subtle convulsive status epilepticus (often the terminal stage of convulsive status), emergency physicians need to maintain a high index of suspicion

## Causes of provoked epileptic seizures

- Alcohol & drug withdrawal
- Drug intoxication
- Non-ketotic
- Hyperglycemia
- Porphyrria
- Uremia
- Hyperthyroidism
- Dialysis disequilibrium S
- Hypoxia
- Hyponatremia,
- Hypernatremia
- Hypomagnesium
- Hypocalcemia
- Hypoglycemia

- Pts with a normal neurologic examination can be discharged with outpatient follow-up (**Level III**)
- Pts with normal neurologic exam., no comorbidities, and no known structural brain dis. do not need to start anti-epileptics (**Level III**)
- Administer IV or oral loading dose of **Phenytoin** or IV & restart daily oral maintenance dosing (**Level III**)
- Administer 1 of the following agents IV: "high-dose **Phenytoin**," **Phenobarbital**, **Midazolam** infusion, or **Propofol** infusion should be administered to a pt in status epilepticus who continues to seize after having received benzodiazepine and phenytoin (**Level III**)

# Status epilepticus "SE"

## Manage initially

- **SE** should be defined as 5 min or more of continuous clinical and/or electrographic seizure activity or recurrent seizure activity without recovery between seizures
- SE should be classified as either **convulsive SE** (convulsions that are associated with rhythmic jerking of the extremities) or **non-convulsive SE** (seizure activity seen on EEG without the clinical findings associated with convulsive SE)
- **Refractory SE** should be defined as SE that does not respond to the standard treatment regimens, such as an initial benzodiazepine followed by another antiepileptic drug (AED)

- As most seizures terminate spontaneously within 3 min., the following measures should only be instituted for seizures lasting > 7 - 10 min., unless pt is known to have longer seizures with self-termination (this information may be obtained from relatives or friends or from pt's epilepsy card or diary)

- Protect pt from damage during the seizures
  - Make environment safe "use padded bed rails"
  - **Do not restrain pt**
  - Once the flurry of seizures has ceased, place pt in a semi-prone **Position** with head down till full consciousness is restored"
  - Note the **time**
- **ABCD**
  - During inter-ictal period insert airway & O<sub>2</sub>
  - **Do not attempt to insert anything in pt's mouth during a seizure, even if tongue is injured**
- Set up an **IV line** (at least 2) as soon as possible to gain access to the circulation
- Estimate bl. **Glucose** rapidly using a bl. glucose test
  - If the pt is hypoglycaemic rapidly infuse a 50% solution of glucose to give 1-2mg / kg BW
- Consider **Thiamine IV**
- Draw venous bl for measurement of glucose, urea, Na, K, Ca, liver function and anticonvulsant drug levels, CBC and clotting studies
- Correct **Metabolic abnormalities** if present
- **Monitor** temp., ECG, monitor respiration and blpr
- Gain **information**

## Neurological Consultation

• Neurologic exam

- **Search for:** trauma, inf., stroke, and drug ingestion
- **Consider:** EEG, LP, and imaging

## Initial therapy

### In the 1<sup>st</sup> IV

- Give **Diazepam** 0.1 mg/Kg or
- Give **Midazolam** 0.05 mg/Kg then Wait 1 min. for response
- Give additional Diazepam or midazolam prn
- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> IV**
- **Phenytoin** 20 mg/Kg at 25-50 mg/min "dilute in NS"

### 2<sup>nd</sup> line therapy "if seizures persists 20 min."

- **Phenytoin** 10 mg/Kg

### If seizures persist 20 min. Later

- Give **Phenobarbitone** 20 mg/kg at 100 mg/min. "if unavailable, start GA"
- If seizures persists 20 min. Later**
- Administer **General anesthesia**
  - **Propofol** (1-2 mg/kg bolus, then 2-10 mg/kg/hr) titrated to effect
  - **Midazolam** (0.1-0.2 mg/kg bolus, then 0.05-0.5 mg/kg/hr) titrated to effect
  - **Thiopental Na** (3-5 mg/kg bolus, then 3-5 mg/kg/hr) titrated to effect; after 2-3 ds infusion rate needs reduction as fat stores are saturated
  - Anesthetic continued for 12-24 hrs after the last clinical seizure, then dose tapered

## No response

## Further manage

- If phenytoin or phenobarbital has been used in emergency tt, maintenance doses can be continued orally or IV guided by serum level monitoring
- Other maintenance AEDs can be started also, with oral loading doses
- Care needs to be taken with NG feeds, which can interfere with the absorption of some AED

# Subarachnoid hemorrhage "SAH"

Rupture of an aneurysm releases bl. directly into CSF under arterial pressure. The blood spreads quickly within the CSF, rapidly increasing ICP. The bleeding usually lasts only a few seconds, but re-bleeding is common and occurs more often within the first d

**Suspect**

- Sudden, severe **Headache** (97 %) classically described as the "**worst headache of my life**"
- Disturbed conscious level

**Confirm**

## Clinical

- Association --- brief loss of consciousness, seizure, N&V, and meningismus
- History of physical exertion

## Non-contrastCT+LP

- A -ve head CT and LP effectively eliminate diagnosis if performed within a few ds
- **LP is mandatory if there is a strong suspicion despite normal head CT**
- Elevated opening pr & RBC count "does not diminish from CSF tube 1 to tube 4" & exclude SAH only if final tube is normal
- Unexplained xanthochromic supernatant "pink or yellow tint" in CSF -- highly suggest SAH --- Indicates that bl has been in the CSF for at least 2 hrs & can last for 2 ws or more
- **BrainMRI**
  - Limited data suggest that MRI may be as sensitive as CT for acute detection of SAH
- **Cerebralangiography** if diagnosis in doubt

**Detect cause**

**Consult Neurosurgeon**

**Detect complications**

**ttt**

- **Digital subtraction angiography (DSA)** have highest resolution to detect intracranial aneurysms and define their anatomic features
  - Some pts with an initially -ve angiogram have bl in the cisterns around the midbrain, which reflects a peri-mesencephalic (non-aneurysmal) pattern of hge "10 % of cases", Repeat angiography is not necessary
- **CT angiography (CTA)** and **Magnetic resonance angiography (MRA)** non-invasive tests -- screen and plan pre-surgical
  - Both identify aneurysms 3 - 5 mm or larger with a high degree of sensitivity, not achieve resolution of conventional angiography
  - A major advantage of CTA over conventional angiography --- speed and ease by which it can be obtained
  - CTA is particularly useful in acute setting in a rapidly declining pt who needs emergent craniotomy for hematoma evacuation. Furthermore, CTA offers a more practical approach to acute diagnosis than MRA

## General measures

- Stool softeners, bedrest, and analgesia
- DVT prophylaxis -- pneumatic compression stockings start prior to aneurysm ttt & Add SC UFH 5000 U / 8hrs once aneurysm is treated
- ttt metabolic, cardiovascular instability

## Ventriculostomy

- In pts with high ICP with acute hydrocephalus

## Bl pr control

- Decrease risk of re-bleeding, but may be offset by an increased risk of infarction
- Avoid vasodilators. **Labetalol** is preferred
- **Nimodipine** (60 mg by mouth or NGT/ 4 hrs) improve neurologic outcome. start within 4 ds
- Prophylactic **AED** --- consider in unsecured aneurysms and large conc. of bl. at cortex
  - Continuation not necessary in pts without acute seizures after securing aneurysm
  - Continue for 6 months in pts experienced an acute seizure (within 7 ds) following SAH

- **Surgical clipping** and **Endovascular coiling** --- effective in preventing re-bleeding with acceptable complications rates. The choice depends on experienced clinicians, anatomic characteristics of the aneurysm, and the neurologic and clinical status of the pt

- **Anti-fibrinolytic agents** (eg, **Tranexamic acid**,) not shown to be overall effective

- Avoid Hypovolemia

- **Hyperdynamic therapy** -- prevent symptomatic vasospasm & ameliorate vasospasm with secured aneurysm
  - Employs modest hemodilution, induced hypertension with pressors & hypervolemia
  - If vasospasm persists despite --- percutaneous intra-arterial angioplasty or administration of vasodilators" limited data "

- **Statin therapy** (**Pravastatin 40 mg /d** or **Simvastatin 80 mg /d**) --- reduce incidence of vasospasm, delayed ischemic deficits and

## Re-bleeding

- Risk is highest in 1st 24 hrs, esp. within 6 hrs
- Diagnosis ---- acute deterioration of neurologic status + new hge on head CT scan
- LP is harder to evaluate because xanthochromia can persist for 2 ws or more
- Only aneurysm ttt is effective for prevention

## Vasospasm, delayed cerebral ischemia

- Typically no earlier than d 3, & peak ds 7 - 8
- Diagnosis ---- decline in neurologic status, including onset of focal neurologic abnormalities + TCD sonography " precede clinical sequelae of vasospasm "

## Hydrocephalus (acute and chronic)

## Increased ICP & Seizures & Hyponatremia

## Cardiac abnormalities

## ECG abnormalities

- ST segment depression, QT prolongation, deep symmetric T wave inversions, and prominent U waves. Life-threatening rhythm disturbances such as torsades de pointes, AF

## Hypothalamic dysfunction & pituitary insufficiency

## CT

- Clot is demonstrated in 92 % if performed within 24 hr of the bleed
- Performed with thin cuts through the base of the brain to increase the sensitivity
- Sensitivity is highest in 1ST 6 - 12 hrs after SAH (nearly 100 %) and then progressively declines over time to about 58 % at d 5

## Cardiac abnormalities

- Myocardial injury --- elevations of CK-MB or serum troponin I (>0.1 µg/L)
- RWMAs, can occur not always reversible
- Some develop a pattern of transient apical LV dysfunction mimics MI (in absence of significant coronary artery disease) "**Takotsubo cardiomyopathy**"



## Brain abscess

### Empiric therapy

- Oral, otogenic, or sinus source ---  
**Metronidazole** (15mg/kg IV, then 7.5 mg/kg IV/ 8 hrs; not to exceed 4 g /d) + **either penicillin G** (20-24 million U / d IV in 6 divided doses) for suspected oral focus, or **ceftriaxone** (2g IV/12 hrs) **OR cefotaxime** (2g IV/4-6 hrs) for suspected sinus or otogenic focus
- Hematogenous spread --- **Vancomycin** (30 mg/kg IV daily in 2 divided doses adjusted for renal function) for empiric coverage of MRSA. If susceptibility testing reveals methicillin-sensitive *S. aureus*, replace vancomycin with **nafticillin** (2g IV/4hrs) or **oxacillin** (2g IV /4 hrs)
- PO neurosurgery ---  
**Vancomycin+ ceftazidime** (2g IV/8hrs), **cefepime** (2g IV/8 hrs) or **meropenem** (1g IV/8 hrs) for empiric coverage of MRSA. If susceptibility test reveals methicillin-sensitive *S. aureus*, replace as above
- Penetrating trauma ---- **Vancomycin+ ceftriaxone** (2 g IV / 12 hrs) or **cefotaxime** (2 g IV / 4 - 6 hrs) for empiric coverage of MRSA. If susceptibility test reveals methicillin-sensitive *S. aureus*, replace as above
- ❖ Vancomycin has poor penetration into CSF.  
**Rifampin** 600 mg orally once daily or 300 - 450 mg twice daily can be added (it achieves bactericidal concentrations in CSF regardless of meningeal inflammation "limited data")
- ❖ Vancomycin alternatives ---- **linezolid** (600 mg IV or orally twice daily), **trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole** (5 mg/kg
- Subsequent ttt :De-escalate as C/S
- Duration of therapy; 4 - 8 w. til there is good clinical response and resolution of CT or MRI findings. **Contrast enhancement at site of abscess may persist for several ms" alone is not an indication for continued ab or exploration"**

### Aspiration

- Preferable to excision
- Burr hole & needle aspiration CT or US guided
- Culture aspirate for aerobes and anaerobes, fungi, and *Mycobacterium TB*
- If fails to change in size or expands -- re-aspirate
- Delayed or not required in: Early cerebritis without cerebral necrosis & abscesses located in vital regions of brain or those inaccessible
- Repeat scan ---in 48 hrs at 1 w, and any change in clinical status requires immediate imaging

### Surgical excision

- Induces more deficits & infrequently performed
- Indicated in: Traumatic, multi-loculated cases
- Indications for excision after initial aspiration and drainage: No clinical improvement within 1 W, depressed sensorium, signs of increased ICP, progressive increase in ring diameter of abscess
- Pts with multi-loculated lesions are more likely to recur and may require a 2nd procedure
- The course of IV ab can be shortened to 4 s following excision compared with drainage
- Excised lesions are less likely to relapse than lesions that have only been drained

### Glucocorticoids

- substantial mass effect demonstrated on image
- **Dexamethasone** 10 mg IV followed by 4 mg / 6 hrs; DC as soon as possible
- Disadvantage: Reduce contrast enhancement on CT, slow capsule formation, Increase ventricular rupture risk, decrease penetration into abs

Suspect

Confirm & DD

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- Headache is the most common complain
- Fever is not a reliable indicator
- Focal deficit ± Seizures + Signs of increased ICP

### CT with contrast

- Less sensitive than MRI
- The lesion has different appearances according to its age

### MRI

- More sensitive than CT in detecting cerebritis, and satellite lesions
- More accurate in detecting the extend of cerebral necrosis, ring enhancement, and cerebral edema
- Better visualization of brain stem

### LP

- ❖ If focal symptoms (eg, unilateral headache) or signs (eg, unilateral cranial nerve deficits, hemiparesis) or papilledema ---- **Do not perform LP before ruling out mass lesion**
- ❖ The specimen obtained from stereotactic CT-guided aspiration or surgery should be sent for Gram's stain, aerobic, anaerobic, mycobacterial, and fungal cultures, special stains, and histopathology
- ❖ Pts at risk for parasitic abscess should have serology of bl and/or CSF sent for diagnostic testing

**DD;** Epidural and subdural empyema, septic dural sinus thrombosis, mycotic cerebral aneurysms, septic cerebral emboli with associated infarction, metastatic or 1ry brain tumors, acute focal necrotizing encephalitis, and pyogenic meningitis

Brain abscess is a focal collection within the brain parenchyma, which can arise as a complication of a variety of inf., trauma, or surgery

- The direct spread of organisms from a contiguous site usually causes a single brain abscess. 1ry inf. that can directly spread to the cerebral cortex include subacute and chronic otitis media and mastoiditis (spread to the inferior temporal lobe and cerebellum), frontal or ethmoid sinusitis (spread to the frontal lobes), and dental inf. (usually spreads to the frontal lobes)
- Brain abscesses associated with bacteremia usually result in multiple abscesses that are most commonly located in the distribution of the middle cerebral artery
- A wide variety of organisms may cause brain abscess. The pathogens involved differ depending upon the site of the 1ry inf.

# Viral encephalitis

## Suspect

- Viral infections of the CNS result in the clinical syndromes of aseptic meningitis or encephalitis
- The true incidence of these infections is difficult to determine because the diagnosis may not be considered, many cases are unreported, or a specific viral etiology is never confirmed

- Altered mental status
- sexual, travel, and exposure **History**

### Meningitis versus encephalitis

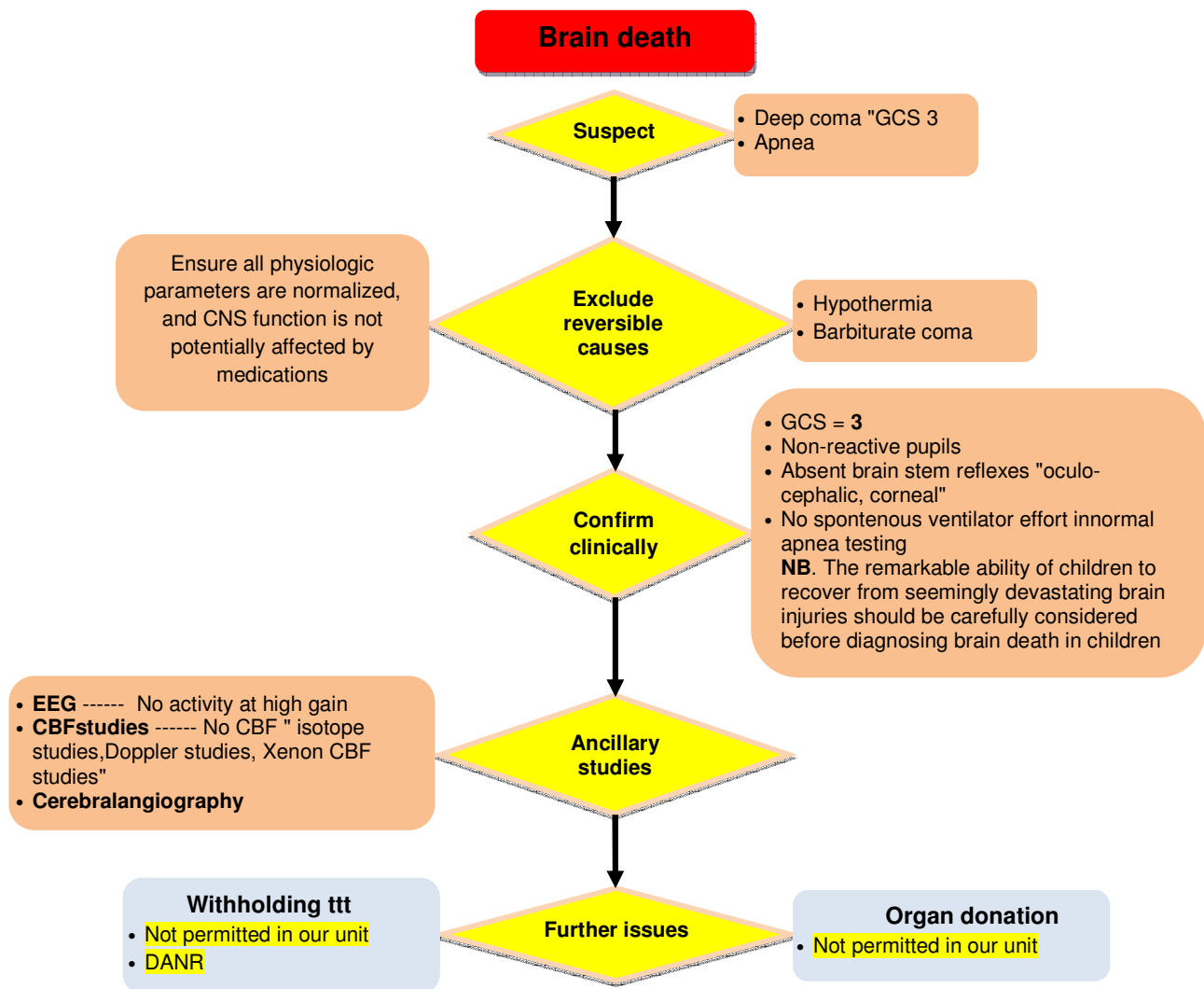
- The presence or absence of normal brain function is the important distinguishing feature between encephalitis and meningitis
- Pts with meningitis may be uncomfortable, lethargic, or distracted by headache, but their cerebral function remains normal
- In encephalitis, however, abnormalities in brain function are expected, including altered mental status, motor or sensory deficits, altered behavior and personality changes, and speech or movement disorders
- Seizures and postictal states can be seen with meningitis alone and should not be construed as definitive evidence of encephalitis
- Other neurologic manifestations of encephalitis may include hemiparesis, flaccid paralysis, and parasthesias
- However, the distinction between the 2 entities is frequently blurred since some pts may have both a parenchymal and meningeal process with clinical features of both
- The pt is usually labeled as having meningitis or encephalitis based upon which features predominate in the illness although meningo-encephalitis is also a common term that recognizes the overlap
- The importance of distinguishing between encephalitis and aseptic meningitis relates to the fact that the likely cause of each syndrome is different

## Confirm

- Altered mental status ranging from subtle deficits to complete unresponsiveness
- Symptoms and signs of meningeal irritation (photophobia and nuchal rigidity) are usually absent with a pure encephalitis but often accompany a meningo-encephalitis
- Seizures are common with encephalitis, and focal neurologic abnormalities can occur, including hemiparesis, cranial nerve palsies, and exaggerated deep tendon and/or pathologic reflexes
- Pts may appear confused, agitated, or obtunded
- **Suggestive clues**
  - Parotitis strongly suggests diagnosis of mumps encephalitis
  - Flaccid paralysis suggests the possibility of West Nile virus inf.
  - Grouped vesicles in a dermatomal pattern suggest varicella-zoster virus
- Obtain **Neuro-imaging** to assess possibility of a localized process, as abscess, and to look for focality, which may suggest a specific etiology of encephalitis (eg, temporal lobe involvement and HSV-1)
- **CSF examination:** Reveals lymphocytic predominance "suggestive of a viral etiology"; red blood cells in the absence of a traumatic tap "suggestive of HSV or other necrotizing viral encephalitides". elevated ptn concentration, but usually  $\leq 150$  mg/dL. Usually normal glucose concentration ( $>50\%$  of blood value), but moderately reduced values are occasionally seen with HSV, mumps, or some entero-viruses
- **Diagnostic CSF PCR for HSV-1 & IgM antibody on CSF & serum for West Nile virus.** Testing for other viral pathogens will depend on travel or exposure history to insects and animals. Serologic testing for West Nile virus, mumps, and Epstein-Barr virus can also be considered in the appropriate clinical setting

## Empiric therapy

- The most important viral etiology to rule out in a pt with encephalitis is HSV, since this clinical entity is usually fatal if untreated
- HSV should be considered particularly if there is temporal lobe focality suggested by symptoms, signs or imaging studies
- Diagnosis is most readily made by detecting HSV DNA by polymerase chain reaction on CSF
- While awaiting confirmation, empiric therapy with **acyclovir** should be initiated **10 mg/kg /8hrs IV**



**GIT & Hepatic disorders**

## Acute liver failure "ALF"

Determine  
cause

Evaluate

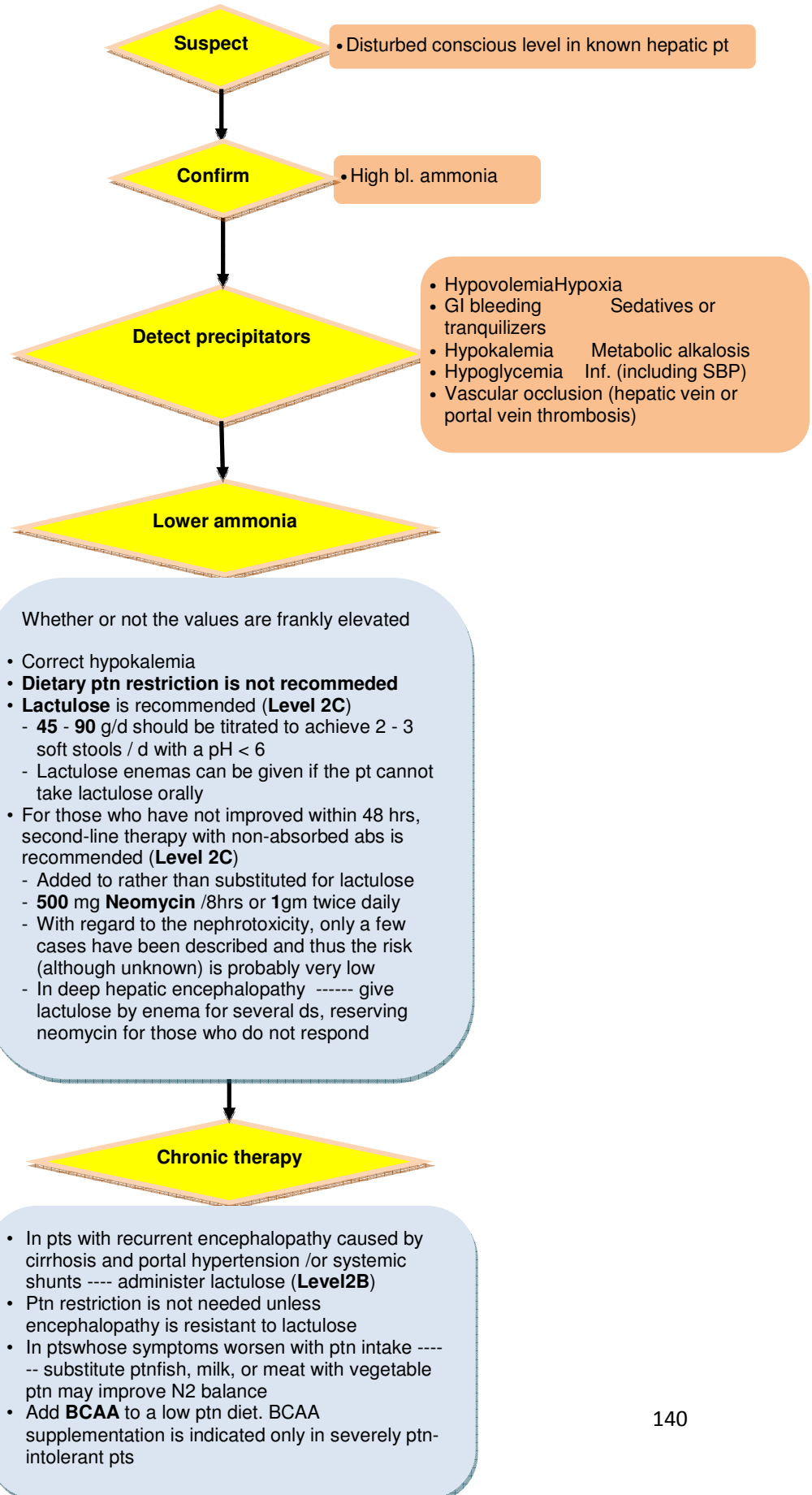
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- Hepatic encephalopathy
- Cerebral edema in **75-80 %** of grade IV encephalopathy
- Acute renal failure complicates ALF in approximately **30 - 50 %**
- Increased risk of inf. and sepsis
- Pulmonary edema & pulmonary inf. in 30 %
- Electrolyte disturbances (Hypokalemia, hyponatremia, and hypophosphatemia)
- Coagulopathy & Malnutrition

<b>A</b>	Acetaminophen, hepatitis A, autoimmune hepatitis
<b>B</b>	Hepatitis B
<b>C</b>	Cryptogenic, hepatitis C
<b>D</b>	Hepatitis D, drugs
<b>E</b>	Esoteric causes - Wilson's disease, Budd-Chiari syndrome
<b>F</b>	Fatty Infiltration - acute fatty liver of pregnancy, Reye's syndrome

- **Othotopic liver transplantation** "only therapy proven to improve pt outcome"
  - Should be transferred as early as possible to a transplant center (**Level 1C**)
  - The decision to transplant depends upon the probability of spontaneous hepatic recovery, which cannot be predicted by any single factor alone " transportation may be hazardous if complications, such as severe coagulopathy or increase ICP develop
  - The most important variables for predicting the outcome in ALF are PT, pt's age degree of encephalopathy, and cause of ALF
- **Lactulose** For hepatic encephalopathy
  - Intubation is mandatory (**Level 2C**)
- Use invasive ICP monitoring to guide therapy
  - An epidural ICP monitor be placed in pts with grade IV encephalopathy or in those in whom grade III encephalopathy is progressing rapidly (**Level 2C**)
  - Maintain ICP <20 mmHg & CPP >50 mmHg
  - Interventions to achieve these are:
    - Minimize sensory stimulation
    - Keep the pt from becoming agitated
    - The use of NGT should be minimized
    - Endo-tracheal suction should be minimized
    - Fluid status should be closely monitored
    - The head of bed should be elevated to 30°
  - Pts should remain supine if the CPP <50 mmHg with bed elevation"
- For persistent intra-cranial hypertension
  - Pts with ICP >20 mmHg should be hyper-ventilated to keep PCO2 <25 mmHg
  - If no response or relapse is noted, **Mannitol (0.5 - 1 g/kg)** as an IV bolus and then on an as-needed basis to maintain plasma osmolality between **310&325 mosmol/kg**
  - Fluid should be removed via **UF** with a goal to remove 3 -5 times the fluid volume of the infused mannitol in pts with compromised renal function and oliguria
  - If no response or relapse is noted after mannitol, **Pentobarbital** coma should be induced using a bolus of **3 - 5 mg/kg IV**
  - **Dexamethasone** not effective in ttt of cerebral edema & should not be given

# Hepatic encephalopathy





## Acute GI bleeding

- Overt bleeding: - blood in the NGT
- Haematemesis or melaena
- Plus** either:
  - Mean arterial  $\geq 20$  mmHg decline from baseline
  - Requirement of at least 2Ubl.transfusion,  $\downarrow$  Hb  $\geq 2$  g/100ml in 24 hr
- ❖ Bl. in the NG tube is frequently due to local erosion and by itself **does not** constitute clinically significant GI bleeding

### Documented GI bleeding

- ABC / Resusc. including
  - 2 wide bore IV access
  - Fluid resusc.
  - Blood component therapy

### Gastro-entologist consultation

### Workup

- Simultaneously with resusc.
- Lab. ---- CBC, Coagulation profile
  - NGT insertion
  - Endoscopy

### Manage

- Correct coagulopathy / cease heparin
- **Endoscopy  $\pm$  sclerotherapy**
- Consider **Labelled red cell scan, Angiography** (+/- embolization) or **Colonoscopy** if the bleeding source not identified & Hb loss continues
- **Drug therapy for clinically significant GI bleeding**

### Drug therapy for clinically significant GI bleeding

#### Pantoprazole

- 40 mg/day r bd IV acutely
- Once daily for maintenance

#### Octreotide

- 50ug IV, then 50ug/hr
- For variceal bleeding
- As effective as sclera-therapy

#### Ranitidine

- 50 mg IV/ 8 hrs
- For peptic ulceration "first line"
- Does not prevent re-bleeding
- Reduce dose in renal failure

### Tranexamic acid

- Standard dose 1 mg IV /24 hrs "adjust for renal function"
- Inhibitor of fibrinolysis
- Indications
  - Major uncontrolled hge

### Vitamin K

- Standard dose 10 mg IV
- Indications
  - Correction of prolonged INR in:
    - Warfarin overdose "use 2 mg if anticoagulant is planned"
    - Vitamin K deficiency

**Neuro-muscular disorders**

# Acute muscle weakness

## • Intubate & Ventilate as indicated

- Avoid **Succinyl** if neuro-muscular process present for 3 ds
- Stabilize circulation if there is autonomic instability

ABCD

PhE

Association & Time course

## Consider

- Cortical
- Sub-cortical "brain stem"
- Cranial nerve affection

Confirm

- **Head non-contrast CT**
  - Suspected cortical & sub-cortical lesions
- **Head contrast CT**
  - Intra-cranial tumour or inf. is suspected
- **MRI**
  - Suspected brain stem, Spinal cord or nerve root lesions
- **CT with myelo-graphy**
  - If MRI not available or CI if myelopathy is suspected

Consult

- **Neurologist**
- **Nephrologist**
  - Plasmapheresis decision
- **Spine surgeon** if epidural compression syndrome suspected
  - Initiate ttt with steroids

Review causes & Determine if Pre-existing, undiagnosed or new onset or critical illness related

Unilateral

## Consider

- **Large cerebral lesion**
  - Diminished mental status
- **Brain stem lesion**
  - Cranial nerve affection
- **Poly-neuropathy**
  - Sensory involvement
  - Lower motor neurone signs
  - Legs more than arms
  - Distal more than proximal
- **Myelopathy**
  - Mid, upper cervical "all 4 limbs "spastic tetra-paresis, upper motor neurone signs, sensory level, bladder dysfunction"
  - Lower cervical "legs, hands" upper motor neurone signs"
  - Thoracic "legs, hands" upper motor neurone signs"
  - Lumbar "legs" spastic paraparesis, upper motor neurone signs"
- **Myopathy**
  - All limbs
  - No sensory involvement
  - Proximal more than distal
- **Neuro-muscular weakness**
  - Involvement of eyelids, jaw, tongue, oculomotor, pharynx; fatiguable weakness
  - Most common causes **botulism** "intestinal involvement, or **Myasthenia gravis**"

Confirm

- If **myelopathy** is suspected "epidural compression S is not suspected"
  - MRI at the suspected
- If **poly-neuropathy** is suspected
  - Lumbar puncture if guillian barre
  - Heavy metal screen if pure motor neuropathy
- If **NM- junction disorder** is suspected
  - Acetyl-choline receptor antibody test if myasthenia
  - Botulism test if botulism
- If **myopathy** is suspected
  - Electrolytes, C. phosphokinase
  - EMG, nerve conduction velocity, muscle biopsy, thyroid function

## • Paresis

- Partial or incomplete paralysis

## • Plegia, or paralysis

- Total loss of contractility

## • Quadri-plegia, or tetra-plegia

- Involves all 4 limbs "implies pathology of cervical cord"

## • Paraplegia

- Both lower limbs "thoracic, lumbar disc dis."

## • Hemiplegia

- Upper, lower limb of the same side

## • Monoplegia

- Only one limb

## • Myelopathy

- Lesion of the spinal cord

## • Myopathy

- Lesion of the muscle

## • Spinal nerve

- A nerve exiting the anterior horn cell of the spinal cord

## • Poly-neuropathies

- Are "downstream" to spinal nerves in peripheral nervous system

## • Bulbar

- Refer to the tongue, jaw, face, and larynx
- Involves dysarthria, dysphagia, and difficult secretion handling

Localization	Pre-existing	Undiagnosed & New onset	Critical illness related
<b>Spinal cord</b>	Trauma InF. Transverse myelitis	Acute ischemia Epidural abscess Acute Transverse myelitis	Not described
<b>Anterior horn cell</b>	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis Poliomyelitis "West Nile virus"	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis Poliomyelitis "West Nile virus"	Hopkins syndrome
<b>Peripheral nerve</b>	GBS Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy	Incidental GBS Toxic, compressive, vasculitis, porphyria	Critical illness polyneuropathy
<b>NM-junction</b>	Myasthenia Lambert-Eaton syndrome Botulism	Unmasked MG Toxic	Prolonged neuro-muscular blockade
<b>Muscle</b>	Muscle dystrophy Polymyositis Metabolic	Rhabdomyolysis Toxic Polymyositis Hypokalemic Hypophosphatemic	Critical illness myopathy

	Polyneuropathy	Myopathy	NM-junction disorders
<b>Distribution</b>	More distal	More proximal	Diffuse "ocular, bulbar, respiratory"
<b>Reflexes</b>	Decreased	Normal, decreased	Normal
<b>Sensory involvement</b>	+	-	-
<b>Atrophy</b>	+	+	-
<b>Fatigue</b>	+	+	+
<b>Serum CPK</b>	Normal	Normal to increased	Normal

Association	Examples
Arches, tenderness	Myopathy
Aphasia	Cortical stroke
Diplopia	NM-junction disorders
Bulbar symptoms	NM-junction disorders
Vomiting, diarrhea, diuretics	Electrolytes induced myopathy
Rash	Dermato-myositis
Heavy metal exposure	Poly-neuropathy
Tick exposure	Tick paralysis
Bladder symptoms	Myelopathy
Recent viral illness	Poly-neuropathy, Myelopathy
Sensory deficit at or below level point	Myelopathy
Thyroid abnormalities	Thyrotoxic weakness

Time course	Examples
<b>Sudden</b>	Stroke or vascular related
<b>Acute/subacute</b>	Polyneuropathy, myelopathy, NM-junction disorders
<b>Insidious</b>	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, muscle dystrophies, myopathy,
<b>Episodic</b>	NM-junction disorders, hypo, hyperkalemic periodic paralysis

Clinical test	Upper motor neurone	Lower motor neurone
<b>Reflexes</b>	Hyper-reflexia	Hypo-reflexia
<b>Muscle tone</b>	Increased/spastic	Decreased/flaccid
<b>Fasciculations</b>	None	Present
<b>Atrophy</b>	None	Severe
<b>Babinski</b>	Present	Absent

### Critical illness poly-neuropathy

- Sepsis, trauma, and burn are predisposing factors
- Electrophysiology reveals axonal motor and sensory polyneuropathy
- Weakness is more distal, and in lower limbs
- Cranial nerves spared "may there is facial weakness"
- Sensory impairment in only 10%
- Hypo or areflexia is common

### Prolonged NM blockade

- In pts treated with high doses of NDMR even after discontinuation
- Lasts from hrs to wks
- Renal, hepatic failures, acidosis, and hypermagnesemia are more prone
- Ph E: generalized weakness, normal sensation, normal or reduced reflexes, bilateral ptosis, and facial and jaw muscle weakness
- Diagnosis: Electro-physiology

### Critical illness myopathy

- In pts treated with neuro-muscular blockers, and steroids
- Pts with asthma, pneumonia, ARDS, renal failure are more predisposed
- Symmetric diffuse weakness, muscle wasting, hyporeflexia, challenge to wean
- Diagnosis: elevated CPK, EMG study
- Strict blood sugar control is beneficial

### Drugs associated with weakness

- **Peripheral nerve** "amiodarone, metronidazole
- **NM-junction** "NDMR, aminoglycosides, B blockers, Ca channel blockers, phenytoin
- **Muscle** "steroids, amiodarone, cholesterol lowering drugs

## Causes of weakness grouped by anatomic subunits

### Central "Upper motor neurone"

#### Cerebrum

- Stroke
- Space occupying/structural lesions
  - Left dominant cerebral hemisphere lesion
  - Right dominant cerebral hemisphere lesion

#### Subcortex/brainstem

- Stroke
- Space occupying/structural lesions
  - Lacunar syndrome
  - Midbrain/brainstem syndromes
- Spinal cord
  - Acute transverse myelitis
  - Spinal cord infarct
  - Spinal epidural, subdural he
  - Central intervertebral disc herniation
  - Tumours "primary, metastatic"
  - Multiple sclerosis

### Peripheral "lower motor neurone"

#### • Anterior horn

- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis \*
- Poliomyelitis \*

#### • Spinal nerve root

- Inter-vertebral disc herniation \*

#### • Poly-neuropathy

- Guillain-Barre syndrome \* #
- Porphyria \*
- Lead, heavy metal poisoning \*
- Alcohol, drug induced
- Diabetic

#### • NM-junction disorders

- Myasthenia gravis \*
- Eaton-Lambert myasthenic syndrome \*
- Botulism \*
- Tick paralysis \*
- Organophosphorus poisoning \*

#### • Myopathies

- Inflammatory "polymyositis" \*
- Electrolyte induced \*
- Alcohol, drug induced
- Muscle dystrophy \*
- Endocrinal related \*

○ \*Neuro-muscular cause of RF

○ #Frequently associated with autonomic dysfunction

## Botulism

- Potentially life-threatening neuro-paralytic disorder caused by the toxin of *Clostridium botulinum* that prevents release of acetylcholine from nerve endings at NM-junction

### Causes

- Contaminated canned foods, wound inf., esp. in parenteral drug abuser

### presentation

- Symptoms onset usually 18-36 hrs after exposure "range: 6 hrs - 8 ds"
- Cranial nerve involvement "ocular, bulbar finding"
- Autonomic involvement "parasympathetic blockade as constipation and urinary retention"
- NM-junction involvement "bilateral weakness more proximally and more in upper extremity"
- Muscle involvement may be severe "unable to mobilize in bed, or use hands to lift the head"
- Deep tendon reflexes are normal 'but may be hypoactive or absent'

### Diagnosis

- Normal neuro-imaging, and CSF
- In foodborne botulism ---- stool, serum, and implicated food should be tested for botulism neurotoxin
- In wound botulism --- obtain a swab of the wound exudates "for anaerobic culture" and serum toxin assay

### ttt

- Supportive in form of MV
- **Ant- toxin** "neutralize toxin molecule that are not bound to nerve endings"
- Early use prevent disease progression and decrease duration of ventilator support'
- Only one vial per pt, with no additional doses

## Acute transverse myelitis

- Acute inflammation of the spinal cord

### Presentation

- Symmetric numbness, weakness, with bladder symptoms
- Significant pain may be absent
- Can be patchy, functional loss is often incomplete

### Ph E

- Paraplegia "symmetric", weakness more profound in lower extremities

### Diagnosis

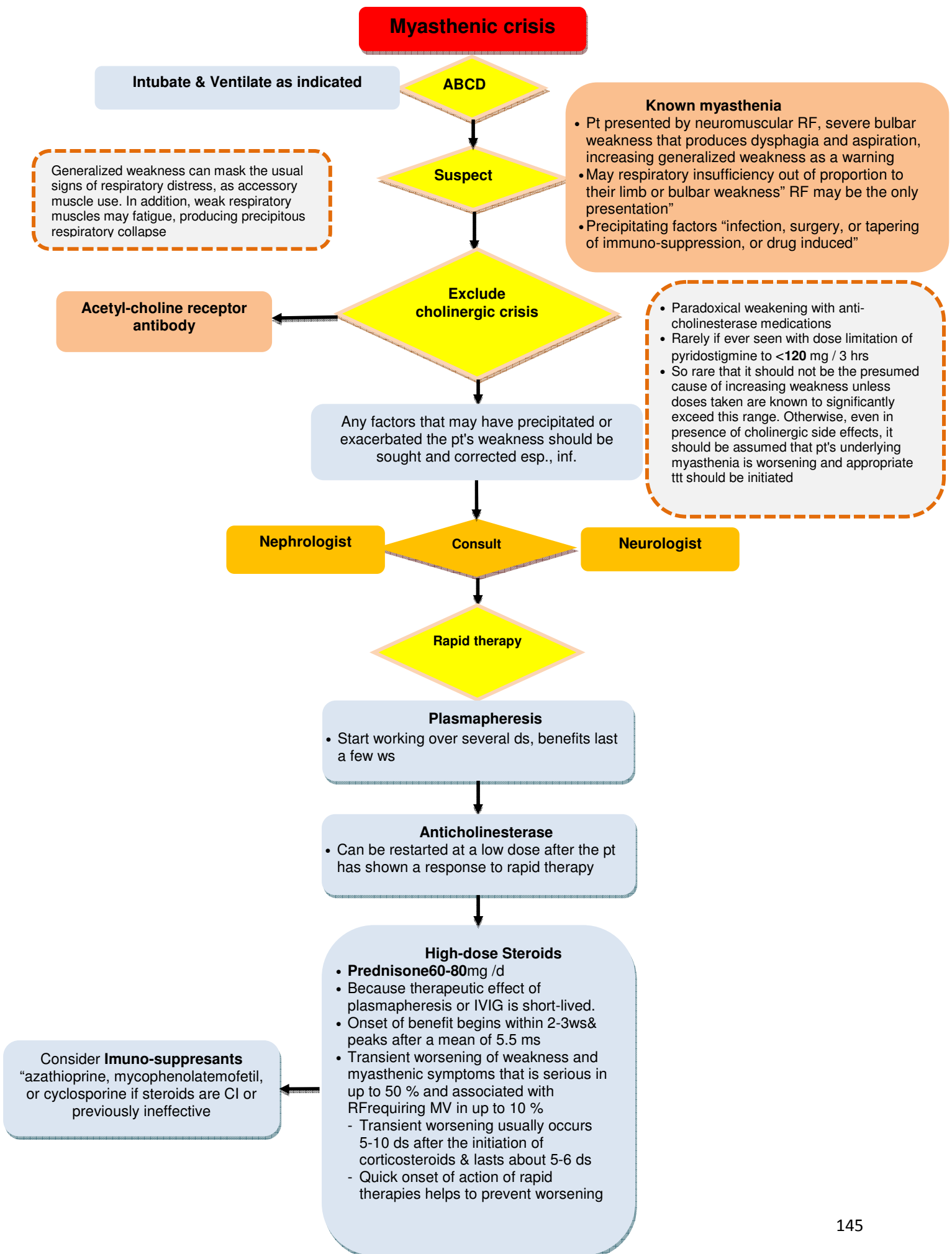
- **MRI** is the best diagnostic modality
- There may be a lag of 5 ds between onset and appearance of lesion

### • CSF analysis

- Pleocytosis, normal glucose, normal or slightly elevated ptn

### Prognosis

- Varies, with most recovery achieved within 3 months of diagnosis with a direct relationship between initial deficit severity and long term outcome





# Guillainbarre syndrome

## ABCD

- Acute immune-mediated polyneuropathies
- Heterogenous syndrome with several variant

### Variants

#### Acute infective demyelinating polyneuropathy

- Acute motor axonal neuropathy
- Involvement of predominately motor nerves, and electrophysiologic pattern suggesting axonal damage

#### Acute axonal motor sensory neuropathy

- Has sensory symptoms and more prolonged course

#### Miller fisher syndrome

- External ophthalmoplegia, ataxia, muscle weakness, areflexia
- >90% of pts reach the nadir of their function within 2-4 s, followed by return of function occurring slowly over a course of ws to ms
- A chronic " >2 ms" slowly progressing or relapsing inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy generally is considered a distinct entity from acute GBS
- Clinical course is shorter in children and recovery is more complete

- Intubate & Ventilate as indicated
- **Avoid Succinylcholine**
- Close monitoring
- Hemodynamic support

## Suspect

- Associated with recent immunization
- Suspect acute inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy if
  - Onset 2-4 ws after having febrile respiratory or GI inf.
  - Classic presentations: paresthesia in fingers and toes followed by lower extremity symmetric weakness that may ascend over hrs to ds to involve arms, and in severe cases respiratory muscles
- Facial nerve palsy in 70% of cases
- Autonomic dysfunction
  - Arrhythmias " , bradycardia, tachyarrhythmias"
  - Orthostatic hypotension & Paralytic ileus
  - Transient or persistent hypertension
  - Bladder dysfunction & Abnormal sweating

## Confirm

### Ph E

- Bilateral symmetric weakness
- Diminished or absent reflexes "10% normal "
- Minimal sensation loss despite parasthesia

### CSF

- Normal pr
- **Albumino-cytologic dissociation**
  - Few cells "<10 typically mononuclear"
  - In 50% after 1 wk, 75% in the 3 rd wk "repeated puncture is needed"
  - Initial pleocytosis less than 100 lymphocytes may occur
  - Elevated ptn "more than 45 mg/dl"
    - Maximal protein values may be not seen for 4-5 ws

### Electro-physiology

- Normal study after several ds of symptoms esp, with severe weakness render diagnosis is unlikely
- In motor, sensory variant, study is normal

Neurologist & Nephrologist

## Consult

### IV immune-globulin "IVIG" & Plasma exchange

- They are the main modalities of disease modifying therapy
- Equivalent and improve outcome. Shortens time to walking independently by 40 - 50 %
- For non-ambulatory adult within 4ws of neuropathic symptom onset, --- ttt with plasma exchange or IVIG (Grade 1A). For ambulatory adult who are not yet recovering within 4ws of neuropathic symptom onset --- ttt with plasma exchange or IVIG (Grade 2B)
- The choice between plasma exchange and IVIG is dependent on local availability and on pt preference, risk factors, and CI. **When both therapies are equally available and there are no CI for either --- ttt with IVIG (Grade 2B)**
- **IVIG -----** 2gm /Kg, given as 1 g/Kg for 2 ds or 400mg/Kg for 5 ds as a single course. Preferred in children "easy use, safe", however with the same results. Avoided in renal failure

## Manage

- No need for **glucocorticoids** (Grade 1A)

### Supportive

- Nutritional support
- DVT prophylaxis
- Frequent careful appropriate positioning & supportive mattress
- Repeated assurance is better than sedation
  - **Sedation & NM blockers should be avoided** "obscure course of illness"
- Laxative
- Analgesia
  - Avoid **opioids** "acute nociceptive pain"
  - **Carbamazepine** "may aggravate hyponatremia due SIADH"
  - **Amitriptyline** or ant-epileptic in chronic non-nociceptive neuropathic pain "may aggravates constipation"
- Prevent corneal ulceration

**Endocrinal disorders**

# Diabetic keto-acidosis "DKA"

**Euglycemic DKA**, in which the serum glucose is normal or near normal but the pt requires insulin therapy for clearance of ketoacidosis, has been described, particularly in presence of poor oral intake or pregnancy

## Suspect

- Positive history; can affect all age groups, but common in old age in type II diabetes
- Presence of precipitator; mostly, inf."esp., pneumonia, UTI", discounted or irregular insulin therapy, MI, Cerebro-vascular accident, and pancreatitis

## False -ve test for ketone bodies

- Nitroprusside reacts with acetoacetate and acetone (produced by the decarboxylation of acetoacetic acid), but not with B-hydroxybutyrate.
  - B-hydroxybutyrate is the predominant ketone, particularly in severe DKA
  - It is therefore possible, although unusual, to have a negative serum nitroprusside reaction in the presence of severe ketosis
- An indirect method to circumvent the masking of ketoacidosis is to add a few drops of hydrogen peroxide to a urine specimen
  - Will non-enzymatically convert B-hydroxybutyrate to acetoacetate, which will then be detectable by nitroprusside
- An alternative is to directly measure B-hydroxybutyrate in bl.; monitors are available to measure beta-hydroxybutyrate at the bedside, but this assay may not be available

## False +ve test for ketones

- Sulfhydryl drugs, such as captopril, penicillamine, and mesna, interact with the nitroprusside reagent and can lead to a false positive ketone test
- Thus, a positive nitroprusside test cannot be reliably interpreted in pts treated with these drugs and directly measure B-hydroxybutyrate is
- If it is not available, diagnosis of DKA should be made on the basis of clinical presentation and an otherwise unexplained high anion gap metabolic acidosis in association with hyperglycemia

## Confirm

## Clinical

- Neurologic symptoms, including lethargy, focal signs, and obtundation which can progress to coma in later stages
- Hyperventilation  
"Kussmaul respirations" abdominal pain, fever is rare
- Symptoms & signs of volume depletion
- **Lb.**
  - Blood glucose level "500-800 mg/dl"
  - Plasma osmolality
  - ABGs "arterial pH <7.30 ,can be <than 6.90"
  - Serum electrolytes "variable Na, hypokalemia, hypophosphatemia"
  - Serum Anion gap ">20 meq/L"
  - Urinalysis, BUN, and serum creatinine, and urine ketones by dipstick
  - Differential CBC "leucocytosis"
  - Measure **A1C** "determine whether the acute episode is the culmination of an evolutionary process in previously undiagnosed or poorly controlled diabetes or a truly acute episode in an otherwise well-controlled pt"
  - Differential CBC, culture of urine, sputum, and blood, serum lipase & amylase, ECG , and

## Manage

- The aim of therapy is to replete the ECF without inducing cerebral edema due to too rapid reduction in the plasma osmolality
- The average fluid loss is **3 - 6 L**

## • ABC

- Obtain large bore IV (16 G) line; monitor using a cardiac monitor, capnography, and oximetry
- Monitor serum glucose /hr, and basic electrolytes, plasma osmolality, and venous pH / 2-4 hrs until the pt is stable
- Determine and treat any underlying cause of (eg, pneumonia or UTI, myocardial ischemia)

- The final serum Na concentration will reflect the balance between dilution of Na due to osmotic water movement out of the cells, and concentration of Na due to glucosuria-induced osmotic diuresis resulting in water loss in excess of Na
- Most pts are mildly hyponatremic
- Hyponatremia may develop due to hyperlipidemia "pseudo-hyponatremia"

## Fluid repletion

## Cardiogenic shock

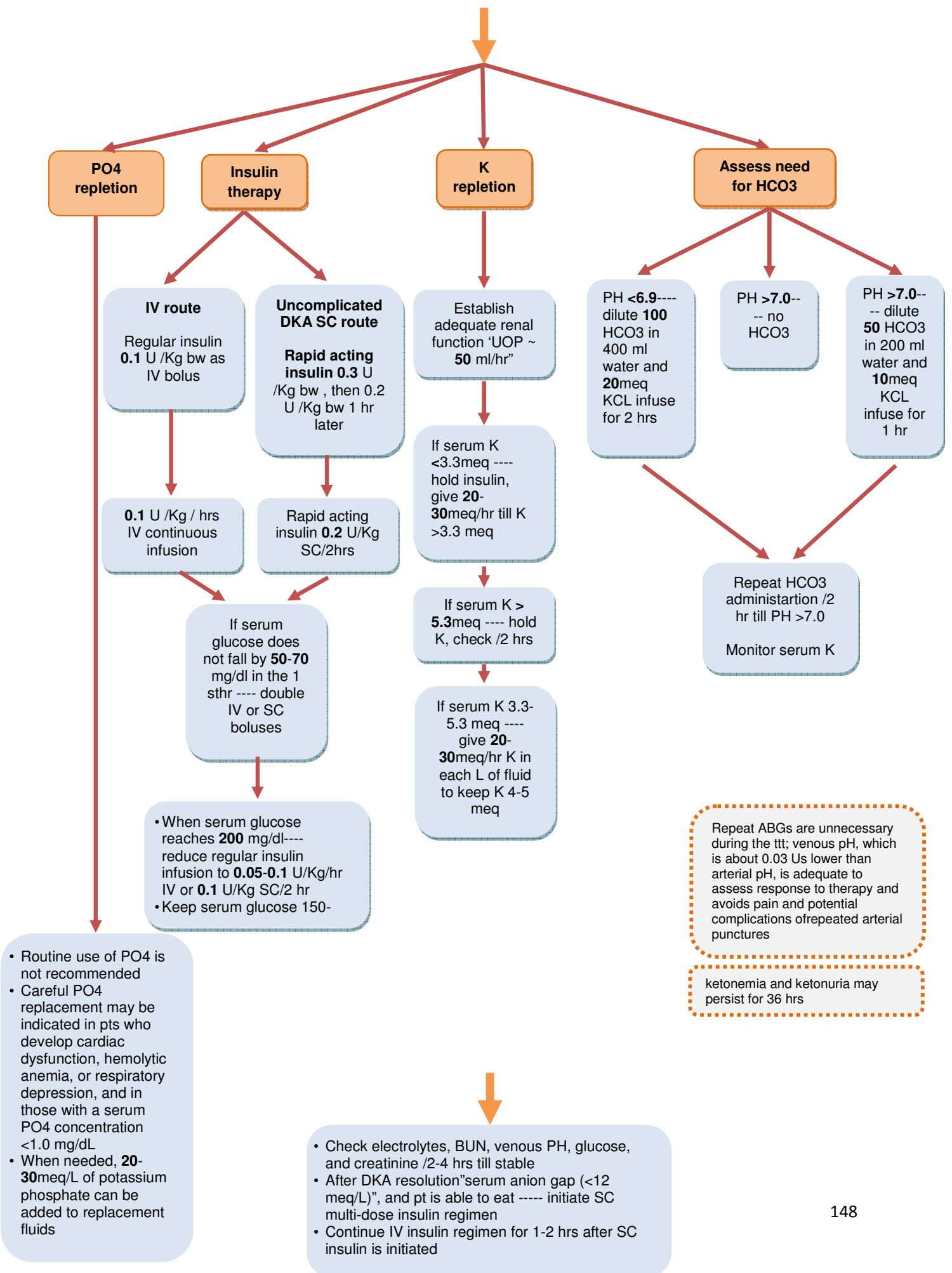
- Hemodynamic monitoring & Pressors

## Severe hypovolemia

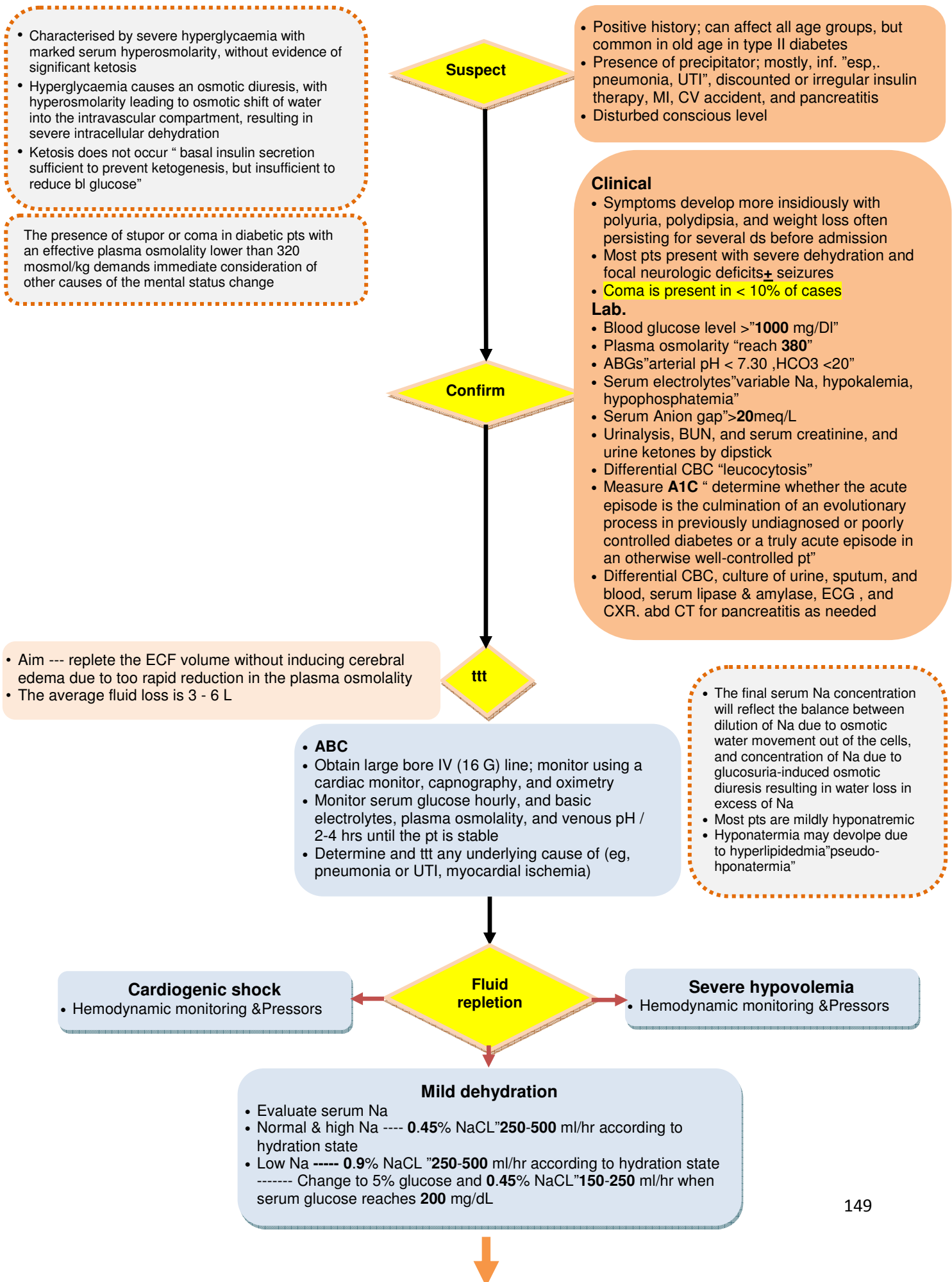
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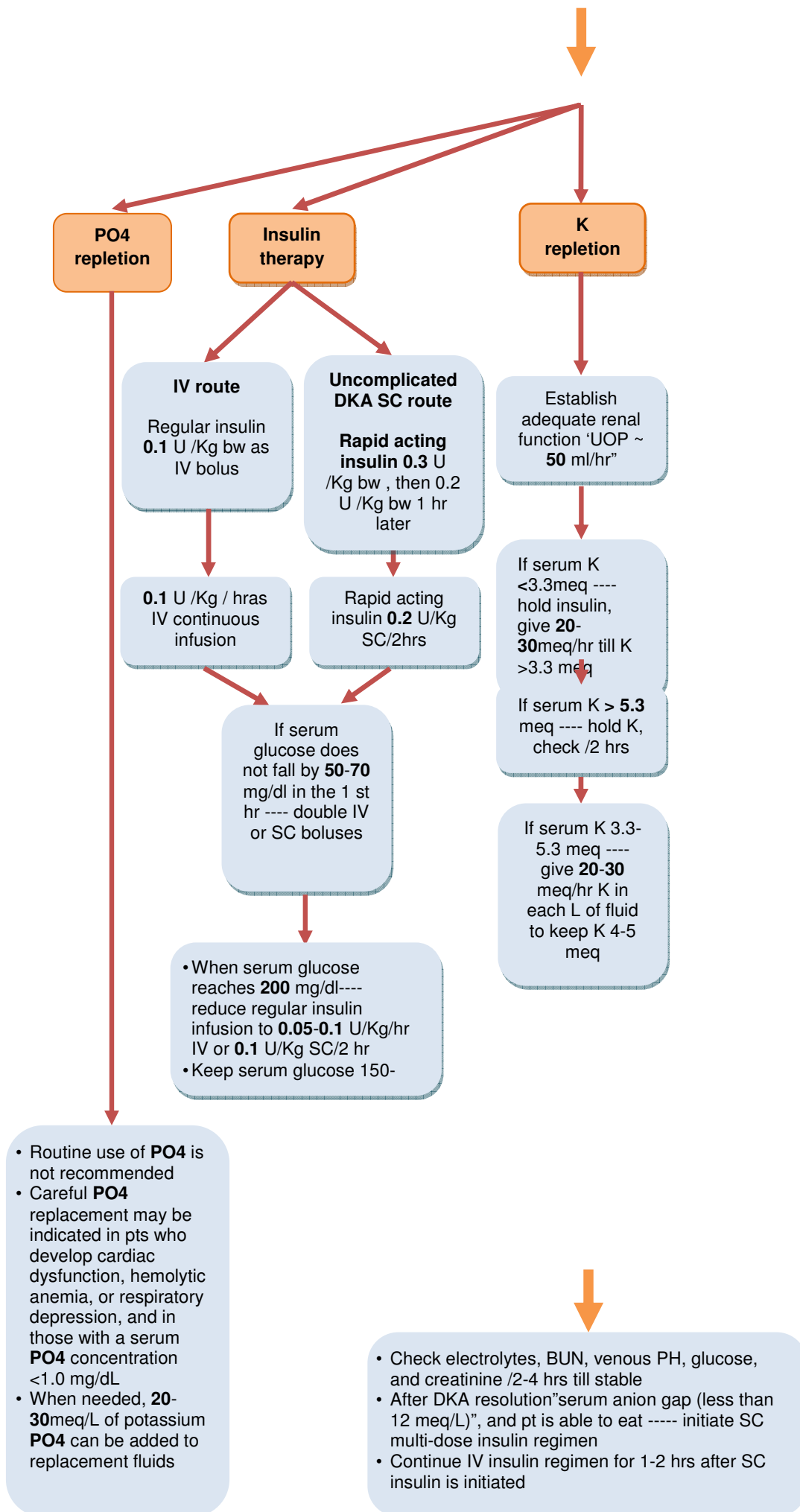
## Mild dehydration

- Evaluate serum Na
- Normal & high Na ---- **0.45% NaCL** "250-500 ml/hr according to hydration state
- Low Na ----- **0.9% NaCL** "250-500 ml/hr according to hydration state  
----- Change to 5% glucose and **0.45% NaCL** "150-250 ml/hr when serum glucose reaches **200 mg/dL**



# Hyperosmolar non-ketotoc coma "HONKC"







# Myxedema coma

## History

- long-standing hypothyroidism or be precipitated by inf., MI, cold exposure, or administration of sedatives, esp. opiates

## Clinical

- Hypothermia, Hyponatremia, and Hypoglycemia
- Cardiovascular abnormalities" Diastolic hypertension, Overt CHF is quite rare in the absence of preexisting cardiac disease, and May pericardial effusion"

## Lab.

- Before giving thyroid H --- measure serum TSH, free T4, and cortisol to rule out associated adrenal insufficiency or hypopituitarism
- **Cortrosyn** should be given before bl.sample is obtained to permit evaluation for coexisting adrenal insufficiency
- Most have primary hypothyroidism, with high serum TSH and low free T4 values
  - A normal or low serum TSH value in a pt with a low free T4 value indicates that hypothyroidism is secondary to hypothalamic or pituitary dysfunction

## Suspect

- Decreased mental status
- Inappropriate **Bradycardia**

## Confirm

## DD

- Other causes of decreased conscious level

## ttt

ttt should be instituted without waiting for lab.

## Steroids

- Give in stress doses until the possibility of coexisting adrenal insufficiency has been excluded

## Supportive measures

- **MV** if necessary
- Judicious administration of **IV Fluids** including electrolytes and glucose
  - Avoid dilute fluids in hyponatremic pts
- Hypotension, if present and not caused by volume depletion, will be corrected by thyroid hormone therapy over a period of hrs to ds
  - Severe hypotension that does not respond to fluids, treated with a **Vasopressor** drug until the T4 has had time to act
- Passive **Rewarming** with a heating blanket is preferred for correction of hypothermia
  - Active rewarming carries a risk of vasodilatation and worsen hypotension
- Empiric administration of **abs** for inf. should be considered til appropriate cultures are proven -ve

## Thyroid hormone

- **T4** is given in a loading dose of **200 - 300 mcg** followed by **50 mcg** daily
- **T3** is given simultaneously in a dose of **5 - 20 mcg**, followed by **2.5 - 10 mcg / 8 hrs**, depending upon pt's age and coexistent cardiac risk factors
- T3 is continued til there is clinical improvement and pt is stable

# Thyroid storm

## History:

- Long-standing untreated hyperthyroidism & surgery, trauma, inf., or acute iodine load

## Clinical

- Tachycardia "may exceed 140 b/min, along with CHF
- Hyperpyrexia is common
- Agitation, delirium, psychosis, stupor, or coma are common "considered essential by many for diagnosis"
- May severe N&V, or diarrhea, and hepatic failure with jaundice
- ABGs ---- Hypercapnea

## Suspect

- Un-explained **tachycardia** "may exceed 140 b/min
- Un-explained **hypercapnea**

## Confirm

## DD

- Other causes of tachycardia, hypercapnea

## ttt

### B blockers

- Used with caution if pt has CI to B-blockade
- **Propranolol**; frequently selected for initial therapy " can be given IV"
  - IV dose ---1 mg/min. until several Mgs have been administered or adequate B-blockade has been achieved
  - Concurrently, propranolol is given orally or via NGT at a dose of **60 - 80 mg / 4 hr**
- An alternative regimen is to utilize the short-acting B - blocker **Esmolol**
  - Loading **250 - 500 µg/kg**, followed by **50 - 100 µg/kg / min.**

### Thionamides

- Block de novo thyroid hormone synthesis within 1 - 2 hrs
- They have no effect on release of preformed hormone from the gland
- **Methimazole** has a longer duration of action than **PTU** (more effective unless PTU is given at regular frequent intervals)
- Administer **30 mg of methimazole / 6 hrs**, or **200 mg PTU / 4 hr**, orally or via NGT
- Both drugs can also be suspended in liquid for rectal administration, PTU can be prepared for IV administration by dissolving the tablets in NS made alkaline (pH 9.25) with Na hydroxide, and methimazole can be dissolved in pH-neutral isotonic saline and prepared for IV administration by filtering through a 0.22 µm filter

### Glucocorticoids & Lithium & Plasmapheresis

#### Glucocorticoids

- Reduce T4-to-T3 conversion, and may have a direct effect on the underlying autoimmune process if thyroid storm is due to Graves' dis.
- **Hydrocortisone** **100 mg IV / 8 hr**
- not used in pts with severe, but not life-threatening, hyperthyroidism

#### Lithium

- Has been given to acutely block the release of thyroid hormone. its renal and neurologic toxicity limit its utility

#### Plasmapheresis

- Has been tried when traditional therapy has not been successful

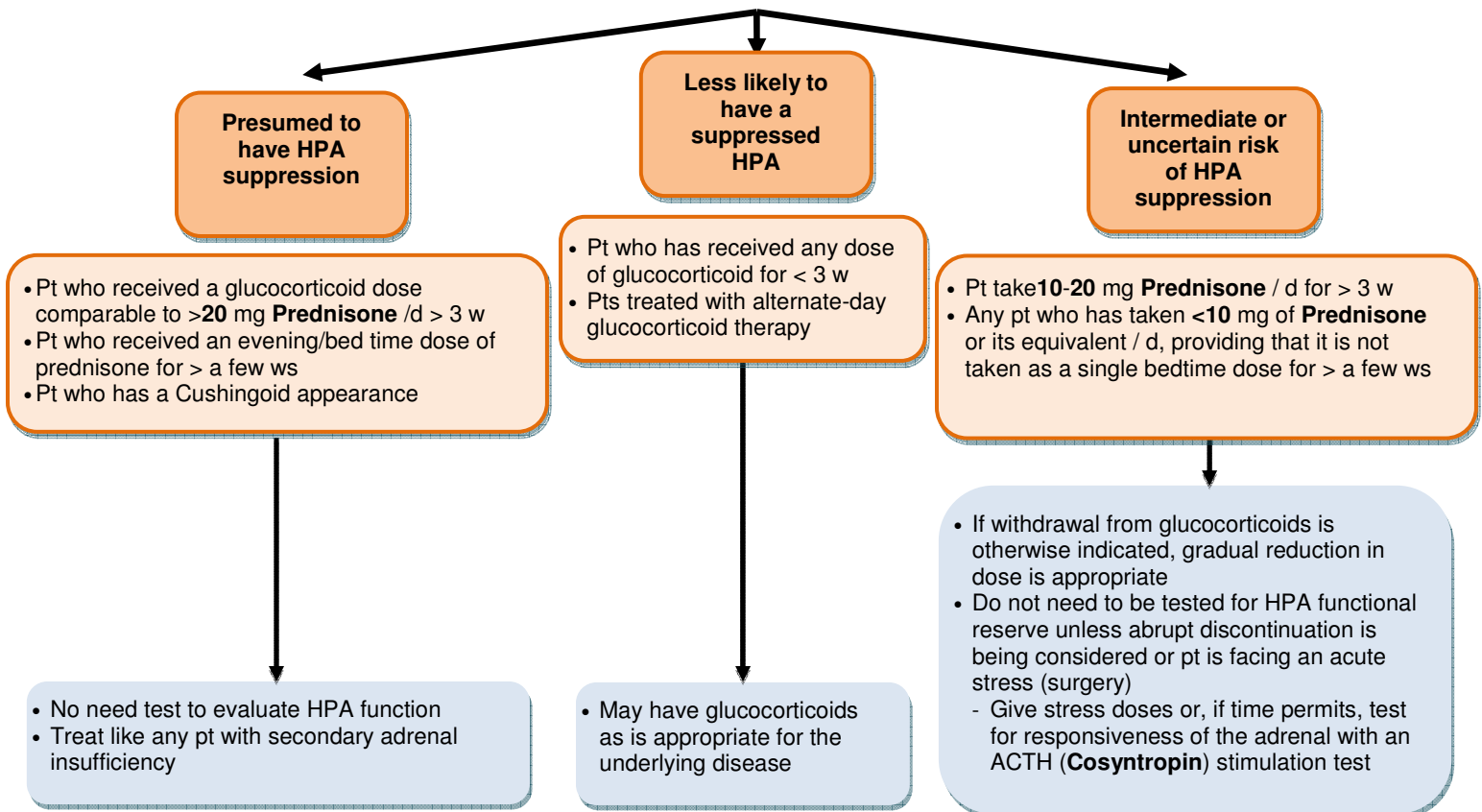
### Supportive

- Many require a substantial amount of **Fluid** & others may require **Diuresis** (CHF)
  - Digoxin requirements may be quite high
- Inf. needs to be identified & treated
- Hyperpyrexia should be aggressively corrected
  - **Acetaminophen** is preferable to aspirin

### Iodinated radio-contrast agents

- **Iopanoic acid** and other iodinated radio-contrast agents have little efficacy in thyroid storm
- Potent inhibitors of T4-to-T3 conversion, and they have been extremely useful in treating severe hyperthyroidism or in preparing hyperthyroid pts for urgent surgery
- A dose of **0.5 - 1 g** given once daily
- Given at least 1 hr after thionamide

## Glucocorticoids withdrawal



### Tapering regimen

- Short-term glucocorticoid therapy (up to 3 w), even if at a fairly high dose, can be stopped and need no tapering
- Most pts on 5 mg/d daily dose of do not have to be tapered
- The dose is tapered by:**
- 10 mg/d / 1 – 2 w at an initial dose >60 mg prednisone or equivalent / d
- 5 mg/d / 1 -2 w at 60-20 mg/day prednisone
- 2.5 mg/d / 1 -2 w at 19-10 mg/day prednisone
- 1 mg/d / 1 -2 w at 5-9 mg/day prednisone
- 0.5 mg/d / 1 -2 weeks at prednisone doses <5 mg/day
- This can be achieved by alternating daily doses, eg, 5 mg on day 1 and 4 mg on d 2

Drug	Equivalent	Glucocorticoids	Mineralcorticoids
Hydrocortisone	100	1	1
Prednisone	25	4	0.3
Methylprednisolone	20	4	0
Dexamethasone	4	30	0
Cortisone acetate	125	0.8	0.8
Fludrocortisone	1	10	250

### Estimation of HPA suppression

- Identifying the degree of HPA suppression is not simple clinically (unusual to perform any testing of HPA function prior to beginning the glucocorticoid withdrawal process)
- In certain settings (eg, the pt for whom elective surgery is planned) such testing may be warranted
- Testing for HPA-axis function is appropriate when pt are using  $\leq 5$  mg/d prednisone and there is difficulty reducing dose further because of non-disease related symptoms
- Response to giving synthetic (ACTH [cosyntropin]) is the preferred method to assess adrenocortical function
- Test results should be available within hr to d thereafter
- The standard high-dose ACTH test and the criteria of a normal adrenal response are summarized as follows:**
- Standard high-dose ACTH stimulation test A baseline venous blood sample is taken prior to ACTH injection
- Synthetic ACTH (cosyntropin 250  $\mu$ g [85 nmol, or 40 IU]) is injected IV or IM
- Venous blood is obtained 30 and 60 min. after the injection and serum cortisol concentrations are measured on these and the baseline sample
- If ACTH is given IV a serum cortisol value of >20  $\mu$ g/dL (550 nmol/L) at any time during the test, including before injection, is indicative of a normal adrenal response
- After IM injection, a serum cortisol value of 16  $\mu$ g/dL (440 nmol/L) or more at any time ---- normal adrenal function
- If ACTH stimulation testing indicates normal adrenal responsiveness but a pt continues to have non-disease related symptoms with further attempts to reduce glucocorticoid dosing ---- **CRH stimulation test** " can assess both the ACTH and cortisol responses and may be used instead of the cosyntropin test if there is concern about pituitary function"

**Hematologic disorders**

# Anemia

## Suspect

- Pallor
- History of trauma, or major surgery

## CBC

- Detect **Hgb** level
- Detect **Platelet** count
- Detect **Pancytopenia**

## Workup to detect cause

### Obvious cause

#### Consider

- Bl loss: trauma “4, and bl in the floor”, surgery; bl in the surgical drains, and NGT, coagulopathy
- Nutritional deficiencies
- Erythropoietin deficiency: renal failure, inf.

### Non-obvious cause

#### Consider

- Review numbers of phlebotomies
- Occult bl in the stool
- Abdominal US to detect source of bleeding in trauma “exclude retro-peritoneal hge”, and PO abdominal surgery
- CXR to exclude hemothorax in trauma
- Diagnose hemolysis ---- reticulocytic count, fragmented RBCs

## Manage

- Assess hemodynamic stability and signs of adequate organ perfusion
- Control surgical bleeding
- RBCs transfusion trigger ----- “see next p”
- If pt is anemic with chronic renal failure ---- consider erythropoietin therapy and iron as alternatives to increase bl cell mass
- When pt is able, add iron supplementation in conjunction with bowel regimen
  - Minimize bl loss by decreasing phlebotomy frequency
  - Minimize frequency of labs for subacute pts
  - Serial labs are unnecessary for monitoring solid organ injury
- Optimize nutrition
- Monitor continuously for signs of hypoperfusion with anemia
  - Follow neurologic and mental status, vital signs, end organ perfusion
  - Invasive monitoring indicated by physiology and comorbidities, not by anemia

### Causes of anemia in ICU

- Hemodilution
- Nutritional deficiencies
  - Folic acid - Iron - Vit B
- Coagulopathy
  - Thrombocytopenia - Sepsis
  - Liver dis. - Splenomegaly
- Hemolysis
  - Toxins - Drugs “see table”
- Bl loss
  - Phlebotomies - Trauma
  - Surgery - Stress ulcer
- Erythropoietin deficiency
  - Renal failure- Chronic dis.-Inf.

### Drugs causing hemolysis of anemia in ICU

Mechanism of hemolysis	Common medications
Immune	Cephalosporins/cephamycins
	Cefotetan
	Ceftriaxone
	β lactams
	Penicillin derivatives
Nonimmune	Piperacillin
	Nonsteroidal anti-Inflammator
	Diclofenac
	Ibuprofen
	Antineoplastics
Nonimmune	Fludarabine
	Others
	Methyldopa
	Quinine/quinidine
	Nitrofurantoin
Nonimmune	Phenazopyridine
	Primaquine
	Sulfa drugs

## PRBCs transfusion

### BlLoss

#### 40 % loss (>2000 ml):

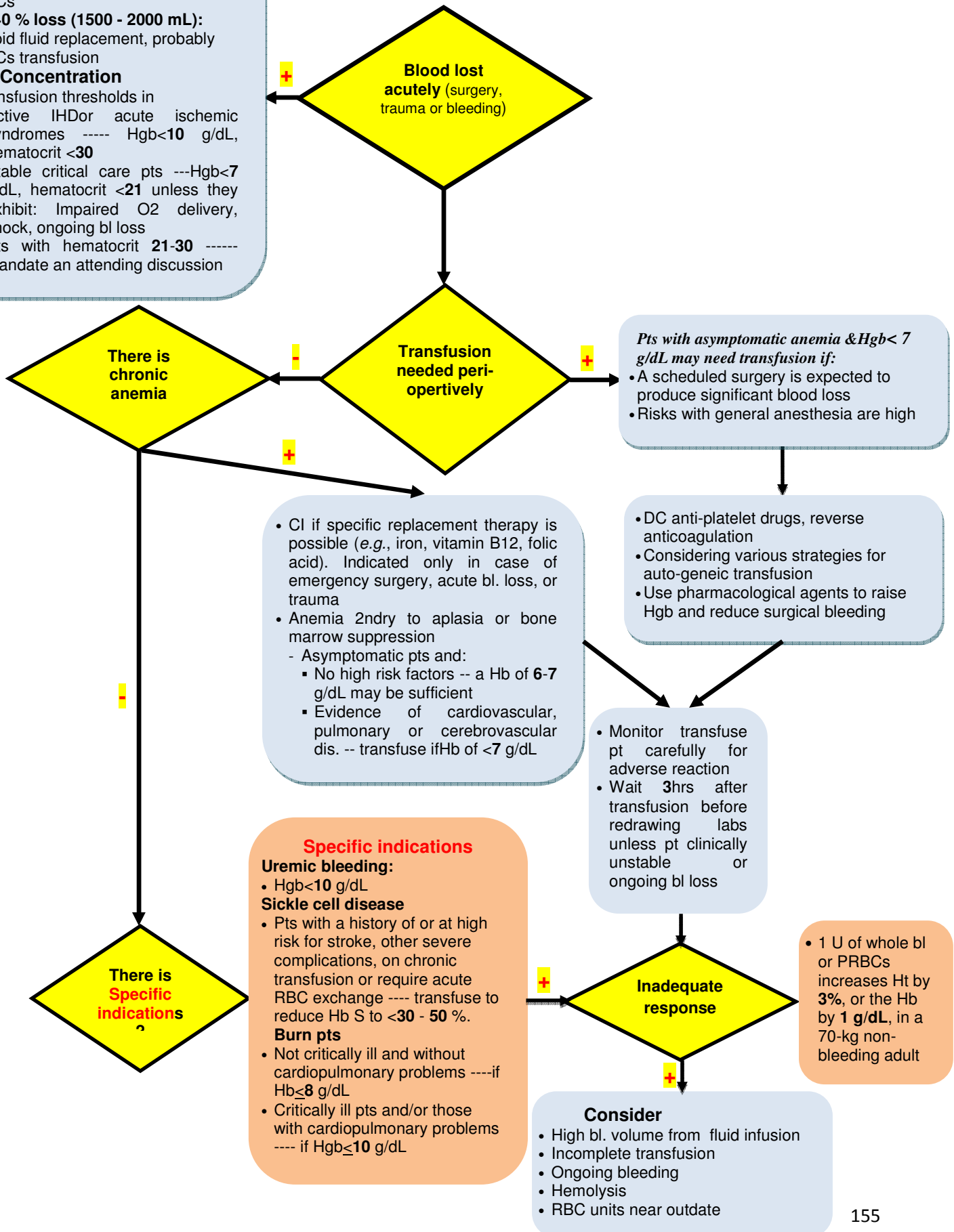
- Rapid fluid replacement, including RBCs

#### 30 - 40 % loss (1500 - 2000 mL):

- Rapid fluid replacement, probably RBCs transfusion

### Hgb Concentration

- Transfusion thresholds in
  - Active IHD or acute ischemic syndromes ----- Hgb < 10 g/dL, hematocrit < 30
  - Stable critical care pts --- Hgb < 7 g/dL, hematocrit < 21 unless they exhibit: Impaired O<sub>2</sub> delivery, shock, ongoing bl loss
  - Pts with hematocrit 21-30 ----- mandate an attending discussion





# Thrombocytopenia

Normal platelet count in adults **150,000-450,000/microL**, 2.5 % of the normal population will have a platelet count **<150,000/microL**. A fall in platelet count to this level may herald severe clinical problems, and requires active follow-up, although thrombocytopenia is not usually detected clinically until count has fallen to levels significantly **<100,000/microL**

**<150,000/microL**

**Suspect**

- Bleeding diathesis
- Petichae, echomisis, purpura
- Massive bl transfusion
- Dis. that cause thrombocytopenia as sepsis

**Platelet count**

**Rule out pseudo-thrombocytopenia**

- If anticoagulation of bl sample is inadequate, the resulting thrombin-induced platelet clumps can be counted as leukocytes by automated cell counters
- Platelet rosetting around neutrophils, monocytes, and rarely, around circulating lymphoma cells. This in vitro phenomenon, induced at room temp. in EDTA-anticoagulated blood has been called "**plateletsatellitism**".
- Administration of murine monoclonal antibody abciximab, which is directed against the GP IIb/IIIa receptor

**Review causes**

**Workup**

**ttt**

## Causes

- **Dilutional thrombocytopenia**; massive bl transfusion
- **Distributional thrombocytopenia**; Splenomegally
- **Decreased production**
  - After viral inf.
  - HIV
  - After Chemo, and radiotherapy
  - Alcohol toxicity
  - Vit B12, folic acid deficiency
  - Cong, acquired bone marrow aplasia "fanconi S"
- **Increased destruction**
  - ITP & SLE
  - Drugs "heparin, vancomycin, piperacilin"
  - Alloimmune destruction "post-transfusion, post-transplant"
  - TTP-HU&DIC
  - Following certain inf. "CMV"
  - HIV
  - Anti-phospholipid S
  - HELLP S
  - Physical destruction during CPB

## Gestational thrombocytopenia

- Mild asymptomatic thrombocytopenia discovered near term, present in about 5 % of pregnant women. The etiology is unknown. It is clinically unimportant, unless count is **<100,000/microL** and there is concern regarding the safety of epidural anesthesia. By definition, this disorder does not cause severe or symptomatic thrombocytopenia, resolves spontaneously following delivery, and is not associated with thrombocytopenia in the infant

## PhE

- Fundus & skin for evidence of bleeding, Examination for lymphadenopathy, hepato-splenomegaly, Examination of the stool for occult blood

## CBC and peripheral smear;

- Estimation of platelet numbers, morphology, presence or absence of platelet clumping, as well as evaluation of associated white and red blood cell changes cannot be over-emphasized. It is important to use CBC and bl smear to help rule in or out TTP and acute leukemia
- Findings that suggest reduced production of platelets as the cause include presence of small platelets, malignant cells, a leuko-erythroblastic bl picture, leukopenia, anemia, and/or large (macrocytic) red cells
- Large platelets (mega-thrombocytes) on peripheral smear without significant bleeding suggest presence of young, hemostatically active platelets in response to peripheral destruction. However, very large platelets, approaching size of red cells, suggest congenital thrombocytopenia
- Other findings that suggest increased peripheral destruction of platelets as the cause of thrombocytopenia include presence of fragmented red cells, hemolytic anemia, increased serum concentration of LDH
- A presumptive diagnosis of ITP is made when the history (eg, lack of ingestion of a drug, beverage, or food that can cause thrombocytopenia), PhE, CBC, and examination of peripheral bl smear do not suggest other etiologies for the isolated thrombocytopenia

**Bone marrow aspiration & biopsy**

- Is indicated in virtually all pts with unexplained thrombocytopenia severe enough to constitute a risk for major bleeding. The only valid exclusion to this requirement is the pt <60 years of age with a presumptive diagnosis of ITP

## Consider hematologic consultation

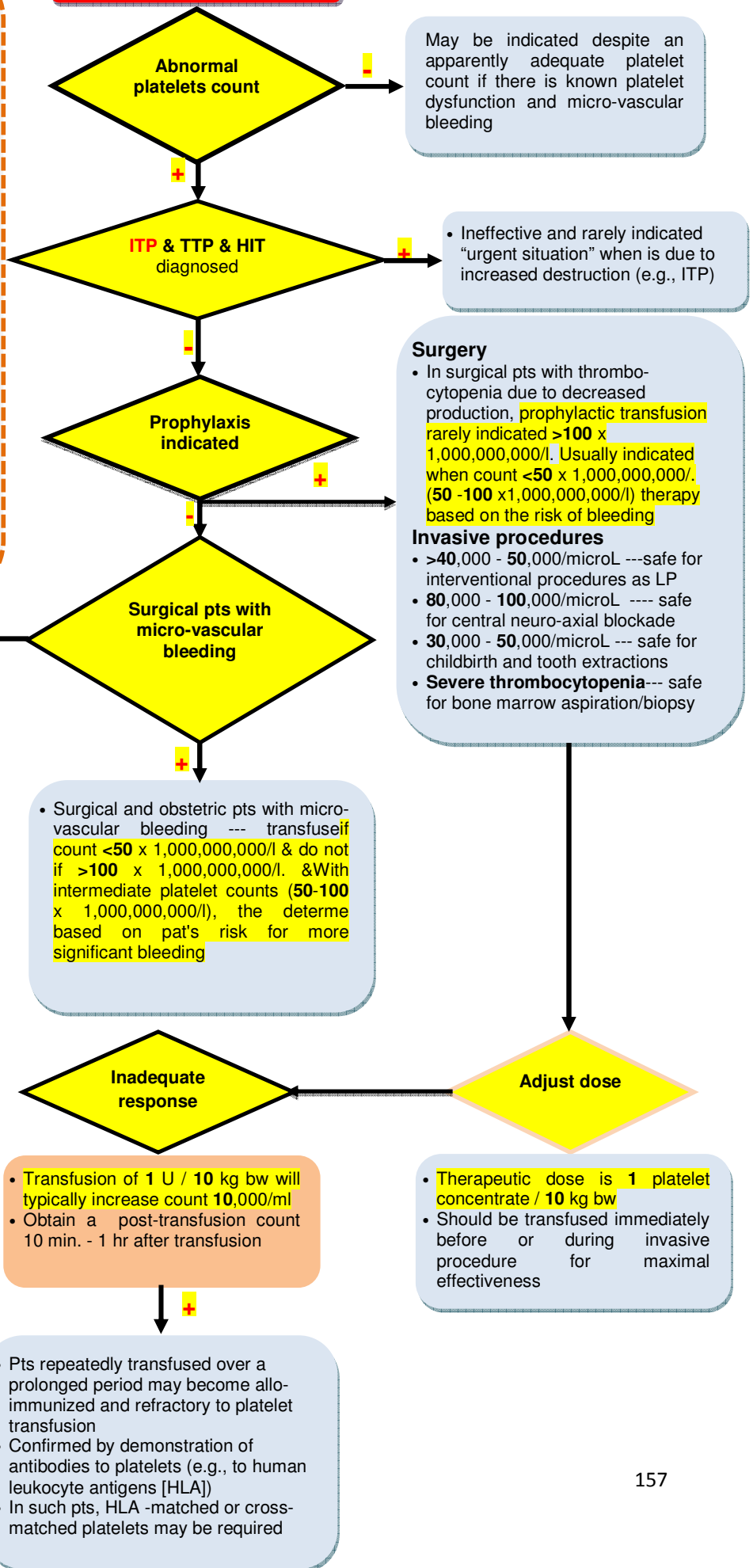
- Stop offending drug, manage **HITS "p158"**
- Thrombocytopenia as part of a multi-system disorder (eg, DIC)---**ttt cause**
- If ttt of underlying cause not possible --- maintain **safe platelet count**"see next p"
- If cause (of any degree of severity) is not clear after retesting and initial evaluation---**Consult hematologist**
- **Safety of ttt with antiplatelet agents and anticoagulants** — Risk of bleeding is increased, but it may not be excessive at platelet counts **>50,000/microL**
- **Emergency management of critical bleeding** — Immediate transfusion of platelets, regardless of the etiology of the thrombocytopenia. Adjunctive ttt with high doses of glucocorticoids, as 1000 mg of **methylprednisolone**, and **IVIg** (0.4 - 1 gm) is also appropriate
- **Invasive procedures** "see next p"
- **Transfusion trigger** "see next p"

## Platelets transfusion

- **"Safe" platelet count** is an imprecise concept without evidence-based varying from disorder to disorder and pt to pt with the same disorder. Considered if all other aspects of hemostasis are normal
- Platelet  $>50,000/\text{microL}$  ---- not recognized unless a platelet count is performed
- Platelet  $30,000 - 50,000/\text{microL}$  --- rare purpura, even with significant trauma
- Platelet counts of  $10,000 - 30,000/\text{microL}$  ----- may be asymptomatic, even with usual trauma of everyday activities. However these pts may be at risk for excessive bleeding following more extensive trauma
- Spontaneous bleeding typically do not occur unless platelet counts are  $<10,000/\text{microL}$ . Such pts commonly have some spontaneous bruises and some petechiae, but even they may be entirely asymptomatic on occasion
- Platelet  $<5000/\text{microL}$  (ie,  $<2\%$  of normal) ----- cause critical spontaneous bleeding
- Pts who have thrombocytopenia primarily caused by increased peripheral platelet destruction (eg, ITP) seem to have less risk for bleeding with severe thrombocytopenia than pts for whom marrow failure is the principal cause of the thrombocytopenia (eg, aplastic anemia)

Do not transfuse

- Chronic ITP**
- Although platelet survival in the circulation of pts with ITP and other disorders with accelerated platelet destruction may not be normal, platelet transfusion, supplemented as necessary with high-dose glucocorticoids or IVIG, nearly always provides prompt satisfactory hemostasis, if only for a short duration
  - 1 W of prednisone  $1 \text{ mg/kg/d}$  can be used, abruptly discontinued afterwards. For pts unresponsive to prednisone --- IVIG  $0.4 - 1 \text{ gm/kg}$  will increase the platelet count to a safe level in 1-3 ds in most pts



# Heparin induced thrombocytopenia syndrome "HITS"

## Type II ( HIT-II)

- Immune-mediated disorder characterized by formation of antibodies against heparin-platelet factor 4 complex. Has also been called **heparin-associated immune thrombocytopenia**, **white clot**, and **syndrome heparin-associated thrombocytopenia and thrombosis**.
- White clot syndrome** refers to platelet-rich arterial thrombosis (rather than fibrin-rich venous thrombosis), which occurs with high frequency in pts who develop this disorder

## Type I heparin-induced thrombocytopenia)

- Typically characterized by a lesser fall in platelet count that occurs within the first 2 ds after heparin initiation and often returns to normal with continued heparin administration
- The mechanism is non-immune and appears to be due to direct heparin effect on platelet activation

## Pretest probability

### Thrombocytopenia

- Count fall  $>50\%$  & nadir  $>20,000$ : **2 points**
- Count fall  $30 - 50\%$  & nadir  $10-19,000$ : **1 points**
- Count fall  $<30\%$  or nadir  $<10,000$ : **0 points**

### Timing of count fall

- Clear onset between ds **5** and **10** or platelet count fall at  $\leq 1$  d if prior heparin exposure within the last **30** ds: **2 points**
- Consistent with fall at **5 - 10** ds but unclear (eg, missing platelet counts), onset after d **10**, or fall  $\leq 1$  d with prior heparin exposure within **30-100** ds: **1 point**
- Count fall at  $<4$  ds without recent exposure: **0 points**

### Thrombosis & other sequelae

- New thrombosis, skin necrosis, or acute systemic reaction after IV UFH bolus: **2 points**
- Progressive or recurrent thrombosis, non-necrotizing skin lesions, or suspected thrombosis which has not been proven: **1 point**
- None: **0 points**

### Other causes for thrombocytopenia

- None apparent: **2 points**
- Possible: **1 point**
- Definite: **0 points**

Any of the following raise possibility of HIT in a pt begun on heparin therapy within the preceding **5-10 ds**, or in a pt receiving prolonged ttt of LMWH

- Onset of otherwise unexplained thrombocytopenia
- Venous or arterial thrombosis associated with thrombocytopenia
- Platelet count fall  $\geq 50\%$  from a prior value, even if there is no absolute thrombocytopenia
- Necrotic skin lesions at heparin injection sites
- Acute systemic (anaphylactoid) reactions (eg, fever/chills, tachycardia, hypertension, dyspnea, cardiac arrest) occur after IV heparin bolus injection

- Low probability (0-3 points)** — Causes for thrombocytopenia other than heparin should be re-evaluated. Lab. testing for HIT is not generally appropriate
- Intermediate & high probability (4-8 points)** — Pts should have all forms of heparin and LMWH immediately stopped and lab. testing for HIT urgently obtained
- Because results of functional assays for HIT may be delayed for as long as 1 w, they are useful only for final confirmation of diagnosis**

- Diagnosis established in a pt with intermediate or high pretest probability and +ve solid phase **ELISA** test for HIT
- The most specific diagnostic tests include serotonin release assays, heparin-induced platelet aggregation assays, and solid phase immunoassays
- Diagnosis is initially made on clinical grounds** "assays with the highest sensitivity & specificity may not be readily available & have a slow turnaround time"

Suspect

Pretest probability

Confirm

ttt

- For intermediate or high pretest probability, and normal renal & hepatic functions --- use non-heparin anti-coagulant (eg **Fondaparinux**) (**Level 1B**). For abnormal renal & normal hepatic function --- use **Argatroban** "standard doses" & **Lepirudin** "reduced doses" **Level 2C**)
- Anticoagulate for at least 2-3 months in absence of a thrombotic event and 3-6 months if occurred (**Level 2C**). Warfarin can be started once pt has been stabilized with a non-heparin anticoagulant and the platelet count has recovered to  $\geq 150,000/\text{microl}$ . Start with low initial doses of warfarin, rather than high "loading" doses. The non-heparin anticoagulant should be continued for at least 5 ds along with warfarin, until platelet count has stabilized and the INR has reached the intended target range

# Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura hemolytic uremic syndrome “TTPHUS”

**Suspect**

• Pts presents with **Micro-angiopathic hemolytic anemia**, **Thrombocytopenia** without apparent alternative etiology without another

**Confirm**

• If neurologic abnormalities, usually fluctuating (eg, confusion, headache, seizures, coma) or renal insufficiency are also present

**ttt**

- Treated urgently with **Plasmaexchange**, rather than with plasma infusion or use of immune-suppressive agents alone (**Level 1A**)
- Plasma exchange should be initially performed daily until the platelet count has normalized and hemolysis largely ceased, as evidenced by a return of the serum LDH concentration to normal
- If plasma exchange is not immediately available, **Plasmainfusion** may serve as temporary ttt
- Adjunctive ttt with **Glucocorticoids** is recommended in (**Level 2C**):
  - If there is no evidence for a drug-induced etiology or a bloody diarrheal prodrom
  - In pts whose platelet counts do not increase within several ds of ttt with plasma exchange
  - In those in whom thrombocytopenia recurs when plasma exchange ttt are diminished or discontinued
- **Platelet transfusion**
  - May lead to new or worsening neurologic symptoms and to acute renal failure, presumably due to production of new or expanding micro-vascular thrombi as the infused platelets are consumed
  - If platelet transfusions are required, either for bleeding or in preparation for an invasive procedure, be aware of the potential risk for adverse effects

**Refractory or recurrent TTP-HUS**

- In pts with a severe course who do not rapidly respond to plasma exchange, worsen with neurologic abnormalities despite plasma exchange plus corticosteroids, or have relapsing disease:
  - Increase plasma exchange to twice daily (**Level 2C**)
- Add **Rituximab** or **cyclosporine** (**Level 1B**)

# Disseminated intravascular coagulation "DIC"

DIC, also called **Consumptioncoagulopathy** and **Defibrinationsyndrome** is a systemic process producing both

## Suspect

- History (sepsis, trauma, malignancy)
- Petechiae and ecchymoses, bl.oozing from wound sites, IV lines, catheters, and mucosal surfaces
- Moderate to severe thrombocytopenia ( $<100,000/\text{microL}$ )

## Confirm

### Acute

- **Clinical** (Bleeding, hepatic dysfunction "jaundice", acute renal failure, pulmonary hge, CNS dysfunction "coma, delirium, and transient focal neurologic symptoms. Micro-thrombi, hge")
- **Lab.** Increased thrombin generation (eg, decreased fibrinogen) and increased fibrinolysis (eg, elevated FDPs and D-dimer); degree of abnormality may correlate with extensiveness of organ involvement

### Chronic

- The above laboratory studies are variable in chronic DIC because a slower rate of consumption of coagulation factors may be balanced by enhanced synthesis of these ptns. In such pts, the diagnosis may be largely based upon evidence of micro-angiopathy on peripheral blood smear and increased f FDPs and particularly, D-dimer

### Severe liver disease

- It may be difficult to distinguish the coagulopathy associated with primary severe liver disease from liver dysfunction often seen in patients with acute DIC

### TTP-HUS

- Pts with TTP-HUS present with thrombocytopenia and a micro-angiopathic blood smear, but usually have normal levels of the coagulation components and little or no prolongation of the PT or aPTT

### Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia

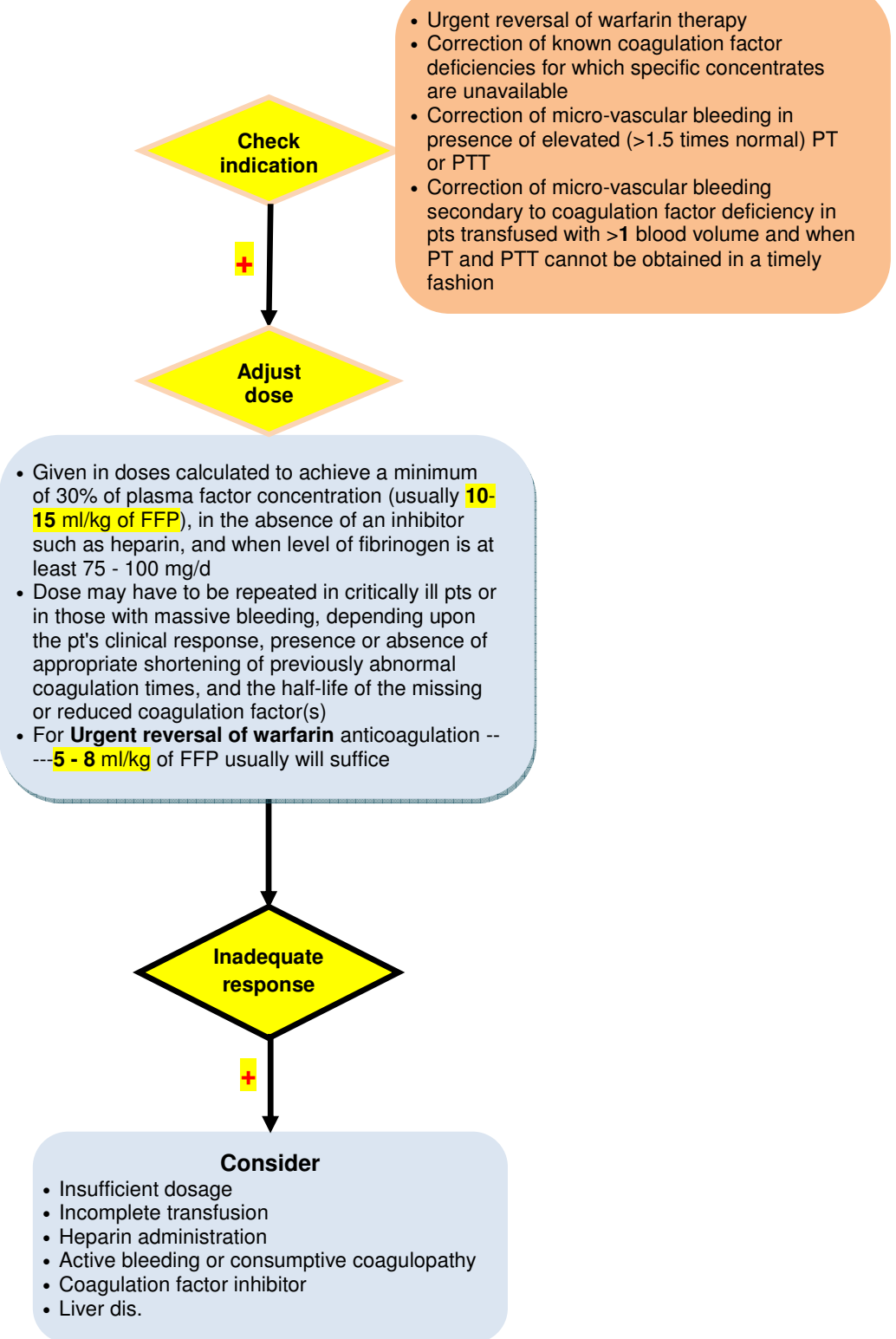
- **Diagnosis of HIT is initially made on clinical grounds**, because the assays with the highest sensitivity and specificity may not be readily available and have a slow turnaround time

## DD

## Manage

- **ttt underlying dis.** (eg, sepsis)
- **Hemodynamic support**
- There is no evidence to support **transfusions** of platelets and coagulation factors in pts who are not bleeding or who are not at high risk of bleeding. Use of one or more of the following supportive modalities for symptomatic pt (**Grade 2C**):
  - **Platelets&Coagulationfactors** is justified in pts who have serious bleeding, are at high risk for bleeding (eg, post- surgery), or require invasive procedures. Pts with marked or moderate thrombocytopenia ( $<50,000/\text{microL}$ ) and serious bleeding should be given platelet
  - Actively bleeding pts with a significantly elevated INR and/or a fibrinogen concentration  $<50 \text{ mg/dL}$ , should receive **FFB** or **Cryoprecipitate** to keep fibrinogen level  $>100 \text{ mg/dL}$
- **Heparin:** generally limited to subset of pts with chronic, compensated DIC who have **predominantly thrombotic manifestations**
  - Be sure that the pt's anti-thrombin (AT) level is near normal (ie, 80-100 %)

## Fresh frozen plasma "FFP" transfusion





## Cryoprecipitate transfusion

- Cellular blood component
- Compatibility test unnecessary
- Rh type considered
- It is preferable to use ABO-compatible cryoprecipitate with the recipient's red cells
- Thawed cryoprecipitate should be kept at room temp. and transfused as soon as possible after thawing or within 6 hrs if it is a closed single U or has been pooled prior to freezing
- Should be transfused within 4 hrs if it is an open system or units have been pooled after thawing
- **Cryoprecipitated antihemophilic factor (CAF or "cryo")** is a concentrate of Factor VIII, von Willebrand's factor, fibrinogen, and Factor XIII
- Each U contains a minimum of **80 U of Factor VIII** and typically **250 mg fibrinogen**
- If the label indicates "**CryoprecipitatedAHF, Pooled,**" several U of cryoprecipitate have been pooled into 1 bag, and volume of the pool is indicated on the label
- Each U of FFP contains 2 - 4 mg of fibrinogen /ml. Therefore, it should be noted that **each U of FFP delivers equivalent amount of fibrinogen as 2 U of cryoprecipitate**

- Prophylaxis in non-bleeding peri-operative or peri-partum pats with congenital fibrinogen deficiencies or von Willebrand's disease unresponsive to **DDAVP** ---- Consult hematologist
- Bleeding pts with von Willebrand's dis.
- Correction of micro-vascular bleeding in massively transfused pts with fibrinogen concentrations **<80-100 mg/dL** (or when cannot be measured in a timely fashion)
- Factor VIII deficiency when Factor VIII concentrate is not available
- Hypo-fibrinogenemia
- Factor XIII deficiency
- Uremic bleeding; decrease bleeding due to uremic platelet dysfunction

Check indication

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Adjust dose

- **1 U cryoprecipitate / 10 kg BW** raises plasma fibrinogen concentration by **50 mg/dL** in absence of continued consumption or massive bleeding
- For **Factor VIII** replacement ---- dose can be calculated assuming **80 U / bag**. Current methods of manufacturing typically yield higher Factor VIII content
- For **Fibrinogen** replacement, the dose can be calculated assuming **250 mg / bag**
- For **Other indications**, given as **1 U / 10 kg**, or a **pool of 10 U** for an adult

### DDVAP

- Standard dose: **0.3 - 0.4 uq /Kg** over 30 min.
- Increases in factor VII:C, VIII : Vwf and platelet adhesion
- Indications
  - Hemophilia A
  - Type I von Willebrand disease
  - Uremic platelet dysfunction

Inadequate response

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Consider

- Inadequate dosage
- Incomplete transfusion
- Presence of a Factor VIII inhibitor
- Bleeding
- IV coagulation

- Clinical response is usually the best
- Factor VIII activity, fibrinogen, or von Willebrand's factor activity should be measured pre-transfusion, 1 hr after transfusion
- **1 U / 10 kg BW** raises plasma fibrinogen by **~ 50 mg/dL** in absence of continued consumption or massive bleeding

## Deep venous thrombosis "DVT"

- **Deep vein thrombosis (DVT)** and **acute pulmonary embolism (PE)** are 2 manifestations of the same disorder, **venousthromboembolism (VTE)**. DVT of the lower extremity is subdivided into 2 categories:
- **Distal** (calf) vein thrombosis, in which thrombi remain confined to the deep calf veins
- **Proximal** vein thrombosis, in which thrombosis involves the popliteal, femoral, or iliac veins. Proximal vein thrombosis is of greater importance clinically, since it is more commonly associated with the development of PE

**Suspect**

- Presence of risk factors "prolonged immobilization, bed rest, obesity, recent surgery, prior episode of VTE, malignancy, oral contraceptive use, pregnancy or post-partum status, stroke, and lowerextremity trauma
- Swelling, pain, and erythema of the involved extremity

**Confirm**

- **PhE**-----palpable cord (reflecting a thrombosed vein), calf or thigh pain, unilateral edema or swelling with a difference in calf diameters, warmth, tenderness, erythema, and/or superficial venous dilation.pain and tenderness in the thigh along the course of the major veins ("**Painful deep vein syndrome**"). Tenderness on deep palpation of the calf muscles is suggestive, but not diagnostic. **Homan's sign** is also unreliable
- **Compression Ultrasonography** ----- if negative, do serial US or IPG
- **Duplex** or **color-flowUS** may be utilized, although there is no proven superiority over compression US alone
- **Venography** when noninvasive testing is not clinically feasible or the results are equivocal
- **MRI** appears accurate for lower extremity DVT (**level II**), it is more expensive than US or IPG and is generally not indicated as the initial diagnostic test

**ttt**

- Initial ttt should be started acutely with **UFH**, **LMWH**, or **Fondaparinux**
- When UFH is used, the dose should be sufficient to prolong aPTT to **1.5 - 2.5** times the mean of the control value, or the upper limit of the normal aPTT range
- **Warfarin** should be initiated simultaneously with the heparin, at an initial oral dose of approximately **5 mg/d**. In elderly pts and in those at high risk of bleeding or who are undernourished, debilitated, or have HF or liver disease, the starting dose should be reduced. The heparin product can be discontinued on d 5 or 6 if the INR has been therapeutic for 2 consecutive ds
- Oral anticoagulation with warfarin should prolong the INR to a target of **2.5** (range: **2.0-3.0**). If oral anticoagulants are CI or inconvenient, long-term therapy can be undertaken with either adjusted-dose UFH, LMWH, or Fondaparinux
- Pts with hemodynamically unstable PE or massive iliofemoral thrombosis (ie, phlegmasiaceruleadolens), and who are also at low risk to bleed, are the most appropriate candidates for use of thrombolytic agents, surgical **Thrombectomy**, or percutaneous mechanical thrombectomy
- Pts with a first DVT due to a reversible or time-limited risk factor (eg, trauma, surgery) and those with a first unprovoked or provoked episode of distal DVT should be treated for at least 3 months
- **Inferior vena caval filter** placement is recommended when there is a CI to, or a complication of, anticoagulant therapy in an individual with, or at high risk for, proximal vein thrombosis or PE

## Pulmonary embolism "PE"

Suspect

- Pt with sudden onset of **Dyspnea**, deterioration of existing dyspnea, or onset of pleuritic chest pain without apparent cause

Modified Wells criteria

### Modified Wells criteria

Criterion	Score*
Clinical signs or symptoms of DVT	3
Alternative diagnosis less likely than PE	3
Heart rate 100 beats per minute	1.5
Immobilization (>3 days) or surgery in last 4 weeks	1.5
Previous history of DVT or PE	1.5
Hemoptysis	1
Active cancer within the last 6 months	1

DVT = deep venous thrombosis; PE = pulmonary embolism.  
Source: Lim W, Korenstein D. Physicians' Information and Education Resource: Pulmonary embolism. Available to ACP members at <http://pier.acponline.org/physicians/diseases/d239/d239.html>.

\*Modified Wells criteria: <2 points = low risk for PE; 2-6 points = moderate risk for PE; >6 points = high risk for PE. Simplified Wells criteria: ≤4 points = PE unlikely; >4 points = PE likely.

PE Unlikely

D-Dimer testing

<500ng/mL or

>500ng/mL

PE excluded

Pulmonary angiography

+ve

PE Likely

CT- PA

-ve

+ve

Inconclusive

Cardiothoracic consultation

- Consider supplemental **O2&MV** if indicated
- Administer initial **IV fluid** (> 500 - 1000 mL)
- Vasopressor** therapy If unresponsive to IV fluids
  - Use **Norepinephrine** as initial agent (**Level 2C**)
  - Dopamine, Epinephrine, and a combination of dobutamine + Norepinephrine may be effective
- If there is no excess risk of bleeding, initiate empiric anticoagulation immediately and continue during the diagnostic evaluation (**Level 1B**)
  - In hemodynamically stable pt, use SC **LMWH (Level 1A)**
  - In pts with persistent hypotension or severe renal failure, use IV **UFH (Level 2C)**
- For pt with confirmed PE who are persistently hypotensive due to PE, have no CI to thrombolysis, and accept increased risk of bleeding, start **Thrombolytic therapy (Level 2B)**
  - Place **IVC filter** in pt who have CI, or complications to anticoagulation, or recurrent PE despite therapeutic anticoagulation (**Level 2C**).
  - If thrombolysis fails or contraindicated, do **Catheter or surgical Embolectomy (Level 2C)**

## **Critical care drug summary**

## Vasopressors & Inotropes

Drug	Receptor affinity	Dose	Adverse effects	Special consideration
<b>Nor-epinephrine</b>	Alfa1 > B1	<b>0.05 – 1.25</b> uq/Kg/min.	Tachycardia& peripheral GI ischemia	
<b>Epinephrine</b>	B1 > Alfa1 Low dose ---alfa Large dose ----B	<b>0.05 – 1</b> uq/Kg/min.	Tachycardia& peripheral GI ischemia	
<b>Dopamine</b>	DA BI Alfa1	<5uq/Kg/min. <b>5-10</b> uq/Kg/min. >10uq/Kg/min.	Tachycardia Arrhythmias	Renal protective doses should not be used
<b>Vasopressin</b>	VI	<b>0.01 – 0.04</b> U/min.	Cardiac&mese ntric ischemia, skin lesion	Doses > 0.04 U/min. causes cardiac ischemia
<b>Dobutamine</b>	BI&B2	<b>5-20</b> uq/Kg/min.	Arrhythmias Hypotension	

### Relative vasopressor activity

#### Alfa activity

Norepinephrine = epinephrine > Dopamine

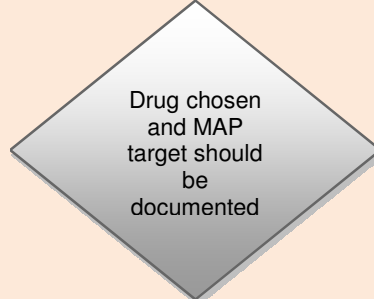
Strongest



Weakest

Dopamine > epinephrine > Norepinephrine

#### B activity



## Anti-arrythmic drugs

Drug	Indication	Dose	Special consideration
<b>Adenosine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paroxysmal SVT with re-entrant circuits includes AV node" AVNRT, AVRT"</li> </ul>	<b>6 mg</b> IV bolus, if unsuccessful give up to 2 doses of <b>12 mg</b> after 1-2 min. interval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has extremely short half life "10-15s"</li> <li>Give as a rapid bolus into a rapid running IV infusion, or followed by rapid flush</li> <li>Warn pt of undesirable side effects as nusea, flushing, and chest discomfort</li> <li>CI ---- asthma</li> </ul>
<b>Amiodrone</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To control hemo-dynamically stable mono-morphic VT &amp; poly-morphic VT and wide complex tachycardia of uncertain origin</li> <li>To control rapid ventricular rate caused by accessory pathway conduction in pre-excited atrial arrhythmias "AF", or achieve electrical cardioversion</li> <li>After successful electrical cardioverion to achieve chemical cardioversion, or to increase the likelihood of further electrical cardioversion success</li> </ul>	<b>300 mg</b> IV over 10-60 min., according to the hemodynamic stability , followed by <b>900 mg</b> infusion over 24 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is preferable to other anti- arrythmics for atrial, and ventricular arrythmias, if cardiac functions are impaired</li> <li>Major side effects as hypotension and bradycardia can be minimized by slowing the infusion rate.</li> <li>Give via CV catheter whenever, possible, otherwise given via a large peripheral line in emergency "it causes thrombo-phelbitis"</li> </ul>
<b>B-blockers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Narrow complex regular tachycardia uncontrolled by vagal maneuvers, or adenosine in pts with preserved cardiac function</li> <li>Control rate in AF, flutter when ventricular function is maintained</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Propanolol</b> "B1,2 " <b>100uq/Kg</b> IV slowly in 3 equal doses at 2-3 min. interval</li> <li><b>Esmolol</b>"selective B1" <b>500uqlKg</b> IV over 1 min., followed by titrated doses of <b>50-200uq/Kg /min.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Side effects include;bradycardia, bronchospasm, AV conduction delay, and hypotension</li> <li>CI ---- hypotension, severe CHF, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3rd HB, and lung diseases associated with bronchospasm</li> </ul>
<b>Verapamil</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As B blockers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>2.5-5 mg</b> IV over 2 min.</li> <li>In absence of a therapeutic response or undesirable side effects, give repeated doses of <b>5-10 mg</b> over 15-20 min. to a maximum of <b>20 mg</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If given in VT ---- cause cardiovascular collapse</li> <li>Reduce contractility ,and COP in pt with severe LV dysfunction</li> </ul>
<b>Mg</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ply-morphic VT "torsades de pointes"</li> <li>Digoxin toxicity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>2gm</b> peripherally over 2 min.</li> <li>May repeat once if necessary</li> </ul>	



## Emergent Anti-hypertensive drugs

Drugs	Dose	Onset	Duration	Adverse effects
<b>Esmolol</b>	Bolus <b>500</b> uq Continuous <b>25-300</b> uq/Kg/min. Titrate by <b>50</b> uq/Kg /min./4 min	<b>60 s</b>	<b>10-20 min.</b>	Bradycardia
<b>Labetalol</b>	Bolus <b>10-20 mg</b> Double dose at 10 min. interval till <b>80 mg</b> Continuous <b>2-10 mg/min.</b> Titrate by <b>1 mg /min.</b>	<b>2-5 min.</b>	<b>2-6hr</b>	Bradycardia
<b>Verapamil</b>	<b>0.075 -0.15 mg/Kg</b>	<b>3-5 min.</b>	<b>0.5-6hr</b>	Bradycardia
<b>Hydralazine</b>	Bolus <b>2.5 -5 mg</b> Continuous <b>10-200</b> uq/min.	<b>5-15 min.</b>	<b>3-10hr</b> <b>10-20 min.</b>	Lupus Tachycardia
<b>Nitroglycerine</b>	<b>10-200</b> uq/min Titrate increase <b>5-10</b> uq / min. /5-10 min.0.25-0.5	<b>2-5 min.</b>	<b>10-20 min.</b>	Tachycardia
<b>Na nitroprusside</b>	<b>0.5-10</b> uq/Kg/min. Titrate <b>0.25-0.5</b> uq/Kg/min./2-3 min.	<b>3s</b>	<b>1-2min.</b>	Tachyphylaxis Muscle twich

Oral anticoagulant



Mechanical prosthetic heart valves

- The recommended target INRs are given in the table
- If embolic event occurs during anticoagulation within target, elevate INR target or add anti-platelet drugs (2C)

Bio-prosthetic heart valve

- In the mitral position should receive 3 ms of anticoagulation with warfarin with an INR target of 2.5 (1B)
- History of systemic embolism ---at least 3 ms anticoagulation with warfarin with an INR target of 2.5 (1C)
- Left atrial thrombus at surgery should receive warfarin until the clot has resolved with an INR target of 2.5 (1C)
- Other pro-thrombotic risk factors, as AF and low ventricular EF, should receive warfarin with INR target of 2.5 (1C)

MI and cardiomyopathy

- MI ----- INR target for anticoagulation is 2.5 (2A)
- Dilated cardiomyopathy --- INR target of 2.5 (2C)

VTE

- 1st episodes of VTE ---- INR target of 2.5 (1A)
- Warfarin + parenteral anticoagulation (1A) which continue for at least 5 ds and INR >2 for at least 24 hrs (1C)
- Recurrent VTE whilst anti-coagulated and within the therapeutic range --- INR target of 3.5 (2C)

Anti-phospholipid S

- INR target should be 2.5

AF

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Cardio-version

- Anticoagulated with warfarin for at least 3 ws prior to and 4 ws post cardioversion with a target INR of 2.5 (2C). Target INR of 3.0 can be used prior to the procedure

Mitral stenosis or regurgitation

- Who have AF (1A) or a history of systemic embolism (1A) or left atrial thrombus (1A) or an enlarged leftatrium (2C) should receive warfarin with an INR target of 2.5

Duration of initial anticoagulation

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- Isolated calf veinDVT is employed,ttt of such clots can be restricted to 6ws (1A)

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Rapid induction regimens for pts with acute Thrombosis

- No evidence to suggest a 10 mg loadingdose is superior to a 5 mg loading dose. However in theelderly lower initiation doses or age-adjusted doses maybe more appropriate as they lead to fewer high INRs (2B)

Induction of anticoagulation in outpatients with AF

- For outpatients who do not require rapid anticoagulationa slow-loading regimen is safe and achieves therapeuticanti-coagulation in majority of pts within 3-4 ws (2C)

Major bleeding

- Stocka 4-factor prothrombin complex concentrate"PCC"(1C)
- Emergency reversal ---25-50 u/kg 4-factorprothrombin complex concentrate and 5 mg IVvitamin K (1B)
- FFB produces suboptimal anticoagulationreversal and should only be used if prothrombincomplex concentrate is not available (1C)
- Recombinant factor VIIa not used for emergent reversal (1B)

Non major bleeding

- Pts with an INR >5.0& not bleeding ---- 1-2 doses of warfarin withheld & reduce theirmaintenance dose (1B)
- Investigate for causes of elevated INR (1C)
- NR >8. 0---- 1-5 mg of oral vitamin K (1B)

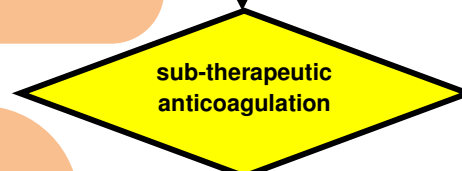


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- For surgery that requires reversal of warfarin and that can be delayed for 6–12 h, the INR can be corrected by giving IV vitamin K. For surgery that requires reversal of warfarin and which cannot be delayed, for vitamin K to have time to take effect the INR can be corrected by giving PCC and IV vitamin K. PCC should not be used to enable elective or non-urgent surgery (2C)

- All pts on warfarin with TBI should have their INR measured as soon as possible (1C)
- A lower threshold for performing a head CT scan should be used for pts on warfarin (2C)
- Pts on warfarin presenting with a strong suspicion of intra-cerebral bleed should have their anticoagulation reversed before the results of any investigations (2C)



#### Sub-therapeutic anticoagulation in the 1st m after acute VTE

- Bridging therapy should be considered if the INR is <therapeutic within the 1st m of acute VTE

#### Pts on antiplatelet therapy who develop an indication for warfarin

- Pts receiving an anti-platelet agent as 1<sup>st</sup> prophylaxis for cardiovascular dis. on developing an indication for warfarin should stop their antiplatelet agent (1B)
- Pts with peripheral artery dis. or previous ischaemic stroke on antiplatelet therapy should stop this agent if warfarin is commenced (1B)
- Pts on aspirin or clopidogrel as 2<sup>nd</sup> dry prophylaxis with stable IHD (often defined as >12 ms following acute MI) should stop their antiplatelet agent while being treated with warfarin (2B)
- Pts on a single antiplatelet agent <12 ms following an ACS, who require to start warfarin therapy should continue aspirin therapy until 12 ms post ACS, unless they are regarded as having a high bleeding risk (2B)
- Pts on aspirin and clopidogrel, following an ACS or stent placement, who develop an indication for warfarin should be carefully assessed for bleeding risk and discussed with their cardiologist, with a view to introducing warfarin and minimizing the duration of triple therapy (2C). When combined warfarin and single antiplatelet agent are indicated, consideration should be given to use of aspirin given the higher bleeding risk associated with clopidogrel (2C)

#### Pts on warfarin who develop an indication for antiplatelet agents

- Pts requiring a coronary artery stent, should be considered for bare metal stent (rather than drug-eluting stent) which would only necessitate triple therapy for 4 ws, followed by aspirin and warfarin to 12 ms (2B)
- Pts who do not undergo PCI should be considered for 4 ws triple therapy, after which clopidogrel should be stopped, and aspirin continued for a further 11 ms (2C)



#### Recommended target INRs for mechanical heart valves

(Level 2B) [adapted from Vahanian et al (2007), copyright (2007), with premission from Oxford University Press].

Prosthesis Thrombogenicity*	INR target No patient risk factors	INR target Patient-related risk factors†
Low	2.5	3.0
Medium	3.0	3.5
High	3.5	3.5†

\*Prosthesis thrombogenicity: Low: Carbomedics (aortic position), Medtronic Hall, St Jude Medical (without suture); Medium: Björk-Shiley, other bileaflet valves; High: Starr-Edwards, Omniscience, Lillehei-Kaster.

†Patient-related risk factors for thrombosis: Mitral, tricuspid or pulmonary position; Previous arterial thromboembolism; Atrial fibrillation; Left atrium diameter >50 mm; Mitral stenosis of any degree; Left ventricular ejection fraction <35%; Left atrial dense spontaneous echo contrast.

‡Was 4.0 in Vahanian et al (2007).

## UFH

### CI

- Hypersensitivity to heparin
- Increased risk for hemorrhagic complications
- Pts who are actively bleeding
- Thrombocytopenia
- <72 hrsPO
- Recent hemorrhagic stroke

### Check CI

### Prescribe

### Review initial order

- The prescriber initiate heparin protocol by writing an order in the order form
- The order must specify the intended dosing regimen and if an initial bolus is desired
  - **Low** Intensity Regimen – acute MI treated with alteplase, tenecteplase orabciximab/epitifibatide/tirofiban(*note: no bolus is recommended if <6 hrs from arterial sheath removal*)
  - **Medium** Intensity Regimen – non-ST segment myocardial infarction, mechanical valve
  - **High** Intensity Regimen – established VTE, ventricular/atrial thrombus

- Use heparin 1000 units/mL vial for bolus
- Use heparin 25,000 units/500 mL D5W premixed bags

Regimen	Bolus Dose (units/kg)	Maximum Bolus (units)	Initial Infusion (units/kg/hr)	Maximum Initial Infusion Rate (units/hr)
Low	60	4000	12	1000
Medium	70	7000	15	1400
High	80	10,000	18	2000

Make calculations using actual body weight

### Order labs

- Stat baseline aPTT and INR/P
- Hematocrit and platelet count every other day until D 14, beginning the day of initiation
- Stat aPTT 6 hrs after initiation of heparin
- Repeat stat aPTT 6 hrs after each adjustment

### Titration

- Stat aPTT 6 hrs after initiation and 6 hrs after any dose change. Adjust heparin infusion as indicated in the dosing adjustment table until aPTT is therapeutic. Use supplemental bolus if ordered
- Once 3 consecutive aPTTs (drawn / 6 hrs) are therapeutic, order routine aPTT only / 24 hrs. If dose adjustment again becomes necessary, recheck aPTT in 6 hrs and repeat the process

### Monitor

- /8 hrs: Inspect line/surgical/wound sites for bleeding & check pt forematomas, bruising, and respiratory symptoms
- Provider should be notified if:
  - Baseline aPTT>34s or baseline INR >1.2
  - Hgb decreases by >2 g/dL from baseline or platelets <100,000/microliter or platelets decrease by >1/3 of baseline value
  - aPTT is <38 s or >84 s if pt is on low or medium intensity regimen
  - aPTT is >45 s or >85 s if pt is on higitensity regimen
  - Pt has any deterioration in neurologic status

## Titration

### Low and Medium Intensity (Arterial Thrombosis) Heparin Anticoagulation Dose Adjustments

aPTT (seconds)	Bolus/Hold	Infusion
<34	Give supplemental bolus if ordered & inform MD	↑ 100 units/hr = ↑ 2 mL/hr
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38-44	0	↑ 50 units/hr = ↑ 1 mL/hr
45-54	0	NO CHANGE
55-64	0	↓ 50 units/hr = ↓ 1 mL/hr
65-84	0	↓ 100 units/hr = ↓ 2 mL/hr
85-100	Hold infusion 1 hour & inform MD	↓ 150 units/hr = ↓ 3 mL/hr
101-125	Hold infusion 1 hour & inform MD	↓ 200 units/hr = ↓ 4 mL/hr
>125	Hold infusion 1 ½ hour & inform MD	↓ 200 units/hr = ↓ 4 mL/hr

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71-85	0	↓ 100 units/hr = ↓ 2 mL/hr
86-100	Hold infusion 1 hour & inform MD	↓ 150 units/hr = ↓ 3 mL/hr
101-125	Hold infusion 1 hour & inform MD	↓ 200 units/hr = ↓ 4 mL/hr
>125	Hold infusion 1 ½ hour & inform MD	↓ 200 units/hr = ↓ 4 mL/hr

- If 2 consecutive aPTTs are >125 s, pt should not be maintained on the heparin protocol ---Consult Hematologist
- If 2 consecutive aPTTs are sub-therapeutic ---Consult hematologist

## Oral anticoagulant

### Indications & Target INR

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### Non major bleeding

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- Investigate for causes of elevated INR (1C)
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### Duration

### Initiation

### Pre-operative

### Bleeding

- Pre-operative carries a lower risk of bleeding than PO bridging. PO bridging should not be started until at least 48 hrs after high bleeding risk surgery (1C)
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**TBI**

**Sub-therapeutic anticoagulation**

**Sub-therapeutic anticoagulation in the 1st m after acute VTE**

- Bridging therapy be considered if the INR > therapeutic within the 1st m of acute VTE

**Pts on antiplatelet therapy who develop an indication for warfarin**

- Pts receiving an anti-platelet agent as 1<sup>st</sup> prophylaxis for cardiovascular dis. on developing an indication for warfarin should stop their antiplatelet agent (1B)
- Pts with peripheral artery dis. or previous ischaemic stroke on antiplatelet therapy should stop this agent if warfarin is commenced (1B)
- Pts on aspirin or clopidogrel as 2<sup>nd</sup> dry prophylaxis with stable IHD (often defined as >12 ms following acute MI) should stop their antiplatelet agent while being treated with warfarin (2B)
- Pts on a single antiplatelet agent <12 ms following an ACS, who require to start warfarin therapy should continue aspirin therapy until 12 ms post ACS, unless they are regarded as having a high bleeding risk (2B)
- Pts on aspirin and clopidogrel, following an ACS or stent placement, who develop an indication for warfarin should be carefully assessed for bleeding risk and discussed with their cardiologist, with a view to introducing warfarin and minimizing the duration of triple therapy (2C). When combined warfarin and single antiplatelet agent are indicated, consideration should be given to use of aspirin given the higher bleeding risk associated with clopidogrel (2C)

**Pts on warfarin who develop an indication for antiplatelet agents**

- Pts requiring a coronary artery stent, should be considered for bare metal stent (rather than drug eluting stent) which would only necessitate triple therapy for 4 ws, followed by aspirin and warfarin to 12 ms (2B)
- Pts who do not undergo PCI should be considered for 4 ws triple therapy, after which clopidogrel should be stopped, and aspirin continued for a further 11 ms (2C)

**Pt on anti-platelets**

**Recommended target INRs for mechanical heart valves**

(Level 2B) [adapted from Vahanian et al (2007), copyright (2007), with premission from Oxford University Press].

Prosthesis Thrombogenicity*	INR target No patient risk factors	INR target Patient-related risk factors†
Low	2.5	3.0
Medium	3.0	3.5
High	3.5	3.5‡

\*Prosthesis thrombogenicity: Low: Carbomedics (aortic position), Medtronic Hall, St Jude Medical (without suture); Medium: Björk-Shiley, other bileaflet valves; High: Starr-Edwards, Omniscience, Lillehei-Kaster.

†Patient-related risk factors for thrombosis: Mitral, tricuspid or pulmonary position; Previous arterial thromboembolism; Atrial fibrillation; Left atrium diameter >50 mm; Mitral stenosis of any degree; Left ventricular ejection fraction <35%; Left atrial dense spontaneous echo contrast.

‡Was 4.0 in Vahanian et al (2007).



## UFH

### CI

- Hypersensitivity to heparin
- Increased risk for hemorrhagic complications
- Pts who are actively bleeding
- Thrombocytopenia
- <72 hrsPO
- Recent hemorrhagic stroke

### Check CI

### Prescribe

### Review initial order

- The prescriber initiate heparin protocol by writing an order in the order form
- The order must specify the intended dosing regimen and if an initial bolus is desired
  - **Low** Intensity Regimen – acute MI treated with alteplase, tenecteplase or abciximab/epitifibatide/tirofiban (*note: no bolus is recommended if <6 hrs from arterial sheath removal*)
  - **Medium** Intensity Regimen – non-ST segment myocardial infarction, mechanical valve
  - **High** Intensity Regimen – established VTE, ventricular/atrial thrombus

- Use heparin 1000 units/mL vial for bolus
- Use heparin 25,000 units/500 mL D5W premixed bags

Regimen	Bolus Dose (units/kg)	Maximum Bolus (units)	Initial Infusion (units/kg/hr)	Maximum Initial Infusion Rate (units/hr)
Low	60	4000	12	1000
Medium	70	7000	15	1400
High	80	10,000	18	2000

Make calculations using actual body weight

### Order labs

### Titration

### Monitor

- Stat aPTT 6 hrs after initiation and 6 hrs after any dose change. Adjust heparin infusion as indicated in the dosing adjustment table until aPTT is therapeutic. Use supplemental bolus if ordered
- Once 3 consecutive aPTTs (drawn / 6 hrs) are therapeutic, order routine aPTT only / 24 hrs. If dose adjustment again becomes necessary, recheck aPTT in 6 hrs and repeat the process

- Stat baseline aPTT and INR/P
- Hematocrit and platelet count every other day until D 14, beginning the day of initiation
- Stat aPTT 6 hrs after initiation of heparin
- Repeat stat aPTT 6 hrs after each adjustment

- /8 hrs: Inspect line/surgical/wound sites for bleeding & check pt for ecchymosis, bruising, and respiratory symptoms
- Provider should be notified if:
  - Baseline aPTT >34s or baseline INR >1.2
  - Hgb decreases by >2 g/dL from baseline or platelets <100,000/microliter or platelets decrease by >1/3 of baseline value
  - aPTT is <38 s or >84 s if pt is on low or medium intensity regimen
  - aPTT is >45 s or >85 s if pt is on high intensity regimen
  - Pt has any deterioration in neurologic status

### Titration

#### Low and Medium Intensity (Arterial Thrombosis) Heparin Anticoagulation Dose Adjustments

aPTT (seconds)	Bolus/Hold	Infusion
<34	Give supplemental bolus if ordered & inform MD	↑ 100 units/hr = ↑ 2 mL/hr
34-37	Give ½ supplemental bolus if ordered & inform MD	↑ 100 units/hr = ↑ 2 mL/hr
38-44	0	↑ 50 units/hr = ↑ 1 mL/hr
45-54	0	NO CHANGE
55-64	0	↓ 50 units/hr = ↓ 1 mL/hr
65-84	0	↓ 100 units/hr = ↓ 2 mL/hr
85-100	Hold infusion 1 hour & inform MD	↓ 150 units/hr = ↓ 3 mL/hr
101-125	Hold infusion 1 hour & inform MD	↓ 200 units/hr = ↓ 4 mL/hr
>125	Hold infusion 1 ½ hour & inform MD	↓ 200 units/hr = ↓ 4 mL/hr

#### High Intensity (Venous Thromboembolism) Heparin Anticoagulation Dose Adjustments

aPTT (seconds)	Bolus/Hold	Infusion
<34	Give supplemental bolus if ordered & inform MD	↑ 100 units/hr = ↑ 2 mL/hr
34-44	Give ½ supplemental bolus if ordered & inform MD	↑ 100 units/hr = ↑ 2 mL/hr
45-54	0	↑ 50 units/hr = ↑ 1 mL/hr
55-70	0	NO CHANGE
71-85	0	↓ 100 units/hr = ↓ 2 mL/hr
86-100	Hold infusion 1 hour & inform MD	↓ 150 units/hr = ↓ 3 mL/hr
101-125	Hold infusion 1 hour & inform MD	↓ 200 units/hr = ↓ 4 mL/hr
>125	Hold infusion 1 ½ hour & inform MD	↓ 200 units/hr = ↓ 4 mL/hr

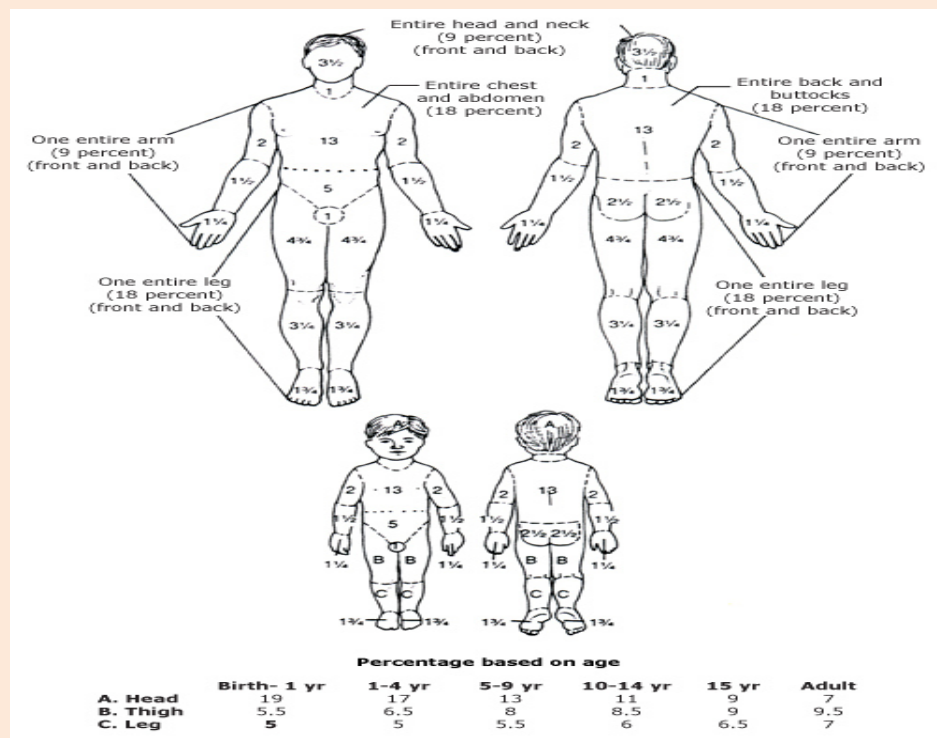
- If 2 consecutive aPTTs are >125 s, pt should not be maintained on the heparin protocol ---Consult Hematologist
- If 2 consecutive aPTTs are sub-therapeutic ---Consult hematologist

## Toxins Antidotes

Poison/syndrome	Antidote(s)	Adult dose
<b>Acetaminophen</b>	N-acetylcysteine (Mucomyst 20%)	Initial oral dose: 140 mg/kg, then 70 mg/kg q 4h x 17 doses
<b>Anticholinergic agents</b>	Physostigmine (Antilirium)	Initial dose: 0.5-2.0 mg slow IV over 3-5 min
<b>Benzodiazepines</b>	Flumazenil (Romazicon)	Initial dose: 0.1-0.2 mg IV over 30-60 sec, repeat 0.1-0.2 mg IV ever prn up to 1.0 mg
<b>Beta-blockers</b>	1) Glucagon 2) Calcium 3) Insulin + dextrose	1) Initial dose: 5-10 mg IV bolus, then 2-10 mg/hr IV infusion 2 Calcium chloride 10%: 1 gm (10 cc) IV; repeat as necessary 3) Insulin load: 0.5 units/kg IV bolus, then 0.5-1.0 U/kg/h IV Dextrose 10% IV infusion (with KCl) - titrate to euglycemia
<b>Calcium-channel blockers</b>	1) Calcium	1) Calcium chloride 10%: 1-4 gm (10-40 cc) IV; repeat as necessary
<b>Carbon monoxide</b>	2) Glucagon	2) Initial dose: 5-10 mg IV bolus, then 2-10 mg/hr IV infusion
<b>Crotalid snakebite</b>	3) Insulin + dextrose Oxygen ± hyperbaric chamber Wyeth polyvalent crotalidae antivenin (equine)	3) Insulin load: 0.5 units/kg IV bolus, then 0.5-1.0 U/kg/h IV 100% oxygen by ventilator or NRB; high-flow oxygen by tight-fitting 1 Mild: 3-5 vials; moderate: 6-10 vials; severe: 10-20 vials Mix reconstituted antivenin in 1000 ml NS over 4-6 hours
<b>Cyanide</b>	1) Amyl nitrate pearls	1) 1 ampule by inhalation for 15 sec every 3 min until IV access
	2) Sodium nitrite (3% solution) 3) Sodium thiosulfate (25%)	2) 10 ml (300 mg) IV over 3 min 3) 50 ml (12.5 g) IV over 10 min
<b>Digitalis</b>	Digoxin immune Fab (Digibind)	1) (# mg ingested x 0.8) ÷ 0.6 = #vials needed 2) (Dig concentration [in ng/ml] x 5.6 x kg [weight]) ÷ 600 = #vials 3) Empiric dose: 10 vials (acute poisoning); 1-3 vials (chronic) 4) Reconstitute Digibind in NS and administer IV over 5-30 min
<b>Ethylene glycol</b>	1) Ethanol 10% in D5W ± hemodialysis	1) Initial load: 10 ml/kg IV of 10% ethanol over 30 min, then 1.5 ml/kg infusion (titrate drip to serum ethanol 100 mg/dL); double to triple inf during hemodialysis
<b>Methanol</b>	2) Fomepizole [4-MP] (Antizol) ± hemodialysis	2) Initial load: 15 mg/kg IV over 30 min, then 10 mg/kg every 12 hou 30 min (re-bolus during HD)
<b>Heparin</b>	Protamine sulfate	1 mg neutralizes 90-115 U heparin; Initial dose: 1 mg/min to total do mg in 2 h
<b>Hydrofluoric Acid</b>	Calcium gluconate	1) Topical Cagluconate gel 3 percent applied for 1-2 days; or2) Intra SQ Cagluconate injection 5 percent at burn site (0.5 mL/cm2 burn ai Regional intravenous (Bier block): 10 ml 10 percent in 40 mL NS injc locally in venous system x 20-30 min4) IntraarterialCaglu 10 percer ml in 40 ml NS over 4 hrs; repeat as necessary until pain relief
<b>Iron</b>	Deferoxamine (Desferol)	15 mg/kg/h IV infusion until urine color clears or patient clinically wel exceed 6 gm/24 h)
<b>Isoniazid</b>	Pyridoxine (Vitamin B6)	Initial dose: 1 gm pyridoxine for every gm INH ingested or empiric 5 over 10 min if amount ingested unknown
<b>Lead</b>	2,3-dimercaptosuccinic acid [DMSA] (Succimer); 100 mg cpsl	30 mg/kg po in three divided doses x 5 days, then 20 mg/kg in twice doses x 14 days; repeat therapy prn after 2 week rebound
<b>Mercury</b>	British antilewisite, dimercaprol (BAL); in peanut oil	Initial dose: 4-6 mg/kg IM every 4-6 h x 2 days
<b>Arsenic</b>		
<b>Gold</b>		
<b>Methemoglobinemia</b>	Methylene blue (1 percent solution)	Initial dose: 1-2 mg/kg (0.1-0.2 mL/kg) IV over 5 min; repeat prn
<b>Opiates</b>	Naloxone (Narcan) Nalmefene, naltrexone	Initial dose: 0.1-2.0 mg IV push (opioid dependent patients should re mg IV every 30-60 sec until clinical response); synthetic opiates may to 10 mg for initial reversal dose
<b>Organophosphates</b>	1) Atropine	1) Initial dose: 0.5-2.0 mg IV; repeat q 3-5 min until sweat and secre clear
<b>Carbamates</b>	2) Pralidoxime [2-PAM] (Protopam)	2) Initial dose: 1 gm IV over 15 min, then IV infusion of 3-4 mg/kg/h 1 hrs or until clinical toxicity resolves
<b>Nerve agents</b>	Octreotide (Sandostatin) + dextrose	Initial dose: 50-100 mcg SQ or IV, then 50 mcg q 12 h until euglycer maintained without supplemental dextrose
<b>Sulfonylurea</b>	Sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO3)	Initial dose: 1-2 ampules (50-100 mEq) IV push, then IV infusion to r blood pH 7.45-7.55 and PCO2 30 mmHg (Usual drip: 3 amps NaHC D5W infused at 200-250 mL/h)
<b>Tricyclic antidepressants</b>		

**Appedix**

## TBSA of burned patient



## Equations

### Creatinine clearance

$$\text{Cockcroft-Gault GFR} = (140 - \text{age}) * (\text{Wt in kg}) * (0.85 \text{ if female}) / (72 * \text{Cr})$$

*Use MD-calculator*

### Ideal body weight

1- Determine pt height

2- *Use MD-calculator*

### Corrected Ca for hypocalcemia

$$0.8 * (4 - \text{serum albumin}) + \text{Serum Ca}$$

### Fractional excretion of Na (FENa)

$$\text{Plasma creatinine} * \text{Urinary Na} / \text{Plasma Na} * \text{Urinary creatinine}$$

- <1 ----- Prerenal
- >1 ----- Renal
- >4 ----- Postrenal

### Mean arterial blood pressure

$$1/3 \text{ Systolic pr} + 2/3 \text{ Diastolic pr}$$

## Apache score II

**A. Total Acute Physiology Score** (*use MD calculator*)

**B. Age points** (years) (*use MD calculator*)

**C. Chronic Health Points** (see below)

Total APACHE II Score (add together the points from A+B+C)

**Chronic Health Points:** If the pt has a history of severe organ system insufficiency or is immunocompromised as defined below, assign points as follows:

immunocompromised state must have been evident **prior** to this hospital admission and conform to the following criteria:

- **Liver** – biopsy proven cirrhosis and documented portal hypertension; episodes of past upper GI bleeding attributed to portal hypertension; or prior episodes of hepatic failure/encephalopathy/coma.
- **Cardiovascular** – New York Heart Association Class IV.
- **Respiratory** – Chronic restrictive, obstructive, or vascular disease resulting in severe exercise restriction (i.e., unable to climb stairs or perform household duties; or documented chronic hypoxia, hypercapnia, secondary polycythemia, severe pulmonary hypertension (>40 mmHg), or respirator dependency.
- **Renal** – receiving chronic dialysis.
- **Immunocompromised** – the patient has received therapy that suppresses resistance to infection (e.g., immunosuppression, chemotherapy, radiation, long term or recent high dose steroids, or has a disease that is sufficiently advanced to suppress resistance to infection, e.g., leukemia, lymphoma, AIDS).

**Interpretation of Score:**

Score	DeathRate (%)
0-4	4
5-9	8
10-14	15
15-19	25
20-24	40
25-29	55
30-34	75
>34	85



## Glasgow coma scale "GCS" & Full outline of unresponsiveness score

**Table 1: Definition of the FOUR score and the Glasgow Coma Score**

FOUR score	Glasgow Coma Scale
<b>Eye response</b> 4 = eyelids open or opened, tracking, or blinking to command 3 = eyelids open but not tracking 2 = eyelids closed but open to loud voice 1 = eyelids closed but open to pain 0 = eyelids remain closed with pain	<b>Eye response</b> 4 = eyes open spontaneously 3 = eye opening to verbal command 2 = eye opening to pain 1 = no eye opening
<b>Motor response</b> 4 = thumbs-up, fist, or peace sign 3 = localising to pain 2 = flexion response to pain 1 = extension response to pain 0 = no response to pain or generalised myoclonus status	<b>Motor response</b> 6 = obeys commands 5 = localising pain 4 = withdrawal from pain 3 = flexion response to pain 2 = extension response to pain 1 = no motor response
<b>Brainstem reflexes</b> 4 = pupil and corneal reflexes present 3 = one pupil wide and fixed 2 = pupil or corneal reflexes absent 1 = pupil and corneal reflexes absent 0 = absent pupil, corneal, and cough reflex	<b>Verbal response</b> 5 = oriented 4 = confused 3 = inappropriate words 2 = incomprehensible sounds 1 = no verbal response
<b>Respiration</b> 4 = not intubated, regular breathing pattern 3 = not intubated, Cheyne-Stokes breathing pattern 2 = not intubated, irregular breathing 1 = breathes above ventilator rate 0 = breathes at ventilator rate or apnoea	

FOUR score = Full Outline of UnResponsiveness.



**Cardiac arrest sheet**

Sign.: .....

Pt Name:.....

Date.../.../20...

Time....am pm.

Bed.....

Witnessed+ -

Nurse:.....

Attendant doctors:.....

Rhythm.....

**Intervention:**

Possible causes:.....

EtCO2 :..... CV ABGs: PH..... PaCO2..... HCO3..... Time of resuscitation: .....Min.

Drugs given ..... DC given.....

**Pre-arrest signs:**

	Sign	Time	Intervention
Consc. level	.....	.....	.....
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BIPr	.....	.....	.....
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Seizures	.....	.....	.....
HR	.....	.....	.....
Rhythm	.....	.....	.....
RR	.....	.....	.....
Spo2	.....	.....	.....

**Comments:**.....  
.....**Recommendations:**.....  
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## Consultation form

Date....../....../20...

Pt

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Age: .....Y

Admission date....../....../20...

Department

Provisional diagnosis.....

Level of consultant: Resident Assist. LecturerSenior consult.

Urgency of consultation Urgent Within 2hrs Within 24 hrs.

### Brief History

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### Indications of consultation

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Sign: .....

Delivery time .....

Sign.: .....

### Consultation notes

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Conclusion: .....

### Drugs prescribed:

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### Investigations ordered:

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Sign.: .....

## Initiation of ventilation sheet

**Pt Name:**.....

**IBW** .....

**Date:** ...../...../20.....

**Time:**..... am pm

**Indication of ventilation:** Apnea RF Impending RF Refractory hypoxemiaOthers.....

**Most probable pathology:** .....

**Patient candidate for NIV+ -NIV tried + -NIV succeeded + -**

**ETT needed + - Adverse events during intubation.....**

**Adverse events post-intubation&vent.....**

**Ventilatory objectives**

**Ventilatory workup** "radiology-consultation-analgesia-etc,,"

<b>ABG</b>	SaO2			
	PaO2			
	P/F			
	HCO3			
	PaCO2			
	PH			
<b>Monitored data</b>	WOB			
	Dyn. Compliance			
	Stat Compliance			
	RR			
	MAP			
	Pplat			
	PIP			
	VTE			
<b>Ventilator Setting</b>	Triggering			
	PEEP			
	Flow cycling of PS			
	PS			
	Rise time			
	P Max			
	Peak flow			
	Pi			
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	I : E			
	R R			
	VT			
	FiO2			
	Mode			
	<b>Time</b>	<b>Before</b>	<b>Just after</b>	<b>Within 30 min.</b>

Date.../.../20...

## Ventilator flow sheet

**Sign.:** .....

Pt Name.....

Day

ABG	BE					
	SaO2					
	PaO2					
	HCO3					
	PaCO2					
	PH					
Monitored data	RSBI					
	P/F					
	RR					
	MAP					
	Pplat					
	PIP					
	VTE					
Ventilator settings	PEEP					
	PS					
	Flow					
	I:E					
	VT					
	RR					
	FiO2					
	Mode					
	Action					
Time						
Event						



## Daily screening for weaning

1. Weaning / Daily Screening (If All Y, Go To 2)			
Resolved Underline Cause	Y   N	Can initiate respiratory effort	Y   N
P/F ratio >200	Y   N	FiO2 ≤ 40 %	Y   N
PEEP ≤ 5	Y   N	Temp. ≤ 38 C°	Y   N
Hb > 8	Y   N	No need for heavy sedation	Y   N
Minimal presors & inotropes	Y   N		
2. Calculate RSBI (if Y, Go To 3 )			
RSBI ≤ 100	Y   N		
RR < 35	Y   N	HR & BI pr.stability "< 20% of baseline"	Y   N
SaO2> 90% ± FiO2 10 % higher	Y   N	Normal WOB	Y   N
T V > 5 ml / kg during CPAP	Y   N	I C P < 20 mmHg	Y   N
SBT ≥ 30-120 Min (.....min )	Y   N	SBT No "....."	1   2   3
4. Readiness for Extubation (If All Y, Extubate)			
No excessive secretion	Y   N	Effective Cough	Y   N
GCS ≥ 8	Y   N	+ Ve Cuff Leak	Y   N
5. Pt. is candidate for Weaning / Extubation or Not / Plan			
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If Extubated      Postextubation Events:			
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# Patient progression sheet

Date: ...../...../20.....

Sign.: .....

PtName:.....

Day

## Major progress in different body systems

**Cerebro-**

**vascular:**.....  
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**Cardio-vascular:**

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**Respiratory:**.....  
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**Renal&Electrolytes & Acid base:** .....  
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### Change in referral plan

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### Change in ICU plan

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**Radiology**.....

**Procedures**.....

## Physiotherapy

**plan**.....

## Secondary trauma survey

Pt Name:.....

Date...../...../20.....

Part	Lesion	Y	e	s	N	o	Description	Plan	Sign	Investigations
<b>Head</b>										<b>Blood</b> Hb..... Glucose..... Creatinine..... Cross match..... Pregnancy test.....  <b>X-ray</b> C-spine ..... ..... CXR ..... ..... Pelvis ..... .....
<b>Scalp</b>	Laceration									
<b>Scull</b>	Vault fr									
	Basal fr suspected									
<b>Face</b>	Laceration									
	Fracture									
	Midface/maxilla instability									
<b>Eyes</b>	Orbit.globe or eye lid injury									
	Decreased visual acuity									
<b>Ears</b>	Hemotympanuim									
	CSF leak									
<b>Nose</b>	Bleeding									
<b>Mouth</b>	Tooth fr									
<b>Neck</b>	C-spine injury suspected									<b>Ultrasound"FAST"</b>
	Soft tissue injury "larynx"									
	Laceration through platysma									
<b>Chest</b>	Fr ribs									<b>Dpl</b>
	Flail segment									
	Open pnemothorax									
	Surgical emphysema									
	Pnemothorax									
	Hemothorax									
	Pulmonary contusion									
<b>Abdomen</b>	Skin contusion/abrasion									<b>CT head</b> ..... ..... ..... ..... <b>Angiography</b> Aorta ..... ..... Peripheral ..... <b>CT chest</b> ..... ..... ..... ..... <b>Cystogram</b> ..... <b>Urethrogram</b> ..... <b>ECG</b> ..... .....
	Distension									
	Guarding									
	Tenderness									
<b>PP</b>	Lax anal tone									
	Blood									
	High prostate									
<b>PV</b>	Injury									
<b>Peri-neum</b>	Blood at meatus									
	Hematuria									
<b>Ortho-pedic Injury</b>	Spinal									
	Shoulder girdle									
	Upper limb									
	Wrist/Hand									
	Pelvis									
	Lower limb									
	Ankle/Foot									

Sign:.....

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<b>Positioning</b>							
Supine							
<b>Special consideration</b>							
<b>O2 therapy</b>							
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Target							
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<b>Pressor&amp;Ino-trope</b>							
Drug 1							
Start rate							
Target MAP or...							
Drug 2							
Start rate							
Target MAP or...							
Drug 3							
Start rate							
Target MAP or...							
<b>Intense insulin therapy</b>							
Target BI sugar							
<b>Therap.Heparin</b>							
Target a PTT							
<b>Pnematic cuff compression</b>							
Start							
DC							
<b>EN</b>							
Cont. gastric							
Intermit. gastric							
Post-pyloric							
Oral							
DC							
<b>Lab./ CXR</b>							
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Type / Time	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
<b>Stop sedation</b>							
At 6 am							
<b>Start Sedation</b>							
Light/Time							
Heavy/Time							
<b>Morph. /Fent. Inf.</b>	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
<b>Other orders</b>							
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Pt Name:.....

## Peri-operative sheet

Date: .../.../20.....

### Pre-operative

Anesrhetist.....

#### Medical history

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#### Presentation

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#### Investigations

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#### Anesth.Plan /Preparation

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Date: .../.../20.....

### Intra&Post-operative

Anesrhetist.....

#### Anesthesia given

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#### Fluids/blood component given

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#### Uneventful events.....

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#### Recovery.....

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#### ICU presentation

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ICU doctor.....