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Introduction

This manual is a compilation of helpful hints, high yield facts, and introductions to many clinical topics that you will encounter in your clinical years of medical education. Use it as a starting point and supplement with other more exhaustive references as needed.

This is your time to learn from your team and from your patients, and to learn to enjoy medicine. Work hard, eat, sleep, enjoy yourself, and remember that you are not alone.

Disclaimer

Every effort was made to make this handbook as accurate as possible; however, the accuracy and completeness of the recommendations are not guaranteed. Don't forget to think for yourself.

If you have suggestions for improvements or changes in future editions of this manual, please e-mail them to Trish Zander in A-300 at uwaoa@uw.edu

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL CLERKSHIPS

ADMISSION ORDERS – ADC VAAN DIMLS (Post-op orders too)

<u>Admit</u>	Unit, team, attending, resident, intern, student
<u>Diagnosis</u>	Reason for admission, working diagnoses (pancreatitis, MI)
<u>Condition</u>	Satisfactory, serious, guarded, critical, etc.
<u>Vitals</u>	Frequency (per routine); specify telemetry, neuro checks, O2 sats
<u>Allergies</u>	Indicate drug and nature of allergic reaction
<u>Activity</u>	Ad lib or as tolerated, up in chair, ambulate TID, BR w/ BRP
<u>Nursing</u>	I&O's, daily weights, bedside spirometry, wound care and dressing changes, drains (Foley to gravity). Call HO for T>38.5, HR>110, <60, SBP >160, < 90, RR> 30, < 8, UOP < 30 cc/hr
<u>Diet</u>	Regular, ADA, low salt, clear liquids, soft foods diet, NPO, advance as tolerated
<u>IV Fluids</u>	Indicate solution, additives, volume, and rate of flow, e.g. D51/2NS w/ 20 mEq KCl at 100cc/hr. Heplock with q shift flush, TKO = to keep open. If multiple lines or lumens are present, write a separate order for each
<u>Meds</u>	Name, dose, route, and frequency for all scheduled and PRNs
<u>Labs</u>	CBC, Chem 7, etc. Also include ECG and imaging.
<u>Special</u>	For orders that do not fall into above categories

ADMISSION NOTE

<u>ID/CC</u>	One sentence describing patient and reason for admission
<u>Problem List</u>	
<u>HPI</u>	Don't forget pertinent + and -, relevant social and family hx
<u>PMH</u>	Medical and surgical history, diagnoses, and dates
<u>Meds</u>	Usually list outpatient meds
<u>Allergies</u>	
<u>Family Hx</u>	
<u>Social Hx</u>	
<u>Substance use</u>	
<u>ROS</u>	
<u>PE</u>	
<u>Labs</u>	
<u>Imaging</u>	
<u>Assessment</u>	Approach either by list of problems or by organ system. For each problem, include a differential diagnosis and brief explanation.
<u>Plan</u>	Again, by list of problems or by organ system. Consider further diagnostic measures and treatment. Include labs, meds, consults, procedures, etc.

DAILY PROGRESS NOTE

Date/Time, Service, MS3 Note

<u>ID</u>	Identify patient, include HD#, abx day#, POD#
<u>E</u>	Events (overnight pt had episodes of hypoxia)
<u>S</u>	Subjective - complaints, events, symptoms, pain
<u>O</u>	VS, weight, I&O, PE, labs, imaging
<u>A</u>	Assessment
<u>P</u>	Plan

DISCHARGE ORDERS

<u>D/C</u>	To home, nursing home, SNF, etc.
<u>Diagnoses</u>	#1_____, #2_____, #3_____
<u>D/C Meds</u>	Include length of continuation
<u>Diet</u>	Include if special considerations (ADA, NPO before surgery)
<u>Activity</u>	Note restrictions for work, sports, bathing or showering, weight-bearing
<u>Follow-up</u>	Include MD, clinic, date, time for appts, dressing changes, labs

DISCHARGE SUMMARY

<u>Date of admission</u>	
<u>Date of discharge</u>	
<u>Admission / Discharge diagnoses</u>	
<u>H&P, procedures, consults</u>	
<u>Admission medications</u>	
<u>Hospital course</u>	List by diagnoses/system or by time course
<u>D/C medications</u>	
<u>Disposition</u>	Nursing home, SNF, rehab
<u>Follow-up</u>	Appointments, instructions

PROCEDURE NOTE

<u>Date/Time</u>	
<u>Procedure</u>	Paracentesis, chest tube placement, etc.
<u>Permit</u>	Explained to pt by ____, indications/risks discussed, questions answered
<u>Indication</u>	Ascites, concern for meningitis, etc.
<u>Labs</u>	Include INR, CBC, or creatinine if relevant
<u>Physician(s)</u>	
<u>Description</u>	Area prepped and draped in a sterile fashion. (Describe the anesthetic used and how it was administered). Describe technique including instruments, body location, type of needles and suture used, etc. Also include any relevant findings.
<u>Specimens</u>	Cultures and/or labs sent, specimens sent to pathology, etc.
<u>Complications</u>	
<u>Estimated Blood Loss</u>	None, minimal, amount in cc
<u>Disposition</u>	Pt alert, oriented, and resting; breathing nonlabored; neurovascularly intact; incision clean, dry, and intact, etc.

WRITING PRESCRIPTIONS

Write neatly. Include patient's name, allergies, medication name, strength, and dosing.

Sig: Frequency of administration

Disp: Amount to dispense

Date/Time
Patient Name
Allergies: NKDA
Medication: Furosemide 40 mg
Sig: 1 PO bid
Disp: #60
Refills 2
Signature

SIGNING NOTES

Give your name, MS3, pager number, and leave room for the co-signer.

PRESENTING A PATIENT (From Dr. McGee's guidelines)

1. Concisely present relevant information from the history, PE and labs/imaging to demonstrate your understanding of the patient's condition and approach to initial management. Strive for 4-5 minutes (less on surgery) and a memorized presentation, except for lab values.
2. Include major presenting symptoms, pertinent positives/negatives, and work-up of complaint prior to hospital admission in HPI.
3. Avoid repetition, disorganization, and editorial comments. Practice before you present.

Format:

- a. ID/CC
- b. HPI
- c. Other active medical problems
- d. Meds/allergies/substance use/pertinent social history. Do not present ROS (pertinent +/- belong in HPI, rest of ROS is left out)
- e. PE, including vital signs. Can do relevant positives/negatives or full PE, depending on situation and team preference
- f. Labs, imaging. Compare to prior if available
- g. Assessment/plan/hospital course to date

ICU PRESENTATION

ID/CC, HD#

24-hour events

Changes in management, big events

Subjective

Rare because patients are usually intubated

Lines

Know number of days each has been in

Drips and rate

Pressors, diuretic, sedatives, etc.

Antibiotics

Drug and day#

Vitals

Tmax, Tcurrent, BP range, HR range, RR, SaO2

Ventilator settings

Mode, TV, actual RR, set RR, FiO2, PEEP

Weaning parameters

RR, TV, NIF, minute ventilation, RSBI

ABG

pH / pCO2 / pO2, HCO3 / SaO2

Swan data

CVP / PAP / Wedge / Cardiac Output & Index / SVR

I&O

24-hour volumes (have breakdown of each in case asked)

Drains

PE

Pertinent findings

Labs / micro

Follow trends and have info available if important

Imaging

Usually CXR plus any other studies

Assessment & Plan by System: For each system, state problem and how you plan to treat or fix it. If there are no issues, state "Stable, no issues".

Neuro

ID

Resp / Pulm

FEN

CV

Prophylaxis

GI

Endocrine

Renal

Disposition

Heme

Code Status

IMMUNIZATIONS

You must be current with all immunizations to participate in 3rd and 4th year clerkships. This includes an annual TB test and all immunizations required by the School of Medicine. Many

sites outside of Seattle require you to provide results of your most recent TB test, so it is wise to carry a copy with you. Contact myshots@u.washington.edu for more information.

UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS

1. Hand washing: Essential. Wash hands before and after leaving a patient room, after performing procedures, after eating or using restroom, and after removing gloves.
2. Gloves: Use when contact with body fluids is anticipated. Change gloves and wash hands between patients.
3. Gowns: Used to cover skin or clothing that may become soiled with body fluids or substance during a procedure.
4. Eye protection/mask: Use whenever there is a risk of splashing or spraying of body fluids into mouth, nose, or eyes. Also use for airborne diseases (TB, pertussis)
5. Isolation: Used for patients with active TB, primary varicella, measles, mumps, rubella.
6. Sharps: Do not recap contaminated needles. Discard sharps in appropriate containers. Take care when passing sharps and inform others of sharp location to prevent accidental injury or needle sticks.

EXPOSURE PROCEDURES

If exposed to blood/body fluids, immediately:

1. Remove soiled clothing and wash exposed area with soap and water.
2. Notify attending physician, resident, or site coordinator.
3. Note the severity and type of exposure and likelihood that patient is at risk for HIV infection.
4. If you have questions about your exposure or believe you are a candidate for the antiretroviral post-exposure prophylaxis protocol, call these numbers:

In Seattle:

UWMC Campus Health Services (206) 598-4848 7:30am to 4 pm M-F
Or MEDCON 1-800-326-5300
Or UWMC Emergency Department (206) 598-4000

Outside of Seattle:

Call MEDCON or UWMC Emergency Department

If you have additional questions, call Doug Paauw, M.D., at (206) 598-6190 (pager)

5. Request venous blood from the source patient to be sent for HIV/HBV antibody testing. Follow rules/regulations of the hospital/clinic/state for HIV counseling and testing. Have a venous blood sample drawn from yourself and store. No specific storage procedures are necessary. If test result from source patient is positive for HIV, have your blood tested.

EQUATIONS

Nephrology

$$\text{Anion Gap} = \text{Na} - [\text{Cl} + \text{HCO}_3]$$

$$\text{Nml } 12 \pm 2$$

$$\text{Urine Anion Gap} = U_{\text{Na}} + U_{\text{K}} - U_{\text{Cl}}$$

$$\text{Delta Gap} = (\text{AG} - 12) + \text{HCO}_3$$

>30 = metabolic alkalosis

<23 = non-AG metabolic acidosis

$$\text{Creatinine Clearance} = \frac{\text{Urine creatinine mg/dL} \times \text{urine volume mL/day}}{\text{Plasma creatinine mg/dL} \times 1440 \text{ min/day}}$$

$$\text{Creatinine Clearance} = \frac{140 - \text{age (yrs)}}{\text{Serum creatinine mg/dL} \times 72} \times \text{weight kg} \quad (\times 0.85 \text{ if woman})$$

$$\text{FeNa} = \frac{\text{Urine Na} \times \text{Plasma Cr}}{\text{Urine Cr} \times \text{Plasma Na}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Calculated serum osmolality} = (2 \times \text{Na}) + \frac{\text{BUN}}{2.8} + \frac{\text{Glu}}{18} + \frac{\text{EtOH}}{4.6}$$

Osmolal Gap = measured osm – calculated osm

>10 think about methanol, ethylene glycol, sorbitol, mannitol

$$\text{Total Body Water} = \text{lean body mass (kg)} \times 0.6 \text{ (male)} \text{ or } 0.5 \text{ (female)}$$

$$\text{Free Water Deficit} = \frac{0.4 \times \text{lean body weight}}{140} \times [\text{plasma Na} - 1]$$

$$\text{Corrected Sodium (hyperglycemia)} = \text{measured Na} + [(\text{glu} - 100) \times 1.6 / 100]$$

$$\text{Corrected Calcium (hypoalbumin)} = \downarrow \text{Ca } 0.8 \text{ mg/dL for every } 1 \text{ g/dL } \downarrow \text{ in Alb. below } 4.0$$

Predicted Acid-Base Compensations

Acute Resp. Acidosis HCO_3 up 1 for every 10 increase in pCO_2

Chronic Resp. Acidosis HCO_3 up 3-4 for every 10 increase in pCO_2

Acute Resp. Alkalosis HCO_3 down 2 for every 10 decrease in pCO_2

Chronic Resp. Alkalosis HCO_3 down 4-5 for every 10 decrease in pCO_2

Metabolic Acidosis predicted $\text{CO}_2 = 1.5(\text{HCO}_3) + 8 \pm 2$

Metabolic Alkalosis $\text{pCO}_2 = 0.6(\text{HCO}_3) + 40$

Cardiology

$$\text{MAP} = \frac{\text{SBP} + (2 \times \text{DBP})}{3}$$

$$\text{SVR} = \frac{80 \times [\text{MAP} - \text{RA pressure}]}{\text{Cardiac output L/min}} \quad \text{PVR} = \frac{80 \times [\text{mean PA pressure} - \text{mean PCWP}]}{\text{Cardiac output L/min}}$$

$$\text{Cardiac Output (CO)} = \text{HR} \times \text{SV}$$

$$\text{NI } 4-8 \text{ L/min}$$

$$\text{Cardiac Index (CI)} = \frac{\text{CO}}{\text{BSA}}$$

$$\text{NI } 2.5-4.0 \text{ L/min; BSA} = \sqrt{\frac{\text{ht in cm} \times \text{wt in kg}}{3600}}$$

$$QT_c = \frac{QT}{\sqrt{RR}}$$

Pulmonary

$$PAO_2 = (P_b - PH_2O) \times FiO_2 - (PaCO_2 \times 1.25)$$

$$\text{At sea level, room air} = 150 - (PaCO_2 \times 1.25)$$

$$(A - a) \text{ gradient} = PAO_2 - PaO_2$$

$$\text{Tidal Volume (Vt)} = V_d (\text{dead space}) + V_a (\text{alveolar space})$$

$$\text{Dead Space} = \frac{PaCO_2 - PeCO_2}{PaCO_2}$$

$$\text{Minute ventilation (Ve)} = \frac{0.863 \times V_{CO_2} \text{ (mL/min)}}{PaCO_2 \times (1 - V_d/V_t)}$$

$$\text{Static compliance} = \frac{V_t}{P_{\text{plateau}} - P_{\text{end expiration}}}$$

Misc

$$\text{Corrected Reticulocyte count} = (\% \text{retic} / 2) \times (\text{Hgb} / \text{nmI Hgb})$$

$$\text{BMI} = \text{weight in kg} / \text{height (m}^2\text{)}$$

	Disease +	Disease -
Test +	A True Positive	B False Positive
Test -	C False Negative	D True Negative

$$\text{Sensitivity} = A / A + C$$

$$\text{Specificity} = D / B + D$$

$$\text{PPV} = A / A + B$$

$$\text{NPV} = D / C + D$$

CONVERSIONS

Temp Conversion

Celsius	Fahrenheit
34.0	93.2
35.0	95.0
36.0	96.8
37.0	98.6
38.0	100.4
39.0	102.2
40.0	104.0
41.0	105.8
42.0	107.6

$$F = (1.8 \times C) + 32$$

$$C = (F - 32) / 1.8$$

Unit Conversions

$$1 \text{ inch} = 2.54 \text{ cm}$$

$$1 \text{ foot} = 0.305 \text{ m}$$

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

$$1 \text{ gal} = 3.79 \text{ L}$$

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

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

$$1 \text{ lb} = 0.45 \text{ kg}$$

$$1 \text{ cm} = 0.394 \text{ inches}$$

$$1 \text{ m} = 3.291 \text{ ft}$$

$$1 \text{ ml} = 0.0338 \text{ fl oz}$$

$$1 \text{ L} = 0.264 \text{ gal}$$

$$1 \text{ Tbsp} = 15 \text{ ml}$$

$$1 \text{ gram} = 0.0352 \text{ oz}$$

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

PHYSICAL SIGNS AND EPONYMS

Argyll-Robertson pupil: Small, irregular, unequal pupils that do not react to light but react to accommodation

Babinski's sign: Extension of big toe (toes upgoing) with stimulation of plantar surface

Battle's sign: Ecchymosis behind ear, associated with basilar skull fractures

Bell's palsy: Lower motor neuron lesion of the facial nerve affecting upper and lower face

Bisferiens pulse: Double-peaked pulse in severe aortic insufficiency

Bouchard's nodes: Hard, non-tender nodules on dorsolateral aspects of PIP joints.

Associated with osteoarthritis

Brudzinski's sign: Flexion of the neck causes hips to flex. Seen in meningitis

Cheyne-Stokes respirations: Repeating cycles of gradual increase in depth of breathing followed by gradual decrease to apnea. Seen with CNS disorders, uremia.

Chvostek's signs: Tapping of facial nerve causes facial spasm in hypocalcemia

Cullen's sign: Ecchymosis around the umbilicus associated with retroperitoneal bleeding

Doll's eyes: Conjugated movement of eyes in one direction as the head is briskly moved in the other direction. Tests oculocephalic reflex in comatose patients.

Dupuytren's contracture: Contracture of the 4th and 5th digits due to proliferation of fibrous tissue of palmar fascia. Seen in alcoholics, individuals with seizure

Heberden's nodes: Hard, non-tender nodules of the dorsolateral aspects of the DIP joints seen in osteoarthritis

Hegar's sign: Softening of the distal uterus, seen in early pregnancy

Hoffman sign or reflex: Flicking of the volar surface of the distal phalanx causes fingers to flex. Associated with pyramidal tract disease.

Homan's sign: Calf pain with forceful dorsiflexion of the foot. Seen with DVT.

Horner's syndrome: Unilateral miosis, ptosis, anhidrosis. Due to destruction of the unilateral superior cervical ganglion (lung carcinoma)

Janeway lesion: Erythematous or hemorrhagic lesions on palms, soles in subacute bacterial endocarditis

Kernig's sign: Extension of leg from flexed position elicits pain. Seen in meningitis

Kussmaul respirations: Deep, rapid respiratory pattern seen in DKA, coma

Levine's sign: Clenched fist over chest describing chest pain. Assoc. with angina, acute MI.

Marcus-Gunn pupil: Dilation of the pupils with swinging flashlight test. Due to unilateral optic nerve disease.

McBurney's point: Point located 1/3 of the distance between ASIS and umbilicus. Tenderness associated with acute appendicitis

Moro reflex: Abduction of the hips and extension of the arms when infant's head/upper body are suddenly dropped several inches. Normal reflex in infancy.

Murphy's sign: Severe pain and inspiratory arrest with RUQ palpation. Seen in cholecystitis.

Obturator sign: Flexion and lateral rotation of the thigh elicits pain. Seen in appendicitis and pelvic abscess.

Osler's nodes: Tender, red, raised lesions on hands or feet. Seen in subacute bacterial endocarditis.

Pancoast's syndrome: Carcinoma of the apex of lung resulting in arm or shoulder pain from involvement of brachial plexus and Horner's syndrome from involvement of superior cervical ganglion.

Phalen test: Flexion of wrists by opposing dorsum of hands against each other. Positive test results in pain and tingling in the distribution of the median nerve.

Psoas sign: Extension and elevation of the right leg produces pain when psoas muscle is inflamed in appendicitis.

Pulsus alternans: Fluctuation of the pulse pressure with every other beat. Seen in aortic stenosis and congestive heart failure.

Quickne's sign: Alternating blushing and blanching of the fingernail bed following light compression. Seen in chronic aortic insufficiency.

Rovsig's sign: Pain in the right lower quadrant with deep LLQ palpation. Seen in appendicitis.

Traube's sign: Booming or pistol shot sounds heard over the femoral arteries in chronic aortic insufficiency

Trousseau's sign: Carpal spasm produced by inflating blood pressure cuff around arm above systolic pressure in hypocalcemia

Turner's sign: Ecchymosis at the flank associated with retroperitoneal bleeding

Virchow node: Palpable left supraclavicular lymph node associated with GI neoplasm.

ABBREVIATIONS

A	
A	before
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm
AAO	alert and oriented
Ab	abortion
Abd	abdomen
ABG	arterial blood gas
Abx	antibiotics
AC	before meals
ACE	angiotensin converting enzyme
ACL	anterior cruciate ligament
ACLS	advanced cardiac life support
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone
AD	right ear (auris dexter)
ADAT	advance diet as tolerated
ADH	antidiuretic hormone
Ad lib	as desired
ADL	activities of daily living
AFP	alpha fetoprotein
A fib	atrial fibrillation
Atx	atelectasis
AKA	above knee amputation
AOB	alcohol on breath
AP	anteroposterior
ARDS	acute resp. distress synd
ALL	acute lymphocytic leukemia
ALT	alanine aminotransferase
AMA	advance maternal age
	against medical advice
AML	acute myelogenous leukemia
APAP	acetaminophen
APD	afferent pupillary defect
AS	left ear (auris sinistra)
	Aortic stenosis

ASD	atrial septal defect	
AST	aspartate aminotransferase	
AT	atraumatic	
AU	both ears (auris uterque)	
AV	arteriovenous	
	Atrioventricular	
B		
BAER	brainstem auditory evoked	response
BAL	blood alcohol level	
	brochioalveolar lavage	
BBB	blood brain barrier	
BCC	basal cell carcinoma	
BE	barium enema	
BID	twice a day (bis in die)	
BiPAP	bilevel positive airway pressure	
BKA	below knee amputation	
BM	bowel movement	
BMP	basic metabolic panel	
BS	bowels sounds	
	breath sounds	
BSA	body surface area	
BUN	blood urea nitrogen	
Bx	biopsy	
C		
c	with	
Ca	cancer	
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft	
CAD	coronary artery disease	
CBC	complete blood count	
CBD	common bile duct	
CCU	coronary care unit	
C/D/I	clean, dry, intact	
CEA	carcinoembryonic antigen	
CHD	common hepatic duct	
CHF	congestive heart failure	
CLL	chronic lymphocytic leukemia	
CML	chronic myelogenous leukem	
CN	cranial nerves	
CNS	central nervous system	
C/O	complaints of	
COPD	chronic obstructive pulm dis	
CP	cerebral palsy	
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure	
CPS	child protective services	
CRF	chronic renal failure	
C/S	Caesarean section	
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid	
CT	computed tomography	
	chest tube	

CVA	cerebrovascular accident
CVP	central venous pressure
c/w	consistent with
CXR	chest xray
CTA	clear to auscultation
D	
D/C	discontinue, discharge
D&C	dilatation and curettage
DI	diabetes insipidus
DM	diabetes mellitus
D/O	disorder
DOB	date of birth
DT's	delirium tremens
DTRs	deep tendon reflexes
DVT	deep venous thrombosis
D/W	discussed with
Dx	diagnosis
Dz	disease
E	
EBL	estimated blood loss
ECMO	extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
ECG	electrocardiogram
EMG	electromyogram
EOMI	extraocular movements intact
ERCP	endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
ESLD	end stage liver disease
ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
ESRD	end stage renal disease
F	
FBS	fasting blood sugar
FENa	fractional excretion of Na
FHT	fetal heart tones
F/U	follow-up
FUO	fever of unknown origin
G	
GC	gonorrhea
GER	gastroesophageal reflux
GFR	glomerular filtration rate
GI	gastrointestinal
GSW	gunshot wound
GTT	glucose tolerance test
Gtts	drops/IV drip
GU	genitourinary
H	
HD	hospital day
H&H	hematocrit and hemoglobin
Hct	hematocrit
Hgb	hemoglobin

HPF	high power field
HS	at bedtime (hora somni)
HTN	hypertension
Hx	history
I	
ICU	intensive care unit
IMV	intermittent mandatory vent
INR	international normalized ratio
I&O	ins and outs (fluids)
IV	intravenous
IVC	inferior vena cava
IVDU	intravenous drug use
IVP	intravenous pyelogram
J	
JP	Jackson-Pratt drain
JVD	jugulovenous distention
K	
KUB	kidneys, ureter, bladder
L	
LAD	left ant. descending (coronary)
Lap	laparoscopic, laparotomy
LCA	left coronary artery
LDH	lactate dehydrogenase
LDL	low density lipoprotein
LE	lower extremity
LFT	liver function test
LLL	left lower lobe
LLQ	left lower quadrant
LMP	last menstrual period
LPF	low power field
LP	lumbar puncture
LUL	left upper lobe
LUQ	left upper quadrant
M	
Mb	myoglobin
MCC	motorcycle crash
MCH	mean cell hemoglobin
MCHC	mean cell hemoglobin conc.
MCL	medial collateral ligament
MCV	mean cell volume
MI	myocardial infarction
M&M	morbidity and mortality
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
MVC	motor vehicle crash
N	
NAD	no acute distress
NCAT	normocephalic, atraumatic
NGT	nasogastric tube
NIF	negative inspiratory force
NKDA	no known drug allergies

NOS	not otherwise specified
NPO	nothing by mouth (nulla per os)
NT	nontender
N/V	nausea, vomiting
O	
OD	right eye (oc dexter), overdose
OGT	orogastric tube
OR	operating room
ORIF	open reduction internal fixation
OS	left eye (ocular sinistre)
OT	occupational therapy
OU	both eyes (oculus uterque)
P	
PA	posteroanterior
PAC	premature atrial contractions
PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
p	after (post)
PC	after meals (post cibum)
PCL	posterior cruciate ligament
PCP	primary care provider
PE	pulmonary embolus
PEA	pulseless electrical activity
PEEP	positive end-expiratory pressure
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
PFT	pulmonary function test
POD	post-op day
PPD	purified protein derivative (Tb)
PPV	positive pressure ventilation
PRN	as required (pro re nata)
PSH	past surgical history
PT	prothrombin time
	physical therapy
PTA	prior to admission
PTCA	percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
PTT	partial thromboplastin time
PTX	pneumothorax
PVC	premature ventricular contraction
Q	
QD	every day (quaque die)
QH	every hour (quaque hora)
QHS	every bedtime (qh somni)
QID	four times a day (quarter in die)
QN	every night (quaque nox)
R	
RBF	renal blood flow
RCA	right coronary artery
Rh	rhesus (Rh blood group)
RLL	right lower lobe
RLQ	right lower quadrant

RML	right middle lobe
R/O	rule out
RRR	regular rate and rhythm
RT	respiratory therapy
RUG	retrograde urethrogram
Rx	prescription
S	
s	without (sine)
SA	sinoatrial
SAB	spontaneous abortion
SBE	subacute bacterial endocarditis

SBO	small bowel obstruction
SCC	squamous cell carcinoma
SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
SNF	skilled nursing facility
SOB	shortness of breath
S/P	status post
SPEP	serum protein electrophoresis
SQ	subcutaneous
S/S	signs and symptoms
Stat	immediately (statim)
STH	said to have
STHB	said to have been
SVC	superior vena cava
SVT	supraventricular tachycardia
Sx	symptoms
Sz	seizure

T	
T&A	tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
TAH	total abdominal hysterectomy
TEE	transesophageal echocardiogram
TEN	toxic epidermal necrolysis
TIA	transient ischemic attack
TID	three times a day (ter in die)
TKO	to keep open
TNM	tumor, nodes, metastasis
TPA	tissue plasminogen activator
TPN	total parenteral nutrition
TSH	thyroid stimulating hormone
TTE	transthoracic echocardiogram
TURP	transurethral resection of prostate
TV	tidal volume
TVH	total vaginal hysterectomy
Tx	treatment

U	
UA	urinalysis
UOP	urine output
UPEP	urine protein electrophoresis
U/S	ultrasound

UTI	urinary tract infection
VXWYZ	
VA	visual acuity
VF	visual fields, v fib
VS	vital signs
VSS	vital signs stable
VSD	ventricular septal defect
VT	ventricular tachycardia
WNL	within normal limits
YO	year old

FAMILY MEDICINE / AMBULATORY

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REFERENCES AND HELPFUL RESOURCES

National Guidelines Clearinghouse for EBM recommendations: <http://www.ngc.gov>

Centers for Disease Control: <http://www.cdc.gov>

Clinical Evidence from the British Medical Journal: <http://www.clinicalevidence.com>

Healthlinks: <http://www.healthlinks.washington.edu>

ROTATION TIPS

- Be proactive! Because of the wide variety of patients and medical conditions, this clerkship is a great opportunity to explore areas of interest. Ask for more involvement in deliveries, with kids, or with hospitalized patients if you are interested. This rotation offers a chance to manage patients both in the clinic and ER.

- Be aggressive about offering assessment and plans. Attendings can be quick to interject into your presentation what THEIR A/P is, but they notice if you try to come up with your own.

SELECTED FAMILY MEDICINE TOPICS

This section focuses mostly on outpatient topics. Please see other sections (Medicine, OB, Peds, etc.) for other relevant topics.

Diabetes (adapted from ACP Diabetes Care Guide, 2007)

Screening Fasting plasma glucose level; encouraged in all >45 yo q3 yrs

< 100 mg/dL	normal
100 – 125 mg/dL	impaired glucose tolerance
≥ 126 mg/dL	DM

Diagnosis Fasting plasma glucose ≥ 126 (after ≥ 8 hours of fasting); symptoms of diabetes and casual plasma glucose of ≥ 200; OR plasma glucose ≥ 200mg/dL 2 hours after ingestion of 75 g of oral glucose.

Risk Factors FHx, obesity, race, h/o GDM, HTN, PCOS, hypertriglyceridemia

Oral Medications by Class

Biguanides: Metformin (Glucophage, generic) is the only biguanide sold in the US. Mechanism – mainly decreases hepatic glucose production; also increases peripheral glucose utilization. The most common side effects are GI-cramping and diarrhea. Rare lactic acidosis especially if decreased renal function.

Sulfonylureas: Glyburide (generic), glipizide (generic), glimepiride (Amaryl)

Mechanism – increase insulin secretion. Side effects include weight gain and hypoglycemia.

Thiazolidinediones: Pioglitazone (Actos), Rosiglitazone (Avandia)

Mechanism – decrease insulin resistance and increase insulin sensitivity of adipose tissue, skeletal muscle, and liver. Side effects of peripheral edema and weight gain.

Often used in combination with metformin and/or sulfonylureas

Non-sulfonylurea secretagogues: Nateglinide (Starlix), Repaglinide (Prandin)

Mechanism – increase insulin secretion

Used much less frequently than sulfonylureas

Rapid onset – take before meal. Must eat afterward.

Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors: Acarbose (Precose), miglitol (Glyset)

Mechanism – inhibit alpha-glucosidase enzyme at intestinal brush border. Must be taken with each meal. Many GI adverse effects.

Dipeptidyl Peptidase IV Inhibitors: Sitagliptin (Januvia)

Mechanism – inhibit dipeptidyl peptidase IV preventing breakdown of GLP-1 which causes increased insulin release and suppression of glucagon release.

Weight neutral.

Injectable Medications:

Insulin

INSULIN TYPE	ONSET	PEAK	DURATION
<u>SHORT-ACTING</u>			
Regular	30-60 min	2-4 hours	3-6 hours
Insulin lispro (Humalog)	<15 min	1-2 hours	3-5 hours
Insulin aspart (Novolog)	<15 min	1-2 hours	3-5 hours
Insulin glulisine (Apidra)	10-30 min	0.5-3 hours	3-5 hours
<u>INTERMEDIATE-ACTING</u>			
NPH/Lente	2-4 hours	4-10 hours	10-16 hours
<u>LONG-ACTING</u>			
Glargine (Lantus)	2-4 hours	no peak	20-24 hours
Insulin Detemir (Levemir)	1-2 hours	Minimal/2-12 hours	Up to 24 hours

Exenatide (Byetta)

Mechanism – GLP-1 analogue. Major effect of lowering post-prandial glucose. Causes weight loss, nausea/vomiting, and hypoglycemia if used in conjunction with sulfonylurea.

Pramlintide (Symlin)

Mechanism – Amylin analogue potentiating the effects of insulin. Major effect is again lowering post-prandial glucose. Causes weight loss, hypoglycemia, and nausea/vomiting.

Hyperlipidemia

Testing:

Screening (nonfasting) – Total cholesterol (TC), HDL

Full lipid panel (fasting) – Total, LDL, HDL, triglycerides (TG)

- LDL is calculated: $TC - HDL - TG/5 = LDL$
- LDL can not be calculated if $TG > 400$

LDL Treatment Guidelines:

Based on NCEP recommendations. JAMA, May 16, 2001; Vol 285, No 19; Lewis SJ. Prevention and treatment of atherosclerosis: a practitioner's guide for 2008. Am J Med. 2009; 122, S38-S50; and Up-To-Date.

RISK CATEGORY	LDL GOAL
CHD and CHD risk equivalents (see below)	<70
Multiple (2+) risk factors (see below)	<130
0-1 risk factor (see below)	<160

CHD risk equivalents:

Diabetes

Other clinical forms of atherosclerotic disease (PVD, AAA, carotid disease w/sx)

Multiple risk factors (see below) indicating a 10 year risk for CHD >20% based on Framingham risk scores (see NCEP report for details).

Risk factors:

Cigarette smoking

Hypertension (BP >140/90 or on antihypertensive medication)

Low HDL (<40)

Family history of premature CHD (1st degree relative: male <55 years, female <65 years)

Age (men >45 years, women >55 years)

NOTE: HDL >60 counts as a "negative" risk factor (subtract 1 from total number of risks)

Treatment of Hyperlipidemia

DRUG CLASS	EFFECTS	SIDE EFFECTS
Statins (HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors)	LDL ↓ 18%-55% HDL ↑ 5%-15% TG ↓ 7%-30%	Myopathy, increased liver enzymes, expect lipid lowering effect within 6 weeks
Bile acid sequestrants	LDL ↓ 15%-30% HDL ↑ 3%-5% TG No change or increase	GI distress, constipation, decreased absorption of other meds
Nicotinic acid (niacin)	LDL ↓ 5%-25% HDL ↑ 15%-35% TG ↓ 20%-50%	Flushing (reduced with ASA therapy), GI distress, hepatotoxicity, worsened diabetes control
Fibric acids	LDL ↓ 5%-20% HDL ↑ 10%-20% TG ↓ 20%-50%	Dyspepsia, gallstones, myopathy
Cholesterol absorption inhibitor (ezetimibe)	LDL ↓ 17%	? increased cancer risk; increased transaminase

		levels when used in conjunction with statin
Omega-3 Fatty Acids	TG ↓ 50% +	May increase LDL, prolongation of bleeding time

Hypertension

Classification (Based on JNC-VII, JAMA, May 21, 2003; Vol 289, No. 19 and Sica DA.

Management of hypertension in the outpatient setting. Prim Care Clin Offic Pract. 35 (2008) 451-73.):

CATEGORY	SYSTOLIC	DIASTOLIC
Normal	<120	<80
Prehypertension	120-139	80-89
Stage 1 HTN	140-159	90-99
Stage 2 HTN	≥160	≥100

- Diagnosis is based on 2 or more readings at 2 or more visits. (Use the average.)
- If systolic and diastolic readings fall in different categories, the higher category is selected.

Etiology

Essential hypertension: 90% (aka primary or idiopathic)

Secondary hypertension: 10%

Causes: Acute or chronic renal failure, renal artery stenosis due to atherosclerotic disease (more common in older males), renal artery stenosis due to fibromuscular dysplasia (more common in younger females), sleep apnea, primary hyperaldosteronism, pheochromocytoma, Cushing's syndrome, hypo/hyperthyroidism, hyperparathyroidism, aortic coarctation
Also Cigarettes, caffeine, pain, anxiety, drugs (amphetamines, cocaine), medications (cold medicine, NSAIDs, oral contraceptive pills, steroids, TCAs, cyclosporine), ephedra, ma huang, licorice (an aldosterone agonist, licorice root is used in many herbals)

Evaluation for all patients at initial diagnosis should include

- Careful lifestyle evaluation and assessment of cardiovascular risk factors
- Identify secondary causes of hypertension
- Assess presence or absence of target-organ damage (e.g., renal disease)

Relevant initial studies

- ECG – screen for LVH, ischemia
- BUN, Cr, Na, K – screen for renal disease, hyperaldosteronism
- Glucose – screen for diabetes and Cushing's
- Hct – screen for anemia
- UA – screen for renal disease
- Lipid profile

When to suspect secondary hypertension

- Onset of hypertension prior to age 30
- Onset (not just diagnosis) after age 50
- Sudden onset hypertension
- Poor response to anti-hypertensives or increase in blood pressure after previous period of good response to anti-hypertensives

Possible work-up for secondary hypertension

- Renal artery duplex (renal artery stenosis)
- Renin/aldosterone ratio (primary hyperaldosteronism)
- 24 hour urine cortisol (Cushing's)
- 24 hour VMA, metanephrines, catecholamines (pheo)
- Ankle/arm indices – >1 is normal (aortic coarctation)
- TSH
- PTH if patient has hypercalcemia
- Think of alcohol and sleep apnea

Blood pressure goals:

For most: <140/90

For patients with diabetes or renal disease: <130/80

Treatment

Lifestyle modification	Weight reduction, dietary sodium reduction, DASH diet, exercise
Thiazide diuretics	Recommended initial therapy in uncomplicated patients
Beta blockers	Indicated for patients with stable CHF or prior MI. May also benefit those with migraine or essential tremor.
ACE inhibitors	First or second line. Recommend for patients with CHF, prior MI, diabetic nephropathy, chronic renal failure
ARBs	Likely the same indications as ACE inhibitors but not fully proven, use when ACE inhibitors are not tolerated
Alpha blockers	Consider in patients with BPH, not usually a first-line HTN agent
CCBs	First or second line. Particular use when CAD, intermittent claudication, migraine, or Raynaud's. Avoid non-dihydropyridine CCBs with beta blockers.
Aldosterone antagonist	Used for add-on therapy for resistant hypertension or in those with primary hyperaldosteronism
Central alpha agonists	Used for add-on therapy. Watch for rebound hypertension with abrupt discontinuation.

Musculoskeletal

Shoulder Pain Differential Diagnosis

Young adults	Overuse injuries, subluxation, shoulder instability, fractures, AC separation
Older adults	Rotator cuff tendonitis or impingement syndrome, rotator cuff tears, subacromial bursitis, adhesive capsulitis (frozen shoulder), bicipital tendonitis, osteoarthritis, fractures, AC separation,

myofascial pain, cervical spine radiculopathy, polymyalgia
rheumatica

Low Back Pain Differential Diagnosis

Lumbar strain (70% of all adult primary care patients with back pain)
Degenerative disk disease (DJD) (10%)
Herniated disk (4%)
Spinal stenosis (3%)
Osteoporotic compression fracture (4%)
Spondylolisthesis (2%)
Others: traumatic fracture, congenital disease, spondylolysis, neoplastic disease, infection (including shingles), inflammatory arthritis, referred pain from visceral disease (prostatitis, chronic PID, nephrolithiasis, pyelonephritis, AAA, pancreatitis, cholecystitis)

Knee Pain Differential Diagnosis

Medial knee pain Medial compartment osteoarthritis, pes anserine bursitis, MCL injury, medial meniscal tear, referred pain from hip
Anterior knee pain Injury of quad mechanism (quad muscle, quad tendon, patella, patellar tendon), large knee effusions, patellofemoral syndrome, advanced osteoarthritis involving entire knee, prepatellar bursitis, patellar tendonitis ("jumper's knee"), inflammatory arthritis, septic arthritis, Osgood Schlatter disease (epiphysitis occurring in patients under age 19)
Lateral knee pain Iliotibial band syndrome, lateral compartment osteoarthritis, LCL injury, lateral meniscus tears

Preventive Medicine / Screening

USPSTF = U.S. Preventive Services Task Force
NCEP = National Cholesterol Education Program
ACS = American Cancer Society

1. Hypertension

- USPSTF recommends periodic screening for all persons > 18 years old.
- JNC VII: Recheck every 2 years if SBP<120 and DBP <80.
- Recheck every year if SBP 120-139 DBP 80-89.
- Check BP every visit.

2. Hyperlipidemia

- USPSTF recommends screening for men 35 years and older. Include men age 20-35 and women age > 20 if other risk factors for heart disease are present.
- USPSTF screening includes total cholesterol and HDL (both can be measured non-fasting). If elevated, order fasting lipid panel.
- NCEP recommends full fasting lipid panel every 5 years for adults 20 or older.

3. Type 2 diabetes

- USPSTF recommends screening in asymptomatic with sustained blood pressure greater than 135/80.

4. Colorectal Cancer

- All individuals 50 -75 years old should be screened. (Earlier for patients with family history of colon cancer, FAP, or HNPCC)
- Screening options: FOBT (3 stool card samples) every year, combination of FOBT every 3 years and flex sig every 5 years, colonoscopy every 10 years.

5. Breast Cancer

- Consensus: women ages 50-69 should be screened annually with clinical breast exam and mammography.
- Recommendation varies for women ages 40-49.
- USPSTF recommends screening mammography with or without clinical breast exam every 1-2 years for women ages 40 and older.
- American Cancer Society, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American College of Radiology, and American Medical Association recommend screening beginning at age 40 (most recommend every 1-2 years between ages 40-49, then yearly).
- American College of Physicians and American Academy of Family Practice recommend screening for average risk females beginning at age 50.

6. Cervical Cancer

- Most groups (ACOG, AAFP, AMA, AAP) continue to recommend initiation of Pap test screening at age 18 or when sexually active. Screen annually until at least 3 normal Pap tests, then q 2-3 years.
- ACS now recommends initiation of screening 3 years after the onset of sexual activity but no later than age 21. Screen with annual Pap test or q 2 years if liquid-based cytology (ThinPrep) is used until age 30. After age 30, screen q 2-3 years if low risk and no history of abnormal results.
- Continue screening until age 65-70 (USPSTF recommends age 65) if repeated normal Pap tests or following total hysterectomy (including cervix) for benign disease.

7. Prostate Cancer

- Remains controversial.
- USPSTF does not recommend for or against PSA and digital rectal exam (DRE) for prostate cancer screening.
- ACS recommends that DRE and PSA be discussed and offered annually to men age 50 and over who have a life expectancy of at least 10 years. Consider earlier screening (age 45) for African-American men or those with a first-degree relatives with prostate cancer before 65 years of age.
- Counsel patients on an individual basis regarding these screening tests.

8. Osteoporosis

- USPSTF recommends women ages 65 and older be screened (bone density scan, i.e. DXA). Screen women ages 60 and older if risk factors are present.

9. Chlamydial Infection

- USPSTF recommends routine screening of all sexually active women age 24 and younger, and other asymptomatic women at increased risk.

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WARD TIPS

1. Be on time!
2. Preround before morning rounds.
3. If you don't understand something, ask.
4. Be sure to eat, drink enough fluids, and go to the bathroom. You can't take good care of others if you don't take care of yourself.
5. Try to get enough sleep.
6. Make every attempt to go to teaching conferences, including morning report.
7. Keep up on reading, patient write-ups, and studying for the final exam.

SELECTED TOPICS IN INTERNAL MEDICINE

Fluids

Total Body Water and Compartments:

TBW is approximately 60% of weight in males and 50-55% in females

- Value varies with age, sex and lean body mass
- Lowest in the elderly and obese; highest in the lean and young

Divided into two main compartments:

Intracellular = 2/3 of TBW (approximately 40% of body weight)

Extracellular = 1/3 of TBW (approximately 20% of body weight)

- a. Interstitial fluid = 3/4 of ECF (approximately 16% of body weight)
- b. Intravascular fluid = 1/4 of ECF (approximately 4% of body weight)
Na is the main extracellular cation
K is main intracellular cation

Signs of volume depletion

- Weight loss, postural hypotension, decreased skin turgor, dry mucous membranes, oliguria, tachycardia, increased BUN/ Cr ration

Signs of volume overload (often iatrogenic):

- Weight gain, jugular venous distension, edema, rales

Volume resuscitation in a volume depleted patient: Assess fluid status often

- If hypotensive: choose fluid that stays in the intravascular space (NS or Ringer's)
- Ringer's has K⁺ so use with caution in renal failure/anuric patients

- Lactate is converted to HCO_3^- in body, buffers acid.
- Use LR for large infusions, NS can \rightarrow non-gap hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis.

COMPARISON OF ECF TO CRYSTALLOID SOLUTIONS

	ECF	NS	1/2NS	LR	D5W	3%NS
Na+	142	154	77	130	0	513
Cl ⁻	103	154	77	109	0	513
K+	4	0	0	4	0	0
Ca++	5	0	0	3	0	0
HCO ₃ ⁻	27	0	0	28	0	0
pH	7.4	4	4.9	6.7	5	

Avg. Daily Water Losses

Urinary	800-1500cc
Intestinal	0-250
Lungs, skin	600-900

Avg. Daily Electrolyte losses

Na+	100mEq
K +	100 mEq
Cl ⁻	150mEq

Maintenance needs for fluids and electrolytes

Water	30-35 mL/kg
Na+	1 mEq/kg
K+	1 mEq/kg
Cl ⁻	1.5 mEq/kg

Use D51/2NS for maintenance.

Calculate Maintenance fluids:

4:2:1 rule

For first 10 kg 4 mL/kg/hr

For next 10 kg 2 mL/kg/hr

For each kg over 20 1mL/kg/hr

70 kg man = $40 + 20 + 50 = 110\text{cc/hr}$

(may also use the 100: 50:20 rule which gives maintenance for a 24 hr period)

Electrolyte Abnormalities

Hypernatremia (Na > 145 mEq/L, deficit of water relative to Na)

Causes Reduced water intake, hypothalamic dysfunction (reduced thirst), inability to get to water (most common), increased water loss, insensible losses (burns, fever/heat, mechanical ventilation), GI loss (vomiting, NG tube, diarrhea), renal loss (central diabetes insipidus, nephrogenic diabetes insipidus, osmotic diuresis), hypertonic infusions, water shift out of extracellular fluid compartment, seizure, extreme exercise

History/sx Lethargy, weakness, thirst, restlessness, oliguria/anuria, irritability that can progress to seizures, coma and death

PE Vital signs (BP, orthostatics, temperature), dry mouth and mucous membranes, flushed skin, lack of tears and decreased salivation, hyperreflexia

Work-up ASSESS VOLUME STATUS (vital signs, orthostatics, JVP, skin turgor, mucous membranes, edema, BUN/Cr, uric acid)

- If hypovolemic: get urine Na to determine if cause is extra/intrarenal
 - If intrarenal: urine Na > 20 mEq/L
 - If extrarenal: urine Na < 20 mEq/L

- If euvolemic: determine ADH activity with urine osms
 Uosm <300 and increased urine volume may be complete DI
 Uosm 300-600 and increased urine volume may be secondary to renal losses (diuretics, osmotic diuresis), partial DI, or reset osmostat
 Uosm >600 may be extrarenal H₂O loss (GI or insensible)
 - If hypervolemic: usually exogenous NaCl infusion/resuscitation or mineralocorticoid excess
- Rx If hypovolemic, restore intravascular volume with isotonic fluid first, then replace free water. Calculate free water deficit:

$$FWD = \{ 0.6 \times \text{ideal body weight} \times [(\text{Na}/140) - 1] \} \times 0.85 \text{ in women}$$
 Replace about 50% in the first 24 hours (too quickly ->cerebral edema)
- If patient is hypervolemic: loop diuretics + D5W
 With central DI, use DDAVP
 With nephrogenic DI, treat underlying cause, salt restriction, thiazide diuretics

Hyponatremia (Na < 130 mEq/L, excess of water relative to Na)

- History/sxs Lethargy, disorientation, weakness, muscle cramps, anorexia, nausea/vomiting, agitation, stupor, seizures
- PE Vital signs (BP, orthostatics, temperature), edema, ascites, lung crackles, decreased deep tendon reflexes, positive Babinski, Cheyne-Stokes respiration

Work-up/dx Determine tonicity

Hypertonic hyponatremia: Presence of another effective osmole in excess (glucose, mannitol). Rule out pseudohyponatremia first!
 For every 100 mg/dL rise in glucose above 100 the Na will decrease by 1.6 mEq/L

Isotonic hyponatremia: Secondary to hyperlipidemia/hyperproteinemia

Hypotonic hyponatremia: True excess of water relative to Na

For hypotonic hyponatremia next determine volume status (vitals, orthostatics, JVP, etc)

- If hypovolemic: Renal if Urine sodium is > 20. Causes include diuresis, hypoaldo, salt-wasting nephropathy
 Extrarenal if urine sodium is <20. Causes include GI losses, third-spacing, insensible losses
- If hypervolemic: CHF, nephrotic syndrome, cirrhosis
- If euvolemic: SIADH, psychogenic polydipsia, reset osmostat . Know the meds that cause hyponatremia- hydrochlorothiazide, SSRI's , carbamazepine.

- Rx Hypovolemic: Correct Na deficit.
 Deficit= $0.6 \times \text{body weight} \times (140 - \text{measured Na}) \times .85 \text{ in women}$
 Overly rapid correction may lead to central pontine myelinosis
 Rate of correction should not exceed 0.5 mEq/L/hr
- Hypervolemic: sodium and water restriction, diuretics
- Euvolemic: water restrict

Hypokalemia ($K < 3.5-3.7$)

Causes	1) Diuretics 2) GI losses (vomiting, diarrhea) 3) Low magnesium (common in alcoholics). Other causes: Increased entry into cells, metabolic acidosis, increased beta-adrenergic activity, increased urinary loss, primary hyperaldosteronism, secondary hyperaldosteronism, renal tubular acidosis types I and II, very low intake
Signs/Sxs	Muscle cramps, ileus, weakness, nausea, vomiting, rhabdomyolysis, arrhythmias, hyperglycemia, polyuria, polydipsia
EKG Δs	Prominent U wave, flattened T wave, prolonged QT, AV block, ventricular ectopy
Work-up	Urine K^+ to determine if loss is extra/intrarenal

High Urinary K^+ (renal loss)	Low Urinary K^+
Metabolic acidosis	GI loss
Renal tubular acidosis	Internal shifts
Drugs	Insulin, beta2-agonists, alkalosis
Acetazolamide	Dietary deficiency
Metabolic alkalosis	

Rx	Administer K^+ : orally if possible, IV if necessary For urinary wasting consider K^+ sparing diuretic
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Hyperkalemia ($K > 5.0$)

Causes	Increased intake, metabolic acidosis, insulin deficiency or hyperglycemia, beta adrenergic blockade, rhabdomyolysis, reduced K^+ excretion, renal failure, hypoaldosteronism, drugs, (K^+ sparing diuretics, ACE-I, TMP-SMX, succ, dig, beta-blockers), pseudohyperkalemia secondary to hemolyzed blood sample
Signs/Sxs	Ileus, constipation, weakness, hypotension, arrhythmias
EKG Δs	Peaked T waves, flattened P waves, widened QRS that can progress to sine wave pattern that is life-threatening
Rx	Administer Ca^{++} to stabilize membranes Increase K^+ entry into cells Insulin and glucose (amp of D50) Beta-adrenergic agonists Sodium bicarb Increase renal excretion by administering kaliuretic diuretics Induce diarrhea, use K^+ -binding resin Hemodialysis

Hypocalcemia ($Ca < 8.5$)

Causes	Decreased Mg, sepsis, alkalosis (increased Ca binding to albumin causing decreased ionized Ca), blood transfusion (Ca binds to citrate), renal failure (increased PO_4 binds Ca), hypoparathyroidism, pancreatitis
Signs/Sxs	Tetany, hyperreflexia, Chvostek's and Trousseau's signs, ventricular ectopy, hypotension
Rx	$CaCl_2$: centrally for severe hypocalcemia Calcium gluconate

Monitor for vasoconstrictive ischemia

Hypercalcemia (Ca > 10.5)

Causes	Hyperparathyroidism, malignancy, thiazides, vitamin D excess, sarcoid, TB, Milk alkali syndrome, Paget's dz, Addison's dz, acromegaly, Ca intake
Signs/Sxs	Hypovolemia, nausea, vomiting, ileus, shortened QT interval, coma
Rx	Correct hypovolemia and promote Ca clearance with NS Lasix to get UOP >100 cc/hour Pamidronate Dialysis

Hypophosphatemia (PO₄ < 3.0)

Causes	Hormone alterations (hyperparathyroidism), alcohol, intracellular shifts (beta-agonists), decreased nutritional intake, GI disease, Vit D deficiency, glucose loading (PO ₄ enters cells with glucose), respiratory alkalosis, sepsis, DKA (leads to osmotic diuresis and PO ₄ loss)
Signs/Sxs	Reduced myocardial contractility, reduced ATP production, severe hemolytic anemia, impaired leukocyte function, platelet disorders, myopathy, metabolic encephalopathy
Rx	Replace with nutritional source (i.e. milk), Fleet enema orally IV if levels are less than 1mg/dL

Hyperphosphatemia

Causes	Increased administration orally, intravenously, or rectally, hypoparathyroidism, pseudohyperparathyroidism, acromegaly, tumor cell lysis, rhabdomyolysis, renal insufficiency
Rx	Phosphate binders, dialysis

Hypomagnesemia (Mg < 1.5)

Causes	Decreased intake, GI or renal loss, malabsorption, redistribution out of ECF, chronic thiazide and loop diuretic use, primary hypoaldosteronism, chronic alcoholism or alcohol withdrawal, toxins (amp B, cyclosporine, aminoglycosides, pentamidine), complicated by hypocalcemia and hypokalemia, inherited renal tubular defects, serum levels may be normal despite total body depletion because most of the stores are in bone, muscle and soft tissue
Signs/Sxs	Tetany, lethargy, anorexia, convulsions, arrhythmias
Rx	Moderate deficiency can be replaced orally but Mg is poorly absorbed by the GI tract and large doses of magnesium can cause diarrhea Severe deficits require parenteral replacement

Hypermagnesemia

Causes	Excessive exogenous load (IV infusion, oral salts, magnesium salt enemas), renal insufficiency
Signs/Sxs	Diminished deep tendon reflexes that may progress to flaccid paralysis, bradycardia, hypotension, heart block secondary to the calcium channel blocking effects of high magnesium
Rx	ECF expansion and loop diuretics, dialysis if severe

Acid-Base Disturbances

Definition

acidemia – arterial blood pH < 7.36

alkalemia – arterial blood pH > 7.44

acidosis – process that causes the accumulation of H^+

alkalosis – process that causes the accumulation of OH^-

General Approach

1. Identify the primary process.
2. Identify the compensatory process.
3. Calculate the anion gap correcting for low albumin.
4. If the anion gap is elevated, calculate osmolar gap.
5. If the anion gap is elevated, use delta-delta to find simultaneous metabolic disorders.
6. Use clues from the history and physical exam (particularly, assess volume status by checking orthostatics) to determine specific conditions causing alterations.

(Courtesy of "Internal Medicine Clerkship Guide," 2007; by Paauw, Burkholder and Migeon.)

History

Ingestion (ethylene glycol, paraldehyde, etc.), vomiting, diarrhea, blurry vision, fever, neurological status, alcohol use, H/O type 1 diabetes mellitus (precipitants include infection, lack of insulin, and new-onset diabetes), medication history

PRIMARY DISORDERS*

Primary disorder	Problem	pH	P_aCO_2	HCO_3^-
Metabolic acidosis	gain of H^+ or loss of HCO_3^-	↓	↓	↓
Metabolic alkalosis	loss of H^+ or gain of HCO_3^-	↑	↑	↑
Respiratory acidosis	hypoventilation	↓	↑	↑
Respiratory alkalosis	hyperventilation	↑	↓	↓

(Adapted from "Pocket Medicine," 2000; edited by Sabatine.)

*Numerous processes may occur simultaneously. (If three primary disorders co-exist, then it is known as the "triple ripple." Note that there cannot be two co-existent respiratory disorders.)

Compensation

- Occurs when the respiratory or renal system reacts to correct an altered pH

- It never fully corrects an altered pH; if the pH is normal, consider a mixed disorder

Respiratory: Hyper- or hypoventilation to alter the P_aCO_2 to counteract primary metabolic process (respiratory compensation takes minutes)

Renal: Excretion or retention of H^+ / HCO_3^- by kidneys to counteract primary respiratory process (renal compensation takes hours to days)

RULES OF COMPENSATION

Primary disorder	Mechanism	Mixed Disorders
Metabolic acidosis	$\downarrow P_a\text{CO}_2 = 1.25 \times \Delta\text{HCO}_3$ ($P_a\text{CO}_2 \sim$ last two digits of pH)	If $P_a\text{CO}_2$ is too low \rightarrow concomitant 1° respiratory alkalosis
Metabolic alkalosis	$\uparrow P_a\text{CO}_2 = 0.75 \times \Delta\text{HCO}_3$ (through hypoventilation)	If $P_a\text{CO}_2$ is too high \rightarrow concomitant 1° respiratory acidosis
Acute respiratory acidosis*	$\uparrow \text{HCO}_3 = 0.1 \times \Delta P_a\text{CO}_2$ (or $\downarrow \text{pH} = 0.008 \times \Delta P_a\text{CO}_2$)	If HCO_3 is too high \rightarrow concomitant 1° metabolic alkalosis
Chronic respiratory acidosis	$\uparrow \text{HCO}_3 = 0.4 \times \Delta P_a\text{CO}_2$ (or $\downarrow \text{pH} = 0.003 \times \Delta P_a\text{CO}_2$)	
Acute respiratory alkalosis	$\downarrow \text{HCO}_3 = 0.2 \times \Delta P_a\text{CO}_2$	If HCO_3 is too low \rightarrow concomitant 1° metabolic acidosis
Chronic respiratory alkalosis	$\downarrow \text{HCO}_3 = 0.4 \times \Delta P_a\text{CO}_2$	

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*In acute (uncompensated) respiratory acidosis, the pH falls before the kidneys have time to compensate

Check anion gap

The anion gap is the difference between the measured cations and measured anions

Anion Gap = Sodium – (Chloride + Bicarbonate) Normal AG = 8-12

Note: for each 1gm/dl decrease in albumin below 4, subtract 2.5 from the nml AG range.

Calculate osmolar gap

Osm gap = (measured serum Osm) – (calculated Osm) where

Calculated Osm = $2(\text{sodium}) + \text{BUN}/2.8 + \text{glucose}/18$.

(If the Osm gap is > 10 , consider methanol or ethylene glycol ingestion.)

Calculate the delta-delta

In an isolated anion gap metabolic acidosis, the change in anion gap (ΔAG) should rise by the same amount that the bicarbonate falls ($\Delta\text{HCO}_3 = 24 - \text{HCO}_3$). Use the delta-delta when an anion gap is present to determine simultaneous metabolic processes. There are 2 ways of calculating the delta-delta as detailed below.

A. Determine the change in anion gap (ΔAG) which = measured anion gap - normal anion gap:

If the $\Delta\text{AG} + \text{HCO}_3 < 22 \rightarrow$ AG met. acidosis + non-AG metabolic acidosis

If the $\Delta\text{AG} + \text{HCO}_3 = 22-30 \rightarrow$ isolated AG metabolic acidosis

If the $\Delta\text{AG} + \text{HCO}_3 > 30 \rightarrow$ AG metabolic acidosis + metabolic alkalosis

B. Divide the change in anion gap by the bicarbonate level ($\Delta AG / \Delta HCO_3$):

If $\Delta AG / \Delta HCO_3 < 1$ = AG metabolic acidosis + non-AG metabolic acidosis
(there is a loss of HCO_3 greater than expected)

If $\Delta AG / \Delta HCO_3$ is between 1-2 = isolated metabolic acidosis
(there is the expected 1:1 relationship with an \uparrow AG and $\downarrow HCO_3$)

If $\Delta AG / \Delta HCO_3 > 2$ = AG metabolic acidosis + metabolic alkalosis
(there is a loss of HCO_3 less than expected)

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ETIOLOGIES OF RESPIRATORY ACIDOSIS AND ALKALOSIS

RESPIRATORY ACIDOSIS		RESPIRATORY ALKALOSIS	
Category	Etiology	Category	Etiology
Upper airway abnormalities	a. Acute airway obstruction b. Laryngospasm c. Obstructive sleep apnea	Hypoxia	a. Pneumonia b. Pulmonary edema c. Restrictive lung disease
Lower airway abnormalities	Asthma, COPD	Primary hyperventilation	a. CNS disorders, pain, or anxiety
Lung parenchyma abnormalities*	a. Pneumonia b. Pulmonary edema c. Restrictive lung disease		b. Sepsis c. Liver failure
Thoracic cage abnormalities	a. Pneumothorax b. Flail chest c. Kyphoscoliosis	Drugs (causing primary hyperventilation)	a. Salicylates
Miscellaneous	CNS depression, neuromuscular disorders		b. Progesterone (pregnancy)

(Adapted from "Pocket Medicine," 2000; edited by Sabatine.)

*Lung parenchyma abnormalities often cause hypoxia, leading to respiratory alkalosis and ultimately, respiratory muscle fatigue causing respiratory acidosis

Metabolic Acidosis

Divided into anion gap and non-anion gap metabolic acidosis.

ANION GAP Metabolic Acidosis

Methanol

Uremia

Lactic Acidosis

Ethylene Glycol

Paraldehyde

Aspirin (metab acidosis + resp alkalosis: hyperventilation due to CNS effect)

Ketoacidosis

NON-ANION GAP Metabolic Acidosis

Loss of HCO_3^- through the gut or kidney (see etiologies below)

ETIOLOGIES OF METABOLIC ACIDOSIS

ANION GAP METABOLIC ACIDOSIS		NON-ANION GAP METABOLIC ACIDOSIS	
Category	Etiology	Category	Etiology
Ketoacidosis	Diabetes mellitus, alcoholism, Starvation	GI losses	Diarrhea, intestinal or pancreatic fistula or drainage
Lactic acidosis	a. Circulatory or respiratory failure, sepsis b. Ischemic bowel or limb, seizure, malignancy, liver failure, diabetes mellitus c. Metformin, carbon monoxide or cyanide poisoning	Renal tubular acidoses	Type 1 (distal): defective distal H^+ secretion Type 2 (proximal): \downarrow proximal reabsorption of HCO_3^- Type 4 (hypoaldosteronism): NSAIDs, ACE inhibitors, K-sparing diuretics, cyclosporine
Renal failure	Accumulation of organic anions (phosphates, sulfates, etc.)		
Ingestions	a. Methanol (blurred vision) b. Ethylene glycol (oxalate crystals in urine, AMS, renal or cardiopulmonary failure) c. Paraldehyde d. Salicylates	Exogenous acids	TPN
		Post-hypocapnea	a. Due to respiratory alkalosis \rightarrow renal wasting of HCO_3^- b. Rapid correction of respiratory alkalosis \rightarrow transient acidosis while the kidneys regenerate HCO_3^-
		Medications	Acetazolamide

(Adapted from "Pocket Medicine," 2000; edited by Sabatine.)

Work-up of acidosis

Labs: ABG, electrolytes, CBC, Chem 7, LFTs

If elevated AG – check for ketonuria, assess renal function, uremia, lactate levels, toxin screen, osmolal gap, urinalysis

If normal AG – check urine anion gap ($= [\text{U}_{\text{Na}} + \text{U}_{\text{K}}] - \text{U}_{\text{Cl}}$), which is an indirect assay for renal excretion of NH_4^+ and equals unmeasured anions – unmeasured cations

-Negative UAG – increased renal NH_4^+ secretion indicates GI causes, type I RTA

or exogenous acids

Positive UAG – failure of the kidneys to secrete NH_4 indicated type I or type IV

RTA or early renal failure

Also check urine pH, serum K^+ and FE_{HCO_3} to further distinguish between types of RTA

Metabolic Alkalosis

Caused by

1. Loss of H^+ from the GI tract or kidney
2. Exogenous alkali or contraction alkalosis (diuresis causes the excretion of HCO_3^- -poor fluid and extracellular fluid “contracts” around a relatively fixed amount of HCO_3^-)
3. Hypercapnia: respiratory acidosis causes renal compensation with HCO_3^- retention
4. Volume depletion causes proximal reabsorption of NaHCO_3 and increased aldosterone
5. Hyperaldosteronism causes distal Na^+ reabsorption in exchange for H^+ and K^+ excretion
6. Hypokalemia causes transcellular H^+/K^+ shift (hydrogen ions shift into cells as potassium moves from the cell into the extracellular space)

ETIOLOGIES OF METABOLIC ALKALOSIS

Category	Etiologies
Saline-responsive	GI loss of H^+ : vomiting, NGT drainage, villous adenoma Diuretics Prerenal azotemia (severe) Post-hypercapnea
Saline-resistant	Hypertensive: mineralocorticoid excess – hyperaldosteronism, Cushing's syndrome Normotensive: severe hypokalemia, exogenous alkali load, Bartter's syndrome, Gitelman's syndrome

(Adapted from “Pocket Medicine,” 2000; edited by Sabatine.)

Work-Up

Check volume status and urine chloride

$\text{U}_{\text{Cl}} < 20$ mEq/L indicates saline-responsive

$\text{U}_{\text{Cl}} > 20$ mEq/L indicates saline-resistant (except concurrent diuretic use)

Cardiology

ECG interpretation (Use a systematic approach)

1. Rate
2. Rhythm
3. Axis
4. Intervals
5. Chamber enlargement (voltages)
6. QRS changes

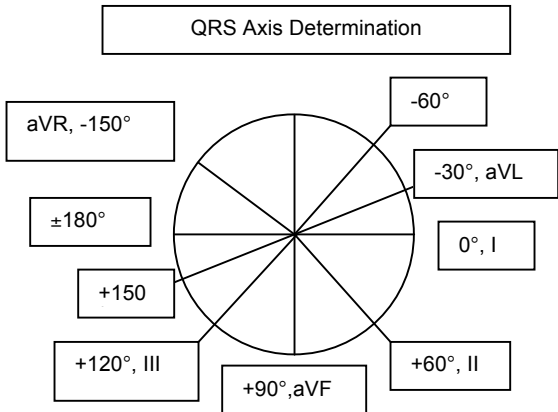
Rate

Each little box = 0.04 seconds, each big box = 0.2 seconds

Rate = $300/x$ where x is no. of large boxes between each QRS complex

Boxes b/t QRS complex	1	2	3	4	5
Rate	300	150	100	75	60

Rhythm	Normal sinus rhythm exists when "there is a P for every QRS and a QRS for every P" AND the p wave is upright in lead 2
Intervals	PR > 0.2 seconds = AV node block QRS > 0.12 seconds = interventricular conduction delay (a BBB) QT prolongation (varies, but > 450ms) can lead to torsades de pointes
?calculate QTc	
Axis	Normal axis is between -30 and +90. If QRS is upward in I and aVF, then axis is normal LAD: axis > -30, or QRS is up in I and down in II RAD: axis > +90, or QRS is down in I and up in II



Chamber	LVH: left axis deviation, S waves in V1-V2, large R waves in aVL, V5, V6
Enlargement	RVH: large R waves in V1-V2 LAE: late negative deflection in biphasic P wave best seen in V1. Negative portion of P wave should be > 1mm deep and 1 box wide. RAE: large peaked P wave greater than 2.5mm high best seen in lead II

QRS/ T Δ's	ST elevation : ACS, coronary spasm, pericarditis, normal early repolarization ST depression : myocardial ischemia, digitalis, hypokalemia, LBBB or LVH T-wave inversion: myocardial ischemia or infarct, pericarditis, cardiomyopathy, electrolyte abnormalities
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Chest Pain Differential Diagnosis (From "Pocket Medicine," 2000; edited by Sabatine)

Angina	Esophageal reflux
MI	Esophageal spasm

Pericarditis	Mallory-Weiss tear
Aortic dissection	Peptic ulcer disease
Pneumonia	Biliary disease
Pleuritis	Pancreatitis
Pneumothorax	Costochondritis
PE	Herpes Zoster
Pulmonary HTN	Anxiety

Acute Myocardial Infarction / Unstable Angina

5 Risk Factors: 1. Smoking

2. HTN

3. hyperlipidemia,

4. FH of premature CAD (1st degree female < 55, male < 45)

5. Age (female > 55, male > 45)

Coronary Risk Equivalent (chances = to someone w/previous MI:

Causes Ruptured atherosclerotic plaque, coronary spasm, cocaine are most common

Clinical Chest pain: typical is dull, squeezing, >30 min duration, not positional, not pleuritic, may radiate to jaw, neck, L arm. This may be ↓ in DM, women. Also nausea, lightheadedness, SOB.

PE Diaphoresis, pallor. Severe: new MR murmur, findings of heart failure including ↑JVP, crackles in lungs, S3, S4

Labs Cardiac enzymes: Troponin, CK-MB, LDH; myoglobin is earliest marker, highly sensitive, but not specific.

Studies ECG, CXR

Rx Acutely: Morphine (for pain management and decrease preload)

Oxygen 4L NC or mask

Nitroglycerin 0.4 mg SL q 5 min x 3, as limited by BP: (a. dilation ↓ preload, v. dil ↓ afterload)

Aspirin, 325 mg PO (chewed)

B-Blocker: metoprolol 25 mg po q 6hr, titrate up as tol.

Consider thrombolytics (Alteplase (tPA), Reteplase) or PCI (preferred)

Thrombolytic Therapy

Indications	Contraindications
Sxs c/w MI > 30 min and < 12 hr and ST ↑ ≥1mm in ≥2 contiguous leads or Presumably new LBBB (not on prior ECG, etc)	Absolute: Any prior ICH or non-hemorrhagic stroke w/in 1 year Intracranial neoplasm, aneurysm, or AVM Active internal bleeding Suspected aortic dissection
Age limits: in pts > 75, thrombolysis is reasonable, but higher risk of ICH Time limits: Benefits after 12 hrs are not clear, but if pt presents in 12-24 hrs and still has ST elevation, then consider thrombolytics	Relative: SBP > 180 on presentation INR > 2 or known bleeding diathesis Trauma or major surgery w/in 2-4 wks Prolonged CPR (>10 min) Recent internal bleeding w/in 2-4 wks Noncompressible vascular punctures Prior streptokinase exposure

(Adapted from "Pocket Medicine," 2000; edited by Sabatine)

Inpt Mgmt: Admit to CCU/monitored bed
 ASA 325 mg PO qd
 B-blocker: metoprolol 25 mg PO q6hr, titrate as tolerated for SBP
 ACE inhibitor: lisinopril 5 mg qd, start >6hrs post onset
 IV heparin 12 U/kg/hr infusion
 Stress test and/or Echo after 5 days.
 If stress test positive, do cardiac catheterization

D/C Meds: ASA 325 mg PO qd
 Continue beta-blockers
 Continue ACE inhibitors
 Add lipid-lowering agent and modify risk factors (smoking cessation, etc)

Meds that improve mortality post-MI

1. ASA 2. beta-blockers 3. Statins 4. ACEI (< than other 3)

CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

	LV failure	RV failure
Causes	HTN and CAD account for 50-75% of LV failures. Other common causes include valvular disease, idiopathic dilated cardiomyopathy. Less common causes include chronic alcohol use, hypothyroidism, and toxins (i.e. chemotx)	Majority of RV failure due to LV failure. Also idiopathic pulm HTN, secondary pulm HTN (COPD, chronic PE, etc.), tricuspid valve disease, cardiomyopathy, RV infarct.
Symptoms	Pulmonary: orthopnea, dyspnea on exertion, paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea, cough, frothy hemoptysis	increasing abdominal girth, RUQ pain, anorexia, LE edema With pulm HTN: SOB, exercise intolerance
Signs	Leg edema, crackles, S3, PMI >3 cm and laterally displaced , cool, mottled LE's, abnormal abdominojugular reflex	Leg edema, JVP > 8 cm , RV parasternal heave, S3, Ascites, abnormal abdominojugular reflex
CXR findings	Enlarged cardiac silhouette, cephalization of pulmonary blood flow, pulmonary edema, pleural effusion, Kerley B lines	Depends on cause; similar to LV findings if LV is cause; if cor pulmonale, may see flattening of diaphragms, bullae consistent with COPD

(Adapted from "Internal Medicine Clerkship Guide," Paaauw, Burkholder, Migeon, 2007)

Work-up of new left-sided CHF:

- Chemistry panel, cholesterol, ECG, CXR, Echo.

- Echocardiogram: <40% EF is considered systolic dysfunction, but >40% does not rule out CHF. Focal wall motion abnormalities suggest ischemic injury.
- If unclear cause, consider ETOH, thyroid dz, hemochromatosis, amyloidosis, HIV

Treatment: goals are to ↓ symptoms, prevent complications, ↑ survival.

1st-line tx for LV systolic failure: ACEIs.

- Diuretics usually needed for sodium/water overload.
- B-blockers should be added after acute symptoms begin to resolve.
- Add digoxin if pt remains symptomatic on full-dose ACEI and diuretics.
- Sodium restriction.

First line tx for diastolic dysfunction: B-blocker and calcium channel blockers (increase cardiac output in these patients by increasing diastolic filling time)

- ACEI second line.

Meds that improve mortality in CHF

1. ACEIs
2. Beta-blockers
3. Spironolactone (in class IV HF)

NYHA HF classes: I – no sx, II – sx with strenuous activity, III – sx with mild activity, IV – sx at rest.

CHF mortality predictor: www.SeattleHeartFailureModel.org

Valvular Heart Disease

Aortic Stenosis

Causes	Bicuspid aortic valve, calcific stenosis, rheumatic heart disease
Clinical	Angina, exertional syncope, heart failure, a. fib
PE	Systolic crescendo-decrescendo murmur at right upper sternal border, radiates to carotids and apex
Studies	ECG, CXR, Echo, cardiac cath for pressures
Rx	Avoid exertion, diuretics for CHF, AVR surgery for symptomatic AS or asymptomatic AS with ↓LV function

Aortic Insufficiency

Causes	Rheumatic heart disease, bicuspid aortic valve, infective endocarditis, root disease (Marfan's, syphilis, HTN, aortic dissection, RA, SLE)
Clinical	Acute: pulmonary edema and hypotension Chronic: LV decompensation leads to CHF
PE	Diastolic decrescendo murmur at left upper sternal border, wide pulse pressure, S3, laterally displaced and diffuse PMI
Studies	ECG: look for LVH, LAD CXR: look for cardiomegaly, aortic dilatation Echo: assess LV size and function
Rx	Reduce afterload: nifedipine, ACE inhibitors, hydralazine. Digoxin, diuretics for CHF. Surgery for acute or symptomatic AI

Mitral Stenosis

Causes	Rheumatic heart disease, congenital, myxoma, SLE, amyloid, carcinoid
Clinical	Dyspnea, pulm edema, atrial fibrillation, emboli, pulm HTN, hemoptysis

PE	Low-pitched diastolic rumble at apex, opening snap, loud S1
Studies	ECG shows LAE CXR shows dilated left atrium Echo to assess pressures and valve area; cardiac cath for pressure gradients
Rx	Na restriction, diuresis, B-blockers, anticoagulation for atrial fibrillation, Surgery for symptomatic MS or pulmonary HTN

Mitral Regurgitation

Causes	Myxomatous degeneration, endocarditis, rheumatic heart disease, collagen vascular disease, LV dilatation, ruptured chordae tendinae, papillary muscle dysfunction
Clinical	Acute: pulmonary edema, hypotension Chronic: progressive dyspnea with exertion, fatigue, pulm HTN
PE	High-pitched, blowing holosystolic murmur at apex, radiates to axilla
Studies	ECG: look for LAE, LVH, atrial fibrillation CXR: look for dilated LA, dilated LV Echo to assess degree of MR Cardiac cath for pressures
Rx	Reduce afterload: ACE inhibitors, hydralazine, nitrates Reduce preload: diuretics, nitrates Inotropy: digoxin Surgery for acute or symptomatic MR, or asymptomatic with ↓LV function

Infectious Endocarditis (Infection of endothelium of heart)

Acute (ABE) usu. involves normal valves with virulent organism (*S. aureus*)

Subacute (SBE) usu. involves abnormal valves with less virulent organism (*S. viridans*)

Organisms	Prosthetic valve < 6 months post-op	<i>S. epidermidis</i> , <i>S. aureus</i>
	Prosthetic valve > 6 months post-op	<i>S. viridans</i> , <i>S. epidermidis</i>
	Native valve, IDVU	<i>S. aureus</i>
	Native valve, non-IDVU	<i>S. viridans</i> , <i>S. aureus</i>
Risk Factors	IVDU, indwelling venous catheters, rheumatic heart disease, prosthetic valve, prior history of IE	
Clinical Sx	Persistent fever, anorexia, weight loss, fatigue	
PE	Fever, weight loss, murmur, Janeway lesions, Osler's nodes, Roth spots, petechiae, splinter hemorrhages, clubbing	
Studies	Blood cultures (3 sets), CBC w/ diff, ESR, RF, Chem 7, UA, Ucx, ECG – TTE first, then TEE if needed for diagnosis of valvular lesion	

Duke Criteria	
Major	Minor
1. Sustained bacteremia with organism known to cause endocarditis	1. Predisposing condition
2. Endocardial involvement documented by Echo or clearly established NEW valvular regurgitation	2. Fever
	3. Vascular phenomena
	4. Immune phenomena
	5. + blood cultures not meeting major criteria
	6. + echo not meeting major criteria

(Am J Med 96:200; 1994)

Highly probable diagnosis with 2 major, or 1 major plus 3 minor, or 5 minor criteria

Rx	Get blood cultures first. Abx usually for 6 weeks Native valve ABE: nafcillin + gentamicin or vancomycin + gentamicin Native valve SBE: PCN/ampicillin + gentamicin Prosthetic valve: vancomycin + gentamicin + rifampin
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New endocarditis prevention guidelines: no need to prophylax most valvular lesions including AS and MR. Only prophylax artificial valves and previous endocarditis

Cardiac Tamponade

Causes	Malignancy, uremia, proximal aortic dissection with rupture, myocardial rupture, idiopathic. Also see causes for pericardial effusion
Clinical	Fatigue, dyspnea
PE	Beck's Triad: distant heart sounds, ↑ JVP, hypotension Pulsus paradoxus seen in ~75% (↓ SBP >10mmHg during inspiration)
Studies	ECG shows low voltage, electrical alternans Echo will show effusion Cardiac catheterization to get pressures
Rx	Volume resuscitation, pericardiocentesis

Pericarditis / Pericardial Effusion

Causes	Infection (coxsackie B, echovirus, adenovirus, EBV, VZV, HIV), idiopathic, uremia, neoplasm, collagen vascular disease, trauma, drug-induced, acute post MI
Clinical	Pleuritic chest pain that decreases when leaning forward, fever
PE	Pericardial friction rub, distant heart sounds if pericardial effusion present
Studies	ECG shows diffuse ST elevations, PR depression CXR shows cardiomegaly if effusion present Pericardiocentesis: do cell counts, TP, LDH, glucose, gram stain, culture
Labs	BUN, Cr, ANA, RF to rule out non-infection etiologies
Rx	NSAIDs or ASA. If effusion is infected, may need pericardial drainage and antibiotics. If recurrent, consider pericardial window.

Aortic Dissection (Extravasation of blood into and along aortic media)

Acute < 2wks, Chronic > 2wks

Type A involves proximal aorta Type B involves distal aorta only

Risk Factors Age, **hypertension**, connective tissue disorder (Marfan's for type A) congenital aortic anomaly, pregnancy, blunt trauma, cocaine cardiac/aortic surgery

Clinical Severe tearing chest pain radiating to back, syncope, CHF

Studies CT, aortic angiogram, TEE, MRI

Complication Aortic rupture, tamponade, obstruction of branching arteries leading to ischemia, aortic regurgitation

Prognosis For acute proximal dissection, 1% mortality per hour x 48 hours.

Rx Medical: IV B-blockers, then IV vasodilators, morphine for pain.

For chronic or Type B dissections, aim for long-term control of BP.

Surgical: for proximal dissection or distal with progression / complications.

Arrhythmias

Tables adapted from Washington Manual of Medical Therapeutics, 30th ed., 2001

AV Nodal Block

First-degree AV block Conduction delay within AV node

Causes Increased vagal tone, drug effect, electrolyte abnml, ischemia

Clinical Usually asymptomatic

ECG PR interval > 0.2 seconds

Rx No therapy needed usually. If symptomatic, consider pacing

Second-degree AV block: Mobitz Type I (Wenckebach)

Causes Increased vagal tone, antiarrhythmics, electrolyte abnml, myocardial ischemia

Clinical Usually asymptomatic/**benign**

ECG Progressive PR interval prolongation until dropped beat occurs

Rx Stop drugs or correct cause. If symptomatic, can give atropine 0.5 mg IV q 2min to max of 0.04 mg/kg. If persistently symptomatic, consider pacing

Second-degree AV block: Mobitz Type II

Causes Antiarrhythmics, myocardial ischemia, increased vagal tone, conduction system disease

Clinical Fatigue, palpitations, lightheadedness, syncope

ECG Abrupt AV conduction block with no conduction delay or change in PR interval in preceding impulses.

Rx Because of **potential for progression to complete heart block**, treat with permanent pacemaker

Third-degree AV block All atrial impulses fail to conduct to ventricles

Causes Ischemia, infarction, drug toxicity, amyloidosis, sarcoidosis, metastatic disease, polymyositis, scleroderma, Chagas disease

Clinical Dyspnea, CHF, lightheadedness, angina, syncope

ECG Ventricular escape rhythm, no relationship between P waves and QRS

Rx Permanent pacemaker

Narrow-Complex (Supraventricular) Arrhythmias

Atrial fibrillation

Causes: Cardiac surgery, **hypertension**, acute alcohol ingestion, theophylline toxicity, pericarditis, MI, idiopathic or "lone" AF

Clinical: (sx are poorly correlated) Palpitations, skipped beats, lightheadedness, breathlessness, CHF, angina, syncope

ECG: Irregularly fluctuating baseline with irregular and sometimes rapid ventricular response

Rx: Rate control, cardioversion (electric or pharm) post anticoag if duration >48h

Atrial flutter

Causes: Structural heart disease predisposes to development, CAD, CHF, valvular disease, pericarditis

Clinical: Asymptomatic, or palpitations, lightheadedness, syncope

ECG: Regular rhythm with "Sawtooth" appearance of P waves, atrial rate of 280-350 bpm

Rx: See atrial fibrillation

Multifocal Atrial Tachycardia (MAT)

Causes: COPD w/cor pulmonale, dig toxicity, rheumatic heart disease, ACS

Clinical: Asymptomatic or palpitations, chest pain, lightheadedness, fatigue

ECG: PR variable, 3 or more P wave morphologies

Rx: β -blocker, diltizem, amiodarone. Do NOT cardiovert

Paroxysmal SVT

Causes Accessory conduction pathway; increased frequency in CAD, COPD, CHF

Clinical Palpitations at paroxysmal onset, anxiety, low exercise tolerance

ECG Rate seldom <150 bpm, regular, seldom see P waves

Rx: Vagal stimulation (carotid massage, Valsalva) AV blockade (β -blocker, diltizem, digoxin), amiodarone, cardioversion

Wide-Complex Tachycardias

Ventricular Tachycardia: a series of 3 or more ventricular complexes that occur at rate of 100-250 bpm where origin of activation is within the ventricle.

Causes: CAD, cardiomyopathy, infiltrative disease, SLE, RA, malignancy that involves the heart, congenital myocardial defects

Clinical: Palpitations, breathlessness, lightheadedness, angina, syncope, hemodynamic collapse, death

ECG: >3 Wide QRSs with T-wave polarity opposite of major QRS deflection.

Rx: DC cardioversion for pulseless VT, antiarrhythmics, ICD implant

Ventricular fibrillation: results from rapid, repetitive activation of ventricles from multiples areas of depolarization.

Causes: Ischemia, infarct, structural abnml, electrolyte abnml, drug toxicity

Clinical: Sudden hemodynamic collapse and death

ECG: Irregular, rapid oscillations, variably amplitudes, no identifiable QRS complexes or T waves

Rx: DC cardioversion, antiarrhythmic therapy. Long-term: implant ICD and prophylactic antiarrhythmics

Others include **SVT with aberrancy**, WPW syndrome, accelerated idioventricular rhythm

Antiarrhythmic Agents

Class I agents: Inhibit fast sodium channels

Class Ia: Can be proarrhythmic and ↑mortality

Class Ib

Class Ic: Can be proarrhythmic and ↑mortality

Class II: B-adrenergic antagonists

Class III: Prolong action potential duration and repolarization

Class IV agents: Calcium-channel antagonists

Quinidine, Procainamide, Disopyramide

Lidocaine, Mexiletine, Tocainide, Phenytoin
Flecainide, Propafenone

Metoprolol, Atenolol, Propranolol

Amiodarone, Sotalol, Bretylium, Ibutilide,
Dofetilide

Verapamil, Diltiazem

Common Meds used in ACLS

Epinephrine: increases myocardial and cerebral blood flow. Recommended dose is 1 mg (10mL of 1:10,000 solution) every 3-5 minutes

Vasopressin: at high doses acts as a peripheral vasoconstrictor. Give single dose of 40 units IV

Atropine: used for symptomatic bradycardia and asystole. Give 0.5-1.0 mg IV; repeat every 3-5 minutes as necessary. For asystole or PEA give 1.0 mg every 3-5 minutes

Amiodarone: give after defibrillation and vasopressors in persistent VT or VF. 300 mg rapid infusion diluted in 20-30mL of normal saline or dextrose in water. Subsequent doses are 150 mg by rapid infusion for persistent VT/VF. Then give 1mg/minute infusion for 6 hours, then 0.5 mg/minute to a max daily dose of 2 grams.

Lidocaine: Used to treat VT/VF that persists after defibrillation and epinephrine. Give 1.0-1.5 mg/kg q5-10 minutes to max of 3 mg/kg

Procainamide: used for VT when lidocaine fails or is contraindicated. Infuse 20-50 mg/minute to max of 17 mg/kg

Magnesium sulfate: use for VT/VF/torsades de pointes. Give 1-2 grams IV over 1-2 minutes up to 4-6 grams

Adenosine: used for SVT. Give 6 mg as rapid IV bolus over 1-3 seconds, followed by 20 cc saline flush.

Diltiazem / verapamil: Use for atrial fibrillation, flutter, or multifocal atrial tachycardia. IV diltiazem bolus is 0.25 mg/kg. Second dose can be given after 15 minutes. Maintenance infusion is 5-15 mg/hr, titrated to control ventricular rate. Verapamil initial dose is 2.5-5.0 mg IV, followed by 5-10 mg IV up to max of 20 mg.

Isoproterenol: may be useful for refractory torsades de pointes after magnesium and electrical pacing have failed. Give 2-10 microgram/minute

Sodium bicarbonate: indicated for hyperkalemia, acidosis, tricyclic anti-depressant overdose, and to alkalinize urine in drug overdoses. Give 1.0 mEq/kg IV initially, then 0.5 mEq/kg q 10 minutes. Not useful for hypoxic lactic acidosis. In ACLS setting, acidosis is likely due to inadequate ventilation and this should be addressed first.

Gastroenterology

COMMON ETIOLOGIES OF ABDOMINAL TENDERNESS

Area of pain	Potential etiology
RUQ	Liver, GB: Cholelithiasis, cholecystitis, choledocholithiasis, cholangitis, hepatitis, hepatic carcinoma, liver abscess (remember: pneumonia)
Midepigastic	Stomach, Pancreas, Aorta: Gastritis, peptic ulcer disease, pancreatitis, leaking AAA
LUQ	Spleen: Splenic rupture, splenomegaly, splenic infarct, splenic abscess
Umbilicus	Gastroenteritis, intestinal ischemia or infarct, obstruction or ileus, obstipation
RLQ	Appendicitis, inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), nephrolithiasis or ureteral stone, ovarian torsion, ectopic pregnancy, pelvic inflammatory disease (PID)
LLQ	Diverticulitis, IBD, toxic megacolon, nephrolithiasis or ureteral stone, ovarian torsion, ectopic pregnancy, PID

(Adapted from "Pocket Medicine," Sabatine, 2000.)

Others to consider: Pre-herpetic neuralgia, hypercalcemia, acute intermittent porphyria

Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease

Pathophys	Excessive transient relaxation of the LES or incompetent sphincter tone Esophageal mucosal damage caused by prolonged contact with acid/ bile salts Hiatal hernia can contribute to decreased LES tone and act as a reservoir for refluxed gastric contents
Hx	Heartburn, atypical "angina," regurgitation of stomach contents, cough , asthma, hoarseness and warning symptoms: dysphagia, early satiety, weight loss or bleeding; precipitants: fatty foods, caffeine, colas, alcohol, cigarettes, supine positioning, large meals
Dx	Often diagnosed based upon history and trial of acid suppressive agent. EGD reserved for those with refractory symptoms or warning symptoms to detect Barrett's esophagus, stricture, ulcer or esophagitis. 24-hour esophageal pH monitoring if the diagnosis is unclear
Rx	CONSERVATIVE - include elevating the head of the bed 6 inches, avoiding precipitants, avoiding late meals, avoiding calcium channel blockers, anticholinergics, sedatives and theophylline which can exacerbate symptoms MEDICAL - Antacids; H ₂ -blockers; or proton-pump inhibitors which are more effective than standard-dose H ₂ -blockers (breakthrough nocturnal symptoms can be controlled by adding an H ₂ -blocker) SURGERY - Fundoplication is an option for those who require continuous or increasing medical therapy or for whom continuous PPI therapy is undesirable

Acute Liver Failure

Definition	Acute hepatic disease + coagulopathy + encephalopathy Fulminant < 8 weeks; subfulminant between 8 weeks and 6 months
Etiology	Discussed under "ABNORMAL LIVER TESTS."

Clinical manifestations

Neurologic: asterixis, encephalopathy, cerebral edema (Cushing's reflex hypertension + bradycardia; papillary dilatation; decerebrate posturing; apnea)

Cardiovascular: hypotension with low SVR

Pulmonary: respiratory alkalosis, impaired peripheral O₂ uptake, ARDS

Gastrointestinal: GI bleeding, pancreatitis

Renal: ATN, hepatorenal syndrome, hyponatremia, hypokalemia, hypophosphatemia

Hematology: coagulopathy (consider DIC)

Endocrine: hypoglycemia

Skin: jaundice, telangiectasias, palmar erythema, caput medusae, Dupuytren's contractures, Terry's nails (white proximal nail beds), gynecomastia

GU: testicular atrophy

Diagnostic studies

Labs CBC: anemia, neutropenia, thrombocytopenia; COAGs: increased PT, PTT, BT; decreased albumin, viral serologies, toxicology screen (APAP levels q1-2hr until peak determined) and others, as below

Imaging RUQ U/S, abdominal CT, doppler studies of hepatic and portal veins

Liver Bx CORRECT COAGULOPATHY with fresh frozen plasma prior to procedure

CHILD-TURCOTTE-PUGH Scoring System (severity of liver disease)

	1	2	3
Albumin (g/dl)	>3.5	2.8-3.5	<2.8
Bilirubin (mg/dl)	< 2	2-3	>3
INR	<1.7	1.7-2.3	>2.3
Ascites	Absent	Slight	Moderate
Encephalopathy (stage)*	None	Stage 1 or 2	Stage 3 or 4
Total Points	5-6	7-9	10-15
Classification	A	B	C
Survival			
1 year	100%	80%	45%
2 year	85%	60%	35%

*Stage I - altered mental status

Stage II - lethargy, confusion

Stage III - stupor

Stage IV - coma

(Brit J Surg 60:646;1973)

(Hepatology 19:1513;1994)

Abnormal Liver Tests

Markers of hepatic functional status

Albumin: general marker for liver protein synthesis

Prothrombin time: depends on synthesis of coagulation factors I, II, V, VII and X

Bilirubin: product of heme metabolism in the liver

Markers of hepatic injury

Aminotransferases: intracellular enzymes

ALT (or SGPT) specific for liver

AST (or SGOT) found in liver, heart, skeletal muscle, kidney and brain

Alkaline phosphatase: enzyme bound in hepatic canalicular membrane

Found not only in liver, but also in bone, intestines and placenta

CONFIRM liver origin with increased GGT

ABNORMAL LIVER TESTS IN DIFFERENT PATTERNS OF LIVER INJURY

TYPE OF LIVER INJURY	Aminotransferase	Bilirubin	Alkaline phosphatase
Hepatocellular	↑↑	±↑	±↑
Cholestasis	±↑	↑↑	↑↑
Isolated hyperbilirubinemia	Near normal	↑↑	Near normal
Infiltrative	±↑	±↑	↑

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Patterns of Liver Injury

1. Hepatocellular injury

Viral hepatitis (~60%) - HAV, HBV, HCV, HDV, HEV, CMV, EBV, HSV, VSV. Test viral serologies. Aminotransferases significantly elevated (>1000) in acute viral hepatitis, with ALT > AST. Test viral serologies. Very high transaminases are not seen with hepatitis C.

Autoimmune -

a. Type 1: anti-smooth muscle Ab (ASMA), ANA

b. Type 2: anti-liver/kidney microsome type 1 (anti-LKM1)

c. Type 3: anti-soluble liver antigen (anti-SLA)

Drugs and toxins (~20%) - Alcohol (AST:ALT > 2:1), medications:

acetaminophen, phenytoin, INH, rifampin, sulfonamides, tetracycline, amiodarone, propylthiouracil, toxins (toxicology screen)

Vascular (hypotensive/CHF) - Ischemic, congestive, Budd-Chiari, veno-occlusive disease

Hereditary (systemic disease) - Hemochromatosis (elevated transferrin

saturation and serum ferritin), α -1-antitrypsin deficiency (also, emphysema),

Wilson's disease (Kayser-Fleischer ring on slit lamp exam, elevated serum free copper and 24-hour urinary copper level; low serum ceruloplasmin)

Metabolic - Steatohepatitis, hepatic glycogenosis (Mauriac Syndrome in IDDM)

Idiopathic (20%)

2. Cholestasis - Evaluate with RUQ ultrasound (also, ERCP, cholangiogram, cholescintigraphy)

No biliary ductal dilatation on U/S

Biliary ductal dilatation on U/S

HEPATOCELLULAR DYSFUNCTION		OBSTRUCTION
Biliary epithelial damage: Hepatitis, cirrhosis	Intrahepatic cholestasis: Drug-induced, sepsis, post-op, primary biliary cirrhosis (check AMA)	Choledocholithiasis, cholangiocarcinoma, pancreatic cancer, pancreatitis, stricture, primary sclerosing cholangitis (check p-ANCA), primary biliary cirrhosis, cholangitis

Charcot's triad = RUQ pain, jaundice and fever/chills

Reynaud's pentad = above plus shock and altered mental status

3. Isolated hyperbilirubinemia

Unconjugated (indirect)

- Overproduction of bilirubin** - hemolysis, ineffective erythropoiesis, hematoma resorption
- Defect in conjugation** - Gilbert's ("zhil-bear"—benign) and Crigler-Najjar syndromes

Conjugated (direct)

Defect in bile secretion - Dubin-Johnson and Rotor syndromes

4. Infiltration

- Malignancy: HCC (↑AFP), metastatic disease (colon = ↑CEA), lymphoma
- Granulomas (TB, sarcoidosis, histoplasmosis)
- Abscess (amoebic, pyogenic)

Ascites	Abnormal accumulation of fluid (> 25 cc) within the peritoneal cavity
PE	Shifting dullness, fluid wave (positive LR 5.0), edema (negative LR 0.2), bulging flanks
Dx	IMAGING - Abdominal U/S (if >100 cc), doppler studies of portal and hepatic veins, echocardiogram (if concerned about right-sided heart disease)

PARACENTESIS - Obtain albumin, cell count with differential, total protein, gram stain and culture, LDH and glucose; amylase and triglyceride levels, cytology and mycobacterial smear/culture as indicated.

SERUM TO ASCITES ALBUMIN GRADIENT (SAAG)

Portal hypertension-related (SAAG > 1.1)	Non-portal hypertension-related (SAAG < 1.1)
Intrahepatic: cirrhosis, spontaneous bacterial peritonitis, hepatitis, HCC, liver metastases	Peritonitis: Tuberculosis, ruptured viscus, SBP Vasculitis Pancreatitis
Post-hepatic: constrictive pericarditis, right-sided CHF, Budd-Chiari	Peritoneal carcinomatosis Serositis
Pre-hepatic: portal or splenic vein thrombosis	Nephrotic syndrome

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In portal HTN, expect ascitic fluid to have less albumin than serum—it has been “pushed” into the abdominal cavity by hydrostatic pressure, rather than leaked out through defects in the vasculature or a fluid derived from another source.

Ascites fluid total protein (AFTP)

May be used to distinguish intrahepatic and post-hepatic causes of ascites:

- a. Cardiac ascites: SAAG > 1.1, but AFTP > 2.5
- b. Cirrhotic ascites: SAAG > 1.1, but AFTP < 2.5
- c. Spontaneous bacterial peritonitis: SAAG < 1.1, but AFTB < 2.5; >250 PMNs per μ l

Rx Decrease sodium intake (1-2gm/day), fluid restriction if hyponatremic
diuretics: spironolactone (beware of hyperkalemia), loop
therapeutic paracentesis-- if patient is dyspneic or uncomfortable (remove 4-6L;
±colloid replacement)
TIPS (Transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt)
Liver transplantation if eligible (calculate MELD score), EtOH abstinence > 6 mos

Gastrointestinal Bleeding

Intraluminal blood loss anywhere from the oropharynx to the anus

Upper = above the ligament of Treitz

1. Oropharyngeal bleeding and epistaxis (swallowed blood)
2. Erosive esophagitis
 - a. Immunocompetent patient: GERD/Barrett's esophagus, XRT
 - b. Immunocompromised patient: HSV, CMV, Candida
3. Varices (10% of cases)
4. Mallory-Weiss tear (7%; GE junction tear due to retching/vomiting against a closed glottis)
5. Gastritis/Gastropathy (23%)
6. Peptic ulcer disease (46%)
7. Vascular malformations (Dieulafoy's lesion, Osler-Weber-Rendu)
8. Neoplastic disease
9. Other causes: hiatal hernia ulcerations, coagulopathy, amyloidosis, connective tissue disease

Lower = below the ligament of Treitz

1. Diverticular disease (more likely to be diverticulosis than diverticulitis; although diverticula are more common in the left colon, bleeding diverticula are more common in the right colon)
2. Angiodysplasia
3. Neoplastic disease
4. Colitis: infection, ischemic, radiation, inflammatory bowel disease (ulcerative colitis > Crohn's disease)
5. Hemorrhoids

Clinical manifestations

UGIB > LGIB: nausea, vomiting, hematemesis, coffee-ground emesis, epigastric pain, vasovagal reactions, syncope, melena (some briskly bleeding ulcers can present as hematochezia)

LGIB > UGIB: diarrhea, tenesmus, BRBPR or maroon stools

- Hx Use of aspirin, NSAIDs, anticoagulants; known anticoagulopathy; cirrhosis; alcohol abuse
- PE Vital signs: tachycardia -- 10% volume loss
 orthostatic hypotension -- 20%
 shock -- 30%
- HEENT: pale conjunctivae
- Abdominal exam: Localized tenderness or peritoneal signs
- Rectal exam (mandatory!): Appearance of stools, anal fissures, hemorrhoids
- Skin: signs of chronic liver disease, pallor, delayed capillary refill
- Dx Labs Hct, platelet count, PT, PTT, increased BUN/Cr, LFTs
- NG tube can Dx UGIB (except if intermittent or duodenal bleed), remove GI contents (prior to EGD and to prevent aspiration); lavage "until clear" to evaluate rate/presence of continued bleeding
- Imaging
- UGIB: Esophagoduodenoscopy (EGD); potentially therapeutic.
- LGIB: 1. Colonoscopy - if bleeding stops spontaneously; potentially therapeutic
2. Tagged RBC scan - uses ^{99m}Tc-tagged RBC to detect bleeding rates of ≥ 0.1 -1.0 ml/min in stable patients; localization difficult
3. Arteriography - detects bleeding rates of ≥ 0.5 -1.0 ml/min in unstable patients; potentially therapeutic (intraarterial vasopressin infusion or embolization)
4. Exploratory laparotomy
- Rx Acute treatment includes hemodynamic resuscitation:
1. Volume resuscitation with IV fluids (NS or lactated Ringer's)
2. Transfusion therapy (type and cross; may use O-negative blood if patient is exsanguinating). GI service generally wants a HCT > 25 to scope.
3. Identify and correct coagulopathies (FFP to normalize PT; keep platelets >50,000)
4. Nasogastric tube lavage
5. Airway management as needed
6. CONSULT GI and surgical services

ETIOLOGY of GI BLEED	TREATMENT
Varices	Octreotide ± endoscopic sclerotherapy Band ligation Balloon tamponade Embolization or TIPS if previous strategies fail When HD stable - beta-blocker and nitrates
Peptic Ulcer Disease	PPIs Endoscopic therapy (injection, thermal contact, laser) Mesenteric arteriography with infusion of vasopressin or embolization
Mallory-Weiss	Usually stops spontaneously
Angiodysplasia	Arterial vasopressin, endoscopic therapy, surgery
Esophagitis, gastritis	PPIs, H ₂ -antagonists

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GASTROPATHY & GASTRITIS

Classification	Etiology	Clinical manifestations
Acute gastropathy	NSAIDs, alcohol, stress-related mucosal disease, glucocorticoids	Asymptomatic, anorexia, nausea, vomiting, epigastric pain, UGIB
Chronic fundal gastritis ("Type A")	Autoantibodies directed against parietal cells, resulting in a lack of acid and intrinsic factor	Atrophic gastritis, achlorhydria, hypergastrinemia, pernicious anemia, gastric carcinoid tumors and adenoCA
Chronic antral gastritis ("Type B")	H. pylori infection	Mostly asymptomatic; can progress to atrophic gastritis with increased risk of gastric adenoCA

Peptic Ulcer Disease

Etiologies	H. pylori infection, NSAIDs and aspirin, malignant ulcers, Zollinger-Ellison syndrome (gastrinoma) and other hypersecretory states
Hx	Epigastric abdominal pain: 2-5h postprandial in duodenal ulcers, soon after meals in gastric ulcers. Pain relieved by food, antacids in DU > than GU.
Dx	Tests for H. pylori : serology (not in peds), urea breath test, EGD + rapid urease testing (CLOtest) or biopsy and histology
Rx	EGD or UGI series to detect ulcer Discontinue NSAIDs and smoking acid suppression with H ₂ -blockers or PPIs H. pylori "triple therapy" (e.g. metronidazole 500 mg bid, clarithromycin 500 mg bid, omeprazole 20 mg bid for 10-14 days) Surgery for intractable symptoms, GI bleeding, Zollinger-Ellison syndrome
Complications	GI bleeding, gastric outlet obstruction, perforation, pancreatitis (erosion into the pancreas: seen with ulcers in the posterior wall of the duodenal bulb)

Diverticular Disease

Diverticulosis - Herniations of the colonic mucosa and submucosa through the colonic wall (L > R); may be a consequence of a low-fiber diet; affects 20-50% of patients > 50

Clinical	Usually asymptomatic, but may be complicated by microperforations or bleeding
Rx	Increase fiber content in diet; or as below (if bleeding occurs)

Diverticulitis - Undigested food and bacteria are retained within a diverticulum -> fecalith formation, obstruction, ischemia, infection and/or perforation. Abscess formation and/or peritonitis are severe presentations.

Clinical	LLQ pain, fever, nausea, vomiting, constipation
PE	LLQ tenderness, ± palpable mass, ± FOBT, diarrhea, fever, chills, anorexia, nausea, vomiting, dysuria, LLQ mass, <u>Does not cause big lower GI bleeds</u> Severe – peritonitis, septic shock
Dx	Labs: ↑ WBC Imaging 1. Acute abdominal series to r/o obstruction, free air, ileus 2. Abdominal CT (with contrast for best visualization)

3. Colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy are CONTRAINDICATED in an acute setting because of increased risk of overt perforation
- Rx Outpt Rx if mild; antibiotics (cipro, metronidazole)
 Hospitalize for severe Sx; keep NPO, IV fluids, NGT
 Broad-spectrum antibiotics to cover anaerobes and gram-negative rods
 Surgery if medical therapy fails, for peritonitis, or to drain an abscess that is inaccessible to percutaneous drainage

Diarrhea (Stool output > 200cc/day)

Etiologies

1. Infectious

- Pre-formed toxins (*S. aureus*, *C. perfringens*, *B. cereus*)
- Viruses (Norwalk, Rotavirus)
- Non-invasive bacteria
 - enterotoxin-producing (no fecal WBC or blood) – ETEC, *Vibrio cholera*
 - cytotoxin-producing (+ fecal WBC or blood) – *E. coli* O157:H7, *C. difficile*
- Invasive bacteria (+ fecal WBC or blood) – enteroinvasive *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, *Shigella*, *Campylobacter*, *Yersinia*, *V. parahemolyticus*
- Parasites (*Giardia*, *E. histolytica*)
- Opportunistic (Cryptosporidia, Microsporidia)
- Chronic (*Giardia*, *E. histolytica*, *C. difficile*, opportunistic organisms)

2. Malabsorption

Bile salt deficiency
 Pancreatic insufficiency
 Mucosal abnormalities
 Celiac sprue - check anti-tissue transglutaminase (Most Sensitive and Specific), anti-endomysial, anti-gliadin Abs, plus IgA (false neg in peds <2 yrs)
 Whipple's disease – caused by *Tropheryma whippelii*
 Tropical sprue
 Intestinal lymphoma

3. Osmotic

Medications or Lactose intolerance

4. Inflammatory

Inflammatory bowel disease
 Ischemic colitis

5. Secretory

Hormonal - VIP (VIPoma); serotonin (carcinoid); calcitonin (medullary cancer of the thyroid); gastrin (Zollinger-Ellison); glucagons, substance P, thyroxine
 Villous adenoma

6. Motility

Irritable bowel syndrome
 Scleroderma (pseudo-obstruction)
 Endocrinopathies

Acute diarrhea (< 3 weeks duration)

If severe dehydration, fever, duration > 5 days, mucus or pus in BMs, bloody diarrhea, abdominal pain, recent travel or recent antibiotic use are present consider:

- Labs fecal leukocytes, FOBT, *C. difficile* toxin, stool cultures, stool O & P X 3
 Imaging flexible sigmoidoscopy/colonoscopy with biopsy

Chronic diarrhea (> 3 weeks duration)

Labs as for acute + consider 24-hour stool collection with evaluation of fecal fat, Giardia antigen, hormone levels, secretin test (pancreatic insufficiency), ¹⁴C-xylose breath test (bile salt deficiency), D-xylose test or small intestinal biopsy (mucosal abnormality), lactose test, ESR

RESPONSE TO NPO - If diarrhea decreases with fasting = malabsorptive etiology
- If diarrhea does NOT change with fasting = secretory etiology

STOOL OSMOTIC GAP = $Osm_{stool} (290) - [2 \times (Na_{stool} + K_{stool})]$:
- If > 50, malabsorptive etiology
- If < 50, secretory etiology

Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Ulcerative Colitis

Idiopathic inflammation of the **colonic** mucosa; average age of onset 20-25 yo.

Clinical Grossly bloody diarrhea, lower abdominal cramps, urgency, tenesmus, fulminant colitis, toxic megacolon, perforation
EXTRACOLONIC: Erythema nodosum, pyoderma gangrenosum, aphthous ulcers, iritis, episcleritis, thromboembolic events, seronegative arthritis, chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis, sclerosing cholangitis, cholangiocarcinoma
Complications Stricture; colon cancer (after 10 years, risk incr 1% each year)

Crohn's Disease

Idiopathic inflammation; can **occur anywhere in the alimentary tract**, although often focal at terminal ileum. Bimodal age distribution with peaks in the 20s and from 50-70

Clinical Smoldering disease with abdominal pain, mucus-containing, non-grossly bloody diarrhea; fevers, malaise, weight loss
EXTRACOLONIC: same as UC and also, gallstones and kidney stones
Complications Perianal fissures, perirectal abscesses, stricture, fistulas, cancer (small intestinal and colonic: risk similar to that of UC when the entire colon is involved)

PATHOLOGY OF ULCERATIVE COLITIS VS. CROHN'S DISEASE

thology	Ulcerative Colitis	Crohn's Disease
tent	involves the rectum/colon and extends contiguously	can affect any portion of the GI tract from the mouth to the anus. lesions with areas of sparing -- "skip lesions"
pearance	granular, friable mucosa with small ulcerations; pseudopolyps	≥ 1 cm ulcerations, non-friable mucosa, cobblestoning, deep and long fissures
opsy	superficial microulcerations, crypt abscesses (PMNs); no granulomas	transmural inflammation with mononuclear cell infiltrate, non-caseating granulomas, fissures

Rx of Inflammatory Bowel Disease
Fiber supplements (unless obstructive symptoms in CD)
No caffeine or gas-producing vegetables
Trial of lactose-free diet in CD
Antidiarrheals and antispasmodics
In acute flare:

MILD - 5-ASA compounds including sulfasalazine, mesalamine or olsalazine
MODERATE - Oral steroids (\pm azathioprine, methotrexate or 6-mercaptopurine in CD)
SEVERE - Intravenous steroids (\pm cyclosporine \pm Remicade for refractory CD);
bowel rest, TPN, antibiotics; serial abdominal exams and
radiographs/CT to rule out dilatation, perforation or abscess;
decompression in toxic megacolon.
TNF inhibitors: infliximab, etanercept (place PPD + controls prior to
administration); risk of granulomatous infection higher with
infliximab

Hematology

Anemia (Hematocrit $<36/\text{Hgb} <13$ in females and $<41/\text{Hgb} <14$ in males)

Sx Fatigue, headache, dyspnea, decreased exercise tolerance, chest pain,
pica, melena, BRBPR, hematemesis, dizziness; family history of anemia/heme
disorders, review meds (look for NSAIDS, ASA, coumadin)
PE Pallor, pale mucous membranes, HSM, jaundice, bone tenderness,
Orthostatic hypotension, tachycardia, koilonychia, numbness, paresthesias,
Labs Hgb, Hct, CBC w/ platelets, peripheral smear, retic count, stool guaiac
Consider bilirubin, haptoglobin, LDH

Low corrected retic count (<100 billion/L) & index ($<2\%$) = hypoproliferation

High corrected retic count (>150 billion/L) & index ($>2\%$) = periph destruction, blood loss

Low corrected reticulocyte count/index (underproduction) -> look at MCV:

1. Low MCV (<80) = microcytic anemia

I Iron-deficiency

- chronic bleed / decreased supply / increased demand
- special PE findings : angular cheilosis, atrophic glossitis,
koilonychia, pica
- lab findings : low Fe, low ferritin, high TIBC, $\text{Fe}/\text{TIBC} <1/6$

T Thalassemias

S Sideroblastic anemia

2. Normal MCV (80-100) = normocytic anemia

A Anemia of chronic disease/ inflammatory block (can also be microcytic)

- lab findings: low Fe, low TIBC, +/- high ferritin, high ESR
- tx: Fe supplementation unsuccessful, must tx underlying disorder

N Nephrogenic - low erythropoietin levels

E Endocrine - thyroid disease

M myelophthisis - marrow replacement with tumor, fibrosis; teardrop cells

I IVF- dilution

A Aplastic anemia

S sickle cell anemia

3. High MCV (>100) = macrocytic anemia

- B** B12 deficiency (neuro Sx + hypersegmented PMNs)
- R** Reticulocytosis (see in blood loss)
- A** Alcohol
- N** Nutritional - folate deficiency (no neuro findings, + hyperseg PMNs)
- D** Drugs - AZT, MTX

(Thanks to Differential Diagnosis Mnemonics)

High corrected reticulocyte count/index (destruction or loss):

- 1). Blood loss
- 2). Hemolysis
 - a. Hereditary spherocytosis
 - b. Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency
 - c. Sickle cell anemia
 - d. Autoimmune hemolytic anemia (AIHA)
 - e. Drug-induced hemolytic anemia
 - f. Microangiopathic hemolytic anemia (MAHA)
 - DIC, HUS, TTP, HELLP, malignant HTN
 - g. Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH)

Thrombocytopenia (Platelet count < 150,000/ mm³)

- at steady state, platelet production should equal destruction/removal
- causes include decreased production, increased destruction, or increased sequestration

RISK OF BLEEDING

Platelet count	Risk of bleeding
>100,000	No increased risk
50-100,000	Surgery is o.k., some increased risk with major trauma
20-50,000	Risk with surgery or trauma
<10,000	Spontaneous bleeding

- History/Sx** Mucocutaneous bleeding, epistaxis, small ecchymoses, petechiae, melena, BRBPR, menorrhagia, symptoms of infection. Review medication list, take thorough medical history (ask about HIV, bleeding disorders, etc)
- PE** Look for hepatosplenomegaly, ecchymoses, petechiae, + stool guaiac
- Labs** CBC with diff and platelets, peripheral smear
Bone marrow aspirate and biopsy in some cases

Etiologies

- a. Decreased production: aplastic anemia, myelodysplasia, drugs (EtOH, thiazide diuretics, sulfas), megaloblastic anemia, infiltrative marrow process
- b. Increased destruction: immune-mediated (see below), drug-induced, infection, DIC, HUS/TTP, vasculitis, pre-eclampsia
- c. Increased sequestration by the spleen

Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) - autoimmune mediated

- Most common cause of immune thrombocytopenia
- Mediated by an auto-antibody against glycoproteins on platelet surface, platelets then destroyed by the liver, spleen, and marrow

- Often occurs following a viral illness and can be chronic in adults
- See large platelets on smear
- Rx: glucocorticoids, IV IG, platelet transfusion, splenectomy, Vincristine, immunosuppressants, Danazol

Drug-induced thrombocytopenia

- More than 100 drugs have been associated with thrombocytopenia
- Syndrome resembling ITP may be seen in those susceptible following ingestion
- Examples are quinine and quinidine derivatives
- Removal of drug is most effective therapy

Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT)

- Production of antibody that leads to destruction of platelets
- Can occur with trace amounts of heparin (IV flush)
- Can also cause platelet aggregation (less common)
- Rx: stop heparin

Hemolytic-uremic syndrome (HUS) / Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP)

- Normally von Willebrand factor is cleaved into multimers by a protease; in TTP/HUS an antibody against the protease leads to accumulation of larger multimers; results in platelet aggregation leading to thrombotic microangiopathy
- HUS: thrombocytopenia, renal failure and MAHA; syndrome has been associated with E. Coli O157H7
- TTP: HUS triad plus fever and neurologic abnormalities
- Rx: plasma exchange, immunosuppressants

Hypercoagulability

Risk Factors

Virchow's triad

1. Endothelial cell injury (trauma, surgery)
2. Stasis (e.g., immobility s/p hip replacement, long airplane ride)
3. Hypercoagulable states

Acquired:

Pregnancy
Surgery/trauma
Malignancy
Smoking
Oral contraceptives
Antiphospholipid antibody syndrome
DIC

Familial:

Factor V Leiden
Antithrombin III deficiency
Protein S deficiency
Protein C deficiency

Complications DVT, PE, stroke

Rx anticoagulation—duration of treatment determined by etiology

Leukemias

AML

Primarily occurs in adults
Dx: blasts, auer rods

ALL

Most common childhood leukemia
Dx: WBC <10,000 in 25%; blasts

<p>Tx: chemo, BMT in 1st remission</p> <p>Complications: leukostasis -> ARDS, intracerebral hemorrhage</p> <p>M3 subtype (Promyelocytic): Tx w/transretinoic acid. DIC may occur w/tumor lysis.</p>	<p>Tx: chemo effective, BMT in 2nd remission. 65-75% kids cured</p>
<p>CML</p> <p>One of the myeloproliferative d/o</p> <p>Chronic phase (median 3 yrs) -> accelerated phase -> blast crisis</p> <p>Dx: Philadelphia chromosome t(9;22), low LAP score</p> <p>Tx: gleevec, BMT during chronic phase</p>	<p>CLL</p> <p>Elderly patients</p> <p>Often present w/infection due to hypogammaglobulinemia</p> <p>Dx: Smudge cells on smear suggestive; CD5 Ag</p> <p>Tx: palliative chemo</p>

Multiple Myeloma

Proliferation of malignant plasma cells. Peak incidence in 70s.

Sx	bone pain, pathologic fx, fever, epistaxis, subQ nodules (plasmacytomas), renal failure sx, peripheral neuropathy
Dx	lytic bone lesions on XR, SPEP/UPEP
Tx	observation for mild cases Bisphosphonates Palliative XRT, chemotherapy Early autologous BMT may increase disease-free survival

Infectious Disease

Fever of Unknown Origin

Definition =	Fever > 38.3C(101F) on multiple occasions, plus Duration of > 3 weeks, plus Uncertain diagnosis after 1 week of hospitalization*
Etiology	Infectious (TB, abscess, osteo, endocarditis) ~30% Malignancy (lymphoma, leukemia, RCC, HCC) ~30% Collagen vascular disease (JRA, GCA, Stills, Wegener's) ~30% Other ~10% - drugs, thyroid, Familial Mediterranean Fever, idiopathic
Work-up	Detailed Hx: travel, pets, immunosuppression, meds, ROS Labs: ESR, LDH, PPD, HIV, BCx x 3, RF, ANA, Heterophile Abs Consider Bx bone marrow, liver, lymph node (TB, Bartonella) Consider CT head/neck to rule out sinus disease, dental abscess, etc. Consider CT abdomen No empiric abx or steroids

Catheter-related Bloodstream Infection (Line infection)

Definition	Isolation of same organism from catheter and peripheral blood No alternative source of infection Non-contaminated infusate
Etiology	Incidence ~3%; Catheter colonized by flora from patient's skin or hands of healthcare workers Occasional hematogenous seeding of catheter, especially if thrombosed
Risk	femoral > internal jugular > subclavian
Prevention	Mask, gown, cap, gloves for insertion; chlorhexidine preferred over betadine

Bugs	Coag negative staph and <i>S. aureus</i> , enterococci (50%), gram negatives (30%), candida (20%)
Work-up	CBC, BCx (1 from line, 2 from separate peripheral sticks) Examine insertion site for erythema, tenderness, or purulence Empiric abx (vanco +[aminoglycoside or ceftaz/cefipime or cipro]) if sick If positive BCx: pull line and culture tip If non-septic and only coag negative staph are isolated, may change over wire and culture tip; remove if > 15 cfu from line Adjust abx when sensitivities return
Duration of abx:	<i>S. aureus</i> , 2-3 weeks; others, 10-14 days

Osteomyelitis

Definitions	Infection of bone resulting in progressive inflammation, destruction, and reformation. Categories: hematogenous seeding, contiguous spread, vascular insufficiency. Acute Days to weeks; usually painful, febrile; no necrotic bone on bx; Chronic weeks to months; chronic pain, non-healing fx; elevated ESR, nl CBC
Bugs	Hematogenous seeding: <i>S. aureus</i> (~70%); GNRs (~30%). Rarely candida, bartonella, <i>C. immitis</i> , <i>P. acnes</i> . IVDU: pseudomonas, serratia, candida, TB Contiguous spread: Staph, strep, enterococcus (75%); GNRs, anaerobes (25%); often polymicrobial. Rarely, brucella or TB Vascular insufficiency/diabetic foot: Polymicrobial staph, strep, enterococcus, proteus, pseudomonas, and/or anaerobes
Sx	Fever, bone pain, warmth/swelling are classic presentation
Dx	Elevated CBC, ESR; Sed rate >100 in diabetic foot highly specific for osteo. Blood cultures positive in 50% of acute osteo Plain film -> soft tissue swelling, bone destruction, periosteal reaction specific but not sensitive; poor yield in first 3 weeks of infection; positive culture and suggestive film obviate biopsy; empiric treatment recommended CT -> with and w/o contrast very specific MR preferred for spine/foot Ultrasound in pediatrics to reduce exposure; fluid, periosteal elevation Open bone biopsy if high suspicion and negative films or culture due to poor sensitivity of radiologic changes in acute infection
Treatment	Hematogenous, Non-IVDU adult -> nafcillin, cefazolin, or vancomycin Others: see Sanford Guide Contiguous: Ceftazidime, Cefipime, or Cipro. Post-ORIF -> Nafcillin + cipro. Vascular insufficiency: Outpt -> amox/clavulanate or cipro + clindamycin Inpt-> pip/taz, tic/clav, or amp/sulbactam Chronic: based on biopsy. Abx adjunct to surgery only. +rifampin if <i>S. Aureus</i>

Pneumonia

- Inflammation of the lung parenchyma. 6th leading cause of death in U.S.
- Organisms reach the lung by aspiration, inhalation, or hematogenous spread
- Contributing factors = Impaired glottic reflex or cough, immunocompromised, impaired ciliary function and smoking

PNEUMONIA ETIOLOGY

Risk Group / Clinical Setting	Likely organisms
Community-acquired	<i>S. Pneumoniae</i> , <i>H. influenza</i> , <i>Mycoplasma</i> , <i>Chlamydia</i> , <i>Legionella</i> , <i>M. catarrhalis</i> , <i>Klebsiella</i> , virus
Young healthy adults	<i>Mycoplasma</i> , <i>Chlamydia</i> , <i>S. pneumo</i>
Alcoholism / Aspiration	<i>S. pneumo</i> , anaerobes, <i>H. flu</i> , <i>Klebsiella</i> , TB
Hospital-acquired	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>S. pneumo</i> . GNR including <i>Pseudomonas</i> , <i>Klebsiella</i> , <i>Enterobacter</i> , <i>Serratia</i> , <i>Acinetobacter</i>
Nursing Home	<i>Klebsiella</i> , <i>S. Aureus</i> , TB (Consider same organisms as hospital-acquired pneumonia)
IDU	<i>S. pneumo</i> , anaerobes, <i>S. aureus</i> , TB
Smokers	<i>S. pneumo</i> , <i>H. flu</i> , <i>M. catarrhalis</i> , <i>Legionella</i>
HIV, immunocompromised	All of the above plus PCP, fungi, <i>Nocardia</i> , atypical mycobacteria, CMV, HSV

(Adapted in part from "Pocket Medicine", 2000, edited by Sabatine)

Community-acquired Pneumonia

- Symptoms** Cough (90%), dyspnea (66%), sputum production (66%), +/- fever, rigors, sweats, myalgias, malaise
- Diagnosis** History, PE[^](vitals, pulse ox)*, CXR (critical), Lab (CBC, ABG, Blood Cx, HIV at discretion), sputum gram stain and culture, consider ABG and blood cultures. Consider bronchoscopy in immunocompromised, critically ill or not responding to treatment
- Fremitus increased with consolidation, decreased with effusion, PTX, or obstructed bronchus.
 - Percussion is dull over consolidation or effusion
 - chest exam is neither sensitive nor specific in diagnosing CAP
- Mgmt** Inpatient vs. Outpatient therapy
- Risk of Mortality, Pneumonia PORT prediction rules**
- Step 1: Assess baseline risk predictors—age < 50, normal vitals, no comorbidities, normal mental status
- Step 2: Scoring system of the prediction rule:

ASSIGNMENT TO RISK CLASSES II-V

Patient Characteristics	Points assigned
Demographic Factors	
Age (male)	No. of years old
Age (female)	No. of years old – 10
Nursing home resident	10
Comorbid Illnesses	
Neoplasm	30
Liver disease	20
CHF	10
Cerebrovascular dz	10
Renal disease	10
Physical Findings	
Altered mental status	20
Respiration >30 breaths/min	20
Systolic BP >90 mmHg	20
Temp <35 C or >40 C	15
Pulse >125 beats/min	10
Lab or Radiographic Findings	
Arterial pH <7.35	30
BUN >30 mg/dL	20
Na <130 mEq/L	20
Glucose >250 mg/dL	10
Hct <30	10
PaO ₂ <60 mmHg	10
Pleural effusion	10

A total point score is obtained by adding the patient's age in years (age - 10, for females) and the points for each applicable patient characteristic.

RISK MORTALITY RATES

Risk Class	No. of points	Recommended site of care
I	No predictors	Outpatient – mortality 0.1%
II	≤ 70	Outpatient – mortality 0.6%
III	71-90	Outpatient vs close observation – mortality 0.9%
IV	91-130	Inpatient – mortality 9.3%
V	> 130	Inpatient – mortality 27%

Adapted from Halm et al, NEJM 2002.

ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY

PNA Setting	Treatment Guidelines
Outpatient	Uncomplicated: macrolide, quinolone*, or doxycycline If suspect resistant <i>S.pneumo</i> : quinolone* If suspect aspiration: amoxicillin/clavulanate, or clindamycin, or PCN + metronidazole
Inpatient	Uncomplicated: 3 rd generation cephalosporin + macrolide. OR quinolone*. OR β -lactam- β -lactamase inhibitor + macrolide.
ICU	3 rd generation cephalosporin + macrolide, OR quinolone, OR imipenem OR Zosyn
Aspiration	Clindamycin, Timentin, Zosyn, or ceftiofur
Hospital-acquired +/- mechanical ventilation	Imipenem or meropenem + quinolone, OR Cefepime OR zosyn + tobramycin +/- quinolone*
Immunocompromised	Above plus TMP/Sulfa \pm steroids for PCP (if $pO_2 < 70$ or A-a difference > 35 mmHg)

(Adapted in part from "Pocket Medicine", 2000, edited by Sabatine, and Sanford Guide, 2004, and Halm et al, NEJM 2002)

*Use anti-pneumococcal quinolone (gati, gemi, levo, moxi, telithro)

Urinary Tract Infection

Definitions

Cystitis	Superficial infection of the bladder
Pyelonephritis	Inflammation of the renal parenchyma
Lower UTI	Urethritis, cystitis, prostatitis
Upper UTI	Pyelonephritis, renal abscess
Uncomplicated	Cystitis or pyelonephritis in nonpregnant woman; no underlying structural disease
Complicated	Upper tract infection occurring in the setting of catheters, stones, obstruction; any UTI in a man or pregnant woman; UTI with underlying disease (resistant organisms are more common)

Etiology

Uncomplicated	Commonly associated with <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Staph saprophyticus</i>
Complicated	Can be catheter-associated. Commonly caused by <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Pseudomonas</i> , <i>S. epi</i> , GNR's, <i>Enterococcus</i>
Urethritis	<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> , <i>Neisseria gonorrhea</i>
History/Sxs	Dysuria, urgency, increased frequency, change in urine color or smell, suprapubic pain, discharge with urethritis, fever, shaking chills, flank/back pain, vomiting, diarrhea with pyelo, symptoms of outlet obstruction w/ prostatitis
Work-up/dx	UA and dipstick: +LE, nitrite, WBC, RBC Urine culture (not for acute uncomplicated cystitis) DNA or culture for <i>Neisseria</i> or <i>Chlamydia</i> Abdominal CT to rule out abscess if necessary Consider IVP/VCUG to rule out structural problem in recurrent UTIs

Type of Infection	Treatment Guidelines
Cystitis	TMP-SMX or quinolone for 3 days if uncomplicated. Rx 10-14 days if complicated.
Pyelonephritis	Quinolone, aminoglycoside, or cephalosporin for 14 d (E. coli resistance to amoxicillin is increasing) for outpatient. For inpatient, use IV x 24-48hr, then switch to Pos.
Urethritis	Ceftriaxone 125 mg IM x 1 (for Neisseria) and doxycycline 100 mg PO x 7 days or azithromycin 1 g PO x 1 (for Chlamydia)
Prostatitis	TMP-SMX or quinolone for 14-28 d if acute, up to 12 wks if chronic
Renal Abscess	Drain + Rx as for pyelonephritis above

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Nephrology

Acute Renal Failure

Definition	Rapid deterioration of renal function: azotemia, elevated BUN and Cr Decreased urine output Increase in creatinine of > 0.5 mg/dL or increase in creatinine >50% or decrease GFR > 50% Nonoliguria = UOP > 400 ml/24 ° Oliguria = UOP = 100-400 ml/24 ° Anuria = UOP < 100 ml/ 24 °
Hx/sxs	GI: anorexia, nausea, vomiting Cardiopulmonary: chest pain (pericarditis), dyspnea (pulmonary edema) Fatigue, confusion Ask about recent procedures or hypotensive episodes, review med list, pertinent PMH
PE	Vital signs: may have hypertension from volume overload Extra heart sounds Ascites, abdominal masses Skin changes, pallor, rash, breath odor

Common Etiologies of ARF:

1. Prerenal

Causes	Intravascular volume loss: vomiting, diarrhea, ↓ intake, diuresis, 3rd-spacing Hypotensive episode: surgery, sepsis, drugs, blood loss Decreased cardiac output: MI, CHF, renal artery stenosis, emboli, thrombosis, NSAIDs, ACEIs
Work-up/dx	History, PE (vitals, orthostatics, neck veins, CV, Resp) R/O bleeding UA, BUN, creatinine, FeNa BUN/Cr ratio >20 suggests prerenal ARF. Renal ultrasound if RAS suspected
UA	Urinalysis is bland: few or no cells, +/- hyaline casts Urine Na <20 mEq/L (FeNa <1 suggests prerenal disease; FeNa >2 suggests intrinsic renal. FeNa >4 suggests post-renal etiology.)

Rx Stop offending medications
 Optimize volume status
 Correct underlying problem. Usually reversible

2. Intrarenal

Acute tubular necrosis (ATN)

Causes Drugs (aminoglycosides, amphotericin, cisplatin), toxins, ischemia, contrast dye, pigments, crystals, proteins
 Work-up/dx History, PE, UA, BUN, Creatinine, FeNa
 UA Renal tubular cells
 Muddy brown/pigmented casts
 Urine Na >20 mg/dL
 Rx Stop offending medications or other cause
 Support BP
 Dialysis PRN

Acute interstitial nephritis (AIN)

Causes Drugs (beta-lactam antibiotics, sulfas, NSAIDs), infections, toxins, autoimmune, infiltrative
 Work-up/dx Same as for ATN, consider 24-hr urine, urine eosinophils, UPEP, renal bx
 UA WBCs and WBC casts, eosinophils
 Urine Na usually low
 Rx Remove cause
 Prednisone
 Dialysis PRN

Glomerulonephritis

Causes Berger's disease (IgA nephropathy), post-strep GN, SLE, RPGN, hep C
 Work-up/dx Same as above, consider renal bx
 UA RBCs and RBC casts
 Urine Na usually low
 Rx Post-strep: supportive
 If crescentic (RPGN) then immunosuppression
 Dialysis PRN

Vascular

Causes Wegener's, HUS/TTP, athero-embolic, scleroderma, hypertensive crisis, renal artery stenosis
 Work-up/dx Same as above, consider renal bx
 UA Few cells
 Urine Na usually low
 Rx Immunosuppression
 Dialysis PRN

3. Post-renal (obstructive)

Causes Stones, retroperitoneal fibrosis, intratubular (uric acid crystals, light chains, methotrexate, acyclovir crystals), prostate enlargement/cancer, bladder/ureteral disease, lymphadenopathy, anticholinergic meds

Work-up/dx As above with attention to neuro exam, palpate and percuss bladder
 Post-void residual, catheterization
 Ultrasound, CT
 UA \pm cells, crystals
 Rx Remove cause
 Dialysis PRN
 Recovery is directly related to the amount of time spent obstructed

Chronic renal failure

Etiologies include any cause of intrinsic disease with chronic hypertension and diabetes being the most common.

Consequences of CRF:

1. Uremia

- secondary to Na, K, and water retention, metabolic acidosis, excess toxins
- signs and symptoms: edema, HTN, (activated renin-angiotensin axis), nausea, fatigue, anorexia, pericarditis, platelet dysfunction, encephalopathy, fluid volume disorder (early, can't concentrate urine; late, can't dilute)
- treatment: diuretics, restrict Na and K, anti-hypertensive drugs, dialysis if severe acid-base or electrolyte disorders

2. Bone disease:

- secondary to high phosphate levels, low 1,25-vitamin D, low Ca, High PTH
- signs and sxs: bone pain (fractures), pruritus, calcifications, carpal tunnel
- treatment: lower phosphate levels, raise calcium, lower PTH

3. Anemia:

- secondary to decreased production of EPO, fewer RBCs made, loss with dialysis
- signs and symptoms: pallor, fatigue, anorexia
- treatment: EPO, replace iron loss

Indications for Dialysis:

A	acid-base disturbance (acidemia)
E	electrolyte disorder (hyperkalemia)
I	intoxication (methanol, ethylene glycol)
O	overload of volume
U	uremic symptoms

Pulmonology

Pulmonary Function Testing

Interpretation of spirometry/lung volumes

1. Ensure acceptable and reproducible data
2. FEV1/FVC ratio
 - a. Lower limit of normal (LLN) = predicted minus 8% men, 9% women
3. FEV1/FVC \geq LLN - no airflow obstruction
4. FEV1/FVC $<$ LLN:
 - a. FEV1 65-100% predicted - mild airflow obstruction
 - b. FEV1 50-64% predicted - moderate airflow obstruction
 - c. FEV1 $<$ 50% predicted - severe airflow obstruction
5. FEV1/FVC \geq LLN:
 - a. TLC or VC 65-79% predicted - mild restriction
 - b. TLC or VC 50-64% predicted - moderate restriction
 - c. TLC or VC $<$ 50% predicted - severe restriction
6. Bronchodilator response
 - a. Increase \geq 12% AND \geq 200ml in FEV1 or FVC following administration of bronchodilator
7. If obstructed: RV $>$ 120% - air trapping, TLC $>$ 120% - hyperinflation
8. Other tests
 - a. DLCO - estimates alveolar capillary surface area
 - i. Decreased - interstitial lung disease, emphysema
 - ii. Increased - erythrocytosis, increased pulmonary blood flow
 - b. Maximal inspiratory/expiratory pressures - useful in neuromuscular disorders
 - c. ABG (See general medicine section for ABG analysis)

Ventilator Mode Settings

1. AC or AMV: Preset tidal volume (8-12cc/kg) and rate. Patient triggers each breath but machine mandates minimum number of breaths.
2. SIMV: Preset tidal volume and rate. Preset machine breaths provide set tidal volume, and spontaneous breaths are allowed between machine breaths for patient to take spontaneous tidal volumes.
3. PC (pressure control): Set peak pressure, rate and inspiratory time. Tidal volume varies with airway resistance and compliance.
4. CPAP - Uses positive end expiratory pressure (PEEP) during spontaneous breathing through a mask.
5. BiPAP - Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure. Inspiratory and expiratory positive pressures delivered by mask to treat sleep apnea or to try to avoid intubation/mechanical ventilation.
6. Pressure support - Preset amount of pressure during inspiration, and patient controls inspiratory time, tidal volume and rate. Overcomes resistance in the breathing circuit and ETT. Basically, the ventilator does the initial part of the breath, and PS can be used in conjunction with SIMV to overcome resistance of airway/ETT. Caution: Pt. must have intact respiratory drive as tidal volume and minute ventilation are not set!

Pleural Effusions

- Effusions can be either exudative or transudative
- At least 150 mL of fluid is needed to be seen on upright PA films as blunting of costophrenic angle, and 25-50 mL on lateral films
- Obtain decubitus films on all patients prior to thoracentesis to decipher loculations and evaluate underlying parenchyma. >1cm of fluid on decub film = tappable.
- Perform thoracentesis on all NEW effusions. Can observe effusions in pts with known CHF that have symmetrical effusions and no evidence of infection or other cause for effusion.
- Send fluid for cell count + differential, LDH, glucose, total protein, cholesterol, amylase, pH, Gram stain and culture. May also consider cytology, ANA, RF, AFB stains/cultures, or HCT depending on likely etiologies.

Cause	Transudate	Exudate
Congestive Heart Failure	YES	NO
Pneumonia	NO	YES
Cancer	NO	YES
Pulmonary Embolism	Sometimes	Sometimes
Viral Disease	NO	YES
CABG	NO	YES
Cirrhosis with Ascites	YES	NO

Listed in order of incidence, adapted from Light, NEJM 2002.

LIGHT'S Criteria - must satisfy at least one of the below criteria to be an exudate

- Ratio of pleural protein to serum protein > 0.5 = Exudate
- Ratio of pleural LDH to serum LDH > 0.6 = Exudate
- Pleural LDH > 2/3 upper limit of normal for serum LDH = Exudate

Can also use

- Pleural fluid protein > 2.9 mg/dL
- Pleural fluid cholesterol > 45 mg/dL
- Pleural fluid LDH > 45% upper limit of normal serum value

If an exudate is found, can use other laboratory values to decipher etiology

- Glucose < 60 seen in malignancy, Rheumatoid, TB, Lupus, empyema/parapneumonic
- pH < 7.3 seen in malignancy, Rheumatoid, TB, systemic acidosis, empyema
- If associated with bacterial pneumonia, abscess, or bronchiectasis it is a parapneumonic effusion:
 1. Uncomplicated parapneumonic = free flowing with pH > 7.2, gram stain negative, culture negative
 2. Complicated parapneumonic = loculated OR pH < 7.2 OR gram stain positive OR culture positive
- Needs chest tube if complicated parapneumonic, pH < 7.2, bacteria present, or pus

Pulmonary Embolism

- Most common signs/symptoms of PE include: tachycardia, tachypnea, SOB, and pleuritic chest pain
 - Laboratory findings include elevated D-dimer (sensitive but not specific), hypoxemia with increased A-a difference. Can see leukocytosis, elevated LDH, and elevated cardiac enzymes due to right heart strain. D Dimer only useful when PE is not your top suspicion in the differential.
 - EKG is nonspecific and is most commonly sinus tachycardia. Nonspecific ST-T changes can be seen, and rarely the classic S in I, Q in III, and inverted T in III due to elevated pressures in the right heart.
 - CXR: Nonspecific abnormalities. Hampton's Hump or wedge shaped peripheral opacities.
- Gold standard is pulmonary angiogram. Typically, use spiral CT with IV contrast or V/Q scan.

Don't forget that most (up to 90%) of PE's come from lower extremity DVTs, so venous duplex is often indicated if high suspicion for PE. Treatment includes initiation of a heparin drip with a loading bolus of 80 units/kg followed by 18 units/kg/hr. The aPTT should be checked in 6hr and infusion rate adjusted to maintain the aPTT at 1.5-2.5 x control. (LMWH is as effective as unfractionated heparin) Warfarin should be initiated if no contraindications are found, to achieve an INR of 2-3. Once INR achieved for 24hrs, heparin can be discontinued.

Patients with their first DVT/PE should be maintained on warfarin for 3-6 months.

Lung Cancer (leading cause of cancer mortality in US)

Non-small cell 80%

Adenocarcinoma 30-40%
bronchoalveolar CA subtype
SCC 20-30%
Large cell 10%

Paraneoplastic syndromes associated:
Hypercoagulable states

↑PTH, hypercalcemia

↑ hCG

Small cell 20%

SIADH, ↑ ACTH, Eaton-Lambert

- Sx Usually symptomatic at presentation; cough/change in chronic cough, dyspnea, hemoptysis, weight loss, SVC syndrome, pancoast syndrome
- Dx CXR, CT chest, ± thoracentesis, VATS, mediastinoscopy

Non-small cell – TNM Staging (simplified)

T1	tumor < 3 cm
T2	> 3 cm or invades pleura
T3	any size with chest wall/diaphragm invasion, or within 2cm carina
T4	any size + mediastinal/heart/tracheal/esophageal invasion or malign pleural effusion
N0	no node
N1	ipsilateral hilar nodes
N2	ipsilateral mediastinal/tracheal nodes
N3	contralateral nodes
M0	no mets
M1	+ mets

<i>Non-small cell</i>	Stage	Treatment
	Stage I	T1 or T2N0M0 resection
	Stage II	T1 or T2N1M0 or T3N0M0 resection ± chemo or rads
	Stage IIIA	T3N1M0 or T1-T3N2M0 resection vs chemo/rads
	IIIB	anyTN3M0 or T4anyNM0 palliation vs chemo/rads
	Stage IV	anyTanyNM1 palliation vs chemo
<i>Small cell</i>	Limited	disease limited to ipsilateral hemithorax (one radiation port), chemo (largely palliative)
	Extensive	metastatic disease beyond one hemithorax, palliation

Rheumatology

Osteoarthritis (OA)

- Most common joint disorder in US and the world; major cause of disability and pain in the elderly; before age 50 males > females; after 50 females < males
- Overweight people are at greater risk. Injuries may increase risk of development
- History/Sx Pain and stiffness in and around joints (knees, hips, hands esp. DIPS/PIPS, cervical/lumbar spine), characteristic pattern is axial and peripheral joints in an asymmetric pattern, mild to moderate pain often gradual or insidious in onset, relieved by rest, may have AM stiffness but usually less than 30 minutes
- PE Bony enlargement is common and may lead to tenderness at joint margins ± decreased ROM, ± crepitus, locking of joints with ROM
Heberden's and Bouchard's nodes
- Labs Usually not necessary, may want to R/O inflammatory arthritis
- XR Bony proliferation (osteophyte formation or spurs)
Joint space narrowing
- Rx Education, weight loss if necessary, acetaminophen, NSAIDs
± glucosamine/chondroitin
Consider PT/OT, corticosteroid injections, surgery

Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)

- Systemic inflammatory disease predominantly in the synovial membrane of diarthrodial joints, may have extra-articular manifestations
- Affects all ethnic groups, 2.5-3.1 to 1 female to male ratio
- Peaks in 4th-6th decades

Need 4 out of 7 criteria for diagnosis:

1. AM stiffness for > 1 hour
2. Arthritis of 3+ joint areas
3. Arthritis of hand joints
4. Symmetric joint involvement/arthritis
5. Rheumatoid nodules (common over bony prominences, extensor surfaces)
6. + serum rheumatoid factor (RF)
7. Radiographic changes consistent with RA (erosions, periarticular decalcification)

Physical exam/clinical features:

- Symmetric synovitis of joints, esp. PIPs, MCPs, wrists, ankles, knees, MTPs

- Joint deformities: ulnar deviation, swan neck deformity, Boutonniere deformity
- C1-C2 instability (check C-spine films and inform team prior to intubation)
- Nodules (subcutaneous, lung, pericardium, sclera)
- Malaise, fever, weight loss
- Eyes: episcleritis/scleritis
- Lungs: fibrosis, nodules, pleurisy
- Cardiac: pericardial effusion, pericarditis, aortitis, AI
- GI: rarely involved
- Renal: rarely involved
- Neuro: C-spine instability can lead to cervical myelopathy, nerve compressions, mononeuritis multiplex
- Heme: hypochromic microcytic anemia, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia

Labs

- + RF in 85% of people with RA. Higher levels may correlate with extra-articular features although RF is of little prognostic value (don't need to follow)
- anti CCP (citrulline containing peptide) antibodies—more specific but less sensitive than RF, often used on combination with RF for even greater specificity to r/o RA.
- Elevated ESR and CRP (nonspecific)
- Hypergammaglobulinemia, hypocomplementemia, thrombocytosis, eosinophilia

Treatment:

- Accurate dx
- Smoking cessation, immunizations, appropriate tx of infections, management of diabetes, HTN, osteoporosis
- NSAIDs are effective for treatment of pain, swelling and stiffness but don't alter the progression of disease
- DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) are used to control disease and limit damage
- New class of biologics (e.g., infliximab, etanercept) that target inflammatory mediators (TNF-alpha, IL-20) have revolutionized RA treatment and resulted in 75% improvement of symptoms in many patients.
- Methotrexate and TNF-alpha inhibitors are a common combination therapy.
- Surgery may be needed to modify joint damage.

Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

General:

- Autoimmune disease consisting of multisystemic inflammation with broad spectrum of clinical manifestations
- Cluster of signs and symptoms classified as one entity
- Associated with production of antibodies to components of the cell nucleus (antinuclear antibodies)
- Peak between ages 15-40 with female to male ratio 6-10:1
- HLA linked (DR3)
- 11 diagnostic criteria that reflect the major clinical features (4+ needed for dx)

Clinical manifestations / diagnostic criteria (4+ for dx):

Cutaneous

1. malar rash
2. discoid rash

3. photosensitivity
 4. oral/nasopharyngeal ulcers
- Musculoskeletal
5. non-erosive arthritis
- Cardiopulmonary
6. serositis (pleuritis, pleural effusion, pericarditis, pericardial effusion)
- Renal
7. proteinuria (> 500 mg/dL or urinary cellular casts)
- Neurologic
8. seizures or psychosis
- Hematologic
9. hemolytic anemia or leukopenia or lymphopenia, thrombocytopenia
- Serologies
10. +ANA
 11. +anti-dsDNA
- Other systems involved:
- GI (serositis, vasculitis, abdominal pain, hepatitis, pancreatitis)
- Ocular (cotton wool spots, corneal/conjunctival involvement)
- Labs

Each cellular element in the blood can be affected by SLE (get CBC and look for "penias"). ESR is commonly elevated but not reliable marker of clinical activity

AUTOANTIBODIES

Autoantibody	Frequency	Clinical association
ANA	90%	Any or all clinical findings
Anti-dsDNA	40-60%	Lupus nephritis, vasculitis
Anti-RNP	30-40%	Raynaud's, musculoskeletal
Anti-Sm	30% (very specific)	
Anti-Ro/SSA	30-45%	Dry eyes/mouth, neonatal lupus
Anti-La/SSB	10-15%	Dry eyes/mouth, neonatal lupus
Antiphospholipid	30%	Clotting diathesis

Treatment

- Education, control fatigue, treat comorbidities (hypothyroidism, depression, etc), avoid sunlight
- NSAIDs: musculoskeletal complaints, pleuritis, pericarditis, HA
monitor for side effects/contraindications (renal, GI, etc. ...)
- Corticosteroids: topical for cutaneous lesions, oral for constitutional symptoms, arthritis, serositis. Be aware of side effects/toxicities
- Hydroxychloroquine/Plaquenil: constitutional symptoms, cutaneous, arthritis, serositis, musculoskeletal (steroid sparing)
- Azathioprine (inhibits nucleic acid synthesis/ affects cellular and humoral immunity): alternative for lupus nephritis, and steroid sparing for other nonrenal manifestations
- Cyclophosphamide (immunosuppressive): mainstay for lupus nephritis/severe organ disease
- Methotrexate: cutaneous and joint disease

Gout

- Disease resulting from monosodium urate (MSU) crystal deposition in tissues
- Predominantly disease of adult men with peak in 5th decade
- Rare in premenopausal women
- Classic gout passes through 3 stages

1. Asymptomatic hyperuricemia
2. Acute intermittent gout
3. Chronic tophaceous gout

Precipitants	Obesity; hypertriglyceridemia; diabetes; excessive EtOH intake; high purine diet; medications: cyclosporine, HCTZ, low-dose aspirin (high-dose is protective), allopurinol if given during an acute flare
History/sxs	Intense, sudden onset of pain in joints commonly in 1 st MTP (podagra), ankles, knees, typically monoarticular, warmth, swelling, redness of the area, common onset at night, fevers, chills, malaise may be present
PE	Erythematous, swollen, very tender joints, overlying skin may be warm, tense, dusky, tophi in synovium, Heberden's nodes, Achilles tendon, gross joint deformities
X-rays	Unremarkable in early stages Soft-tissue swelling Bony erosions with "overhanging edge" Joint space preserved until late
Labs/dx	Elevated serum urate level Definitive diagnosis only by aspiration of synovial fluid and demonstration of characteristic crystals (needle/rod shaped, birefringent that are yellow when parallel to the axis of the polarized light) Synovial fluid findings are consistent with inflammation (WBC count 5-80,000, mostly PMNs)
Rx	Acute attack: NSAIDs, colchicine, corticosteroids, DON'T INITIATE ALLOPURINOL DURING AN ACUTE ATTACK Prophylaxis: lifestyle modification, prevention of precipitants, weight loss, urate lowering agents (allopurinol, uricosuric agents)

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SAMPLE NOTES

OB Admit Note

ID/CC: ___ yo G___ P___ @ ___ weeks by LMP/US (date performed and whether consistent w/ LMP) presents w/ (onset of ctx, SROM, vaginal bleeding, decreased fetal movement, abdominal pain, etc)

HPI:

PNC: Labs: ABO type, Ab +/-, Rubella status, RPR, HbsAg +/-, HIV, GC/CT
Hct, Pap, UA, GBS status, GCT (1 hr), GTT (3 hr), Quad screen

1st visit @ ___ weeks, total wt gain, 1st trimester BP

Imaging/fetal assessment: list U/S, NST, CST, BPP, amniocentesis, previous

L/D admits (dates, gestational age, results)

Important issues: twins, PTL, infections, drug abuse, comorbidities, etc

Past OB hx: List each previous pregnancy w/ delivery date, delivery route, wt, sex, complications (including miscarriages/abortions)

Past Gyn hx: Menarche, cycles (reg or irreg), abnormal Paps, cervical operations/procedures, contraceptive hx

PMH:

PSH:

Medications:

Allergies:

Social hx: Include tobacco, ETOH, IVU

Family hx: Metabolic/genetic disorders, diabetes, HTN, twins, etc

PE: Vitals, FHT (doppler rate or baseline/variability/accels/decels on monitor)
general appearance, lungs, CV, ext (signs of DVT, edema), DTR (hyperreflexia, clonus), abd (gravid, +/- tender, position by Leopold's, EFW), cx exam (dilation, effacement, station, position, consistency)

Assessment: 1. IUP @ ___ weeks in active labor/early labor/r/o PTL, etc

2. Pregnancy complicated by...

3. Intact membranes/SROM or AROM @ ___ w/ ___ fluid...

Plan: Admit to L/D, Expectant management, Analgesia, Anticipate NSVD

Delivery Note

IUP @ ___ wks, delivered by (CS, NSVD, vacuum, LTCS, VBAC, etc)
Labor: Spontaneous / induced / augmented (max rate of pitocin, etc)
ROM: Spontaneous vs artificial, +/- meconium, date/time, rupture length
Anesthesia: Epidural, pudendal, none (include amounts)
Infant: Wt, sex, position, APGAR scores, time of birth, +/- nuchal cord, bulb/DeLee suction at perineum/delivery
Placenta: Spontaneous vs. manual extraction, time of delivery, intactness, # vessels (3), +/- pitocin
Repair: Episiotomy (nth degree laceration, (where: cervical / vaginal vault / perineum, type of suture)
Complications:
EBL:
Duration of labor: 1st stage, 2nd stage, 3rd stage, total
Postpartum condition: Mother and baby
In attendance: Attending, resident, med student

Postpartum Progress Note

S: Pain control, calf pain, breast tenderness, vaginal bleeding/lochia, bowel/bladder fxn, ambulation
O: Vitals, lungs, CV, abd (fundal height/consistency, incision/episiotomy), ext (edema, reflexes)
Labs: CBC, Rh status
A/P: PPD #1 uncomplicated NSVD, doing well (discuss complications if any)
Need for teaching (breast feeding), F/U, contraception, +/- RhoGAM, circumcision for male infants

NORMAL OB

G/P Notation

Gravida = # of pregnancies the woman has had in her lifetime including current one (not affected by multiple gestations)

Para = results of the above pregnancies divided into 4 categories: TPAL—Term / Preterm / Abortions (spontaneous or elective) / Living children

Pregnancy Dating Information

Nagele's Rule: EDD = 1st day of LMP – 3 months + 1 week
Date of 1st positive pregnancy test: (usually 4 weeks gestation)
Date of pregnancy symptoms: 5-6 weeks
Doppler U/S of fetal heart tones: 7-12 weeks (closer to 12)
Fetoscope of heart tones: 19-20 weeks
Quickening: 20 weeks for primips, and 16-17 weeks for multips
Fundal height: 20 weeks at umbilicus, + 1 cm/week thereafter
Ultrasound accuracy best in 1st trimester (+/- 1 wk), 2nd (+/- 2 wks) and 3rd (+/- 3 wks)

ROUTINE PRENATAL TESTING

Initial Visit/ First Trimester	Hct, blood type & screen, RPR, Rubella antibody, Hep B, GC/CT, PPD, Pap smear, UA w/ culture, HIV, VZV titer in pts w/ no h/o exposure
Second Trimester	Quad screen (MSAFP, unconj estradiol, β -HCG, inhibin AHCG alpha subunit), screening ultrasound (18-20 wks), amnio if indicated
Third Trimester	50 g OGTT, Hct, GBS culture (36 wks), RPR, GC/CT if indicated; administer RhoGAM(D) IG for Rh negative at 28 wks; cervical checks at visits after 37 wks

Normal Lab Values In Pregnancy

Lab	Normal Pregnancy Range	Change from Non-Pregnancy
WBC	5-15 X $10^3/\text{mm}^3$	↑
Hgb	11-14 g/dL	↓
Hct	33-42%	↓
Arterial pH	7.4-7.45	↑
PCO ₂	27-32 mmHg	↓
HCO ₃	19-25 mEq/L	↓
Creatinine	<1.0 mg/dL	↓
BUN	4-12 mg/dL	↓
Fibrinogen	400-500 mg/dL	↑
Thyroid Functions	↑ TBG, T ₄ , ↓ T ₃ uptake, normal TSH, FT ₄ , and FTI	
ECG	May have flat or inverted T-waves or Q-waves in inferior leads	

Labor induction: Attempt to begin labor in a nonlaboring patient, usually done with prostoglandins, pitocin, mechanical dilation of the cervix, and/or amniotomy.

Cervical ripening:

Necessary before induction of labor when the cervix is unfavorable

- *Nonpharmacologic methods:* membrane stripping, amniotomy, mechanical dilators (e.g. balloon catheter), hygroscopic dilators (laminaria, Dilapan, lamicel)
- *Pharmacologic methods:* PGE₂ (dinoprostone gel, Cervidil), PGE₁ (Cytotec), pitocin

Bishop Scoring: Used to assess if the cervix is favorable for labor induction; total score >7-8 = favorable for induction

BISHOP SCORE

Parameter	0	1	2	3
Dilation (cm)	Closed	1-2	3-4	5 +
Effacement	0-30	40-50	60-70	80+
Station	-3	-2	-1 or 0	+1 or +2
Consistency	Firm	Medium	Soft	
Position	Posterior	Midposition	Anterior	

Labor augmentation: Intervening to increase already present contractions when contractions are inadequate or labor is prolonged; done with pitocin &/or amniotomy. Excess pitocin can cause uterine hyperstimulation, and rarely uterine rupture or water intoxication

Stages of Labor

Stage I	Latent phase: closed cervix to 3-4 cm dilation Active phase: 3-4 cm dilation until fully dilated cervix (10 cm)
Stage II	Fully dilated cervix to delivery of the infant
Stage III	Delivery of the infant to delivery of the placenta

Abnormal labor patterns

- Prolonged latent phase = 20+ hours in nullips, 14+ hours in multips; doesn't necessarily mean active phase will be abnormal or adversely affect perinatal outcome
- *Protraction disorders*: prolonged active phase = cervical dilation < 1.2 cm/hr in nullips, < 1.5 cm/hr in multips; or descent of presenting part < 1 cm/hr in nullips, < 1.5 cm/hr in multips
- *Arrest disorders*: secondary arrest = cessation of previously normal active phase cervical dilatation for a period of 2+ hrs in nullip or multip; arrest of descent = no descent of the presenting part in > 1 hr in 2nd stage of labor
- 3rd stage of labor should be ≤ 30 minutes for both nullips and multips, after 30 minutes intervention is indicated to expedite delivery of placenta

APGAR SCORE (for newborn assessment; done at 1 and 5 min of life)

Sign	0	1	2
Appearance (color)	Blue, pale	Body pink, extremities blue	Pink
Pulse	Absent	<100 bpm	>100 bpm
Grimace (reflex irritability)	No response	Some response	Facial grimace, sneeze, cough
Activity (muscle tone)	Flaccid	Some flexion	Good flexion of arms and legs
Respiratory effort	Apneic	Weak, irregular, gasping	Regular, good cry

OB COMPLICATIONS

1st Trimester Bleeding

Obstetric Causes: spontaneous abortion, ectopic pregnancy, extrusion of molar pregnancy

Nonobstetric Causes: 1) Cervical = severe cervicitis, polyps, benign/malignant neoplasms, 2) Vaginal = lacerations, varices, benign/malignant neoplasms, 3) Other = postcoital bleeding hemorrhoids, bleeding disorder, abd/pelvic trauma

3rd Trimester Bleeding

Obstetric Causes: 1) Placental = placenta previa, placental abruption, circumvallate placenta;

2) Maternal = uterine rupture, clotting disorders; 3) Fetal = fetal vessel rupture

Nonobstetric Causes: 1) Cervical = severe cervicitis, polyps, benign/malignant neoplasms, 2) Vaginal = lacerations, varices, benign/malignant neoplasms, 3) Other = hemorrhoids, bleeding disorder, abd/pelvic trauma

Placental Abruption (30% of 3rd trimester hemorrhages)

Definition: premature separation of normally implanted placenta from uterine wall resulting in hemorrhage between uterine wall and placenta

Presentation: painful bleeding (not always!), abd pain, uterine tenderness, ctx

Risk Factors: HTN, h/o abruption, trauma, AMA, cig/cocaine, rapid decompression of overextended uterus

Work-up: CBC, coag panel, fibrinogen, FDP, type and cross-match, Apt test, U/S (r/o placenta previa), speculum exam (after r/o previa), FHT, monitor contractions
Treatment: stabilize pt; prepare for future hemorrhage and preterm delivery; deliver if baby is mature or bleeding is life-threatening, can do vaginally if pt is stable & fetal testing reassuring
Complications: DIC, hypovolemic shock, preterm delivery

Placenta Previa (20% of 3rd trimester hemorrhage)

Definition: abnormal implantation of placenta over internal cervical os; can be complete, partial or marginal

Presentation: painless vaginal bleeding, usually in third trimester

Risk factors: prior placenta previa, uterine scars, multiple gestations, multiparity, prior C/S, cigs, AMA

Work-up: transabdominal/labial U/S – no vaginal exam!, CBC, type & cross, coag panel
Treatment: deliver by immediate C/S if unstoppable preterm labor, large hemorrhage, non-reassuring FHT, or at >36 w with mature lung testing; otherwise stabilize pt, prepare for hemorrhage and preterm delivery; 70% of pts will require delivery before 36 weeks

Complications: preterm delivery, PPROM, IUGR, antepartum hemorrhage

Postpartum Hemorrhage blood loss > 500 mL in vaginal delivery, > 1000 mL in C/S

Risk factors: 4 T's

Tissue	Retained POCs, placenta accreta, cord avulsion
Trauma	Genital tract laceration, pelvic hematoma, uterine inversion, uterine rupture
Thrombin	Coagulopathy, DIC
Tone	Uterine atony (#1 cause, can be due to grand multiparity, multiple gestation, macrosomic fetus, prolonged labor w/ pitocin, chorioamnionitis, rapid labor, Mg tx)

Treatment:

- Fluid resuscitation, prepare for blood transfusion
- Laceration repair, removal of placental products/POCs
- For uterine atony: manual uterine massage, pitocin, Methergen or prostaglandin. If pharmacologic methods fail, to OR for D&C, if this fails then laparotomy.

Placenta Accreta

Definition: placenta forms an abnormally firm attachment to the uterine wall

Accreta: attached to the myometrium

Increta: invades the myometrium

Percreta: penetrates the myometrium (may invade bladder, etc)

Risk factors: prior C/S, other uterine surgery

Premature rupture of membranes (PROM)

Definition: spontaneous rupture of fetal membranes before the onset of labor regardless of gestational age

Presentation: gush of fluid from the vagina followed by persistent, uncontrolled leakage

Work-up: use sterile speculum exam (avoid digital exam), look for pooling of fluid in vaginal vault and perform Nitrazine test (amniotic fluid is alkaline), look for ferning under microscope, may also do U/S for amniotic fluid volume, and fetal fibronectin

Preterm PROM = PROM that occurs before 37 weeks gestation

Risk factors: STDs, smoking, prior PROM, short cervical length, prior preterm delivery, hydramnios, multiple gestations

Complications: chorioamnionitis, neonatal sepsis/pna/meningitis, placental abruption cord prolapse, pulmonary hypoplasia secondary to oligohydramnios

Treatment: expectant management with fetal and maternal monitoring; time to onset of labor inversely correlated with gestational age; immediately deliver for fetal distress or maternal infection; if PPROM use prophylactic antibiotics (reduce risk of neonatal GBS infection and prolong latency to labor onset) and antenatal corticosteroids as necessary

Pre-eclampsia

Definition: Preeclampsia = hypertension (BP>140/90 or 30/15 elevation over pts baseline), proteinuria (0.3 g/24 hr or >+1 on dipstick), and nondependent edema
Severe preeclampsia = SBP >160 and/or DBP >110 (on 2 occasions, 6hrs apart, at rest), proteinuria >5g/24 hr or 3-4+ on dipstick, nondependent edema; or any of the following in mild preeclamptic pt: oliguria, pulmonary edema, RUQ pain, headache/scomata, altered LFTs, thrombocytopenia, IUGR

Risk factors: Nulliparity, extremes of maternal age, multiple gestations, underlying chronic HTN, family h/o preeclampsia

Labs: CBC, LFTs, UA, creatinine, BUN, uric acid

Treatment: Delivery is the only cure; in mild pts deliver if at term or unstable, otherwise control blood pressure and manage expectantly; for severe pts deliver immediately

Eclampsia

- Grand mal seizure in preeclamptic patient not attributed to other cause
- Can occur before labor (25% of pts), during labor (50%) or after delivery (25%)
- Prophylaxis with MgSO₄; treat seizure w/ MgSO₄ and HTN management, deliver once pt stable

HELLP

A variant of severe preeclampsia: Hemolysis, Elevated Liver enzymes, Low Platelets

- Plt count <100K most consistent finding
- Microangiopathic hemolytic anemia
- Liver enzymes AST >72, LDH >600
- Treat with immediate delivery!

Pre-Term Labor

Definition: contractions resulting in cervical change before 37 weeks

Risk factors: infection, uterine malformations, antepartum hemorrhage, smoking, cocaine, h/o PTL, cervical incompetence, PROM, congenital anomalies, HTN, DM

Complications: preterm delivery can result in RDS, hypothermia, hypoglycemia, jaundice, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, patent ductus arteriosus, necrotizing enterocolitis, sepsis

Work-up: sterile speculum exam to r/o PROM, U/S, FHT, amnio for FLM if clinically indicated

Treatment: hydration, bed rest, fetal monitoring, treat infections, steroids, tocolytics

Tocolytic Drugs

Magnesium sulfate: may compete w/ calcium to reduce excitation or reduce calcium influx into the cell

- Maternal side effects: flushing, nausea, vomiting, headache, generalized muscle weakness, diplopia, SOB, pulmonary edema

- Neonatal side effects: (crosses placenta), serious complications uncommon; clinically insignificant decreased baseline heart rate and variability
- Monitor I/Os, DTRs (Mg toxicity causes hyporeflexia), vital signs q hr

Indomethacin: COX inhibitor (prostaglandins are mediators of the final pathway of uterine muscle contractions)

- Maternal side effects: GI sx, GI bleed, platelet dysfunction
- Neonatal side effects: oligohydramnios, ductal constriction, primary pulmonary hypertension w/ prolonged tx

Terbutaline: beta agonist (beta-2-receptor stimulation leads to uterine smooth muscle relaxation)

- Maternal side effects: tachycardia, palpitations, hypotension, chest discomfort, myocardial ischemia (rare!), SOB, tremor, pulmonary edema (rare!), hypoK, hyperglycemia
- Neonatal side effects: tachycardia, hyperglycemia

Nifedipine: calcium channel blocker

- Maternal side effects: hypotension, tachycardia, headache, flushing, dizziness, nausea

Contraindications to Tocolysis

IUDR, lethal fetal anomaly, nonreassuring fetal assessment, severe IUGR, chorioamnionitis, maternal hemorrhage with hemodynamic instability and severe preeclampsia/eclampsia

Ectopic Pregnancy

Definition: pregnancy outside uterine cavity (99% are in the fallopian tube – 78% in ampulla, 12% in isthmus)

Risk factors: h/o PID/STD, prior tubal surgery, IUD use, prior ectopic

Presentation: amenorrhea, abnormal vaginal bleeding, unilateral abd/pelvic pain, tender adnexal mass

Ddx: salpingitis, threatened abortion, appendicitis, ovarian torsion

Work-up: serial quantitative β -HCG, Hct, U/S, culdocentesies if concern for rupture

Treatment: surgical or medical (methotrexate); if ruptured, immediate surgery!

Gestational Diabetes

Screening: 28 wk 50 g OGTT - value > 140 mg/dL at 1 hour is abnl. If abnl, then do fasting 3 hour 100 g OGTT - values controversial, but fasting > 95, 1 hr > 180, 2 hr > 155 or 3 hr > 140 considered abnl (+ if fasting or 2+ postprandial values \uparrow)

Comps: Fetal: macrosomia, traumatic delivery, shoulder dystocia, delayed organ maturity, congenital malformations, IUGR

Maternal: polyhydramnios, preeclampsia, infection, diabetic emergencies (hypoglycemia, ketoacidosis, diabetic coma), vascular or end organ damage, peripheral neuropathy, GI disturbance

Treatment: Diet/exercise and insulin or oral agents as needed to keep fasting levels < 100. Requires more frequent visits, possible referral to high-risk clinic. Delivery between 38-40 wk

Postpartum: Monitor blood sugars postpartum, and screen for DM as at increased risk (40% in 15 years)

White Classification for diabetes during pregnancy

- A₁ - gestational diabetes, diet controlled
- A₂ - gestational diabetes, insulin controlled
- B - onset age >20 or less than 10 years duration
- C - onset age 10-19 or 10-19 yrs duration
- D - onset at <10 yrs, or >20 yrs duration
- F - with nephropathy
- R - with proliferative retinopathy
- H - with ischemic heart disease
- T - with renal transplant

FETAL HEART RATE MONITORING: DECELERATIONS

Type	Significance	Description
Early	Head compression	Begins with and mirrors ctx, uniform shape
Variable	Cord compression	Variable in relation to ctx, abrupt onset
Late	Placental insufficiency	Symmetric, begins after ctx onset and returns after ctx completion

ASSESSMENT OF FETAL WELL-BEING

Test	Reassuring	Non-reassuring
Maternal kick counts	≥ 4 kicks per hour	≤ 3 kicks per hour
Nonstress Test (NST) (50% of strips are NR at < 28 wks, 28W, by 32w, 15% NR at 32 wks)	Reactive: 2 accelerations (>15 bpm above baseline for >15 sec in 20 min)	Non-reactive: not having 2 accels/20min, even after acoustic or glucose stim
Contraction Stress Test / Oxytocin Challenge Test	No late or significant variable decels with contractions. Must have at least 3 contractions in 10 minutes.	Persistent late or significant variable decels after >50% of contractions without hyperstimulation.
Amniotic Fluid Index: U/S measurement of amniotic fluid in 4 quadrants	>8, although does vary with gestational age	<5: oligohydramnios >20: polyhydramnios
Biophysical Profile (BPP): U/S used to assign score (0-2) in 5 parameters: fetal tone, breathing, movement, AFI, and NST	Score 8-10	<8, consider delivery, repeat BPP in 24 hours, or perinatology consult
Umbilical artery Doppler U/S velocimetry	Depends on gestational age	Elevations – IUGR, fetal hypoxia, acidosis Absent or reversed end-diastolic flow – IUGR

BIOPHYSICAL PROFILE (BPP)

Category	Score = 2	Score = 0
Non-stress test	Reactive	Non-reactive
AFI	1 pocket > 1 cm in two planes	Largest pocket <1cm
Fetal tone	At least 1 extremity flex/ext/flex	Extended with slow or /no return to flex or no movement
Fetal movement	≥ 3 gross movements	< 3 gross movements
Fetal breathing	30 secs of sustained effort (can have 5 sec pauses)	< 30 seconds of fetal breathing

BENIGN GYN

Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS)

- Syndrome: Most common cause of androgen excess and hirsutism, characterized by oligo/amenorrhea, related to obesity
- Diagnosis: 2 of 3 required: 1) oligo/amenorrhea and/or anovulation, 2) clinical and/or biochemical signs of hyperandrogenism, 3) polycystic ovaries by US; must also exclude other etiologies
- Labs: Prolactin, testosterone, DHEA-S, thyroid fxn
- Treatment: Non-medical – weight loss, diet, exercise, hair removal techniques
Surgical – ovarian wedge resection, lap ovarian laser electrocautery
Pharmacological – if patient NOT wishing to be pregnant: OCPs, antiandrogen (i.e. spironolactone), metformin; if desiring pregnancy: clomid and metformin
- Comps: Increased risk of PIH, GDM, endometrial & ovarian cancer, metabolic syndrome (DM, HTN, CVD, dyslipidemia), sleep apnea

Pap smears

Significantly reduced the incidence of cervical cancer. Recommended annually beginning 3 years after the onset of sexual activity, but no later than age 21. May be repeated less often at the discretion of the physician if the patient has three normal pap smears in a row. An adequate sample must contain some endocervical cells from the squamocolumnar junction since this is where 95% of cervical cancers occur. The Bethesda system is the current classification used.

VAGINITIS

Organism	Discharge	Wet Prep	Treatment
Trichomonas	Thin, yellow-green	Motile, flagellated organisms	Metronidazole
Bacterial Vaginosis	Thin, gray-white	Clue cells, + KOH "whiff test"	Metronidazole
Candida	Thick, clumpy, cottage cheese-like	Spores and pseudohyphae	Miconazole, diflucan, clotrimazole

Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID)

- Symptoms: Abd/pelvic pain, increased vag discharge, abnormal odor, abnormal bleeding, GI or urinary disturbances
- Diagnosis: Made clinically by cervical motion tenderness, elevated WBC, and pelvic pain
- Organisms: C. trachomatis, N. gonorrhea, occasionally Bacteroides, E. coli, and Strep

Risk factors: Multiple sexual partners, teen, prior PID, current or past IUD, vaginal douching, cervical instrumentation

Complics: Adhesions, ectopic pregnancy, infertility, chronic pelvic pain.

Outpatient treatment:

- Ofloxacin 400 mg PO BID or Levofloxacin 500 mg PO QD with or without Metronidazole 500 mg PO BID for 14 days

- Ceftriaxone 250 mg IM x 1 plus Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID for 14 days

Inpatient treatment:

- Cefotetan 2 g IV q12° or Cefoxitin 2 g IV q6° plus Doxycycline 100 mg IV or PO q 12°

- Clindamycin 900 mg IV q8° plus Gentamicin 2 mg/kg loading dose, then 1.5 mg/kg q8° or 4.5 mg/kg QD, then Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID for 14 days

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Chlamydia trachomatis

Symptoms: Often asymptomatic in women. May present with cervical discharge.

Diagnosis: Ligase chain reaction (LCR) of swab or urine (>95% sensitive)
Antigen detection, direct florescent antibody of swab from cervix (sensitivity 80-95%)

Treatment: Azithromycin 1g PO as single dose or doxycycline 100mg PO BID for 7 days

Neisseria Gonorrhea

Symptoms: 50% of infected women are asymptomatic, when symptoms occur they often include vaginal discharge or vaginal pruritus; infection can involve any portion of the genital tract or oropharynx

Diagnosis: Culture may only be 60-85% sensitive in asymptomatic women
Gram stain in symptomatic women is only 60% sensitive (compared to almost 100% in men), so in women you must also send a culture
Urine LCR, wide range of reported sensitivity (50-95%)

Treatment: Cefixime 400 mg PO X 1
Ceftriaxone 125 mg IM X 1
Ciprofloxacin 500 mg PO x 1
With any of the above also give Azithromycin 1g PO X1 or Doxycycline 100 mg PO BID x 7 days to cover for possible concomitant chlamydia

Herpes Simplex virus: types 1 and 2 can cause genital lesions

Symptoms: Highly variable and include painful or itchy genital ulcers (characteristic "dew drops on a rose petal" appearance), dysuria, fever, inguinal lymphadenopathy

Diagnosis: HSV PCR of swab, most sensitive if a blister is unroofed and swab is placed on fluid

Viral culture

Serology provides evidence of previous infection

Treatment: Acyclovir may shorten duration of outbreak if started within 24 hours of symptom onset, 200 mg PO five times per day for 10 days or 400 mg PO TID
Suppressive therapy can be given to those with recurrent outbreaks (Acyclovir 400 mg PO BID).

Infertility

- Definition:** Inability to conceive after one year of unprotected intercourse; 15% of all couples will have infertility (40% of infertility is due to male factor i.e., abnormal morphology or motility, 40% due to female factor i.e., endometriosis, adhesions of fallopian tubes, 20% unexplained)
- Work-up:** Semen analysis, post-coital test, basal body temperature charts to identify ovulation, endometrial biopsy, hysterosalpingogram, U/S, laparotomy, midluteal progesterone, endocrine w/u. Appropriate tests determined by history.

Abnormal Uterine Bleeding (premenopausal)

- Definition:** Any irregularity in menstrual cycle from the norm
- Dysfunctional uterine bleeding:** Idiopathic abnormal bleeding.
- Menorrhagia:** Heavy or prolonged menstrual bleeding (>80 mL/cycle)
Etiologies include fibroids, adenomyosis, endometrial hyperplasia, endometrial polyps, endometrial/cervical cancer, primary bleeding disorders.
- Metorrhagia:** Bleeding between periods
Etiologies include endometrial polyps, endometrial/cervical cancer
- Hypomenorrhea:** Periods with unusually light flow
Etiologies include hypogonadotropic hypogonadism in anorexics or athletes; can also be caused by Asherman's syndrome, intrauterine adhesions, OCPs, Depo-Provera, outlet obstruction
- Polymenorrhea:** Frequent periods (<21 days between similar bleeding episodes)
Usually caused by anovulation
- Oligomenorrhea:** Periods >35 days apart
Most common cause is pregnancy, can also be due to any disruption of pituitary-gonadal axis or systemic disease

Postmenopausal Bleeding

- Definition:** Vaginal bleeding > 12 months after menopause; always abnormal and should always be investigated!
- Work-up:**
- 1) Perform pelvic exam and determine site of bleeding (bladder, rectum, vagina, cervix, vulva), note suspicious lesions and assess uterine size
 - 2) Biopsy any suspicious lesion and perform a Pap smear
 - 3) Transvaginal ultrasound: in postmenopausal bleeding this is 96% sensitive for detecting endometrial cancer when the stripe is > 4-5mm.
 - 4) Proceed to endometrial biopsy if:
 - endometrial lining is thicker than 5 mm
 - endometrium shows diffuse or focal increased echogenicity (heterogeneity)
 - bleeding persists
 - endometrium is not adequately visualized(Note: EMB samples 5-15% of the endometrial lining and up to 70% are not diagnostic)
 - 5) Saline infusion sonography
 - 6) Hysteroscopy
- Ddx:** Hormone replacement therapy (#1 cause), endometrial or cervical cancer, endometrial polyp, endometrial or vaginal atrophy, endometrial hyperplasia, fibroids, adenomyosis, infection, anticoagulant therapy or bleeding disorder, post radiation

Amenorrhea

Primary (Absence of menarche by age 16 or 4 years after thelarche)

Etiologies: (after excluding pregnancy)

- Outflow tract abnormalities: imperforate hymen, transverse vaginal septum, vaginal agenesis or atresia, testicular feminization, uterine agenesis
- End-organ disorders: ovarian agenesis, ovarian failure (e.g. Turner's Syndrome)
- Central disorders: hypothalamic (local tumor compression, trauma, sarcoidosis, Kallmann's syndrome), pituitary (damage from surgery or radiation)

Work-up: History (including family history, diet, exercise, drug use)

Physical exam (presence of breasts, uterus, vagina)

Labs sent will depend on findings of physical exam

Secondary (Absence of menses for > 6 months or 3 normal cycle lengths in a woman who previously had menstrual cycles)

Etiologies: Pregnancy, anatomic abnormalities (Asherman's syndrome, cervical stenosis), ovarian failure (from surgery, infection, radiation, chemo or idiopathic), polycystic ovarian syndrome, hyperprolactinemia, disruption of hypothalamic-pituitary axis (stress, anorexia)

Work-up: History and physical

Pregnancy test

Prolactin – if normal, proceed with progesterone challenge. If fail
progesterin challenge, check FSH

Contraception

1. Hormonal methods

- Oral contraceptives
- Injectable contraceptives (depot medroxyprogesterone acetate, medroxyprogesterone acetate/estradiol cypionate)
- Contraceptive implant
- Contraceptive vaginal ring (NuvaRing)
- Transdermal contraceptive patch (Ortho Evra)

2. Barrier methods

- Male or female condom
- Diaphragm
- Cervical cap
- Spermicides

3. Other

- IUD (copper or levonorgestrel)
- Sterilization (tubal ligation, vasectomy)
- Withdrawal (18-20% failure rate)
- Periodic abstinence

Calendar method: Find first day of the fertile period by subtracting 18 days from the length of their shortest menstrual cycle. The last day of the fertile period is determined by subtracting 11 days from the length of the longest cycle. Thus, a woman whose period varies from 28 to 30 days should abstain from intercourse on days 10 to 19 (with day 1 being the first day of their menstrual period). Not effective in women with irregular cycles

Ovulatory method: Measure daily basal body temperatures and abstain after cessation of menses until three days after a rise in temperature of 0.5 degrees has been detected. Cervical mucus: more watery around ovulation; abstain until

3-4 days after peak mucus production. Failure rates with perfect use 3-9% (up to 86% with incorrect use)

4. Emergency Contraception

Given within 72 hours of intercourse to prevent ovulation or if ovulation has occurred to prevent implantation. WILL NOT DISRUPT ALREADY IMPLANTED EMBRYO, i.e. THESE ARE NOT ABORTIFACIENTS

- Estrogen plus progesterone = Ethinyl estradiol 100 µg + levonorgestrel 0.5 mg x 2 Q12^h (75-80% of pregnancy prevented)
- Progesterone only = Levonorgestrel 0.75 mg x 2 Q12^h (equally or more effective than above regimen): known as Plan B and in Washington state some pharmacists can give this to women without a prescription
- Mifepristone 600 mg x 1 (100% effective); this is an abortifacient
- Copper IUD inserted within 120 hours after intercourse (>90% effective)

Gynecologic Oncology

Risk Factors for Cervical Cancer

1. Early onset of sexual activity
2. Multiple sexual partners
3. High risk partner: sexual exposure to partner with known HPV
4. History of STDs
5. Smoking
6. High parity
7. Immunosuppression
8. Low socioeconomic status
9. Previous history of vulvar or vaginal squamous dysplasia
10. HPV infection strongly associated

Risk Factors for Endometrial Cancer

1. Type I endometrial carcinoma is estrogen-related, tends to be associated with hyperplasia, and typically presents as a low-grade endometrioid tumor.

Risk Factors known for Type I (not type II)

[Relative risk]

Increasing age

Unopposed estrogen

Late menopause (after age 55)

Tamoxifen therapy

Nulliparity

Polycystic Ovary Syndrome

Obesity

Diabetes mellitus

Hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer

[2-10]

[2]

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[2]

[3]

[2-4]

[2]

[22-50% lifetime risk]

2. Type II endometrial carcinoma appears unrelated to estrogen or hyperplasia, and tends to present with higher-grade tumors or poor prognostic cell types such as papillary serous or clear cell tumors.

Staging of Cervical Cancer (greatly simplified)

<i>TNM FIGO</i>	<i>Definition</i>	
TX		Primary tumor cannot be assessed
T0		No evidence of primary tumor
Tis	0	Carcinoma in situ
T1	I	Cervical carcinoma confined to uterus/cervix; subtypes classify extent of measured stromal invasion
T2	II	Cervical carcinoma invades beyond uterus but not to pelvic wall or to the lower third of vagina
T3	III	Tumor extends to the pelvic wall, and/or invades the lower third of vagina and/or causes hydronephrosis or nonfunctioning kidney
T4	IVA	Spread to adjacent organs (bladder, rectum or both)
M1	IVB	Distant metastasis
NX		Cannot assess regional lymph nodes
N0		No regional lymph node metastasis
N1		Regional lymph node metastasis

AJCC stage grouping

Stage 0	TisN0M0	Stage IIIB	T1-3aN1M0 or T3b any N M0
Stage I	T1N0M0	Stage IVA	T4 any N M0
Stage II	T2N0M0	Stage IVB	Any T any N M1
Stage IIIA	T3aN0M0		

Staging of Endometrial Cancer (greatly simplified)

<i>TNM</i>	<i>FIGO stage</i>	<i>Definition</i>
TX		Primary tumor cannot be assessed
T0		No evidence of primary tumor
Tis		Carcinoma in situ
T1N0	I	Tumor confined endo/myometrium
T2N0	II	Tumor invades cervix, but does not extend beyond uterus
T3N0	IIIA IIIB	Local and/or regional spread as to serosa/adnexa (IIIA); vagina
N1	IIIC	with spread to pelvic/pre-aortic nodes
T4	IVA	Tumor invades bladder mucosa and/or bowel mucosa
M1	IVB	Distant metastasis Including metastasis to intra-abdominal lymph nodes other than para-aortic, and/or inguinal lymph nodes

Staging of Ovarian Cancer (greatly simplified)

Stage I	Growth limited to the ovaries
Stage II	Growth involving one or both ovaries with pelvic extension
Stage III	Tumor involving one or both ovaries with peritoneal implants outside the pelvis and/or positive retroperitoneal or inguinal nodes. Superficial liver metastasis equals stage III. Tumor is limited to the true pelvis, but with histologically proven malignant extension to small bowel or omentum.
Stage IV	Growth involving one or both ovaries with distant metastasis. If pleural effusion is present, there must be positive cytologic test results in order to classify as stage IV. Parenchymal liver metastasis equals stage IV.

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HELPFUL RESOURCES

Seattle Children's Hospital Survival Guide, latest ed. – the Bible, handed out at orientation.

Harriet Lane Handbook, latest ed. – particularly useful for pediatric dosing and NICU.

Pediatrics course textbook – good overview, basis for final exam, but not sufficiently detailed for clinical practice.

WARD TIPS

Seattle: Ward team - attending, 2 senior residents, 4 interns, 1 sub-I, 1-2 MS3's
3 weeks inpatient, 3 weeks outpatient clinic w/2 days in nursery & some shifts in the ER. Call q4 until 11pm, off weekends when not on call.

WWAMI sites: ± Residents, spend more of your time with attendings.

Time is typically divided equally between wards and clinic.

- Pay attention to diet, prenatal hx, immunization hx, development, social hx
- Pediatrics is not just about the child; you must interact and build trust with the parents and extended family members as well.
- Introduce yourself to the patient and parents, take the time to say what you are doing and why, at a level appropriate for your patient.
- White coats are allegedly scary to children; consider leaving your coat in the hall.
- For infants, toddlers, and small children who appear frightened or nervous, try to keep the child on the parent's lap during the PE. Do cardiac and pulmonary exams first, while the patient is still quiet. Look into ears and throat last.
- Smile and speak softly. Turn the exam into a game ("You listen to my heart, then I'll listen to yours!") or demonstrate on parents first.
- When possible, speak to the patient's primary care physician.
- Tarascon Pharmacopoeia has pediatric drug dosing schedules.
- Read about your patients as soon as you have a chance.
- Practice your presentation. Ask your senior resident for feedback as soon as possible.
- Have fun! Even as an MS, you can make a difference in your patients' care.

SAMPLE NOTES

Pediatrics MS3 Admission Note

ID/CC: The usual - include age, primary complaint, duration

HPI: Include pertinent positives and negatives ROS, exposure hx, and sick contacts.

Birth History: (for infants) ____ week EGA (M/F) born by (vag/C-section) to a ____ year old

G_P_A_. If C-section, indication? Prenatal infections? Was mom given antibiotics?

Birth weight:

Apgars:

Complications:

of days in hospital:

Development: Milestones - gross and fine motor, social, and language. For older children: school performance, attendance, favorite subjects.

Immunizations: UTD (up-to-date). Ask to see the immunization record.

Diet/Nutrition: Formula vs. breast; amount per day. Type of formula. Any special diet? Frequency, solids, appetite.

Allergies: NKDA

Medications: Include vitamins and any herbal supplements.

Past Medical & Surgical History:

Social History: Patient lives with _____ in _____. Recent stressors (moves, parents divorcing), home environment (smoking, pets, environmental hazards), the primary caregiver, attendance in day care or school, performance in school, friends, sexual activity, and alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use.

Sexual history (older children): Menarche, problems with menstruation, sexual activity, contraception, STDs. Use discretion here (would you have enjoyed having this conversation in front of your parents when you were 15?)

Family History: Inherited diseases, miscarriages, sudden deaths, congenital anomalies, developmental delay, mental retardation, consanguinity, asthma, epilepsy, atopy, and cardiovascular disorders.

Review of Systems:

Physical Exam:

- General: Note alertness, playfulness, consolability, hydration status, social interaction, responsiveness, nutritional status.
- Vital Signs: Temperature (and method by which it was obtained: axillary, rectal, oral).
Weight (kg and percentile) Height (cm and percentile)
OFC - occipito-frontal circumference (head circumference (cm and percentile). Plot these values on a graph with old values if available.
BP, HR, RR, O₂ saturation (if available)
Input (cc/kg/hr) and Output (stool + urine in cc/kg/hr), when available.
- Skin: Note jaundice, cyanosis, mottling, birthmarks (location, color, size, number), rashes, capillary refill.
- Hair: Lanugo and Tanner stages
- Head: Circumference, shape, sutures, fontanelles
- Eyes: Red reflex (newborn), strabismus, scleral icterus, EOMI, PERRLA, fundoscopic
- Ears: In infants, gently pull the auricle posteriorly and inferiorly, insert speculum. In an older child, pull the external ear posteriorly and superiorly
- Nose: Nares patent. Watch for nasal flaring (respiratory distress).
- Throat: Teeth, palate (cleft?), thrush. Oropharynx (injection/exudate), adenoids
- Neck: Range of motion. Supple vs. rigid. Thyroid exam.
- Chest: Longer period of expiration than in adults. Comment on regularity of respirations, presence of skin retractions between ribs, grunting, stridor (inspiration), wheezing (expiration).
- Cardiac: Rate, rhythm, murmurs. Check radial and femoral pulses. Note cyanosis.
- Abdomen: Inspect, auscultate, then palpate. Note hepatosplenomegaly, masses. Check umbilicus in newborns
- Back: Check for defects along spine, abnormal curvature (scoliosis)
- MSK: Barlow/Ortolani maneuvers in newborns. Check ROM, effusions
- Genitalia: Males: Circumcision, testes (undescended/descended), Tanner stage
Females: Tanner stage, labia (adhesion)
- Neuro: Mental status (alertness, orientation, language); CN II-XII; Motor: Tone, strength, atrophy, fasciculations; Sensory: temperature, light touch, vibration; DTRs; primitive reflexes (root, grasp, Moro, etc); Cerebellar function; Gait

Assessment/Plan: Include summary statement that incorporates relevant history, physical, and studies. Break down assessment by system or by problem, and address all issues, no matter how small.

In pediatrics, always address FEN (fluids, electrolytes, and nutrition).

Daily Progress Note

MS3 PN, Pediatrics

- ID: 2mo girl w/ fever without localizing signs.
S: Include overnight events, parents' and nurses' observations.
Check medications and dosages given overnight.
O: Report vital signs as a range of values over the past 18-24 hours.
24 I&Os, daily weight (your patient should be growing!)
PE: Gen, HEENT, resp, CV, abd, ext
Labs / Imaging
A/P: Summarize, and address issues by system (FEN, Pulm, CV, GI, GU, MSK, Neuro, Skin, Endo, ID/Heme).

SELECTED TOPICS IN PEDIATRICS

VITAL SIGNS BY AGE GROUP

Age	Wt (kg)	HR	RR	SBP	DBP
27-30w	1	100-160	30-60	32-52	13-29
30-34w	2	100-160	30-60	40-60	20-36
Newborn	3	100-160	30-60	50-70	29-45
1 month	4	120-180	30-60	70-95	30-62
6 mo	7	110-170	25-40	80-100	50-70
1-2 y	12	90-150	20-30	80-100	51-90
3-4 y	16	70-140	20-30	80-110	39-89
5-6 y	20	65-130	20-30	85-115	45-85
7-8 y	26	60-130	18-25	85-115	50-70
9 y	30	60-130	15-20	90-120	50-70
10-12 y	36	60-130	15-20	90-120	50-70
Adolescent	50	60-120	15-20	90-120	50-70

(Adapted from CHRMC Pediatrics Survival Guide, 2002-2003)

Immunizations (See also www.cdc.gov)

- Birth: HBV #1
2 months: HBV #2 DtaP #1 Hib #1 IPV #1 PCV #1
4 months: DtaP #2 Hib #2 IPV #2 PCV #2
6 months: DtaP #3 Hib #3 PCV #3
6-18 months: HBV #3 IPV #3
12-15 months: Hib #4 PCV #4 MMR #1
12-18 months: Varicella
15-18 months: DtaP #4
4-6 years: Varicella DtaP #5 IPV #4 MMR #2
11-18 years: MCV4 Td/Tdap HPV

DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES

Age	Gross motor	Visual/fine motor	Language	Social
1 mo	Raises head	Tight grasp, follows to midline	Alerts to sound	Looks at faces
2 mo	Lifts chest	Fists no longer clenched, follows past midline	Social smile	Recognizes parent
3 mo	Supports on forearms	Responds to visual threat	Coos	Reaches for familiar people
4 mo	Rolls over	Reaches with both arms in unison	Laughs, orients to voice	Enjoys looking around
6 mo	Sits unsupported	Unilateral reach, transfers objects	Babbles, razzes	Recognizes that a person is a stranger
9 mo	Crawls, pulls to stand, cruises	Immature pincer grasp, throws objects	"mama" and "dada" indiscriminately	Pat-a-cake, explores
12 mo	Walks	Mature pincer grasp	2 words besides "mama/dada"	Imitates, comes when called
15 mo	Creeps up stairs, walks backward	2-block tower, scribbles	4-6 words	15-18 mo: uses spoon and cup
18 mo	Runs, throws objects from stand	3-block tower	7-10 words, knows 5 body parts	Plays in group
24 mo	Up and down stairs	7-block tower, undresses	50 words, 2-word sentences	Parallel play
3 yrs	Alternates feet going up stairs, rides tricycle	Draws circle, partial dressing	250 words, 3-word sentences	Shares toys
4 yrs	Hops, skips	Draws square, dresses self, catches	Knows colors, asks questions	Plays cooperatively
5 yrs	Jumps over low obstacles	Draws triangle, ties shoes	Prints 1 st name, asks what words mean	Competitive games

(Adapted from Harriet Lane Handbook, 16th ed, 2002)

Fluids and Electrolytes

Daily water needs are estimated based on energy expenditure:

1kcal expended/day = 1mL H₂O required

"4-2-1" method for pediatric IV fluids: First 10kg: 4mL/kg/hr H₂O*
Second 10kg: 2mL/kg/hr H₂O
Weight over 20kg: 1mL/kg/hr H₂O

So, for a 25kg child, IV fluids based on this method would be:

40mL/hr for the 1st 10kg

20mL/hr for the 2nd 10kg

5mL/hr for the 5kg over 20kg

TOTAL: 65mL/hr for a 25kg child, or 1560mL/day

Daily electrolyte requirements:

Sodium: 2-3mEq/100mL fluid/day

Potassium: 1-2mEq/100mL fluid/day

Chloride: 2-3mEq/100mL fluid/day

*H₂O = fluids

If weight <12kg, D5 1/4NS+10mEq KCl

If weight >12kg, D5 1/4NS+20mEq KCl

Nutrition

Formulas: often confusing with many brand names; talk to the nutritionists

Breast Milk, Standard Infant Formula: 20 kcal/oz

Regular infant formulas (eg Enfamil, from cow's milk) and breast milk contain lactose

Pediasure: 30 kcal/oz. Not for children under one year of age.

Standard soy-based formulas: ProSobee, Isomil

Hydrolysate formulas: Nutramigen, Pregestimil, Alimentum. The protein is enzymatically hydrolyzed and less allergenic.

Renal formulas: (for fluid restriction) Nepro, Novasource (60kcal/oz)

Elemental formulas: Contain proteins broken down completely to amino acids; used in children with gastroschisis/short gut syndrome – Tolorex (low fat, for children with pancreatitis), Vivonex pediatric, Neocate.

Premature formulas: Enfamil Premature, SMA Premie, Neocate 24kcal/oz

Mixing formulas:

20kcal/oz (regular):

24kcal/oz:

Thickened feeds:

1 scoop powdered formula with 2 oz water

3 scoops powdered formula with 5 oz water

1 tsp rice cereal per 4 oz formula

Volume conversion: 1 fl oz = 30 cc. So, 20 kcal/oz = 0.67 kcal/cc.

Normal weight gain:

Week 1: May lose up to 10% of birth weight

Week 2: Regain up to birth weight and establish weight gain pattern

Small premies: 15 g/day

3-6 months: 15-21 g/day

1-6 years: 5-8 g/day

0-3 months: 25-35 g/day

6-12 months: 10-13 g/day

7-10 years: 5-11 g/day

Calorie Requirements by age

<u>Age</u>	<u>Kcal/kg/day</u>	<u>Grams protein/kg/day</u>
1-6 months	108	2.2
6-12 months	98	2.0
1-3 years	102	1.2
4-6 years	90	1.1
7-10 years	70	1.0

BMI = weight (kg)/ height²(m²)

Vitamin D Guidelines (from American Academy of Pediatrics 2008 Clinical Report)

In healthy infants, children, and adolescents, a vitamin D intake of at least 400 IU/day is recommended.

1. Breastfed and partially breastfed infants should be supplemented with 400 IU/day of vitamin D beginning in the first few days of life. Supplementation should be continued unless the infant is weaned to at least 1 L/day or 1 qt/day of vitamin D-fortified formula or whole milk. Whole milk should not be used until after 12 months of age.
2. All nonbreastfed infants, as well as older children who are ingesting 1000 mL/day of vitamin D-fortified formula or milk, should receive a vitamin D supplement of 400 IU/day.
3. Adolescents who do not obtain 400 IU of vitamin D per day through vitamin D-fortified milk (100 IU per 8-oz serving) and vitamin D-fortified foods (such as fortified cereals and eggs [yolks]) should receive a vitamin D supplement of 400 IU/day.
4. On the basis of the available evidence, serum 25- OH-D concentrations in infants and children should be 50 nmol/L (20 ng/mL).
5. Children with increased risk of vitamin D deficiency, such as those with chronic fat malabsorption and those chronically taking antiepileptic medications, may continue to be vitamin D deficient despite an intake of 400 IU/day. If a vitamin D supplement is prescribed, 25-OH-D levels should be repeated at 3-month intervals until normal levels have been achieved. PTH and bone-mineral status should be monitored every 6 months until normal.

Causes of abdominal pain in children

Intussusception

telescoping of a portion of gut into an adjacent segment; peak 5-9 mo
Lead points: HSP, meckel's, neurofibroma, hemangioma, lymph node (post viral, NHL)

Sx: Sudden onset of severe, paroxysmal pain (child may cry, draw knees to chest) interspersed with near-normal periods; BRBPR
Dx/Tx: air/barium enema, surgery

Malrotation w/volvulus

1st year of life. Bilious vomiting, distension, fever
rule of 2's: 2% of population, 2" long, 1st 2 years of life, 2' from ileocecal valve, 2 types of epithelium (gastric, pancreatic)
triad of abdominal pain, LE palpable purpura and GI bleeding.

HSP

Usually 2-5 yo, h/o preceding URI
rotavirus most common in <2 yo. Antibiotics for Shigella, invasive E. coli (not EHEC -> HUS), amebiasis. Anticholinergics contraindicated

Gastroenteritis

Other causes

appendicitis, DKA, testicular/ovarian torsion, UTI, IBD, Juvenile RA

Congenital abdominal pathology

Duodenal atresia

bilious vomiting following feeding in 1st days of life; associated w/

Pyloric stenosis

prematurity, polyhydramnios, down syndrome
idiopathic hypertrophy of pylorus, onset 2-3rd week of life.
Nonbilious vomiting, progresses to projectile. Surgical treatment.
Absence of parasympathetic myenteric ganglion cells in
rectum/sigmoid. Abd distension, constipation, pass stools after
digital exam

Abdominal neoplasms

Neuroblastoma

most common abd neoplasm in children, <5 yo. From neural crest
cells. GI obstruction, diarrhea, opsoclonus-myoclonus, raccoon
eyes

Wilm's

derived from embryonal renal cells; 4 mo – 6 yrs, median 3 yrs,
10% bilateral. Presents w/flank mass, hematuria.
WAGR: Wilms, aniridia, ambiguous genitalia, mental retardation

Work-up of a fever in a neonate (<3 mo)

Admit to hospital, complete PE (look in ears to r/o OM)

CBC with diff, BCx

UA with Cx

LP

CXR if any pulmonary Sx

Febrile seizures

2-4% of all kids; 6 mo – 6 yrs old. 1/3 recur

Associated w/rapid rise in temp, T>38; commonly see w/HHV-6

Simple: <15 min, no focal features

Complex: >15 min, +focal features/post ictal paralysis, or series of sz >30 min

Tx if last > 5 min – lorazepam, APAP to lower fever, dilantin if persists

Does increase risk of developing epilepsy, especially w/complex

Kawasaki's disease acute febrile vasculitis, likely immune-mediated. <8 yo.

Sx: high fever 5+ days, bilateral conjunctivitis, red lips/mouth, red palms/soles,
maculopapular rash

15-25% develop coronary artery aneurysms

Tx: IVIG, high dose ASA until defervesces (80-100 mg/kg/d ÷ qid)

Ddx limp

Infectious septic arthritis, osteomyelitis

Legg-Calve-Perthes - idiopathic avascular necrosis of femoral head, 3-12 yo. Pain may refer
to inner thigh

SCFE typically, overweight teen boys; proximal metaphysis displaces anteriorly. Pain
may refer to medial knee

Osgood-Schlatter teens, due to overuse; pain over tibial tuberosities

Neoplasms Osteosarcoma, Ewing's sarcoma – primarily distal femur, proximal tib/fib.
Leukemia - ALL

Stress fracture

Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis

Pulmonary disease

Croup infection of upper airway – larynx, trachea, bronchi

Parainfluenza accounts for 75%; also, influenza A/B, RSV, Mycoplasma

- Epiglottitis** Barking cough \pm hoarseness, stridor. "Steeple sign" on neck XR
formerly due to H. flu; since vaccine, S. pyogenes, S. pneumo, S. aureus
Cherry red epiglottitis. "Thumbprint sign" on lateral neck XR
Airway emergency – intubate/cricothyrotomy, antibiotics
- Bronchiolitis** infection of lower airways w/obstruction of bronchioles by mucus, edema
Increased incidence in bottle-fed, daycare, pre-existing resp disease
RSV accounts for >50%; also parainfluenza, adenovirus, Mycoplasma
Starts w/mild URI Sx (sneezing, coryza), fever (38.5-39); then increasing
resp distress, wheezing, tachypnea, irritability. Usually no GI Sx.
Tx: O2, epinephrine/albuterol SVN

- Cystic fibrosis** Auto recessive mutation in CFTR ($\Delta F508$ most common); impaired Cl excretion
May present with meconium ileus in 15-20%; bronchiolitis, bronchiectasis;
exocrine pancreatic insufficiency; nasal polyposis, sinusitis; cholecystitis; failure
to thrive.
Pulmonary disease accounts for most morbidity/mortality. Eventually become
colonized w/Pseudomonas, Burkholderia spp., aspergillus. MRSA also an
important pathogen
Dx: sweat chloride, molecular testing
Tx: replace pancreatic enzymes. Treat acute pulmonary exacerbations – Zosyn
a good choice. In colonized pts: inhaled tobramycin, TMP-SMX, itraconazole.
Bronchodilators & inhaled steroids. Lung transplant.

Neonatology

Neonatal screening labs

State of Washington newborn screening tests for the following 9 disorders:

- 1) PKU
- 2) Congenital hypothyroidism (T4; the lowest 10% also get a TSH)
- 3) MSUD
- 4) CAH (17-OH progesterone)
- 5) Homocystinuria
- 6) Galactosemia
- 7) Biotinidase deficiency
- 8) Medium Chain Acyl co-A Dehydrogenase Deficiency
- 9) Hemoglobinopathies

Neonatal Cyanosis

- Systemic:** respiratory depression due to maternal opiates, magnesium sulfate, sepsis,
hypoglycemia
- Heart:** TOF, transposition of great arteries, total anomalous venous return, Ebstein's
anomaly, pulmonic stenosis
- Respiratory:** choanal atresia, pulmonary hypoplasia, pneumonia, IRDS, meconium aspiration
- Misc:** diaphragmatic hernia, intraventricular hemorrhage

Neonatal Jaundice (usually an unconjugated hyperbilirubinemia)

- 1st 24 hours of life:** erythroblastosis fetalis – Rh+ fetus, Rh- sensitized mother
hemorrhage – cephalohematoma
sepsis
intrauterine infection – congenital toxoplasmosis, syphilis, CMV

>24 hours:	physiologic jaundice – peaks 3-5 th day, normalizes in 2 weeks, Tbili \leq 12 (higher peak levels, takes longer to resolve in premies) early onset breast feeding jaundice Crigler-Najjar – auto recessive, absence of glucuronyl transferase; severe jaundice, kernicterus -> seizures -> brain injury Gilbert's syndrome – auto dominant, mild deficiency of gluc transferase; Mild, episodic jaundice precipitated by stress breast milk jaundice – peaks 2-3 rd week, Tbili 10-30 atresia of bile ducts cystic fibrosis Hereditary spherocytosis – auto dominant Hypothyroidism
>1 week:	

Complications of prematurity

IRDS	due to decreased levels of surfactant. \uparrow risk w/diabetic mother, C section w/o labor, multiple gestation. Sx: Resp distress that worsens in 1 st few hours, peaks in 48-72 hours, then gradually improves. Dx: reticulogranular pattern on CXR Tx: steroids pre-delivery to accelerate lung maturity; surfactant post delivery
BPD	secondary to O ₂ toxicity, ventilator injury; follows IRDS. Mostly see in <1,000 g babies. Decreased alveolarization. Clinical worsening after 3 rd /4 th day of life, unlike IRDS.
NEC	typically see after start feeding infant, onset in 1 st 2 weeks of life. Can be rapidly progressive. Sx: abdominal distension, hematochezia Dx: KUB shows pneumatosis intestinalis, free air, pneumatobilia Tx: d/c oral feeds, antibiotics; surgery if perforated or doesn't respond
ROP	abnormal retinal vascularization. Spontaneous regression in 90%. 10% progress – vessels proliferate, extend into vitreous humor; retinal detachment, blindness can occur

SURGERY

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REFERENCES & HELPFUL RESOURCES

1. Surgical Recall—all the basics from horses to zebras, most difficult pimping questions are found in this book
 2. "A primer for third year medical students entering their surgical clerkship", Farhood Farjah and Lorrie Langdale
 3. Surgery Survival Guide (Washington Manual)—how to take care of surgical patients, carry in your coat. Available on Palm OS.
 4. Access to any surgical text for more in-depth reference
- **A NOTE ON TERMINOLOGY: A surgical procedure is referred to as an "operation," NOT a "surgery." "A surgery" is a British term referring to a place where surgery is performed. Surgeons perform operations, the performance of operations is called surgery, and "a surgery" is a place. Got it? Don't call an appendectomy "a surgery," it's an operation! It would be appropriate to say "this patient just had surgery" but NOT "this patient just had a surgery."**

WARD TIPS

- Wear comfortable shoes! Wear scrubs on non-clinic days, and nice clothes in clinic.
- Check surgery schedule for next day, read up on anatomy and basics of procedure. There is so much that they can pimp you on but 3rd years are supposed to know basic anatomy and pathophysiology. You will be unable to prepare for every case—pick one or two and know them cold then just go over the basics of the others. Surgical recall does a pretty good job of giving the bare bones facts. There will be certain operations that you will see all of the time (depending on location) like inguinal hernia repairs, lap choles, exploratory laparotomies (at HMC), so tailor your studying to your environment. If you've seen a case 4-5 times you'd better know the anatomy, pathophysiology, and oddball minutia cold.
- Pre-round and give yourself enough time to formulate a daily assessment and plan before rounds (review plan with intern if you get the chance), and have most of the note finished before rounds (may change plan after discussing with seniors on rounds). Follow-up on patient labs, pathology, x-ray, etc. Most importantly know everything about your patients.
- Be prepared to do dressing changes for team patients on a.m. rounds. When you enter a room where the patient has a wound that needs to be looked at (after you have cleared it with the intern) take the dressing down and have the new dressing ready to be put on. Dressing changes are your job! Have your pockets filled with dressing materials so you don't have to fumble through the room looking for supplies while the team is trying to get through rounds.
- Dressing material to carry: Bandage shears, 2-3 ABDs, Lots of 4X4s, a drain dressing or two, and tape, +/- other material depending on the service.
- Eat when you can, sleep as much as you can, and try to study every night. Carry something to study in your coat in case of a rare moment of downtime.
- The floors all have small supply closets with crackers and other snacks—always a nice place to stock up just in case.

- Make sure your pager is loud enough to wake you up, if not consider clipping it to the chest of your scrubs when napping on call, or buying a louder pager.
- The intern will love you if you learn to help keep the Cores list (<http://cores.medical.washington.edu> at UW and HMC) up to date with current patient census and information. It will also help you remember the patients and stay up on what is going on with the service.

OR TIPS

- Introduce yourself to the scrub nurses, s/he will hand you the instruments you need, and keep you from doing anything really stupid. Be friendly and ask if you should write your name down for them.
- Pay attention to the operation, if you know what is going on and make an effort to help (retract etc,) you will get to do a lot more.
- Practice suturing and tying, if you do these well when given the opportunity the surgeons will notice and let you do more.
- Always try to use the restroom prior to starting a long case.
- Pull your gloves and gown prior to scrubbing, sometimes the nurses will do this for you but always check.
- Help when you can, but also stay out of the way.
- Have fun. The OR time is the best part of the surgical rotation

SAMPLE NOTES

Daily Progress Note (Post-Op check follows same format)

MS3 PN, Gen Surg B

ID: 37 yo male S/P ex lap, HD#3, POD#2, Ceftaz Day #1

S: Pain, ambulation, flatus, BM, appetite and diet, breathing and pertinent information unique to respective surgery.

O: Vitals, I&Os including breakdown of volumes. UOP should average at least 30cc/hr.
JP/drains – note amount of fluid, color.

PE: Don't forget to describe wounds

Labs

Imaging

A/P: Address all significant issues and what you want to do about them

Plan should always include:

1. Diet plan
2. Pain (controlled w/ PCA, change to po, etc.)
3. Volume status (IVF, vitals, urine)
4. Discharge plan (best guess when and what needs to happen to get there)
5. Any specific problems

Brief Operative Note

Pre-Op Dx

Post-Op Dx – same (same as above or explain difference based on operative finding)

Procedure

Surgeons, Assistants

Anesthesia – GET (general endotracheal), LMA, MAC, local, etc

EBL – ask anesthesia

Fluids – ask anesthesia

Drains – list what drains were put in

Findings – list significant findings

Specimens – list tissue sent to path

Complications – usually none... if there is a complication, ask the surgeon what you should write here or let resident write this section

Disposition – condition of patient i.e. patient taken to recovery room in stable condition

BLOOD PRODUCTS

Red Blood Cells: 1 unit of PRBCs raises HCT 3 points

Indications: symptomatic anemia, large blood loss/continuing loss, low hct (< about 30) and h/o CAD

Platelets: 1 unit of platelets raises count 5,000-10,000. Given in “six packs” (six units).

Indications: platelet count less than 20,000 (can result in spontaneous bleeding) or platelet count < 50 with bleeding or needs operation.

SELECTED SURGERY TOPICS

Layers of the abdominal wall

One of the most common pimping questions

1. Skin and subcutaneous fat
2. Camper's (fatty) fascia
3. Scarpa's (membranous) fascia
4. External oblique
5. Internal oblique
6. Transversus abdominus
7. Transversalis fascia
8. Peritoneum

Acute Abdomen = inflamed peritoneum

Sxs/signs Rebound tenderness, involuntary guarding, motion pain (shake the bed or tap patient's feet)

Labs CBC with diff, Chem 7, Ca, Mg, PO₄, amylase/lipase, +/- Liver tests, type and screen, UA, urine hCG

Ddx Think in terms of quadrants and what lives in respective quadrants

RUQ Cholecystitis, hepatitis, PUD, perforated ulcer, pleurisy/pneumonia, pancreatitis, liver tumor, gastritis, hepatic abscess, pericarditis, choledocholithiasis, cholangitis, pyelonephritis, nephrolithiasis, PE, MI, appendicitis (esp. in pregnancy)

LUQ PUD, perforated ulcer, gastritis, splenic disease/rupture, abscess, dissecting aortic aneurysm, pyelonephritis, nephrolithiasis, strangulated hiatal hernia, Boerhaave's syndrome, Mallory-Weiss tear, pneumonia, PE, MI, pleurisy

LLQ Diverticulitis, sigmoid volvulus, perforated colon, colon cancer, UTI, SBO, IBD, PID, ectopic pregnancy, nephrolithiasis, pyelonephritis, referred hip pain, aortic aneurysm, ovarian cyst, endometriosis, gyn tumor, ovarian torsion, Fallopian torsion

RLQ Appendicitis, mesenteric lymphadenitis, cecal diverticulitis, Meckel's, intussusception, cecal volvulus + LLQ causes above

Other causes to consider

Gyn causes Ovarian cyst/torsion, PID, fibroid degeneration, ectopic pregnancy, endometriosis, tumor, tubo-ovarian abscess

Thoracic MI, pneumonia, aortic dissection, aortic aneurysm, empyema, esophageal

	rupture/tear (Boerhaave's), pneumothorax
Scrotal	Testicular torsion, epididymitis, orchitis, inguinal hernia
Diffuse	Uremia, porphyria, diffuse peritonitis, gastroenteritis, IBD, DKA, early appendicitis, SBO, sickle cell crisis, ischemic mesentery, lead poisoning, pancreatitis

Appendicitis

Cause:	Obstruction of appendiceal lumen by lymphoid hyperplasia, fecalith, etc., (i.e., a closed loop obstruction). Continued secretion into its lumen results in increased pressure in appendix. When lumen pressure = perfusion pressure, wall becomes ischemic, and eventually ruptures spilling bacterial and fecal matter into abdominal cavity.
Complic.	Perforation, peritonitis, bowel obstruction
Early sxs	Periumbilical pain (referred and poorly localized) that then migrates and presents as RLQ pain once peritoneal inflammation occurs, anorexia, nausea, vomiting (Pain almost always before N/V)
Signs	Involuntary guarding, rebound tenderness, fever, obturator sign, psoas sign, Rovsig's sign (pain at on opposite side when abdomen is palpated)
Labs	CBC with diff, UA, pregnancy test if of childbearing age
Imaging	Dx typically clinical but may get Abd XR, U/S, or CT if diagnosis is not clear on physical exam
Rx	Appendectomy and 24hr Abx for non-perforated. Appendectomy and 5-7 days Abx for perforated appendix.

Cholelithiasis 10% of U.S. population, 50% are symptomatic

Risk Factors	Female, obesity, multiparity, oral contraceptives, biliary stasis, chronic hemolysis, cirrhosis, TPN, IBD, hyperlipidemia (fat, forty, fertile, female)
Stones	Cholesterol stones 90%, pigment stones 10%
Rx	If symptomatic = Lap Cholecystectomy

Biliary Colic Obstruction, RUQ pain, nausea, vomiting usually after large meal, but no inflammation and resolves within few hours

Cholecystitis = inflammation of gallbladder due to obstruction of cystic duct

Causes	Gallstones, biliary stasis (TPN, fasting)
Complic.	Abscess, perforation, choledocholithiasis (stones within the common bile duct), gallstone ileus (gall stone may erode through gall bladder, enter the small bowel and lodge itself at the ileocecal valve causing a SBO)
Sxs/signs	RUQ pain and tenderness (longer than 1-2 hours), fever, nausea, vomiting, Murphy's sign, right subscapular pain (referred)
Imaging	U/S shows thickened gallbladder wall, gallstones, pericholecystic fluid, (all of above are non-specific signs) one of most important and specific signs is the sonographic Murphy's sign (when positive is almost always cholecystitis)
Rx	IVF, Abx, cholecystectomy (often within 72 hours of presentation) For pain control use Demerol vs. morphine as morphine induces spasm of sphincter of Oddi

Cholangitis = bacterial infection of biliary tract (true surgical emergency)

Charcot's triad = fever/chills, jaundice, RUQ pain

Reynold's pentad = Charcot's + altered mental status and shock

Rx IVF, Abx, and surgical decompression

Hernia

- Causes** Increased intraabdominal pressure, obesity, pregnancy, ascites, patent processus vaginalis.
- Complic.** Incarceration (unable to reduce), strangulation (compromised blood supply), SBO (#1 cause of SBO in children and adults with no prior Hx of surgery). Note: the smaller the defect in the fascia the more likely the herniated bowel is to strangulate.
- Types** Most common are indirect inguinal > direct inguinal > femoral
Indirect inguinal: lateral to Hesselbach's triangle, through internal ring of inguinal canal, most common hernia in men and women.
Direct inguinal: within Hesselbach's triangle
Femoral: beneath inguinal ligament down femoral canal and medial to Femoral vessels. More likely to incarcerate than inguinal hernias
- Rx** Herniorrhaphy (open or laproscopic), emergent or elective depending on complications. Often use mesh.

Acute Pancreatitis

- Causes** Alcohol, gallstones, idiopathic, hypercalcemia, trauma, hyperlipidemia, ERCP (iatrogenic), cardio-pulmonary bypass, familial, drugs
- Complic.** Pseudocyst, abscess, necrosis, ARDS, Sepsis, hypocalcemia, DIC, splenic vein thrombosis, shock and multi-organ failure
- Sxs/signs** Epigastric pain radiating to back, nausea, vomiting, abd. tenderness, guarding, decreased bowel sounds, fever, dehydration, shock. Look for Cullen's (periumbilical) or Turner's (flank) signs that indicate retroperitoneal hemorrhage
- Findings** Increased amylase, lipase, WBC, LFTs, and glucose. Decreased Hct and calcium. Pseudocyst, phlegmon, abscess, necrosis on CT. Gallstones on CT, U/S.
- Rx** Supportive therapy: fluid resuscitation, meperidine (Demerol) for pain, NPO, NGT if needed for protracted nausea and vomiting. Surgical debridement and abx for infected necrotizing pancreatitis. CT-guided drainage and abx for pancreatic abscess.

RAISON'S CRITERIA (predicts mortality)

Initially (at dx)	After 48 hrs
Age >55	Base Deficit >4
WBC >16,000	BUN increase > 5
Glucose >200	Serum Ca <8
LDH >350	Hct decrease >10%
AST >250	Fluid sequestration >6L

PROGNOSIS

# of criteria	Mortality
0-2	<5%
3-4	~15%
5-6	~40%
7-8	~100%

(Am J Gastroent 77:633;1982)

Chronic Pancreatitis = fibrosis, calcification due to chronic inflammation

- Causes** Alcohol, idiopathic, hypercalcemia, hyperlipidemia, familial, trauma, iatrogenic, gallstones, cystic fibrosis.
- Complic.** Diabetes, steatorrhea, malnutrition, splenic vein thrombosis
- Sxs/signs** Epigastric pain, weight loss, steatorrhea, diabetes
- Ddx** PUD, pancreatic cancer, angina, AAA

Imaging	May see calcification of pancreas on AXR, CT. May see duct dilation/stenosis on ERCP (chain of lakes)
Rx	Insulin, pancreatic enzyme replacement, pain meds, stop alcohol. Surgery indicated for severe, refractory pain (many options including Peustow procedure, distal pancreatectomy, total pancreatectomy, others)

Pancreatic Cancer

RFs	Chronic pancreatitis, smoking, DM, FHx
Sx	Dull epigastric pain radiating to back, may be worse w/eating; weight loss, Anorexia, \pm jaundice, steatorrhea if tumor occludes bile duct
PE	may be unremarkable; \pm abd mass, ascites, nontender palpable gallbladder, supraclavicular nodes
Dx	Labs: elevated bili, alk phos, CA 19-9 transabdominal U/S CT abdomen w/ and w/o contrast -> if see mass, will need surgical C/S Endoscopic U/S with FNA ERCP/MRCP to r/o cholangitis and chronic pancreatitis
Tx	Resect tumors without mets that don't invade SMA/SMV, portal vein etc. Procedure is typically Whipple; also total pancreatectomy, and others.

Small Bowel Obstruction = mechanical obstruction of intraluminal contents

Causes	<u>Adhesions = #1</u> , hernia (# 1 in kids and in adults with no hx of abd surgery), tumor, intussusception, gallstone ileus, Meckel's diverticulum, abscess, bowel wall hematoma, radiation enteritis, Crohn's disease
Complic.	Bowel strangulation, necrosis
Sxs/signs	Abd. pain, cramping, nausea, vomiting, high-pitched bowel sounds If strangulated bowel -> fever, severe pain, hematemesis, shock, abdominal free air, peritoneal signs, acidosis
Ddx	Paralytic ileus (common in post-op pts.), electrolyte imbalance (hypokalemia is most common)
Types	Complete (no colon gas), incomplete (some colon gas)
Rx	NGT, IVF, Foley cath, and close observation for incomplete. Laparotomy for complete SBO.

Large bowel obstruction:

Almost always requires an operation, less common than SBO

Ddx: Colon Cancer, obstruction, volvulus.

Volvulus, cecal = twisting of cecum on itself and mesentery, usu. axial twist

Causes	Idiopathic poor fixation of R colon, many have H/O abd surgery
Sxs/signs	Acute abd pain, colicky RLQ pain, progresses to constant pain with vomiting, abd distention, obstruction
Dx/Imaging	AXR shows dilated colon with large air-fluid level in RLQ. "Coffee bean" sign = apex aiming toward LUQ Colonoscopy or gastrografen contrast study if AXR non-diagnostic
Rx	Emergent surgery. Cecopexy if cecum is viable, R colectomy with ileostomy and mucus fistula if cecum infarcted

Volvulus, sigmoid (more common than cecal)

RiskFx	High residue diet, pregnancy, constipation, laxative abuse, think elderly persons in nursing homes and other chronically institutionalized persons
Complic.	Obstruction, necrosis, perforation of colon
Sxs/signs	Acute abd. pain, progressive distention, anorexia, cramps, nausea, vomiting, obstipation. Signs of strangulation include hemorrhagic mucosa on sigmoidoscopy, bloody fluid in rectum, peritoneal signs, fever, and hypovolemia. Signs of necrotic bowel include free air, pneumatosis
Imaging	See distended loop of sigmoid colon on AXR. "omega sign" = loop pointing towards RUQ
Dx	Sigmoidoscopy or CT with gastrografin enema
Tx	Sigmoidoscopic reduction successful in 80%. Enema study can also reduce. 40% recurrence after nonoperative reduction, so do elective sigmoid resection even if successful in reducing.

Peripheral vascular disease

If patient has PVD, likely also has other vascular disease (CAD, carotid disease, or AAA)

Risks	SMOKING is the biggest
S/Sx	Claudication, chronically cold extremity, decreased pulses, muscle atrophy
Work-up	ABIs – ratio of measured BP in ankle and arm (brachial). Normal ABI > .9. Abnormal if < .9, indicates peripheral vascular disease. ABIs < 0.4 indicate severe ischemia (resting pain) and contraindication to bypass. Angiogram needed if bypass planned.
Rx	Smoking cessation, exercise for mild disease, anti-platelet therapy. Revascularization procedures if medical therapy fails.

Fever Work-Up (6W's)

Wind	Pneumonia, atelectasis (especially 1-2 days post-op)
Water	UTI (especially if Foley present)
Wound	5-7 days (abd abscess will wall off after 5-7 days)
Walk	DVT, PE
Wonder drugs	Drug fever especially if on prolonged Abx or new med
Whole Blood	Transfusion rxn

Fistula formation Things that keep fistulas open (FRIENDS)

Foreign body
Radiation
(Granulomatous) Inflammation
Epithelialization
Neoplasm
Distal Obstruction
Steroids

Wound Healing (From Essentials for Students: Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, 1998)

Substrate/Inflammatory Phase, Days 1-4

Redness, heat, swelling, pain, loss of function. Leukocyte margination, venule dilation, lymphatic blockade, neutrophil chemotaxis, phagocytosis. Removal of clot, debris, bacteria. Lasts 1-4 days in primary intention. Healing continues until wound is closed in secondary and tertiary intention healing

Proliferative Phase, Days 4-42

Synthesis of collagen from fibroblasts, rapid gain of tensile strength

Remodeling Phase, 3 wks onward

Maturation by cross-linking of collagen, leads to flattening of scar. Dynamic, ongoing process, 9 months in adults.

Primary Intention Healing

Closure by direct approximation, flap, skin graft

Secondary Intention Healing (spontaneous healing)

Wound left open, maintained in inflammatory phase. Closure depends of contraction and epithelialization. Contraction due to force of myofibroblasts. Epithelialization occurs from margin to center, ~1mm/day.

Tertiary intention healing

Delayed wound closure, intentional interruption of healing begun as secondary intention. Performed when wound not infected and granulation tissue present.

Factors influencing wound healing

Tissue trauma	Malnutrition
Hematoma	Steroids
Blood supply	Chemotherapy
Temperature	Chronic illness
Infection	Technique/suturing

Skin Graft = skin separated from its bed, transplanted to another area; receives new blood supply

Spilt thickness

Epidermis + part of dermis. Donor site heals in 7-10 days

Thin graft has better take

Thick graft is more durable and has less contraction

Full Thickness

Epidermis + all of dermis. Slower vascularization.

Donor site has full thickness skin loss, which must be closed by primary intention or split thickness skin graft. Used for fingers, face.

Graft survival

1 to 48 hrs Serum imbibition, diffusion of nutrients

48hr to 4d Inosculation, capillary ingrowth

5d-> Revascularization

Factors contributing to graft loss

Hematoma / seroma forms under graft

Shearing forces or traumatic tissue handling

Decreased vascularity of recipient bed

Infection / colonization

Traumatic tissue handling

Skin Flaps = tissue transferred from one site to another with its own vascular supply. Used to replace tissue loss due to trauma or surgery, bring in better blood supply, improve sensation, and for reconstruction

Random flap

2 types: rotation and advanced. Limited length-to-width ratio (1.5-2.1 to 1). Blood supply is from dermal and subdermal plexus.

Axial Flap (arterial flap)

Peninsular vs. island. Greater length possible, blood supply is by artery and accompanying vein.

Musculocutaneous flap

Consists of skin, subQ, and muscle tissue (well-vascularized). Blood supply from vessels in muscle.

Reconstructive Ladder

Direct Closure
Graft
Local Flap
Distant Flap
Free Flap

Essential Medications for Surgery Rotation (6 Ps)

PRNs

Tylenol	650 PO/PR Q4-6H PRN don't exceed 4 g/24 hours
Reglan	10 mg PO/IV QID (take 30 min prior to meals and at bedtime)
Zofran	8 mg PO/IV Q8H PRN
Ambien	5-10 mg PO QHS
Benadryl	25-50 mg PO/IV Q4-6 H PRN

Pain

Morphine	2.5-5 mg IV q2-3H PRN
Demerol	25-50 mg IV q3-4 H PRN
Dilaudid	1-4 mg IV q4-6H PRN
Percocet	(oxycodone) 325/5 mg (or other combos) 1-2 PO Q4-6H PRN
Vicodin	(hydrocodone 500/5 or other combo) 1-2 tabs PO Q4-6 H PRN

Prophylaxis (GI and DVT)

Protonix	40 mg PO/IV QD
Heparin	5000 U SQ q 8-12H

Poop

Docusate	100-200 mg PO BID
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Parasites (antibiotics) (prophylaxis antibiotic doses are the only ones included here)

Ancef (Kefzol)	1g IV Q6H
Unasyn	1.5-3g IV Q6H
Zosyn	3.375 g IV Q6H
Metronidazole	500 mg PO QID
Cefoxitin	1-2 g IV Q6-8 H

Pre-Op Medications

Don't forget to restart pre-op medications as appropriate!

EMERGENCY MEDICINE

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REFERENCES & HELPFUL RESOURCES

1. <https://depts.washington.edu/emed/wordpress/> (check out procedure videos)
2. <http://www.saem.org> (Society for Academic Emergency Medicine)
3. <http://www.emra.org> (Emergency Medicine Residents Association)

WARD TIPS

1. With every patient, ask yourself "Is this patient sick or not sick?" "While in the ED, does this patient need to be in a monitored bed?" and "Do they need to be admitted?" (Consider social support situation and ability to care for self outside)
2. Think ahead, get labs and imaging early, call consults early with appropriate diagnostics completed and results in front of you.
3. D/C Home if:
 - ED care is completed
 - Patient has normal vital signs
 - Patient is awake, alert, and in stable condition
 - Patient is ambulatory or at baseline
 - Patient has received appropriate care, discharge instructions, follow-up

NOTES

- Strive to be legible and succinct
- Record patient Time in / time out of ED
- Address CC as documented on chart by nursing staff (this may be different than CC given to you by patient)
- Recheck vital signs if abnormal on first check
- Abbreviations

STHB	said to have been	HOD	heroin overdose
STH	said to have	MVC	motor vehicle collision
CBIB	courteously brought in by CTLS		cervical, thoracic,
LOC	loss of consciousness lumbar spine		
AOB	alcohol on breath BAL	blood alcohol level	
GCS	Glasgow coma scale	PTA	prior to arrival

- Things to include in HPI (some info may be gathered from paramedic notes):
 - _____y.o. male/female referred by Dr. _____ from _____ hospital (or CBIB medics from _____) STH/STHB _____
 - + / - LOC
 - VS and GCS at scene, interventions prior to arrival (CPR, meds, fluids)
 - complaints on arrival
 - document dominant hand and occupation for any UE injury
- Physical Exam (examples of items to include, as appropriate)
 - Gen: AO x 3, NAD, interacts appropriately
 - HEENT: NC/AT, PERRL, EOMI, TMs clear, oropharynx wnl
 - CTLS: Ø tenderness, Ø stepoff, Ø contusions/abrasions/lacs
 - Neck: C-collar in place, supple, Ø STS (soft tissue swelling), Ø ecchy, Ø abrasion, nl range of motion
 - Lungs: CTA bilaterally, symmetric chest excursions, no crepitus

Cardiac: RRR, no murmur/gallop/rub

Abd: soft, NT/ND

Pelvis: NT, stable to AP and lateral compression

Rectal: nl prostate and tone, Ø gross blood, guaiac + or -

Ext: AT, pulses, Ø STS, Ø ecchy, Ø contusion/abrasions/lacs

Neuro: MS, CN II-XII intact, sensory intact, DTRs, gait/cerebellum, GCS (3-15)

Motor: D B T WE WF Q H DF PF

R 5 -----

L 5 -----

- Imaging/EKG: studies obtained in ED, compared to prior if available
- Labs: labs obtained in ED (often draw a "rainbow." Order usually: red, green, blue, lavender, but in trauma get lavender and blue first—Hct and coags are priority!)
 - RED = chemistries (M7, LFTs), amylase, lipase, EtOH, hCG, hep serologies, drug levels, thyroid, ANA, PSA, RPR, methemoglobin, CPK isoenzymes
 - LAV = CBC, platelets, ESR
 - BLUE = coags, PT, PTT, INR
 - GREEN = ammonia, thiamine, chest pain panel
 - PEARL = BNP
- ER Course: Describe events and time course while in ED. This is hard to remember, but very important when someone asks you why your patient was in the ED for 5 hours
 - 1400 Pt. Seen by med student / M.D.
 - 1430 Pt. In CT
 - 1500 CT read by radiology
 - 1530 D/C to home
- Assessment / Plan, Dispo, Safety
 - Pt. D/C to home with instructions for wound care, meds, follow-up in ____ clinic, and instructions for when to return to ED/UCC.

SELECTED TOPICS IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE

(From Surgery 684 Student Manual, 2000, Baernstein and Sparks)

Trauma Primary survey = ABCDE

Fix deficits before moving to next step. If pt status changes, go back to A, then BCD...

Airway (If pt can talk, airway is OK)

(& C-spine) Otherwise start with chin lift/jaw thrust, then oropharyngeal/nasopharyngeal airways, then intubation, with cricothyroidotomy the last resort.
All trauma patients need c-spine immobilization.

Breathing Inspect (movement, rate, tracheal shift, JVD, accessory, chest wounds)
Auscultate (upper/lower airway (stridor, wheeze, gurgle))
Percuss (hyper-resonant or dull to percussion)
Palpate (crepitance, rib fx, flail chest)
During this stage place chest tubes, flutter valves if tension PTX,
3 sided occlusive dressings if open chest wound. May also need to intubate here if work of breathing is increased
If intubated, check for CO2 return and bilateral breath sounds!

Circulation: Assess perfusion AND bleeding
 BP estimation by pulse site (pulse present = BP > than number)
 Radial = 90mmHg pressure Femoral = 70
 Brachial = 80 Carotid = 60

Assess UOP, mental status, cap refill, skin
 Important -- BP is not a reliable indicator of volume
 Address massive bleeding at this time

The treatment for hypovolemic shock is volume. Put direct pressure on bleeding wounds; if bleeding severe and ongoing, pt may need emergent surgery.

Disability Glasgow Coma Scale Coma = score < 8

Eye	4 pts if opens spontaneously 3 if opens to command 2 if opens to pain 1 if does not open	Verbal	5 if appropriate answers
			4 if confused
Motor	6 if obeys commands 5 if localizes painful stimulus 4 if withdraws from pain 3 if decorticate posturing 2 if decerebrate posturing 1 if no movement		3 if inappropriate words
			2 if incomprehensible
			1 if no verbalization
			If intubated, omit verbal portion
			Highest score is then 10T

NB: A dead patient has a GCS = 3

Exposure – remove pt's clothing and examine (then cover to prevent hypothermia)

6 life-threatening conditions to be diagnosed during primary survey

- Airway obstruction (Tx=intubate, or surgical airway)
- Tension pneumothorax (Tx= fluttervalve or chest tube)
- Open pneumothorax (sucking chest wound) (Tx= 3 sided dressing + chest tube)
- Flail chest (more than 3 continuous ribs fractured in 2 locations). Tx= intubate
- Cardiac tamponade (Beck's triad = muffled heart sounds, high neck veins, and hypotension) Tx= pericardiocentesis
- Hemothorax (decreased breath sounds dull to percussion). Tx = Chest tube

Secondary survey is a physical exam from head to toes looking for other traumatic injuries (fxs, puncture wounds, dislocations, amputations, etc)

- Consider NGT to decompress GI tract or w/suspected OD, etc
- Foley cath unless blood at perineum/urethral meatus or "high-riding" prostate

Imaging = Trauma Series

1. Lateral C-spine (look at airway and for obvious c-spine fx / alignment)
2. AP chest (to diagnose pneumothorax, hemothorax, check ET tube placement, widened mediastinum as evidence for aortic dissection, etc)
3. AP pelvis (for fractures)

General trauma info:

1. All trauma patients get monitors (cardiac, BP, O2 sat at least), 2 or more IVs (16-18 gauge or larger), supp O2, foley after rectal exam
2. Labs: "Trauma Panel" = CBC, chem 7, Coags, Type and Cross, amylase, ABG, ETOH level, U dip and Utox, (hCG for women of child-bearing age)
3. Fluid: 3:1 rule. 3cc crystalloid for 1 cc blood. Basically bolus adults w/ 2 liters of LR, may repeat times one, if still unstable move on to blood transfusion. (Unless obviously needs blood right away). Don't let fluid replacement delay OR.
4. Be available when trauma patients arrive; the trauma doc at Harborview will give you a task. Don't take it personally if you are elbowed out of the way because you are taking too long to put in the foley or fem stick. It needs to be done quickly.
5. Trauma "codes" at Harborview:
 - Green= trauma doc only needs to see
 - Yellow= third year surgical resident must see and work-up patient
 - Red= "trauma code" very unstable and requires the attending or trauma fellow and chief resident to be present upon arrival to ER.

Potential spaces for life threatening internal hemorrhage

1. chest
2. pelvis
3. abdomen
4. femur
5. scalp

Shock

Five types: All result in decreased blood pressure, hypoperfusion, and eventually multiple organ system failure and death if patient not resuscitated.

1. Hypovolemic – not enough blood volume to perfuse
2. Cardiogenic – heart not pumping well enough to push adequate volume to perfuse
3. Septic – cardiac output increased, but vasculature so dilated due to inflammatory reaction that insufficient pressure to perfuse (functional hypovolemia)
4. Neurogenic – dilated vasc due to spinal cord injury (loss of sympathetic tone)
5. Anaphylactic – similar to septic

Hypovolemia

Physiologic response to hypovolemia:

Early = tachycardia, decreased urine output, narrowed pulse pressure
Late = hypotension
Na+/H2O retention via renin/aldosterone
H2O retention via ADH
Vasoconstriction via Angiotensin II and sympathetic response

Low-speed MVC (<35mph)

Likely injuries include neck strain, back strain, contusion, abrasion, concussion

History	Description of crash - speed, wearing seatbelt?, airbag deployed?, LOC?, passenger or driver?, side of impact
PE	Head, spine, abd, neuro and any area that hurts.
Labs	2 Hcts 30 min apart, urine dip, stool guaiac
Imaging	C-spine series, Head CT for LOC, other imaging as needed
Rx	Handouts on neck strain, back strain, etc. Pain: ibuprofen 600 mg PO QID or naproxen 500 mg PO BID until F/U F/U in UCC 4-7 days F/U in 1-2 days with concussion or LOC

If C-spine is cleared by x-ray, but tender to palpation, 2 options:

- Have patient wear soft collar x 2 wks (including sleeping and showering), then return for Flexion-Extension films
- Do Flexion-Extension films before patient leaves ED

Lacerations

History	How and when they occurred, possible retained foreign objects?
PE	Fever, signs of infection, neurovascular integrity distal to wound, measure size and record location (draw picture)
Labs	Hct, EtOH if indicated
Imaging	To look for foreign body at site, involvement of underlying bone, or head CT for patient with head laceration and intoxication
Rx	Tetanus toxoid, unless documented in past 5 years If >8-12 hrs old, clean but do not suture

Clean skin with Betadine, anesthetize with 1% lido w/ epi (no epi for ear, finger, nose, toes, etc.)

Shave area (do not shave eyebrows)

Irrigate with 1-2 L warm, sterile saline

Explore: joint space involved? (call ortho), hand/wrist tendons involved? (call ortho hand)

If laceration of tongue or through cheek, call OMFS

If laceration of ear with cartilage damage, call ENT

If laceration near eye, call ophtho

Suture according to table below

Location	Suture	Suture Removal
Scalp	4-0 Dermalon	7 days
Face	5-0 Dermalon	5 days
Oral Mucosa	4-0, 3-0 Chromic gut (absorb.)	NA
Ext	3-0, 4-0 Dermalon	10-14 days
Over joint	3-0 Dermalon	10-14 days
SubQ	4-0, 3-0 Dex/Vicryl	NA

F/U for suture removal in UCC.

Give patient wound care instructions, antibiotic ointment, gauze and tape

IVDU Abscess

History	Fever, nausea, H/O murmur, H/O endocarditis
PE	Murmur, fluctuance, induration, cellulitis, neurovascular function distal to abscess
Labs	If T > 38.5, do CBC and blood culture x 2 CBC if temp is nl
Imaging	Consider if osteomyelitis or gas-forming organisms are of concern
Rx	Fever, large area, or deep abscess -> candidate for admission Hand abscesses should be seen by ortho Give Tetanus toxoid I & D Abscess:

- Consider pre-medication for pain/anxiety

- Clean area with Betadine, prep/drape in sterile fashion
- Wear mask with eye protection and sterile gloves
- Anesthetize area with lidocaine/epi
- Open abscess with scalpel. Evacuate pus. Irrigate with saline
- Pack wound with iodoform gauze, cover with dry bandage

If there is surrounding cellulitis, give antibiotics:

If MRSA, Vancomycin 1g IV q12h or Bactrim 1 tab DS PO BID x 7-14 days

If MSSA, Cephalexin 500 mg PO QID x 7 days or Dicloxacillin 500 mg PO QID

x 7 days

Return to UCC daily for repacking of wound

Bites

History	How and when did injury occur? Animal / Human
PE	Neurovascular integrity distal to wound, signs of infection, fever
Labs	CBC if wound appears infected
Imaging	If concern for fracture, osteomyelitis, gas-forming organisms
Rx	Tetanus toxoid Clean skin with Betadine Irrigate with sterile saline <u>Do not close</u> bite wound Give Timentin 3.1 gm IV x 1 dose in ED Give Augmentin 875 mg PO BID x 7 days Ortho should see hand infections F/U in UCC in 24-48 hrs.

Low Back Pain

History	Trauma, heavy lifting, radiculopathy, bowel or bladder incontinence, "saddle anesthesia" (numbness in perineum), fever, weight loss, cancer, IVDU
PE	Spinal tenderness, muscle tenderness, neuro exam of lower extremities, straight-leg raise, rectal tone, saddle anesthesia
Imaging	Only if patient has concerning symptoms and signs: fever, H/O IVDU or cancer, weight loss, incontinence, decreased rectal tone or numbness
Rx	For most back pain, treat conservatively Toradol 30 mg IV x 1 dose in ED (if normal renal function) Robaxin 1 gm IV x 1 dose in ED D/C with ibuprofen 600 mg PO QID or naproxen 500 mg PO BID, robaxin 500-1000mg PO QID Back physical therapy once acute episode has resolved Ice / heat, No bed rest

Alcohol Intoxication

A few things to think about when caring for intoxicated patients:

DDx of decreased level of consciousness

Head injury, stroke, CNS infection, metabolic abnormalities, other ingestions – opiates, methanol, acetone, ethylene glycol, isopropyl alcohol, cocaine, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, carbon monoxide, inhalants (gas, glue)

Level of consciousness should improve over time: document this with repeat VS/mental status/brief neuro exams; if no improvement - suspect other Dx too

Co-morbidities that can be present in intoxicated patients

Pneumonia, upper GI bleed, subdural hematoma, hypothermia, cellulitis,

	fractures, pancreatitis
History	Substances used, trauma?, GI bleeding?, H/O withdrawal or seizure? If patient cannot give hx, do PE, and get history later
PE	Skin, CV, Resp, Abd, Extremities (trauma, infection), Neuro. Do stool guaiac if patient cannot give history regarding GI bleed
Labs	<u>BAL</u> ! Do CBC, Chem 7 if other pathology is present Ca, Mg, PO4 if seizures or withdrawal Alcohol Screen (methanol, acetone, ethylene glycol) if warranted Udip / Utox
Rx	Thiamine 100 mg IV/IM at every ED visit 2-pt. restraints if needed Recheck abnormal vital signs Warm blankets / dry clothing, esp. if T < 35.0C Consult social work for alcohol treatment options
Dispo	Assume drop of 50 mg/dL per hour in BAL, D/C when BAL <150 (Beware of withdrawal) and pt is alert, oriented, talking, and ambulating safely

In most people, EtOH level 50-100 mg/dL = disinhibition
 200 mg/dL = slurred speech
 400-500 mg/dL = coma, resp depression, vascular collapse
 Tolerance develops with chronic alcohol use (you may see chronic alcoholics that will have withdrawal symptoms at a BAL of 200 mg/dL)

Alcohol Withdrawal

Signs and symptoms of withdrawal include seizure, tremor, hypertension, tachycardia, insomnia, vomiting, visual hallucinations, delirium tremens

History	Time of last drink, H/O withdrawal, H/O HTN, H/O head injury
PE	Monitor VS (P, BP) and watch for changes
Neuro	Tremor, asterixis, focal neurologic signs
Labs	<u>BAL</u> (withdrawal unlikely if BAL > 200 mg/dL) Chem 7, Mg, PO4, Ca CBC
Imaging	Head CT if first seizure or H/O head trauma CXR if concern for aspiration, pneumonia
Rx	IVF, electrolyte replacement Thiamine 100-200 mg IV/IM Prochlorperazine 10 mg IV/IM for nausea/vomiting Diazepam 5-10 mg IV q 15 min prn
Dispo	If in mild withdrawal, D/C to home, street, jail, or medical detox If mod-severe withdrawal, admit

Abdominal Pain

History	N/V/D, constipation, appetite, change in stool, blood in stool, hematemesis, dysuria, hematuria, frequency, vaginal bleeding, vaginal discharge, pregnancy, LMP, trauma, drugs/EtOH/meds, cough, fever, pleuritic chest pain, chills
PE	<u>VS</u> , skin rash, peritoneal signs, size of spleen/liver, ascites, Murphy's sign, CVA tenderness, hernia, pelvic exam in females, rectal exam
Labs	CBC, Chem 7, B-HCG, UA. Consider Hct x 2, coags, amylase, bili, LFTs,

	hepatitis panel
Imaging	CXR if suspect pneumonia Abd series if patient has peritoneal signs EKG for cardiac suspicions Abd US for liver, gallbladder, appendix Pelvic US for ectopic pregnancy, ovarian torsion/abscess Testicular US for torsion/abscess CT-KUB, non-contrast, good for kidney stones, hydronephrosis Abd CT with IV contrast for vascular Abd CT with IV and PO contrast (time-consuming). Look for abscess, diverticulitis, appendicitis, pancreatic pseudocyst
Rx	If patient has surgical condition: IVF, CBC with plts, M7, coags, amy, bili, UA, B-HCG, EKG for older men and women, NPO, appropriate imaging, and surgical consult. Otherwise, Rx with appropriate meds and outpatient follow-up
Seizure	
Causes	Epilepsy, post-traumatic, drugs, toxins, fever, electrolyte abnl, hypoxia, alcohol withdrawal
History	Symptoms before and after seizure, H/O seizure, drugs/EtOH/meds, H/O head trauma, trauma sustained during this event, loss of continence
PE	Head, neck, tongue. Look for trauma, incontinence Neuro (if post-ictal/Todd's paralysis, patient may not be able to do fully) Repeat neuro exam Look for signs of alcohol withdrawal
Labs	IV access always, Chem 7, CBC, Ca, Mg, BAL Dilantin, Tegretol, phenobarb, Depakote levels LP if signs of meningitis, encephalitis, bleed
Imaging	CXR if aspiration suspected Head CT w/o contrast for new trauma, new focal neuro finding, no improvement in mental status, severe HA Head CT w/ contrast for 1 st time seizure C-spine series for neck pain, fall, head trauma
Rx	Status epilepticus: Intubate, C-spine precautions, meds (Diazepam, Phenytoin) First-time seizure: Admit for work-up Epilepsy: Usually due to sub-therapeutic on meds, refill meds F/U with Neuro Clinic Withdrawal Seizure: See Alcohol Withdrawal above
Asthma	
Risk fxs for death:	H/O intubation, >2 admissions in past year, >3ED visits in past year, H/O sudden, severe exacerbation, poverty
History	Triggers – URI, allergies, exposures, exercise, cold Meds, using meds properly? Symptoms – chest tightness, wheezing, cough, nocturnal cough
PE	Able to speak in full sentences? Resp: wheezing, RR, O2 sat, chest hyperinflation
Labs / Tests	<u>Serial Peak Flows</u> CXR if suspect PNA, CHF

	ABG for severe exacerbation
	Theophylline level, if indicated
Rx	Assess ABC's, give O2
	Give nebulized albuterol & ipratropium, +/- IV steroids
Mild exac	Several nebulized albuterol doses or MDI w/ spacer (many puffs)
	Prednisone 40 mg PO QD x 5 days
	F/U In UCC or with PMD in 2-3 days
Severe exac	O2, continuous nebulized albuterol, ipratropium
	Prednisolone 125 mg IV x 1 dose
	Epinephrine if pt. is deteriorating (1:1000) 0.3-0.5 mg SQ q15-20 min up to 3 doses
	Consider aminophylline 5 mg/kg IV over 45 minutes
	Admit
Intubate for	Apnea, mental status changes, acute respiratory acidosis pH < 7.1
	Use low tidal volumes, low resp. rate, high inspiratory flow rate

Rx of Chronic Asthma: Education is important! Short-acting B-2 agonists, long-acting B-2 agonists, inhaled corticosteroids

Chest Pain

Ddx	Acute MI, unstable angina, stable angina, PE, pericarditis, aortic dissection, mitral valve prolapse, cardiac tamponade, pneumonia, PTX, asthma, COPD, pleuritis, bronchitis, GERD, esophageal spasm, esophagitis, cholecystitis, costochondritis, rib fx, muscle strain, herpes zoster
History	Onset, timing, quality and character of pain, progression of pain, constant or intermittent, factors that alleviate or exacerbate, radiate?, positional?, responsive to SL NTG?, cardiac risk factors: CAD, HTN, tobacco, DM, high cholesterol, Fam Hx
PE	Resp: crackles? Chest wall: tenderness? CV: S3, murmur, friction rub?, neck veins, pulses Abd: pulsatile mass?
	Neuro
Labs/Tests	12-lead EKG Cardiac enzymes CBC, Chem 7, coags, Ca, ionized Ca, Mg
Imaging	CXR
Rx	For presumed coronary chest pain: Monitor cardiac rhythm O2 2-4 L via NC to keep O2 sat > 95% ASA 325 mg chewed 0.4 mg SL NTG q 5 min x 3 doses (can do NTG drip 10 mcg/kg/min if chest pain persists) Morphine 2 mg IV prn Metoprolol 5 mg IV q 5 min x 3 doses (longer-acting) or esmolol 500 mcg/kg IV over 1-2 min load, then 50-250 mcg/kg/min IV drip (shorter-acting in case patient develops side-effects) Heparin 80 u/kg IV bolus, then 16 u/kg/hr maintenance Consider reperfusion therapy (thrombolytics or PTCA)

If patient has Acute MI or unstable angina, admit and follow

If patient has stable angina and chest pain resolves quickly and is not out of ordinary for patient, then D/C home

Pericarditis	Indomethacin 50 mg PO tid or ibuprofen 800 mg PO tid
Aortic dissection	Thoracic CT w/o contrast Stat surgery consult Control HTN with esmolol Add sodium nitroprusside 0.5-10 mcg/kg/min if SBP remains >130
Tension PTX	Morphine for pain If unstable, flutter valve If hypotensive, 1-2 L isotonic fluids Chest tube
Muscular pain / Costochondritis	Ibuprofen 600 mg tid-qid x 7 days
GERD	GI cocktail for immediate relief (and dx) - Viscous lidocaine & Maalox Smaller meals, avoid caffeine, alcohol, fatty foods Elevate HOB Start PPI

Overdose

History	Substances and quantity ingested, time of ingestion, prior H/O OD, drug & alcohol use
PE	Mental status, pupils, resp. rate and pattern, gag reflex
Labs	CBC, M7, B-HCG, EtOH, ASA, Tylenol, extended urine tox (calculate anion gap). Consider serum osmolality
Tests	EKG, look for prolonged QRS, prolonged QT interval
Rx	Assess ABC's. Intubate if patient cannot protect airway Give O2, telemetry, pulse O2, IV access, IVF if needed Consider Thiamine 100 mg IV, glucose 25 gms IV, Naloxone 0.8 mg IV Admit if ↓ LOC, ECG or rhythm abnl, toxic serum drug levels, or ingestion of sustained-release pills. Evaluation by social work and/or Psych for suicide precautions

Overdose & Antidotes

Organophosphates	Atropine 1-2 mg IV then 1-4 mg IV q15 min prn
Opiates	Naloxone 0.8 mg IV load, 0.4-0.6 mg/hr IV drip
Isoniazide	Pyridoxine 1 gm per gm INH ingested over 5 min. Max 5 gms.
Acetaminophen	N-acetylcysteine 140 mg/kg per OG after lavage
Methanol	Ethanol 10 mL/kg of 10% solution load, then 1.0-2.0 mL/kg/hr
Carbon Monoxide	100% O2, hyperbaric O2
Digoxin	Digoxin antibody fragments 10-20 vials for arrhythmias
Anticholinergics	Physostigmine 0.5-2.0 mg IV over 2 min q30 min prn
Block Absorption	Gastric Lavage, Activated charcoal
Enhance Elimination	
Alkaline diuresis	For ASA, Phenobarb: 3 amps NaHCO3 to 1 L D5W, infuse at 250cc/hr
Hemodialysis	Severe ASA, lithium, methanol, ethylene glycol, mushroom

Hemoperfusion
Chelation

poisoning
Severe theophylline OD
Heavy metal intoxication. Dimercaperol for lead, deferoxamine for iron

Pain Management (From An Introduction to Emergency Medicine by Mengert)

Acute Pain: opioids are a good choice in this situation

Chronic Pain (non-malignancy): opioids not a good choice, choose NSAIDs, APAP (but screen for renal impairment, h/o ulcer or GIB, allergies, and liver disease)

NSAIDS

Medication	Usual Dosing	Max Dose
ASA	325-975 mg PO q4-6hr	4000mg/24hr
Ketorolac (Toradol)	30-60 mg IM, then 30 mg IM q6hr or 10 mg PO q6hr	120mg/24hr IM 40mg/24hr PO
Ibuprofen	300 mg PO QID up to 800 mg PO tid	2400 mg/24hr
Naproxen	250-500 mg PO BID	1250 mg/24hr
Naproxen sodium	550 mg PO, then 275 PO q6-8hr up to 550 mg PO bid	1375 mg/24hr

OPIOIDS

Medication	Dosing
Codeine	30-60 mg PO q4-6hr
Meperidine (Demerol)	50-150 mg PO q3-4hr 25-50 mg IV q15-60 min prn 50-125 mg IM q3-4hr
Hydrocodone (Vicodin)	5-10 mg PO q4-6hr
Oxycodone	5 mg PO q4-6hr
Hydromorphone (Dilaudid)	2 mg PO q4-6hr 1-2 mg IV q4-6hr 1-2 mg IM/SC q4-6 hr prn
Morphine	2-5 mg IV q10min prn 5-10 mg IM/SC q4hr prn
Fentanyl	1-2 µg/kg IV, then 1µg/kg IV q5-10min prn 100 µg IM q1-2hr

NEUROLOGY

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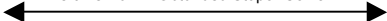
Web site: <http://courses.washington.edu/neural/>

NEUROLOGICAL EXAMINATION

A. Mental and communication status

1. Education level
2. Level of consciousness

Alert Delirium Obtunded Stupor Coma



3. Mood and psychomotor activity
4. Orientation (time, place, person, body parts, left-right, awareness of illness)
5. Calculation, spelling
6. Speech function (fluency, comprehension, repetition, naming, reading, writing)
7. Memory (immediate, short term, long term)
8. Ability to follow complex commands
9. Mini-mental status examination (MMSE)

B. Cranial nerve functions

1. Olfactory (aromatic smell)
2. Optic
 - a. Acuity (Snellen card) Here are a few examples:
acuity (near, corrected) 20/20 OU [normal vision in both eyes]
acuity (near, uncorrected) 20/100 OD, 20/50 -2 OS [left eye, 2/6 missed on 20/50 line]
 - b. Fundi (vessels, disc border, cup/disc ratio), visual fields
- 3, 4, 6. Oculomotor, Trochlear, Abducens
 - a. Pupillary reaction (light, accommodation, afferent pupillary defect), extraocular movements, nystagmus
5. Trigeminal
 - a. Muscles of mastication
 - b. Sensation of face (test all 3 divisions) and cornea
 - c. Sensation of mucous membranes and noxious smell
 - d. Jaw jerk
7. Facial
 - a. Muscles of facial expression, palpebral fissures
 - b. Taste anterior 2/3
8. Acoustic
 - a. Cochlear (finger rub, tuning fork)
 - b. Vestibular (nystagmus, past pointing)
- 9, 10. Glossopharyngeal, Vagus
 - a. Palate rise to phonation (say "ah") and gag
 - b. Voice and articulation
 - c. Taste posterior 1/3
11. Spinal accessory
 - a. Sternocleidomastoid
 - b. Upper trapezius
12. Hypoglossal
 - a. Tongue movement

- b. Bulk
- C. Motor function

1. Strength

- a. Direct testing

Grades:

0	No muscle contraction
1	Trace visual or palpable movement
2	Movement with gravity eliminated
3	Movement against gravity but not resistance
4	Movement against resistance but can be overcome
5	Normal

- b. Functional testing

- i. Walking on toes and heels
- ii. Deep knee bend
- iii. Hopping on one foot
- iv. Arm drift

2. Tone

- a. Spasticity
- b. Rigidity (lead-pipe, cogwheel)
- c. Hypotonic or flaccid

3. Bulk

D. Reflexes

1. Deep tendon Grades: 0 No response
- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| | Tr Reinforcement required |
| 1 | Diminished |
| 2 | Normal, average |
| 3 | Brisker than normal |
| 4 | Clonus |
- Use "+ or -" to indicate smaller differences

2. Abdominal

3. Babinski – use up or down arrow to indicate

4. Hoffman

5. Frontal lobe (glabellar, snout, palmomental)

6. Other (cremasteric, bulbocavernosus)

E. Sensory function (use sensory maps and draw pictures as needed)

1. Primary (thalamic) sensation

- a. Light touch
- b. Pain
- c. Temperature
- d. Vibration
- e. Proprioception

2. Discriminative (cortical) sensation

- a. Stereognosis
- b. Graphesthesia
- c. Two-point discrimination
- d. Point localization
- e. Extinction with double simultaneous stimulation (DSS)

3. Romberg - evaluation of balance with eyes closed and feet together reflects proprioceptive and touch function in the legs and feet

- F. Cerebellar function, station, and gait
 1. Balance on one foot with eyes open
 2. Walking
 - a. Wide or narrow base
 - b. Normal or reduced arm swing
 - c. Tandem gait (heel-to-toe)
 - d. Ataxia
 3. Rapid alternating movements (RAM)
 4. Finger-nose-finger (FNF) and heel-knee-shin (HKS) tests
- G. Abnormal movements
 1. Tremor (note predominant component)
 - a. Rest (Parkinsonian)
 - b. Postural
 - c. Kinetic (action)
 2. Involuntary movements (dystonia, chorea, tic)
 3. Bradykinesia
- H. Meningeal and mechanical signs
 1. Neck stiffness
 2. Brudzinski's sign
 3. Kernig's sign
 4. Straight leg raise
 5. Pressure tenderness of bone, muscle, and nerves
- I. Vascular status
 1. Auscultation of head and neck
 2. Auscultation of heart
 3. Palpate extremity vessels

MINI-MENTAL STATUS EXAMINATION (MMSE)

(See Psychiatry section for complete MMSE.)

SELECTED TOPICS IN NEUROLOGY

Stroke Syndromes

- Anterior cerebral artery – contralateral leg weakness, grasp reflex, gegenhalten, abulia, gait disorder, perseveration, urinary incontinence.
- Middle cerebral artery
 - Superior division: contralateral arm/face greater than leg weakness, Broca's aphasia (left MCA stroke).
 - Inferior division: mild or transient motor/sensory deficit, Wernicke's aphasia (left MCA stroke), neglect, sometimes visual field cut.
- Posterior cerebral artery – contralateral visual field cut; sometimes memory loss, color anomia, alexia without agraphia, hemisensory loss, mild hemiparesis.
- Lacunar – hypertensive lipohyalinosis; four types: (1) pure motor hemiparesis with face, arm, leg equally affected; (2) pure hemisensory loss; (3) dysarthria-clumsy hand syndrome; (4) ataxic hemiparesis with ipsilateral incoordination out of proportion to degree of weakness.

Spinal Cord Syndromes

- Central Cord: mid- to lower cervical spine injury leading to bilateral arm greater than leg motor paresis, dysesthesias, areflexia, patchy sensory involvement.

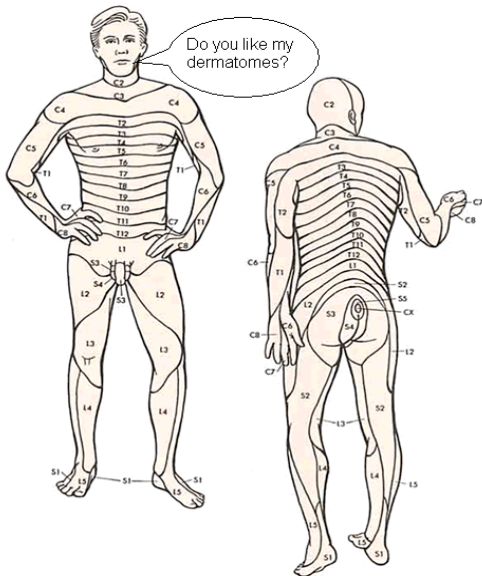
- Brown-Sequard: hemisection of the spinal cord causing ipsilateral motor paralysis and spasticity; ipsilateral loss of tactile/vibratory sensation and proprioception; contralateral pain/temp loss; and ipsilateral loss of all sensation at the level of the lesion.
- Anterior Cord: injury to the anterior portion of the spinal cord, usually secondary to anterior spinal artery stroke; characterized by complete paralysis and hypalgesia (pain/temp) at the level of injury with preservation of posterior column sensory modalities (fine touch, vibration, proprioception) at and below lesion.
- Conus Medullaris: injury at T12/L1 leading to both upper and lower motor neuron deficits (muscle atrophy, weakness, spasticity, neurogenic bladder) with variable sensory loss.
- Cauda Equina: injury to the nerve roots inferior to the conus medullaris causing weak or flaccid lower extremities with partially preserved sensation; absent knee/ankle jerks; asymmetric saddle anesthesia; and loss of bowel/bladder/sexual function.

Mnemonics:

- Altered Mental Status: **TIPS AEIOU**
 Trauma, Temperature
 Infection
 Psychiatric
 Space Occupying, Stroke, Subarachnoid Hemorrhage, Shock
 Alcohol, other drugs, Ammonia
 Endocrine, Electrolytes
 Insulin
 Oxygen (lack of), Opiates
 Uremia
- Peripheral polyneuropathy: **DANG THERAPIST**
 Diabetes
 Alcohol
 Nutritional (vit B12, B1, B6, E)
 Guillain-Barre
 Toxic (lead, arsenic, other metals, meds)
 Hereditary (Charcot-Marie-Tooth)
 Recurrent (chronic inflammatory demyelinating
 Polyradiculoneuropathy - CIDP)
 Amyloid
 Porphyria
 Infectious (leprosy, HIV, Lyme, diphtheria, mononucleosis)
 Systemic (uremia, hypothyroidism, lupus, Sjogren's, Wegener's)
 Tumors (paraneoplastic, CIDP assoc with myeloma)

MOTOR CORD LEVELS

Level	Motor Function
C4	Spontaneous breathing
C5	Shoulder shrug / deltoid
C6	Biceps reflex / elbow flexion / wrist extension
C7	Triceps reflex / elbow extension / wrist flexion
C8/T1	Finger abduction / opposition of thumb
T12	Cremasteric reflex
L1/L2	Hip flexion
L2/L3/L4	Hip adduction / quadriceps
L4	Patellar reflex
L5	Great toe dorsiflexion
S1/S2	Ankle jerk reflex / foot plantar flexion
S2-S4	Anal wink / rectal tone



REHAB/CHRONIC CARE

WARD TIPS

1. There are three courses that fulfill this requirement: rehabilitation, geriatrics, and palliative care
2. This section of the manual addresses the rehab track. Please review your general medicine to help with geriatrics. The palliative care track will give you a chance to work on your interpersonal skills and develop sensitivity to the issues patients face at the end of life; this is obviously highly individualized, and does not lend itself to a list of factoids that could be included in this manual.

USEFUL ABBREVIATIONS

AAROM	Active Assistive Range of Motion
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
AFO	Ankle Foot Orthosis
AKA	Above Knee Amputation
Amb	Ambulation
AROM	Active Range of Motion
BAKA	Below Knee Amputation
CGA	Contact Guard Assist
CPM	Continuous Passive Motion
DF	Dorsiflexion
EOB	Edge of Bed
E Stim	Electrical Stimulation
FIM score	Functional Independence Level
FWW	Forward Wheel Walker
HEP	Home Exercise Program
I	Independent
IADLS	Instrumental Activities of Daily Living
MMT	Manual Muscle Test
NWB	Non-Weight Bearing
PF	Plantar Flexion
PROM	Passive Range of Motion
SBA	Stand By Assist
SLP	Speech Language Pathology
TLSO	Thoracic Lumbar Sacral Orthosis
WFL	Within Functional Limit

SAMPLE PROGRESS NOTE

24 hour course – events overnight from nursing/therapists

Subjective – what the patient is concerned about

Objective – vitals and exam

Laboratory

Imaging

Assessment/Plan by problem:

Medical issues

Spinal stability/orthoses – plan for repeat films? How long should C-collar/TLSO be worn?
Impaired mobility – PT progress update
Impaired self care – OT progress update
Impaired cognition – SLP progress update (neuropsychological testing?)
Impaired swallowing – same
Adjustment to disability – Rehab Psychology progress update
Disposition

Physical Therapy

Includes ROM, stretching, strengthening, coordination/balance and endurance exercises, mobility training (bed mobility, transfers, gait with assistive devices, wheelchair mobility), and home safety evaluation.

Occupational Therapy

Includes ROM (especially hands), stretching, strengthening (pinch and grip measurements to follow handstrength progress), splinting needs, functional tasks (ADLs – eating, continence, personal hygiene, toilet/shower transfers, dressing; IADLs - money management, kitchen evaluation, etc).

Speech Language Pathology

Encompasses three domains:

- Cognitive – screening exam, memory strategies.
- Swallow – bedside swallow evals, Barium swallow studies, diet recommendations and aspiration precautions.
- Communication – language.

American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA) Classification of Spinal Cord Injury Severity

A: complete injury; no sensory/motor in sacral segments S4-S5

B: incomplete; sensory but no motor below neurologic level of lesion

C: incomplete; motor function preserved below level, but more than half of muscles have Strength grade less than 3

D: incomplete; motor function preserved below level, more than half of muscles have Strength grade 3 or more

E: normal

DERMATOLOGY

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BASIC HISTORY FOR SKIN LESIONS

How long has the lesion been present?

Has the lesion changed or spread?

How does the lesion bother you?

Previous treatments and results

Associated systemic symptoms (esp. rheumatic sx, myalgias, arthralgias, etc)

Relationship to heat, cold, occupation, sun exposure, medications, hobbies

Family history (esp. of melanoma, atopy, psoriasis)

PHYSICAL EXAM OF SKIN

Examine all skin areas, mucous membranes, nails, and scalp

Describe type of lesions (see descriptive terms below); shape, color, texture

Describe margins (well-demarcated, sharp, irregular, ill-defined)

Describe number & arrangement of lesions

Describe distribution or location

Measure and record size (mm or cm)

TERMINOLOGY

Primary Lesions

Macule	Circumscribed, flat discoloration of skin <5mm diameter
Patch	Flat discoloration >5mm in diameter
Papule	Elevated, solid lesion up to 5mm diameter
Plaque	Elevated, flat-topped lesion >5mm diameter
Nodule	Elevated, solid lesion >5mm diameter
Wheal	Firm, edematous, erythematous plaque due to fluid in dermis
Vesicle	Circumscribed, elevated, fluid-filled lesion <5mm diameter
Bulla	Fluid-filled lesions >5mm in diameter
Pustule	Circumscribed, elevated lesion containing purulent exudate

Secondary Lesions

Scales	White, dry flakes caused by shedding of stratum corneum
Crusts	Formed by dried serous and serosanguineous exudate
Erosion	Circumscribed depression caused by focal loss of epidermis
Ulcer	Focal loss of epidermis and dermis, heals with scarring
Excoriation	Erosion caused by scratching (usu. linear)
Fissure	Linear loss of epidermis with sharply-defined vertical walls
Atrophy	Depression in skin resulting from thinning of epidermis or dermis
Lichenification	Thickened epidermis with accentuated skin lines (scratching)
Scar	Abnormal formation of connective tissue; dermal damage

Lesion Arrangement

Annular	Arranged in circle or ring
Arcuate	Arranged in incomplete rings, arc-like pattern
Linear	Arranged in straight lines
Reticulate	Arranged in net-like pattern
Morbiliform	Like measles with discrete or confluent lesions

SPF = Minimal erythema dose with a sunscreen

Minimal erythema dose without a sunscreen

A sunscreen with SPF 10 will allow a person who normally burns with 10 minutes of sun exposure to have up to 100 minutes of sun exposure without burning.

USEFUL TECHNIQUES

KOH exam: use to look for fungal infection. Remove scales from surface of lesions with #15 scalpel blade and place on slide. Add KOH (15-20%), place cover slip, and heat gently. Examine under microscope for hyphae and spores. Keep looking, sometimes it takes awhile.

Scraping for scabies: Scrape suspected lesion with #15 scalpel and place on slide. Add drop of mineral oil; place cover slip. Look for feces, ova, and mites.

Liquid Nitrogen Cryotherapy: Apply to lesions and 1-2mm of surrounding skin. Preferred technique is rapid freezing and slow thawing. Thaw time of 15-20 seconds. Use for warts, actinic keratoses, seborrheic keratoses.

SELECTED TOPICS IN DERMATOLOGY

Malignant and Pre-malignant lesions

Basal Cell Carcinoma

Description	Most common skin malignancy. Occurs on sun-exposed skin – face, scalp, ears, neck. Metastases are rare.
Types	<u>Nodular:</u> most common, pearl white, dome-shaped papule with overlying telangiectasias, rolled translucent border. Friable tissue, can bleed and ulcerate. <u>Pigmented:</u> nodular type with melanin pigment <u>Superficial:</u> least aggressive form, seen on trunk and ext <u>Micronodular:</u> resembles nodular with microscopic tumor cells extending beyond the clinical margins <u>Morpheaform (sclerosing):</u> least common, looks like scar tissue (waxy, pale)
Rx	Shave biopsy for diagnosis, sometimes punch biopsy Electrodesiccation and curettage for smaller lesions Excision, Mohs surgery

Squamous Cell Carcinoma

Description	2 nd most common skin malignancy. Occurs on sun-exposed areas – head, neck, hands. Other risk factors include radiation exposure, chronic inflammation/infection, burn/scar tissue (Marjolin's ulcer), HPV infection Lesion has poorly defined margin with adherent yellowish cutaneous horn
Ddx	AK, keratoacanthoma, Bowen's disease
Rx	Excisional biopsy and F/U as needed If SCC, do wide local excision, can do Moh's surgery

Actinic Keratosis

Description	Poorly defined lesions with fine white scale. Feels like a rough spot, occurs on sun-exposed skin – face, scalp, ears, neck, upper ext. Actinic cheilitis refers to actinic lesions at the lips. Can progress to SCC
Rx	Liquid nitrogen cryotherapy Topical 5-FU, F/U in 6-12 months

Bowen's disease

Description	SCC-in-situ. Raised, red plaque with dry scale seen in sun-exposed areas, penis. Less common than AK, full-thickness lesion.
Ddx	Psoriasis, eczema, SK, superficial BCC
Rx	Biopsy for diagnosis Excision with confirmed margins. Can also do electrodesiccation and curettage, cryosurgery, topical 5-FU. Do regular follow-up

Melanoma

Description	3 rd most common skin malignancy, high mortality rate. Risk factors include atypical nevi, family hx, fair skin, h/o sunburn, congenital nevi. Look for ABCDEs (Asymmetry, Border irregularity, Color irregularity, Diameter ≥ 6 mm, and Evolution or changes in lesion). Types include superficial spreading, nodular, lentigo maligna, acral lentiginous, and amelanotic.
Types	Superficial spreading, nodular, lentigo maligna, acral lentiginous, amelanotic
Ddx	Benign nevi, atypical nevi, SK, solar lentigo, pigmented BCC, angiokeratoma, hemangioma
Rx	Do complete excisional biopsy for diagnosis (no shave bx) Palpate regional nodes If melanoma -> wide local excision with appropriate margins. Sentinel node mapping, biopsy, and dissection when appropriate

Common Benign Skin Tumors

Seborrheic Keratosis

Description	Well-circumscribed, tan to black, rough surface, appears "stuck on" skin, waxy, and may have retained keratin cysts. Located on trunk, extremities, face, and scalp. Increasing incidence with age.
Ddx	Melanoma. (melanoma usually has more color variation and smoother surface)
Rx	For cosmesis, to R/O melanoma or removal of irritated skin. Use liquid nitrogen cryotherapy, curettage, or shave excision.

Acrochordon (skin tag)

Description	Hyperplastic epidermis, pedunculated, flesh-colored to brown, increasing incidence with age. Seen at neck, axilla, inguinal regions.
Ddx	Wart, nevus
Rx	For cosmesis or irritation. Use electrocautery or scissor excision at base

Dermatofibroma

Description	Firm, elevated papules/plaques or nodules made of dermal tissue. Can be brown, purple, yellow, red or pink. Usually on anterior surface of legs.
Dx	Fitzpatrick's sign – dimpling or retraction of lesion beneath skin with lateral compression.

Rx For cosmesis or histologic diagnosis. Use excisional biopsy or cryo.

Keratoacanthoma

Description Papular lesions that enlarge rapidly, can have central umbilication. Lesion involutes after 4-6 mo, leaving hypopigmented scar. Located on sun-exposed skin – face, upper ext, lower ext.

Ddx SCC, wart, molluscum contagiosum

Rx Usually excisional or shave biopsy, because keratoacanthoma can be difficult to differentiate from SCC. Can also do electrodesiccation.

Epidermoid Cyst (sebaceous cyst)

Description Firm, SubQ, keratin-filled cyst seen on face, posterior neck, and trunk. Cysts can rupture, leading to acute inflammation

Rx Remove to prevent rupture and scarring. Incise cyst wall and remove contents of lesion.

Sebaceous Hyperplasia

Description Soft, yellow, dome-shaped papules, can have central umbilication. Seen in middle-aged and elderly persons on forehead, cheeks, nose.

Ddx BCC

Rx Laser therapy, electrodesiccation, topical bichloroacetic acid, cryosurgery

Common Derm Problems

Acne

Description Pustular/papular eruptions most common on face, chest, and back.

Rx Topical treatments include salicylic acid, benzoyl peroxide, tretinoin, adapalene. Topical antibiotics include erythromycin and clindamycin – use for infected pores. Oral antibiotics (erythromycin, tetracycline) can also be used. Oral isotretinoin (Accutane) is used for severe cystic acne. Use caution when prescribing for women.

Rosacea

Description See in patients >30 yo. Papular/pustular eruptions combined with telangiectasia, flushing at forehead, nose, cheeks and surrounding eyes. Chronic inflammation of nose can lead to rhinophyma.

Rx Avoid hot, spicy foods and sunlight. Topical metronidazole or sulfacetamide. Oral tetracycline, erythromycin, or minocycline for pustules.

Psoriasis

Description Scaly plaques at elbows, knees, scalp. Can have nail and joint involvement. Psoriatic arthritis occurs in 5-8% of people with psoriasis

Rx Topicals: calcipotriol, steroids, anthralin, tazarotene. Phototherapy includes UVB (UVA sometimes helps), PUVA, and narrow-band UVB. Systemic therapies include methotrexate, cyclosporine, acitretin, biologics.

Seborrheic Dermatitis

Description Inflammatory dermatitis with yellow, greasy, adherent scale at scalp, eyebrows, nasolabial folds, external ear

Rx Ketoconazole cream, antidandruff shampoo (coal tar, selenium, zinc pyrithione),

topical steroids. Also consider ketoconazole shampoo. Can give short course of oral ketoconazole or fluconazole. UVB phototherapy and oral corticosteroids are also effective.

Warts

- Description Benign epithelial proliferations caused by HPV infection. Transmitted by skin-to-skin contact. Flesh-colored papules with black dots (thrombosed capillaries) in center. Often on fingers, plantar surface, knees, elbows.
- Rx Topical salicylic acid, liquid nitrogen, cryotherapy. No therapy proven to be more effective than others. Can regress spontaneously.

Herpes Zoster

- Description Reactivation of varicella virus leads to preeruptive pain, hyperesthesia, followed by vesicles in dermatomal pattern.
- Rx Most effective when started within 48 hrs. Acyclovir 800 mg PO 5x per day for 7-10 days. Valacyclovir 1000 mg TID or famciclovir 500 mg TID.

Candidiasis

- Description Pustules and red glistening skin with cigarette-paper scale. Seen at mucous membranes, intertriginous areas
- Dx KOH exam
- Rx Topical ketoconazole, miconazole, clotrimazole apply BID x 10 days.

Fungus

- Description Cutaneous infection – red, slightly elevated, scaly border. Nail infection – see distal subungual onychomycosis
- Dx KOH exam, can do fungal culture for nail infection
- Rx Topical antifungals for cutaneous infection – butenafine, terbinafine, clotrimazole, miconazole. Topical therapy is not effective for nail infections. Systemic therapy is 50-80% effective. Terbinafine or Itraconazole 200mg/day x 6wks for fingernails and x12 wks for toenails. Ciclopirox (Penlac) topical solution can be used x 1 yr.

Scabies

- Description Patient with present with intense itching, usually worse at night. Look for linear or curvilinear burrows, slightly elevated, at the web spaces of fingers/toes, wrists, inguinal region, or abdomen. Infection is contagious and spreads among household members.
- Dx Apply mineral oil to burrow. Scrape with #15 scalpel blade and put on slide. Apply cover slip and look for mites, feces
- Rx Permethrin, apply from neck down. Repeat in 1 wk
Wash bedding and clothing in hot water, can use anti-itch lotion
Can use Ivermectin 200 µg/kg PO x 1 dose

Cutaneous manifestations of systemic disease

Acanthosis Nigricans: Thickened, hyperpigmented skin seen at posterior neck, axilla, groin. Marker of insulin resistance. Associated with obesity and diabetes mellitus.

Neurofibromatosis: Café au Lait macules, dermal and SubQ neurofibromas. Neurofibromatosis is an autosomal dominant disorder affecting ectodermal tissues.

Tuberous sclerosis: Autosomal dominant disorder of CNS and skin. First see ash-leaf macule on trunk and extremities. Adenoma sebaceum (facial angiofibromas) appear on face. Shagreen patch at lumbosacral area, periungual fibromas.

Pyoderma gangrenosum: Rapidly enlarging exudative ulceration of skin. Associated with IBD, rheumatoid arthritis, Chronic hepatitis, myelodysplasia, polycythemia vera, AML, CML, myeloma, Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia, myelofibrosis

Malignancies (paraneoplastic syndromes)

- Carcinoid syndrome – carcinoid tumors in small bowel, lung
- Dermatomyositis – assoc with breast, lung, ovary, GI malignancies
- Sudden eruption of multiple SKs – assoc with adenocarcinoma
- Pemphigus – assoc with hematologic malignancy and CLL
- Pruritis – assoc with many malignancies, esp. Hodgkin's disease

Differential diagnoses by type of lesion

Papulosquamous diseases

- Psoriasis
- Lichen Planus
- Pityriasis rosea
- Secondary syphilis
- Lichen simplex chronicus

Atopic eczema

- Seborrheic dermatitis
- Stasis dermatitis
- Nummular dermatitis
- Tinea
- Candidiasis
- Xerosis
- Ichthyosis
- Contact dermatitis
- Dyshidrotic eczema
- Neurodermatitis
- Mycosis fungoides

Vesiculobullous diseases

- Dermatitis herpetiformis
- Pemphigus
- Pemphigoid
- Acute contact dermatitis

Purpuric lesions

- Bruise
- Vasculitis
- Meningococemia

Pustular lesions

- Bacterial folliculitis
- Acne
- Furunculosis
- Candidiasis
- Herpes simplex
- Herpes zoster

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| Bullous impetigo | Miliaria |
| Herpes simplex | |
| Herpes zoster | |
| Erythema multiforme | |

Differential diagnoses by region

Chest

Acne
Actinic keratosis
Darier's disease
Eruptive syringoma
Keloid
Seborrheic dermatitis
Tinea Versicolor
Grover's disease

Elbow/Knee

Dermatitis herpetiformis
Lichen simplex chronicus
Psoriasis

Axilla

Acanthosis nigricans
Acrochordon
Candidiasis
Contact dermatitis
Erythrasma
Furunculosis
Hailey-Hailey disease
Hidradenitis suppurativa
Impetigo
Lice
Trichomycosis axillaries

Sole of Foot

Cutaneous larva migrans
Dyshidrotic eczema
Erythema multiforme
Hand, foot, mouth dz
Hyperkeratosis
Melanoma
Nevi
Pitted keratolysis
Psoriasis, pustular
Scabies
Syphilis, secondary
Tinea
Wart

Back

Acne
Becker's nevus
Cutan. T-cell lymphoma
Dermatographism
Keloids
Melanoma
Tinea Versicolor
Seborrheic keratosis

Areolae

Eczema
Paget's disease
Seborrheic keratosis

Ear

Actinic keratosis
Basal cell carcinoma
Squamous cell carcinoma
Eczema
Epidermal cyst
Keloid
Lupus erythematosus
Psoriasis
Ramsey-Hunt syndrome
Seborrheic dermatitis
Venous lake

Palm

Callus/corn
Contact dermatitis
Cowden's disease
Dyshidrotic eczema
Erythema multiforme
Hand, foot, mouth dz
Keratolysis exfoliativa
Psoriasis
Pyogenic granuloma
Scabies
Syphilis, secondary
Tinea
Vesicular ID reaction

Buttocks

Cutan. T-cell lymphoma
Furunculosis
Herpes Simplex
Hidradenitis suppurativa
Psoriasis
Tinea

Anus

Hidradenitis suppurativa
Psoriasis
Viteligo
Warts
Strep cellulitis

Groin

Acrochordon
Candidiasis
Erythrasma
Hidradenitis suppurativa
Intertrigo
Lichen simplex chronicus
Molluscum contagiosum
Psoriasis
Seborrheic keratosis
Striae
Tinea

Dorsum of Hand

Actinic keratosis
Atopic dermatitis
Contact dermatitis
Cowden's disease
Erythema multiforme
Granuloma annulare
Keratoacanthoma
Lentigo
Paronychia
Psoriasis
Scabies
Tinea
Vesicular ID reaction

RADIOLOGY PRIMER

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GENERAL POINTS FOR ALL STUDIES

1. Check patient name and date
2. Type of study (position, contrast)
3. Old films for comparison?

HOW TO READ A CXR

1. PA or AP, supine or upright
2. Pt rotated? Check for vertebral and clavicle symmetry.
3. Lung volumes
4. Tube & line placement
 - ETT 3-5 cm above carina
 - NGT in stomach
 - FT in stomach/duodenum
 - Central line in SVC/R atrium
 - Swan in PA
5. Pneumothorax: check apices on upright film, deep sulcus sign at bases
6. Pleural effusion, pleural thickening
7. Mediastinum: normal contour, wide
8. Heart: normal size, cardiomegaly
9. Lung parenchyma: masses, opacities, look for silhouette sign
10. Soft tissues: foreign bodies, SQ air, breast shadows
11. Bones: fractures, osteopenia, abnormalities

Silhouette Sign = obscuring of normal borders on radiograph caused by intrathoracic lesion.

Obscured R heart border = R middle lobe

Obscured L heart border = Lingula

Obscured diaphragm = Lower lobe

ABDOMINAL PLAIN FILMS

Indications: appendicitis, perforation, ischemia, abscess, obstruction, urinary calculi, severe pain

Order supine & upright or supine & left lateral decubitus

Evaluation:

1. Soft tissues (fat lines)
 - Mucosal swelling, luminal distention
2. Gas patterns: intraluminal, extraluminal
 - Intraperitoneal gas
 - Portal venous gas
 - Pneumobilia
3. Calcifications: enterolith, gallstones, kidney stones
4. Fluid collections: intraluminal, extraluminal

CT BASICS

Acute blood is bright on non-contrast study

Epidural hematoma = lens shaped collection (biconvex), confined by suture lines.

Usually hyperdense fluid collection between skull and dura.

Subdural hematoma = Crescentic shaped fluid collection, can cross suture lines. Acute is usually hyperdense, subacute and chronic will be isodense or hypodense. Due to tearing of bridging veins.

SAH = hyperdense fluid in CSF

MRI BASICS

T1 Bright: Blood-hemorrhage,
T2 Bright: CSF, bile

	T1	T2
Water	Bright	Dark
Fat	Bright	Less bright
Calcium	Dark	Dark
Gas / Air	Dark	Dark
Flowing blood	Dark	Dark
Gadolinium	Bright	Bright
Bone	Dark	Dark

ULTRASOUND BASICS

Hyperechoic = white

Hypoechoic = black

Bone, air, fat = white

Fluid = black

Risks for Adverse Reactions to Contrast Material

Renal insufficiency

Previous reaction to contrast material

Asthma

Concomitant use of nephrotoxic agents: aminoglycosides, NSAIDS

Advanced Age

Multiple medical problems

Food or medication allergies

Types of Contrast Material

High Osmolality

Ionic: Hypaque, Conray

Low Osmolality

Ionic: Hexabrix

Nonionic: Omniscan, ProHance, Visipaque, Isovue, Ultravist, Optiray

High Osm. Contrast agents are more likely to cause adverse reactions. Low osm. contrast agents are more expensive.

How to prevent Renal Insufficiency in patients given Contrast

1. D/C nephrotoxic meds if possible before exam
2. Use smallest amount of contrast possible
3. Allow several days between contrast studies
4. Hydrate!

If patient can take orals, then 500cc pre-study and 2-3L post-study over 24 hours.

For IV, give 100mL/hr for several hours before study, then continue for 24 hours.

MAMMOGRAPHY

Screening Mammography

Bilateral crano-caudal and medio-lateral-oblique views

85-90% Sensitivity

5-10% call back rate

Diagnostic Mammography

Spot magnification views targeted at diagnostic problem

CXR FINDINGS

Pleural Effusion

300-500cc fluid needed to blunt lateral costophrenic angles on PA CXR

150cc fluid needed to blunt posterior costophrenic angle on lateral CXR

Diagnosis Get bilateral decubitus films or ultrasound

Causes

Bilateral CHF, volume overload, collagen vascular disease, drug reaction, pulmonary embolus, viral pleuritis, bilateral pneumonia

Unilateral TB, cancer, pancreatitis, aortic dissection/transection, pneumonia, central obstructing mass, constrictive pericarditis

Pneumothorax

Differentiate from skin fold!!

See PTX apically on upright film. Look for "deep sulcus" sign on supine film.

Diagnosis Get upright CXR, maybe inspiratory-expiratory views

Pleural Calcifications

Causes Asbestos plaques, old empyema, old hemothorax

Diagnosis Get oblique films or CT

Average Radiation Exposure from Common Radiology Studies

Film or Study	MilliRoentgens / film
PA CXR	30
Lateral CXR	70
KUB	650
Body CT	2500
Head CT	5000
Mammo	600 per view
AP pelvis	520
Wrist PA, Obl	10
Elbow AP, lat, ext rot	50
AP shoulder	180
Lateral cervical spine	150
Fluoroscopy	800-1000 per min

ORDERING RADIOLOGIC TESTS

Always include a brief patient ID and the sx that have led to ordering the exam. Don't simply write "rule out..." History will help the radiologist interpret the exam, and s/he may even suggest changing the study to something more appropriate.

Patient Condition	Test to Order
Skull Fracture	CT scan
Head Trauma	Head CT w/o contrast
Intracranial hemorrhage	Head CT w/o contrast
Acute Stroke	Head CT w/o contrast
CNS tumor	CT or MRI w/ contrast
Multiple Sclerosis	MRI w/ contrast
Abdominal Trauma	CT or DPL
AAA	CT w/ contrast
Abdominal Abscess	CT w/ contrast
Cholelithiasis, cholecystitis	Ultrasound
Choledocolithiasis	Ultrasound, ERCP
Bowel Obstruction	AXR, supine and upright
Appendicitis	AXR, ultrasound, or CT
Nephrolithiasis	AXR, CT KUB
Diverticulitis (non-acute)	Barium Enema, CT
Pregnancy or Gyn pathology	Ultrasound
Upper GI Bleed	UGI series or endoscopy
Lower GI Bleed	Barium Enema or colonoscopy
Pyloric Stenosis	Ultrasound
Meckel's Diverticulum	Nuclear Med Scan (Meckel's scan)
Bone Metastases	Bone Scan
Pneumonia	CXR
Chest Trauma	CXR, CT
Chest Mass	CT
Hemoptysis	CXR
PE	V/Q Scan, CT w/ contrast, PAgam
Aortic aneurysm or dissection	CT w/ contrast
Aortic tear	Angiogram
Carotid Stenosis	Ultrasound with Duplex
52yo M with worst HA of his life	CT w/o contrast
31yo F w/ HIV, presents with confusion, left arm weakness	CT w/ contrast (R/O lymphoma, toxo, PML)
41yo M w/ UGI bleed, falling hematocrit and peritoneal signs	Upright CXR, Upright AXR, supine AXR (R/O perforation)
78yo F w/ abd pain, distention, vomiting x 3d	Supine and Upright AXR (Obstruction)
28yo F IVUDU, 2 day H/O bilateral LE weakness. L-spine radiographs are normal.	MRI of spine (osteomyelitis, abscess)
67yo M smoker with 4 episodes of pneumonia in past 5 months	CT w/ contrast (malignancy)
67yo M with hypercalcemia, mental status changes, and abnormal SPEP	Skeletal survey (multiple myeloma)

SELECTED SURGICAL SUBSPECIALTIES

- As students are now required to obtain additional credits in surgery, an attempt has been made here to VERY BRIEFLY present a few high-yield facts pertinent to several subspecialty rotations. If you would like further information, please contact the program coordinator for the rotation you are interested in:

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OPHTHALMOLOGY

References & Helpful Resources

- Basic Ophthalmology for Medical Students and Primary Care Residents (Cynthia A. Bradford, M.D. Executive Editor, 8th edition, 2004)
- Eye Simulator: <http://cim.ucdavis.edu/EyeRelease/Interface/TopFrame.htm>
- Diseases and Conditions Simulation: <http://www.visionsimulator.com/>

Eye Exam

- Visual acuity
- Pupillary reactions
- Extraocular movements (remember LR-6 SO-4, the rest CN 3)
- Direct ophthalmoscopy – check red reflex, view fundus, in particular vessels, fovea/macula and optic disk
- Slit lamp exam
- Optional
 - Tonometry
 - Anterior chamber depth assessment
 - Confrontation field testing
 - Color vision testing
 - Fluorescein staining
 - Eversion of the upper lid

Acute Visual Loss

Differential Diagnosis:

- Media opacities
- Angle closure glaucoma (EMERGENCY!! Watch for painful red eye!)
- Hyphema (blood in the anterior chamber following trauma)
- Vitreous hemorrhage
- Retinal detachment (watch for the symptom of flashing lights, inc. floaters, loss of peripheral vision; distinguish from ocular migraine)
- Central retinal artery occlusion (EMERGENCY!! Watch for painless sudden loss of vision with cherry red spot on fundoscopic exam!)
- Optic neuritis (may occur in multiple sclerosis)
- Head trauma
- Ischemic optic neuropathy
- Giant cell arteritis (watch for ↑ESR, headaches, jaw claudication)

Gradual Visual Loss

Differential Diagnosis:

1. Cataract
2. Chronic papilledema
3. Open angle glaucoma (glaucomatous cupping is optic cup to disc ratio over 0.5, and intraocular pressure over 21)
4. Macular degeneration
5. Diabetic/hypertensive retinopathy
6. Sarcoidosis
7. Sickle cell anemia
8. CMV retinitis (occurs in AIDS and immunocompromised patients)
9. Syphilitic chorioretinitis

Red Eye

Differential Diagnosis:

1. Acute angle closure glaucoma
2. Iritis or iridocyclitis
3. Herpes simplex keratitis
4. Conjunctivitis
5. Episcleritis/scleritis
6. Adnexal disease
7. Sunconjunctival hemorrhage (not an emergency)
8. Pterygium
9. Keratoconjunctivitis sicca (dry eyes)
10. Abrasions/foreign bodies

Myopia: refractive error leading to loss of far vision

Hyperopia: refractive error leading to loss of near vision

Astigmatism: refractive error caused by an irregular curvature of the cornea leading to inability to focus

Presbyopia: loss of vision that occurs with aging

Amblyopia: disruption of normal development of vision due to strabismic v. refractory form of deprivation or occlusion.

Strabismus:

Eso- inward

Hypo – downward

Phoria - latent

Exo – outward

Hyper – upward

Tropia – manifest

For example: exotropia of the left eye means an obvious (to a student) deviation of the left eye outward

ORTHOPEDICS

References & Helpful Resources (nothing is required, but these may help)

- Netter's Orthopaedic Anatomy—helpful book that fits in a coat pocket, but not necessary. Anatomy is what you really need to know and this allows you brush up briefly before a case.
- Physical Examination of the Spine and Extremities—this is best for those going into ortho, but can improve your physical exam if you can get your hands on it.

- Surgical Exposures in Orthopaedics, The Anatomic Approach—You will most often be pimped on anatomy as surgery progresses. If you have access to this book, it will give you a first look at the approaches which may be helpful

General Tips

- You can't know everything. It is most important to work hard and be interested
- You have to work hard, so don't plan on doing anything else that month
- The test at the end is hard. Try to get through the packet of reading they gave you, but the subject is too big to know everything.

Ward Tips

- Be helpful and interested. This is the most important thing for being successful in your ortho rotation. Those who do the best are the ones who are always available, always attentive and willing to do whatever without excessive brownnosing.
- Rounds are fast. Watch the residents then copy them
- Carry the box of dressing changes
- See the Surgery ward tips for additional suggestions

Sample Notes

The daily note will vary based on the rotation, but is going to be much more focused. Use the notes of the junior resident as a guide.

ID: 37 y/o male s/p ORIF of R acetabular fx

S: ask about pain, mention ROM, weight bearing status, dressing or splinting

O: afvss (afebrile, vital signs stable)

wound cdi (clean dry and intact), dressing intact

any new imaging

A/P: include ABX, pain control, ROM or weight bearing status, and DC plans

Physical Exam

This is focused on the musculoskeletal system. The area of focus will vary based on your service and you can learn the specific tests as appropriate. Review the shoulder or knee exam as appropriate from your ICM course, Bates, or if you have access to it Physical Examination of the Spine and Extremities. It would be better to go over the exam with a willing resident, learn, be interested, and do it right from then on, than to do a poor exam for half the rotation. Do not forget to be aware of the neuro exam.

Selected Topics in Orthopedics (The emphasis will depend on the service)

Shoulder service: know the differential for shoulder pain – rotator cuff tears, impingement, dislocation, fractures, arthritis, etc. You be familiar with a few operations such as shoulder replacement (full and hemi), Rotator cuff repair (open), and ream and run.

Trauma service: just try to make it through without falling over.

Sports medicine: know all of your musculoskeletal anatomy.

In some clinics, you may need to be familiar with the differential for knee pain – meniscal tears, ACL rupture, arthritis, etc. or hip pain – bursitis, fracture, arthritis, etc.

OTOLARYNGOLOGY

References & Helpful Resources

Primary Care Otolaryngology, 2001, AAOHNS Foundation; ENT Secrets, 2005, Jafek

Ward Tips

1. In Seattle, you will be able to choose where you would like to do this rotation (depending on how many students there are)—HMC, UWMC, CHRMC or VA.
2. If you are interested in oto as a career, do a 4-week rotation. The UW is the best place to get a letter of recommendation, but has long hours due to free flap procedures.

Selected Topics in Otolaryngology

Otitis Media (OM)

- Etiology: eustachian tube dysfunction (esp kids w/horizontal tubes) -> negative pressure develops in middle ear -> transudation of serous fluid -> inoculation with bacteria from nasopharynx
 - ↑ risk: cleft palate, GERD, adenoidal hypertrophy, bottle-feeding, passive tobacco
 - often follow URI – viruses increase bacterial colonization, suppress immune response
 - in adults – consider nasopharyngeal CA
- Organisms
 - Acute: S. pneumo, H. flu, M. catarrhalis
 - Chronic: Pseudomonas, Staph, E. coli, anaerobes
- Diagnosis
 - Sx: otalgia/ear tugging, otorrhea, fever ± vertigo, tinnitus, facial paralysis
 - PE: pneumatic otoscopy is gold std – decreased TM mobility
- Treatment
 - Antibiotics: 1st line – amoxicillin 90 mg/kg/d; also bactrim, augmentin, cefuroxime. Ototoxic 1st line for chronic suppurative OM.
 - Tympanocentesis for immunocompromised, treatment failures
 - Pressure equalization tubes for recurrent OM (3 x in 6 mo), chronic OM w/effusion
 - Consider adenoidectomy if need > 1 set of tubes
- Complications of untreated OM

Hearing loss	Labyrinthitis	Perilymphatic fistula
TM perforation	Tympanosclerosis	Cholesteatoma
Mastoiditis	Epidural abscess	Meningitis

Acute bacterial rhinosinusitis

- mucosal edema -> obstruction of sinus ostia -> impaired mucociliary clearance -> bacterial overgrowth
- maxillary, anterior ethmoid most often involved
- S. pneumo, H. flu, M. catarrhalis most often involved in acute disease
- Dx when URI doesn't resolve in 10 days & accompanied by:
 - Nasal congestion & drainage, post nasal drip
 - Unilateral facial pain/pressure
 - Fever, cough, fatigue
 - Maxillary dental pain

- Hyposmia/anosmia
- Ear fullness/pressure
- Tx: augmentin, fluoroquinolone or TMP-SMX 10-14 days + nasal steroids. 50% spontaneously resolve. Increasing bacterial resistance.

Peritonsillar abscess = pus between pharyngeal tonsil and its capsule

- most common ages 20-40
- predisposition with chronic tonsillitis, acute tonsillitis, s/p antibiotic failure
- Pathophysiology
 - majority: tonsillitis -> peritonsillar cellulitis -> PTA
 - direct spread from parotitis, trauma, odontogenic origin
- Most are mixed aerobic/anaerobic w/S. pyogenes, Fusobacterium spp most common
- Sx: "hot potato voice," localized sore throat, trismus
- PE: bulging soft palate w/deviated uvula
- Dx: needle aspiration, lateral neck XR, CT w/contrast
- Tx: aspiration/I&D, clinda/cefuroxime or unasyn

Retropharyngeal abscess

- Pus in space posterior to buccopharyngeal fascia, anterior to alar & prevertebral fascia; bound laterally by carotid sheaths, extends from base of skull to bifurcation of trachea
- Most common in young kids -> ruptured suppurative retropharyngeal lymph node
- In adults, due to contiguous spread/trauma (intubation, endoscopy)
- Organisms, Sx similar to PTA + neck stiffness, drooling, stridor
- PE: bulging of posterior pharyngeal wall
- Dx: lateral neck CXR, CT w/contrast. DO NOT do needle aspiration
- Tx: airway protection, surgical drainage
- Complications: mediastinitis, jugular venous thrombosis, aspiration pneumonitis + many more

Epistaxis

- Anterior = bleeding from Kiesselbach's plexus; 80% of cases
- Posterior = bleeding from Woodruff's plexus (sphenopalatine a.); 20% of cases, mostly >50 yo
- Severe recurrent epistaxis in adolescent male -> think juvenile nasopharyngeal angiofibromatosis
- Treatments (try these more or less in order): compression, Afrin & lido spray, silver nitrate cauterization, anterior/posterior nasal packs, embolization, arterial ligation

Tidbits

Stridor = noise during inspiration and/or expiration due to upper airway obstruction. Most common cause in

Early childhood -> laryngomalacia

R/o septal hematoma to prevent perforation, saddle-nose deformity

Suspect T-bone fracture w/ hearing loss, dizziness, facial weakness, hemotympanum,

Battle's sign

Samter's triad: ASA sensitivity, nasal polyposis and bronchospasm

Laryngeal cancer is most common HN cancer; most commonly arises in glottis; majority are SCCAs.

Prior HN cancer increases risk of esophageal cancer 8X

TRANSPLANT SURGERY

References & Helpful Resources

Organ Transplantation (2nd edition) by Frank P. Stuart, et al.

A few words about the UWMC Transplant Service and some commonalities:

- You will receive a Transplant Services Medication Protocol Handbook – generally gives you all the rules you need to know. You'll get the book above, too.
- Pre-rounds start at 7 AM, followed by ICU rounds at 8 AM, then liver rounds at 9 or so AM, then kidney and pancreas rounds at 1 PM (different attendings apply)
- When the values for medication levels become available, usually later in the morning/early afternoon, the team writes orders for medications
- Request to follow a few patients, otherwise it will be first come, first serve
- There is no call for students (theoretically) but it's still 24/7 until you've seen a few of the liver and kidney transplants. Same applies to weekends.
- Post-surgery, liver transplant recipients go to Transplant ICU where you will follow but NOT manage them, while kidney recipients go to the floor
- Keep in mind that the hours are terrible for everyone but you. When there is an organ, they have to transplant.
- Post-surgery, every recipient gets Bactrim for PCP prophylaxis and ganciclovir for 3 months for CMV prophylaxis
- Liver donor/recipients are matched only by ABO Rh+/-, while the kidney donor/recipients are matched also by the HLA class as rejection is more of a problem in the latter
- Early fever in most post-transplant pts is usually attributable to anti-T-cell antibody administration. When there has been no such administration, do a fever of unknown origin work-up. Don't forget to include a post-operative abscess, CMV infection, and rejection in your differential diagnosis
- Alcohol dependence/abuse are no longer absolute contraindications to liver transplantation. Theoretically, the patient must demonstrate abstinence for 6 months, but they're becoming less strict about it

Kidney Transplant Complications:

1. Delayed Graft Function d/t ATN
2. Nephrotoxicity of calcineurin inhibitors (cyclosporine and tacrolimus)
3. Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome
4. CMV infection
5. Pyelonephritis
6. BK virus associated nephropathy (at 6 months or later)
7. Recurrent renal disease
8. Rejection
 - Hyperacute: circulating preformed cytotoxic anti-donor antibodies directed to ABO blood group antigens are present – happens after revascularization – no salvage to allograft.
 - Accelerated Acute: rapidly progressive, within the first week, with infiltrates of lymphocytes, macrophages, and plasma cells. Treat

- with anti-T-cell antibodies and pulse corticosteroids. Long-term function usually compromised, though partial salvation is possible.
- **Acute Tubular Interstitial Cellular Rejection:** T cell mediated, occurs within the first year post-transplant, with injuries to tubules. May be reversed with steroids, possibly with addition of anti-T-cell antibody. Repeated episodes place the recipient at risk for chronic rejection.
- **Chronic Rejection:** slow and progressive deterioration in renal function with histological changes involving tubules, interstitium, and renal capillaries. Conventional treatment doesn't appear to alter the course.

Liver Transplant Complications

1. Hypertension due to cyclosporine (also leads to hyperkalemia) and steroids; treat with nifedipine, labetalol, beta blockers, and diuretics
2. Renal insufficiency due to cyclosporine or ATN
3. Hepatic Artery Thrombosis (may lead to intrahepatic abscess)
4. Biliary Leak (may lead to abdominal abscess and peritoneal infection)
5. Diabetes Mellitus (due to prednisone, cyclosporine, tacrolimus, weight gain, hepatitis C)
6. Hyperlipidemia – treat with pravastatine 20 mg qd
7. Metabolic bone disease d/t steroids
8. Biliary strictures
9. Skin cancer

Liver Transplant Patient Selection

- The pt must meet minimal listing criteria before placed in the waiting list (Child-Tucotte-Pugh score of at least 7 for most cases of cirrhosis)
- After, the pt is awarded a priority based on the current UNOS organ allocation scheme (MELD). $MELD\ score = 0.957 * \log e(\text{creatinine mg/dl}) + 0.378 * \log e(\text{bilirubin mg/dl}) + 1.120 * \log e(INR) + 0.643$ (you'll need a special calculator for this!)
- Consequently to above, you will manage VERY ILL patients who're awaiting liver transplantation. Keep an eye out for variceal hemorrhage, hepatic encephalopathy, ascites, and spontaneous bacterial peritonitis. Fever or delirium are very bad signs and must be diagnosed aggressively.

PROCEDURES

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12-lead ECG

Indications Chest pain, pre-op, baseline for patients with cardiovascular risk factors

Technique

1. Place patient in supine position
 2. Clean skin with alcohol wipes (optional)
 3. Place limb leads (not over bones—increases artifact)
RA, LA: usually placed at upper chest near shoulders or on arm
RL, LL: usually placed at lower abdomen or at ankles
- Anterior chest leads
- | | |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------|
| V1 | 4 th intercostals space at R sternal border |
| V2 | 4 th intercostals space at L sternal border |
| V3 | Halfway between V2 and V4 |
| V4 | 5 th intercostals space at L midclavicular line |
| V5 | L anterior axillary line directly lateral to V4 |
| V6 | L midaxillary line directly lateral to V5 |
4. Record and print tracing
 5. Remove leads
 6. For 3-lead monitoring: White on right upper chest, black on left upper chest, red on left lower chest. (white on right, smoke over fire)

Ankle-Brachial Indices (ABI)

Indications Presence of peripheral arterial disease

Technique

1. Have patient in supine position so arms, legs and heart are at same level.
2. Use blood pressure cuff and Doppler to measure systolic BP in both arms and record.
3. Use Doppler to identify location of dorsalis pedis and/or posterior tibialis pulses, mark location bilaterally.
4. Wrap BP cuff around lower leg. Using Doppler to listen to signal, inflate cuff until signal disappears, then slowly deflate until pulse signal returns. Record pressure at which pulse is heard (systolic) by Doppler at DP and PT in both ankles.
5. To calculate the AAI divide the highest SBP from each ankle (either DP or PT) by the highest SBP reading from the upper extremities.
6. AAI = ankle / arm systolic pressure
 - > 1.3 = suggests noncompressible, calcified vessels
 - 0.91-1.3 = normal
 - 0.41-0.9 = mild to mod peripheral arterial dz (range for claudication)
 - <0.4 = Severe peripheral arterial dz. (range for critical leg ischemia and rest pain)
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Lumbar Puncture

- Indications** Suspected CNS infection, SAH, Guillain-Barre syndrome, MS, SLE
Measure intracranial pressure (pseudotumor cerebri)
- Contraindic.** Increased intracranial pressure (except to dx pseudotumor cerebri),
supratentorial mass lesion, thrombocytopenia, bleeding diathesis
- Complications** Post-LP headache, brain herniation if mass lesion present or increased
intracranial pressure, bloody tap if venous plexus punctured.

Technique

1. Obtain informed consent
2. Position patient with back near edge of bed in lateral recumbent position. Have patient flex hips and draw knees up to chest to increase curvature of spine.
3. Palpate iliac crests and identify L3 and L4 interspaces.
4. Open tray, wear sterile gloves, and set up tubes in order, 1-4.
5. Prep and drape skin in sterile fashion
6. Infiltrate skin with 1% lidocaine
7. Use 20-22 gauge spinal needle. Insert at interspace with needle angled slightly toward umbilicus (cephalad). Keep level of needle in line with horizontal plane.
8. A coarse resistance can be felt as the needle passes through the paraspinous ligaments and a "pop" may be felt when needle passes through the dura.
9. Withdraw stylus fully to check for fluid.
10. Once fluid is obtained, place stopcock and manometer on hub of needle to obtain opening pressure.
11. Fill tubes in order, 2-3cc per tube
12. Once fluid has been collected, replace stylus and withdraw needle.
13. Cover site with sterile dressing and have patient remain lying down in supine position for 2 hours.
14. Observe tubes for occult blood. Decreasing amounts of blood in tubes 1-4 suggests a bloody tap, while increasing or steady amounts suggests an CNS bleed.
15. Send fluid for analysis:
 - Tube #1: glucose, protein, protein electrophoresis
 - Tube #2: Gram stain, culture, bacteria, fungal, TB, viral
 - Tube #3: cell count, differential
 - Tube #4: VDRL, India ink, cytology

Paracentesis

- Indications** Determine cause of ascites (diagnostic) or to relieve symptoms of ascites (therapeutic)
- Contraindic.** Coagulopathy, thrombocytopenia, pregnancy
- Complications** Infection, perforated viscous, hemorrhage, abdominal wall hematoma, renal failure, hypotension

Technique

1. Obtain informed consent
2. Consider supine and upright AXR before procedure
3. Have patient urinate or use catheter to empty bladder
4. Have patient in supine or semi-recumbent position
5. Examine abdomen looking for shifting dullness & percuss level of dullness.
Usual site if insertion is 2-3 cm below umbilicus at midline. If there is scarring or a hernia at the midline, then pick a point one-third the distance between umbilicus and ASIS (left side)

6. Use sterile technique; prep and drape site, wear mask
7. Inject local anesthetic (lido with epi) in skin and SubQ tissues, all the way to the peritoneum.
8. Using a Z technique, insert 18-22 gauge needle attached to 20-30cc syringe, aspirating continuously.
9. When fluid comes back, fill syringe to send for studies. Then remove needle from catheter and attach tubing. Insert into Vacutainer to drain excess fluid.
10. After fluid is removed, pull catheter out and apply pressure to site.
11. Send fluid for cell count, differential, albumin, total protein, Gram stain, culture. Can also do amylase, cytology, AFB stain if clinically indicated.
12. If you need to determine if the fluid is transudate vs. exudate a serum LDH and albumin should be sent at the same time.

Thoracentesis

Indications Determine cause of pleural effusion, or relieve symptoms of large pleural effusion

Contraindic. Coagulopathy, major respiratory impairment on contralateral side, very small effusions, herpes zoster on chest wall

Complications Pneumothorax, hemothorax, infection, hypotension, reexpansion pulmonary edema, hepatic or splenic puncture

Technique

1. Obtain informed consent
2. Have patient sit up and lean forward slightly.
3. Percuss chest wall to find fluid level. If effusion is small, use ultrasound to mark location and quantify amount of fluid.
4. Usual needle insertion site for fluid removal is posterolateral back, 1-2 interspaces below fluid level. Do not use site below 8th intercostal space on back. Mark location.
5. Use sterile technique, wear mask, and prep and drape site.
6. Use 25 gauge needle to infiltrate skin and subQ with lidocaine.
7. Switch to 22 gauge, 1 1/2 inch needle and infiltrate anesthetic to the superior border of rib and into intercostals muscles. Aspirate continuously. Avoid the inferior portion of the rib as this is where the neurovascular bundle is located.
8. Use 18 gauge needle attached to 50 cc syringe for thoracentesis and insert in same tract as anesthesia needle, aspirate continuously.
9. When fluid is obtained, fill syringe, then fill containers.
10. After removing fluid, withdraw needle while patient exhales or valsalvas to decrease chance of pneumothorax.
11. Apply sterile dressing to site.
12. Send fluid for cell count, differential, LDH, total protein, Gram stain, culture, pH.
13. Obtain post-procedure stat CXR to check for pneumothorax.
14. If patient develops hypotension, desaturation, or respiratory distress during procedure, stop, obtain CXR, or do immediate needle decompression for pneumothorax.

15. If you need to determine if the fluid is transudate vs. exudate a serum LDH and albumin should be sent at the same time.

Chest Tube Placement

Indications Pneumothorax, hemothorax, empyema, recurrent pleural effusion

Contraindic. Bleeding dyscrasia, anticoagulation, empyema caused by AFB

Technique

1. Obtain informed consent
2. Check coags / platelets
3. Consider sedating patient (painful)
4. Use 18-20 French tube for pneumothorax, 32-36 French tube for fluid or hemothorax
5. Assemble suction/drainage equipment and connect to suction
6. Position patient in supine position, elevate head of bed 30-60 degrees. Usual insertion site is at anterior axillary line at 4th or 5th intercostals space. Mark site.
7. Prep and drape in sterile fashion. Wear gown and mask.
8. Anesthesia at pleural insertion site: anesthetize skin over rib using 2 gauge needle, 10 cc syringe, 1% lidocaine. Anesthesia at incision site (rib below rib of pleural insertion). Using 22 gauge needle and 1% lidocaine, infiltrate subQ, muscle, periosteum, and parietal pleura.
9. Make 2-4 cm incision through skin and tissues over rib. Extend incision with blunt dissection using Kelly clamp, working towards superior aspect of rib above tunneling the course of the chest tube before entering the chest cavity.
10. Push Kelly clamp through parietal pleura. Inside pleural cavity, open clamp, then withdraw. Air or fluid should rush out.
11. Check to see that pleural space has been entered with finger.
12. Grasp chest tube with curved clamp. Clamp free end of chest tube with another clamp.
13. Place tube in pleural space. Direct tube superior, medial, posterior for fluid drainage. Direct tube superior and anterior for pneumothorax. All ventilation holes need to be in pleural space.
14. Attach end of tube to suction/drainage.
15. Use 1-0 or 2-0 silk or nylon to suture chest tube in place.
16. Cover site with 4x4 gauze (with Y cuts to fit around tube)
17. Tape gauze and tube in place
18. Obtain CXR to confirm placement
19. Remove chest tube when there is less than 150cc of fluid in 24hrs and no air leak.

Arterial Blood Draw

Indications O2 and CO2 monitoring during CPR, confirm need for home O2 therapy, diagnose O2/CO2 exchange problem, acid/base imbalance

Contraindic. Unable to palpate arterial pulse, bleeding dyscrasia

Complications Hematoma, thrombosis, nerve damage, getting venous blood

Technique

1. Do Allen test before radial artery puncture to confirm ulnar collateral flow.
2. Select ABG kit or load syringe with small amount of heparin, then empty (just need to coat the syringe)
3. Palpate artery with 2 fingers and immobilize along its course with 2-3 fingers.
4. Prep skin with betadine/alcohol or chlorhexadine.

5. Consider small amount of local anesthetic in conscious patients (but this will distort anatomy and make pulse harder to feel)
6. Hold barrel of syringe like a pencil with bevel up.
Radial: extend wrist, support arm and wrist with towel or firm surface. Insert needle where radial pulse is prominent at 45-60 degree angle
Brachial: extend and supinate arm. Insert needle at median aspect of antecubital fossa, just above elbow crease at 45-60 degree angle
Femoral: insert needle 2-3cm below inguinal ligament at 60-90 degree angle
7. Blood should enter and fill syringe. You may need to aspirate with a large syringe or a hypotensive patient.
8. Remove needle quickly and apply pressure to site for 5-10 minutes to prevent hematoma.
9. Place syringe on ice and transport to lab

Central Venous Catheterization

Indications Fluid administration, CVP monitoring, dialysis, long-term IV Rx

Contraindic. Coagulopathy, thrombosis, distorted anatomy or landmarks, anticoagulation

Complications Pneumothorax, air embolism, cath/guidewire embolism, arrhythmias, central vein perforation, central vein thrombosis

Technique

1. Obtain informed consent
2. Get supplies, gown, mask, gloves
3. Prep & drape area in sterile fashion (subclavian, IJ, femoral)
4. Infiltrate skin and subQ with lidocaine
5. Use finder needle to locate vein
6. After venous blood is aspirated, insert large-bore needle at same site
7. After venous blood is aspirated with large-bore needle, grasp hub of needle and brace hand against patient (non-dominant hand).
8. Lower needle to angle parallel to vein, aspirate to confirm flow.
9. Remove syringe and insert guidewire
10. Remove needle over guidewire, hold wire in place with gauze (NEVER let go of the wire).
11. Make 3-4mm incision with scalpel at site.
12. Pass dilator 3-4cm over guidewire to dilate tissue down to vessel (not through).
13. Pass catheter over guidewire
14. Advance catheter and remove guidewire
15. Aspirate blood and flush ports.
16. Suture in place
17. Post-procedure stat CXR to confirm placement and R/O PTX.

Subclavian Vein (lower infection risk, higher risk of PTX, most comfortable for patient)

1. Have patient in Trendelenburg, place towel roll between scapulae.
2. Insert needle below clavicle, 2cm inferior to the junction between lateral 1/3 and medial 2/3 of clavicle. Aspirate continuously.
3. Keep needle parallel to floor and aim first for clavicle. Once you hit bone, aim down to just below clavicle.
4. Once under clavicle, advance needle 4-5 cm

Internal Jugular Vein (straight pass to SVC, PTX is less common)

1. Turn patients head 45-60 degrees to contralateral side. Find the triangle formed by 2 heads of sternocleidomastoid and clavicle. Insert needle at apex of triangle, lateral to carotid artery.
2. Insert needle at 70 degree angle to skin, aim for nipple. Aspirate continuously.
3. Do not insert needle more than 1.5 inches

Femoral Vein (fast and easy, no risk of PTX, risk of retroperitoneal bleed, higher risk of infection, patient needs to be immobile)

1. Palpate femoral artery below inguinal ligament. Vein is medial to artery.
2. Insert needle approx. 1cm medial to artery and 2cm below inguinal ligament. Insert at 45 degree angle to skin, bevel up.

Skin Biopsy

Preparation: Forms for consent, pathology, microbiology
 Anesthetic, syringe and needles
 Alcohol and betadine wipes
 Punch or scalpel
 Suture or Drysol
 Forceps, needle driver, scissor
 Specimen containers
 Antibiotic ointment and dressing

Site selection: Choose fresh lesions for vesiculobullous eruptions. Otherwise, use mature or active lesions. Choose site that will give minimal scarring and best wound healing.

Anesthesia: 1% lidocaine with epi is used for most derm procedures.

No epi for fingers, nose, penis, toes

Use 30 gauge needle to inject, put needle in quickly and inject slowly

Can add bicarb to lidocaine to reduce pain (1 part bicarb to 10 parts lido)

Danger Zone 1 = temporal branch of facial nerve

Danger Zone 2 = marginal mandibular branch of facial nerve

Danger Zone 3 = posterior triangle, accessory nerve

Punch Biopsy

Indication Full-thickness removal of small skin lesions. (Do not use on eyelids, lips, penis).

Uses Used for dermal and subdermal processes

Technique

1. Obtain informed consent
2. Select punch size to just cover size of lesion
3. Clean area of skin with antiseptic solution
4. Inject local anesthetic
5. Position punch perpendicular to skin and lesion, push into skin while rotating instrument. Usually you will feel a "give" when SubQ tissue is reached.
6. Remove punch and cut base of specimen with scissors, place in specimen cup.
7. Apply pressure for hemostasis and if desired, insert 1-2 sutures for closure (simple interrupted, vertical mattress)
8. Send specimen for pathology, culture, IF as needed

Fusiform Excisional Biopsy

Indications Use for squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell carcinoma, suspected melanoma

Technique

1. Obtain informed consent
2. Draw an outline of the incision lines on skin with marking pen.
3. Incision lines should be parallel to skin tension lines (wrinkle lines). Length of fusiform excision should be 3x the width of lesion. Corner angles should be 30 degrees. (Can be 45 degrees with very thin skin)
4. Clean, prep and drape lesion in sterile fashion.
5. Inject local anesthetic
6. Make incision according to outline, keeping scalpel blade perpendicular to skin surface. Depth of wound should be uniform throughout.
7. If there is tension when skin margins are brought together, undermine the edges under skin in the SubQ tissue using sharp or blunt method.
8. Use electrocautery to achieve hemostasis if necessary
9. For small lesions without tension, do single-layer closure.
10. For larger lesions or with tension, close in 2 layers. Use absorbable SubQ suture for deep sutures (Dexon, absorbable Vicryl). Use interrupted or running suture for dermal closure.

Suture Removal	
Face	5-6 days
Neck	5-7 days
Scalp	5-7 days
Trunk	7-12 days
Ext.	7-14 days

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