

NEONATAL EMERGENCIES

JUST THE FACTS!



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GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Establish differential diagnosis for the critically ill infant
- Create management approach for the critically ill infant
- Identify laboratory tests and interventions in the emergent setting



OVERVIEW

- Neonatal Medical Emergencies
- Neonatal Surgical Emergencies
- Neonatal “Other” Emergencies*



A NEWBORN WALKS IN...

26 day old female cc poor feeding

What do you want to know? You have 2 minutes...



A NEWBORN WALKS IN...

26 day old female cc poor feeding

- Breastfed exclusively
- Decreased UOP and PO intake (worse latch)
- Sleepier than previously
- No known fevers
- FT NSVD no complications good prenatal care



PHYSICAL EXAM

- VS: T: 37.2 HR: 165 RR: 32 BP: UTO (crying) O2: 98% RA
- HEENT: anterior fontanelle flat, red reflex b/l, OP clear
- CV: S1/S2 no m/r/g
- Chest: CTA b/l no wheezes no crackles
- Abdomen: Soft NT/ND no organomegaly
- GU: normal external female genitalia
- Extremities: cap refill $\leq$ 2 sec.
- Skin: neonatal rash



THE MISFITS

- Trauma (accidental and non-accidental)
- Heart disease and hypovolemia
- Endocrine (CAH and thyrotoxicosis)
- Metabolic (hypocalcemia, hypoglycemia etc)
- Inborn errors of metabolism
- Sepsis
- Formula Dilution
- Intestinal catastrophes (NEC, Volvulus, intussusception)
- Toxins
- Seizures



OH NO!

- Okay now the baby is noted to have a temperature rectally of 35.8 or perhaps 39.1
- Now what is on your differential ?



DIFFERENTIAL

- Sepsis !
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- Hypoglycemia
- Viral Syndrome



FEBRILE OR SEPTIC NEONATE

- History and physical exam findings can be subtle
- Hypothermia or Hyperthermia (38 or $\geq$ 100.4 rectally)
- Incidence SBI in febrile neonates (<28 days) ~20%
- Full septic work up 0-28 days
 - CBC, Bld Cx, UA enhanced, Ucx, CSF Cx/Gram stain/Profile
 - POC glucose!
 - 0-21 days LFTs
 - CXR ?



BUGS AND DRUGS

- Bugs
 - What organisms common in 0-28 day range?
 - What else in the 0-21 day range?
- Drugs
 - What antibiotics do you want?
 - Why do you want them?
 - What if there's gram positive organisms on CSF stain?



NEONATAL HSV INFECTION

- Approximately 1500 cases annually
- Highest risk if primary infection at time of delivery ~ 30%
- 3 types of infection
 - Skin & mucosa ~ 45% (12 days)
 - CNS +/- skin & mucosa ~ 30% (19.7 days)
 - Disseminated disease ~25% (11.4 days)
- 90% of patients have symptoms prior to 21 days of age



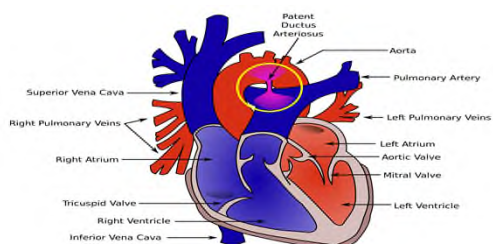
A NEW NEWBORN WALKS IN...

18 day old female cc lethargy

- VS: T: 37.2 HR: 182 RR: 68 O₂: 78% RA
- Gen: ill appearing grey poor tone
- HEENT: anterior fontanelle flat, red reflex b/l, OP clear
- CV: S1/S2 ? Systolic murmur
- Chest: CTA b/l no wheezes or crackles
- Abdomen: Soft NT/ND no hepatomegaly
- Extremities: cap refill >3 sec.



PHYSIOLOGY & FETAL CIRCULATION



MANAGEMENT & DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

- Management:
 - ABCD!
- Differential Diagnosis:
 - SEPSIS!
 - Congenital Heart Disease



TOOL BOX

- History
 - Poor weight gain, feeding intolerance (sweating or crying with feeds), long BF sessions
- Physical Exam
 - Murmur, Hepatomegaly, Femoral Pulses
 - Right upper and lower extremity blood pressure difference >10 mm Hg
 - SPO2 differential > 3% or < 94% in LE or < 90% in any extremity
- Tests/Images



HYPEROXIA TEST

- Ideal Condition
 - Obtain ABG
 - Place patient on 100% oxygen for 10 minutes
 - Obtain repeat ABG
 - PaO2 should >150 mm Hg if oxygen sat issue
- Poor Man Version = Pulse ox
- Concern vasodilator could increased pulmonary flow



3 BROAD CATEGORIES OF LESIONS

- Shunting or mixing lesions
 - Congestive heart failure or respiratory distress > 1 month
- Right-sided obstructive ductal dependent
 - Cyanotic and typically < 1 month presentation
- Left-sided obstructive ductal dependent
 - Hypoperfused and typically < 1 month presentation



3 DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHD INFANTS

- Pink Baby : 1-6 months of age
- Blue Baby
 - < 2 weeks of age
 - 1-6 months of age
- Grey Baby
 - < 2 weeks of age



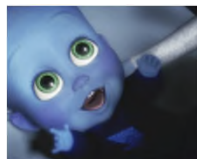
PINK BABY: CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

- Problem = too much pulmonary blood flow
 - R → L shunt
- Physical Exam: tachypnea, hepatomegaly, crackles, murmur
- Goals: Increase PVR, Decreased SVR, Diuretics, Inotropes
- Toolkit: CXR (white lungs) , PE (hepatomegaly/murmur)
- Lesions: PDA, VSD, AVM, AV canal defect



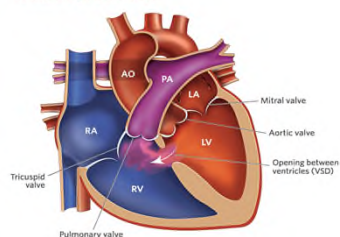
DIFFERENTIAL BLUE BABY

- Shock
- Congenital Heart Disease
- Persistent Pulmonary HTN
- Methemoglobinemia



PINK BABY: VENTRICULAR SEPTAL DEFECT

Ventricular Septal Defect (VSD)

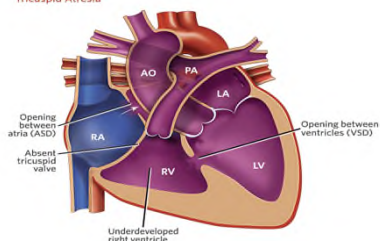


BLUE BABY: CYANOTIC < 2 WEEKS

- Problem = too little pulmonary blood flow
 - Right obstructive lesions
- Goals: Shunt L→R (PGE), Decrease PVR (O₂ or iNO)
- Toolkit: CXR (black lungs), EKG RVH, SpO₂ < 80, Fail hyperoxia test
- Lesions: Tricuspid atresia, Pulmonary Atresia, Pulmonary Stenosis, TGA no VSD, TET

BLUE BABY: TRICUSPID ATRESIA

Tricuspid Atresia

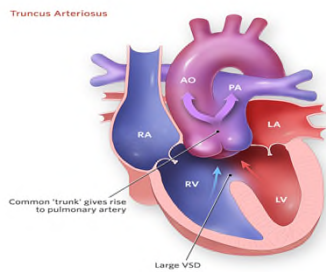


BLUE BABY: CYANOTIC 1–6 MONTHS

- Problem = obstructed pulmonary blood return
 - Mixing R→L shunt
- Goal: do not increase pulm blood flow, diuretics, limit fluids, increased R→L shunt (inotropes)
- Toolkit: CXR (white lungs), SPO₂ < 80, Hepatomegaly, Fail hyperoxia
- Lesions: Truncus arteriosus, TAPVR, DORV, TGA w/ VSD



BLUE BABY: TRUNCUS ARTERIOSUS



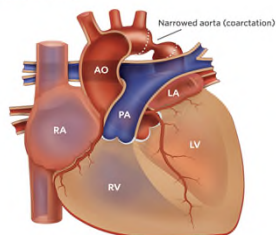
GRAY BABY: CIRCULATORY COLLAPSE

- Problem = poor perfusion and oxygenation
 - Left obstructive lesion
- Physical: SPO₂ diff, BP diff, Delayed cap refill
- Goal: R→L shunt (PGE), Vol support, ?Pressors, Antbx
- Toolkit: CXR (white), Physical exam, ECG LVH < 7 DOL
- Lesions: Critical Coarct, Interrupted aortic arch, Aortic stenosis/Atresia, ALCAPA



GREY BABY: CRITICAL COARCT

Coarctation of the Aorta



THIS IS NOT YOUR DAY...

26 day old female cc lethargy

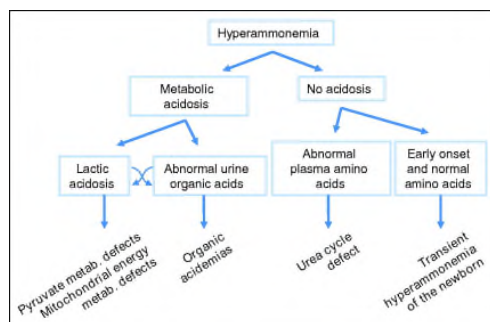
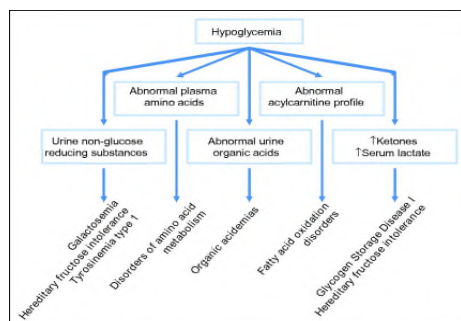
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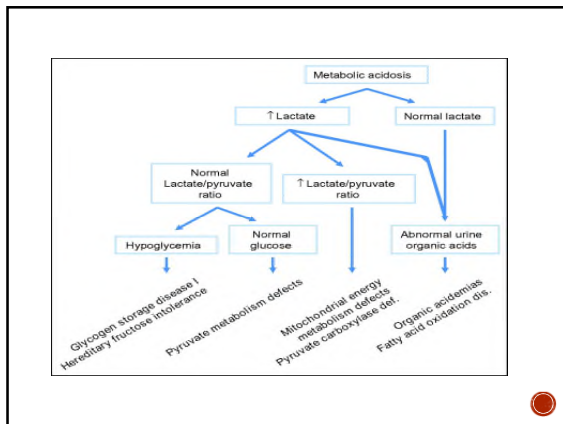
SEPSIS? CARDIAC? METABOLIC?

- Can have similar vital signs
 - Tachycardia (dehydration)
 - Hypothermic
 - Tachypnea (acidotic or hyperammonemia)
- Usually however lethargic/altered but with normal BP

LABORATORY EVALUATION

- VBG
- Lactate
- Complete metabolic panel w/ LFTs
- Urine
- Ammonia
- CBC
- * bonus CK





MANAGEMENT

- NPO
- IV
- D10 0.2 NS at 1.5 M (D5 0.2NS at 2M)
- +/- NS bolus for dehydration but DO NOT stop dextrose to do so
- Consult Metabolism
 - Co factor administration
 - Tx hyperammonemia

TIPS AND TRICKS OF THE TRADE

- Elevated Anion Gap > 20 = Abnormal
 - DDx: Dehydration, DKA, Shock, Renal Failure, Poisoning & Metabolic disease
- Ammonia level > 150-200 micromolar = Urea cycle defect

CONGENITAL ADRENAL HYPERPLASIA

- Endocrine emergency
- Presentation:
 - Progressive irritability, vomiting, lethargy & poor feeding
 - infant with virilization or ambiguous genitalia
- Electrolyte abnormalities:
 - hyponatremia, hyperkalemic, hypoglycemic
- Treatment: Steroids, Tx electrolyte derangement, hydrate



IS THIS SHIFT OVER?!?!?

27 day old male presents cc vomiting

- VS: T: 37.2 HR: 142 RR: 38 O2: 98% RA
- HEENT: anterior fontanelle flat, OP clear
- CV: S1/S2 no m/r/g
- Chest: CTA b/l no wheezes no crackles
- Abdomen: Soft unable assess if tender
- GU: normal external male genitalia testicles descended!
- Extremities: cap refill $\leq$ 2 sec.





DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS



MOM THEN SHOWS YOU THIS....

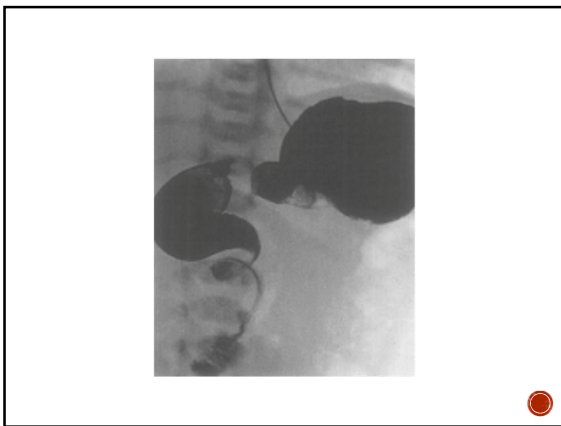


NEONATAL SURGICAL EMERGENCIES (URGENCIES)

- Malrotation and Midgut Volvulus
- Duodenal Atresia
- Necrotizing Enterocolitis
- Other considerations
 - Intussusception
 - Congenital diaphragmatic hernia
 - Hirschsprung
 - Appendicitis







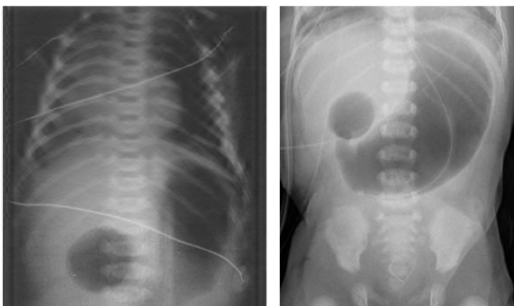
MALROTATION & MIDGUT VOLVULUS

- Overview
 - 1 in 500 live births
 - 50% present in 1st month of life
 - Male predominance in neonatal period
- Early signs
 - Bilious emesis *, abdominal tenderness (crying)
- Later signs
 - Abdominal distention, bloody stools

MALROTATION & MIDGUT VOLVULUS

- Bilious emesis in neonate = Emergent UGI
- If hemodynamically stable do NOT delay diagnosis
- Management: NG tube, NPO, IVF, Broad spectrum antibiotics
- Surgical intervention: ASAP





DUODENAL ATRESIA W/OBSTRUCTION

- Presentation = bilious emesis +/- abdominal distention
- Abdominal Xray shows "double bubble" sign
- Management: NG tube to decompress stomach, NPO, IVF
- Surgical consult for urgent but not emergent correction





NECROTIZING ENTEROCOLITIS

- Most common in premature infants but can happen in FT babies
- Risk factors: CHD, Perinatal asphyxia, hypoglycemia, maternal cocaine use or maternal pre-eclampsia
- Management: OG tube to L1S, NPO, Broad spectrum antibiotics
- Surgical indication: Perforation or evidence intestinal necrosis



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