

#### **CARDIOVASCULAR**

Vascular system composed of= Arteries, veins

Deoxygenated blood to ——> RA ——> RV ——> Lungs —->changes deoxygenated to oxygenated blood that pushes into LA —> LV —-> aorta —-> body

#### **HEART FAILURE:**

- If they do not specify in the question Right sided HF it is **ALWAYS** Left sided HF
- LEFT SIDED HF: Prevents the warm, red oxygenated blood from going into our body.
  - o LEFT SD= LUNGS, fluid will get backed up into lungs
    - Cold, clammy
    - Deoxygenated
    - Pallor, pale
    - Edema (excess fluid) in lungs so you get pulmonary edema
    - Pink frothy sputum
    - Patient will cough
    - Hear crackles
    - Dyspnea, Orthopnea
  - Think fluid overload
    - JVD distention
    - Periorbital edema
    - Puffiness in face
    - Peripheral edema, pitting edema
    - Ascites
    - Liver & spleen can enlarge (hepatosplenomegaly)
    - Distended abdomen
- RIGHT SIDED HF: Blood doesn't get past the pulmonic valve, the patient will not receive warm, red, oxygenated blood.
  - o Cold, clammy
  - o Pallor, pale
  - o JVD
  - Periorbital edema
  - o Peripheral edema
  - Ascites
  - Pitting edema
  - Increased Abdominal distention
- Test to confirm HF is:
  - BNP (Brain natriuretic peptide), NORMAL = <100</li>

# TREATMENT FOR HF:

- o GOAL: Need to get fluid off
- Diuretics:

#### ■ Loop (Furosemide. Torsemide, Bumetanide), are potassium wasting.

- Causes increase Na+ & H20(water)
- Potassium decreases
- Need to know s/s: mnemonic = "OOHH DANG"
  - Orthostatic Hypotension
    - Risk for falls
    - Educate pts: change positions slowly
  - Ototoxicity
    - Tinnitus(ringing in ears)
    - Balance issues
    - Fullness in ears
    - Treatment:
      - Slow the infusion rate!!!! If given too fast it will cause ototoxicity.
  - Hypokalemia
    - Know s/s
    - Identify with muscle cramps
  - Hypomagnesemia
    - Look for tremors
  - Dehydration
  - Allergy (is a sulfa drug, so be alert to patients who are allergic to sulfa drugs.)
  - Nephrotoxicity
    - Be concerned with lab values: BUN, Creatine
    - Normal Creatine: 0.6 1.2, Look for a 2 or above. Indicated kidneys are in trouble
  - Gout

#### **■** Thiazide Diuretics:

- Causes increase Na+ & H20(water)
- Potassium decreases
- Watch s/s:
  - o Is potassium wasting, Hypokalemia
  - Orthostatic hypotension
  - Nephrotoxic
  - Sulfa drug (watch allergy)
- Drugs include:
  - Hydrochlorothiazide
  - Chlorthalidone

# ■ Potassium Sparing diuretics:

- These are aldosterone antagonists
  - RAAS (Renin-angiotensin aldosterone system)
  - Aldosterone causes an increase in Na+ & H20 (water), causing a decrease in Potassium
  - o K+ & Na+ are opposite of each other:
  - o Potassium goes up, sodium goes down
  - Causes a decrease in Na+ & H20(water)
  - Potassium increases, hyperkalemia
  - Know s/s of Hyperkalemia
- Drugs include:
  - Spironolactone
  - Eplerenone

# • MANAGEMENT OF HF:

- Education:
  - Check daily weights
  - Monitor intake and output
  - Teach patients to avoid foods with high sodium
    - Processed
    - Cans
    - Packaged
  - Can have a salt substitute K+ → can help decrease blood pressure and fluid retention
  - When do you say the opposite of the following ALWAYS CHOOSE THESE
    - Cardiac rehab (Exercise)
    - Don't drink
    - Don't smoke
    - Eat healthy
- Heart Failure presented as a priority When you see fluid overload with trouble breathing, this becomes an AIRWAY problem!!!

#### **CHILD HEALTH:**

#### <u>Tetralogy of Fallot:</u>

- Overriding aorta (takes over the VSD with the pulmonic stenosis)
  - When this happens the Patient becomes:
    - cyanotic (blue) & deoxygenated
    - Will have "Tet Spells"
  - This overriding of the aorta causes a decrease in blood flow back to the heart, AKA (Decreased venous return)
  - Infants will cause this decrease venous return when:
    - Crying
    - Eating a large meal
    - Stress

#### **■** Intervention:

- Put infants in a knee chest position
- If Patient is in preschool, teach them to squat

#### **■** Treatment:

Surgery

# • Kawasaki Disease:

- Is a viral infection of unknown etiology
  - Which causes vasculitis
  - Kawasaki Disease goes after your coronary artery
    - Putting patients at risk for an aneurysm rupture

# S/S: Mneumoic: "CRASH"

- Conjunctivitis
- Rash
- Art. Aneurysm
- Strawberry tongue
- Hand/ feet swelling
- Can also cause extremely high fevers: between 104-105
  - Worried about febrile seizures
- First thing you're worried about is hemorrhage (from rupture of the aneurysm)
- Second thing you're worried about is febrile seizures.

#### Treatment:

- Goal: prevent rupture and the need for open heart surgery
- Make sure and monitor the heart
- Administer IV immunoglobulin + ASA
- Administer Aspirin

- NEVER GIVE ASPIRIN WITH A <u>VIRAL INFECTION EXCEPT</u> WHEN TREATING A PATIENT WITH KAWASAKI DISEASE. DUE TO RISK OF REYE'S SYNDROME:
  - Where they develop encephalopathy (inflammation of the brain)
- Need to draw labs:
  - CBC
    - More specifically looking at WBC w/differential (breaking down each type of WBC, there are 5, but just focus on these 3)
      - Neutrophils elevated with a bacterial infection.
      - Lymphocytes elevated with a viral infection
      - Eosinophils elevated with a parasitic infection and allergies

# **PATENT DUCTUS ARTERIOSUS:**

- This is a Normal finding in utero, in fact you need this opening to occur.
- Once the baby is born, Patent Ductus may still remain open.
  - Within the first 72 hours you can hear a loud machine like murmur.
     (Normal, no cause for concern)
- Within 72 hrs, the patent ductus should close(no longer should hear the loud machine like murmur)
- Treatment:
  - If still open, need to give NSAIDS to help close it off
    - Drug of choice: Indomethacin
  - NSAIDS should close it off, but if not surgery is next treatment
- Reason for why women are advised not to take NSAIDS during pregnancy is because it will cause a Premature closure of the Patent Ductus Arteriosus and you need this opening during utero.

# **SEPTAL DEFECTS:**

- Anatomical Defects
  - If between the RA & LA = Atrial Septal Defect
  - If between the RV & LV = Ventricular Septal Defect
- Babies heart will over work to compensate
  - They often present lethargy
- Treatment:
  - Surgery is necessary

#### **COARCTATION OF AORTA:**

• Known as a kink in the aorta, (just causes blood to move from point A to B a little slower)

- Patients often born with it and will present later on in life
- This is more of a distraction when presented on boards d/t patients can live with this just fine
- S/S:
  - Weakened/diminished pulses
  - Turner Syndrome
    - Chromosome: X,O(missing one of the female chromosome) Normal = X.X
    - Short stature
    - Webbed neck
    - Breast buds
    - Streaked ovaries

#### **GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL:**

- Birth to 1 year = Infants
- 1 year to 3 years = Toddlers
- 3 to 5 years old= Preschool
- 5 to 11/12 years = School age
- 12 years and older = Adolescents
- You want to know each of the developmental milestones
- Need to know how each milestone will react in:
  - Hospitalization
    - what can you give them to ease stress/ anxiety
    - Help make them fill more at home
    - Toys
  - How do you educate these different milestones when it comes to surgery
  - Concept of death

#### **INFANT CPR:**

- First thing you need to do is check their pulse(brachial pulse)
- Second thing: If no pulse, initiate CPR, begin Chest compressions
  - Use 2 fingers/thumbs, center of infants chest, just below the nipple line
  - Give little support under neck, back
  - Go ⅓ anterior/posterior depth
  - Rate: 30 compressions: 2 breaths (Single rescuer)
  - Rate: 15 compressions: 2 breaths (2 rescuers)

#### **ADULT HEALTH:**

#### **CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE:**

- Patients start to develop atherosclerotic plaques
- Risk Factors:
  - Smoking
  - o Obesity
  - Diabetes
  - Family history
  - o High BP
  - Poor diet/nutrition
  - o Poor cholesterol levels

#### RULE OF 50's:

- Total cholesterol normal: <200
- Triglycerides normal: <150
- LDL Normal: <100
- HDL Nomal: >50
- TREATMENT OF CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE:
  - First step: Education
  - Second Step: Administer medications, start with statins
    - Statins
      - Helps decrease LDL levels
      - Helps increase HDL levels
    - Prior to administering check the liver
      - Check AST/ALT levels
    - Administer at bedtime (best way to attack the cholesterol)
    - Watch for s/s:
      - Myopathy
      - Rhabdomyolysis(breaking down of muscle)
      - Development of acute kidney injury ——> Acute renal failure
      - Patients will present with Muscle & body aches(watch for these)
    - If you start to see these side effects, need to aggressively hydrate
  - Third step: Administer Nitrates
    - Chest pain is AKA Angina
      - Two types:
        - Stable:
          - Predictable
          - Chest pain w/ exertion
        - Untable:
          - Unpredictable

- Chest pain at rest
- This chest pain occurs d/t decrease in blood flow to the heart, which can lead to an infarction
  - Goal: Need to open up(dilate) this artery
  - Medication:
    - Nitrates (Nitroglycerin)
      - Can wear for about 12 to 14 hours
    - Contraindicated with:
      - Drugs:
        - — nafils
        - Educate to avoid taking —nafil medications while taking nitrates
        - Goal: switch them if they are chronic to something more sustainable like a Calcium channel Blocker.
- Nitroglycerin Sublingual
  - Signs and symptoms:
    - Patients can develop orthostatic Hypotension when taking this medication
      - Educate to change positions slowly
    - Headache
    - Flushing
  - Education:
    - Change positions slowly
    - Take one under the tongue every five minutes up to 3 doses
    - Take the first dose and then call 911
    - Heat/sun sensitive
      - Keep in a cool/dry place
      - Keep in dark tinted bottle, away from light
- Nitroglycerin Patches:
  - Education
    - Can wear for about
    - Make sure to put it on a dry, clean, unaffected, hairless area
    - NEVER wear multiple patches at once
    - NEVER cut a patch
    - Make sure and rotate placement of patch
    - Showing with patch is okay
    - When discarding the patch, make sure to fold it.
- o Fourth step: Administer Calcium Channel Blocker
  - For a patient with a chronic problem
  - Get them on a Calcium Channel Blocker
    - These are Vasodilators

- Drugs:
  - dipine
- Contraindications:
  - Grapefruits
- Fifth step: Placement of a Stent
  - When none of steps above work, we are now concerned of developing an Myocardial infarction (Heart attack)
    - Concerned of potassium being released and causing VFib
    - Concerned for weakening of the wall causing:
      - Wall rupture / hemorrhage
  - Treatment:
    - Placement of a stent
      - Go in from the femoral artery
      - Patient needs to keep leg straight
      - Make sure groin area is clean
    - Post-Op concern: Hemorrhage
      - Educate patients to not lift, no straining, etc..
    - If platelets develop on the stent, risk for developing clots
      - Need to give Patient: Antiplatelet drugs:
        - Drugs include:
          - Clopidogrel & Aspirin
        - Need to monitor for bleeding
- Sixth step: CABG when there is 100% occlusion
  - When above steps don't work, Patient will need a:
    - Coronary artery Bypass Graft (CABG)
      - Leg is stripped of the great saphenous vein
  - Post-Op CABG:
    - Normal findings:
      - Numbness
      - Tingling
      - Itching
      - Fever <100.4</li>
    - Clean wound with soap and water
    - When discharged patients are not allowed to lift or drive for six weeks
    - NO BATHS, Shower GOOD
    - Can resume sexual intercourse when they can walk up two flights of stairs without chest pain.

#### **CLARIFICATION ON TERMS:**

- Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD)
  - Board term for some sort of vascular (arteries, veins) disease
- Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD):
  - Specifically talking about the artery

- Risk factors:
  - Smoking
  - Drinking
  - Obesity
  - Cholesterol, etc...
- Patients will have a decrease in blood supply, causes:
  - Skin, Hair follicles (Hairless, brown skin)
  - Peripheral neuropathy
  - Feet cold and clammy
  - Intermittent Claudication (pain)
- o Educate:
  - DO NOT elevate legs, have them dangle their legs (dependent leg position)
  - DO NOT wear compression stockings
  - Wear closed toed shoes
  - Cutting nails straight
  - Routinely examine feet
- Goal: is to avoid severe infection that would result in amputation
- Venous Insufficiency:
  - Veins are performing insufficiently
  - Patients will develop:
    - Edema
      - Mostly seen around ankle
    - Risk to developing ulcer in ankle
  - Educate:
    - To elevate legs
    - Wear compression stockings
    - Rest periods

#### **CARDIAC TAMPONADE:**

- This is a medical emergency, this is a FREAK OUT ABOUT
- Causes:
  - Pericardial effusion
    - Something gets between the pericardium and the heart, causing fluid to build up causing the heart to get stuck.
      - Resulting in blood not being able to reach the heart and getting backed up.
      - Also cause the heart to not be able to release any blood
    - S/S patients will develop:
      - Becks Triad:
        - Low blood pressure
        - o JVD
        - Muffled Heart Sound (Helps differentiate Cardiac TAMPONADE from Heart Failure)

- Other s/s:
- Edema
- Splenomegaly
- Cold, clammy
- Pallor
- TREATMENT:
  - Need to remove the fluid
  - Procedure:
    - Pericardiocentesis

#### **ACUTE PERICARDITIS:**

- S/S:
  - Patient will have Chest pain
  - EKG(always get when someone comes in with chest pain)
    - Will see ST segment elevation in <u>ALL LEADS</u> (When you see this you know for sure it is acute pericarditis)
  - Auscultation
    - Will hear a friction rub at Erb's point
- TREATMENT: Do not want it to progress
  - Administer NSAIDS & Colchicine(can also be used for gout)
  - Can relieve chest pain by sitting up and leaning forward

# **APT M (These are heart sounds)**

- Sternal Border
- Intercoastal:
  - Space between the ribs
  - These are numbered
- Midclavicular
- Mnemonic: "A PET MONKEY"
  - Aortic- 2nd right intercostal space sternal border
  - Pulmonic-2nd intercostal space at left sternal border
  - Erbs point- 3rd intercostal space, left sternal border
  - Tricuspid- 4th intercostal space at left sternal border
  - Mitral- 5th intercostal space in the midclavicular line (also known as PMIpoint of maximal impulse.

# **AORTIC DISSECTION:** A tearing / split in the aorta

• This is a FOA: Hemorrhage

#### Some Causes:

- Trauma (most common)
- Congenital

#### **Clinical Manifestations:**

- Decreased BP
- Increased HR
- Chest pain that radiates to the back(upper back or mid scapular)

#### **TREATMENT:** Wanna get HR down

- Ultimately going to need surgery, but need to stable patients as best as you can.
- Administer IV fluids
- Administer Beta blockers (help decrease HR)
  - Labetalol

# **BETA BLOCKERS:**

- End in -lol
- Primary function is to decrease BP, decrease HR
- Side effect:
  - Can cause bronchospasms
  - Decrease libido
  - Depression
- Contraindicated in patients with asthma

#### **BACTERIAL ENDOCARDITIS:**

- Infection of the lining of the heart and heart valves
- Occurs when bacteria in the blood enters the heart
- Can ultimately lead to Heart failure ( will need a valve replacement)
- Those at risk include:
  - IV drug users
  - Heart valve disease
  - Weak immune system
  - Poor dental hygiene
- Signs & symptoms:
  - Fever
  - o **N/V**
  - Achy muscles
  - Trouble breathing, cough
  - Blood in urine
  - Swelling of feet, legs or abdomen
- Possible complications:
  - Pulmonary embolism:
    - Causes:

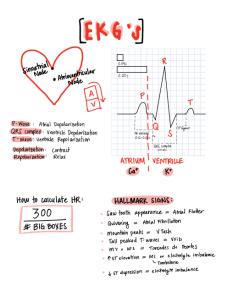
- Fat
- Air
- Thrombus
- Bacterial
- Amniotic
- Tumor
- Tricuspid Valve regurgitation
  - 5th intercostal space left sternal border
- Heart Failure

#### • TREATMENT:

- Antibiotics (maybe for many weeks)
- If damage to valves become severe you may need:
  - Valve replacement (3 ways)
    - Porcine (Pig heart)
    - Bovine (Cow heart)
    - Mechanical
- Want INR for warfarin between 2.5-3.5
- Education for post op valve replacement:
  - Worried about rejection
    - Put patients on immunosuppressants
    - **■** Educate about Infection
      - Teach ways to identify an infection
      - Avoid large crowds, concerts
      - Avoid someone who just had received a live vaccine (MMR, Intranasal influenza, varicella, rotavirus)

# **EKG**

- NORMAL SINUS RHYTHM:
  - Regular rhythm
    - **60-100**
  - Every wave has a P wave(atrium) followed by a QRS(ventricular)
  - o Atrium is controlled by calcium
  - Ventricle is controlled by potassium



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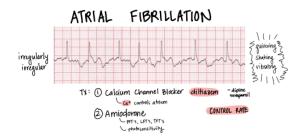
- Less than 60
- o Treatment:
  - Administer atropine (helps increase HR)
    - Contraindications
      - Glaucoma
      - Elderly
      - Urinary retention
  - If atropine does not work, put patient on a pacemaker
    - Put in via femoral artery
      - Education:
        - Be careful with them sitting up, don't put pressure on groin area
        - Don't put arms over head until healed properly
        - Be careful of MRI
        - Airport
- SINUS TACHYCARDIA:

- o Greater than 100
- o Treatment:
  - Administer beta blockers
    - Help decrease HR
    - Worried about:
      - bradycardia
      - Wheezing
      - Bronchospasm
    - Contraindications in asthma patients
- AFIB:
  - o This is the Pwave
  - Calcium controls this
  - o Treatment:
    - Administer a CCB (Diltazem)
      - Helps get heart rate back to a regular rhythm
    - Administer amiodarone
      - Educate patients to get:
        - PFTs- Pulmonary Function test
        - TFTs- Thyroid function test
        - LFTs- Liver function test
          - Jaundice
          - Hepatomegaly
      - Worried about patients when:
        - Can cause restrictive lung disease:
          - Watch for changes in respiratory symptoms
            - SOB

- "SAT FOR A PHOTO"
  - Remember the following drugs, they are photosensitive
    - Sulfa drugs
    - Amiodarone
    - Tetracyclins

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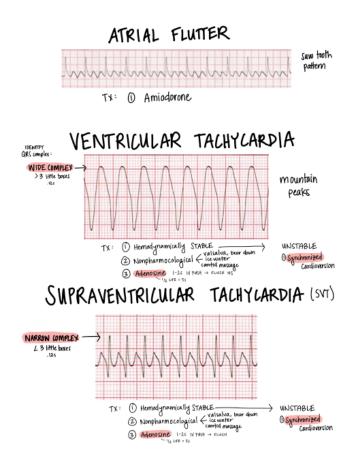




# • ATRIAL FLUTTER

- Watch for a saw-tooth flutter
- o Treatment:
  - Amiodarone
- V-TACH VS SVT:
  - Differentiate between the two by looking at the QRS
    - There will be a wide complex
      - Greater than 3 little boxes (between the Q & S)
        - This is VTACH
    - There will be a narrow complex
      - Less than 3 narrow boxes (between the Q & S)
      - This is SVT
  - Treatment:
    - **■** First thing:
      - Less invasive
        - Bear down (Valsalva maneuver)
        - Ice/water
        - Carotid massage
    - 2nd step: Administer adenosine
      - 1 to 2 second push via IVpush
      - Half life is 5 seconds

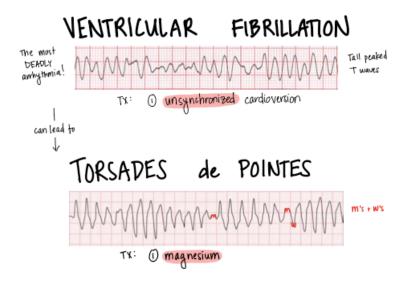
- Then flush the line
- 3rd step:
  - If patient becomes hemodynamically unstable
    - Synchronized cardioversion
      - For someone who is showing signs of unresponsiveness, change in LOC, except for someone who is in VFIB



# VFIB:

- Irregular, no p or QRS waves
- Need to give unsynchronized cardioversion (Shock them)

- TORSADES:
  - Looks similar to VFIB
    - But You will see "M's" and W's in the strip
  - Treatment:
    - Magnesium



# ACE INHIBITORS:

- o End in -pril
- Worried about: (Adverse effects)
  - Angioedema
    - Swollen lips, tongue

- Cough
- Increased potassium
- If someone has adverse reactions instead prescribe these patients -sartans (Losartan)
- o Both these drugs can cause hyperkalemia
- Both drugs are teratogens

# REMEMBER THIS SAYING: "HYPOTENSIVE MOTHERS LOVE NIFEDIPINE"

- H= Hydralazine
- M= Methylidopa
- L= Labetalol
- N= Nifedipine
- If you don't see any of these four blood pressure drugs then most likely the drug is teratogens

#### **GASTROINTESTINAL:**

#### In general treatment for GI patients:

- NPO
- Start IV fluids
- Pain medication
- Administer a proton pump inhibitor

#### **PEDIATRICS / CHILD HEALTH**

#### **INTUSSUCCEPTION:**

"TELESCOPING OF BOWEL"

- Part of intestine telescopes into itself
- Causes decreased vascular supply causing it to eventually die off
- Manifestations:
  - Jelly like, bloody mucous stool
  - Sausage shaped mass on abdomen
  - N/V (bilious vomiting)

#### • TREATMENT:

Air enema (pneumatic enema)

#### **PYLORIC STENOSIS:**

- The pyloris is now narrowed
- Manifestations:
  - Projectile vomiting (find out if it is really is projectile vomiting or another reason(example: eating to much)
    - Need to assess more
      - Look for "Tell me more"
      - What are they eating
      - Are they burping them after feedings
      - Feeding them to much
      - Laying them down to soon after feedings
  - N/V(non bilious vomiting)
  - Olive shaped mass
  - S/S of dehydration
    - Patients become dehydrated
    - Increased HR
  - o FOA: Infant who is lethargic, grunting

#### • TREATMENTS:

- o NPO
- o IV FLUIDS
- o PAIN MEDS

- o PPI
- May need surgery
- A child with pyloric stenosis can develop metabolic alkalosis
  - Ph= greater than 7.45
  - HCO3 = greater than 26

#### **DEHYDRATION:**

Signs and symptoms:

- Tea colored urine
- Sunken Fontanel
- Specific gravity:
  - Normal: 1.003 1.030Will be increased
- Serum osmolality: increasedUrine osmolality: increased
- Very fussy baby
  - **■** FOA: becomes lethargic, grunting
- Know difference between serum osmolality vs. Urine osmolality for an infant that is dehydrated:
  - Osmolality = concentration
  - Serum osmolality(concentration)
    - Increased
    - Look at CBC
    - Look at H&H
      - Will be increased if serum osmolality is increased
      - See an increase in this with dehydration
  - Urine osmolality (concentration)
    - Assess amount of diapers
      - Will see a decrease in amount of wet diapers
    - Urine osmolality:
      - Will be high

# **HIRSCHSPRUNG DISEASE:**

- A closed off anal sphincter d/t nerve issue
- Often seen within first 48 hours of life (newborns)
- Should have a bowel movement within 48 hours, if no bowel movement we are concerned and may suspect HIRSCHSPRUNG disease.
- This causes our stool to have no where to go eventually causing
  - Megacolon (d/t the build up in colon)
    - Then eventually a toxic megacolon develops
- Worried about:
  - Perforation

- Peritonitis
- Septic
- Patients will have Bilious vomiting
- TREATMENT:
  - o NPO
  - o IV fluids
  - Pain medications
  - o PPI
  - Will need surgery

# **CELIAC DISEASE:**

- Allergic reaction to gluten
- Signs & symptoms
  - Skin rash (most common first seen)
  - o Bloating, gas
  - o Fatigue
  - o GI upset
  - Headache
  - Joint pain
- Important to Educate to Avoid for lifelong:
  - Barley
  - o Rye
  - Oats
  - Wheat

# TRACHEOESOPHAGEAL FISTULA WITH ESOPHAGEAL ATRESIA:

- This is a FOA: Airway
- Esophagus that is closed off
- Infants are born with this
  - Often seen by the first feed
  - o "Goes down wrong pipe"
- S/S:
  - Cough
  - Cyanotic
  - Choking
- TREATMENT:
  - o NPO
  - o IV fluids
  - Pain medication
  - o PPI
  - WIII need surgery

# **CYSTIC FIBROSIS: GI PORTION**

- In the GI, it messes with the Pancreas
- Is a genetic disorder causing:
  - Malabsorption
  - Malnutrition
- Prevents patients from keeping salt in our body
  - Excretes through skin
  - Salt and water both being excreted
- Both parents need to carry the gene
- Will mess up the pancreas
  - Causing it to no longer produce digestive enzymes
- TREATMENT:
  - Increase salt
    - 2-3 times the daily value
  - o IV fluids
  - Administer digestive enzymes (pancreas)
    - Amylase
    - Lipase
    - Will give with every single snack and/or meal
  - o High fat, high protein, high calorie diet
  - Give multivitamins
    - A, D, E, K

#### MILK:

- Contains vitamin D & calcium
- Doesn't contain IRON
- Children who drink milk for meals they can become anemic
- Education
  - Parents to purchase fortified formula
  - Can introduce whole milk/cows milk at 1 years old
  - Never give honey before one years old, can cause botulism, flaccid paralysis
    - Boards with present patient as lethargic
    - Is also in bulging cans
  - Can start to introduce children solid foods at 6 months
    - One at a time, 4-7 days, puréed food form

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- TREATMENT:
  - o NPO
  - IV fluids
  - Pain medications
  - o PPI
  - Will need surgery

#### **CELIAC DISEASE:**

- Allergic reaction to gluten
- Signs & symptoms
  - Skin rash (most common first seen)
  - o Bloating, gas
  - o Fatigue
  - Gl upset
  - Headache
  - Joint pain
- Important to Educate to Avoid for lifelong:
  - Barley
  - Rye
  - o Oats
  - Wheat

# TRACHEOESOPHAGEAL FISTULA WITH ESOPHAGEAL ATRESIA:

- This is a FOA: Airway
- Esophagus that is closed off
- Infants are born with this
  - Often seen by the first feed
  - o "Goes down wrong pipe"
- S/S:
  - Cough
  - Cyanotic
  - Choking
- TREATMENT:
  - o NPO

- IV fluids
- Pain medication
- o PPI
- WIII need surgery

#### **CYSTIC FIBROSIS: GI PORTION**

- In the GI, it messes with the Pancreas
- Is a genetic disorder causing:
  - Malabsorption
  - Malnutrition
- Prevents patients from keeping salt in our body
  - o Excretes through skin
  - Salt and water both being excreted
- Both parents need to carry the gene
- Will mess up the pancreas
  - Causing it to no longer produce digestive enzymes
- TREATMENT:
  - Increase salt
    - 2-3 times the daily value
  - IV fluids
  - Administer digestive enzymes (pancreas)
    - Amylase
    - Lipase
    - Will give with every single snack and/or meal
  - High fat, high protein, high calorie diet
  - o Give multivitamins
    - A, D, E, K

#### MILK:

- Contains vitamin D & calcium
- Doesn't contain IRON
- Children who drink milk for meals they can become anemic
- Education
  - Parents to purchase fortified formula
  - Can introduce whole milk/cows milk at 1 years old
  - Never give honey before one years old, can cause botulism, flaccid paralysis
    - Boards with present patient as lethargic
    - Is also in bulging cans
  - o Can start to introduce children solid foods at 6 months
    - One at a time, 4-7 days, puréed food form

#### **NOTES:**

#### **UPPER GI:**

# **GERD VS ACID REFLUX**

- Acid reflux:
  - The acid you eat comes up and causes a burning sensation.
    - Treatment:
      - Administer an antacid (Tums)
        - Drugs include:
          - Magnesium hydroxide
          - Aluminum hydroxide
          - Calcium carbonate
        - NEVER give antacids with other medications
        - Can give another medication 2 hours after taking an antacid
      - Administer Bismuth salicylate (pepto)
        - WIII help decrease the acidity to help neutralize the pH in the stomach
  - If you develop this chronically you now have GERD
- GERD:
  - A chronic issue of acidity
  - Don't give a person with GERD antacids d/t patient will develop metabolic alkalosis
  - o Treatment:
    - PPI
      - End in -prazole
        - Omeprazole
        - Pantoprazole
        - Lansoprazole
      - Decreases the ability to make acid
      - Adverse effects:
        - Decreases the absorption of calcium
          - Long term, we are concerned with the development of osteoporosis
          - Education:
            - Increase their calcium consumption, supplements
            - Give them calcium with vitamin D
            - Encourage patients to get a dexa scan
            - Encourage them to perform weight bearing exercises
        - Increased risk for getting c-diff
    - Administer Histamine 2 blockers

- Drugs include: end in -tidine
  - Cimetidine
  - Ranitidine
  - Famotidine

#### **GASTRITIS:**

- Inflammation of the stomach lining
- Worried about developing an ulcer:
  - o Two types:
  - Gastric ulcer
    - Cause:
      - NSAIDS chronically
        - They will decrease prostaglandins
          - Barrier that protects our stomach lining from the acid is being depleted
            - Resulting in a development of an ulcer
            - Worried about:
              - Bleeding
        - Education:
          - Stop taking NSAIDS chronically , change medications
        - o Treatment:
          - Administer misoprostol
            - Increases the prostaglandins to help build that barrier back up
      - H. Pylori
        - Is a gram negative bacteria that increases the production of acid through Urea
        - Patient will take a breath urea test to assess this.
        - o Treatment:
          - Triple therapy
            - Consists of 2 antibiotics + something to help with the acidity, such as a : PPI
    - Duodenal ulcer

#### **MALLORY WEISS:**

- This will be a distraction on the NCLEX
- Will see the term:
  - "Blood streaks in the sputum"
- IS NOT A FOA

#### **ESOPHAGEAL CANCER:**

• Risk factors:

- Family history
- Smoking
- Alcohol
- o GERD
- S/S:
  - Unintentional weight loss
  - Difficulty swallowing
  - Dysphasia
    - Hoarseness
  - o Trouble swallowing solids first and then liquids next
  - Bleeding
    - Black tarry stools
  - Chest pain
  - Fatigue

#### **LOWER GI:**

# **CIRRHOSIS:**

- Destruction of the liver
  - Liver becomes, thick, stiffened, hardened
- Causes:
  - o Chronic alcohol abuse
  - Infection
    - Hepatitis
- Patient will develop:
  - o portal HTN
  - Esophageal varices
    - Concerned about hemorrhage
  - Upper GI bleed
- S/S:
  - Fatigue
  - Black tarry stools
  - Increased HR
  - o Low BP
  - o Anemia
  - Pallor
  - Ascites
- Treatment:
  - First thing: NPO, IV fluids, pain meds and PPI if needed
  - Second: Administer octreotide
    - Stops the bleeding
  - Third: Balloon Angioplasty, done if they are having esophageal varices and the medication doesn't help stop the bleeding
    - Stops the bleeding

- May feel like they are choking, If so you need to do what?
  - Deflate the balloon
  - Cut the tube

#### **COMPLICATIONS OF CIRRHOSIS:**

- Albumin is eliminated
  - Causes patients to move fluid extravascularly causing ascites
    - S/S:
      - Ascites
        - Hard abdomen
      - Edema
      - Low BP
    - Treatment:
      - Paracentesis removal of fluid
        - Pre-procedure:
          - Have patient empty bladder
          - Put patient in high Fowler's position
      - Removing the fluid will cause patient to become hypovolemic, so to help with this we have to also simultaneously give them:
        - Fluids
        - Albumin
          - To help patient be able to keep the fluid intravascularly
- Ammonia increased d/t liver being unable to rid itself of ammonia
  - Ammonia will cross over the blood brain barrier causing patient to develop:
    - An altered mental status
      - This is how you know it has now entered the brain and is called hepatic encephalopathy
  - So... build up of ammonia will cause AMS in the brain, but in the body you will see Patient having Asterixis (flapping of the hands)
  - o Treatment:
    - Administer Lactulose
      - Will help get rid of ammonia via bowel movements
      - Will know lactulose is working when you see an improvement in their mental status
    - Administer an antibiotic- neomycin
      - This will help kill the bacteria that produces ammonia
- Bilirubin:
  - Broken down parts of the RBCs
  - Broken down into two parts:
    - Heme
    - Bilirubin
      - Once its broken down its considered unconjugated

- The Liver should reconjugate to form RBCs again
- When the liver is not working you develop a build up of this broken down bilirubin in the body, and will become jaundice (turn yellow)
- With newborns:
  - You can treat the buildup of bilirubin with:
    - UV light treatment
      - Cover their eyes
      - Wear only a diaper
      - No lotions, no barriers
  - Can develop Kernicterus if not treated
  - Bilirubin tested with a heel stick
    - Stick on side of heel
- Clotting factors:
  - II. (Two)
  - V.
  - o VII.
  - VIII. (Eight)
    - If you take this clotting factor away Patient develops hemophilia A
  - o IX. (Nine)
    - IF you take this away you develop Hemophilia B
  - X.
  - o XI.
  - o XII.
  - Worried about bleeding
    - Educate about bleeding precautions
  - Worried about swelling in the joint spaces
  - Treatment:
    - Give them their missing clotting factor
  - Can give Apixiban (eliquis) to intentionally anticoagulate patients
    - Inhibits clotting factor 10
    - Done for reasons such as:
      - DVT
      - Heart transplants
      - AFIB... Ect...
- Bile Salts:
  - When liver is not working properly these bile salts begin to deposit under the skin causing:
    - **■** Pruritus (itching)
      - Worried about:

- Infection (sepsis)
- Education is very important

# DIFFERENTIAL IN THE DIFFERENT QUADRANT PAIN AREAS ON THE ABDOMEN AND WHAT THE PAIN MEANS:

#### **GALLBLADDER:**

- Pain in the RUQ and will radiate to the right shoulder
  - Risk Factors:
    - Fat
    - Female
    - Age 40
    - Fertile
    - Fair skin
    - Family history
  - Cholelithiasis
    - o Gallbladder stone formation
  - Cholecystitis
    - Gallbladder sauce becomes inflamed
      - Causes pain
      - N/V
  - Cholecystectomy
    - Gallbladder is going to have to be removed

#### **APPENDICITIS:**

- Pain in the periumbilical region that radiates to the RLQ
- Worried about:
  - Rupture
    - Sign of this is:
      - When patient is no longer complaining of pain
    - Once it ruptures we are worried about sepsis
- Treatment:
  - o NPO
  - IV FLuids
  - o Pain meds and PPI prn
- Make sure it isn't a possible ectopic pregnancy
  - 17 years old
  - Sexually active
  - RLQ pain

#### **DIVERTICULOSIS:**

- Pain in the LLQ
- If it radiates to the LUQ it is indicated perforation
- Common in elderly clients

- Those older than 65
- Risk factors:
  - Age
  - Low fiber diet
  - High consumption of red meat
  - Alcohol
- Patient may eat something specific that doesn't digest easily
  - Such as:
    - Seeds
    - Nuts
    - Popcorn ect...
  - It gets lodged in the outpouching, becomes inflamed and turning diverticulosis into diverticulitis
- Worried about
  - Perforation
  - Peritonitis
  - Sepsis
- Education:
  - High residue, High fiber diet
  - Decrease intake of red meat

# **ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM RUPTURE:**

- o S/S:
  - Abdominal pain radiating to the back
  - o Low BP
  - o Decreased HR
  - No pedal pulses

#### **PANCREATITIS:**

- Pain in the LLQ, LUQ or periumbilical region pain that radiates to the back
- Causes:
  - Gallstones
  - Alcohol
  - Trauma
- Lab values to look at:
  - Amylase
  - Lipase
- Initial treatment:
  - NPO
  - IV Fluids
  - Pain meds
  - PPI
- Complication:
  - Acute respiratory distress syndrome

- This becomes a FOA
- Can develop within 1-7 days of pancreatitis

#### **PYELONEPHRITIS**:

- S/s:
  - o Flank pain
  - Fever

# **NEPHROLITHIASIS**: (kidney stones)

- S/S:
  - Flank pain that begins to radiate to the groin

# **NOTES:**

# **IBD VS IBS:**

- IBS: Irritable bowel syndrome
  - Bowel is irritated
    - Triggers:
      - Dairy
      - Spicy foods
      - Caffeine
      - Alcohol
      - Gluten
  - Changes in bowel movements
    - Diarrhea
    - Constipation
  - o Treatment:
    - Education
      - Not a disease process but your consuming something that's not agreeing with your digestive system
      - Need to eliminate foods slowly, try to figure out what's causing the irritation
      - Then eliminate from diet completely to help with symptoms(irritations)
- IBD: Inflammtion bowel disease
  - Autoimmune disease
  - o Two types:
    - Ulcerative colitis
    - Crohn's disease
  - Ulcerative Colitis:
    - Ulcers in the colon
    - S/S:
      - Bloody diarrhea
    - Diet:

- High protein
- Low residue(fiber) foods
- Medications:
  - Sulfasalazine
    - Helps with inflammation and infection
- Diagnostic:
  - Colonoscopy with biopsy
- o Crohn's disease
  - Happens anywhere in GI tract
  - S/S:
    - Watery diarrhea
  - Diet:
    - High protein
    - Low residue(fiber) foods
  - Medications:
    - Sulfasalazine
      - Helps with inflammation and infection
      - Educate about photosensitivity and allergy
  - Diagnostic:
    - Endoscopy and biopsy

# **COLON RECTAL CANCER:**

- Risk Factors:
  - Family history
  - Male
- Screening begins at age 50
  - Colonoscopy
  - Fecal occult blood test
- If a patient has a family history they need to be screened 10 years early from when their family member was diagnosed
  - Example: If family member diagnosed at 50, Patient needs to be screened at 40
- S/S:
  - Changes in bowel movements
  - Blood in stool
  - o Fatigue/anemia
  - Unintentional weight loss

#### **VITAMINS:**

- Thiamine: AKA Vitamin B1
  - Used for Wernickes
    - Alcohol intoxication
  - Wernickes:
    - Has receptive/expressive aphasia

- Can reverse by giving Vitamin B1(Thiamine)
- Niacin: AKA Vitamine B3
  - Used OTC to decrease cholesterol
  - o Can cause a transcutaneous flushing all over the skin
    - Hot., warm flushed feeling
    - Not a anaphylactic reaction, not a FOA
    - Just give NSAIDS and it will go away
- Pyridoxine: AKA Vitamine B6
  - Given with isoniazid to prevent peripheral neuropathy
- FOLIC ACID: AKA Vitamine B9
  - Used when trying to get pregnancy and while pregnant to prevent Neural tube defects
  - Give 400 to 800 mcg
- Cobalamin: AKA Vitamine B12
  - Contained in Meat, fish and poultry
  - Vegans are deficient in Vitamin B12
    - Will see patients begin to develop peripheral neuropathy
      - If they have this just give them an injection and it will fix problem
- Iron and Vitamin C work together:
  - When you give iron, take with Vitamin C
    - Helps with absorption
- If you take Vitamin D also take calcium, they go hand in hand

#### **MEDICATION:**

- Ondansetron(Zofran)
  - Antiemetic (nausea medication)
  - Used in patients who are:
    - Pregnant
    - Going through chemo
- Metoclopramide
  - Antiemetic (nausea medication)
  - Cause extrapyramidal symptoms

### **NOTES: MENTAL HEALTH**

# **EGO DENFENSIVES:**

- ACTING OUT:
  - Person throws a temper tantrum
  - o Often seen in children
- DENIAL:
  - Not accepting
- PROJECTION:
  - o A to B
  - Gets mad at something and then yells at another person
- DISPLACEMENT:
  - o A to B to C
  - Gets mad a something, yells at another person, Then that person yells at someone
- PASSIVE AGGRESSIVE
  - When someone is angry at you but doesn't directly confront the person
  - Example:
    - Angry at boss, in return doesnt turn in work on time
- REGRESSION:
  - Seen in children who has a new baby born in family
    - May begin to wet the bed
    - Or goes back to "baby talk"
- SPLITTING
  - o Either I love you or I hate you
  - Never both, has to be one or the other

### **ABUSE:**

- Child abuse:
  - How to Identify it:
    - May seen hot water burns
    - Fractures
      - Multiple fractures with various stages of healing
    - Shaken baby syndrome
      - Increased ICP
        - Increased head circumference
        - Sun set eyes
        - Irritable
        - Lethargy
        - Bulging fontanelles
      - Ruptured veins
    - Look for a story that doesn't make sense
- Spouse abuse

- How to identify it:
  - May see the "abuser" only talking
  - Patient is timid
    - Avoids eye contact
- O What do we do in this situation?
  - Separate them
  - Then ask patient:
    - if they feel safe
    - Do they have someone to talk to
    - Do they have a safe place to go
    - Do they have an escape plan
- Elderly Abuse:
  - Caregiver neglects them
  - How to identify:
    - Look for poor hygiene
    - Malnutrition
    - Medical condition not under control
    - **■** Bruises under clothes
  - O What do we do?
    - Separate from caregiver
    - Get social worker involved

### ADHD:

- Unable to pay attention
- Hyperactive
- Teachers are the ones who often identify this first
- These kids often have low self esteem
- Treatment:
  - Drugs: administer stimulants
    - Methylphenidate
    - D-amphetamine
- What are we worried about with stimulants: ?
  - Growth and development
  - Appetite
  - o BMI
  - Blood pressure, HR
  - Sleeping habits
  - Suppresses appetite:
    - Make sure they eat before they take this medication
  - Don't take after 6pm

## **AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER:**

• Educate the parents:

- Not d/t vaccines
- They like to be isolated
- Don't like loud noises
- Keep away from nursing station

## **DELIRIUM VS DEMENTIA:**

- Delirium:
  - Acute onset of AMS
  - There normal and then suddenly mental status changes
  - o FOA: AMS
  - Cause:
    - Infection
    - Trauma
    - Substance abuse/withdrawal
    - Metabolic or electrolyte imbalances
    - Malignancy
    - Hemorrhaging
  - Treatment:
    - It is reversible
    - Treat the underlying cause
- Dementia:
  - Gradual onset of AMS
    - Over months/years
  - o This is irreversible
    - Alzheimer's

### **PSYCHOSIS:**

- This is delusions, hallucinations, disorganized thought/speech
- Patients don't make sense when you talk to them
- First thing you do if person comes in with a psychosis:
  - Do a drug screen
  - Rule out other non psychotic causes
- If other causes ruled out, then look into things like schizophrenia
- Schizophrenia:
  - Presents in the 20s
  - Congenital
  - More common in males
  - These patients can relate to reality
  - You have positive and negative symptoms:
    - Positive symptoms:
      - Delusions
      - Hallucinations
      - Disorganized speech/thought process

- Negative symptoms:
  - Flat affect
  - Asocial
  - Anhedonia
    - Lose of interest
  - These have a poor prognosis
  - Don't know how to take care of self
  - More likely to commit suicide
- - Ask them what it is
    - What are they seeing/hearing
    - Need to make sure its not something harmful that they are hearing/seeing
  - Acknowledge it: build the trust
  - Present reality
    - Example:
      - I know you're seeing this, but it's not really there
  - Can administer an antipsychotic medication
    - Haloperidol
    - Also a Benzo
      - Lorazepam
  - If they are having an active psychosis, you can give them:
    - Will help them calm down
    - Antipsychotic
      - Haloperidol
    - Plus a benzo:
      - Lorazepam
    - Plus Diphenhydramine

## **ANTIPSYCHOTIC MEDICATION:**

- Haloperidol
- Clozapine
  - Is the best psychotic out there
  - Don't use it a lot d/t SE:
    - Agranulocytosis
      - Decrease production of WBC
        - Increases risk of infection
          - On boards look for someone:
            - Sore throat
            - Fever
            - UTI
            - Ect..

- Olanzapine
  - Can cause major weights gain

- Educate:
  - On weight gain
  - Diet
  - Exercise
- Ziprasidone
  - Worried about:
    - QT prolongation
      - Concerned with VFIB
- Can cause Extrapyramidal symptoms:
  - Acute dystonia
    - Movement disorder
    - Happens within 4 hours
  - Akathisia
    - Inability to relax, sit still
    - Happens within 4 days
  - Parkinsonian
    - Shuffle gait
    - Pill rolling
    - Lip smacking
    - Happens within 4 weeks
  - o Tardive dyskinesia
    - Very slow in their movement
    - **■** Everything is slowed down
    - Happens with 4 months

### **BIPOLAR DISORDER:**

- S/S: Mnemonic "DIG FAST"
  - D= Distractibility
  - I= Impulsiveness
  - G= Grandiosity
  - F= Flight of ideas
  - A= Agitation/ Anger
  - S= Decrease need for sleep
  - T= Talkativeness
- Treatment:
  - Administer Lithium
    - Therapeutic level = 0.6 to 1.2
    - **■** Toxic level = >1.5
    - S/S:
      - Presents first as GI issues:
        - o **N/V**

- Movement disorders
  - Hyporeflexia
  - Ataxia
- Nephrogenic Diabetes Insipidus
- Hypothyroidism
- Pregnancy is contraindicated

### **MAJOR DEPRESSIVE DISORDER:**

- S/S:
  - Sleep
  - o Interest
    - This one has to be a symptom to be able to be diagnosed
  - Guilt/Aggression
  - Energy decreased
  - Concentration decreased
  - Appetite can be either decreased or increased
  - Psychomotor retardation
  - Suicidal ideation
- Treatment:
  - Your gonna start with therapy and then move to medications
  - o First thing:
    - Cognitive behavioral therapy
  - Second thing:
    - Medications:
      - SSRIs: first line drug choice
        - Drugs:
          - Citalopram
          - Escitalopram
          - Sertraline
          - Fluoxetine
        - Worried about:
          - Serotonin syndrome
            - MAOIs, TCA: if taken with SSRIs will put patient into serotonin syndrome
            - If you are gonna switch their medication you need to give them 10 to 14 days to let the SSRIs get out of their system
            - Want to avoid St. John's Wort
            - S/S:
              - Everything becomes HYPER
            - Treatment:
              - Cyproheptadine
        - Education:

- Takes 4 to 6 wks to work
- Can cause weight gain
- Can cause sexual dysfunction
  - Decreased libido
- Don't abruptly stop
  - Need to be tapered off
- Watch for suicidal ideation
  - May be described as a patient comes in saying "I still feel depressed, but have more energy"
- MAOIS:
  - Drugs:
    - Phenelzine
    - Selegiline
    - Isocarboxazid
  - Worried about:
    - Interaction with other drugs
    - Be careful of intake of tyramine:
      - Wine
      - Cheese
      - Processed meats
    - If tyramine is consumed you will develop Hpertensive crisis
      - Treatment: Phentolamine
- Tricyclics antidepressants:
  - Drugs:
    - Amitriptyline
      - These can be used for fibromyalgia
    - Nortriptyline
      - Can also be used for nocturnal enuresis
    - Imipramine
  - Know that these can be cardiotoxic
- ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY:
  - Used when someone has treatment resistant depression
  - When pharmacology is not working
  - When brain isn't functioning properly, it shock it causing:
    - A grand mal seizure
      - Do not give an antiseizure medication prior to therapy
      - Do not give a benzo prior to therapy
      - They go under general anesthesia with a muscle relaxant
    - Post procedure:
      - Will be:
        - Disoriented
        - Retrograde amnesia

### Temporary headache

### SUICIDE:

- Risks:
  - Sex
    - Male
  - Age
    - Young/adolescent
    - Elderly
  - Depression
  - Previous attempt
  - ETOH/ substance abuse
  - Rational thinking loss
  - Sickness
    - Terminal
  - Organized plan
  - No spouse or support system
  - Stated future intent

### **ANXIETY/PHOBIAS:**

- Social anxiety
  - Anxiety being around people or going to a party
  - o Treatment:
    - Therapy
- Agoraphobia
  - They don't like closed spaces
  - Don't like trains, buses
  - May not like open spaces
  - o Treatment:
    - Therapy
- Generalized anxiety
  - Someone who is constantly anxious but does not know why
  - Treatment:
    - Therapy
  - Other treatment options for above phobias:
    - First Line option:
      - SSRIs
    - Second:
      - Buspirone
        - Antianxiolytic
        - Takes 2 weeks to start working

- Third:
  - Benzos
    - Fast acting

## PTSD:

- Need to identify the trauma
- Identify triggers: mnemonic: "HARD"
  - Hyperarousal
  - o Avoid stimuli
  - Reexperiencing
  - Distress

### **ANOREXIA:**

- Someone who is not but thinks that they are obese
- Results in patient becoming:
  - Severely underweight and malnutrition
    - BMI: <18.5
- Have a fear of weight gain and a distorted body image
- They will restrict their caloric intake
- Worried about:
  - Malnutrition
  - o Electrolyte imbalance
- Will be hospitalized against their will
- Monitor while they eat
- Weight them daily
- Have them keep a journal
- Don't allow them to go to bathroom after eating
- Treatment:

First: TherapySecond: SSRIs

## **BULIMIA:**

- These patients can be under or overweight
- They will have a binge/purge and eat a lot, then go to bathroom and vomit
- Will see:
  - See erosions on their fingers
  - Teeth will be eroded
- Treatment:

First: TherapySecond: SSRIs

## **PERSONALITY DISORDERS:**

- Paranoid personality disorder
  - Person does not trust ANYTHING
  - Suspicious of other
- Borderline personality disorder
  - Unstable mood
- Antisocial
  - Against society
    - Murders
    - Rapist
  - Before the age of 18 its called
    - Conduct disorder
  - These are your sociopaths
- Histrionic:
  - Attention seeking
  - Sexually provocative
- Narcissistic:
  - o I'm the best
  - o I'm always right
- Dependent:
  - They need to be with someone all the time
  - Can't do anything alone
  - Always need to be around others, friends/family

## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE:**

- Alcohol: ETOH
  - Intoxication:
    - Worried about Wernickes, if they come in with this give them:
      - IV fluids
      - Multivitamin, magnesium
      - Thiamine B1
  - Withdraws: (Alcoholic)
    - Between 24-72 hours patients will develop delirium tremens
    - Delirium tremens:
      - Seizures
    - Treatment:
      - Administer Benzos
        - Lorazepam
- BENZOS:
  - Intoxication:
    - Worried about what?
      - Patient going into respiratory depression (decreased respirations)

- Antidote:
  - Administer Flumazenil
- Withdraws:
  - Worried about what?
    - Seizures
  - **■** Treatment:
    - Give them the Benzo and then taper them off
    - Don't abruptly stop
- OPIODS:
  - Intoxication:
    - Worried about what?
      - Patient going into respiratory depression (decreased respirations)
  - Antidote:
    - Administer Naloxone (Narcan)
      - Half life: 20-40mins
      - So when it starts to where off administer narcan again
      - If it doesn't work, intubate
  - Withdraw:
    - **■** Everything will increase
      - Sweating
      - Irritated
      - Increased bowel movements, etc...

# NEUROLEPTIC MALIGNANT SYNDROME VS. MALIGNANT HYPERTHERMIA:

- They both present the same way
  - o AMS
  - High Fevers
    - **104-105**
  - Muscle rigidity
- The treatment is the same for both
  - Dantrolene
- Causes are different:
  - Neuroleptic malignant syndrome:
    - Acute reaction to antipsychotics
  - Malignant Hyperthermia:
    - Anesthesia
    - It is congenital
    - Ask before going into surgery if anyone in family has had an adverse reaction to anesthesia

### **RESPIRATORY: PEDIATRICS**

## **EPIGLOTTITIS:**

- The epiglottis is inflamed
- Cause:
  - o Haemophilus Influenza B
    - There is a vaccine for this so it can be avoided
- Will be in severe respiratory distress
- Make sure you keep a trach tube at bedside
- FOA: Airway
- S/S:
  - Drooling
  - Stridor
  - Use of accessory muscles
- Treatment:
  - Put in tripod position
  - Prepare for intubation
  - If you can't intubate, prepare for a Tracheostomy
  - o Administer Ceftriaxone

### **BRONCHITIS:**

- Inflammation in the bronchioles
  - Commonly caused by RSV
- S/S:
  - Crackles
  - Wheezing
  - Elevated Lymphocytes
- Treatment:
  - o Is a viral infection so remember antibiotics cant treat this
  - Need to give supportive care
    - Control fevers
    - Fluids
    - Rest
    - Drainage, suction
    - Positional changes
    - Breathing treatments
- PERTUSSIS: AKA whooping cough
  - Can give a vaccine to prevent this
  - Worried about close contact with patient

- Treat family members and patient with Erythromycin
- **CROUP: Laryngotracheitis** 
  - Larynx and trachea are inflamed
  - FOA: Airway
  - Caused by parainfluenza virus
    - Can't give antibiotics its a viral infection
  - o S/S:
    - Seal bark like cough
  - Treatment:
    - Administer steroids
      - Help to decrease inflammation
      - Give via IM
    - Administer inhaled epinephrine
      - Via nebulizer
      - Help with inflammation
- PERITONSILLAR ABSCESS:
  - Developed abscess next to tonsils
    - If grows can cause airway obstruction
  - o S/S:
    - Muffled voice
    - High fever
    - Deviated tonsil
  - o Treatment:
    - Incision and drainage to abscess
    - Administer antibiotics

### **ALLERGIES**:

- Super high yield drugs that you can use to treat people that have allergies, these include:
  - Antihistamines
    - Two types:
      - First generation:
        - Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)
        - Chlorpheniramine
        - These drugs can also cause:
          - A sedative effect
            - Educate about safety
              - Don't operate heavy machinery
              - Don't take it in the morning, ect...
          - Can also cause an anticholinergic effect
            - Cause urinary retention
            - Seen in elderly
      - Second generation:

- Cetirizine
- Loratadine
- Fexofenadine
- These don't cause a sedative effect

\*\*\*For the boards, cough suppressant and antidiarrheals are not something we want to pick for an answer. We don't want patients to use these\*\*\*\*

### **CYSTIC FIBROSIS: Respiratory**

- Lungs are affected
- Treatment:
  - Chest physiotherapy- helps get rid of mucous plugs
    - Positional changes
    - Vibration
    - Cupping
    - Perform in the morning
    - If need to be performed during the day, try to do before they eat, don't want them to aspirate
    - PRN= if oxygen goes down, having trouble breathing
    - Do again at bedtime
  - If Chest physiotherapy does not do the job put them in a High frequency chest wall oscillator
    - Perform in the morning
    - If need to be performed during the day, try to do before they eat, don't want them to aspirate
    - PRN= if oxygen goes down, having trouble breathing
    - o Do again at bedtime
  - Administer n-acetylcysteine
    - Is a mucolytic, helps thin the secretions
    - Side note: Can also can be given for a acetaminophen overdose

### **ADULT RESPIRATORY:**

### **OBSTRUCTIVE LUNG(pulmonary) DISEASES:**

- There is an obstruction that is occurring
- There can be chronic obstructive pulmonary disease(COPD)- a broad term
  - Two types that make it chronic:
    - **■** Chronic bronchitis
      - Chronic inflammation of the bronchial
      - Treatment:
        - Lifelong steroid use

- Which can lead to cushing's disease
- Emphysema- typically the one people are talking about when they say COPD
  - Destruction of the alveoli
  - Cause:
    - Smoking
  - S/S:
    - Decreased oxygen
      - 90% normal
    - Elevated CO2
      - Leads to respiratory acidosis
  - Treatment:
    - Oxygen
      - Educate about oxygen use
        - Highly flammable, don't smoke while using oxygen

\*\*\*\*If any one comes in with "Singed Facial Hair" This is AIRWAY, AIRWAY, AIRWAY\*\*\*\*

# **NON CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE:**

- ASTHMA:
  - Can be a chronic condition, but your not always having that bronchoconstriction
  - o Triggers:
    - Allergens
    - Stress
      - Cold weather
      - Anxiety
    - Infection
      - Upper respiratory infection
  - S/S: of an exacerbation, compromised airway
    - SPO2 drops to 90%
    - Wheezing
    - Use of accessory muscles
  - o Treatment:
    - Drugs:
      - Administer SABA- reflexes bronchioles
        - Albuterol
          - A rescue inhaler medication, helps open airway
          - S/S:
            - Tremors
            - Increased HR

- Insomnia
- Worried about patient developing "Silent Chest"
  - When a patient suddenly stops wheezing
- Administer Inhaled corticosteroids
  - If inflammation is occurring
  - Drugs:
    - Budesonide
    - Fluticasone
    - Beclomethasone
  - Education on proper use:
    - Use a spacer
    - Rinse mouth afterwards
      - If you don't, can cause candidiasis
    - If patient develops candidiasis administer Nystatin
      - Swish and swallow medication
      - Soak dentures if they have them
- Administer a LAMA: for constriction
  - Want to prevent bronchoconstriction
  - Drugs include:
    - Ipratropium
    - Tiotropium
- If they come in with an exacerbation we administer a small volume nebulizer:
  - A breathing treatment
    - Can put all 3 above medications in the nebulizer
- Long term control of asthma:
  - Give a Long term beta agonist (LABA) + an inhaled corticosteroid
  - Helps keep bronchioles relaxed long term
  - Drugs: LABA
    - Salmeterol
    - Formoterol
- Medications for exercise induced asthma:
  - Antileukotrienes
    - Montelukast
    - Zafirlukast
- Theophylline
  - Used to be used for asthma
  - Is a very lethal drugs
  - Therapeutic range = 10 to 20
    - If it goes outside this range patient will develop neuro/cardio toxicity

## **RESTRICTIVE LUNG DISEASES:**

- Risk for:
  - o People who work in sand blasts, coal mines, nuclear test sites, ect...
- Patients lungs become restrictive overtime d/t particles they were exposed to over a period of time
- Lung becomes fibrosed, thick
- S/S:
  - Decrease O2
  - o SOB
- Treatment:
  - Administer Amiodarone
  - Administer oxygen
  - Will eventually need a transplant
    - **■** Education:
      - Lifelong immunosuppressants
        - Puts patient at risk for infection
        - Educated on ways to decrease risk of infection
- Will become a FOA:
  - Sepsis
  - Hemorrhage

### **PULMONARY EMBOLI:**

- Causes: Not only caused by a DVT, but also can be caused by the following:
  - F- Fat Emboli
    - Caused from a fracture to a long bone
  - o A- Amniotic fluid Emboli
    - Stays in blood during delivery of child
  - o T- Thrombus Emboli
    - Cause:
      - When we form a clot
  - B- Bacteria Emboli
    - Cause:
      - Most common: IV drug users
  - A- Air Emboli
    - Cause:
      - Central line
  - T- Tumor Emboli
- Watch for these signs: Can indicate a pulmonary embolism
  - Chest Pain
  - Decreased o2

- Increased HR
- Increased RR
- Low grade fever
- During a pulmonary embolism
  - Oxygen is prevented from coming in and CO2 is coming out
    - Increased CO2
    - Decreased O2

## ARDS:

- Caused from the destruction of the alveoli
- Causes:
  - Sepsis
  - Aspiration
  - o Pneumonia
  - Trauma
  - Pancreatitis
- Will develop respiratory distress within 1-7 days
- Treatment:
  - Treat underlying cause

## **PNEUMONIA:**

- Will be a distraction on boards
- Becomes a FOA, if leads to ARDS

### **ATELECTASIS:**

- Patients develop fluid in the longs
- Cause:
  - Not using incentive spirometer
- Patient can then develop hospital acquired pneumonia which then can lead to ARDS

## **OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA:**

- Some obstruction that is causing patient to stop breathing during sleep
- Causes:
  - Anatomical obstruction
    - Treatment:
      - Give them a CPAP machine
      - If that doesn't help, surgery is needed
  - Obesity
    - **■** Education:
      - Diet

- Exercise
- Lose weight
- Can give a CPAP machine

## **PLEURAL EFFUSION:**

- Causes:
  - o Cirrhosis
  - Trauma
  - Infection
- Need to get rid of the fluid
- Patient will sound: Dull
- Treatment:
  - Thoracentesis
    - **■** Complication:
      - Pneumothorax

### **PNEUMOTHORAX:**

- Patient will sound: Hyperresonant
  - Causes:
    - Rib fracture
    - Lung punctures
    - **■** Emphysema
    - Barotrauma
    - Lung biopsy, procedures
  - FOA: Tension pneumothorax
    - Trachea can deviate causing pressure on the heart.
    - Don't have a lot of time, need to treat it
    - **■** Treatment:
      - Needle decompression
      - Chest tube

## **LUNG CANCER:**

- Risk factors:
  - Smoking
  - Family history
  - Asbestos
- S/S:
  - Cough
  - Hemoptysis
  - Wheezing
  - Coin like lesion
  - Unintentional weight loss

## **SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER**

• Associated with SIADH and cushings disease

### **DEXTROMETHORPHAN:**

- Is a cough suppressant
- If they overdose on this administer Naloxone

## **PSEUDOEPHEDRINE/ PHENYLEPHRINE:**

- Is a Nasal decongestant
- Side effect:
  - o HTN
    - Have them stop taking this medication

### **NOTES:**

### **NEUROLOGY PEDIATRICS:**

### **NEURAL TUBE DEFECTS:**

- These are birth defects of the brain, spine, or spinal cord that happen in the first month of pregnancy.
- Most common type:
  - Spina Bifida

### **SPINA BIFIDA:**

- CAUSES:
  - Lack of folic acid
- S/S:
  - Abnormal Tuft of hair on spine
  - Dimples
  - Fluid filled Sac
- FOA:
  - Altered mental status
  - Sepsis
- Treatment
  - Cover with Sterile gauze
  - Surgery
- Mother can get a quad screening done between 16-18 weeks
  - Tests the Alpha fetoprotein
- 400 to 800 mcg is the amount of folic acid (AKA B9) you need to be taking
- Contraindications: Phenytoin

- If mother is taking phenytoin you want to take them off of it and double their daily intake of folic acid.
- Normal = 400 800
- o Double = 800 1600
- Nutrition(foods that help decrease risk of neural tube defects)
  - Want mother to take folic acid
  - Increase intake of greens
  - Have them eat fortified cereals

## **BACTERIAL MENINGITIS:**

- Causes:
  - Group b strep
  - Haemophilus influenza B
- S/S:
  - High pitched cry
  - o Poor feeds, vomiting
  - Frequent seizures
  - Nuchal rigidity
  - Fever
  - Irritability, lethargy
  - Bulging fontanelle
  - Sun set eyes
- Posterior fontanelle closes:
  - o 2-3 months old
- Anterior fontanelle closes:
  - o 18 months
- TREATMENT: (in order)
  - Put these patients on droplet precautions
  - IV fluids
  - Labs/cultures
  - o Antibiotics need to be given within 30 minutes of admin.
  - Get a CT scan
  - Then do a Lumbar puncture
    - **■** Position for LP:
      - Fetal position
        - Lie on your side with your knees drawn up to chest
- INTERVENTIONS:
  - Elevate HOB 30 degrees
  - Dim lights
  - Keep room teams cool
  - Implement seizure precautions
  - Droplet precautions

## **SEIZURES:**

Two types to know:

- Absence seizures
- Tonic clonic

### **ABSENCE SEIZURES:**

- Occurs in pediatric patients
- They don't lose consciousness
- Children will often be described as "staring into space" or "Daydreaming", but can't be "snapped" out of it.
- It can go unnoticed by others d/t it being short and the child not noticing.
- After it's over they just go back to what they were doing.
- Duration:
  - Very short, seconds

#### TREATMENT:

- EEG (assess brain activity)
  - Teach parents to wash the children's hair before
  - It's a Painless procedure
  - Don't administer any anti-seizure medications like Benzos before procedure, can mess with results of test
  - No caffeine products 8 hour prior to procedure
  - You can eat before
- Give Ethosuximide(Anticonvulsant medication)
  - Side Effects:
    - Fatigue
    - GI distress
    - Headache
    - Itching
    - **■** Johnson syndrome (Steven Johnson syndrome)
- Implement seizure precautions

### **TONIC CLONIC: (MORE DANGEROUS ONE)**

- Patients may experience a aura(warning a seizure is about to happen
- They will have a loss of consciousness
- Lasts no more than 3 minutes
- Post seizure:
  - Feel very fatigued
  - Don't remember seizure
  - Extremely sore from jerking
- Implement Seizure Precautions
- TREATMENT:
  - Lorazepam
    - Is rapid acting
    - Give via IV(preferred), but if no IV access you can give it suppository

Monitor liver function

■ Antidote: Flumazenil

#### **SEIZURE PRECAUTIONS:**

- Establish an IV access(to give anti-seizure medication if needed)
- Padded side rails
- Have oxygen and suction at bedside
- Protect their head(put pillow under head)
- Bed in lowest position
- Remove any restrictive clothing or items the patient may be wearing.
   Example: Eye glasses

#### **INTERVENTIONS DURING A SEIZURE:**

- GOAL: Safety, protect the patient
- NEVER PUT ANYTHING IN MOUTH
- No restraints
- Place patient on side
- Remove restrictive clothing or items that can break
- Very important to note the time the seizure started and the time it stopped
  - If greater than 5 minutes or another seizure begins, think Status epilepticus.
- Make sure to note their behavior before and during seizure

#### **INTERVENTIONS POST SEIZURE:**

- Assess patient
  - o LOC
  - Vital signs
  - Injuries
- Maintain airway
- Clean patient if they were incontienent
- Document
- Notify HCP

## **ADULT NEUROLOGY:**

### **CRANIAL NERVES:**

- 1- Smell
- 2 -Vision
- 3- helps with movement of eyes, adjusts pupils
- 5- Trigeminal
- 7- Facial
- 9- Glossopharyngeal (Gag reflex)

#### **CRANIAL NERVE 5: TRIGEMINAL:**

Largest of the cranial nerves

- Responsible for moving facial muscles by chewing and facial sensations
- o S/S:
  - Patients will present with a severe stabbing pain
  - Spontaneous attacks of pain triggered by:
    - touch, pressure
    - Chewing
    - Extreme Temperature
    - Brushing teeth
  - Avoid extreme temperatures
- TREATMENT:
  - Carbamazepine
    - Monitor CBC, specifically a decrease in WBC
    - Biggest side effect is infection
      - Watch and follow up on any s/s of infection

### **CRANIAL NERVE 7: FACIAL**

- This produces tears, forms facial expressions
- Damage to this nerve can cause facial paralysis
- Bell's Palsy
  - o S/S:
    - Unilateral facial droop
    - Drooling
    - Increased tearing
    - Painful sensations behind face ,ear, and eye
    - Difficulties with speech and eating on the affected side
- TREATMENT:
  - o GOAL: To maintain facial muscle tone
  - Administer Corticosteroids
    - Prednisone
  - Can give analgesic to help with facial pain
- EDUCATION:
  - Should see it clear up with complete recovery within a couple months ( 2 to 8 weeks)
  - Teach eye care
    - Cover with patch at night
    - Apply eye lubrication
  - Exercises to help with maintain muscle tone
    - **■** Facial exercises
  - Avoid exposing face to cold or drafts
  - Chew on the unaffected side of mouth
  - Eliminate hot foods & hot fluids
  - Frequent mouth care

## **CRANIAL NERVE 9: GLOSSOPHARYNGEAL:**

- Function: Swallowing
- They will lose \( \frac{1}{3} \) posterior of the tongue and the pharynx
- Effects patient's gag reflex
- FOA: Airway
- Have patient perform a swallow test
  - Watching for aspiration

### **BRAIN LESIONS:**

### FRONTAL LOBE:

- This is your emotions, personality
- Executive function
- Damage to this lobe causes behavior changes
- Also where your Broca area is located
- BROCA APHASIA
  - Have broken speech
  - They can understand you, but can't respond as well
  - Speech often consists of short limited phrases that make sense but often forget the smaller words in sentences ( "and", "Is", "the")
  - They are aware of their deficit and tend to get very frustrating
  - Interventions:
    - Limit your questions
    - Use pictures
    - Ask yes or no questions

### **OCCIPITAL LOBE:**

- Function: Vision
- Injury to this lobe: causes vision deficits
- Contrecoup head injury
  - Causes:
    - During trauma from a motor vehicle accident
    - Shaken baby syndrome
  - Vision is injured
  - Have Broca aphasia

#### **TEMPORAL LOBE:**

- Injury to this lobe can cause:
  - Clients to not understand verbal or written word
- This is where the Wernickes is located
- Poor thiamine intake can lead to Wernicke's encephalopathy
  - A serious complication that manifests as:
    - AMS
    - Oculomotor dysfunction
    - Ataxia
  - Can give thiamine to help with this

- Patients with chronic alcohol abuse are prescribed thiamine to help prevent this condition
- If a patient comes in with alcohol intoxication, IV thiamine is given before or with IV glucose to prevent Wernicke's encephalopathy
- WERNICKES
  - Gonna have "Word Salad"
    - They have no comprehension of what we are saying and we can't understand them.
    - Can't comprehend spoken/written word
    - Exhibit a long, but meaningless speech pattern
  - Alternative communication interventions:
    - Visual aids
    - Hand gestures
    - Speak clearly
    - Ask "yes" or "No" questions

#### PARIETAL LOBE:

- Damage to this lobe can cause a deficit with sensation
  - o Example: inability to recognize being touched
- Controls sensory input:
  - Touch
  - o Pain
  - Sensory
  - o Hot cold

### **GLASGOW COMA SCALE:**

- Assesses patients LOC by measuring:
  - Eye opening(alertness)
  - Verbal response (orientation)
  - Motor response (obeying a command)
- Score: 3 to 15

o Mild: 13 -15

O Moderate: 9-12

Severe: less than 8

- Maximum score 15(fully alert person)
- Lowest score 3
- Just remember:
  - "8 need to intubated"
  - "4 they hit the floor"
- GCS score of 8 or lower is classified as a coma- need to intubated

#### STROKES:

• Two types:

- Ischemic stroke (thrombolytic)
- Hemorrhagic stroke (Embolus)
- THROMBOTIC: AKA Ischemic
  - o Forms right in the brain
  - Ischemic attack = blocks blood to the brain
- EMBOLUS: AKA Hemorrhagic
  - Formed somewhere else in the body and traveled up to the brain
    - Different types of embolus:
      - Fat
      - Air
      - Thrombus
      - Bacteria
      - Amniotic Fluid
      - Tumor

#### TREATMENT:

- Prepare client for a CT to rule out hemorrhagic stroke
- Insert 2 large bore IV lines
- Administer TPA within 3 to 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours of onset of symptoms for full effectiveness.
  - TPA drugs: end in -plase
  - o TPA dissolves clots and restores perfusion in clients with ischemic strokes
  - Nurse must assess for contraindications to tPA before administering
  - Contraindicated in patients:
    - Prior intracranial hemorrhage
    - Has had a ischemic stroke within the last 3 months
    - Recent surgery
    - History of a Hemorrhage stroke
    - If they have any risk of bleeding or are actively bleeding
    - Any significant head trauma within last 3 months
    - Recent use of warfarin
      - Can safely receive tPA if warfarin was discontinued 4 weeks prior

### **INTRACRANIAL HEMORRHAGE:**

- Two most important types:
  - Epidural Hematoma:
    - Occurs in temporal region
    - Often will lose loss of consciousness but then regain it
    - They are talking to you and seem normal but they are about to rapidly decline!!
      - Actively bleeding in their brain
    - **TREATMENT**:
      - Take them to get a CT scan

- Craniotomy
- Subarachnoid hematoma:
  - You will see patients describe it as "worst headache of my life"
  - Cause:
    - Ruptured aneurysm (bleeding in brain)

## **HEADACHES:**

- Three types to know:
  - Cluster headache:
    - Unilateral
    - Lasts about 15min- 3 hours
    - Presents as eye pain
    - Treatment:
      - Sumatriptan
  - Tension
    - Bilateral pain
    - Lasts 30 min to 4/6 hours
    - Presents as a tight headband feeling
    - **■** Treatment:
      - NSAIDS or acetaminophen
  - Migraine
    - Unilateral pain
    - Lasts between 4072 hours
    - Patients describe pain as having:
      - Photophobia
      - Photophobia
      - Debilitating
      - N/V
    - Treatment
      - Sumatriptan
      - Acetaminophen
      - NSAIDS
      - Can give a Beta Blocker as a prophylactic medication (those who are prone to migraines)
        - Propanolol

### **MOVEMENT DISORDERS:**

- Chorea
  - Cause dancing movements
    - Helpful tip: remember as choreography
  - Seen in those with Huntington's disease
  - HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE:
    - S/S:
      - Sudden jerky movements

- This is a autosomal dominant disorder
  - One parent has to carry the gene
  - Meaning: 1 out of 2 of their offspring will have this.
- Disease progresses after with each generation
  - S/S will begin to present itself sooner in life(age) with each generation
  - Meaning:
    - Normal onset is 30-50 years old
    - If they present signs at 50 years old their child may present signs earlier at 40 years old.

#### Parkinson's disease:

- Caused by a decrease in dopamine
  - o Is a neurotransmitter
  - Affects people's mood
- Resting Tremors
  - o "Pill rolling"
- S/S:
  - o "Pill rolling"
  - Shuffling gait
  - Depression, mood swings
  - Masked facial expressions
  - Postural instability
  - Rigid movements
  - Hallucinations
  - Stooped posture, forward tilt of trunk
  - Flexed elbows and wrists
- Treatment:
  - Carbidopa-levodopa
    - Helps increase the dopamine and alleviates the symptoms
  - Educate to avoid B6 vitamins and eat a low protein diet
- Education:
  - Safety precautions:
    - How to use a walker

#### Alzheimer's:

- Most common form of dementia
- We can only manage these symptoms
- 3 levels:
  - o Mild:
    - They forget that they ate
    - Intervention:
      - Give ½ meal, then later give the other half
  - Moderate:
    - They forget to eat

- Late:
  - They don't want to eat
- Treatment:
  - Goal: is to slow the progression of the disease
  - Administer:
    - Memantine
    - Donepezil
- Education for the caregivers:
  - Concerned about safety, wandering
  - Wandering
    - Keep the locks out of sight
    - Door alarms
    - Disguise the door
  - Speaking to client
    - Face the client while speaking
    - Turn off the television and close the door
    - Use simple statements and questions
    - Maintain a quiet environment to limit distracting stimuli

### **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS:**

- This is an autoimmune disease
- Body destroys the nerves
- S/S:
  - Sight begins to deteriorate
  - Bladder Incontinence
  - Speech, gait, muscle movements begin to deteriorate
  - Symptoms get worse in the:
    - heat(summer)
    - Hot baths
    - **■** Times of stress
- Treatment:
  - Immunosuppressants:
    - Methotrexate
    - Cyclosporine
    - Azathioprine
    - **■** Education:
      - Need to watch for s/s of infection
      - Safety

### **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS):**

- There is no cure, everything shuts down
- Patients will slowly become wheelchair bound
- There mind always stays intact
- They often die d/t:

- Aspiration
- Respiratory failure
- Treatment:
  - Goal: Slow progression
  - o Administer drug: Riluzole

### **OPHTHALMOLOGY:**

### **Conjunctivitis:**

- Pink eye
- There are 3 different types:
  - Viral
  - Allergy
    - Treatment:
      - Administer antihistamine drops
      - Supportive care
  - Bacterial
    - In the morning, patients can't open their eyes., they will be crusted
    - Treatment:
      - Wipe with a warm cloth from inner to outer
      - Administer antibiotics drops
        - Put them in BOTH eyes
      - How to install eye drops
- Hyperopia:
  - o Can see far away, but not up close
- Myopia:
  - Cant see far away, only up close
- Cataract:
  - Patients complain of:
    - **■** blurred vision
    - Glare at night
    - Decreased night vision
  - o Treatment:
    - Surgery
    - 3 days prior to surgery, they will be prescribed:
      - Antibiotics & Steroid drops that they need to start taking
    - Postop:
      - Cover eye with patch
      - No strenuous activity
      - Avoid sunlight
      - Avoid Heat: cooking
      - Sleep on unaffected side for first 48 hours
      - REPORT ANY "FLOATERS" or flashing lights
- Glaucoma:

- Closed Angle Glaucoma:
  - S/S:
    - Sudden pain
    - Halos
    - Increased Intraocular pressure
  - DO NOT GIVE ANTICHOLINERGICS
  - Treatment:
    - Surgery to relieve the ocular pressure
- Retinal Detachment:
  - Is painless
  - Cause:
    - Trauma
  - o S/S:
    - Patients will describe it as "curtain fell over my eyes"
    - Floaters
    - Lines
    - Sudden flashes of light
  - Treatment:
    - Surgery to reattach it
    - If not promptly recognized and treated, permanent blindness may
    - Post Op education:
      - For next 14 days patients use lie prone
      - Can get up for 10 mins every hour

## **PHARMACOLOGY**:

- Gabapentin:
  - Given for peripheral neuropathy
- Lamotrigine:
  - Given for seizures
- Levetiracetam:
  - Given for seizures
- Phenytoin:
  - Given for Seizures
  - Normal range is 10-20
  - Less than 10: worried about them having seizures
  - More than 20: Worried about them having neurotoxicity
  - Watch for vision changes and Altered mental status
  - Side effect:
    - Can cause gingival hyperplasia
      - Remind about good oral hygiene

#### **ENDOCRINE:**

### **PEDIATRICS**:

### **DIABETES:**

- Type 1 diabetes is diagnosed when their children, so education is very important
  - Most important to educate about hypoglycemia, how to identify it and how to treat it.
    - S/S:
      - Tremor
      - N/V
      - Lightheadedness
      - Cold. Clammy, pale
    - Causes:
      - Maybe didn't eat
      - Maybe took to much insulin
    - Treatment:
      - Give them simple carbs, 15 gram of sugar
        - Fruit juice
        - Soda
        - Hard candy
  - Educate parents and children
    - Let children choose injection site
    - Let them choose and clean a finger for blood glucose
    - Let them inject the insulin
    - Have them identify 2-3 s/s of hypoglycemia
    - **■** Educate parents on nutrition

### **ADULT ENDOCRINE:**

- Cushing's disease:
  - Adrenal glands:
    - They sit On top of kidney
    - It produces:
      - Salt(aldosterone)
      - Sugar (Cortisol)
      - Sex (estrogen and testosterone)
  - Cause:
    - Too much cortisol will cause cushing's disease
    - **■** Excess corticosteroid production
    - **■** Primary:
      - Tumor on adrenal gland
        - Causes:
          - Increase in cortisol
          - Decrease of ACTH

- Secondary:
  - Tumor on the pituitary gland
    - Causes:
      - Increased ACTH
      - Increased cortisol
- Exogenous:
  - Caused form long term steroid use
- Evaluating for Cushing syndrome:
  - A 24 hour urine is collected to test for increase cortisol levels
  - Results greater than 80-120 mcg/24 hour indicates cushing's disease
  - **■** Education:
    - Collect urine in a dark jug
    - Discard first urine
    - Collect all urine for 224 hours
    - Keep in refrigerator or ice chest with secure lid
    - Exactly 24 hours after the start time, empty bladder once more
- o Treatment:
  - Remove the tumor
  - Decrease steroid use
- S/S: mnemonic ( " A BIG FIB" )
  - Appetite is increase (weight gain)
  - Blood pressure is increased
  - **■** Insulin resistance
  - Glucose (increase in blood sugar)
  - Fibroblasts decreased (poor wound healing), Striae/stretch marks
  - **■** Immune response decreased(risk for infection)
  - Bone density decreased (osteoporosis)
  - Other s/s:
    - Moon face
    - Muscle wasting
    - Central obesity
    - Buffalo hump
    - Supra clavicle are pads
- Education:
  - Nutrition
  - Calcium and vitamin D supplements
  - Blood pressure medications
  - Avoid crowds, sick people
  - Ways on how to decrease risk for infection

### Addison's disease:

- Cause:
  - o Adrenocortical insufficiency, low release of glucocorticoids
- The adrenal glands are knock out:
  - Have no salt
  - Have no water
  - Potassium increased
    - Worried about VFIB
  - No sugar (cortisol)
    - ACTH is increased
  - No sex hormones, no sex drive
  - o S/S:
    - Hyperpigmentation/ bronze skin
    - N/V
    - Decrease libido
    - Decreased weight
    - Decreased BP, orthostatic Hypotension
    - Low energy
    - Low body hair
    - Salt cravings
    - Hyponatremia
    - Hyperkalemia
    - Depression, irritability
  - o Treatment:
    - Administer steroids- want to replace what you don't have
    - Fluids
  - Education:
    - Do not stop steroids, it can lead to an Addison crisis!!
    - Notify HCP of s/s of infection
    - Monitor blood glucose closely
    - Avoid stressful situations
      - If increased in stress you want to increase steroid intake
    - Calcium and vit D supplements

## **Hypothyroidism:**

- Remember: "SLOW, FAT, COLD"
- S/S:
  - Depression
  - Lower temperature
  - o Fatigue
  - Weight gain
  - Cold intolerance
  - Puffy face

- Heavy menstrual periods
- Muscle aches
- Decreased HR
- Constipation
- LABS:
  - Increased TSH
  - Decreased T3 and T4
- Treatment:
  - Administer Levothyroxine
    - Is a lifelong medication
    - Take on empty stomach, in the morning with water
    - Report any s/s of hyperthyroidism

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### **Hyperthyroidism:**

- Remember "FAST, SKINNY, HOT"
- S/S:
  - o Insomnia, fatigue, muscle weakness
  - o Irregular heartbeat, increased heart rate
  - Weight loss
  - Heat intolerance
  - Anxiety, mood swings
  - Diarrhea
  - Exophthalmos
    - Protruding eyes
      - Lubricate the eyes, tape shut
  - Goiter
- Labs:
  - o Decreased TSH
  - o Increased T3 & T4
- TREATMENT:
  - Administer propylthiouracil
    - Can be given in first trimester
    - **■** Therapeutic response: 2 weeks
  - Administer Methimazole:
    - Safe in second and third trimester
  - Radioactive iodine uptake (RAIU)
    - **■** Treatment for Graves' disease
    - Helps to determine how active the thyroid is
      - They scan at 2 hrs, 6 hrs, and 24 hours
    - Pre-procedure
      - Allergy to contrast
      - Contraindicated in pregnancy
        - Do a pregnancy test

- Ask if there pregnant
- Hold the thyroid medications if they are taking any
  - 5 to 7 days prior to test
- NPO
  - 2 to 4 hours prior
- Remove any dentures or jewelry
- Post-procedure
  - Drink fluids
    - Want to flush the iodine out
- High dose radioactive iodine
  - This destroys the thyroid
  - **■** Education:
    - They are radioactive
    - Stay away from pregnant women
    - FLush the toilet 2-3x
    - Avoid children or close contact with others
    - Use disposable utensils
      - If not, make sure to wash them separately
    - Also wash linens/clothes separately
- If none of the above treatment options work perform a thyroidectomy!!

## **Thyroidectomy:**

- FOA: Airway & Hemorrhage
- Assessment: (watch for complications)
  - Stridor
  - Fever
  - Increased BP
  - Increased HR
  - Swelling around the neck
  - Drooling
- Post-Op complication
  - Hemorrhage
    - **■** Frequent swallowing(can indicate hemorrhage)
  - Hypocalcemia
    - If they take out the parathyroid hormone
- POST-OP
  - MAke sure to keep HOB elevated
  - Monitor for laryngeal stridor
    - Give calcium if due to tetany
  - Support neck and avoid flexion
  - Monitor VS and for hypocalcemia
- If the actually take the parathyroid hormone (they try to avoid doing this)
  - It can cause Hypocalcemia
    - S/S:
      - Arrhythmias

- Trousseau sign
- Chvostek sign

# **Thyroid storm:**

- Excessive release of thyroid into the system
- Cause:
  - Precipitating illness/stress
  - Thyroidectomy
- S/S:
  - High fever
  - o HTN
  - Increased HR
  - Seizures
  - Respiratory arrest
- Treatment:
  - o 1. Beta Blockers (decreases BP and HR
  - o 2. Methimazole (Antithyroid) & lodine

#### **DIABETES:**

#### **Diabetes Mellitus**

- Individuals can't metabolize glucose.
- Causes:
  - Can be due to lack of insulin
  - Cells are resistant
- S/S: The 3 P's
  - o Polydipsia
  - o Polyuria
  - Polyphagia
  - Other S/S:
    - Low specific gravity
    - High serum osmolality
- Two types:
  - Type I:
    - Insulin dependent
    - Ketosis prone
  - Treatment: Mnemonic: "DIE"
    - D- Diet
      - This is the least important
      - Don't want to restrict their diet/carbs
    - I- Insulin
      - MOST IMPORTANT
    - E- Exercise

- Type II:
  - Non insulin dependent
  - Non ketosis prone
  - Typically diagnosed by age 40
- Treatment: Mnemonic: "DOA"
  - D Diet
    - MOST IMPORTANT
  - O Oral hypoglycemic
  - A Activity
- o DIET:
  - Calorie restriction is most important
  - Educate 6 small feedings each day
- Diabetes Insipidus:
  - Have no antidiuretic Hormone (ADH)
    - So you have a lot of diuretic hormone
  - S/S:
    - Polydipsia
    - Polyuria
    - Polyphagia
    - Dehydrated
    - Increased HR
    - **■** Decreased BP
    - Sodium High
    - H&H High
    - Urine osmolality:
      - Low
    - Urine specific gravity:
      - Low
    - Serum osmolality:
      - High
  - Treatment
    - Drug:
      - Desmopressin
        - This is like ADH
          - Helps them stop peeing
          - Help them retain fluids
        - Side effect
          - To much ADH
            - Causing patient to become hyponatremia
              - Watch for s/s:
                - Seizure
                - Altered mental status
                - Water retention

#### SIADH

- This is opposite of DM( will have oliguria and a normal blood glucose)
- o Too much ADH
- Can be a complication of small cell lung cancer
- o S/S:
  - Decreased urine output
  - Edema
  - Retaining fluid
    - Can cause dilutional hyponatremia
  - Decreased sodium
    - Worried about seizures
      - Give hypertonic saline 3%
      - Have to give slowly
  - Serum osmolality
    - Low
  - Urine Osmolality
    - High
  - Urine specific gravity
    - High
- Treatment:
  - Restrict fluids
    - If you give fluids, administer hypertonic fluids
      - 3% sodium chloride
      - Salt tablets
  - Drug:
    - Demeclocycline
      - ADH antagonist

## **COMPLICATIONS OF DM:**

- Acute complications:
  - Hypoglycemic shock/ hypoglycemia
    - Low blood sugar in both type 1 and type 2
    - Causes:
      - Not eating enough food
      - Too much medication/insulin
      - Too much exercise
    - S/S: Remember "Drunk in shock"
      - Staggering gait
      - Slurred speech
      - Impaired judgment
      - Delayed reaction time
      - Low BP

- Increased HR
- Increased RR
- Cold, pale, clammy

#### Treatment:

- Give sugar:
  - Any type of juice
  - o Pop
  - Candy
  - o Milk
  - Honey
  - Jelly
- Give Ideal combination of foods:
  - 1 Sugar + 1 Starch + 1 Protein
  - Example:
    - Juice and slice of turkey
    - Juice and crackers
    - Skim Milk
- If unresponsive:
  - Glucagon IM
  - o Dextrose (D10 or D50) IV
    - The setting will determine which one you giveSpeaking to someone over phone-Glucagon IM; Hospital- or ER- start IV

### • DKA:

- High blood glucose seen in Type I DM
- o Causes:
  - Eating too much food
  - Not enough meds
  - Not enough exercise
  - #1 cause is Acute Viral Respiratory Infections in last 2 weeks

#### o S/S:

- D- dehydration:
  - Dry, weak thready pulse
  - Headache
  - Poor elasticity
  - Hot, flushed skin
- K- Ketones in blood
  - Kussmaul breathing (hyperventilating),
  - K+ (high)
- A- Acidotic (metabolic)
  - Acetone breath
  - Anorexia due to nausea

#### o Treatment:

■ IV fluids, fast rate

- R insulin
- Potassium
- HHNK, HHS, HHNS:
  - Complication in type II DM
  - This is nothing more than dehydration
  - Intervention:
    - IV fluids
  - GOAL: Is to rehydrate patients

### **BEST INDICATOR OF LONG TERM GLUCOSE CONTROL:**

- HA1C
  - Less than 6 = Normal
  - Prediabetic = 7
    - Evaluate/assess more
  - Greater than 8 = Out of control

#### **INSULIN:**

- Lowers Glucose
- Regular insulin
  - Rapid short acting insulin
  - o Onset- 1 hour
  - Peak- 2 hours
  - Duration- 4 hours
  - SOLUTION = Clear
  - Can be used IV drip (RUN)
- NPH: Intermediate acting:
  - Remember:
    - NOT SO FAST & NOT IN THE BAG
  - Onset- 6 hours
  - o Peak- 8-10 hours
  - Duration- 12 hours
  - Solution = Cloudy
  - o Given via Suspension NOT SOLUTIONS- CAN NOT GIVE IV DRIP
- Fast acting insulin: LISPRO
  - o Onset- 15 mins
  - Peak- 30 mins
  - Duration- 3 hours
  - Give WITH meals
    - NOT BEFORE OR AFTER
- Long acting insulin: GLARGINE (LANTUS)
  - No peak
  - Duration 12-24 hours
  - Little to no risk for hypoglycemia
  - Can safely give at bedtime

# **ALWAYS** check expiration dates on insulin bottles:

- Once you open the insulin the expiration date changes, it is ONLY good while sealed.
- New expiration date is 30 days from the date it's opened.
- WRITE OPENED/DATE or EXP/DATE on the bottle.
- Must teach patients to refrigerate at home
- In hospital setting:
  - keep unopened bottles in the fridge but once opened doesn't have to be refrigerated.

# • Exercise potentiates insulin-

- THINK OF EXERCISE AS ANOTHER SHOT OF INSULIN
- If you exercise you need less insulin, but if you have less exercise you need more insulin.

#### SICK DAYS-

- Glucose increases- so diabetics must:
  - o take their insulin even when sick
  - Take sips of water
  - Stay active helps lower insulin
  - SICK DIABETICS WILL HAVE HYPERGLYCEMIA & DEHYDRATION (ALWAYS)

#### NOTES:

### **MATERNITY**:

### **NAGELE'S RULE:**

• The first date/day of the last menstrual period - 3 months + 7 days + 1 year

### **FUNDAL HEIGHT:**

- Assessment of the fundus as the mom progresses throughout pregnancy is important.
- Normal fundus levels throughout pregnancy:
  - 0cm is at the symphysis pupils
  - 20 cm is at the umbilical level
  - At 12 weeks fundus should be just above the symphysis pubis
  - At 16 weeks fundus should be halfway between the symphysis pubis and the umbilicus which is 10 cm
  - After 20 weeks it should correlate with the gestational age, so:
    - At 21 weeks pregnant fundus should be 21 cm above the symphysis pubis

## **GTPAL**:

- G- total pregnancies
- T- Term
  - o 37 weeks or greater
- P- Preterm
  - o Born between 20-36 weeks
- Abortion
  - Before 20th week
- L- Currently living

# PRESUMPTIVE S/S of pregnancy: (What the mom feels/subjective):

- Missed period
- N/V
- Feels contractions
- Breast sensitivity
- Urine frequency
- Fatigue
- Fetal movement (sometimes)

### Probable signs of pregnancy: (Examined by the doctor-objective):

- Braxton hicks contractions
- Uterine/cervical changes
- Fetal outline palpation
- Pregnancy test

# **POSITIVE signs of pregnancy: (Diagnostics):**

- Positive pregnancy test
- Fetal heartbeat 8-12 weeks by the Doppler
- 18-20 weeks heartbeat by stethoscope

# **IUFD:** (Intrauterine Fetal Demise)

- Interventions need to be psychosocial:
  - Hold the infant
  - Obtain foot/hand prints
  - Ask if they want to help bathe the baby
  - Ask if they want to name the baby
- Patients at risk for:
  - o DIC
    - Thromboplastin from the fetus activates a clotting cascade
    - Worried about internal/external bleeding, so watch for:
      - Ecchymosis
      - Petechiae
      - Lab tests
        - H&H
      - NSAIDS
      - Anticoagulants

### GBS:

- Group B streptococcus:
  - Can be present as part of the normal vagina flora
  - Usually has no harm
  - But can be transmitted to newborn, if transmitted your worried about:
    - Pneumonia
    - Sepsis
  - Woman are tested for this at 35-37 weeks of pregnancy:
    - If positive just treat them with antibiotics

### **NON STRESS TEST:**

- An ultrasound on the mom's belly
  - Trying to listen and hear fetal movement
  - Is performed at 28 weeks
- A reactive stress test is good
  - So this means that mom has 2 or more accelerations more than 15 seconds and then returns to baseline.
- A non reactive is not good
  - Baby is not moving around

# **CONTRACTION STRESS TEST:**

- This is done to the mom to figure out how the fetus is going to respond to labor
- Typically done when mom is 34 or more weeks pregnant
- This is done by:
  - Administering oxytocin
  - Or Nipple stimulation
- A positive stress test is bad
  - Baby has a late deceleration during contraction
- A negative stress test is good
  - o Baby does not have any late decelerations when mom is stimulated

### • TORCH:

- o Is infections that the mom can transmit to the fetus
- T= Toxoplasmosis
  - Undercooked meat and cat litter
- O= Other
  - Syphilis
  - Varicella
  - GBS
  - Hep A & B
- R= Rubella
  - Can transmit from mom to fetus
  - Vaccine is not given to mom during pregnancy
- C= Cytomegalovirus
  - **■** Body fluids transmit this
- H= Herpes
  - If mom has an active herpes lesion she has to have a c-section
  - Infant would get herpes if she delivered vaginally
- STAGES OF LABOR:
  - Stage 1: beginning to complete cervical dilation
    - **■** Three stages:
      - Latent:
        - o 0-3 cm dilated
        - 10-30 seconds long contractions
        - o 5 to 30 mins apart
      - Active:
        - 4-7 cm dilated
        - o 40-60 seconds long
        - 3 to 5 minutes apart
      - Transition:
        - o 8-10 cm dilated
        - 45-90 seconds long
        - o 1-2 mins apart
  - Stage 2: Complete cervical dilation to birth of baby

- Stage 3: Placenta delivery
- Stage 4: 4 hours after the delivery of the placenta
  - Mom most likely to hemorrhage in this stage

# **FETAL HEART RATE STRIPS: "VEAL CHOP"**

- V- Variable decelerations
- E-Early decelerations
- A Accelerations
- L- Late decelerations
- C- Cord compression
  - Change moms position to knees up
- H- Head compression
- O- OKAY!!
- P-Placental insufficiency
  - Baby is not getting what they need to survive
  - Not enough blood to placenta, baby is getting decreased oxygen and blood
  - This is very concerning!!!

# **FETAL STRIPS:**

- Top part is the fetus
- Bottom part is the mom
- Each rectangle is 1 minute
- Each strip that you get will be a total of 10 minutes
- Normal FHR= 110-160
- We need to watch for decelerations
  - When fetal heart rate drops
  - Need to figure out what's going on and how to treat it
- THREE TYPE OF DECELERATIONS:
  - Early: These are before the contraction
    - Is just head compression, not a huge deal. Don't freak out
  - Late: After the contraction
    - This is placental insufficiency
    - This is bad, baby is compromised
  - Variable:
    - **■** Cord compression/prolapse
    - Baby is a compromise!
- WHAT DO WE DO WITH LATE DECELERATIONS: ???
  - 1. Stop the pitocin
  - 2. Left lateral decubitus position

- o 3. IV fluids
- 4. Oxygen
- 5. If nothing solves problem, C-section
- WHAT DO WE DO FOR VARIABLE DECELERATIONS???
  - 1. Stop pitocin
  - o 2. Put mom in knee to chest position
  - o 3. Terbutaline
  - 4. No waiting here- go directly to c-section

\*\*\*\*\* IF YOU SEE MORE THAN 5 CONTRACTIONS THEN DECREASE THE OXYTOCIN\*\*\*\*
THIS IS KNOWN AS UTERINE TACHYSYSTOLE

\*\*\* DO NOT WANT FREQUENCY OF CONTRACTION TO BE LESS THAN 2 MINS APART AND GREATER THAN 90 SECONDS LONG\*\*\*

### **FETAL HEART RATE AND OXYTOCIN:**

- NORMAL FHR= GOOD, don't do anything
- Fetal Heart rate that is less than 15 or greater 15 consider decreasing the oxytocin and maybe expediting the delivery
- Late decelerations= Mom and fetus are hypotensive and Bradycardic
  - No oxytocin, C-section

### **BLEEDING:**

- Before 20 weeks:
  - Ectopic pregnancy
    - When the fertilized egg implants outside the uterus
    - S/s:
      - Amenorrhea(missed period)
      - Vaginal bleeding
      - Unilateral lower quadrant pain
      - Right shoulder pain
      - Rigid tender abdomen
      - Low grade fever
      - Hypotension
    - WORRIED ABOUT SHOCK!
    - THIS IS AN EMERGENCY
  - Spontanoues abortion
    - Risk factors:
      - MAternal age
      - Smoking
      - Previous miscarriages
    - Happens before 20 weeks
    - Cause: Unknown

- Give psychosocial support to the patient
- Hemorrhage
  - Risk factors:
    - Maternal age
      - Less than 17
      - Greater than 35
    - Smoking
- Molar pregnancy
  - Tumor and it develops in the uterus
  - The fetus does not live
  - S/s:
    - Severe N/V
    - Abdominal pain
  - **■** Treatment:
    - Uterine evacuation
    - Teaching and education with the mom
- AFTER 20 WEEKS:
  - o Placenta previa
    - Painless bright red bleeding
    - Placenta blocks the baby's exit
    - **■** Complication:
      - Hemorrhage
        - Is considered this when:
          - Greater than 500mL of blood with a vaginal
          - Greater than 1000mL with a c-section
    - Make sure there is no vaginal exam
    - Monitor the number of pads
      - 1 an hour is bad
    - Risk factors:
      - Advanced age
      - Multiple gestations
      - Long birth
    - S/s:
      - Soft, non tender abdomen
      - Painless bright red bleeding
  - Placenta abruption:
    - Premature separation of the placenta from the uterine wall
    - Baby is surrounded by the placenta
    - S/s:
      - Lots of pain
      - Dark red bleeding
    - **■** Complications:
      - Preeclampsia
      - DIC

- Maternal shock:
  - C-section right away
- Risk factors:
  - HTN
- S/S:
  - Rigid, distended hard abdomen

# **UTERINE ATONY:** prolonged or rapid labor

- S/S:
  - Uterus becomes boggy
  - Fundus/stomach boggy, overdistended
  - Uterine muscle won't contract
  - Problem is the patient can't pee
- Complication:
  - Postpartum hemorrhage
- Treatment:
  - Try to get patient to pee
    - Least invasive
      - Turn on water
      - Make them dance.. ect..
  - Second step:
    - Massage fundus
  - Risk factors:
    - Long birth
    - Maternal age
    - Retained placenta

# **UTERINE INVERSION:**

- Occurs after birth
- When the uterine/fundus collapses
- This is an emergency situation
  - Worried about:
    - Hemorrhage
    - Hypovolemic shock
- Treatment:
  - Manual replacement
  - o Administer terbutaline
    - Helps slow contractions down

### **UTERINE RUPTURE:**

- Rare
- Is the tearing of the uterus that may result in the fetus being expelled into the abdomen
- Typically happens:
  - o After a VBAC
- Maternal tachycardia occurs d/t the rupture
- Treatment:
  - Emergency c-section
  - Administer blood, fluids

### **PRETERM LABOR:**

- Happens before 37 weeks
- S/S:
  - Low back aches
  - Contractions
  - Rupture of membranes
  - Pelvic pressure
- Treatment:
  - 1. Administer IM glucocorticoids (betamethasone)
    - Helps stimulate the fetus lungs stimulation
  - o 2. Administer antibiotics
    - Help prevents infection in the newborn
      - Group beta strep
  - o 3. Administer IV mag
    - Helps and protects the fetus
    - Helps prevent seizures and preeclampsia
  - o 4. Administer terbutaline
    - Helps slow the contractions down
- Worried about:
  - Hemorrhage

# **ABNORMALITIES** with pregnancy:

- Chronic Hypertension
  - Had it before conception
  - Greater than 140/90
- Gestational HTN:
  - o This is a new onset
  - Happens at 20 weeks
  - Greater than 140/90
- Preeclampsia
  - Disease occurred by HTN and proteinuria
  - o S/S:
    - Increased BP

- HA
- Facial edema
- Visual changes
- o Think about seizure precautions and environmental stimuli
- Eclampsia
  - This is preeclampsia with seizures
  - Remember magnesium
  - This can turn into HELLP SYNDROME (Hemolysis Elevated Liver enzymes, low platelet count)
    - S/S:
      - N/V
      - RUQ pain
    - Nursing considerations:
      - Monitor their bleeding
        - Greater than 1000 with c-section
        - Greater than 500 with vaginal
      - Monitor platelets
      - Monitor liver enzymes
- POSTPARTUM HEMORRHAGE:
  - Number one cause is uterine atony
    - Stays big, get an infection
  - o Treatment:
    - Stop oxytocin
    - Monitor bleeding
- POSTPARTUM INFECTION:
  - Normal to have a temperature after birth
  - Abnormal:
    - Temperature greater than 100.4 with foul smelling lochia
      - Can indicate infection or endometriosis
      - Can lead to sepsis
- These are normal bleeding:
  - Rubria
    - Red
    - 1-3 days after birth
  - Rubra serosa
    - Pink
    - 3-7 days after birth
  - Alba
    - White/yellow
    - 10 days after birth

# **HYPEREMESIS GRAVIDARUM:**

- Mom is super sick, dehydrated
- S/S:
  - o **N/V**
  - Weight loss
  - Increased HR
  - Hypotensive
  - Hypokalemia (alkalotic)
  - Increased urine specific gravity
  - Decreased urine output
  - Serum osmolality will be decreased

# Vaccines you can not give during pregnancy:

- MMR
- Varicella
- Nasal spray of the flu

### **MATERNAL HYPOTENSION SYNDROME:**

• Just change position of mom if blood pressure drops

# **TESTS**:

# **INDIRECT COOMBS TEST:**

Checks for the RH antigen

#### **SERUM ALPHA FETOPROTEIN TEST:**

• Checks for neural tube defects

#### **GROUP B STREP:**

• Tested at 35-37 weeks

#### **RUBELLA IMMUNITY:**

• This is a titer test that is given during first trimester

Epidural can cause vasodilation and is contraindicated in patients who are hypotensive and have abnormal coagulation tests (like if platelets are low)

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Can not breastfeed with HIV but you can with Hep B\*\*\*\*

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Spontaneous rupture of membranes could indicate infection\*\*

### **MEDICATIONS:**

#### • OXYTOCIN:

- Helps progress labor
- Side effects:
  - Can cause uterine tachysystole
    - Greater than 5 contractions in a 10 minute period
  - Late decelerations
  - Bradycardia in mom
  - Tachycardia in fetus
  - Hemorrhage
    - Want to massage fundus
    - HAve them void
  - Water intoxication
  - **■** Emergency c-section
    - D/t a persistent abnormal FHR

### • MISOPROSTOL:

- Used for ulcers for GI as well
- Can be used close to when the fetus is delivered because it is a category X drug
- This drug is a:
  - Labor induction
  - Cervical ripening agent
  - Category X drug
- Want to contact the HCP if they are on it before we are ready to deliver baby
  - **■** Example:
    - If on it for GI ulcers before they get pregnant they will have to do something else cause you can't be on this drug while pregnant

#### METHERGINE:

- Used for spontaneous abortion
- Helps control postpartum hemorrhage
- Contraindicated:
  - Mom has hypertension
    - Example mom cant have this drug if she has preeclampsia
  - If patient is at risk for stroke or seizure
    - So cant use if patient has eclampsia

#### **MAGNESIUM:**

• Used in preeclampsia and eclampsia

- Hypomagnesemia
  - Patient will feel:
    - **■** Tremors
    - Tetany
    - Seizures
- Hypermagnesemia:
  - Patient will feel:
    - Depressed CNS
    - Drowsy
    - **■** Muscle weakness
    - Decreased DTR
- Want to make sure and check their DTRs before administration of Mag and every hour afterwards
- Antidote:
  - Calcium gluconate for hypermagnesemia
- Implementation of seizure precautions

### TERBUTALINE:

- This suppresses contractions used in preterm labor
- If contractions are happening too fast and decelerations are happening then we give this medication
- Wanna give this drug when we want to slow the contractions down

#### MEDICATIONS THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE DURING PREGNANCY:

- ACE inhibitors
- ARBS (sartans)
- NSAIDS

## **POSITIONS**:

- McRoberts position:
  - When baby is shoulder dystocia
- Leopoldo maneuvers
  - To get the fetus to present in a lie presentation
- Knee to chest position
  - When there is a prolapsed cord
- Suprapubic pressure
  - When uterine atony is occurring

### **EARLY DETECTION OF BREAST CANCER/TESTICULAR CANCER:**

- Should do a breast self exam once you turn 18-20 years old
  - Do weekly
- Pap smear:

- o Begin at 21-29 years old
- Repeat every 3 years
- 30-65 every 5 years
- o 65 and older don't need one
- Testicular self exam
  - Need monthly once hit puberty

# **NEWBORN VITALS:**

• HR: 100-160

• Respirations: 30-60

#### APGAR SCORE:

- o Happens right after baby is born
- Checks for:
  - Appearance
  - Pulse
  - Grimace/reaction
  - Activity/muscle tone
  - Respiratory effort
- Check at 1 min and then again at 5 mins
- Perfect score = 10
- BISHOP SCORE:
  - Assessment for cervical favorability and readiness for labor
  - A low score= reflects a low successful labor induction
  - Score is 0-10
  - Greater than 6-8 is good labor

#### ANTERIOR FONTANELLE:

- Closes by 18 months
- Is diamond shaped

#### **POSTERIOR FONTANELLE**

- Closes at 8 to 12 weeks
- Triangle shaped

# **RHESUS ANTIGEN**

- Important to determine who has it during child birth (either mom or dad) d/t it has a life threatening combination for one of the fetuses.
- Combination that's dangerous:
  - o Mother who is Rh negative that is having a child with a father who is Rh positive.
    - Two outcomes can happen:
      - Baby: Rh negative

- Baby: Rh positive
  - Worried about this one
- If baby is Rh positive
  - Mom and baby's blood will mix, causing the mom to be introduced to Rh positive blood for first time, causing mom to develop antibodies against Rh positive
  - So next time mom has a baby that is Rh positive, the antibodies she developed during her first pregnancy will cause her to kill(miscarry) any of her future children that have Rh positive blood.
  - First one that is positive is the one you're worried about because now mom will develop antibodies. So then it would cause the NEXT POSITIVE child is at risk not a NEGATIVE child.
  - You give the mom Rhogam at 28 weeks within 72 hour of delivery when she is pregnant with the FIRST Rh POSITIVE baby.
- If mom and dad are Rh negative this is okay
- If mom is Rh positive it doesn't matter what dad is, babies are safe she already has the antigen so she won't develop antibodies.

### **NOTES: INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

#### **ANTIBIOTICS:**

- Can be metabolized by the live or by the kidney
- How to determine if a patient is developing toxicity?
  - o In the liver
    - Check ALT/AST
    - Watch S/S:
      - Jaundice
      - Hepatomegaly
      - Scleral icterus
    - **■** Example:
      - Methotrexate
        - Metabolized by the liver
        - Check ALT/AST
  - Kidney
    - Watch for polyuria
    - Check BUN/Creatinine
    - **■** Example:
      - Vancomycin
        - Is metabolized by the kidneys
        - You will check their Bun/Creatinine levels

#### • PENICILLIN:

- This is the go to for children
  - Amoxicillin
- It is a broad spectrum antibiotic
  - Covers gram + and gram -
- Make sure you using a proper measuring device
  - Don't use a shot glass, teaspoon or tablespoon in drawer
  - Use a syringe or a dropper
- We are worried about:
  - Anaphylaxis
    - If someone presents with allergies
      - Make sure to ask what the reaction was
        - S/S worried about:
          - Throat tightness
          - Hives
          - Swelling
- They have a cross reaction to cephalosporins
  - Start with either a:
    - Cef
    - Ceph

- If someone is allergic to penicillins DO NOT give cephalosporins
- AMINOGLYCOSIDES:
  - This are used for gram negative rods
    - Most common:
      - E. Coli
    - End in -mycin
    - But if it has the word "thro" in it, thro it out
      - Example:
        - Azithromycin
  - Side effects:
    - Nephrotoxic
    - Ototoxic
    - Teratogen
- MACROLIDES:
  - O DRUGS:
    - AZITHROMYCIN
    - **ERYTHROMYCIN**
    - **CLARITHROMYCIN**
  - Uses:
    - Pneumonia
    - STIs
    - Strep throat
    - Great Alternative for someone who is allergic to penicillin
  - Side effect: mnemonic "MACRO"
    - M= Motility issues
      - Diarrhea
      - Upset stomach
    - A= Arrhythmias
      - Prolonged QT interval
        - Can put patient into TORSADES de pointe
          - Watch for M's and W's
    - C= Cholestatic Hepatitis
    - R= Rash
    - O= Eosinophilia
- TRIMETHOPRIM-SULFAMETHOXAZOLE
  - This is a sulfa drug
  - Used for gram -/+
    - Often used for UTIs
  - Worried about:

- Contraindicated in pregnancy and breastfeeding
- Photosensitive
- Side effect:
  - Nephrotoxicity
  - Steven Johnson syndrome
    - Is like a third degree burn
    - Might see it described as
      - "Skin is sloughing off"
      - "Desquamation of the skin"

## **SEPSIS:**

- Is a FOA
- Watch for Triad symptoms
  - Temperature
    - **>100.4**
    - **<** 96.8
  - Increased HR
  - Decrease BP
    - Systolic will drop below 90
    - MAP will drop below 65
      - Calculate:
        - SBP + 2(DBP) / 3
- Will have an increase in WBC
  - o >12,000
- Treatment:
  - Fluids

# **INFECTIVE ENDOCARDITIS:**

- Infection in the heart
- Caused:
  - o IV drug user
  - Staph epidermidis
- S/S:
  - o Fever
  - Chest pain
  - o Chills
  - Murmur
- Treatment:
  - Vancomycin
    - IV for 4-6 weeks
  - Prophylactic antibiotics for dental procedures
  - Monitor temperature regularly