

| Hypoglycemia | |
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| PowerPlan/Ordersets | ED hypoglycemia critical labs plan, ICP hypoglycemia fasting plan, NICU hypoglycemia plan, Metabolism hypoglycemia admit plan |
| Definition | Plasma glucose ≤ 40 -50 mg/dL; <i>Normal fasting blood sugar is 60-100 mg/dL</i> |
| Etiology | <p>Decreased Production of Glucose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decreased release of glucose from liver: glycogen storage diseases, liver failure Impaired gluconeogenesis: fructose 1,6 diphosphatase deficiency, pyruvate carboxylase deficiency, maple syrup urine disease, ethanol Galactosemia, hereditary fructose intolerance Disorders of fatty acid oxidation (\downarrowFAO \rightarrow \downarrowATP and glycerol production \rightarrow \downarrowgluconeogenesis) <p>Increased Utilization/Impaired Conservation of Glucose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disorders of fatty acid oxidation Ketotic hypoglycemia (accelerated starvation) Starvation <p>Decreased Production and Increased Utilization of Glucose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hyperinsulinemia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endogenous: congenital (transient or permanent), insulinoma Exogenous insulin Sulfonylureas Dumping syndrome Counter-regulatory hormone deficiency: growth hormone (only in infants), cortisol/ACTH Beta Blockers |
| Presentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early manifestations (blood sugar 40-70): sweating, tachycardia, tremor, hunger Later manifestations (blood sugar <40): lethargy, irritability, confusion, seizure, coma Ask about any medications in home (sulfonylureas, beta blockers, insulin) Ask about temporal relationship to feeds |
| Diagnostic Approach | <pre> graph TD A[Serum Glucose] --> B["< 50 mg/dL"] B --> C[Ketones] C -- "Ketogenesis ON" --> D[Urine organic acids] C -- "Ketogenesis OFF" --> E[Insulin] D -- "Non-diagnostic pattern" --> F[Liver] D -- "Diagnostic Pattern" --> G[Metabolic Derangement] F -- "Large" --> H[Glycogen Storage Disease] F -- "Normal" --> I["Response Problem Accelerated Starvation GH/Cortisol Deficiency Glycogen Synthetase Deficiency"] E -- "High" --> J["Insulin Problem Hyperinsulinism Insulinoma Factitious"] E -- "Low" --> K["Ketone Problem Disorder of FA Oxidation Call Metabolism"] </pre> |
| Diagnostic Studies | <p>Send critical labs at time of hypoglycemia. (Endocrine service can help w/ prioritization of labs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plasma blood glucose (< 50 mg/dL to be considered "critical sample"), electrolytes, beta-hydroxybutyrate, insulin level, VBG, Lactate, Pyruvate, Ammonia, Growth hormone, Cortisol, Free fatty acids, Total and free carnitine, Serum amino acids, acylcarnitines UA for ketones, Urine organic acids, Acylglycines |