Internal Medicine Shelf Review

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Lung Paraneoplastic Syndromes

- Squamous cell carcinoma
 - Produces ectopic PTHrp -> hypercalcemia
 - Biopsy: keratin pearls, intracellular bridging, cavitation

central

- Small cell carcinoma
 - SIADH, Lambert-Eaton myasthenia,
 Cushing syndrome, encephalitis
- Adenocarcinoma
 - Hypertrophic osteoarthropathy
- Large cell carcinoma
 - Secretes hCG -> gynecomastia
- Bronchial carcinoid tumor
 - Rarely produces carcinoid syndrome

peripheral

can be either

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Obstructive vs. Restrictive Lung Disease

Obstructive

- FEV1/FVC < **70**%
- Obstruction prevents exhaling <u>rapidly</u> more than it prevents total exhalation
- DLCO <u>normal</u>: asthma (reversible 12% or more), exclusive chronic bronchitis
- DLCO <u>decreased</u>: emphysema

Restrictive

- FEV1/FVC > **70**%
- Restriction affects exhaling rapidly (FEV1) & overall (FVC) at about the same ratio
- DLCO <u>normal</u>: morbid obesity, Guillain-Barre syndrome, myasthenia
- DLCO <u>decreased</u>: idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, sarcoidosis, pneumoconioses

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Suspected Pulmonary Embolism

- Score > 4: Anticoagulate first -> CTPA
- Score < 4: D-dimer -> if positive, CTPA

What about for suspected DVT?

- Score 2+: compression ultrasound -> anticoagulate
- Score < 2: D-dimer -> if positive, compression ultrasound

Key point:

Likely PE gets **empiric anticoagulation**Likely DVT still gets confirmatory U/S first

| Modified Wells Criteria for pre-test probability of pulmonary embolism | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Clinical signs of DVT Alternative diagnosis less likely than PE | + 3 points | | | |
| Previous PE or DVT Heart rate > 100 Recent surgery or immobilization | + 1.5 points | | | |
| HemoptysisCancer | + 1 point | | | |
| Total score | >4 = PE likely 4 or less = PE unlikely | | | |

Modified Wells Criteria for pre-test probability of deep vein thrombosis

- Previous DVT
- Active cancer
- · Recent immobilization
- Recently bedridden > 3 days
- Localized tenderness along vein distribution
- Swollen leg
- Calf swelling >3 cm vs. other leg
- Pitting edema
- Collateral superficial veins

+1 point

Alternative diagnosis more likely (-2 points)

Total score

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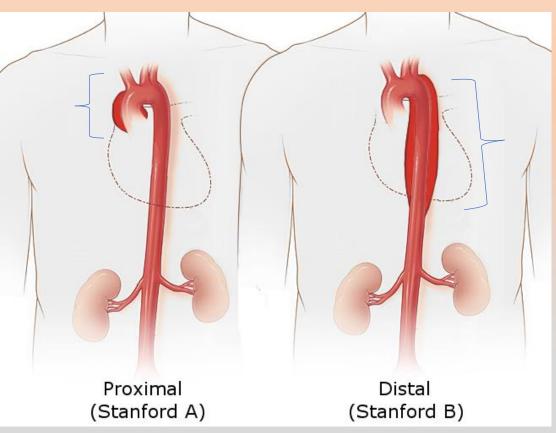
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Suspected aortic dissection

- Steps in diagnosis
 - 1. Chest X-ray
 - 2. CT angiography (vessel study provides clear view of aorta)
 - 3. Transesophageal echocardiogram
 - ONLY IF one or more of these:
 - 1. Hemodynamically unstable (SBP <90/60, delirious, unconscious, etc.)
 - 2. Renal insufficiency (kidneys can't tolerate contrast in CTA)
 - 3. History of contrast allergy
- Steps in management
 - Stanford type A (if any involvement of ascending aorta)
 - Requires surgical intervention
 - Stanford type B (if **only** involving descending aorta)
 - Beta-blockers (e.g.; labetalol or esmolol) decrease stress on vessel walls
- Complications/different presentations
 - Differential pulses between right and left arms
 - Differential pulses between upper & lower extremities
 - Pleural effusion (blood hemorrhages from aorta -> pleura)
 - Cardiac tamponade (blood hemorrhages into pericardium)
 - Aortic regurgitation (dissection reaches back to aortic valve -> stretches valve)



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- Hyponatremia
 - Simplified for NBME exam purposes

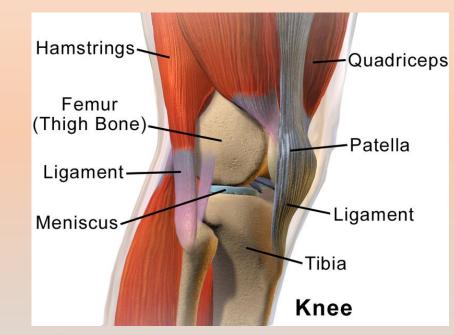
- Hyponatremia
 - Hyperglycemia (e.g.; DKA or HHS)
 - Hypovolemic (look for signs of dehydration)
 - U_{Na} > 20-40 = kidneys are over-excreting sodium
 - Diuretics, Addison's disease,
 - U_{Na} < 20-40 = kidneys are functioning as expected, so much be **extrarenal**
 - Any cause of volume loss not related to kidneys (vomiting, diarrhea, dehydration, burns)
 - Euvolemic
 - SIADH
 - Urine_{osm} > 100 (HIGH: excess ADH -> retains excess water -> urine is highly concentrated)
 - Small cell lung cancer, brain trauma, cyclophosphamide
 - Excess water intake (primary polydipsia, "tea and toast" diet)
 - Urine_{osm} < 100 (LOW: drinking tons of water -> urinate water out -> highly diluted urine)
 - Hypervolemic (look for signs of fluid overload)
 - CHF, cirrhosis, nephrotic syndrome (retain water & sodium but water >>> sodium)

Knee pain

- Patellofemoral syndrome
 - Young, usually female,
 - Worsens while seated for prolonged periods
- Patellar tendinitis
 - Young athlete
 - Pain just below patella (at location of tendon)
- Osgood-Schlatter syndrome
 - Adolescent
 - Pain at tibial tuberosity
 - Imaging may show fragmentation at tibial tuberosity
- Osteoarthritis
 - Older (usually 60+), obese
 - Minimal morning stiffness (< 30 mins), worsens throughout the day, relieved with rest or sleep

young

- Rheumatoid arthritis
 - Middle age (40s-50s), may have autoimmune history
 - Significant morning stiffness (> 30 mins), improves throughout the day, worsens with rest or sleep



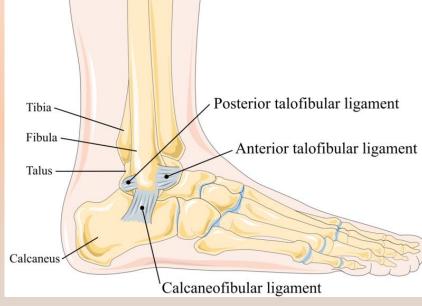
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older

Foot pain

- Plantar fasciitis
 - Pain at sole of foot, just anterior to heel
 - Usually unilateral, pain on "passive dorsiflexion" of foot, worst when first stepping out of bed
- Morton neuroma
 - Pain at sole of foot, usually between 4th and 5th metatarsal
 - Pain on compression of metatarsals, may hear clicking sound with this maneuver
- Hallux valgus (bunion)
 - Lateral deviation of **first toe**, **prominent** 1st metatarsal
- Tarsal tunnel syndrome (posterior tibial nerve compression)
 - Burning, **numbness**, **tingling** in **tibial nerve** distribution (medial ankle + sole of foot)
- Calcaneal stress fracture
 - · Pain at sole of the heel
 - Recent increase in activity, positive calcaneal squeeze test
- Achilles tendon rupture
 - Acute onset of **posterior** ankle paint after sports injury
 - Positive Thompson test (squeezing calf does not elicit foot movement: indicates loss of connection between Achilles & calf)
 - May still have ability to flex calf muscle!
- Achilles tendinitis
 - Pain at **posterior** ankle
 - History of overuse
 - Intact Achilles anatomy
- Calcaneal apophysitis
 - Pain at **posterior heel** of foot
 - Usually bilateral, in a growing child who plays sports

Pain at sole of foot



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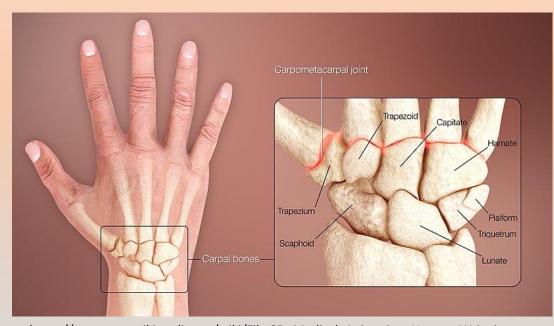
Pain at **posterior** ankle

Lower extremity vascular disorders

- Peripheral artery disease
 - Location: tips of toes
 - Other hints: claudication, pain while **sleeping** (rest pain), history of ACS
- Chronic venous insufficiency
 - Location: medial malleolus
 - Other hints: hyperpigmentation of ankles (from heme leaking from vessels), history of chronic LE edema
- Diabetic foot ulcer
 - Location: sole of 1st metatarsal
 - Other hints: usually painless (from severe neuropathy)
- Superficial thrombophlebitis
 - Painful, palpable, "cord-like" swelling of veins
 - Associations: Gl malignancy, Buerger syndrome (thomboangiitis obliterans)
- Lymphangitis
 - Flat, painful, streaks usually extending proximally from skin infection (cellulitis, erysipelas)
 - Represents infection spreading up lymphatic channels

Hand pain/deformity

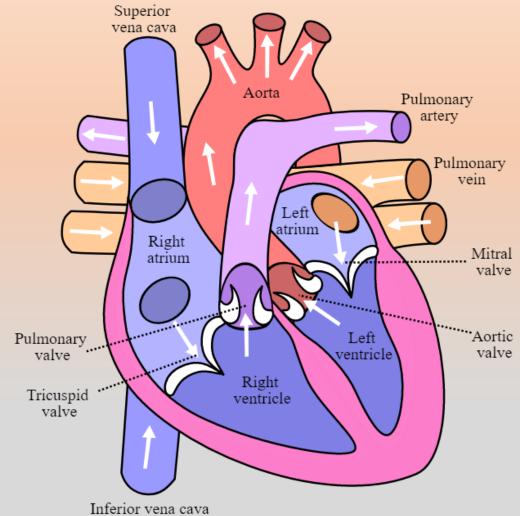
- DeQuervain's tenosynovitis
 - Location: proximal thumb, compression within thumb extensor retinaculum
 - Other hints: Finkelstein's test positive
- Carpal tunnel syndrome
 - Location: Palmar aspect of first three fingers (can spare the palms on exams)
 - Other hints: pain at night, improves when shaking out hands, can be secondary to many conditions (pregnancy, hypothyroidism, obesity, diabetes)
 - Can also occur secondary to lunate bone dislocation
- Scaphoid fracture
 - Location: Anatomical snuffbox (between abductor pollicis brevis & longus)
 - Other hints: Fall on outstretched hand, "X-ray initially normal"
- Dupuytren's contracture
 - Location: **Palmar**, usually 3rd-5th finger
 - Other hints: Painless, fibrosis of palmar fascia, "painless cord"



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• Myocardial infarction complications

- Within 1-3 days
 - Acute pericarditis
 - Fever, friction rub, dyspnea
 - May lead to cardiac tamponade
 - Treated supportively (already on aspirin usually, don't want to overkill NSAIDs and bleed)
- Within 3-5 days
 - Papillary muscle rupture
 - Location: mitral area
 - Holosystolic murmur
 - Interventricular septal rupture
 - Location: left sternal border
 - Holosystolic murmur, may have palpable thrill
 - Abnormal O2 saturations in RV and LV (from ventricles mixing blood)
- Within 5-14 days
 - LV free wall rupture
 - Ventricles leak blood into pericardium
 - Cardiac tamponade is almost always how this is tested (leaking blood fills pericardium)
- Weeks to months later
 - Dressler syndrome (autoimmune pericarditis)
 - Similar presentation as acute pericarditis (different etiology, timeline, and treatment)
 - Treated with NSAIDS + colchicine (colchicine prevents recurrence)
 - Ventricular aneurysm
 - Presents with persistent ST elevations and congestive heart failure
 - Complications: mural thrombi can embolize -> stroke, acute limb ischemia, etc.



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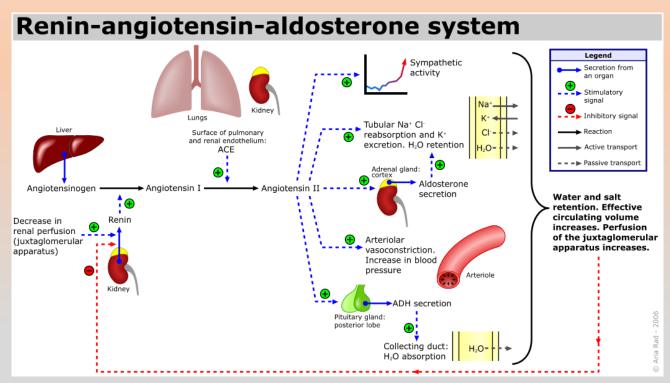
Secondary hypertension

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- Renal artery stenosis & Fibromuscular dysplasia
- Pheochromocytoma
- Hyperthyroidism
- Primary Hyperaldosteronism
- Secondary Hyperaldosteronism

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- Renal artery stenosis
 - Carotid or abdominal bruit
 - Atherosclerosis = **older** individuals
 - Fibromuscular dysplasia = younger, usually women
- Pheochromocytoma
 - Episodic, triggered by <u>anesthesia</u> or <u>orthostatic</u> changes
- Hyperthyroidism
 - Signs of hyperthyroid: sweating, hyperreflexia, diarrhea, anxiety
- Primary Hyperaldosteronism
 - Overproduction of aldosterone (adrenal adenoma or hyperplasia)
 - Renin low (negative feedback), Aldosterone elevated
- Secondary Hyperaldosteronism
 - Usually due to excess renin (proximal to aldosterone in RAAS pathway)
 - Renin high, aldosterone also high
 - Causes: renal artery stenosis, PKD, renin secreting tumor



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Bacterial Endocarditis

- Which patients qualify for antibiotic prophylaxis?
 - Prophylaxis recommended:
 - Prosthetic heart valve
 - Previous endocarditis
 - Heart transplant + valve abnormality
 - Unrepaired **cyanotic** heart diseases
 - NO prophylaxis:
 - Mitral valve prolapse

Rapid Review Public Health

• Estimates **prevalence** by taking a single snapshot (usually **survey**) that looks for **exposure** and **outcome** at the same time?

Cross-sectional study

- Reports similarities between multiple cases (e.g.; infectious disease outbreak)
 Case series
- Groups patients into exposed and unexposed, follows over time for outcome?
 Prospective cohort study
- Groups patients into diseased and not diseased, looks back in previous record for exposure?

Case-control study

 Certain patients get intervention other patients get placebo; monitors for outcome differences?

Randomized controlled trial

 Identifies patients with exposure and without exposure; looks back in previous record for differences in outcomes?

Retrospective cohort study

Rapid Review Public Health

 Study that evaluates based on patient reported survey leads to patients with significant history remembering things more frequently than less complicated patients?

Recall bias

- Differences between hospital patients and the general public?
 Berkson's bias
- Improvement in screening leading to catching disease earlier and falsely improving survival?

Lead-time bias

 Only detecting patients with mild disease (patients with severe disease die and aren't collected into study)?

Length-time bias AKA length-biased sampling

Prospective studies that lose patients who don't follow up?
 Attrition bias

Rapid Review

- Young person, recent flu-like illness, now presents with dyspnea and S3 sound Viral myocarditis -> dilated cardiomyopathy
- What groups (4) almost always get a statin?
 - 1. Age 40-75 + diabetes
 - 2. ASCVD 7.5%+
 - 3. LDL 190+
 - 4. ANY complications of atherosclerosis (ACS, stroke, PAD, angina, etc.)
- Which conditions (3) can present with a "biphasic" or dual-carotid pulse upstroke?
 HOCM, aortic regurgitation, PDA
- Anatomic origin of atrial fibrillation vs. atrial flutter?
 - A-fib = pulmonary veins
 - A-flutter = cavotricuspid isthmus
- Young person, recent flu-like illness, now presents with chest pain, dyspnea, and scratching heart sound

Acute pericarditis (diffuse ST elevation or PR depressions on ECG)

Rapid Review

- Patient with longstanding COPD and a harsh, holosystolic murmur at lower left sternal border

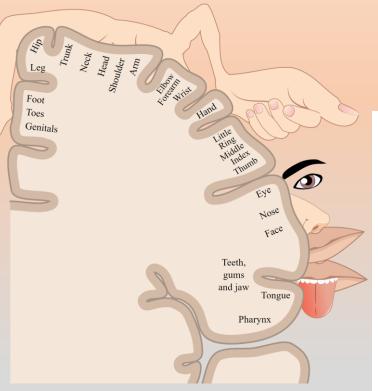
 Tricuspid regurgitation (COPD -> cor pulmonale -> right heart overload -> blood regurgitates back through tricuspid)
- What does S3 sound indicate?
 Volume overload (systolic CHF, dilated cardiomyopathy)
- What about S4?
 Stiff left ventricle (diastolic CHF, HOCM, restrictive cardiomyopathy)
- What does pulsus paradoxus indicate? Which conditions are associated with it?
 Decrease in systolic blood pressure > 10 on inspiration (caused by excess pressure on heart during inspiration)
 Cardiac tamponade, asthma, COPD
- What about Kussmaul sign? Associations?
 Increase in JVP upon inspiration (caused by reduced compliance of heart or pericardium)
 Constrictive pericarditis, restrictive cardiomyopathy
- Young person with diastolic murmur with opening snap Mitral stenosis
- Systolic murmur at the left sternal border, lessens in intensity with Valsalva?
 Aortic stenosis (other hints: pulsus parvus et tardus, radiates to carotids, older patient unless bicuspid aortic valve)
- Systolic murmur at left sternal border, **increased** intensity with Valsalva Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (other hints: young patient, family history of similar murmur, history of syncope)

Rashes

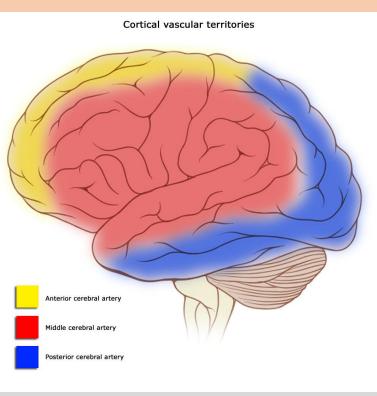
- Elderly patient with generalized itching for a few months, now has a few tense blisters Bullous pemphigoid (autoimmune destruction of **hemidesmosomes**)
- 50-year-old patient with new onset blisters, slough with pressure, oral involvement Pemphigus vulgaris (autoimmune destruction of **desmosomes**)
- Patient with history of hypothyroidism presents with depigmented areas on hands and face Vitiligo
- Patient with recent history of summer travel presents with depigmented areas on back
 Tinea versicolor
- Diabetic patient with lower leg swelling, redness, and pain; flat edges and poorly demarcated borders
 Cellulitis
- Redness, swelling, and pain in neck with raised, sharply demarcated edges, and early onset of fever Erysipelas
- Photosensitive rash in a patient with history of Hepatitis C virus
 Porphyria cutanea tarda
- Diabetic patient with recurrent, painful, redness and swelling in armpits and groin Hidradenitis suppurativa

Neuro Rapid Review

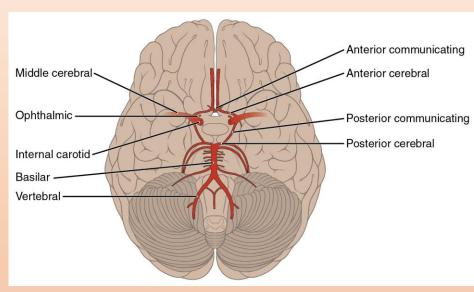
- Middle-aged male, hyperreflexia, fasciculations, and muscle atrophy Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
- Young, adult female with headaches that worsen with Valsalva, vision loss when bending over Idiopathic intracranial hypertension (pseudotumor cerebri)
- Severe, unilateral headache located over the eye, rhinorrhea, Horner syndrome
 Cluster headache
- Most likely cause of lobar intracerebral hemorrhage in adults?
 Cerebral amyloid angiopathy
- Most likely cause of subcortical intracerebral hemorrhage in adults
 Hypertension
- Obese patient with shooting pain of lateral thigh Meralgia paresthetica (lateral femoral cutaneous nerve compression)
- Sudden onset left leg weakness, urinary incontinence, emotional instability Anterior cerebral artery stroke
- Right sided facial numbness, left sided arm and leg numbness, dysphagia, hoarseness Lateral medullary ischemic stroke (Wallenberg syndrome)



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| Lateral | Medial | CNs | | |
|---------|-----------------|--------|---------|----------|
| | | Medial | Lateral | |
| PCA | PCA ↓ | 3 4 | | Midbrain |
| AICA | Basilar | 5 | 6,7,8 | Pons |
| PICA | ASA | 12 | 9,10,11 | Medulla |
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Pulmonary Rapid Review

- Young patient with large amounts of productive sputum for months, clubbing, history of CF as a child Bronchiectasis (obstructive lung disease)
- Lower lobe pneumonia, purulent sputum production, history of alcoholism, recently unconscious Aspiration pneumonia (anaerobic organisms from oral flora)
- Young female with cough, hilar adenopathy, rash on shins
 Sarcoidosis (other associations: lupus pernio, cardiomyopathy, uveitis)
- Patient with history of alcoholism & cirrhosis with dyspnea and hypoxia that worsens upon sitting up?
 Hepatopulmonary syndrome
- Patient with long-standing COPD, now has JVD, hepatomegaly, pitting edema Cor pulmonale (look for secondary complications: tricuspid regurg & RVH)
- Patient who worked as a sandblaster, chronic dyspnea, now suspicious for Tb infection and has eggshell calcifications of hilar lymph nodes

Silicosis

• Sudden onset respiratory distress after removal of **central line**, hypoxemia, **obstructive shock**, but normal breath sounds?

Venous air embolism

• Tall, young patient who experiences sudden onset respiratory distress, JVD, and hyperresonance on percussion?

Primary spontaneous pneumothorax

GI Rapid Review

- Older male with dysphagia, regurgitation, and halitosis Zenker's diverticulum
- Young patient with dysphagia, sharp chest pain with eating, disorganized contractions on esophageal manometry?

 Diffuse esophageal spasm (use manometry to distinguish from achalasia which has high LES pressure)
- Patient with longstanding history of reflux symptoms, presents with severe abdominal pain, rebound and guarding, with free air under the diaphragm on X-ray?
 - Perforated peptic ulcer
- 60-year-old female with diarrhea that occurs while fasting and resting, normal colonoscopy, lymphocytic infiltrate on biopsy?
 - Microscopic colitis (secretory diarrhea occurs while fasting because it is not related to osmotic solutes in food)
- Young female patient with incidental **liver mass**, scan shows "star-like" appearance with **central scar** Focal nodular hyperplasia (benign, no intervention or treatment necessary)
- Older patient with painless hematochezia, abnormal colonic vessel dilations noted on colonoscopy
 Angiodysplasia
- Patient with cirrhosis, low grade fever, confused, abdominal pain Spontaneous bacterial peritonitis
- Older patient with severe abdominal pain, but only mild tenderness noted on physical exam
 Acute mesenteric ischemia

Renal rapid review

- Child with new onset lower extremity swelling, hyperlipidemia, recent history of viral illness Minimal change disease (most common form of **nephrotic** syndrome in children)
- Constant, non-radiating flank pain, with enlarged kidney on U/S (may have hypercoagulable history)
 Renal vein thrombosis
- Patient with periorbital swelling, hematuria, hypertension and history of Hepatitis C virus
 Membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis (usually nephritic syndrome on exams) (HCV also associated with membranous version, which is usually nephrotic on tests)
- Colicky, flank pain, radiating to the groin
 Nephrolithiasis (calcium oxalate most common)
- Previously health patient after intense exercise, concentrated urine, Creatinine 1.5, BUN/Cr > 20
 Pre-renal AKI (Intrarenal has BUN/Cr < 20 with UNa > 20-40)
- Patient recently treated with cisplatin, brown casts in urine Acute tubular necrosis (presents with intrarenal azotemia)
- Patient with renal failure, necrotic skin ulcers, hyperphosphatemia, may see soft tissue calcifications on imaging
 - Calciphylaxis (AKA calcific uremic arteriosclerosis)
- Patient with history of renal failure with confusion, nausea, asterixis
 Uremia

Substances

- Unconscious patient with respiratory rate of 6 and miosis Opioid overdose (treat with naloxone)
- Patient with miosis, bradycardia, diarrhea, sweating profusely after nerve gas attack Acetylcholinesterase inhibitor poisoning (AKA organophosphates: treat with atropine first!)
- Patient with agitation, miosis, and nystagmus Phencyclidine (PCP)
- Confusion, flank pain, hematuria, anion gap metabolic acidosis, and calcium oxalate urine crystals
 Ethylene glycol toxicity
- Confusion, headache, red skin after recent indoor barbeque Carbon monoxide poisoning
- Confusion, blurred vision, anion gap metabolic acidosis, history of alcohol use Methanol toxicity
- Vomiting, watery diarrhea, garlic breath after exposure to pesticides Acute arsenic toxicity
- Tachycardia, dry mouth, confusion, seizures with QRS or QT prolongation
 Tricyclic antidepressant toxicity (if QRS > 100, treat with sodium bicarbonate)

Questions?