

# 434

## Basic Clinical Guide

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# General History Taking

## **Personal Data:**

- Name, Age, Occupation, Residence. (Ask them even if it was written on the paper in front of you)

## **History of presenting illness:**

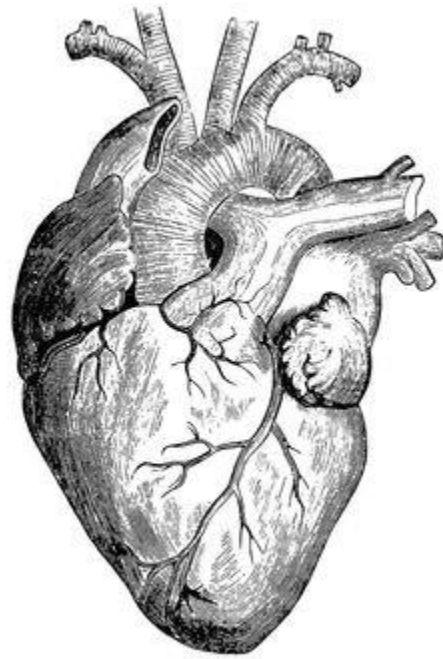
- SOCRATES:
  - Site, Onset (Rapid? Gradual? Continuous? Intermittent? Frequency?), Character, Radiates, Alleviating factors, Timing (Noticed when? Better or worse in night or day? Progressive?), Exacerbating factors, Severity.

## **Associated symptoms:**

- Other specific questions related to the chief complaint.
- Symptoms related to the system
- Constitutional symptoms:
  - fatigue
  - fever
  - night sweat
  - weight loss
  - Nausea and vomiting

## **Risk Factors related to DDx:**

- Medical history (always ask similar previous episodes? and was it diagnosed) , drugs, allergies.
- Surgical history; Trauma, Blood transfusion
- Social Hx: Alcohol, Smoking, sexual contact, marital status
- Family Hx: hx of the same illness in the family.



# Cardiovascular System

# Common Presenting Problems in the Cardiac System

## Chest Pain

### DDx:

- Cardiac: Ischemic or Nonischemic (Aortic Dissection, pericarditis)
- Pulmonary: PE, pneumonia, pleuritis, pneumothorax.
- GI: Esophageal (e.g.GERD, esophageal spasm, esophagitis), PUD, cholecystitis, pancreatitis.
- MSK: Muscle strain, costochondritis.
- Psychogenic: panic attack

Angina		
1- Typical Angina	2- Atypical Angina	3- Non-Cardiac Chest Pain
Meet these <u>3</u> Characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retrosternal chest discomfort with typical quality and duration.</li> <li>• Provoked by exertion or Emotion.</li> <li>• Relieved by rest or GTN or both.</li> </ul>	Meet <u>2</u> of the characteristics that are mentioned in "Typical Angina"	Meet <u>1 or none</u> of of the characteristics that are mentioned in "Typical Angina"

### History Taking:

#### Personal Data:

- Age (CAD is usually in men above 50's and woman above 60's)

#### HPI:

- How long does it lasts?
  - Brief (2-20 min) → Angina
  - Very brief <15 sec → noncardiac (e.g. psychogenic, MSK)
  - Prolonged (>20 min) → MI, pericarditis, Pulmonary disorder, esophageal disease, aortic dissection
- Site
  - Retrosternal → MI, PE
  - superficial structures → Musculoskeletal pain
  - at the region of left nipple? → psychogenic
- Onset
  - Sudden onset → MI, PE, Pneumothorax, Aortic dissection, Panic attack
  - Gradual → GI, pneumonia
- Character
  - Pressure, squeezing, burning, or strangling → MI
  - Tightness or heaviness → MI, GERD.
  - indigestion, (i feel I need to belch) → MI, GERD

- Tearing→ aortic dissection
- Sharp stabbing→ PE, pleuritis, pneumonia or pericarditis.
- Dull, persistent ache → psychogenic.
- **Radiation**
  - Right or left shoulder/arm or both → MI, pericarditis.
  - Neck, lower jaw or teeth → MI
  - Right shoulder → cholecystitis
  - Back → aortic dissection, pericarditis, pancreatitis, esophageal disease, PUD,
  - Epigastrium→ MI, GERD
- **Alleviating factor (relieving)**
  - Rest or Nitrates → Stable angina
  - Sitting up and leaning forward → pericarditis, pancreatitis
  - Antacids or food → GERD, PUD
  - Holding breath at deep expiration → Pleuritis
- **Exacerbating Factors**
  - Exertion, stress → Stable angina
  - Eating → Stable angina, GERD, PUD
  - lying down or changing position → pericarditis, pancreatitis
  - Respiration → PE, Pleuritis

Severity using CCS <sup>1</sup> which is based on degree of limitation or ordinary physical activity	
Class 1	No limitation
Class 2	Slight limitation
Class 3	Marked limitation
Class 4	With any physical activity

**Associated Symptoms:**

- **Constitutional symptoms:**
  - Fever → pneumonia, Pleuritis, Pericarditis, acute GI pathology
  - Sweating→ MI,PE, Aortic dissection
  - Nausea or vomiting → MI, GERD.
- **System involved in chest pain (may be cardiac, respiratory, GI):**
  - SOB→ MI, PE, Pneumonia or pneumothorax
  - Syncope, palpitations, Hypotension → MI, PE
  - Hemoptysis → PE, pneumonia
  - Waterbrash (acid reflux) → GE

**Risk factors:**

- **Past Medical:**
  - IHD risk factors: Hx of MI ,Hx of any cardiac disease, HTN, DM, Hyperlipidemia, hx of PAD.

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<sup>1</sup> Canadian cardiac society



- PE risk factors: Hx of DVT or PE, Hx of Malignancy, Hx of Nephrotic syndrome, Hx of hypercoagulable state, immobilization or travel at long distance.
- Hx of Marfan syndrome (aortic dissection).
- Drugs: OCP
- Surgery or trauma: open heart surgery or any major surgery (e.g. hip replacement or abdominal surgery)
- Social: Smoking, alcohol, Drug abuse (septic embolism→ PE), Obesity.
- Family Hx: Premature CHD in first degree relative (Male <55, Woman <65), familial hypercholesterolemia.

# Palpitation

What is palpitation? it is unexpected awareness of the heartbeat.

## DDx:

- Cardiac
  - Arrhythmia:
    - Atrial Fibrillation, Atrial Flutter, Supraventricular Tachycardia (SVT), Ventricular Tachycardia, Premature Atrial or Ventricular Contractions
- Hyperdynamic: thyrotoxicosis, hypoglycemia, fever, anemia, pregnancy, hypovolemia, stimulant
- Psychiatry
- Panic Disorder or Panic attack

## History Taking:

Personal Data:

- Age: elderly (structural heart Disease), Younger (Stimulants: caffeine)
- Gender: Women (SVT)

HPI:

- Onset: Sudden? SVT, VT. Gradual and continuous? Sinus tachycardia, Anemia, thyrotoxicosis, VHD.
- Character: regular, forceful but not fast (panic attack). feeling of normal heart beat interrupted by missed or strong beat? (Premature contraction).Fast & completely Irregular? (Atrial fibrillation).Fast & Regular? (SVT, VT)
- Relieving: deep breathing or holding it (valsava)? (SVT).
- Aggravating: exercise, Stimulants?

Associated symptoms:

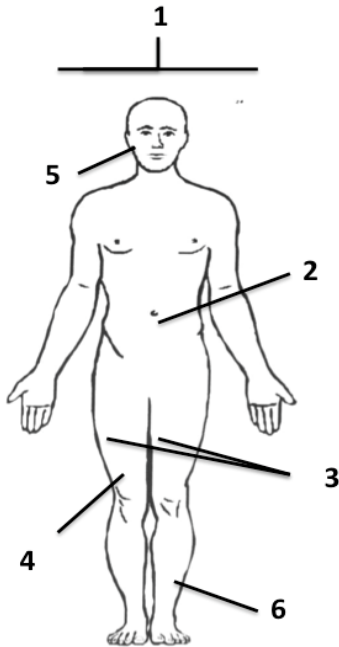
- syncope ? (SVT,VT)
- polyurea? (SVT)

Constitutional symptoms?

Risk Factors:

- Medical history: heart disease, thyroid disease, anemia, previous panic attack
- Social history: caffeine intake, alcohol, drug abuse
- Family history: arrhythmia, structural heart disease

# Edema



Key terms	Definitions
1) Anasarca	Edema involving all aspects of the body: upper and lower extremities and the face.
2) Ascites	Collection of fluid in the peritoneal cavity.
3) Lipedema	Edema caused by fluid retained in the interstitial space by lipids in the dermis.
4) Lymphedema	Edema caused by obstruction of lymphatic drainage of the tissues. *usually unilateral
5) Myxedema	Edema resulting from hypothyroidism.
6) Pretibial myxedema	Not technically edema, the swelling on the anterior shins is due to coalescing of subcutaneous plaques due to Graves disease antibodies infiltrating dermal tissue.

## DDx:

Non-pitting	Pitting (skin is intended and only slowly refills)	
	Bilateral	Unilateral
Hypothyroidism, Lymphedema	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardiac: CHF, right sided HF</li> <li>• Hepatic: Cirrhosis</li> <li>• Renal: Renal failure, Nephrotic syndrome</li> </ul>	Deep venous thrombosis, Cellulitis

## History Taking:

Personal data: Age (elderly: CHF), occupation (i.e: teacher, surgeon)

## HPI:

- Site? unilateral/bilateral? facial (nephrotic, hypothyroidism)? ascending; legs→ abdomen (CHF)? descending; abdomen → legs ( constrictive pericarditis)? sacral (in Bedridden)?
- Onset? (gradual → Systemic Or sudden → DVT) progressing and continuous(systemic) or intermittent(nephrotic)? Specific time of the day? all the day (lymphatic obstruction)
- Character? pitting or nonpitting?
- Alleviating factor (diuretics, leg elevation)?
- Exacerbating factor (long standing, increase sodium intake, non-compliance to medication → diuretics, lying flat)
- Severity level (to the ankle, below the knee,...), interfere with daily activity.

Associated symptoms?

- Painful? redness? itching? warm? DVT, Cellulitis
- Prominent veins? varicose vein
- Constitutional symptoms: Tumor? lymphedema, fever? cellulitis.
- System related? Cardiac, Renal, GI, Endo

Risk factors:

- Medical hx: DVT, OCP, malignancy, (DVT), Drugs eg: ACEI, CCB, steroids? Hypothyroidism, HTN, DM? Prior MI? CHF, Renal failure
- Surgical or trauma hx: Major surgeries (DVT)
- Social hx: alcohol abuse (liver cirrhosis), travel to tropical areas, smoking, Diet (increase salt intake)
- family hx: cardiac or thyroid disease? contact family member with hepatitis?

# Cardiovascular Examination

**WIP3E:** Wash your Hands, Introduce yourself, Permission/Privacy/Position, Exposure

**Position:** Laying in bed at 45°

**Exposure:** full exposure of the trunk.

**General appearance** look for: **ABC<sub>2</sub>DE**

- **A**ppearance: stressed, tachypneic
- **B**ody built: Cachectic? Obese?
- **C**olor: Cyanosed? Pale? (Anemia)
- **C**onnections: to any devices: Holter monitor? Pacemaker? or intracardiac defibrillator?
- **D**istress: in pain, respiratory or neurological distress
- **E**lse: orientation, consciousness, alertness

*Hands:*

- **Inspect:**
  - Clubbing Yes, called Schamroth's sign.
  - Splinter hemorrhage
  - Osler's nodes? Janeway lesions
  - Tendon xanthomata
  - Subcutaneous nodules
- **Palpate:**
  - Radial pulse: rate? rhythm?
    - At the wrist just medial to the radius.
    - Radio-radial delay.
    - Radio-femoral delay.



Radio-femoral delay

*Face:*

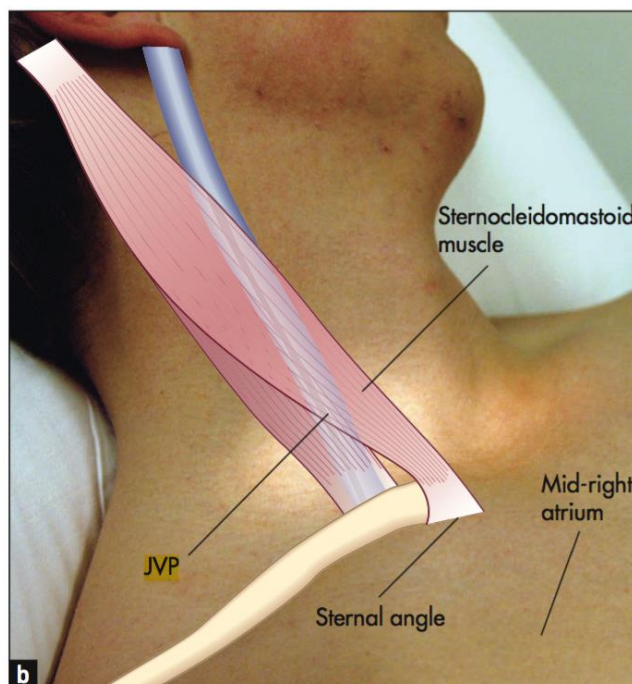
- **Inspect:**
  - Jaundice in sclera
  - pale conjunctiva
  - Xanthelasmata
  - Arcus senilis at pupils
  - Mitral facies (rose cheeks with a bluish tinge; mitral stenosis)

Look in Patient's Mouth using a Torch Looking for:

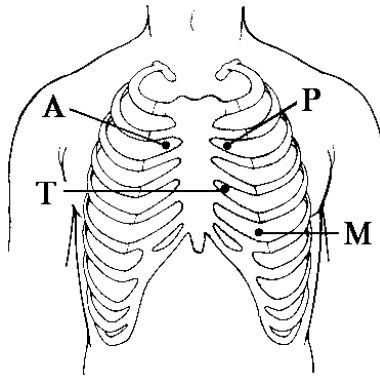
- High arched palate (*Marfan's syndrome*)
- Central cyanosis (*low blood perfusion*)
- Mucosal petechiae (*Infective endocarditis*)
- Normal clean teeth (*Maybe a source of organisms responsible for infective endocarditis*)

*Neck:*

- Inspect:
  - Jugular venous pressure
  - Hepatojugular reflux: Press firmly with the palm over the middle of the abdomen for 10 sec, observe the JVP for a rise. In healthy individuals this should last no longer than 1-2 cardiac cycles (it should then fall)
- Palpate:
  - Carotid pulse: volume? character? (Medial to the sternocleidomastoid muscles)
  - NEVER PALPATE BOTH CAROTID ARTERIES SIMULTANEOUSLY
  - Measure the Jugular Venous Pressure (JVP):
    - Position: lying down at 45 to the horizontal with his or her head on pillows
      1. Ask the patient to turn the head slightly to the left.
      2. Look at the internal jugular vein medial to the clavicular head of sternocleidomastoid
      3. Assuming that the patient is at 45 degrees, the vertical height of the jugular distension from the sternal angle should be no greater than 4 cm.



# Pericardium Examination



## Inspect for:

- Shape and deformities: Pectus excavatum? (funnel shaped; depressed sternum) Pectus carinatum? (pigeon shaped; prominent sternum) Kyphoscoliosis? (curvature of the vertebral column).
- Scars: Lateral thoracotomy? Midline sternotomy? (CABG) Clavicular? (pacemaker)
- Apex beat: Visible pulsations or not (with the aid of a torch)

## Palpate for:

- Apex beat: felt with tip of the fingers; in the lower most and the outermost pulsatile area in the chest → then count down from the mid-clavicle (normally in the 5th ICS/midclavicular line unless it's displaced)
- Parasternal impulse (Heaves): felt when the heel of the hand is rested just to the left of the sternum with the fingers lifted slightly off the chest.
  - If heaves are present you should feel the heel of your hand being lifted with each systole.
  - Causes of heaves RVH or severe left atrial enlargement.
- Thrills (palpable murmurs):
  - Using the flat of your hand, over the valve areas.
  - Thrills are best felt with patient sitting up or leaning forwards and in full expiration.
  - Apical thrills can be more easily felt with patient rolled over to the left side.

## Percuss for: (Not usually done)

- Cardiac outlines

## Auscultate:

- First use the diaphragm of your stethoscope and auscultate systematically starting with the mitral valve, then the tricuspid valve, then the aortic valve, then the pulmonary valve.
- When you're done listening with the diaphragm use the bell again and listen to the four valves, then auscultate the carotid artery for carotid bruit then go to the mid axillary line for to see if there is radiation of the murmur.



### How to present heart sounds?

After you auscultate comment as the following:

1. Are heart sounds present?
2. Are s1 and s2 present equally?
3. Describe if there is any abnormality (eg. murmurs)

Example: Normal S1 and S2 , no added sounds nor murmurs were heard.

#### *The abdomen:*

- Examine the abdomen for hepatomegaly/ascites. “See abdominal examination”

#### *The back:*

- Inspect back for sacral edema
- Auscultate the lung bases for crackles

#### *Lower limb:*

- Inspect the lower limb for edema and check peripheral pulses.


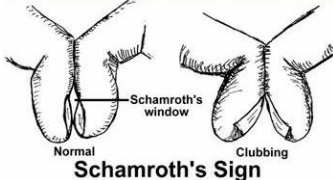
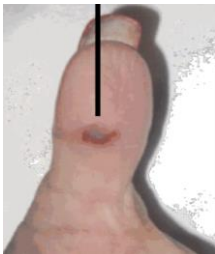



#### ►► **End your examination with:**

- Respiratory examination
- Peripheral vascular examination

\*Note: If you were asked to do cardiovascular examination, start focused (pericardium) and then do general; to gain time, but ideally the general should be done first.



# Physical Signs in Cardiovascular Examination

Sign	Site	Causes	Image
Splinter hemorrhage: linear haemorrhages lying parallel to the long axis of the nail	Nail beds	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Infective endocarditis</li> <li>2. Trauma in manual workers (most common)</li> <li>3. Vasculitis</li> </ol>	
Clubbing: Loss of the angle between the nail bed and finger.	Nail bed	<p><b>CLUBBING:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>C</u>yanotic congenital heart disease</li> <li>● <u>L</u>ung abscess</li> <li>● <u>U</u>lcerative colitis &amp; crohn's disease</li> <li>● <u>B</u>ronchiectasis, Bronchogenic carcinoma</li> <li>● <u>I</u>nfective endocarditis</li> <li>● <u>N</u>othing (Idiopathic)</li> <li>● <u>G</u>raives</li> </ul>	
Osler's nodes: Red, raised, tender palpable nodules	pulps of the fingers (or toes) or on the thenar or hypothenar eminences	Infective endocarditis	
Jenway lesions: Non-tender erythematous maculopapular lesions	Palms of the hand or sole of the foot	Infective endocarditis	
Tendon xanthomata: Yellow or orange deposits of lipid in the tendons	Over the tendons of the hand and arms	Type II hyperlipidemia	
Arcus senilis	edge of cornea	hyperlipidemia	

# Rheumatic Fever

1. Personal Data
2. Ask general q's about the CC: onset, duration, relieving factors, aggravating factors, frequency?
3. Roll out other DDx of the CC: joint pain? is it migratory? how many joint is involved? is there morning stiffness?
4. Ask about the presence of the associated Symptoms: restlessness, clumsiness, skin lesions or nodules, chest pain
5. ask about the Risk Factors:
  - a. social hx: Poverty? living in crowded areas?
  - b. Family hx: FHx of RF?

<b>Physical Examination of RF</b>	
<b>General</b>	Polyarthritis; Large joints are predominantly affected Epistaxis
<b>Heart</b>	(Carditis); pericardial rub, effusion, tachycardia, muffled heart sounds, a gallop rhythm, pansystolic murmur of mitral regurgitation
<b>skin</b>	Subcutaneous nodules usually occur over bony prominences such as the olecranon, external occipital protuberance and vertebral bodies Erythema marginatum
<b>CNS</b>	chorea, emotional lability

# Infective endocarditis

## Key points to ask:

- constitutional symptoms, skin lesion and nodules
- Complications: weakness, arthralgias, headache, meningitis (septic emboli). shortness of breath (heart failure). hematuria (glomerulonephritis)
- Medical hx: hx of rheumatic fever, endocarditis, artificial prosthetic heart valves, congenital heart disease, heart transplant, previous dental procedure
- Social hx: iv drug use

Physical Examination of IE	
<b>General</b>	fever, weight loss, pallor
<b>Hands</b>	Splinter hemorrhages, clubbing, Osler's nodes, Janeway lesions
<b>Arms</b>	Evidence of intravenous drug use
<b>Eyes</b>	Pale conjunctivae, Roth's spots
<b>Heart</b>	Signs of underlying heart disease: 1) Acquired: mitral regurgitation, mitral stenosis, aortic stenosis, aortic regurgitation 2) Congenital: patent ductus arteriosus, ventricular septal defect, coarctation of the aorta
<b>Abdomen</b>	Splenomegaly
<b>CNS</b>	Evidence of embolisation
<b>Urinalysis</b>	Haematuria

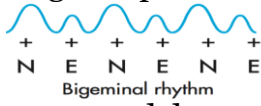
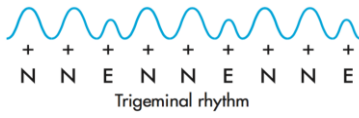
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Patients may present with headaches, nosebleeds, visual symptoms, or neurological symptoms

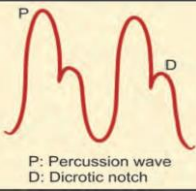
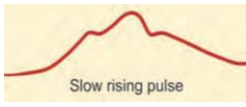


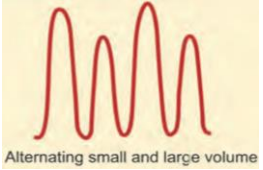
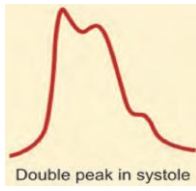
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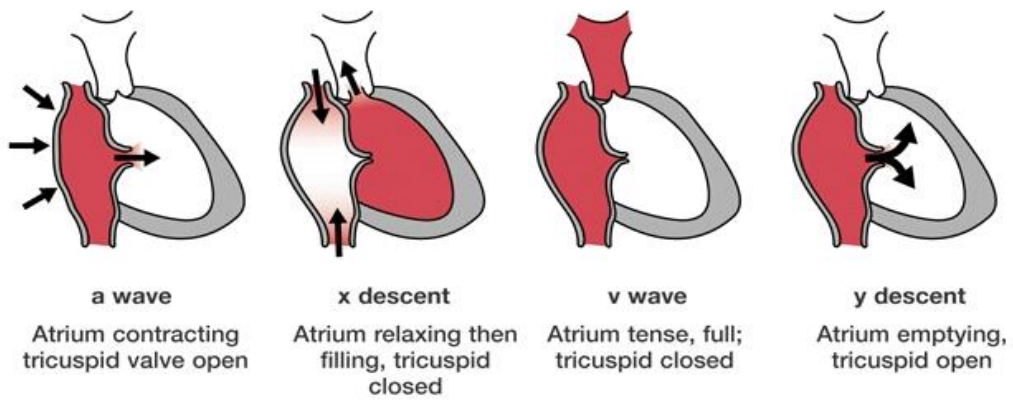
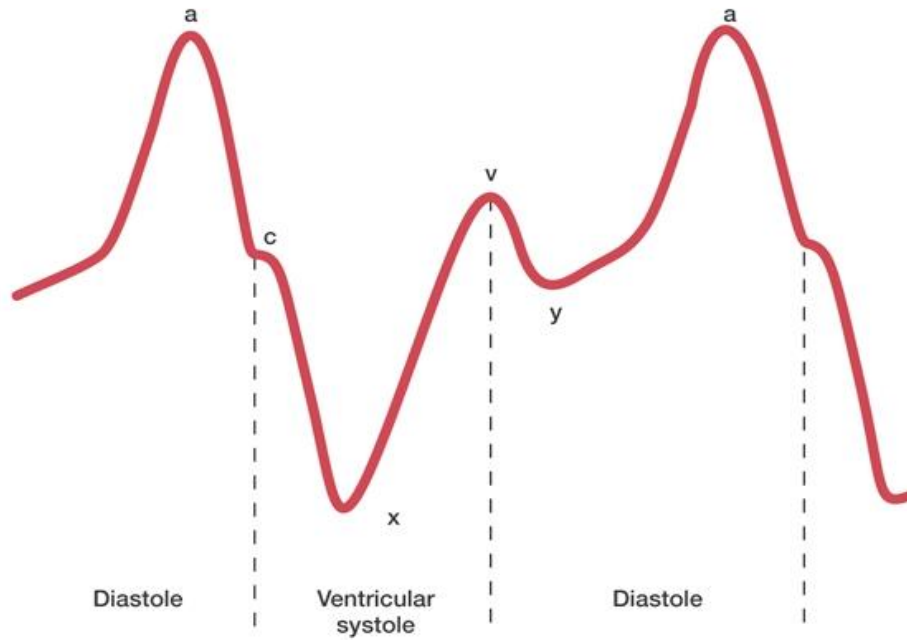
- Ask about Age? Gender? occupation?
- Time ? Duration ? character? aggravating and relieving factors ?
- Cardiovascular risk factors:Smoking, DM, IHD, TIA or previous stroke or MI High cholesterol, Obesity , Age>55 for men and>65 for women , Family history of CVD
- Medication
- You should Identify the cause of high blood pressure either primary or secondary. There are some features that may lead to a suspicion of an underlying cause (secondary hypertension): Young patient, Rapid onset of hypertension, Sudden change In BP Unresponsive to medication.
- Look for signs that indicate end organ damage:

Cardiovascular disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Symptoms of cardiac failure include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Shortness of breath</li><li>○ Ankle oedema</li><li>○ PND</li><li>○ Orthopnoea.</li></ul></li><li>● Angina may also be reported.</li><li>● Examination may reveal: Cardiac murmurs, thrills, or heaves.</li><li>● Left ventricular hypertrophy diagnosed either by echocardiography or by ECG.</li></ul>
Cerebrovascular disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Any history of symptoms of a TIA or CVA should be obtained. These may include speech difficulties, visual disturbance, or transient focal neurology.</li><li>● Carotid bruits may indicate carotid artery stenosis and warrant further duplex imaging to determine blood flow and degree of stenosis.</li></ul>
Renal failure	May be asymptomatic, but urinary symptoms such as decreased or increased frequency of urination, pruritus, lethargy, and weight loss may suggest renal damage
Retinopathy	This is often asymptomatic, but may present with visual loss or headaches

Arterial Pulse		
Observation	Normal	Abnormal
<b>Rate</b>	60-100 beats/min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bradycardia: &lt;60 beats/min</li> <li>• Tachycardia: &gt;100 beats/min</li> </ul>
<b>Rhythm</b>	Sinus rhythm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Irregularly irregular: e.g. A fib</li> <li>2. Regularly irregular: e.g. Sinus arrhythmia (the normal raising with each inspiration and slowing with each expiration)</li> <li>3. Bigeminal rhythm: e.g. ectopic beat   </li> <li>4. Trigeminal rhythm: e.g. 2nd degree AV block "Wenckebach phenomenon"   </li> </ol>
<b>Radiofemoral delay</b>	both occur together	A noticeable delay in the arrival of the femoral pulse wave suggests the diagnosis of Coarctation of the aorta
<b>Radial-radial delay</b>	both occur together	A delay can be due to: dissection of the thoracic aorta, subclavian artery stenosis on one side
<b>Volume</b>	Normal volume pulse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small volume: heart failure</li> <li>• Large volume: AR</li> </ul>
<b>Postural blood pressure</b>	No difference between standing & sitting	A fall of more than 15 mmHg in systolic or 10 mmHg in diastolic due to e.g. Antihypertensive drugs.

- Pulse volume depends on stroke volume & Arterial compliance.
- Pulse character best assessed in carotid arteries.

Abnormal Arterial Pulse Character					
					
Normal	Anacrotic pulse: Severe AS	Collapsing: AR, PDA, AV fistula	Small volume: heart failure, shock, AS	Pulsus alternans: Severe LVF	Pulsus bisferiens: AS with AR



## Jugular Venous pressure (JVP)

Sign	Explanation	Causes
<b>High JVP</b>	More than 4 cm above the sternal angle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Volume overload</li> <li>● Right-sided heart failure</li> <li>● Tricuspid stenosis or regurgitation</li> <li>● Constrictive pericarditis</li> <li>● Cardiac tamponade</li> <li>● Superior vena cava obstruction</li> </ul>
<b>Kussmaul's sign</b>	Raised JVP during deep inspiration, best elicited with the patient sitting up at 90 degree and breathing quietly through the mouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Constrictive pericarditis</li> <li>● Restrictive cardiomyopathy</li> <li>● Cardiac tamponade</li> <li>● Right-sided heart failure</li> <li>● Tricuspid stenosis</li> </ul>
<b>Hepatojugular reflux</b>	Positive if JVP raises transiently and remain elevated for the duration of the compression.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Right-sided heart failure</li> <li>● Tricuspid regurgitation</li> </ul>
<b>Waves</b>	<b>Canon a wave:</b> when the right atrium contracts against the closed tricuspid valve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Complete heart block</li> </ul>
	<b>Giant a waves:</b> large but not explosive a waves with each beat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tricuspid stenosis</li> <li>● Pulmonary stenosis</li> <li>● Pulmonary hypertension</li> </ul>
	<b>Large v waves:</b> visible waves welling up into the the neck during each ventricular systole.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tricuspid regurgitation</li> </ul>

## JVP vs Carotid artery.

Carotid artery	Jugular
Medial to sternocleidomastoid	Lateral to sternocleidomastoid
palpable	visible but not palpable
One peak per heart beat	Two peaks per heart beat
No variation with posture and respiration	Variation with posture, respiration and abdominal compression
Not Obliterative	Obliterable <sup>2</sup>

Types of apex beat	Impulse	Causes
<b>Pressure loaded (heaving)</b>	forceful and sustained impulse	- Aortic stenosis - Hypertension
<b>Volume loaded (thrusting)</b>	Displaced, diffuse, non-sustained impulse	- Aortic regurgitation - Advanced mitral regurgitation - Dilated cardiomyopathy
<b>Dyskinetic apex beat</b>	Uncoordinated impulse	- Left ventricular dysfunction
<b>Double impulse</b>	Two distinct impulses are felt with each systole	- Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
<b>Tapping</b>	when the first heart sound is palpable	- Mitral stenosis - Tricuspid stenosis (rare)

**Note:** Apex can be normally impalpable in about 50% of adult.

Other causes of impalpable apex beat (**DOPE**):

- **D**eath (or shock)
- **O**besity (thick chest wall)
- **P**ericardial effusion
- **E**mphysema, other COPD
- **S**inus inversus (dextrocardia).

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<sup>2</sup> filled from above when light pressure is applied at the base of the neck  
Types of Apex beat



<b>Heart sounds</b>		
	<b>S1</b>	<b>S2</b>
Feature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best heard at apex</li> <li>• Occurs just before or coincident with the upstroke of the carotid pulse (any murmur detected with the pulse is systolic murmur)</li> </ul>	It is softer, shorter and at a slightly higher pitch than S1, Best heard at the aortic and pulmonary area
Cause	Closure of mitral and tricuspid valve at the onset of ventricular systole.	Closure of aortic and pulmonary valve at the end of systole (two components)
Abnormalities	<p><b>Loud</b> in mitral stenosis,</p> <p><b>Soft</b> in first-degree heart block, LBBB, Mitral regurgitation.</p>	<p><b>Loud S2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A2: Systemic hypertension, Congenital aortic stenosis</li> <li>- P2: Pulmonary hypertension</li> </ul> <p><b>Soft S2:</b> Aortic regurgitation, calcified aortic valve</p> <p><b>Splitting of S2:</b> Increased normal splitting (wider on inspiration): RBBB, Pulmonary stenosis, VSD</p> <p><b>Audible splitting of S2:</b> When the closure of P2 occurs later than A2, best appreciated in pulmonary area. Splitting of S2 is wider on inspiration because of increased venous return to RV</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fixed splitting (no respiratory variation) : ASD</li> <li>Reversed splitting (when P2 occurs first and splitting occurs in expiration): LBBB, severe aortic stenosis, coarctation of the aorta.</li> </ol>
	<b>S3</b>	<b>S4</b>
	A low pitched mid-diastolic sound using the bell of the stethoscope.	A late diastolic sound pitched slightly higher than S3, best heard at the apex with the bell, always pathological.
Causes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physiological (in high cardiac output): fever, pregnancy, young adult, athletes.</li> <li>• Pathological: Aortic regurgitation, Mitral regurgitation, CHF, VSD.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• forceful atrial contraction against a poorly compliant ventricle.</li> <li>• Aortic stenosis, systemic hypertension, ischemic heart disease, advanced age.</li> </ul>

**Notes:** when both S3 and S4 are present the rhythm is described as a quadruple rhythm. It usually implies severe ventricular dysfunction

✓ **Other Heart Sounds:**

- **The opening snap**
  - A high-pitched sound at a variable distance after S1. It is due to sudden opening of stenosed valve.
  - Best heard at the lower left sternal edge with the diaphragm of the stethoscope
  - Heard in mitral stenosis
- **A systolic ejection click**
  - Occurs in cases of congenital aortic or pulmonary stenosis where the valve remains mobile.
- **A non-ejection systolic click**
  - Occurs in Mitral valve prolapse.
- **A diastolic pericardial knock**
  - Due to abrupt diastolic filling of the ventricles
  - Caused by constrictive pericardial disease
- **A pericardial rub**
  - A sound due to sliding of the two inflamed layers of the pericardium in pericarditis
  - The sound can vary with posture and respiration, it tends to come and go. Best heard along the left sternal edge in 3rd & 4th ICS

## Murmurs

### Area of greatest intensity and Radiation

#### A. Systolic murmurs:

AS = aortic stenosis

MR = mitral regurgitation

PS = pulmonary stenosis

VSD = ventricular septal defect

#### B. Diastolic murmurs and sounds:

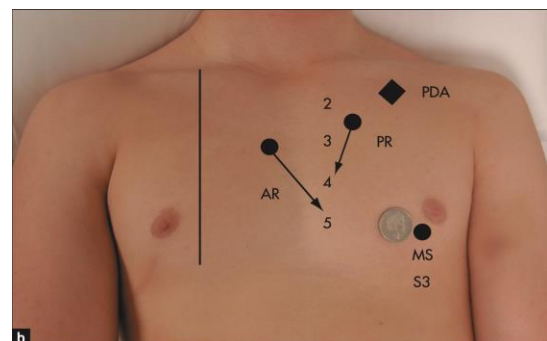
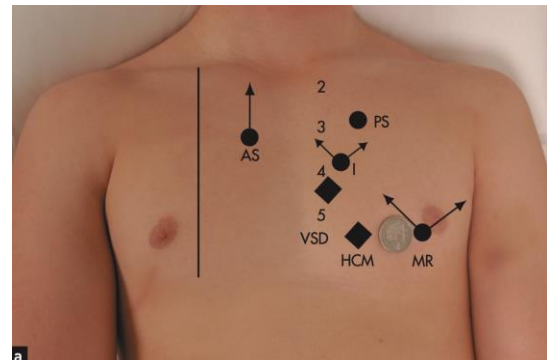
AR = aortic regurgitation

MS = mitral stenosis

S3 = third heart sound

PR = pulmonary regurgitation

PDA = patent ductus arteriosus (continuous murmur).



## Loudness and pitch

- Grade 1/6 very soft and not heard
- Grade 2/6 soft, but can be detected
- Grade 3/5 moderate; there is no thrill
- Grade 4/6 moderate; with thrill
- Grade 5/6 loud; thrill easily palpable
- Grade 6/6 very loud; can be heard even without placing the stethoscope right on the chest

## Effect of Different Dynamic Manoeuvres on Cardiac Murmurs:

	HOCM	MVP	AS	MR
Valsalva or standing (decreases preload)	↑	↑	↓	↓
Squatting, leg raise or lying down (increases preload)	↓	↓	↑	↑
Hand grip (increases afterload)	↓	↓	↓	↑

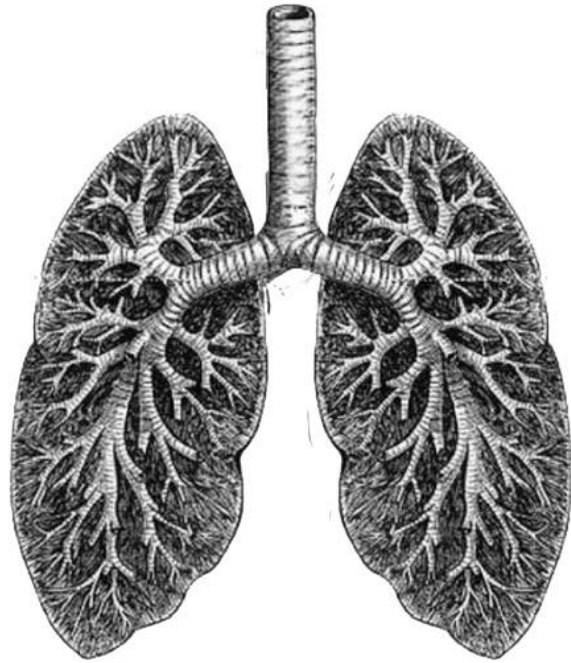
## Neck bruits:

- The murmur of aortic stenosis can be audible in the neck
- Carotid artery stenosis → cause of carotid bruit which will not be audible over the base of the heart.
- Thyrotoxicosis → systolic bruit due to the increased vascularity of the gland.

TABLE 7.1 Features of important valve lesions and congenital abnormalities

	Site	Timing	Radiation	Character	Accentuation and manoeuvres	Other features
<b>Aortic regurgitation</b>	Aortic area	Early diastolic	Lower left sternal edge	Decrescendo	Expiration, patient leaning forwards	Wide pulse pressure, eponymous signs
<b>Aortic stenosis</b>	Aortic area	Systolic	Carotids	Ejection	Expiration	Separate from heart sounds, slow-rising pulse
<b>Mitral stenosis</b>	Apex	Middle and late diastolic	—	Low-pitched (use stethoscope bell)	Presystolic accentuation, left lateral position, exercise	Loud S1, opening snap
<b>Mitral regurgitation</b>	Apex	Pansystolic or middle and late systolic (mitral valve prolapse)	Axilla or left sternal edge	Blowing (MVP)	Longer and louder with Valsalva (MVP)	Parasternal impulse (enlarges left atrium)
<b>Ventricular septal defect</b>	Lower left sternal edge	Pansystolic	None	Localised	—	Often associated with a thrill
<b>Tricuspid regurgitation</b>	Lower left and right sternal edge	Pansystolic	—	—	Louder on inspiration	Big v waves, pulsatile liver
<b>Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy</b>	Apex and left sternal edge	Late systolic at left sternal edge, pansystolic at apex	—	—	Louder with Valsalva, softer with squatting	S4, double-impulse apex beat, jerky carotid pulse

MVP = mitral valve prolapse.



# Respiratory System

# Common Presenting Problems in Respiratory System

## Dyspnea

Orthopnea	Paroxysmal Nocturnal Dyspnea “PND”
Dyspnea when <u>lying flat</u> . Typically described in terms of number of pillow the patient uses to breathe comfortably to sleep	Dyspnea <u>that awake the patient from sleep</u> .

### DDx:

- **Acute:** PE, MI ,acute heart valve insufficiency, pneumothorax, anaphylaxis, foreign body, aspiration, pulmonary oedema
- **Sub acute:** acute asthma, exacerbation of COPD, or pulmonary oedema, pneumonia
- **Chronic:** CHF, COPD, cardiomyopathy, Pulmonary fibrosis,, Pulmonary HTN, valvular heart disease, or anaemia, Musculoskeletal disease

### History taking:

Personal data: Age? (older?CHF.young?asthma Occupation ? (occupation exposure)

### HPI:

- Onset: acute Vs chronic
- Character: tightness? (asthma) shallow and fast breathing? (Restrictive pulmonary disease)
- Relieving: head elevation? (CHF)
- Aggravating? sleeping? (CHF) working?(occupation induced asthma) cold, pets, exercise? (asthma)
- Severity:

Limitations on Physical Activity	Symptoms with Physical Activity	Findings at Rest	Class
none	none	comfortable at rest	I
slight	symptomatic with greater than ordinary activities	comfortable at rest	II
marked	symptomatic with ordinary activities <a href="http://www.afghanheart.wordpress.com">www.afghanheart.wordpress.com</a>	comfortable at rest	III
any activity increases symptoms	symptomatic at less than ordinary levels of activity	may or may not be symptomatic at rest	IV

Associated symptoms:

- Chest pain? (MI, Pneumothorax, PE)
- Cough? (Productive? Pneumonia, COPD, CHF. Non productive? Asthma, GERD)
- Hemoptysis? (TB , PHTN , PE , Pneumonia , Acute bronchitis , Malignancy)
- Rash and joint pain?(Interstitial lung disease)
- Swelling of the leg? (DVT that cause PE)
- Itching hives? lips (Anaphylactic).

Constitutional symptoms: fever, night sweat, weight loss (TB, lung disease)

Risk factors:

- Medical: CHF, asthma, COPD, lung cancer, allergy.
- Drug history: Estrogen intake? (PE), Methotrexate (Interstitial lung disease)
- Surgery: Trauma (pneumothorax)
- Social: smoking? (COPD), occupation? (occupation exposure, asthma), recent immobilization (PE), contact with TB patients, travel history (TB)

# Cough

## DDx:

Acute cough (<3 weeks)	Chronic cough (>3 weeks)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upper Respiratory Tract Infection.</li> <li>• Exacerbation of COPD.</li> <li>• Sinusitis.</li> <li>• Allergic Rhinitis.</li> <li>• Pneumonia.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post nasal drip.</li> <li>• Asthma.</li> <li>• Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease.</li> <li>• Lung Airway disease: COPD, Bronchiectasis, Tumor, Foreign Body.</li> <li>• Lung Parenchymal disease: Interstitial Lung disease, Lung Abscess.</li> <li>• Drugs: ACE Inhibitors.</li> </ul>

## History taking:

### Personal data:

- Age:
  - Children: most common respiratory infections
  - Adults: asthma, nasal drip
- Occupation: Pulmonary fibrosis.

### HPI:

- Onset? and for how long? (acute/chronic)
- Character: Dry or Productive?
  - Dry: ACE Inhibitors, Interstitial lung disease, GERD
  - Productive: Pneumonia, Bronchiectasis
  - Started dry then became Productive: (Complicated Pneumonia).
  - Color of sputum:

Pink frothy sputum	Pulmonary edema
Foul smelling, dark color and purulent sputum	Lung abscess
Yellow to green sputum	bronchiectasis
Blood	Bronchiectasis, bronchial malignancy, TB, bronchitis
Aggravating and relieving factors? (Dust? Smoking?)	Asthma, Allergic Rhinitis

- Progressive (TB) or not (Acute infection)?
- Do you have a sinus problem? (URTI)
- Diurnal Variation worsening at night (asthma , HF)
- Awakening the patient from sleep? (Cardiac failure, esophageal regurgitation).
- After eating or drinking? (GERD).

### Associated symptoms:

- Constitutional symptoms: fever, loss of appetite, weight loss, night sweating (TB or

malignancy, lung abscesses)

- Chest pain (pneumonia , TB, GERD)
- Haemoptysis (TB, CHF, Pneumonia, PE)
- Wheezing (asthma, COPD)
- SOB (COPD, Pneumonia, CHF)
- Hoarseness of voice (GERD, malignancy)

Risk factors:

- Past medical Hx: CHF, COPD, TB, asthma, GERD
- Medications Hx:ACEIs, chemotherapy (e.g: Bleomycin, methotrexate)
- Previous surgeries and procedures?
- Family Hx: Similar problems? (infection?), Fx of asthma
- Social Hx:
  - Smoking (COPD, Lung cancer)
  - Alcohol (aspiration pneumonia)
  - Contact with TB patient.



# Hemoptysis (coughing up blood)

## DDx:

- bronchitis (the most common cause)
- lung cancer
- bronchiectasis
- pneumonia
- TB
- iatrogenic
- idiopathic

Distinguish between hemoptysis and hematemesis:

Hemoptysis	Hematemesis
Episode preceded by tingling of throat or chest and then a desire to cough	Coughing usually not reported
Nausea/vomiting absent	Nausea/vomiting present
Frothy sputum	Sputum not frothy (low pH)
Blood-tinged sputum persists for days	No blood-tinged sputum
History of lung disease	History of gastric or liver disease
Symptoms related to significant blood loss (eg, orthostasis) uncommon	Symptoms related to significant blood loss common (eg, orthostatic dizziness)
Asphyxia possible	Asphyxia unusual

# Respiratory Examination

**WIP3E: Wash your Hands, Introduce yourself, Permission/Privacy/Position, Exposure**

**Position:** Sitting

**Exposure:** full exposure of the trunk.

- **General appearance** look for: **ABC<sub>2</sub>DE**  
Appearance: Well or ill, young middle aged or old  
Body built: normal, cachectic, obese  
Color: pale, cyanosed.  
Connections: Nasal cannula, IV line, cannula, NGT or oxygen mask  
Distress: In pain, using accessory muscles  
Else: orientation, consciousness, alertness
- *Nails:*
  - Clubbing
  - Tar or nicotine staining
  - Peripheral cyanosis
- *Hands / Arms:*
  - Muscle wasting: lung tumor especially at the apical area
  - Flapping tremor (ASTERIXIS); occurs with severe CO<sub>2</sub> retention: Ask the patient to dorsiflex the wrists with the arms outstretched and to spread out the fingers. If not immediately apparent; it can be accentuated by gently hyperextending the patient's wrist.
  - Palmar erythema Occur with severe CO<sub>2</sub> retention:
  - Pulse rate: Tachycardia and pulsus paradoxus are important signs of severe asthma.
  - Blood pressure
- *Eyes:*
  - Pallor (in the conjunctiva): anemia
  - Horner's syndrome: a triad of ptosis, miosis, anhidrosis (absence of sweating)
- *Nose:*
  - Look for polyps : Associated with asthma
  - Engorged turbinates : various allergic conditions
  - Deviated septum : Nasal obstruction
- *Mouth:*
  - Central cyanosis
  - Look for evidence of an URT infection : (a reddened pharynx and tonsillar enlargement, with or without a coating of pus)
  - Oral hygiene; Broken tooth or a rotten tooth stump : predispose to lung abscess or pneumonia.
- *Neck:*

- Assess the carotid and JVP
- Sacral edema and lower limb edema

# Chest Examination

**(Front)** \*Don't forget always to compare both sides.

## Inspection

- Shape and deformities: pectus excavatum, carinatum, barrel chest or kyphoscoliosis.
- Scars: lobectomy or pneumonectomy scar, Midline sternotomy (Tracheostomy), Chest tube (lateral thoracotomy)
- Prominent Vein → SVC syndrome
- Subcutaneous emphysema
- Device: Chest tube
- Movement of the chest wall: look for asymmetry of chest wall movement
- Type of breathing: Abdominothoracic (males), Thoracoabdominal (females).
- Apex beat: Visible or not

**Palpation:** \*ask the patient if he has any pain before starting.

- *Tracheal position:*
  - Check if the trachea is centrally located put your index and ring fingers on sternoclavicular junctions while your middle finger on the trachea.
- *Tracheal tug:* downward displacement of the trachea with inspiration (occur with chest overexpansion)
- Palpate the *supraclavicular* lymph node
- Palpate the *ribs* for bony tenderness (rib fracture)
- Feel the *Apex beat*
- *Tactile vocal Fremitus:*
  - Ask the patient to say “ninety nine or اربعة واربعين”
- *Chest expansion:*
  - Ideally, it is measured by hand or meter over three areas: upper, middle, and lower.
  - At the apex of the lung: observe the movement of your hand over the apices moving up and down.
  - In the middle and lower zone; below the nipple. See your thumbs moving apart. A space of 3-5 is considered a good expansion, you should also feel the lungs in the palm of your hands.
  - Comment (if it is normal): normal symmetrical chest expansion.

## Percussion

Normally it is resonant and symmetrical in both sides.

## Auscultation.

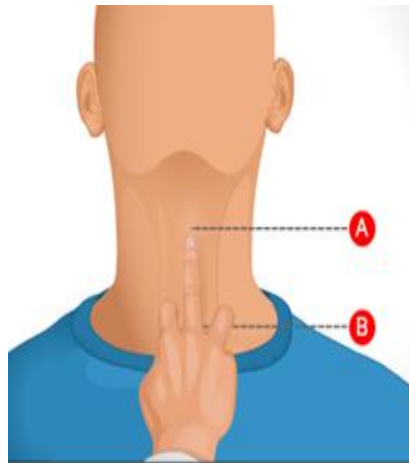
- Using the diaphragm of the stethoscope, listen front and back. It is important to compare each side with the other.
- Remember to listen high up into the axillae and, using the bell of the stethoscope applied above the clavicles, to listen to the lung apices.
- It is better to describe breath sounds as being of normal or reduced intensity than to speak about air entry, type of breathing and if there is any added sounds.

## Normal breath sounds:

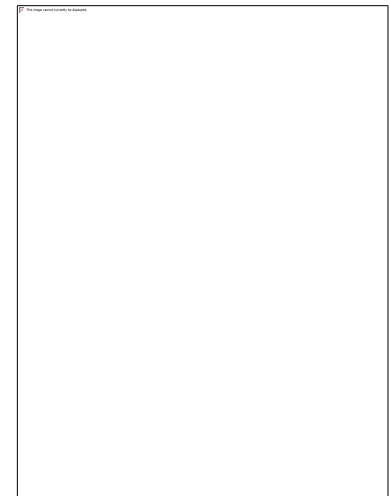
- Vesicular: Inspiratory phase longer than expiratory phase with No gap.
- Bronchial: Inspiratory phase equal expiratory phase with gap in between heard normally over the trachea.
- *Vocal resonance*
  - Ask the patient to say “ninety nine or اربعة واربعين” if there is a consolidation, there will be increased vocal resonance
  - Ask the patient to say “e” if it sounds like “a” that means there is consolidation, the test is called aegophony
- *Whispering Pectoriloquy test:* (if Vocal resonance is positive)
  - Ask the patient to whisper " 1, 2, 3. . .etc.", normally his/her voice will not be clear.
  - In case of consolidation, the voice becomes very clear.



Tactile vocal Fremitus



Tracheal tug



Chest expansion

# Chest Examination cont.

**(Back)** \*Don't forget always to compare both sides.

## Inspection

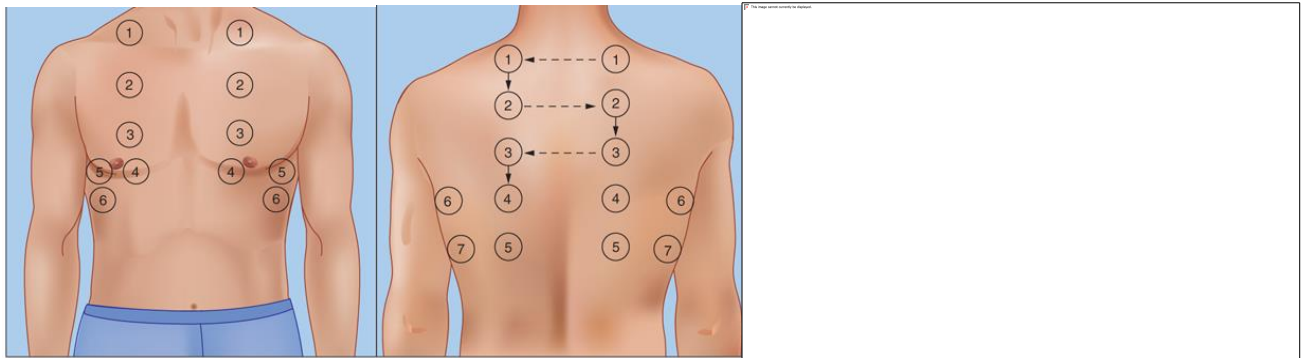
- Shape and deformities: Scoliosis , Kyphosis, Kyphoscoliosis
- Scars or lesions
- Symmetry

## Palpation

- Chest expansion
- Tactile vocal fremitus.

**Percussion:** Don't forget to ask the patient to join his hands when percussing the upper lobes.

- Normally it is resonant and symmetrical in both sides.

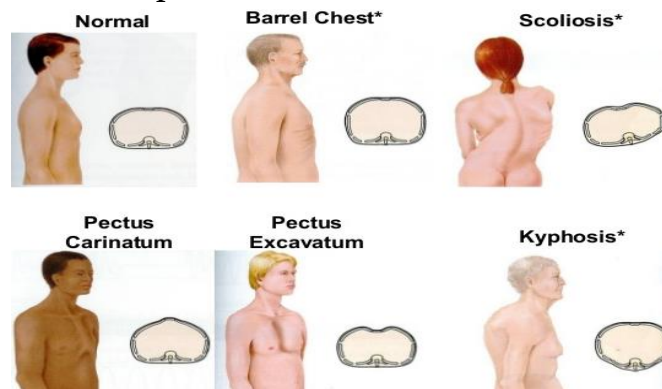


**Auscultation:** \*Don't forget to ask the patient to join his hands when Auscultating the upper lobes.


- Normal breath sounds or added sounds
- Vocal resonant.
- Whispering Pectoriloquy tests.

### ► **End your examination with:**

- Examine Cardiovascular
- Axillary and cervical and supraclavicular nodes must be examined



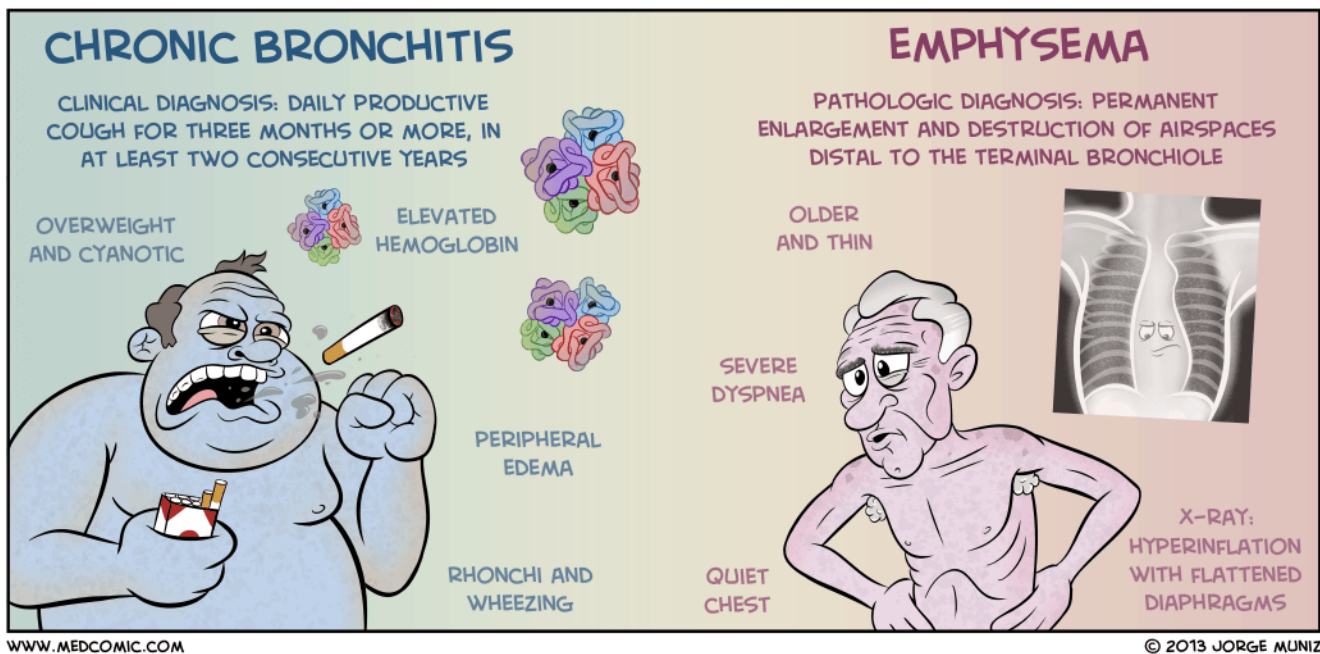
## Physical Signs in Respiratory Examination

<b>General</b>	Dyspnea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Normal breathing range ( 16-25 )</li> <li>- Tachypnoea: more than 25</li> <li>- Bradypnoea: less than 8</li> </ul>
	Cyanosis	Central cyanosis: blueness of the tongue and oral cavity (due to fall in arterial O <sub>2</sub> )
		Peripheral cyanosis: blueness of the hands and feet (due to cold or circulatory disease)
	Stridor (requires urgent attention)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loud, inspiratory, intense sound with constant pitch</li> <li>• Best heard over the extrathoracic airways</li> <li>• Causes: foreign body, tumor, infection</li> </ul>
Hoarseness	Causes: Laryngitis (most common), use of inhaled corticosteroids for asthma, GERD, recurrent laryngeal nerve palsy associated with carcinoma of the lung (usually left- sided), laryngeal carcinoma.	
<b>Hands</b>	Pulsus paradoxus	<p>a fall of systolic blood pressure of &gt;10 mmHg during the inspiratory phase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Severe asthma</li> <li>• cardiac tamponade</li> </ul>
	Flapping tremor (asterixis)	<p>Three failures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Respiratory failure (high CO<sub>2</sub>)</li> <li>2) liver failure (high ammonia)</li> <li>3) chronic renal failure (high urea)</li> </ol> 
<b>Others</b>	Nasal polyps	Asthma
	Crowding of the pharynx (reduction in the size of the velopharyngeal lumen)	Sleep apnoea
	Tenderness over the sinuses	Acute sinusitis
	Facial plethora or cyanosis	Superior vena cava obstruction
	Horner's syndrome (a constricted pupil, partial ptosis and loss of sweating)	Apical lung carcinoma (Pancoast's tumor)

# COPD

## History taking:

- Personal Data: occupation
- Ask general q's about the CC: onset, duration, relieving factors, aggravating factors, frequency?. is the cough productive, if yes .amount ? smell? color? is there blood ?
- Roll out other DDx of the CC: orthopnoea and PND (CHF). allergy, rhinitis, and eczema (asthma). history of recurrent infection in childhood, large amount sputum (bronchiectasis). constitutional symptoms (TB)
- Ask about the presence of the associated Symptoms: Headache
- Ask about the complication:weight loss, osteoporosis, muscle weakness, depression
- Ask about the Risk Factors: Smoking, air pollution exposure.
- Past medical: liver cirrhosis (antitrypsin deficiency that associated with emphysema)





COPD	
1. General inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● use of accessory muscles of respiration</li> <li>● Cough</li> </ul>
2. Hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● nicotine staining of fingernails (if smoker)</li> <li>● cyanosis</li> </ul>
3. Arms and shoulders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Muscle Weakness</li> </ul>
4. Face	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● cyanosis</li> </ul>
5. Neck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Raised JVP (If there is cor pulmonale)</li> </ul>
6. Chest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● sputum production.</li> <li>● Expiratory Wheezing.</li> <li>● Signs of hyperinflation (e.g. barrel chest and hyperresonance on percussion)</li> <li>● Signs of overt right heart failure (cor pulmonale)</li> <li>● Loud Heart sound</li> </ul>
7. Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Peripheral Edema</li> <li>● <b><u>No Clubbing In COPD</u></b></li> </ul>

### LIST 10.2 Causes of tracheal displacement

- 1. Towards the side of the lung lesion**  
Upper lobe collapse  
Upper lobe fibrosis  
Pneumonectomy
- 2. Away from the side of the lung lesion (uncommon)**  
Massive pleural effusion  
Tension pneumothorax
- 3. Upper mediastinal masses, such as retrosternal goitre**

### Chest expansion

- Reduced expansion on one side indicates lesion on that side

### Hoover's sign

- Place your hands along the costal margins with your thumbs close to xiphisternum. Normally inspiration causes them to separate
- COPD patient with over inflated chest can not expand in this way and the diaphragm pulls the ribs and your thumb closer together

### Vocal (tactile) fremitus

- It is only abnormal if different on one side from the other
- It may be absent in normal people

### Ribs

- Localised pain suggests a rib fracture
- Tenderness over the costochondral junctions suggests the diagnosis of costochondritis

### Percussion

- Normally, the upper level of liver dullness is the sixth intercostal space in the right midclavicular line. If the chest is resonant below this level, it is a sign of hyperinflation, usually due to emphysema or asthma
- The dullness of cardiac area may be decreased in emphysema or asthma

### Auscultation

- Breath sound: \*It is better to describe breath sounds as being of normal or reduced intensity than to speak about air entry.

Added (adventitious) sounds	
Wheezes (continuous)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Must be timed in relation to the respiratory cycle.</li><li>● Why wheezing tend to be louder on expiration? (This is because the airways normally dilate during inspiration and are narrower during expiration). An inspiratory wheeze implies severe airway narrowing.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ (wheezing) high-pitched → acute airway obstruction → asthma, acute bronchitis.</li><li>○ (rhonchi) low-pitched → chronic airway obstruction COPD.</li></ul></li><li>● A fixed bronchial obstruction, usually due to a carcinoma of the lung, tends to cause a localised wheeze, which has a single musical note.</li></ul>
Crackles (non-continuous)	Caused by the opening and closing of small airways Crackles can be described according to their timing( early or late) and intensity( fine, medium, coarse) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Early inspiratory crackles → COPD.</li><li>- Late inspiratory crackles → CHF</li><li>- Fine crackles → interstitial lung disease.</li><li>- Medium crackles → CHF</li><li>- Coarse → bronchiectasis or any disease that leads to retention of secretions</li></ul>
Pleural friction rub	When thickened, roughened pleural surfaces rub together as the lungs expand and contract, indicates pleurisy, which may be secondary to pulmonary infarction or pneumonia

\* to differentiate between pleural friction rub and pericardial friction rub is when the patient stop breath in the pleural friction rub stop while the pericardial continue

## Heart

- Loud P2 of the second heart sound (and especially if palpable), Pulmonary hypertension is strongly suspected
- Pulmonary hypertension may be due to COPD, ILD, PE, marked obesity, sleep apnoea or severe kyphoscoliosis

## Other

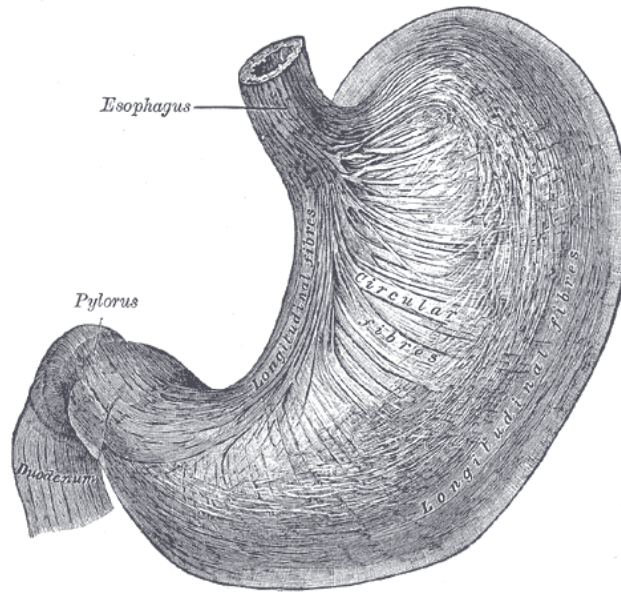
- Pemberton's sign
  - Ask the patient to lift the arms over the head and wait for one minute. Note the development of facial plethora, cyanosis, inspiratory stridor and non-pulsatile elevation of the JVP
  - This occurs in superior vena caval obstruction



## Legs

- Inspect the patient's legs for swelling (oedema) or cyanosis, which may be clues to cor pulmonale
- Look for evidence of deep venous thrombosis

Disorder	Pleural Effusion	Consolidation	Emphysema	Pneumothorax	Collapse
Chest Expansion	Decreased	Decreased	Decreased	Decreased	Decreased
Tracheal deviation	Contralateral	None	None	Contralateral	Ipsilateral
Fremitus	Decreased	Increased	Decreased	Decreased	Decreased
Percussion	Stony dullness	Dull	Hyper-resonant	Hyper-resonant	Dull
Pectoriloquy	Decreased	Increased	Decreased	Decreased	Decreased
Breath sounds	Decreased	Bronchial	Crackles	Decreased	Decreased



# Gastrointestinal System

# Common Presenting Problems in Gastrointestinal system

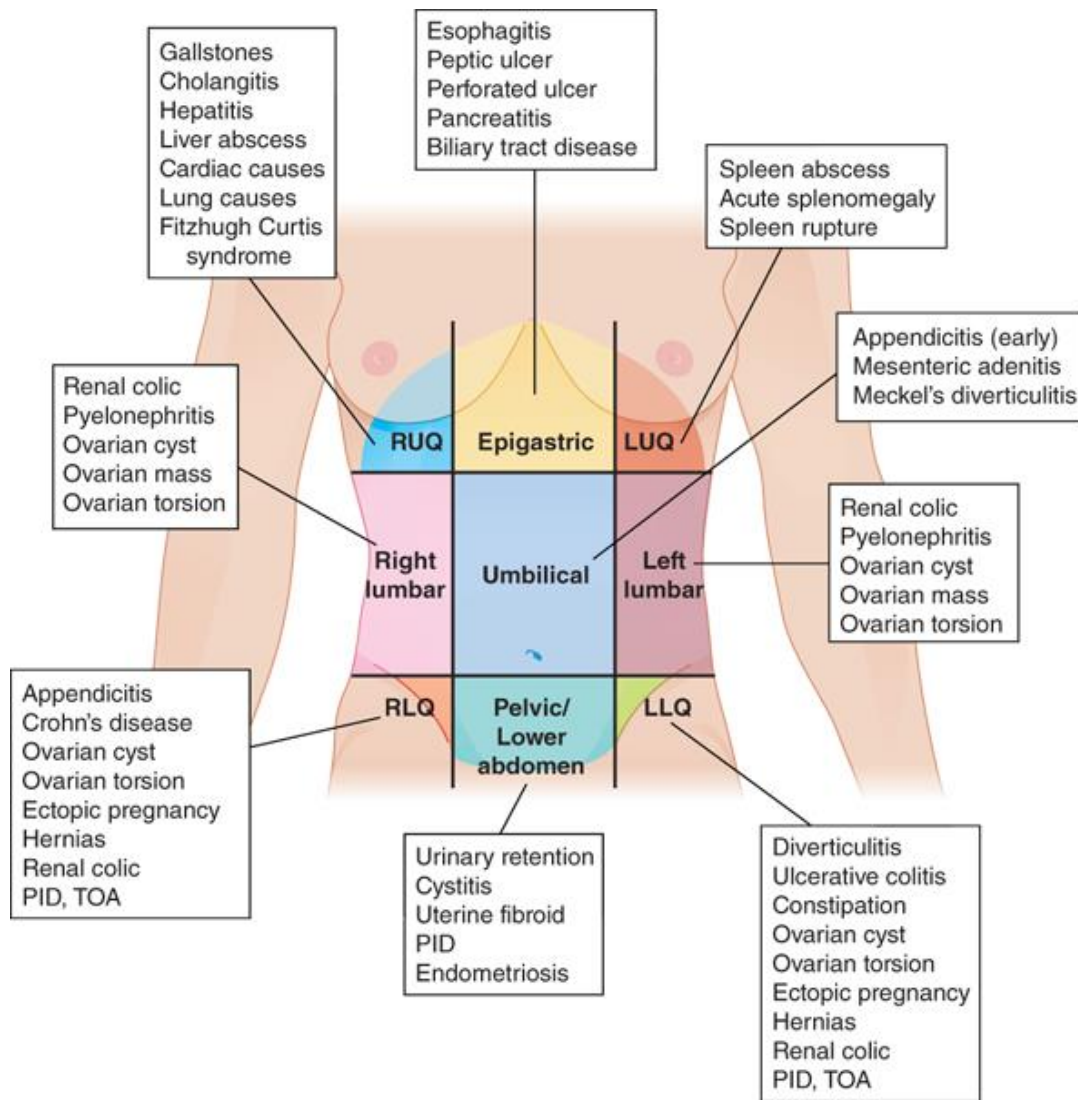
## Abdominal pain:

Acute Causes				
Disease	Timing	Location and Radiation	Associated Symptoms	Comments
Appendicitis	Sudden onset	Often starts <i>periumbilical</i> with migration to <i>RLQ</i>	Nausea, Vomiting, Anorexia, Fever	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Severe abdominal pain,</li> <li>More common in children and young adults.</li> </ul>
Diverticulitis	Persistent	<i>LLQ</i>	Fever, anorexia, Nausea, Vomiting, Abdominal distension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hx of diverticulosis</li> </ul>
Pancreatitis	Acute onset, Constant	<i>midabdominal/epigastric</i> pain that often radiates to the <i>back</i>	Nausea, Vomiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Severe pain</li> <li>Hx of biliary colic, alcohol abuse</li> </ul>
Bowel Obstruction (Adhesion)	intermittent	-	Nausea, Vomiting, Constipation, Absence of flatus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cramp-like abdominal pain</li> <li>Hx of abdominal or pelvic surgery/hernia</li> </ul>
Bowel Obstruction (Incarcerated/strangulated hernia)				
Cholecystitis	-	<i>RUQ</i> radiates to the right <i>shoulder or back</i>	Fever, Nausea, Vomiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hx of cholelithiasis and biliary colic.</li> <li>Exacerbated by eating (especially fatty foods)</li> <li>More common in women than men</li> <li>Risk factors include obesity, age over 50, pregnancy</li> </ul>

Cholangitis		<i>RUQ</i>	Fever, Jaundice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Charcot's triad: RUQ, pain, fever, and jaundice</li> </ul>
Nephrolithiasis	-	<i>Flank radiating to the groin</i>	Nausea, Vomiting, Diaphoresis, Hematuria, Frequency, Urgency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Severe abdominal</li> <li>● Previous hx of stones</li> </ul>
Perforated PU	Sudden, Constant	<i>Epigastric</i>	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All movement, including respiration, makes the pain worse causing the patient to lie immobile on the bed.</li> <li>● Hx of Ulcer, NSAID use H.pylori</li> </ul>
Aortic dissection	-	<i>Thorax or abdomen radiates to the back</i>	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Severe, sharp or tearing pain</li> <li>● Hx of HTN</li> <li>● Increased risk in Marfan and Ehlers-Danlos syndrome or other collagen vascular disorders</li> </ul>
Ectopic pregnancy		<i>unilateral pelvic</i>	Amenorrhea, vaginal bleeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hx of recent early pregnancy or missed last menstrual period</li> </ul>
Acute intestinal ischemia	Constant	<i>Periumbilical nonradiating</i>	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Age &gt;50 years</li> <li>● Recent hx of postprandial abdominal pain</li> <li>● Hx of atrial fibrillation, coronary artery disease, MI, and CHF</li> <li>● Risk factors include smoking, HTN, hyperlipidemia, and DM</li> </ul>

<b>Chronic Causes</b>	
<b>Disease</b>	<b>Characteristics</b>
IBS	Abdominal pain with alteration of bowel habits; pain relieved with defecation; may be associated with diarrhea or constipation, or both; exacerbated by psychosocial stressors

PUD	Epigastric pain, may be worsened or relieved by food, hx of NSAID and alcohol use, hx of black stool, hematemesis
IBD (ulcerative colitis)	Bloody diarrhea is the principle symptom, defecation may relieve lower abdominal cramps
IBD (crohn's disease)	Crampy abdominal pain, intermittent diarrhea, weight loss, fatigue, Family hx of inflammatory bowel disease
Chronic cholecystitis	Upper abdominal indigestion-like pain after eating, Hx of gallstones
Celiac disease	Nonspecific abdominal pain, bloating; diarrhea; greasy, foul-smelling stools; weight loss; anemia, ataxia, osteoporosis
GERD	Burning epigastric/chest pain, heartburn, regurgitation worse with some foods and recumbence; improved by antacids
Chronic intestinal ischemia	Dull, crampy, periumbilical abdominal pain, comes after the meal by 1h, the patient is usually smokier and having other atherosclerotic disease (CAD, intermittent claudication)



**Personal Data:**

- Age: Young? appendicitis, Old? Diverticulitis.
- Gender: female? biliary colic.

**HPI:**

- Site:
  - Epigastric? (pancreatitis, peptic ulcer, MI, aortic dissection).
  - RUQ? (Cholecystitis, gallstone).
  - RLQ? (appendicitis, inguinal hernia).
  - LUQ? (Pancreatitis, Peptic ulcer).
  - LLQ? (Diverticulitis, Inguinal hernia)
- Onset:
  - <12w? (acute).
  - >12w? (chronic)
- Character:
  - Colicky\*? (intestinal obstruction, Gallstone, Renal colic, IBS).
  - Dull? (MI, bowel ischemia).
  - Tearing? (Aortic dissection).



- Burning? (Peptic ulcer).
- Sharp? (Appendicitis)
- Radiation:
  - To the back? (pancreatitis, aortic dissection, PU).
  - To the right shoulder? (Cholecystitis, biliary colic).
  - To the left shoulder? (Splenomegaly, splenic infarction)
  - To the neck? (GERD).
- Relieving:
  - Eating? (Duodenal ulcer)
  - Lie forward? (pancreatitis)
  - Stay still? (peritonitis)
  - Defecation? (IBS)
- Aggravating:
  - Eating? (pancreatitis, gastric ulcer, mesenteric ischemia)
  - Fatty food? (Gallstone)
  - Movement? (Appendicitis, peritonitis)

**Associated symptoms:**

- N&V? (pancreatitis, intestinal obstruction)
- Jaundice? (Cholangitis)

**Constitutional symptoms:**

- Weight loss?
  - With decrease appetite (GI malignancy).
  - With increase appetites ? (Malabsorption, hypermetabolic state)
- Fever? (Appendicitis, cholangitis, cholecystitis, IBD)

**Risk Factors:**

- Medical:
  - hx of gallstone (pancreatitis)?
  - H.pylori infection? (Ulcer)
- Social:
  - Obesity, pregnancy? (gallstone)
  - Alcohol? (pancreatitis, liver disease)
- Medications:
  - antibiotic use? (pseudomembranous colitis)
  - hx of NSAID? (ulcer)
- Surgical: previous surgery?

# Dysphagia

## DDx:

- Oropharyngeal dysphagia:
  - Neuromuscular → stroke, MS, Myasthenia gravis
  - Structural → zenker's diverticulum
  - Itragenic
- Esophageal dysphagia:
  - Mechanical → esophageal CA, strictures, esophageal webs/rings, Goiter.
  - Motility → achalasia, diffuse esophageal spasm, scleroderma..

## HPI:

	Question	Hint
<b>Site</b>	Where does it hold-up?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cervical region→ Oropharyngeal</li> <li>● Esophageal → The lesion is at or below the region to which they point.</li> </ul>
<b>Onset</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sudden? Progressive?</li> <li>● Is it persistent or intermittent (if intermittent how many times)?</li> <li>● Have you experienced sudden onset of dysphagia after swallow large piece of meat?<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sudden → Stroke</li> <li>● Progressive → Tumor (usually solid then liquid)</li> <li>● Intermittent suggests lower esophageal ring.</li> <li>● Esophageal ring</li> </ul>
<b>Character</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Do you have trouble swallowing solids or liquids, or both solid and liquid?</li> <li>● Do you have difficulty initiating a swallow?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Solid only→ mechanical e.g. cancer or stricture</li> <li>● Both →motility e.g. Achalasia</li> <li>● Oropharyngeal dysphagia</li> </ul>
<b>Alleviating</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Symptoms relieved by repeated swallows?</li> <li>● Do you ever have to bear down or raise your arms over your head to help a food bolus pass?</li> </ul>	Motility disorder
<b>Time</b>	For how long?	Short period suggest inflammatory process
<b>Exacerbating</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Symptoms experienced after repeated swallows?</li> <li>● Symptoms worse with very hot or cold liquids?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Myasthenia gravis</li> <li>● Motility</li> </ul>

## Associated Symptoms:

<sup>3</sup> Steakhouse syndrome

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do you hear gurgling noise when you swallow?</li> <li>• Do you feel like you have bad breath?</li> </ul>	Zenker diverticulum
Do you regurgitate old food?	Distal esophageal obstruction
Dysarthria	Stroke
Is it painful when you swallow?	esophagitis
Blood in stool	Tumor
System involved: Upper GI	Heartburn (if he has Hx of long standing → peptic stricture)
Constitutional symptoms	Tumor

**Risk factors:**

- Medical: Oropharyngeal or esophageal cancer, Stroke, Parkinson, Myasthenia gravis or any neuromuscular disorder, MS, GERD.
- Medications: potassium chloride, ferrous sulfate and NSAIDs.
- Surgery or trauma (head injury): on your larynx, esophagus, stomach, or spine.
- Social: Smoking, alcohol, Obesity, Radiation therapy, allergies.
- Family Hx: of same symptoms, Achalasia, Neuromuscular disorder, Cancer.

# Hematemesis (Vomiting Blood)

## DDX

- Peptic Ulcers
- Gastro-esophageal Varices
- Acute gastritis
- Mallory-Weiss Tear
- Angiodysplasia
- Malignancy

## HPI

- How many times have vomited blood? what is the volume? What was the color? (Bright or dark, Fresh or clotted)?
- Angina, severe palpitations, cold/clammy extremities, dizziness and confusion? suggests severe bleeding hypovolemic shock.
- Fatigue, SOB or angina? suggest anemia from chronic bleeding.
- Does the blood comes with coughing? To rule out confusion with hemoptysis.
- Have you had an endoscopy?
- Medications? (NSAIDs, Anticoagulants, Immunosuppressants, Antibiotics Bisphosphonates).

## Ask about each differential:

- Peptic Ulcers:
  - hx of epigastric pain after meals.
  - hx of H.pylori, hx of Rheumatoid arthritis or prolonged use NSAIDs/steroids, caffeine, stress.
- Gastro-esophageal Varices:
  - Signs of liver disease e.g. RUQ pain, weakness, fatigue, anorexia, jaundice, portal HTN (e.g.ascites), hepatic encephalopathy (e.g. confusion).
  - Risk factors for liver disease e.g. Alcoholism, contact with hepatitis patient, unprotected sex, needle-stick injury, blood transfusion, Schistosomiasis, Thrombotic disease (budd chiari)
- Mallory-Weiss Tear:
  - Usually small and self-limited episodes of hematemesis.
  - hx of retching, vomiting, coughing or straining.
  - Risk factors e.g. pregnancy, alcohol, hiatal hernia.
- Malignancy:
  - Constitutional symptoms, blood in the stool, smoking, alcohol, old age.
- Coagulopathy:
  - Anticoagulants

Associated Symptoms:

Epigastric pain	Peptic ulcer
Jaundice	Esophageal varices
Constitutional symptoms	Malignancy
Blood in stool	Malignancy, Peptic ulcer
Odynophagia, Dysphagia, GERD	Infections or pill-induced esophageal ulceration, Esophageal ulcer
Telangiectasia, Skin pigmentation	Chronic liver disease

# Constipation

## DDx

- Stricture or fissure
- Carcinoma
- Diverticular disease
- Hemorrhoids
- IBS (alternating with diarrhea)
- Bowel obstruction (usually results in obstipation<sup>4</sup>)
- Starvation or change in diet
- Psychological distress

## Causes of bowel obstruction:

- Small bowel obstruction: hernia, adhesion, crohn disease, appendicitis, intussusception (in children)
- Large bowel obstruction: malignancy (95%), diverticular disease (3%)

	small bowel	large bowel
Pain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early symptom</li> <li>• Central (periumbilical)</li> <li>• Short intermittent cramps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Late symptom</li> <li>• Localized in the lower third of abdomen</li> <li>• Long intervals between cramps</li> </ul>
Vomiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develops early.</li> <li>• With pyloric obstruction, the vomitus is watery and acid.</li> <li>• High small bowel obstruction produces a bile-stained vomit.</li> <li>• Large amounts.</li> <li>• No or little odor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develops later.</li> <li>• brown vomit with foul smelling (feculent vomit)</li> <li>• Small volumes.</li> <li>• Foul odor</li> <li>• Vomiting is unusual</li> </ul>
Constipation	late	early
Distension	usually no distension	usually there is distension

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<sup>4</sup> a severe intestinal obstruction where the patient can't pass both gas and stool

## **HPI**

- When? and for how long? (acute: obstruction, fissure, chronic: IBS, Carcinoma)
- How often do you have a bowel movement?
- Are your stools hard or difficult to pass? (fissure, psychological)
- What do the stools look like (stool form, e.g. small pellets)?
- Do you have mucus on your stool?
- Do you strain excessively on passing stool?
- Do you feel there may be a blockage at the anus area when you try to pass stool? (Tumor, Hemorrhoids)
- Do you ever press your finger in around the anus (or vagina) to help stool pass?
- Has your bowel habit changed recently?
- Do you have pain on defecation? (fissure)
- Any blood in the stools? if yes.. Fresh blood or clotted (Malignancy, UC)

## **Associated and constitutional symptoms**

- Weight loss, Diarrhea, Abdominal pain, Vomiting, Nausea, Fever, Loss of appetites, Bloating a Lower back pain

## **Risk factors**

- Medical: Endocrine diseases (e.g. hypothyroidism, hypercalcaemia, diabetes mellitus, pheochromocytoma, hypokalaemia).
- Medications: codeine, antidepressants, or calcium antacids.
- Surgical: Previous procedures (adhesions)
- Social: Diet and exercise, Smoking (UC)
- Family hx: Do you have a history of colon polyps or cancer? Any family history of colon cancer?

# Diarrhea

## DDx:

- Acute (14d): infection, drugs, beginning of chronic cause.
- Chronic (>30d):
  - Colonic ⇒ IBD, IBS, colon cancer
  - Small intestine ⇒ IBD
  - Malabsorption ⇒ celiac, lactose intolerance, pancreatic

## HPI:

- Onset: Acute ? chronic ?
- Characteristic:
  - Volume and frequency ?
    - Large volume and less frequency → small intestine.
    - Low volume and high frequency → large intestine.
- Content:
  - Contains blood? → IBD, cancer, infectious.
  - Mucous → IBS, ulcerative colitis.
  - Oily or greasy → malabsorption.
- Aggravated by:
  - Milk product → lactose intolerance.
  - Wheat, barley → Celiac
- Awaken the pt from sleep → exclude IBS

## Associated symptoms:

- Abdominal pain: Periumbilical (small bowel) Lower abdomen (Large bowel → ulcerative colitis, bacterial dysentery), Right iliac fossa (Crohn's disease), Epigastric (chronic pancreatitis), if there is a pain, is it relieved with defecation → IBS
- Abdominal bloating (IBS, celiac disease, lactose intolerance).
- Nausea and vomiting (viral gastritis, food poisoning).
- Joint pain or redness (IBD)

## Constitutional symptoms:

- Fever (infection, IBD)
- Weight loss (cancer)

## Risk Factors:

- Medical: Hyperthyroidism, AIDS (inc risk of infections).
- Medications: Recent antibiotic (clostridium difficile)
- Social: Recent travel? (infection), Smoking? (cancer)
- Family hx: of IBD, colon cancer, IB



# Jaundice:

## DDx:

Prehepatic	Hepatic	Post hepatic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Haemolytic Anemia</li> <li>● Congenital defect: Gilbert's disease or Crigler-Najjar syndrome</li> <li>● Physiologic jaundice of the newborn</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Viral Hepatitis</li> <li>● Alcoholic hepatitis</li> <li>● Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis</li> <li>● Toxin (Cocaine)</li> <li>● Primary biliary cirrhosis</li> <li>● Vascular injury</li> <li>● Autoimmune hepatitis</li> <li>● impaired conjugation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gallstones</li> <li>● Primary sclerosing cholangitis</li> <li>● Cholangiocarcinoma</li> <li>● Budd-chiari syndrome</li> </ul>

## HPI:

- **Onset:**
  - **Sudden:** Choledocholithiasis- Acute hepatitis - cholangitis, sepsis, hemolysis.
  - **Gradual:** Cancer in the head of the pancreas, Chronic hepatitis, CHF.
- Does the discoloration change with time, stress, fasting or menstruation?
  - Gilbert syndrome

## Associated symptoms:

RUQ pain	Cholecystitis, Cholangitis, Gallstones, Acute hepatitis
Abdominal distension, Hematemesis, Confusion	Liver cirrhosis
Constitutional symptoms	Tumor of the head of pancreas
Itching, Pale stool, Dark urine	High level of bilirubin (obstructive jaundice)

## Constitutional symptoms:

- Weight loss, loss of appetite? (pancreatic head malignancy, hepatobiliary carcinoma)
- Fever with rigor and chills might indicates cholangitis

## Risk Factors:

- Medical: Hx of liver cirrhosis, hepatitis, biliary stones, malignancy, hemolytic anemia
- Medications: (drug induced hepatitis)
- Surgical: Stricture of the bile duct
- Blood transfusion (HBV, HCV, hemolysis)
- Social: Alcohol (alcoholic hepatitis), Food poisoning hepatitis A), Recent travel (hepatitis E), Unprotected sex.

# Lower GI bleeding

## Keywords:

- Hematochezia: Bright red blood per rectum
- Bloody diarrhea
- Melena: black/Tarry stool foul-smelling stool

## DDx:

- Hemorrhoids
- Diverticulosis
- Colon cancer/polyps
- Anal fissure
- Angiodysplasias
- Colitis.

## Personal Data:

- Age (elderly: diverticulitis, ischemic colitis, Malignancy )

## HPI

- Onset?
- Character?
- Painless?(Diverticular disease, Colonic angiodysplasia, Ischaemic colitis).
- Painful (anal fissure)

## Associated symptoms:

- Abdominal pain:
  - LLQ? (Diverticular disease).
  - Lower abdomen? (ischemic colitis, UC)
- Diarrhea (Diverticular disease, ischemic colitis, Crohn's)
- Constipation (Diverticular disease, UC, HEMORRHOID)

## Risk factors

- Medical: Hx of Diverticular disease, Varices or portal hypertensive gastropathy, Colorectal cancer, IBD, Bleeding disorders.
- Medications: Antiplatelets agents, heparin and warfarin (Blood thinning drugs)
- Surgical: Previous procedure (iatrogenic tear of the liver), Blood transfusions
- Social hx: Travel (Infection)
- Family hx: similar symptoms? GI disorders (IBD), Malignancy, Bleeding disorders, Chronic diseases (DM, HTN..)

# Abdominal Examination

**WIP<sub>3</sub>E: Wash your Hands, Introduce yourself, Permission/Privacy/Position, Exposure**

**Position:** Lying flat with the head resting on one pillow

**Exposure:** Ideally from nipple to mid thighs

## 1. General appearance look for: **ABC<sub>2</sub>DE**

- a. **A**ppearance: Well or ill ,young middle aged or old
  - b. **B**ody built: normal, cachectic, obese
  - c. **C**olor: pale, cyanosed or jaundiced
  - d. **C**onnections: NGT, IV line.
  - e. **D**istress: In pain,
  - f. **E**lse: conscious, alert
- Vital signs

## 2. Inspection

- *Hands*
  - Leukonychia
  - Koilonychias
  - Clubbing
  - Palmar erythema
  - Pallor
  - Dupuytren's contracture (alcoholic liver disease)
  - Flapping tremor (asterixis)
- *Arms*
  - Bruises or petechiae
  - Scratch marks
- *Eyes*
  - Pale conjunctiva
  - Jaundice
  - Kayser-Fleischer rings (wilson's disease)
- *Mouth*
  - Angular stomatitis, glossitis
  - Fetor Hepaticus
  - Mouth ulcers
  - Gum hypertrophy, pigmentation, or candidiasis
- *Chest:*
  - gynecomastia
  - Spider naevi
- *Abdomen:*
  - Inspect the abdominal contour and comment (Normal abdomen contour that moves Symmetrically with respiration)
  - Distention: (causes of distention are 5 Fs: Fat, Flatus, Feces, Fluid, Fetus, Functional) (ascites causes full flanks so comment on the flanks whether concave or convex)
  - 3Ps → Prominent veins, prestalsis, visible Pulses.
  - 4Ss → Scars, skin lesions (e.g. cautery marks), stria, stoma bags.
  - Umbilicus: inverted or everted.
  - Hernia: ask the patient to cough.

### 3. Palpation:

#### Before starting the palpation:

- ✓ Make sure that your hands are warm.
- ✓ Your eyes should be on the patient's face throughout the examination for signs of discomfort.
- ✓ Ask if the patient has pain or tenderness anywhere before you begin and examine this area last!

#### ★ Superficial palpation:

- Start from the right iliac fossa by gently resting one hand on the patient's abdomen and pressing lightly → move anticlockwise direction to reach left iliac fossa (but don't forget to palpate the periumbilical region).
- Look for superficial masses, tenderness or guarding signs on the patient's face.

#### ★ Deep palpation:

- Repeat the same process but with pressing more *firmly* and *deeply*.
- Look for deep masses or organomegaly.

<b>Liver</b>	<p>*Usually not palpable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Start at the right iliac fossa, put your hand parallel to the right costal margin.</li> <li>- With each expiration, the hand is moved 1 -2 cm closer to the right costal margin.</li> <li>- Mark the lower edge of the liver by a marker or ask the patient to point it.</li> <li>- Go to the right 2nd intercostal space, at the midclavicular line, and start to percuss, liver dullness is usually at the 5th or 6th intercostal space.</li> <li>- Measure the liver span</li> </ul> <p><u>If there is hepatomegaly you must comment on:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Edge: tenderness, consistency, regularity, and pulsation.</li> <li>b) Surface: smooth or nodular.</li> <li>c) Span: normal liver span 8-12 cm and it is more in men than women.</li> </ol>
<b>Spleen</b>	<p>*Usually not palpable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Palpate from Right iliac fossa going obliquely to LUQ (because spleen is enlarged obliquely).</li> <li>- Move your hand between breaths. If you can't palpate it, use bimanual maneuver; rotate the patient to the right side and do palpation by bimanual push at the 11th and 12th ribs area to feel the spleen notch.</li> </ul>
<b>Kidneys</b>	<p>*Usually not palpable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Examine both kidneys by placing your left hand behind the patient's loin between the 12th rib and the iliac crest → lift the loin and kidney forwards (when moving one hand the other should be constant) → place your right hand anteriorly just below the right costal margin → feel any masses between the two hands as the patient breaths.</li> <li>- This is called kidney ballotting.</li> </ul>

### 4. Percussion:

<b>Spleen</b>	<p>*Percuss over the lowest intercostal spaces in the left anterior axillary line over Traube's triangle (this usually tympanic) then Ask the patient to take a deep breath:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remains tympanic on inspiration → splenomegaly less likely.</li> <li>- Shift from tympanic to dullness → splenomegaly more like</li> </ul>
<b>Bladder</b>	<p>*Percuss from the umbilicus down the midline, look for suprapubic dullness it could indicate an enlarged bladder or pelvic mass.</p>

## 5. Auscultation

- Bowel sounds: auscultate for 30 seconds, if not heard listen up to 2 minutes. (Exaggerated sounds indicate obstruction and absence of sound indicate paralytic ileus.)
- Aortic bruits: bruits are presents in arteriosclerosis or aneurysm.
- Renal artery bruit: Positive in renal artery stenosis.
- Friction rub: auscultate over the liver and spleen. Presence indicate possible peritoneal abnormality.
- Venous hum: between xiphisternum and umbilicus. present in portal hypertension.

**Examining ascites:**

- *Bulging Flanks:* Observes whether the flanks are pushed outward.
- *Causes:* Ascites or Obesity.

1. Flank Dullness: Percussion note is tympanic\* over the umbilicus and dull over the lateral abdomen and flank areas.

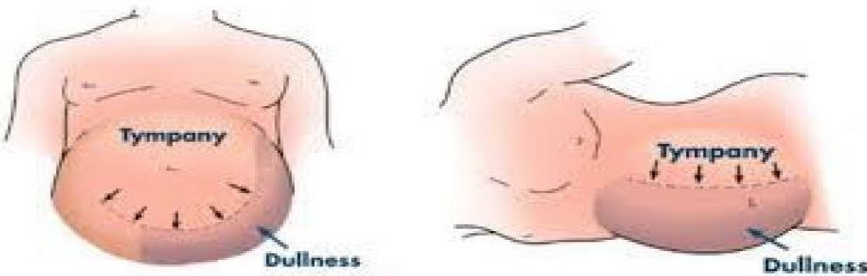
**\*The tympany over the umbilicus occurs in ascites because bowel floats to the top of the abdominal fluid.**

2. If dullness is detected in the flanks, the sign of **shifting dullness** should be sought.

A. **Shifting Dullness:** Detect small amount of fluid.

- With your hand flat and the fingers directed downward, start percussing with the other hand from the midline, and move to the left flank (away from you)
- When you find the area of dullness, fix your hand, roll the patient to your side, and wait for 30 seconds( so that fluid can move inside the abdominal cavity ), then percuss again, If the area becomes resonant, the test is positive.

*\*Positive test:* When ascites is present, the area of dullness will shift to the dependent site(umbilicus) and the area of tympany will shift toward the top/left flank.



**B. Fluid thrill:** Usually positive in huge ascites

-Ask the patient to place one hand firmly on the center of his/her abdomen. the examiner places the fingertips of one hand along one flank, and with the other hand firmly gives a sharp tap along the opposite flank.

*\*Positive test:* The examiner is able to detect "a shock wave" of fluid moving against the fingertips pressed along the flank.

➤ **End your examination with:**

- Per rectal and external genitalia examination.











## Things to Elect During Abdominal Examination:

- **Rigidity Vs Guarding**

Rigidity	Guarding
Constant contraction of the abdominal muscles. - Pathological only (Always associated with tenderness.) - Indicates peritoneal irritation. - Involuntary.	Resistance to palpation due to contraction of the abdominal muscles. - May result from tenderness or anxiety. - Protective reflex in sensitive patient. - Voluntary or involuntary.

- **Rebound tenderness:** Press your hand firmly & steadily on the patient's abdomen for a minute or two, and then release suddenly > if the patient felt a sudden stab of pain upon removal then this is positive (it detect early sign of visceral inflammation).
- **Mass:** Any mass should be examined for the following Site (which quadrant), Size & shape, Surface (regular or irregular), hard or soft? Mobile or not? Does it move with inspiration? pulsatile or not?
  - How to differentiate an intra abdominal mass from mass in the abdominal wall? Ask the patient to fold the arms across the upper chest and sit halfway up. An intraabdominal mass disappears or decreases in size, but one within the layers of the abdominal wall will remain unchanged.
- **Succussion splash:** A splashing noise due to excessive fluid retained in an obstructed stomach.
  - To elicit the sound In a case of suspected gastric outlet obstruction; grasp both hips with your hands > place your stethoscope close to the epigastrium > shake the patient vigorously from side to side.
- **Full bladder:** An empty bladder is impalpable. In case of Urinary retention, the full bladder may be palpable above the pubic symphysis and may reach as high as the umbilicus. It's typically regular, smooth, firm and oval-shaped.
- **Aorta:** Normal Aortic pulsation may be felt in the epigastrium esp. in a thin person.
  - To examine the aortic pulse place two fingers parallel to each other on the outermost palpable margins of the pulse and notice their movement with systole:
    - Upward movement = pulsatile.
    - Outward movement (away from each other) = expansile (suggestive of AAA).
- **Murphy's Sign:** Positive in Cholecystitis.
  - Place your palpating hand just below the costal margin, approximately mid-clavicular (this is just above the gallbladder) > Then ask the pt to breath in.
 - *A positive Murphy's sign* is when the patient stops breathing in due to pain that is caused by the diaphragm pushing the inflamed gallbladder into the palpating hand.
- **Rovsing's sign:** In Acute appendicitis, palpation in the left iliac fossa produces pain in the right iliac fossa.

- **Psoas sign:** Pain with lifting extended right leg against resistance. Positive in Retrocecal appendicitis or other retroperitoneal irritation (abscess of Crohn disease, pancreatitis, pyelonephritis).

Signs may be noticed during the examination			
Sign	Cause	Sign	Cause
Cullen's sign 	Pancreatitis	Palamr Erythma 	Hyperthyroidism pregnancy Co2 retention chronic liver failure
Grey Turner's Sign 	Pancreatitis	Dupuytren's contracture 	Alcoholic liver disease
Acanthosis Nigricans 	insulin resistance Cushing syndrome obesity	Leukoplakia 	immnuocoprized
	Hereditary haemorrhagic telangiectasia involving the lips	Angular stomatitis 	Iron Deficiency anemia
Leukonychia 	Hypoalbuminemia	Kayser-Fleischer rings 	Wilson's disease

**Hepatomegaly causes:**

- Hepatocellular Carcinoma
- Right heart failure



- Leukemia, Lymphoma
- Hemochromatosis
- Amyloidosis
- Tender liver

**Hepatitis causes:**

- Rapid liver enlargement (e.g. right heart failure, Budd-Chiari\* syndrome [hepatic vein thrombosis])
- Hepatocellular cancer
- Hepatic abscess
- Biliary obstruction cholangitis

**Pulsatile liver causes:**

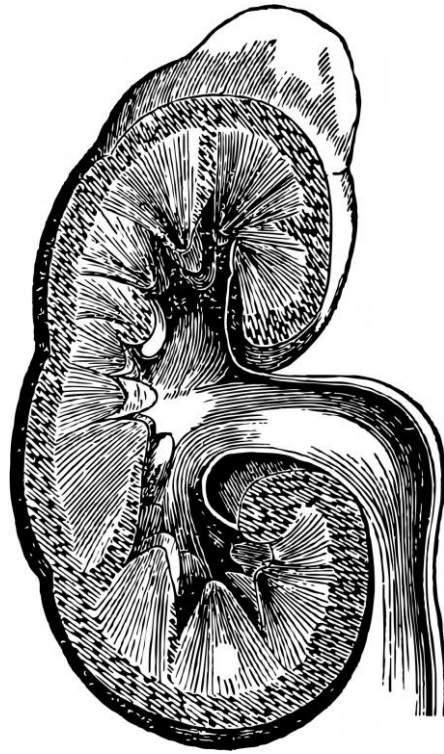
- Tricuspid regurgitation
- Hepatocellular cancer
- Vascular abnormalities

**Liver Cirrhosis (Chronic Liver Disease) signs and symptoms:**

- Spider Angioma (Spider Nevi)
- Jaundice
- Yellow sclera
- palmar erythema
- asterix
- Gynecomastia
- Ascites
- Encephalopathy
- Testicular atrophy

## Differential diagnosis of Abdominal masses:

Right Hypochondrium	Epigastric	Left Hypochondrium
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cholecystitis (tender ++)</li> <li>• Cholangiocarcinoma (tender+; irregular)</li> <li>• Hepatomegaly</li> <li>• Liver cancer (firm, lumpy)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hepatomegaly</li> <li>• Pancreatic abscess/pseudocyst</li> <li>• Gastric carcinoma</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Splenomegaly</li> <li>• Gastric carcinoma</li> <li>• Pancreatic abscess/pseudocyst</li> <li>• Kidney disease e.g. polycystic kidney, hydronephrosis, cyst, tumour, TB</li> <li>• Colon disease e.g. carcinoma, faeces, diverticular abscess</li> </ul>
Right Flank	Periumbilical	Left Flank
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hydronephrosis (smooth, spongy)</li> <li>• Renal carcinoma (smooth, firm, nontender)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abdominal aortic aneurysm (pulsatile; occasionally expansile)</li> <li>• Tumour</li> <li>• Hernia</li> <li>• Crohn's disease</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hydronephrosis</li> <li>• Renal carcinoma</li> </ul>
Right Iliac fossa	Suprapubic	Left Iliac Fossa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colon cancer</li> <li>• Crohn's disease (multiple tender, sausage shaped)</li> <li>• Hernia</li> <li>• Appendix mass/abscess</li> <li>• Other abscess (amoebic, actinomycosis)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distended bladder (firm- extended from pubic symphysis)</li> <li>• Neuroblastoma (in children)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diverticular abscess</li> <li>• Hernia</li> <li>• Colorectal tumour</li> </ul>



# Renal System

# Polyuria

## DDx:

- Endocrine: Diabetes mellitus, diabetes insipidus, Cushing's syndrome
- Renal: Acute Kidney injury, relief of urinary tract obstruction
- Iatrogenic: Diuretic therapy, alcohol, lithium
- Metabolic: Hypercalcemia, potassium depletion
- Psychological polydipsia

## HPI:

- Onset: sudden (Central) or gradual (excessive water intake, DM)?
- Duration? Is it the first time? (Acute or chronic?)
- Ask about the amount of fluid consumed? (to distinguish between polyuria and frequency)

## Associated symptoms:

- polydipsia , fatigue , visual problem , numbness , tingling , loss of sensation (DM )
- Weight loss? (malignancy or chronic infection, DM)
- Night sweats (malignancy or chronic infection)

## Risk factors:

- History of hypertension,
- Acute kidney injury, hypercalcemia, urinary tract obstruction.
- History of meningitis, psychiatric illness, head injury or brain surgery (DI)
- IV fluid or feeding tubes
- Drugs such as diuretic, Alcohol, lithium.

# Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

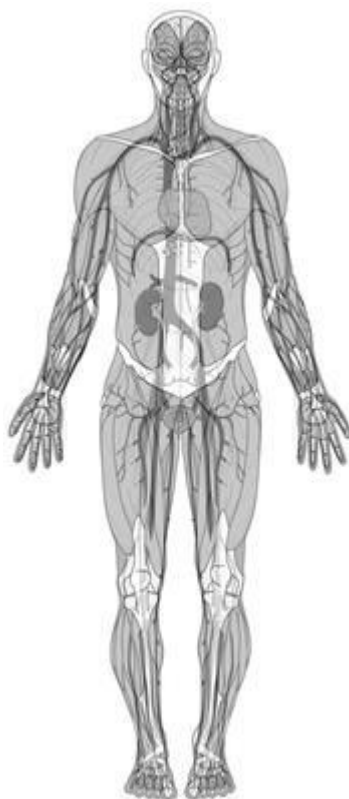
key points to ask CKD pt:

- Weakness and loss of appetite
- Nausea and occasional vomiting
- Swelling and puffiness of the face
- Dyspnea
- Persistent itching
- Past medical hx:
  - hx of long standing diabetes or HTN, Glomerulonephritis.
  - hx of recurrent UTI, stones or BPH.
  - hx of urologic intervention.
  - hx of autoimmune disease e.g. SLE, rheumatoid arthritis..
- Family hx:
  - first degree relative with CKD.
  - family hx of polycystic kidney disease or alport syndrome.
- Medication hx:
  - Frequent use of NSAIDs or pain-killers , long-term exposure to nephrotoxic antibiotics or radiocontrast agents, chemotherapeutic use.



livedo reticularis

CKD	
1. General inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● pale anemic, confused or drowsy (uremia)</li> <li>● hyperventilation (metabolic acidosis)</li> <li>● bronzing of the skin (iron overload)</li> </ul>
2. Hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pallor of the palmar crease</li> <li>● Muscular twitches or cramps (high Ca)</li> </ul>
3. Arms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● surgically created arteriovenous fistulas or shunts (used for haemodialysis access) in the wrist or forearm.</li> <li>● Scratch marks and excoriations (due to uraemic pruritus)</li> <li>● Bruising and bleeding</li> <li>● High BP</li> </ul>
4. Face	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Eyes- anemia, Band keratopathy (Ca deposition in the cornea),hypertensive or diabetic changes in the fundus</li> <li>● Mouth- uremic fetor, mucosal ulcers.</li> </ul>
5. Neck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Raised JVP</li> <li>● Carotid bruits (generalised atherosclerotic disease)</li> </ul>
6. Chest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CVS- pericardial friction rub or signs of cardiac tamponade, CHF.</li> <li>● Resp.- signs of pleural effusion or pulmonary edema.</li> </ul>
7. Abdomen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Inspection- peritoneal dialysis catheter, nephrectomy or renal transplant scars, distended abdomen (large polycystic kidneys or ascites)</li> <li>● Palpation- enlarged kidneys (bulges forward), perinephric abscess (bulges backward), transplanted kidney (in the iliac fossa), enlarged bladder (obstructive cause), hepatomegaly as a result of hepatic cysts (seen in PKD).</li> <li>● Percussion- Ascites.</li> <li>● Auscultation- bruits (renal artery stenosis)</li> </ul>
8. Back	<p>Using the base of your fist, try to elect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bony tenderness over the spine (renal osteodystrophy)</li> <li>● Renal angle tenderness (Murphy's kidney punch)</li> </ul>
9. Lower limbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Edema</li> <li>● livedo reticularis (atheroembolic disease)</li> <li>● signs of peripheral neuropathy (sensory &gt; motor) or myopathy.</li> </ul>



# Hematological System

# Common presenting problems in Hematological system

## **Epistaxis**

### Personal data

- Gender (male → hemophilia)

### HPI

- Character? color (bright or dark red)
- Severity? assessed by frequency and amount

### Associated symptoms:

- Petechiae, ecchymosis , purpura → superficial bleeding due to platelets disorder
- Bruises, hematuria, Hemarthrosis → deep bleeding due to coagulation disorder
- Fatigue, palpitation, SOB → symptoms of anemia (due to blood loss)
- Chest pain, diaphoresis, hyperthermia → cocaine or other sympathomimetics ingestion
- Confusion, cold hand, low urine output, shaking (hypovolemic shock) → as complication Of bleeding

### Risk factors

- Past medical hx: hemophilia , VW disorder and platelets disorder
- Surgical hx: previous maxillofacial or skull base surgeries
- History of trauma
- Medication: use of Anticoagulants.



# Splenomegaly

Causes of splenomegaly		
Infective	Bacterial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infective endocarditis</li> <li>• Typhoid</li> <li>• TB</li> <li>• Septicaemia</li> <li>• Abscess</li> </ul>
	Viral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• infectious mononucleosis</li> <li>• hepatitis</li> <li>• Cytomegalovirus</li> <li>• HIV</li> </ul>
	Protozoal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malaria (common in Africa, causes massive splenomegaly)</li> </ul>
	Parasitic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hydatid cyst</li> <li>• Kala azar<sup>5</sup></li> </ul>
Inflammatory		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rheumatoid arthritis</li> <li>• Lupus</li> <li>• Vasculitis</li> <li>• Infiltrations (e.g. amyloid, sarcoid)</li> </ul>
Neoplastic		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metastases</li> <li>• Leukaemia (e.g Chronic myeloid leukaemia causes massive splenomegaly)</li> <li>• Lymphoma (e.g primary lymphoma of the spleen)</li> <li>• Primary tumors</li> </ul>
Haemolytic Disease		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hereditary spherocytosis</li> <li>• Acquired haemolytic anaemia</li> <li>• Thrombocytopenic purpura</li> </ul>
Hematological		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thalassaemia</li> <li>• Sickle cell anemia</li> <li>• myelofibrosis</li> </ul>
Storage Diseases		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gaucher's disease</li> </ul>
Deficiency Diseases		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Severe iron-deficiency anaemia</li> <li>• Pernicious anaemia</li> </ul>
Splenic Vein Hypertension		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cirrhosis (portal hypertension)</li> <li>• Portal /Splenic vein thrombosis</li> </ul>

### Personal data

- Occupation: (Hydatid disease More common in rural sheep-farming regions,
- Age (hereditary spherocytosis in children )

### HPI

- Onset:
  - Acute → congestion
  - Chronic → sickle cell anemia
- character: painful or painless
- Relieving factors: blood transfusion
- severity: Size

### Associated symptoms

- LUQ pain, early satiety ( massive enlarged )
- SOB, palpitation, fatigue (sickle cell Anemia, thalassemia), itching (polycythemia vera)
- Jaundice, ascites, RUQ pain → liver disease
- Petechiae, easily bruising, fatigue, fever → hematological malignancy
- joint pain, rash (SLE , RA)

### PMH

- History of Sickle cell anemia, thalassemia, SLE, Rheumatoid arthritis, chronic infection, Liver cirrhosis.
- history of trauma
- past surgical
- blood transfusion

### Social history:

- Travel history: Did you travel recently? Where? (endemic diseases like malaria, schistosomiasis)
  - Typhoid: “malaise, headache, fever, cough, constipation initially and then diarrhoea”
  - TB: “weight loss, night sweats and a cough”
- Drug abuse: septic emboli from endocarditis can cause splenic abscess.

### Surgical history:

- Ask about history of blood loss for deficiency causes.

# Anemia

Defined as Hemoglobin concentration of <13.5 g/dl in men <11.5 in women.

## DDx :

Microcytic Anemia (MCV <80 fl)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Iron deficiency</li> <li>● Thalassemia</li> <li>● Anemia of chronic disease</li> </ul>
Normocytic Anemia (MCV 80-95 fl)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Acute blood loss</li> <li>● Hemolytic anemia: (sickle cell anemia – malaria – drugs- G6PD deficiency)</li> <li>● Bone marrow failure,</li> <li>● Pregnancy</li> <li>● Secondary anemia due to liver or renal disease</li> </ul>
Macrocytic anemia (MCV>95 fl)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Megaloblastic; Vitamin B12 deficiency, Folate deficiency and pernicious anemia.</li> <li>● Non-megaloblastic; Alcoholism, Hypothyroidism, myelodysplasia.</li> </ul>

## Hx taking :

### Personal data :

- Age , Gender , residency

### History of presenting illness

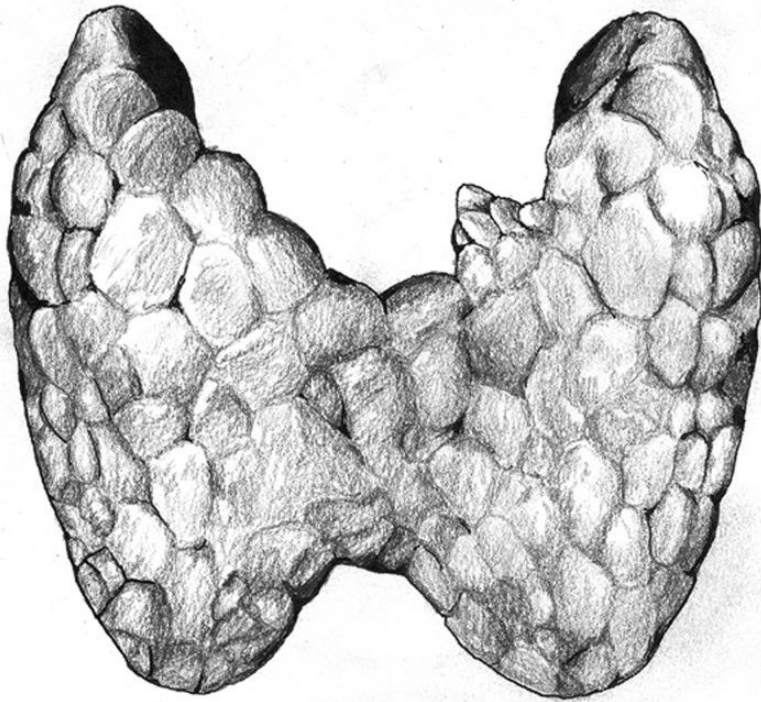
- take a full hx of the presenting complaint.
- Symptoms of anemia are fatigue, palpitations, SOB, headache, postural dizziness, angina of effort.

### Associated symptoms:

- Ask about others associated symptoms of anemia.
- hx of bleeding from other sites (e.g. bleeding per rectum, vomiting blood, hematuria,..)
- Constitutional symptoms; Fever, loss of appetite and weight loss.

### Risk factors :

- **Medical History:**
  - History of gastric Ulcer
  - History of malabsorption (crohn's disease, celiac disease)
  - hx of Liver and kidney diseases
  - hx of chronic disease (e.g. Rheumatoid arthritis).
  - Drugs e.g. NSAIDs, Blood thinning drugs, Herbal medication.
- **Surgical History:** Gastric surgery (B12 deficiency), recent operations (Acute blood loss)
- **Family History;** same symptoms, family hx of Sickle cell anemia/Thalassemia/G6PD/Hemophilia.
- **Social History;** Travel (parasitic infections e.g. hookworm and malaria), Alcohol.



Endocrine system

# Common presenting problems in Endocrine system

## **DM**

The patient may come with one of the following or more:

- Polyuria
- Polydipsia
- Weight loss
- Blurred vision.

### **Key points to ask suspected DM patient:**

- Onset
- Duration
- Relieving and aggravating factors
- Frequency? of any of the above.
- Rule out other DDx of polyuria, polydipsia:
  - Drink water at the night (physiological)
  - Hx of Brain infection/surgery or tumor (central DI)
  - Lithium use (Nephrogenic DI)
  - Do you feel excessive thirst (psychogenic Polydipsia)
  - Diuretics intake?

### **If they are already diagnosed:**

- Type of diabetes
- Type of drug used (Insulin or oral hypoglycemic)
- Do they take the drug regularly
- How many times they measure it per day
- What are the readings
- what was the last measured HBA<sub>1C</sub>, ?

### **Ask about diabetes complications:**

- Numbness? (Neuropathy)
- Blurred vision? (retinopathy)
- Angina, fatigue ? (CVD)
- Frothy urine, edema, (nephropathy).
- Recurrent skin infection, UTI, ( low immunity),
  - Nausea and vomiting, abdominal pain (DKA).

### **Risk Factors:**

#### **Past Medical History**

- Autoimmune disease ?
- HTN?
- Obesity ?
- Steroid intake?
- Hyperlipidemia?

#### **Social History**

- Smoking , Alcohol
- Exercise
- Diet

#### **Family history**

- DM and other Autoimmune Disease?

# Thyroid Examination

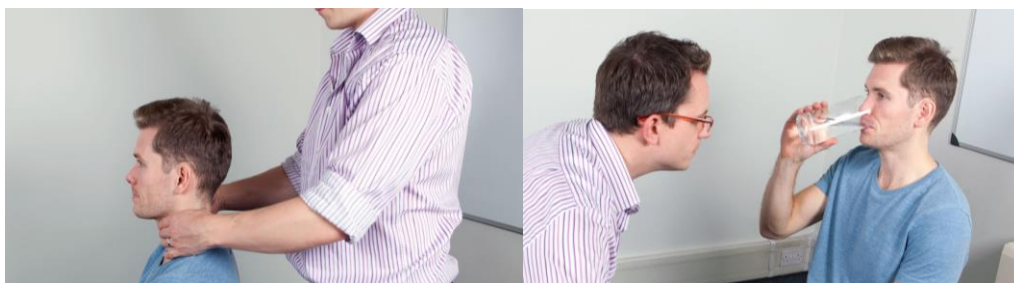
**WIP<sub>3</sub>E:** Wash your Hands, Introduce yourself, Permission/Privacy/Position, Exposure.

**Position:** Sitting

**Exposure:** Complete exposure of the head and neck down to clavicles

General appearance look for: **ABC<sub>2</sub>DE**

- **A**ppearance:
- **B**ody built: Cachectic? Obese?
- **C**olor: Cyanosed? Pale? (Anemia)
- **C**onnections: to any devices: Holter monitor? Pacemaker? or intracardiac defibrillator?
- **D**istress: in pain, respiratory or neurological distress
- **E**lse: orientation, consciousness, alertness



## General inspection:

- Look for any sign of:
  - Hyperthyroidism: Weight loss, Anxiety, Frightened facies of thyrotoxicosis, Sweaty
  - Hypothyroidism: Overdressed, Facial myxedema, Look for signs of mental and physical sluggishness
- Nails: Onycholysis, thyroid Acropathy (phalangeal bone overgrowth) , peripheral cyanosis.
- Hands: Tremor, palmar erythema.
- Pulse: Tachycardia, Bradycardia with regular or irregular rhythm
- Arms: Ask the patient to raise the arms above the head to test for proximal myopathy.
- Tap the arm for abnormal briskness reflexes
- Eyes: Inspect from the front, side and above to look for
  - Exophthalmos a protrusion of the eyeball from the orbit
  - complications of Exophthalmos: chemosis, Conjunctivitis, corneal ulceration.
  - Lid retraction: The sclera is visible above the iris
  - Lid lag: by asking the patient to follow your finger as it descends at a moderate rate from the upper to the lower part of the visual field
  - Periorbital edema
- Chest: Gynecomastia (due to increased prolactin)
- Legs: pretibial myxedema, proximal myopathy, Knee reflex

## Neck inspection:

- Look at the front and sides of the neck for any masses, scars, pigmentation, dilated veins and overlying skin
- Ask the patient to swallow and watch the neck movement: Only a goiter or thyroglossal cyst will rise during swallowing.
- Ask the patient to protrude tongue: If the mass moves it is most likely a thyroglossal cyst

**Neck palpation:** “Ask if there is any pain before palpation then stand behind the patient”

- Flex the neck slightly, put your thumbs behind the neck and the rest of your fingers in front and then palpate the thyroid lobe and the isthmus.
- Repeat the assessment while the patient swallowing and protruding the tongue
- While you palpate the glands comment on:
  - Size: Feel particularly carefully for a lower border, because its absence suggests retrosternal extension
  - Shape: Note whether the gland is uniformly enlarged or irregular and whether the isthmus is affected.
  - Consistency: Soft (normal), Firm (Simple goiter), Rubbery hard (Hashimoto’s thyroiditis), Stony hard (carcinoma.)
  - Tenderness: Feature of thyroiditis
  - Mobility: carcinoma may be tether the gland
- Palpate the cervical and supraclavicular lymph nodes.
- From The front: assess the trachea if it central or not

**Percussion:**

- Percuss over the upper part of the manubrium,
- Change from resonant to dull indicate retrosternal goiter

**Auscultation:**



- Ask the patient to take a deep breath and hold it Then Use the bell to listen over each lobe for a bruit

# Physical Signs of Endocrine System

## Thyroid disease

Whenever the patient present with S/S of thyroid disease you should ask about:

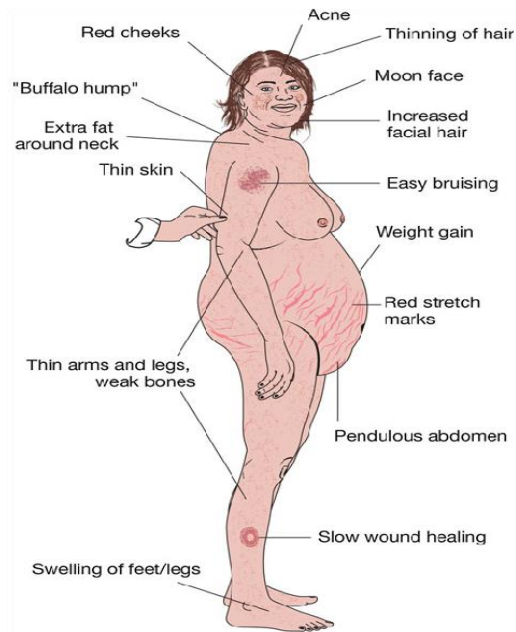
- Compressive symptoms e.g. SOB, choking sensation, dysphagia, hoarseness.
- Risk factors of thyroid disease e.g. radiation , other autoimmune disease , Iodine intake.
- S/S/ of hypo- and hyperthyroidism .

	Hyperthyroidism	Hypothyroidism
Symptoms and Signs		
General	Heat intolerance, sweating, weight loss, increased appetite, malaise. Hands: Onycholysis, clubbing, sweating, warmth.	Cold intolerance, edema, mild obesity, weight gain.
CNS	Nervousness, irritability, insomnia, tremor, hyperreflexia.	Psychosis, dementia, ataxia, carpal tunnel syndrome, hyporeflexia, muscle cramps.
CVS	Palpitation, breathlessness, tachycardia.	HTN, heart failure, bradycardia, pericardial effusion.
GIT	Vomiting, diarrhea.	Constipation.
Musculoskeletal	Muscle weakness, proximal muscle wasting.	Muscular hypertrophy, proximal myopathy, myotonia.
Eyes	Staring and protrusion eyes (exophthalmos), lid lag, lid retraction, chemosis.	Loss of hair at the outer third of the eyebrow, periorbital puffiness.
Others	loss of libido, gynecomastia, tall stature in children, goiter.	Myxedema, Large tongue, dry thin hair, deep voice, deafness, goiter.
Pictures		

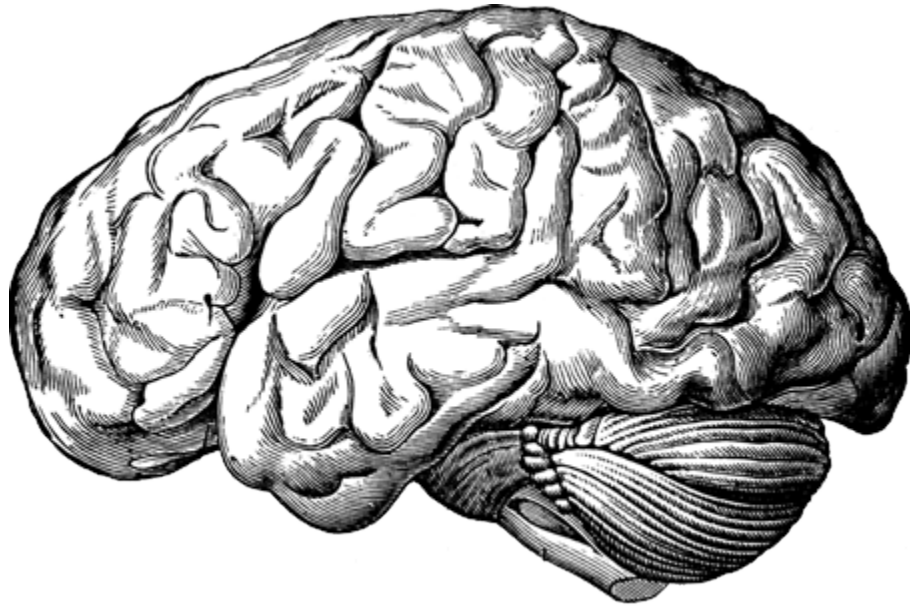
- Signs only in graves: puffiness of the eyes, Exophthalmos, lid retraction, myxedema.



## Cushing Disease



1. General inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Moon face</li> <li>● Hair growth (Hirsutism)</li> <li>● Central (Truncal) Obesity with thin extremities.</li> </ul>
2. Eyes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Examine the eyes for Bitemporal hemianopsia or papilledema.</li> </ul>
3. Arms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Proximal myopathy (examined by asking the patient to squat)</li> <li>● High BP</li> </ul>
4. Face	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Frontal Balding (Female)</li> <li>● Facial plethora</li> <li>● Acne</li> </ul>
5- Chest and Abdomen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gynecomastia</li> <li>● Purple Striae</li> </ul>
6-Back	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Buffalo hump</li> <li>● Bony tenderness over the vertebra (due to osteoporosis)</li> </ul>
7-Skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Poor wound healing</li> <li>● Pigmentations</li> <li>● Thin Skin/easy bruising</li> <li>● Skin Infections</li> </ul>
8-Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Amenorrhea/Oligomenorrhea</li> <li>● Growth arrest in children</li> <li>● edema</li> </ul>



# Neurology

# Headache

## DDx

- Primary:
  - Migraine, Cluster, Tension, or Primary stabbing/coughing/exertional-related.
- Secondary:
  - Medications overuse, Sinus headache, Raised ICP (brain tumors, intracranial hemorrhage), Infections (meningitis, encephalitis), Inflammatory (temporal arteritis, other vasculitis, arthritis), Referred pain from other structures (Neck or orbit).

Headache			
Types	Tension	Migraine	Cluster
Site	Bilateral frontal pain that spread to the entire head	Unilateral (on one side might alternates)	Unilateral orbitotemporal pain (does not alternates)
Onset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once or twice per week</li> <li>• 4-6 hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once or twice per months</li> <li>• 4 hours or more</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1-4 per day</li> <li>• Episodic pain, same time every day</li> <li>• 15 - 180 min</li> </ul>
Character	Band like pressure	pulsatile or throbbing pain which gradually get worse	Intense pain
Radiation	-	Radiate to the neck on the same side as pain	No radiation
Alleviating factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analgysics</li> <li>• Rest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSAIDS</li> <li>• Triptan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxygen</li> <li>• Sumitriptan</li> </ul>
Timing	Afternoon (after work)	Weekends	Morning
Exacerbation	emotional stressors, depression, insomnia	Relation to food, emotions, menses	movement or activity or sleep
Severity	Not severe	Severe	Severe

### Other causes of headache:

Headache cause	Characteristic
Secondary (Tumor, obstructive sleep apnea)	Comes after waking up in the morning
Temporal (Giant cell) arteritis	Visual disturbance, jaw claudication, systemic symptoms such as muscle pain, fatigue, and weakness.
Wisdom tooth	Drinking or eating sweet, hot, or cold foods or fluids
Subarachnoid hemorrhage	"Worst headache of my life"
Trigeminal neuralgia	Sudden attacks of stabbing unilateral facial pain, triggered by touching the face, chewing, speaking or brushing teeth
Caffeine withdrawal headaches	Weekends "when patient usually drink coffee only at work in weekdays"

### Associated Symptoms

#### Red flags:

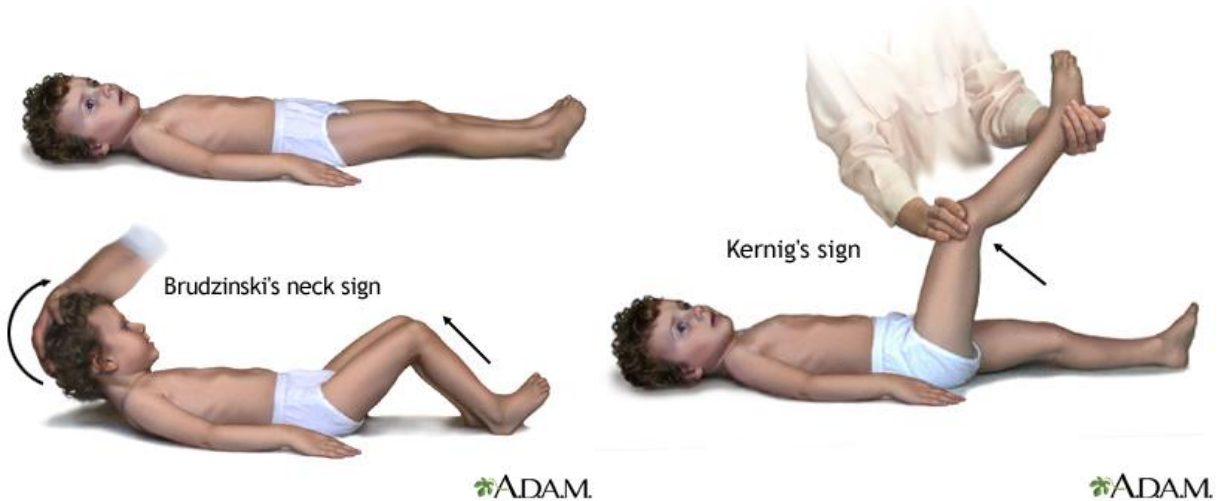
- Sudden onset ⇒ Subarachnoid hemorrhage, Cerebral venous sinus thrombosis, Pituitary apoplexy, Meningitis.
- Focal neurological symptoms ⇒ Intracranial mass lesion
- Constitutional symptoms ⇒ Neoplastic (lymphoma or metastases), Meningoencephalitis, Inflammatory (vasculitic)
- Raised intracranial pressure (worse on weakening/laying down, associated vomiting) ⇒ Intracranial mass lesion
- New onset aged > 60 yrs ⇒ Temporal arteritis
- Other symptoms:
  - Fever alone with no red-flags → viral syndrome, sinusitis, meningitis.
  - Nausea, Vomiting → migraine, increased ICP.
  - Otagia, hearing loss → otitis media
  - Reddened eyes, excessive lacrimation, nasal congestion, facial swelling → Cluster headache
  - +/- Aura, photophobia → migraine

### Risk Factors related to Headache:

1. Medical hx: HIV, Malignancy, HTN, DM, Brain abscess, Stroke, Anemia, Hx of migraine, Congenital brain deformity, Hemophilia.
2. Drugs: Anticoagulant, Antiplatelets, Vasodilators (Nitrates).
3. Surgical hx: (specifically intracranial surgery), Trauma (posttraumatic headache), blood transfusion.
4. Social Hx: Smoking, Sexual contact (HIV).
5. Family Hx: Tumors, Migraine.

## Signs of meningism:

- Neck stiffness: With the patient lying flat in bed, slip your hand under the occiput and gently flex the neck passively (i.e. without assistance from the patient). Bring the chin up to approach the chest wall
- Brudzinski sign: spontaneous flexion of the hips during flexion of the neck by the examiner and indicates meningism.
- Kernig's sign: Flex each hip in turn, then attempt to straighten the knee while keeping the hip flexed.



# Weakness

## DDx:

- CNS: Stroke, TIA, neoplasm, infection, MS, myopathies
- PNS: Peripheral neuropathy, Guillain-Barre, Lumbar Eaton
- Radiculopathies: compression, cervical spondylosis.

## Personal Data:

- Age (stroke more common elderly), occupation (heavy lifting can cause disk prolapse).

## History of presenting illness:

- Site:
  - Bilateral weakness (MS, Neuromuscular junction disorders, Guillain-Barre syndrome)
  - Unilateral (Stroke) systemic (myopathy)
- Onset:
  - Sudden (Stroke, intracranial hemorrhage)
  - Gradual (Myasthenia gravis, Guillain-Barre syndrome, Hyperparathyroidism, myotonic dystrophy or spinal cord atrophy)
  - Steadily worsen (MS)
- Character:
  - Rapidly progressive descending tetraparesis (botulism, organophosphate poisoning, brainstem stroke)
  - Rapidly progressive ascending paraparesis (GBS)
  - Rapidly progressive descending paraparesis (spinal cord compression).
- Alleviating factors:
  - Exercise? (Joint disease, Lumbar eaton),
- Exacerbating factors:
  - All daily activity? (Hypothyroidism)
  - Exercise? (Muscular dystrophy, MS)
  - Heat exacerbates the symptom? (MS)
- Time Course:
  - Comes and goes? (myasthenia gravis)
  - Steadily worsen? (MS)
  - Gradually improve?
- Severity: Is the weakness preventing you from daily activity?

## Associated symptoms:

- Constitutional symptoms (malignancy)
- CNS Symptoms (MS, stroke , Myasthenia gravis, brain tumor)
- Hyperthyroidism symptoms

## Risk Factors related to DDx:

- Medical history of:
  - Injury (head or spinal) Cancer , Hyperthyroidism, heavy exercise
  - HTN, Hypercholesterolemia, vascular disease, atrial fibrillation, MI > Stroke
  - Hematological disorders
- Medications Hx: (drugs, allergies)

- Hx of injection drugs or Organophosphate poisoning
- Estrogen use
- Anticonvulsants, antidepressants, anti HTN, Steroids, anticoagulants or antiplatelets drugs
- Surgical Hx
  - Previous operations? (nerve compression/ infection)
  - Trauma, Blood transfusion
- Social Hx:
  - Smoking?
  - Alcohol?
  - Sexual contacts? HIV
  - Tick exposure
- Family Hx:
  - Neurological or mental disease
  - Other family member developed the same weakness > Botulism or Organophosphate poisoning

# Tremors

## Types:

- Resting: oscillation occurs at rest, eg: parkinsonian tremor
- Active: oscillation occurs or increase during voluntary movement, eg: intention tremor
- Postural: oscillation occurs while maintaining a fixed posture against gravity or during other fixed posture (clenched fist, standing), eg: essential tremor, Enhanced physiologic tremor

## DDx

- Primary → Essential tremor, parkinson's disease, cerebellar dysfunction, psychogenic
- Secondary → medications (eg: amphetamines, beta agonist, TCA, lithium, caffeine), fatigue, anxiety, fear

## History of presenting illness:

- Site:
  - Unilateral or asymmetric? (Parkinson's).
  - Bilateral? (essential tremor, Enhanced physiologic tremor).
  - Hand head or voice? (essential tremor).
  - Jaw or face? (parkinson's)
- Onset:
  - Sudden? acute onset tremor (stroke, toxic, metabolic related, structural lesion, psychogenic).
  - Gradual? (essential, Enhanced physiologic tremor, parkinson's).
  - After stressful event ? (psychogenic).
  - After new medication ? (medication related, metabolic related)
- Characteristic:
  - At rest ? (Parkinson's disease, parkinsonism)
  - With posture like holding something? (Essential tremor, Enhanced physiologic tremor, toxic, metabolic related)
  - With action like drinking, eating, writing, dressing? (Essential tremor)
  - With action when reaching the target? (Cerebellum or its connections)
- Alleviating factors:
  - Alcohol ? (essential tremor)
- Timing:
  - Gotten worse? (Essential tremor, Parkinson's disease/parkinsonism)
  - As not changed ? (Enhanced physiologic tremor)
  - Was it unilateral and now bilateral? (Parkinson's disease)
- Exacerbating factors: stress, anxiety, fatigue ? (may affect all tremor types)
- Severity: does it affect your daily life?
- Associated symptoms:
  - Stiffness, slowness, gait changes? (Parkinsonism)
  - Stress, anxiety ? (Enhanced physiologic tremor)
  - Weight loss, diaphoresis, heat intolerance, palpitation? (thyrotoxicosis)
  - Seizure, delirium, hallucination, tremulousness (alcohol withdrawal)
  - Diaphoresis, anxiety, palpitation, confusion, seizure ? (hypoglycemia)
  - Cognitive impairment, visual hallucinations ? (Lewy body dementia)
- Constitutional symptoms?
- Risk Factors:



- Medical history: DM? (hypoglycemia).
- Medications?
- Social history: hx of alcohol? (alcohol withdrawal). hx of smoking?
- Family history: tremor ? (essential tremor)

# Loss of Consciousness

## DDx:

- Cardiac syncope:
  - Arrhythmias e.g. → Ventricular arrhythmias, SA node or implanted device dysfunction, SVT, inherited syndromes (e.g. Long QT, Brugada).
  - Structural cardiopulmonary disease e.g. → Valvular, myocardial (e.g. HOCM, MI), cardiac tamponade, pulmonary embolism/HTN, acute aortic dissection.
- Non-cardiac syncope:
  - Reflex (neurally mediated) → Vasovagal syncope, situational syncope.
  - Orthostatic → Dysautonomia (e.g. Baroreflex failure, diabetic Dysautonomia), hypovolemia.
  - Neurogenic → Seizures, TIA/stroke, migraine.
- Metabolic → hypoglycemia
- Psychiatric (hyperventilation)
- Drug induced.

First you must distinguish Syncope from other causes of loss of consciousness (LOC) e.g. seizures, intoxications ...etc

## Questions to ask:

1. Was there a loss of consciousness? if no → could be Vertigo, Presyncope, Lightheadedness, Disequilibrium...etc
2. If the answer for Q1 was yes then ask; was it brief and self-limited? If no → Coma, Intoxication, Sleep disorders, ...etc
3. If the answer for Q2 was yes then it could be syncope or seizure.

## Clues help you differentiate syncope from seizures:

- Seizure: had seizures before? sense of déjà vu1 or jamais vu2 before episodes? anyone noted head turning, being unresponsive, jerking limbs, unusual posturing or being blue during an episode? Wake up with No memory of the episode, confused and drowsy? woke up with a tongue cut after the episode
- Syncope: ever had lightheaded spells? Sweet or have SOB before spells? pallor?

**REMEMBER:** The onset is rapid, the duration is brief, and the recovery is spontaneous and complete, this is what characterizes syncope.

## Taking History:

Personal Data: Age → above 40, male (Common IHD)

## History of presenting illness:

- Was it complete loss of consciousness or just a drop attack? If just a drop attack → TIA
- Was it brief and self-limited?
  - If no → Coma, Intoxication, Sleep disorders.. etc.
  - If Yes → Syncope or Seizure
- Have you had light headed spells? Syncope

<b>Before the attack</b>	
Was there any triggers?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Changing position from sitting to standing: postural hypotension</li> <li>● Sitting or lying down: cardiac problems, Orthostatic hypotension</li> <li>● During heavy exercise: aortic stenosis</li> <li>● Syncope with Arm exercise: subclavian steal</li> <li>● During urination, coughing, defecation, swallowing: situational syncope</li> <li>● Emotional response (fear, anxiety): vasovagal syncope</li> <li>● Migraine attack</li> <li>● Severe facial or throat pain: glossopharyngeal neuralgia.</li> </ul>
Was there any warnings?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nausea, ringing in the ears: vasovagal syncope</li> <li>● Palpitation, chest pain and SOB: cardiac syncope.</li> <li>● Sweating, weakness and confusion: hypoglycemia</li> <li>● Olfactory (aura), sense of deja vu: seizure</li> </ul>
Was there any color changes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pallor → syncope</li> <li>● Cyanosis → Seizures</li> </ul>

<b>During the attack</b>	
How long did the attack last ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Seconds: syncope</li> <li>● Minutes : seizures</li> </ul>
Has anyone seen the episode noticed jerking movements ( tonic-clonic movements ) ?	<p>If the answer is yes it is most likely seizure</p>
Have you bitten your tongue ?	
Have you pass urine or faeces during the attack ?	
Have you injured yourself?	

<b>After the attack</b>	
Did you wake up feeling normal or drowsy? Or how long did it take for full recovery?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Normal or immediate recovery → syncope</li> <li>● Drowsy or delayed recovery → seizures</li> </ul>

Did you have confusion , headache and loss of memory after the attack, muscle pain?	Indication of seizure
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Associated symptoms:

- Constitutional symptoms
- Cardiac and CNS system symptoms
- Vasovagal syncope: Episodes occur in hot crowded environments, With prolonged standing?after experiencing intense pain, fear, or emotion?,preceded by a prodrome of symptoms such as dizziness, nausea, and diaphoresis?, pale during or after the episodes?
- Aortic stenosis: angina, dyspnea on exertion? -Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy: family + young age + hx of sudden cardiac death + syncope after exertion?
- ACS: family hx of CAD, angina,..etc?
- Aortic dissection: abdominal and back pain?
- TIA: double vision, difficulty speaking, dysarthria or weakness or numbness on one side of the body?
- Vertigo: sensation room spinning

Risk Factors:

- Medical hx:
  - History of Epilepsy, Stroke, TIA, Cardiac diseases, Parkinson’s disease (autonomic neuropathy) any Chronic disease as HTN (syncope due to antihypertensive drugs), diabetes and CKD(syncope due to hypoglycemia)
  - Autonomic insufficiency, Addison's disease, pheochromocytoma (orthostatic hypotension)
- Drugs:
  - Cardiovascular: B-blockers, Vasodilators (alpha-blockers, CCB, hydralazine, Nitrate, ACEI), Diuretics, centrally acting antihypertensives? clonidine, methyl dopa, Cardiac antiarrhythmic.
  - CNS: Antidepressants (tricyclics, monoamine oxidase inhibitors), Antipsychotics (phenothiazines), Sedatives (barbiturates, ethanol), Antiparkinsonian agents, Anxiolytic agents (benzodiazepines), Antiepileptics
- Surgical hx:
  - hx of cardiac surgery or head trauma.
- Social hx:
  - Smoking
- Family hx:
  - Same episode, Hx of tumors.
  - Cardiac disease or sudden death

# Altered mental status (AMS)

## DDx:

- Cerebrovascular (Stroke, TIA, Epidural hematoma, subdural hematoma, subarachnoid hemorrhage)
- Traumatic (head trauma, pelvic fracture)
- neurologic (dementia, delirium, postictal)
- Cardiac (MI, arrhythmia, CHF)
- Pulmonary (PE, hypoxia, carbon monoxide poisoning)
- Metabolic (Hyperglycemia, Hypoglycemia, Hyponatremia, Dehydration -volume depletion-, Hypothermia, Hypercalcemia, Hypocalcemia, Hypercapnia, Hepatic encephalopathy, Uremia, Hyperthermia, DKA)
- External (Alcohol withdrawal, Alcohol toxicity, Drug toxicity, Drug withdrawal)

## Associated symptoms:

- Constitutional symptoms.
- CNS symptoms: Seizures, *f*syncope, *f* dizziness, vertigo, *f* confusion, lethargy, Facial, Headache, neck, back pain, neck stiffness, *f* Problem in the special senses: vision, *f* smelling, tasting, hearing, speech and swallowing. Numbness, paraesthesia, loss or altered sensation, weakness, *f* Involuntary movement
- Uremic symptoms: Oliguria, nocturia, or polyuria. Anorexia, metallic taste, vomiting, fatigue, hiccups, and insomnia. Edema, itch, bruising, pallor, pigmentation.

## Risk Factors related to DDx:

- Medical history:
  - previous history of Confusion
  - Have you been diagnosed with DM, HTN, HL
  - History of TIA and stroke
  - History of Renal failure
  - History of liver failure (liver cirrhosis + Hepatitis)
  - History of Cns Malignancy or mass
  - History of encephalitis
  - Have you been diagnosed with Alzheimer
- Medication: Morphine
- Allergy
- Any previous surgery
- History of blood transfusion
- History of head trauma
- Social history: drug abuse, alcohol
- Family history of confusion and stroke

# Cranial Nerves Examination

**WIP<sub>3</sub>E:** Wash your Hands, Introduce yourself, Permission/Privacy/Position, Exposure.

Cranial Nerve	The Examination Steps
1st-Olfactory (Sensory)	1- Inspect the nostrils using a torch 2- Ask the patient to smell <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. by asking to identify items with specific odors (e.g. soap, coffee)</li> <li>b. Each nostril is tested separately by asking the patient to close the other.</li> </ol>
2nd-Optic (Sensory)	AFRO → with 3 steps in each. 1- Examine <i>visual acuity</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. distant vision using ⇒ Snell's Chart;               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The patient wearing his\her glasses test each eye separately</li> <li>b. if he couldn't recognize the largest letter on the chart → ask him to count your fingers → if fail; then perception of hand movement is tested → if this failed → test for light perception with a torch.</li> </ol> </li> <li>B. Colour vision using ishihara plates</li> </ol> <hr/> 2- Examine <i>Visual fields by</i> ⇒ confrontation method <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. visual inattention: with both eyes open; ask the patient to focus on you, hold your fists out laterally to each side and ask them to point at the fist which are opening and closing.</li> <li>B. visual fields:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Remove the patient glasses.</li> <li>b. Patient's head should be at the level of your head, and the distance must be approximately 50cm.</li> <li>c. Examine each eye separately.</li> <li>d. Close the patient's left eye and ask him\her to look at your right eye and vice versa.</li> <li>e. Hold the pin at arm's length, halfway between you and the patient, then bring it medially and check the 4 quadrants and the middle field while his\her eye is looking at your eye.</li> </ol> </li> <li>C. blind spot: enlarged blind-spot indicate papilloedema.</li> </ol>



figure (1)

- 3- Pupillary Reflex (*Optic is the afferent AND the efferent is the Oculomotor*)
- a. *Direct*: the pupil constrict in the examined eye.
  - b. *Indirect (consensual)*: the pupil constricts in the other eye
  - c. *swinging light test or Marcus Gunn papillary sign*:
    2. Move the torch in an arc from pupil to pupil.
    3. If there is abnormality, the affected pupil will dilate paradoxically after a short time when the torch moved from the normal eye to the abnormal one.
    - d. Accommodation reflex:  
Ask the patient to look at a far object then put a pin in front of his\her eye (the distance approximately 30cm) and observe the pupil. Normally it will constrict.

4-optic disc: *examine the eye fundus using ophthalmoscope*  
 assess optic disc (for any papilledema, atrophy), retinal vessels and macula

3rd- Oculomotor (Motor)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inspect Pupils           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.Ptosis b.Abnormal eye movement c.Eye deviation d.Pupils size“Symmetry”</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
4th- Trochlear (Motor)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Eye Movement           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Following the finger without moving the head: test the 6 cardinal points in (H) pattern.</li> <li>b. Move your finger in (X) shape to check for superior and inferior oblique muscles.</li> <li>c. Asses if there is failure in eye movement, diplopia, or nystagmus.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
6th- Abducens (Motor)	

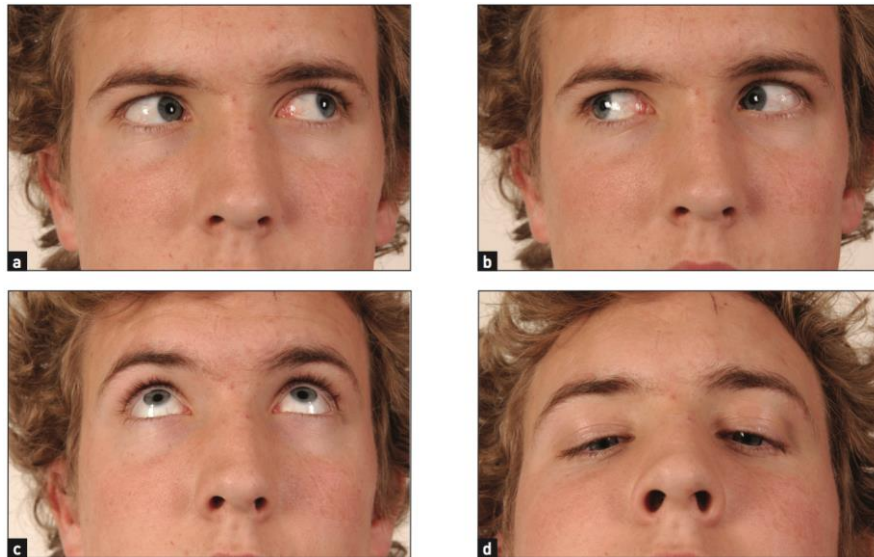


Figure (2)

1. Inspect temporalis, masseter, and pterygoid for muscle wasting.
2. Sensory: Has three divisions: Ophthalmic, Maxillary and Mandibular.
  - a. Examine it by using piece of cotton to assess light touch, and pinhead to assess pain bilaterally.

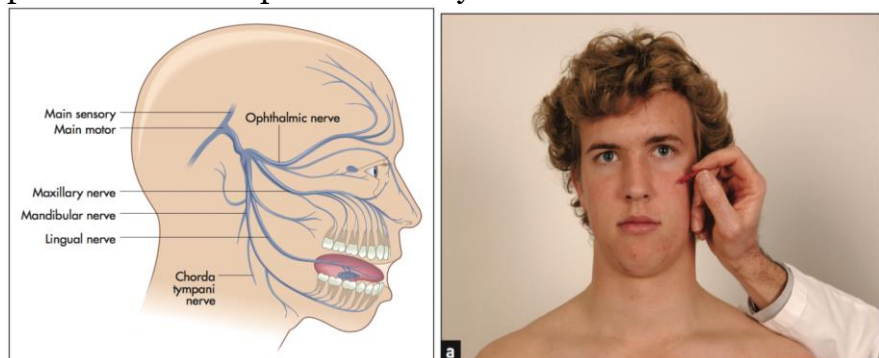


Figure (4)

5th-  
Trigaminal  
(Mixed)

3. Motor: Muscle of mastication: temporalis, masseter, and pterygoid.
  - a. Ask the patient to clench the teeth and palpate the masseter.
  - b. Ask the patient to open the mouth (pterygoid) and hold it open while the examiner attempt to force if shut, and note any deviation (toward the lesion side).



Figure (5): Clench your jaw'—feel the masseter muscles



4. Reflexes:

a. Corneal reflex:

- i. Lightly touch the cornea with wisp of cotton brought to the eye from the side.
- ii. The normal response is blinking of both eyes.
- iii. Ask the patient whether he\she feels the touch or not.
- iv. Afferent: ophthalmic division of trigeminal.
- v. Efferent: facial nerve

b. Jaw reflex (masseter reflex):

- i. Ask the patient to let the mouth fall open slightly.
- ii. Placed your index on the tip of the jaw and tapped lightly with hammer.
- iii. Normally there will be a slight closure of the mouth or no reaction at all.



Figure (6)

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Figure (7)  
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Figure (9)

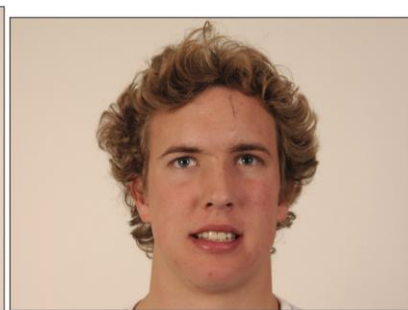





Figure (10)

7th-Facial  
(Mixed)

<p>8th- Vestibulocochlear (Sensory)</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Weber's test</th> <th>Rinne's test</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Technique</td> <td>Hold the base of a vibrating tuning fork against the vertex.</td> <td>Hold the base of a vibrating tuning fork against the mastoid process.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Conductive deafness</td> <td>Sound is louder in the affected ear, since distraction from external sounds is reduced in that ear.</td> <td>Bone conduction is better than air conduction.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nerve deafness</td> <td>Sound is louder in the normal ear.</td> <td>Both bone and air conduction are impaired.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Weber's test	Rinne's test	Technique	Hold the base of a vibrating tuning fork against the vertex.	Hold the base of a vibrating tuning fork against the mastoid process.	Conductive deafness	Sound is louder in the affected ear, since distraction from external sounds is reduced in that ear.	Bone conduction is better than air conduction.	Nerve deafness	Sound is louder in the normal ear.	Both bone and air conduction are impaired.
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<p>9th Glossopharyngeal (Mixed)</p>	<p>1. Inspection:</p> <p>A. ask the patient to open his\her mouth to inspect the palate, then say "AAH" to observe the soft palate with a torch (soft palate is pulled to the normal side).</p> <p>B. Ask the patient to cough, and look for any bovine cough.</p> <p>C. ask patient to speak to assess hoarseness.</p> <p>D. Ask the patient to take a sip of water and swallow it, and look for any coughing or regurgitation into the nose.</p> <div data-bbox="712 934 1073 1184" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Figure (11)</p> <hr/> <p>2. Reflexes: Gag reflexes</p> <p>i. By depressing the patient's tongue and touching his\her palate, pharynx or nostril.</p> <p>ii. Compare with other side.</p>												
<p>10th- Vagus (Mixed)</p>													
<p>11th- Accessory (Motor)</p>	<p>1. Muscle power:</p> <p>a. Sternocleidomastoid :</p> <p>i. Ask the patient to rotate head against resistance.</p> <p>ii. Compare the power on each side.</p> <p>b. Trapezius:</p> <p>i. Ask the patient to shrug shoulders and hold them in position against resistance.</p> <p>ii. Compare the power on each side.</p>												

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<p>12th- Hypoglossal (Motor)</p>	<p>1. Inspection</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ask the patient to open his\her mouth, and inspect for:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Atrophy: increase folds, or wasting.</li> <li>ii. Fibrillation: small wriggling movements.</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Ask the patient to protrude tongue, note any difficulty or deviation.</li> <li>c. Place your finger on the patient's cheek and ask to push their tongue against it. (The tongue is deviated toward the side of weakness).</li> </ol> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  <p>Figure (14)</p> </div>

## Cranial Nerves Lesions

### Problems with smell:









- Damage to the olfactory pathway will cause diminished sense of smell (Anosmia):
  - Transient (non-neural): upper respiratory tract infection
  - Trauma i.e. basal skull fracture
  - Tumor (e.g. Olfactory groove meningiomas)

**Problems with vision:** Caused by damage to CN II, CN III, CN IV or CN VI.

### Acuity:

Sudden blindness in one eye	Gradual onset bilateral blindness	Rapid onset bilateral blindness
1) retinal artery or vein occlusion 2) temporal arteritis 3) non-arteritic ischaemic optic neuropathy	1) cataracts 2) acute glaucoma 3) macular degeneration 4) bilateral optic nerve or chiasmal compression	1) occipital lobe: bilateral infarction or trauma 2) optic nerve: bilateral damage with methyl alcohol poisoning

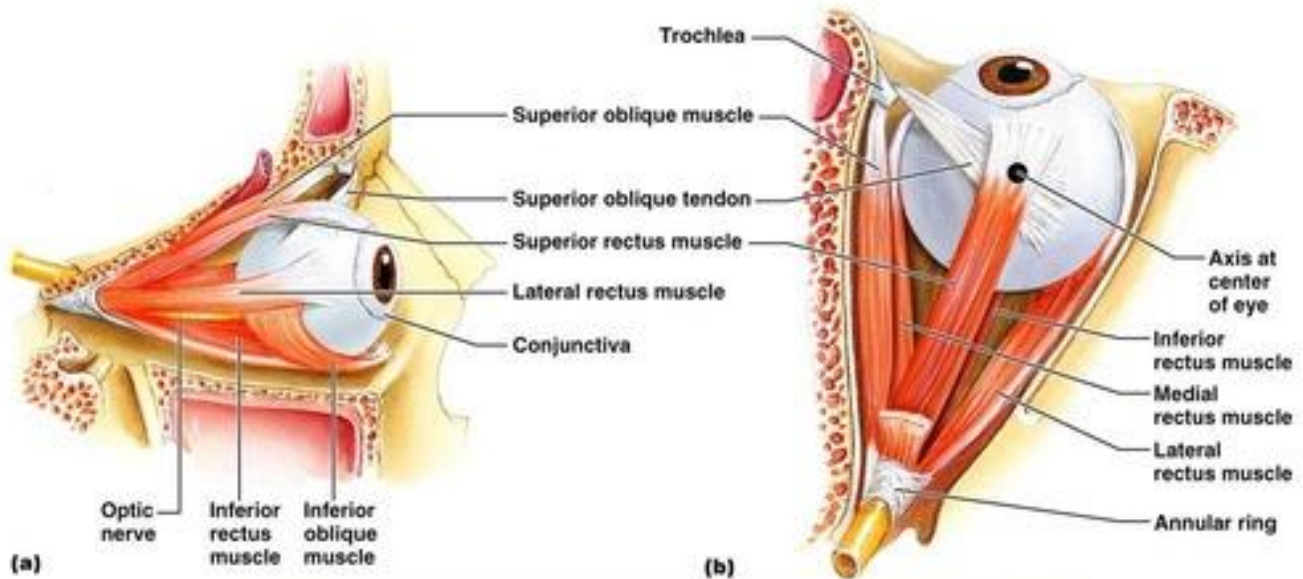
**Fields:**

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|---|---|
| 1. TUNNEL VISION<br>Concentric diminution, e.g. glaucoma, papilloedema, syphilis  |    |
| 2. ENLARGED BLIND SPOT<br>Optic nerve head enlargement  |    |
| 3. CENTRAL SCOTOMATA<br>Optic nerve head to chiasmal lesion, e.g. demyelination, toxic, vascular, nutritional   |    |
| 4. UNILATERAL FIELD LOSS<br>Optic nerve lesion, e.g. vascular tumour  |    |
| 5. BITEMPORAL HEMIANOPIA<br>Optic chiasm lesion, e.g. pituitary tumour, sella meningioma  |    |
| 6. HOMONYMOUS HEMIANOPIA<br>Optic tract to occipital cortex, e.g. vascular, tumour<br>(NB: incomplete lesion results in macular (central) vision sparing) |    |
| 7. UPPER QUADRANT HOMONYMOUS HEMIANOPIA<br>Temporal lobe lesion, e.g. vascular, tumour  |   |
| 8. LOWER QUADRANT HOMONYMOUS HEMIANOPIA<br>Parietal lobe lesion   |  |

**Reflexes:**

1. *If afferent defect (i.e. optic nerve lesion):* pupils are symmetrical but when the light is shined in affected eye => neither pupils constrict.
2. *If efferent defect (i.e. Oculomotor lesion):* Affected pupil is persistently dilated, while the normal one is reactive to light being shined in either eye.

**Movement:**

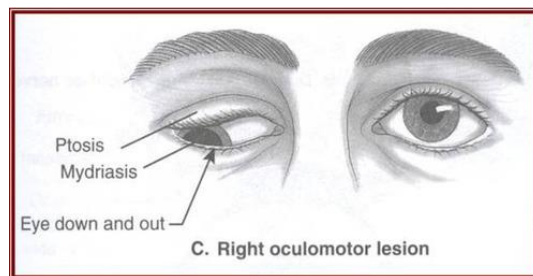


Name	Action	Controlling cranial nerve
Lateral rectus	Moves eye laterally	VI (abducens)
Medial rectus	Moves eye medially	III (oculomotor)
Superior rectus	Elevates eye and turns it medially	III (oculomotor)
Inferior rectus	Depresses eye and turns it medially	III (oculomotor)
Inferior oblique	Elevates eye and turns it laterally	III (oculomotor)
Superior oblique	Depresses eye and turns it laterally	IV (trochlear)

(c)

**1- Oculomotor lesion:**

- No levator palpebrae superioris >> *ptosis*
- No parasympathetic innervation >> *dilated, fixed pupil* (loss of light reflex) and *paralysis of accommodation*.
- No extraocular muscles, except: lateral rectus is intact >> *eye goes lateral* + superior oblique is intact >> *eye down*.



**2- Trochlear lesion:**

- No superior oblique → eye deviate *upward and medially*.
- weakness of downward gaze → *double vision when looking down*.
- a compensatory *contralateral head tilt*.





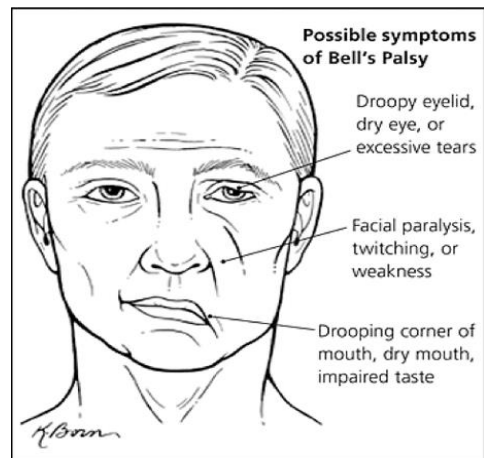
### 3- Abducens lesion:



- No lateral rectus → eye goes medially.

### Facial palsy:

- **Causes of facial palsy:**
  - Bell's palsy (idiopathic or HSV1 infection)
  - Ramsay Hunt syndrome.
  - trauma
  - Tumor e.g. acoustic neuroma
- **Key points in hx:**
  - difficulty with *speaking*?
  - Abnormal *hearing*? Hyperacusis
  - change of the *taste*? Anterior 2/3 of the tongue.
  - *dryness* of the eye and mouth?
  - painful vesicular rash of the pinna and the ear canal? Ramsay hunt syndrome
  - Any *trauma* (esp temporal bone), *brain tumor, surgery*?
  - hx of *otitis media*.



# Motor System Examination

**WIP3E: Wash your Hands, Introduce yourself, Permission/Privacy/Position, Exposure**  
**Position:** Sitting (UL exam), laying down (LL exam).

## 1. Inspection

Scars? Striae? Muscle wasting? Fasciculations? Abnormal position?: (Hemiplegia) or Movements?: (e.g. tremor or drifting), Deformities?

## 3. Tone

The resistance felt by the examiner when moving a joint passively through its range of movement.

1. Ask the patient to relax to allow you to move his\her joint freely (choose the big joints).
2. Start from the distal then proximal or vice versa.
3. Note the group of muscle affected.
  - Normally, there is smooth minimal passive resistance.
  - Hypotonia occur with LMN lesions.
  - Whenever there is resistance to movement (hypertonia), think of the two most common issues: spasticity and rigidity.
  - ✓ Spasticity: More resistance in one direction the other, velocity dependent (i.e. more noticeable with fast movements).
  - ✓ Rigidity: Same resistance in all directions, not velocity dependent.

## 4. Power

The ability to make a resistance.

1. Tested by measuring the examiner's ability to overcome the patient's full voluntary muscle resistance and always compare right to left.
2. For every joint, you have to move it in all its directions of movement.
  - if there is weakness then → Decide if it symmetrical or asymmetrical + group of muscles or general + with pain or not?
  - Use MRC scale to grade the power:

### MRC Scale for grading:

- Grade 0: No movement.
  - Grade 1: Flicker of contraction.
  - Grade 2: Active movement possible with gravity.
  - Grade 3: Active movement possible against gravity.
  - Grade 4: Active movement against gravity and resistance.
  - Grade 5: Normal power.
- Raise the patient's hand up and leave it. If it falls, the power is less than 3, but if not,

apply resistant on it	
Lower Limbs	Upper Limbs
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hip:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Flexion (L2&amp;3)</li> <li>b. Extension (L5,S1&amp;2)</li> <li>c. Abduction (L4,5&amp;S1)</li> <li>d. Adduction (L2,3&amp;4)</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Knee:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Flexion (L5&amp;S1)</li> <li>b. Extension (L3&amp;4)</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Ankle:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Plantar flexion (S1&amp;2)</li> <li>b. Dorsiflexion (L4)</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Tarsal joint:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Big toe extension (L5)</li> <li>b. Eversion and inversion</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <hr/> <p>Quick tests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stand on toes (S1).</li> <li>● Stand on heels (L4 &amp;5).</li> <li>● Squat and stand again (L3&amp;4).</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Shoulder:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Adduction (C6, 7and 8)</li> <li>b. Abduction (C5and 6)</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Elbow:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Flexion (C5&amp;6) by the biceps</li> <li>b. Extension (C7&amp;8) by the triceps</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Wrist:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Flexion (C6&amp;7)</li> <li>d. Extension (C7&amp;8)</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Fingers:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Flexion and extension (C7&amp;8)</li> <li>b. Abduction and adduction (C8&amp;T1).</li> <li>c. Thumb opposition</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
5. Reflexes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The patient must be relaxed and properly positioned.</li> <li>● Make sure that you expose the targeted muscle “If a gross movement can’t be noticed, focus on muscle contraction”.</li> <li>● If the reflex did not appear properly, apply reinforcement maneuvers:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ask patient to close his eyes or teeth firmly.</li> <li>○ Ask patient to pull one hand against the other.</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Grades of muscle reflex:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 0 absent</li> <li>○ +1 reduced (hyporeflexia)</li> <li>○ +2 normal</li> <li>○ +3 exaggerated (hyperreflexia)</li> <li>○ +4 exaggerated with clonus (brisk)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Lower Limbs reflexes	Upper Limbs reflexes
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Knee reflex(patellar reflex L3&amp;4):               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Hold the knee by your forearm.</li> <li>b. Tap on the patellar ligament (between patella and tibial tuberosity).</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Biceps jerk (C5&amp;6):               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Angle of the elbow: 120°.</li> <li>b. Place your thumb on the biceps tendon and tap your thumb with hummer.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>



<p>c. Normally the quadriceps will contract, resulting in knee extension.</p> <p>2. Ankle reflex (S1&amp;2):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both the knee and ankle are flexed 90°.</li> <li>Tap on the Achilles tendon.</li> <li>Normally there will be contraction of gastrocnemius muscle causing plantar flexion.</li> </ol> <p>3. Plantar reflex(Babinski sign):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tell the patient what will do.</li> <li>Stroke up the lateral side of the sole with a sharp instrument such as a key.</li> <li>Curve medially before reaching the toes (i.e. toward the big toe)</li> <li>Normally there will be a plantar flexion of the big toe (downwards).</li> <li>abnormal response (i.e.positive test) if there is dorsiflexion (extension or upward flexion) of the big toe, and fanning of other toes. Seen in UMNL lesion (pyramidal) and in infants.</li> <li>Bilateral up going toes occurs after generalized seizure, and with a patient in coma.</li> </ol> <p>4. Test for clonus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>done if any of the reflexes appeared hyperactive.</li> <li>Hold the relaxed lower leg in your hand, and sharply dorsiflex the foot and hold it dorsiflexed → Normally nothing is felt.</li> <li>positive if you felt oscillations between flexion and extension of the foot.</li> </ol>	<p>c. Normally:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brisk contraction of the biceps.</li> <li>Flexion of the forearm at the elbow, followed by prompt relaxation.</li> </ol> <p>2. Triceps jerk(C7&amp;8):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Angle of the elbow 90°.</li> <li>Triceps jerk with one arm flexed.</li> <li>Support the elbow with one hand and tap over the triceps tendon (do not place your finger).</li> <li>Normally there will be triceps contraction results in forearm extension.</li> <li></li> </ol> <p>3. Brachioradialis (supinator) jerk (C5&amp;6):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strike the lower end of the radius just above the wrist.</li> <li>Normally there will be contraction of brachioradialis, and flexion of the elbow.</li> </ol> <p>4. Finger jerk(C5); Hoffman response.</p>
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**Difference between upper and lower motor neuron lesion:**

	<b>Upper motor Neuron</b>	<b>Lower motor Neuron</b>
Type of paralysis	spastic paralysis	flaccid paralysis
Location	opposite to the side of the lesion	same side of the lesion
Deep tendon reflexes	exaggerated	diminished or Absent
Muscle wasting	Not marked (disuse atrophy)	marked
Fasciculations	absent	present
Clonus	Present	absent
Babinski sign	Present	absent

# Sensory System Examination

- Always start distally and go proximally.
- Compare left to right.
- The patient's eyes should be closed throughout the sensory examination and the stimuli should routinely be applied lightly so that minor abnormalities can be detected.
- Always use a control point “i.e. a normal area, such as the anterior chest wall” before you start testing for each sensory type.

## 1. Pain

- Using a new pen, a sterile needle or broken tongue depressor.
- First: Demonstrate the patient that this induces a relatively sharp sensation by touching lightly a normal area, such as the anterior chest wall.
- Then ask the patient to close his eyes and say whether the pinprick sharp or dull.

## 2. Temperature

- This test performed only in special circumstances, e.g. syringomyelia (a chronic progressive disease of the spinal cord associated with sensory disturbances, muscle atrophy, and spasticity).
- use a cold tuning fork.
- Ask the patient to close his eyes .touch the patient with it and ask if he perceive the vibration fork as cold.

## 3. Vibration

- Using tuning fork.
- Ask the patient to close the eyes, and place the vibrating tuning fork on bony prominence.
- The patient should be able to describe a feeling of vibration.
- ask the patient to report whether they feel vibration sense and then to report when it stops (to assess the minimal threshold) and compare with your own.
- Golden base: do not go to proximal sites unless distal site are abnormal.

## 4. Proprioception (Joints)

- Use the distal interphalangeal joint of the little finger or the big toe.
- demonstrate to the patient initially with eyes open that you will be moving their digit up (towards their head) or down (towards their feet).
- Ask the patient to close his eyes → then make minimal movements upwards or downwards and ask the patient to report after each movement the direction of movement.

## 5. Light touch

- Use a wisp of cotton and apply a gentle touch (do not drag the stimulus). while the patient's eyes are closed, and let him tell you when he feels the touch.

# Cerebellar and Gait Examination

Exam	Technique
1. General inspection:	
a. Patient posture	Looking for Truncal ataxia. Ask the patient to fold his/her arms and set up.
b. Eyes looking for any Nystagmus	Ask the patient to keep their head still and follow your finger with their eyes, then move your finger right, left, up and down and look for any nystagmus (H shapes)
c. Speech	Speak with the patient to assess dysarthria.
2. Upper Limbs:	
a. Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Resting tremor: place a piece of paper on the patient's outstretched hand, then inspect for tremors.</li> <li>● Pronator drift: ask the patient to place arms outstretched forwards with palms upwards and close their eyes, then observe the arm for pronation movement.</li> <li>● Rebound phenomenon: with their eyes closed, ask the patient to resist your pulling of their arm, then suddenly remove your hand. Make sure you protect the patient face as they might hit it.</li> </ul>
b. Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Finger to nose test: Ask the patient to touch their nose with the tip of their index finger, then touch your finger tip as fast as they can and move your finger just before the patient leave their nose. Looking for Dysmetria or intention tremor.</li> <li>● Rapid alternating movement: Ask the patient to clap by alternating the palmar and dorsal surfaces of the hand, ask them to do this as fast as possible and repeat the test with the other hand, demonstrate this to the patient first. looking for Dysdiadochokinesia</li> </ul>
c. Tone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Try to shake patients hands with pronating and supinating the hand slightly then suddenly supinate or pronate the hand strongly (Assessing for spastic catch/clonus, hypotonia).</li> <li>● Perform the ranges of motion fully of the joints. start proximal to distal or opposite: Shoulder, elbow and wrist.</li> </ul>
3. Lower Limbs:	
a. Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Heel to shin test: Ask the patient to run the heel of one foot down the shin of the other leg and repeat the test with the other leg.</li> <li>● Toe to finger test: Ask the patient to lift the big toe up to touch your finger. Looking for Dysmetria or intention tremors.</li> <li>● Foot tapping test (Rapid alternating movements of the feet): Ask the patient to tap the sole of foot quickly on your hand or tap the heel on the opposite shin.</li> </ul>

b. Tone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pull the leg up then down at the knee joint (while the patient is sitting over the edge of the bed) to assess knee/leg tone.</li> </ul>
c. Reflexes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● With the help of a hammer, tap the knee to induce knee reflex. Looking for Pendular knee reflex due to hypotonia.</li> </ul>
4. Gait Examination:	
a. Inspect walking	Ask the patient to walk normally a few meters, then turn around quickly & walk back.
b. Tandem (Heel to toe) walking	Ask patient to walk in a straight line with their heels to their toes (it will be difficult for pt with cerebellar dz).
c. Romberg Test	It's done to differentiate cerebellar ataxia from sensory ataxia. It's positive only in sensory ataxia. Ask the patient to stand still with their heels together, then to remain still and close their eyes. If the patient loses their balance, the test is positive.

5. Coordination	
Lower Limbs	Upper Limbs
<p><b>1. Heel –shin test:</b></p> <p>a. Ask the patient to run the heel of one foot up and down the opposite shin at moderate pace and as accurately as possible, then repeat it with closed eye.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Inability to perform this is a sign of cerebellar disease, or posterior column loss.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Toe-finger test:</b> Ask the patient to lift the foot and touch your finger by his big toe.</p> <p><b>3. Foot-tapping test:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It tests rapid alternating movement of lower limb.</li> <li>a. Ask the patient to tape the sole of foot quickly on your hand or tap the heel on opposite shin. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Look for loss of rhythmicity.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>1. Finger-nose test:</b></p> <p>a. Ask the patient to touch his nose, then rotates his finger and touch your finger (you should move his finger from one position to another, backward and forward as well as from side to side).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Note any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Intentional tremor.</li> <li>ii. Past pointing (dysmetria).</li> <li>iii. Both.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>2. Rapid alternating movement:</b></p> <p>a. Ask the patient to pronate and supinate his\her hand on the dorsum of the other hand as rapid as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Inability to perform this movement smoothly is called dysdiadochokinesis (slow and clumsy movement).</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Rebound phenomenon:</b></p> <p>a. Ask the patient to flex the arm at the elbow joint against your resistance.</p> <p>b. When you suddenly let go, violent flexion may occur and, unless prevented the patient may strike</p>

	him\herself in the face. ■ Hypotonia due to cerebellar disease cause delay in stopping the arm.
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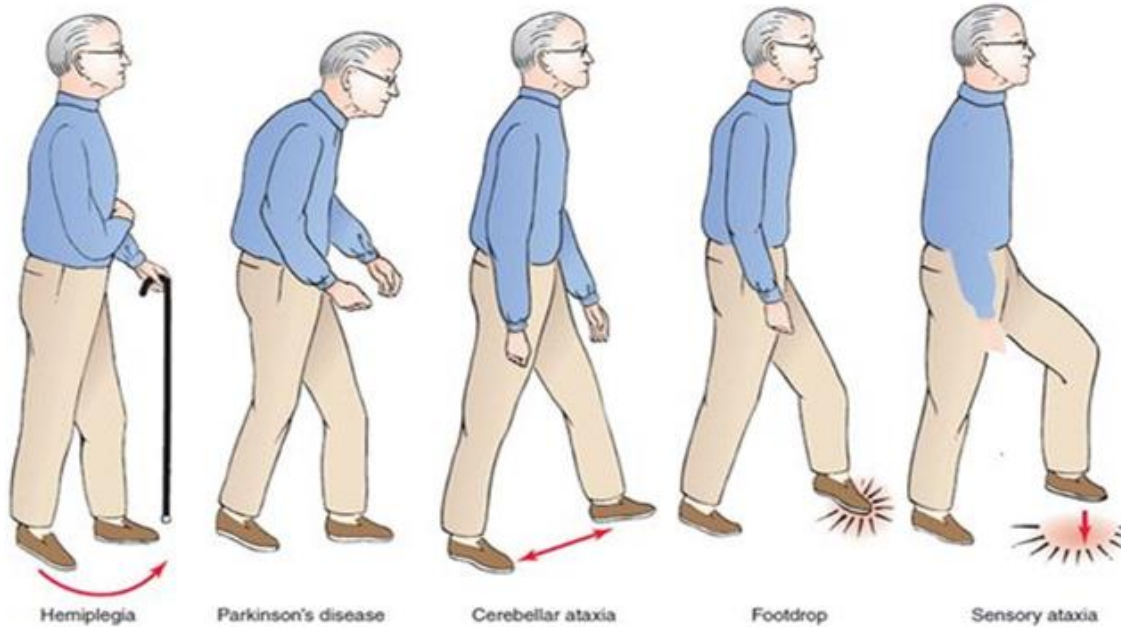
**Signs of cerebellar disease (SIN 3Ds 2As):**

- Scanning speech.
- Intention tremor
- Nystagmus.
- Dysdiadochokinesia
- Dysmetria
- Drunken gait
- truncal Ataxia
- Atonia/hypotonia

**Causes of cerebellar disease:**

- Vascular (Stroke)
- Inflammatory (encephalitis)
- Traumatic
- Tumor (posterior fossa tumors)
- Autoimmune (Multiple sclerosis)
- Degenerative
- Intoxication (alcohol, drugs)
- congenital (Dandy-Walker)
- inherited (friedreich's ataxia)

## Gait abnormalities:



### 1-Hemiplegic Gait:

the patient drags his or her affected leg in a semicircle (circumduction) with the arm flexed, adducted and internally rotated.

### 2-Parkinsonian Gait:

Small shuffling (festinating) gait and a general slowness of movement (hypokinesia), reduced stride length and walking speed with the trunk flexed forward + Both upper limbs are also flexed.

### 3-Ataxia (cerebellar) gait:

a wide base stand with staggering uncoordinated walk. the patient will not be able to walk from heel to toe or in a straight line. patients tend to fall to the side of lesion.

### 4-Steppage (Foot drop) Gait:

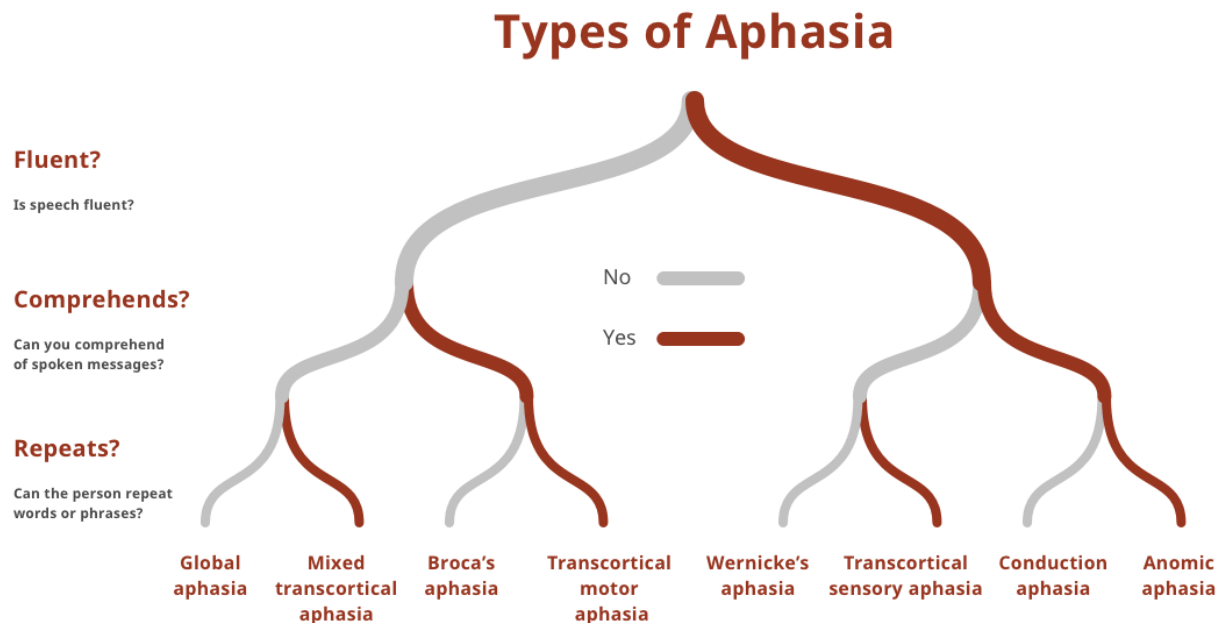
the patient lift the leg high enough during walking so that the foot does not drag on the floor.

### 5-sensory ataxic gait:

here there is a loss of proprioceptive input. Sometimes referred to as a stomping gait since the patient may lift his leg very high to hit the ground hard in order sense it. this is exacerbated when patient cannot see his feet (i.e. in the dark) and associated with positive Romberg's test.

# Speech disturbances:

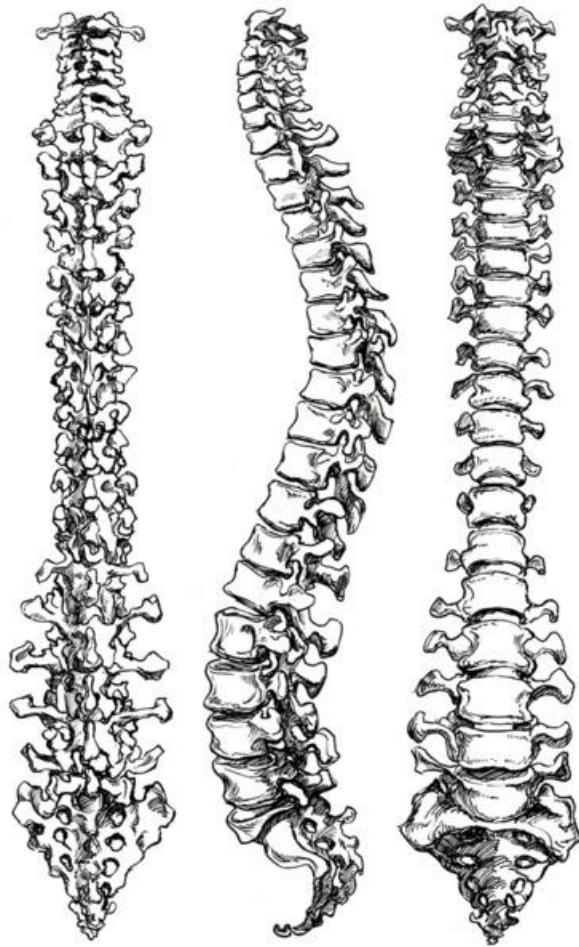
- ❑ Dysarthria: a *motor speech disorder*. It results from *impaired movement of the muscles used for speech production*. it's characterized by slurred or slow speech that can be difficult to understand.
- ❑ Aphasia: an inability to comprehend and formulate *language* because of *damage to specific brain regions*.



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- **Fluent:** Person is able to produce connected speech. Sentence structure is relatively intact but lacks meaning, Exs:
  - Anomic Aphasia: *word finding difficulties*, repetition of words/phrases good.
  - Conduction Aphasia: damage to the arcuate fasciculus, the person will have *difficulty repeating phrases*.
  - Receptive (Wernicke's) aphasia: has *great difficulty understanding the speech* of both themselves and others, So they are often *unaware of their mistakes*. *repetition is poor*.
- **Non-fluent:** Speech production is halting and effortful, Exs:
  - Expressive (Broca's) aphasia: person knows what he or she wants to say but they *can't express it*. they speak *short, meaningful phrases* that are *produced with great effort*. *repetition is poor*.
  - Global Aphasia: *severe expressive and receptive language impairment*, may be *totally nonverbal*, and/or use *only facial expressions and gestures to communicate*.





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## Rheumatological system

## Joint pain:

DDx:

	Monoarthritis	Polyarthritis
Acute inflammation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Septic arthritis               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Haematogenous (e.g. staphylococcal or gonococcal)</li> <li>Secondary to penetrating injury</li> </ul> </li> <li>Traumatic</li> <li>Gout, pseudogout or hydroxyapatite arthritis</li> <li>Haemarthrosis (e.g. haemophilia)</li> <li>Seronegative spondyloarthritis</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infection</li> <li>Onset of chronic polyarthritis</li> </ol>
Chronic inflammation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chronic infection (e.g. atypical mycobacterial infection)</li> <li>Seronegative spondyloarthritis</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rheumatoid arthritis</li> <li>Seronegative spondyloarthritis</li> <li>Osteoarthritis</li> <li>Gout, pseudogout or hydroxyapatite arthritis</li> <li>Connective tissue disease (e.g. SLE)</li> <li>Infection (rare)</li> </ol>
Painful joint with no inflammation	Osteoarthritis	-

### Personal Data:

- Age (elderly → Osteoarthritis).

### History of presenting illness: (SOCRATES)

- Site

Mono- Arthritis	Oligo-Arthritis	Poly- Arthritis
One Joint	Equal or less than 4	More than 4
Infection (TB, Brucella), Osteoarthritis, Chronic malignancy, Gout	ankylosing spondylitis, reactive arthritis	Rheumatoid arthritis (RA), SLE

- Onset:
  - Sudden? → Gout
  - Gradual? → Osteoarthritis
  - Continuous or in separate attacks? → Reactive arthritis
  - Character:
    - Additive: affects one joint then affects another one in addition to the former one → Reactive arthritis
    - Intermittent: affects the same joint, but comes and goes → osteoarthritis
    - Migratory: affects one joint, and then leaves it to another one → Rheumatic fever
- Alleviating factors.
- Time of the day which is worse
  - Worse at morning? (large joint → Osteoarthritis) ( small joint → spondylarthritis )

### **Associated symptoms:**

- Constitutional symptoms
- other joint problems e.g. Deformity, Instability, Morning stiffness, Joint swelling.

### **Risk Factors related to DDX:**

- Medical history.
  - Childhood arthritis.
  - RA, SLE, scleroderma, vasculitis
  - Recent infection
  - IBD (can result in arthritis).
  - Psoriasis (psoriatic arthropathy)
- Medications Hx: (drugs, allergies)
  - Antiarthritics, e.g. aspirin, NSAID, gold, methotrexate (MTX), penicillamine, chloroquine, steroid.
  - Side effects: gastric ulcer or hemorrhage from aspirin
- History of joint trauma/surgery? or Arthroscopy (examination of a joint with an arthroscope which is an endoscope that is inserted through an incision near a joint).
- Social History :
  - Alcohol → can cause trauma
- Family History
  - RA and OA
  - Hemochromatosis: can result in arthritis due to calcium pyrophosphate deposition
  - Seronegative spondyloarthropathies (e.g: Ankylosing Spondylitis, Reiter's Syndrome, Psoriatic Arthritis, Arthritis of Inflammatory Bowel Disease)
  - Bleeding disorders: Hemophilia may lead to swollen tender joints

# Back pain

Personal Data: Age, Occupation, Residence.

## DDx:

Mechanical	Systemic	Referred pain
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Herniated disk</li> <li>● degenerative disk or facet</li> <li>● spondylolisthesis or spondylolysis.</li> <li>● spinal stenosis</li> <li>● compression fracture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Malignancy</li> <li>● Infections (osteomyelitis, discitis)</li> <li>● Inflammatory spondyloarthropathy (ankylosing spondylitis, psoriatic spondylitis, Reiter's syndrome, IBD)</li> <li>● Paget's disease of bone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Acute aneurysm</li> <li>● Pelvic disease (prostatitis, endometriosis, pelvic inflammatory disease)</li> <li>● Renal disease (stones, pyelonephritis)</li> <li>● Gastrointestinal disease (pancreatitis, cholecystitis, penetrating ulcer)</li> </ul>

## History of presenting illness: (SOCRATES)

- Site: where?
  - Upper (Muscle strain, injury)
  - Middle/Central (Abdominal aortic aneurism)
  - Lower (mechanical, systemic)?
- Onset: When?
  - Sudden (fracture/injury)
  - Gradual?
  - Continuous or in separate attacks?
  - Cyclical? (Endometriosis)
- Character: (What is the pain like?)
  - Electrical or shock like? > disc herniation
  - Clocky? > visceral pain
  - Tearing? > aortic dissection
  - Constant and nocturnal? > Malignancy
- Radiation: (Does it Radiate anywhere?)
  - Pain with lumbosacral radiculopathy travels from the buttock down to the posterior or posterolateral leg to the ankle or foot.
- Alleviating factors/Exacerbating factors
  - Lumbar Flexion: relieve spinal stenosis, and aggravates herniated disk
  - Sitting straight : Aggravates spinal stenosis Activityrelieves Ankylosing spondylitis
  - Sitting, coughing, or sneezing: exacerbate the pain with lumbosacral radiculopathy.
  - Improve with exercise: Ankylosing spondylitis
- Time of the day which is worse:
  - Worse at morning (inflammatory back pain, fibromyalgia) ?
  - Stiffness after inactivity?
- Severity:
  - How bad is the pain from 1 to 10?
  - Does the pain wake the patient from sleep?

- Affect daily activity?
- Evidence of neurological compression?
  - Urinary retention? (Pyelonephritis, renal stones)
  - Sciatica (with or without weakness)?
  - Weakness? (Compression)
  - Paresthesia? loss of sensation?

**Associated symptoms:**

■ **Alarm symptoms:**

- Age >50
- Cancer Hx
- Unexplained weight loss
- pain on waking from sleep
- Pain for longer than 1 month
- Fever (Infection, malignancy)
- Hx of drug use by injection? to exclude Osteomyelitis and paraspinal abscess
- Bowel or bladder dysfunction
- **Constitutional symptoms**
  - Fever (most important) and then.. (N/V/W loss/Night sweats)
- **The systems related to the system**
  - If the back pain associated with..
  - Abdominal pain? > visceral etiology
  - Nausea and vomiting > > pancreatitis, peptic ulcer, appendicitis

**Risk Factors related to DDX:**

- **Medical history:**
  - Trauma Hx, Cancer Hx
- **Medications Hx:**
  - (drugs/Steroids, allergies)
- **Surgical Hx**
  - (Trauma, Blood transfusion, Rehabilitation)
- **Social Hx:**
  - Alcohol, smoking, Occupation
- **Family Hx:**
  - Bleeding disorders or inherited diseases?

# Osteoarthritis

The patient may come with one of the following or more: joint pain that increase with movement, difficulty moving a joint.

## **Key points to ask suspected Osteoarthritis patient:**

- Site (which joint) → osteoarthritis commonly affect the weight bearing joints (e.g. Hip, Knee or spine) + Primary Osteoarthritis is unlikely to involve the MCPs, Wrists, Elbows, Shoulders, Ankles.
- Onset, duration, relieving factors (e.g. rest), aggravating factors (movement), frequency?

## **Rule out other DDX of joint pain:**

- Symmetrical small joints involvement, prolonged morning stiffness → RA
- Systemic symptoms; fatigue? → RA, fever? → septic arthritis
- Other systems involved e.g. respiratory, cardiac → RA
- Acute onset joint pain in few hours → gout
- Joint is red, hot and acutely tender → gout, septic arthritis, traumatic injury.

## **Ask about Associated symptoms:**

- functional difficulties? change in gait?
- bony deformities? Bouchard or heberden deformity
- Crepitus/ Clicking or cracking sound?
- Spinal stenosis? back/leg pain, paresthesia or numbness in the lower limb.

## **Risk Factors:**

- Old age >50 years (the strongest)
- Occupation e.g. manual workers, repeated traumas to the joint.

# Gout

The patient may come with one of the following or more: a sudden onset joint pain and swelling, difficulty moving a joint.

## **Key points to ask suspected Gout patient:**

- Site which joint → commonly involved joints are 1st metatarsophalangeal, tarso-metatarsal or ankle joint.
- Onset (acute and sudden), duration, relieving factors (e.g: painkillers), aggravating factors (movement), frequency (usually he had previous self-limiting attacks before), Severity (the most severe he ever had)?

## **Rule out other DDX of joint pain:**

- Symmetrical small joints involvement, prolonged morning stiffness → RA
- Systemic symptoms; fatigue? → RA, fever? → septic arthritis
- Other systems involved e.g. respiratory, cardiac → RA, recent chlamydia or GI infection  
Infection, conjunctivitis/urethritis → Reactive arthritis
- Pain is not sudden → osteoarthritis
- Joint is not red, hot and acutely tender → osteoarthritis, traumatic injury.

## **Ask about Associated symptoms:**

- functional difficulties? change in gait?
- Renal disease (stones/insufficiency)?
- Gout tophi? noticed on the extensor surfaces e.g. elbows, knees and achilles tendon.

## **Risk Factors:**

- Medical: Previous attack of gout or diagnosis of pseudogout. Use of gout-inducing medications e.g. aspirin, cyclosporine, diuretics (thiazide or loop diuretics). hx of conditions that cause high cell turnover e.g. myeloproliferative disorders, chemotherapy-induced cell death.
- Social: consumption of meat, seafood, alcohol.
- Family hx: family hx of gout.

# Rheumatological Examination

**WIP<sub>3</sub>E:** Wash your Hands, Introduce yourself, Permission/Privacy/Position, Exposure

- General appearance look for: **ABC<sub>2</sub>DE**
  - **A**ppearance: Well or ill ,young middle aged or old
  - **B**ody built: normal, cachectic, obese
  - **C**olor: pale, cyanosed or jaundiced
  - **C**onnections: medications or equipments
  - **D**istress: pain
  - **E**lse: consciousness

## Rheumatological Hand examination

Position: sitting, patient's hands on a pillow

Exposure: above the elbow

### A. Look :

- **Nails:** Pitting nails, onycholysis, hyperkeratosis, psoriasis, Discoloration (Raynaud's phenomenon), digital infarction, splinter hemorrhage
- **Skin:** Atrophy, tightness, Erythema, rashes(psoriasis), Discoloration and scars (fasciotomy, rheumatoid nodule scars)
- **Muscle:** Wasting
- **Bone:**
  - Subluxation
  - Dislocation
- **Joint:**
  - Swelling
  - Joint deformity:
    1. Ulnar deviation
    2. Radial deviation
    3. Swan Neck: Hyperextension of the PIP joint and Fixed flexion of the DIP joint
    4. Boutonniere: Fixed flexion of the PIP joint and Extension of the DIP joint
    5. Jaccoud's arthropathy: reversible flexion of the PIP joint and Extension of the DIP joint
    6. Z-deformity of the thumb: Hyperextension of the IP joint with fixed flexion and subluxation of the MCP joint
    7. Sausage shape fingers: due to IP arthritis and flexor tendon sheath edema
    8. Telescoping finger: shorting of the fingers
    9. Resorption of finger tips (tapering fingers)

### B. Feel:

- Temperature
- Tenderness: Gently squeeze across the (MCP)
- Bimanually palpate the joints of the hand (MCP / PIP / DIP / CMC)
- Bimanually palpate the patient's wrists





- Swelling
  - Bony swelling: Heberden's node (at DIP joint) , Bouchard's nodes (at the PIP joint)

### C. Move:

Assess each of the following movements actively first (patient does the movements independently). Then assess movements passively, feeling for crepitus and noting any pain.

1. Finger extension : “open your fist and splay your fingers”
2. Finger flexion : “make a fist”
3. Wrist extension : “put palms of your hands together and extend wrists fully” – ROM 90°
4. Wrist flexion : “put backs of your hands together and flex wrists fully” – ROM 90°

### D. Function:

- Power grip: ask the patient to squeeze your fingers with his/her hands
- Pincer grip: Ask the patient to place His/her thumb and index finger together and don't let you separate them
- Practical test: ask the patient to Pick up small object or undo a shirt button

### E. Special tests

#### ● Phalen's wrist flexion test

- Ask the patient to hold their wrist in complete and forced flexion (pushing the dorsal surfaces of both hands together) for 60 seconds
- If the patient's symptoms of carpal tunnel syndrome are reproduced then the test is positive (*e.g burning, tingling or numb sensation over the thumb, index, middle and ring fingers*).

#### ● Tinel's test:

- Tap over the carpal tunnel If the patient develops tingling in the thumb and radial two and a half fingers this is suggestive of median nerve irritation and compression.

#### ➤ **End your examination with:**

- Perform a full neurovascular examination of the upper limbs
- Examine the elbow joint.

# Knee examination

Position: lying down

Exposure: both knees and thighs are fully exposed

## A. Look:

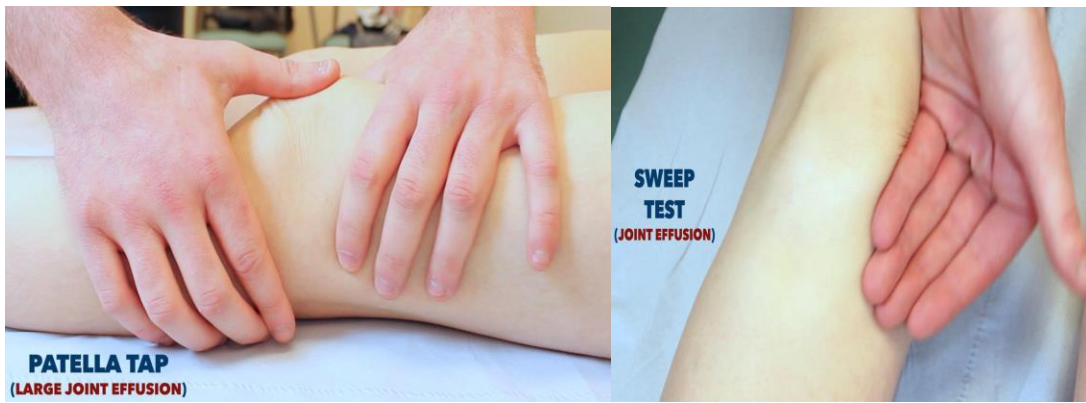
- Gait : ask the patient to walk a few steps and asses for asymmetry/deformities or pain during walking.

then inspect Nails → Skin → muscles → Joints → bone.

- Nails: any changes of the toes' nails
- Skin: Scars, discoloration, Rashes, atrophy or tightness.
- Muscle: quadriceps wasting
- Joint: swelling (Loss of the peripatellar grooves; an early sign of effusion) or deformities (valgus; deviation away from the midline occur in RA  $\Leftrightarrow$  Varus; toward the midline occur OA)
- Bone: Subluxation or dislocation

## B. Feel:

- Temperature; with the backs of the fingers
- Tenderness
- Palpate:
  - Patella – palpate the borders for tenderness / effusion
  - Tibial tuberosity – tenderness may suggest Osgood Schlatter disease
  - Head of the fibula
  - Collateral ligaments – both medial and lateral
  - Popliteal fossa – for swelling e.g. Baker's cyst or a aneurysm.
- **Effusions:**
  1. Patellar tap test: for huge effusion:
    - Empty the suprapatellar pouch by sliding your left hand down the thigh to the patella.
    - Keep your left hand there and use the fingertips of your right hand to press down briskly and firmly over the patella see if it flows (indicate the presence of fluid)
  2. Fluctuation (sweep)test: for moderate effusion
  3. Milking sign: for mild effusion
    - Empty the suprapatellar pouch with one hand whilst also emptying the medial side of the joint using an upwards wiping motion by the other.
    - Now release your hands and do a similar wiping motion downwards on the lateral side of the joint.
    - Watch for a bulge or ripple on the medial side of the joint the appearance of a bulge or ripple suggests the presence of an effusion



### C. Move:

- Passive movement: (doctor performing the movement)
  - flex and extend the knee using your both hands (one is resting on the knee cap while the other moves the leg up and down).
  - flexion is normally possible to  $140^\circ$  and extension to  $10^\circ$  (above  $10^\circ$  is abnormal; hyper-extension).
  - left the knee between your arm and chest → move it medially then laterally (more than 5 is considered abnormal).
- Active movement: This involves the patient performing the movements
  - Knee flexion: “Move your heel as close to your bottom as you can manage”
  - Knee extension: “Straighten your leg out as best as you are able to”.

### D. Measure:

- Measure quadriceps circumference and compare (20cm above tibial tuberosity)

### E. Special tests:

1. Anterior/Posterior drawer test
  - Flex the patient’s knee to  $90^\circ$ .
  - Wrap your hands around the proximal tibia with your fingers around the back of the knee.
  - Rest your forearm down the patient’s lower leg to fix its position.
  - Position your thumbs over the tibial tuberosity.
  - Ask the patient to keep their legs as relaxed as possible
  - Pull the tibia anteriorly: significant movement suggests anterior cruciate laxity /rupture
  - Push the tibia posteriorly: significant movement suggests posterior cruciate laxity /rupture.



2. Collateral ligament (CL)

- Extend the patient’s knee fully.
- Hold the patient’s ankle between your elbow and side.
- Place your right hand along the medial aspect of the knee.

- Place your left hand on the lower limb (e.g. calf or ankle).
- Push steadily outward with your right hand whilst applying an opposite force with the left.
- Push steadily inward with your right hand whilst applying an opposite force with the left.
- If after this assessment the knee appears stable you can further assess the collateral ligaments by repeating this test with the knee flexed.



3. patellar apprehension test:
  - When recurrent dislocation or subluxation of the patella is suspected.
  - Pushing the patella laterally while flexing the knee slowly.
4. McMurray test:
  - To evaluate for tears in the meniscus.
  - Flex the knee and hip to 45 → the knee is brought from flexion to extension with **either** internal or external rotation using the ankle.
5. Apley's test:
  - Performed with the patient prone and the knee flex at 90.
  - Try to stabilise the thigh by kneeling lightly on it.
  - While pushing the foot downward → rotate the leg laterally and medially.

►► **End your examination with:**

- Neurovascular examination of both lower limbs
- Ankle & hip Examination (the joints above and below)

# Back examination

Position: standing then laying down

Exposure: in underwear only

## A. Look

- from behind: Posture, scoliosis, scars , hairy patch or lipoma.
- from side: normal cervical lordosis, thoracic Kyphosis and lumbar lordosis.
- Ask the patient to walk and inspect the gait and lower extremities.

## B. Feel

- Palpate the spinous processes and paraspinal tissues note the overall alignment and tenderness.
- The paravertebral muscles for tenderness and increased tone.

## C. Move

It is assessed actively by bending movement at lumbar spine and rotational movement at thoracic spine.

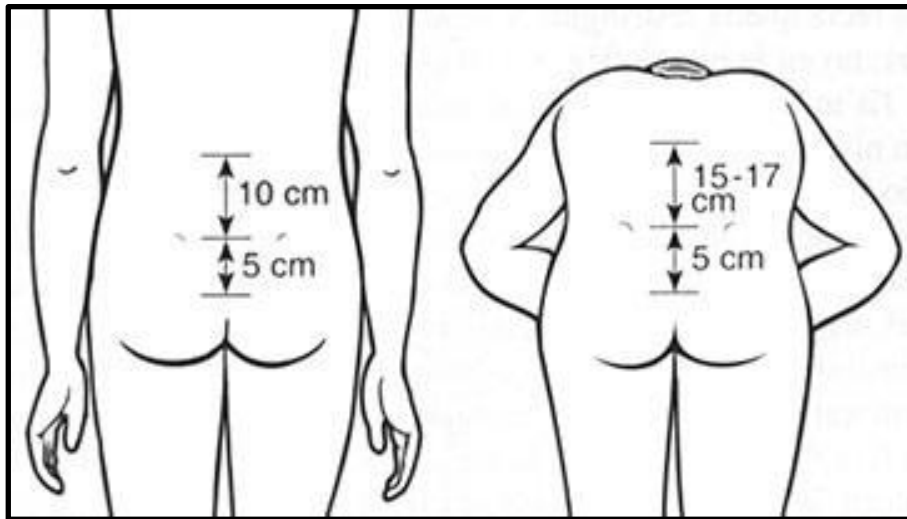
- Range of movement is checked by observing and by using Schober's test
- Flexion: is tested by asking the patient to touch the toes with knees straight and look at the spine:
  - Normally there is a gentle curve
  - Patient with advanced ankylosing spondylitis have a flat ankylosed spine and all binding occurs at the hips.
- Extension: ask the patient to straighten up and lean back as far as possible (normal 10–20° from neutral erect posture).
  - patients with back pain will find this less uncomfortable than bending forward
- Lateral flexion: ask him to reach down to each side, touching the outside of the leg as down as possible while keeping the legs straight.
- Rotation is tested by asking the patient to rotate the head and shoulders as far as possible to each side (this is best viewed from above).

## D. Special Tests:

-Straight leg raising: Ask patient to lie town. Lift up a straight leg and dorsiflex the foot. This may exacerbate pain from a nerve root entrapment or irritation e.g. Sciatica.

-Schober's test to assesses the amount of lumbar flexion:  
while the patient is in a standing position make a mark approximately at the level of L5. Two points are then marked: 5 cm below and 10 cm above this point (for a total of 15 cm distance). Then the patient is then instructed to touch his toes while keeping the knees straight. the distance of the two points should increase by at least 5 cm (with the total distance greater than 20 cm). <20cm is a sign of restriction in the lumbar flexion.

➤ **End your examination with:** Neurological examination of the lower limbs



Extension/Flexion



Left/Right Side Bending

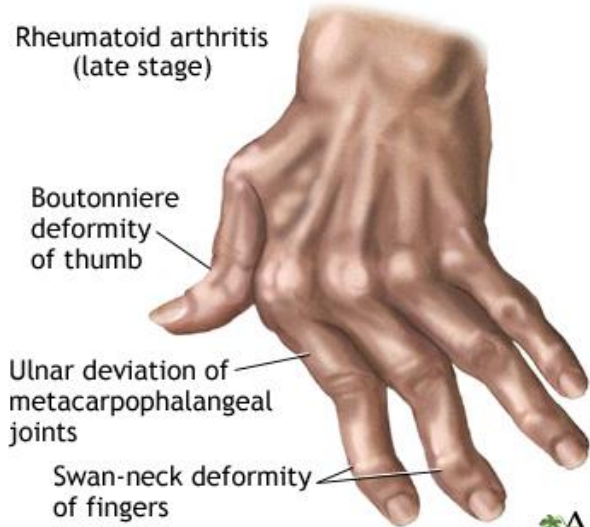
# Physical Signs of Rheumatological System

Rheumatoid Arthritis	
1. General inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cushingoid appearance (due to steroid treatment)</li> <li>● weight loss (active disease)</li> <li>● thin and easily bruised skin</li> </ul>
2. Hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Perform hand examination looking for: symmetrical small joint synovitis, vasculitis.</li> <li>● Wrist: Radial deviation, Entrapment neuropathy (e.g. carpal tunnel) - perform Phalen's sign</li> <li>● MCPs: ulnar deviation.</li> <li>● PIPs: swan neck and boutonnière deformity.</li> <li>● Thumbs: Z deformity.</li> </ul>
3. Arms and shoulder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elbow joint (examine for Subcutaneous nodules)</li> <li>● Shoulder joint (Examine for tenderness and limitation of movement)</li> <li>● Axillary nodes (enlarged nodes may indicate active disease of joints in the area that they drain)</li> </ul>
4. Face	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Eyes—Red dry eyes (Sjögren's), scleritis/episcleritis, Conjunctival pallor (anaemia), cataracts (steroids, chloroquine), scleromalacia (scleral thinning).</li> <li>● Face—parotids (Sjögren's)</li> <li>● Mouth—dryness and dental caries (Sjögren's).</li> <li>● Temporo-mandibular joint (crepitus)</li> </ul>
5. Neck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cervical spine (examine the cervical spine for tenderness, muscle spasm and reduction of rotational movement)</li> <li>● Cervical nodes</li> </ul>
6. Chest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Signs of pleural effusion, pulmonary fibrosis, pericarditis, valvular disease (esp aortic), (if present)</li> </ul>
7. Abdomen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Splenomegaly (e.g. Felty's syndrome)</li> <li>● Inguinal nodes</li> </ul>
8. Hips & knees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Movements limitations.</li> <li>● quadriceps wasting (sign of knee joint involvement)</li> <li>● Baker's cysts in popliteal fossae.</li> </ul>
9. Lower limbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ulceration (vasculitis)</li> <li>● Calf swelling (ruptured synovial cyst)</li> <li>● Peripheral neuropathy</li> <li>● Mononeuritis multiplex in lower limb nerves</li> <li>● signs of Cord compression.</li> </ul>



11. Feet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● metatarsophalangeal joints swelling and subluxation</li> <li>● Lateral deviation and clawing of the toes</li> <li>● Achilles tendon nodules</li> </ul>
12. Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Urine: protein, blood (drugs, vasculitis, amyloidosis)</li> <li>● Rectal examination (blood)</li> </ul>

Rheumatoid arthritis (late stage)



Boutonniere deformity of thumb

Ulnar deviation of metacarpophalangeal joints

Swan-neck deformity of fingers

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Sjogren's Syndrome



Dry eyes, damage to eye surface

Dry mouth, increased tooth decay



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1. General inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cushingoid appearance (due to steroid use)</li> <li>● Weight loss (due to chronic inflammation)</li> <li>● abnormal mental state - psychosis.</li> </ul>
2. Hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Telangiectasia and erythema</li> <li>● Rash over the phalanges (photosensitivity)</li> <li>● Raynaud's phenomenon (may occur if the weather is cold)</li> <li>● arthritis</li> </ul>
3. forearm and Arms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Livedo reticularis</li> <li>● Purpura (vasculitis)</li> <li>● Proximal myopathy (active disease or steroids)</li> </ul>
4. Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Alopecia with/without scarring</li> <li>● lupus hairs: short, broken hairs above the forehead.</li> <li>● Eyes—scleritis, red and dry (Sjögren's syndrome), pallor of conjunctiva (anemia of chronic disease)</li> <li>● Mouth—ulcers</li> <li>● Face: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ butterfly rash: over the cheeks and bridge of the nose; sparing nasolabial folds).</li> <li>○ Discoid rash: red plaques with a central area of hyperkeratosis.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5. Chest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cardiovascular system—Pericardial rub (pericarditis)</li> <li>● Respiratory system—Pleural rub (pleuritic) or signs of pleural effusion, pulmonary fibrosis, collapse or pulmonary HTN.</li> </ul>
6. Abdomen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hepatosplenomegaly</li> </ul>
7. Hips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● pain on movement due to aseptic necrosis (due to ischemia of femoral head)</li> </ul>
8. Legs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Feet—red soles, small-joint synovitis</li> <li>● livedo reticularis &amp; Rash</li> <li>● Ulcers over the malleoli (due to vasculitis or anti-phospholipid syndrome)</li> <li>● ankle edema (nephrotic syndrome)</li> <li>● Proximal myopathy and Neuropathy (sensory)</li> </ul>
9. Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Urine analysis (proteinuria)</li> <li>● Blood pressure (hypertension)</li> <li>● Temperature chart/fever</li> </ul>

Scleroderma	
1. General inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 'Bird-like' facies (pinched and expressionless)</li> <li>● cachexia/Weight-loss (due to dysphagia or malabsorption)</li> <li>● Hair loss</li> </ul>
2. Hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● calcinosis, atrophy distal tissue pulp (ischemia from Raynaud's), telangiectasia.</li> <li>● sclerodactyly<sup>6</sup>: Fixed flexion deformity (due to thickening of skin of fingers); i.e. Hand function must be assessed.</li> <li>● Dilated capillary loops (nail folds)</li> <li>● Tendon friction rubs (palpable or audible)</li> <li>● Small-joint arthritis and tendon crepitus</li> </ul>
3. Arms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● edema (early) or skin thickening and tightening</li> <li>● Pigmentation</li> <li>● Proximal myopathy (myositis)</li> <li>● Blood pressure (hypertension with renal involvement)</li> </ul>
4. Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● loss of wrinkles and skin fold.</li> <li>● Alopecia</li> <li>● Eyes—difficulty closing the eyes, loss of eyebrows, pale conjunctiva.</li> <li>● Mouth—puckered ('purse string mouth'), reduced opening</li> <li>● salt and pepper pigmentation</li> <li>● Telangiectasia</li> <li>● Neck muscles—wasting and weakness</li> </ul>
5. Chest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tight and thickened skin ('Roman breastplate')</li> <li>● Heart—signs of pulmonary hypertension, pericarditis, cor pulmonale (secondary to pulmonary fibrosis), left ventricular failure.</li> <li>● Lungs—signs of fibrosis, reflux pneumonitis, pleural effusion.</li> </ul>
6. Legs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Skin lesions, ulcers</li> <li>● signs of vasculitis</li> </ul>
7. Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Urinalysis (proteinuria)</li> <li>● Temperature chart/fever (infection)</li> <li>● Stool examination (steatorrhea)</li> </ul>

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<sup>6</sup>tightening of the skin of the fingers leading to tapering

The limited symptoms of scleroderma are referred to as **CREST**

**C**alcinosis- calcium deposits in the skin



**R**aynaud's phenomenon- spasm of blood vessels in response to cold or stress



**E**sophageal dysfunction- acid reflux and decrease in motility of esophagus



**S**clerodactyly- thickening and tightening of the skin on the fingers and hands



**T**elangiectasias- dilation of capillaries causing red marks on surface of skin



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# Miscellaneous

## Fever

### Personal data:

- Age, Female, Residency and occupation.

### HPI:

- Site: locus of infection or newly noticed mass (malignancy).
- Onset: sudden or gradual
- Character:
  - Continuous ? (CNS infection or gram positive rod)
  - Tertian or quartan? (malaria)
  - Cyclical: on and off (hodgkin)

DDX	Causes	Signs & symptoms	Risk Factor
Malignancy	lymphomas, leukemia, Renal cell carcinoma, hepatocellular carcinoma	-Low grade, constant fever. -constitutional symptoms e.g. N/V, weight loss, fatigue. -recurrent bleeding or infections, pallor, petechiae/ecchymoses (hematological malignancies) -ask about the symptoms of the common malignancies	-Familial -Occupation -Smoking -Alcohol or Diet -Radiation, chemo or sunlight. -Infections (e.g. hepatitis, H.pylori, HPV, AIDs). -toxins e.g. Aflatoxin -Drugs e.g. OCP. -Diseases e.g. IBD, Barrett esophagus.
Infection	(bacterial, viral, fungal, parasitic)	-Specific locus of infection. -Other symptoms related to the system involved. -Continuous or intermittent fever. -Headache, weakness, profuse sweats, chills, joint pains, aches, weight loss, vomiting.	-Recent surgeries/procedure or visit to hospital. -Contact with sick person. -Unpasteurized dairy products. -exposure to pets or cattle. -Consumption of camel milk. -travel to endemic countries. -Blood transfusion, stick needle, unprotected sex, were in prison. -Immune compromised, prolonged steroid or antibiotic use.
inflammatory/ autoimmune	(SLE, Rheumatic fever, giant cell arteritis, Rheumatoid arthritis, IBD)	-Rash, Joint or bone pain, bone deformities. -Constitutional symptoms e.g. N/V, weight loss, fatigue.	-Female gender -Family hx -Autoimmune diseases
Others	(Pulmonary Embolism, drug, hyperthyroidism)	-Agitated, anxious, palpitations, heat intolerance, weight loss, exophthalmos. -Leg pain, redness,itching.	-Started a new medication. -DVT, hypercoagulable state, bedridden.

# Lymphadenopathy

## DDx

- Infection: Tuberculosis, Toxoplasmosis, Syphilis, Glandular fever
- Metastatic tumour
- Sarcoidosis

## Personal data

- Occupation ( lung cancer ) , Residency (TB and HIV, EPV)

## HPI

- When did you notice it ?
- Onset:
  - Sudden → infection
  - Gradual → malignancy
- How did you notice it ?
- Is it moving with protruded tongue or with swallowing ? ( to differentiate thyroid from lymphadenopathy)
- Is reducible or compressible ? ( to exclude the hernia )
- Is it comes and go ? if yes what make it comes and go ?
- Is it painful or there is any discharge ?
  - Painful → infection
  - Painless → malignancy
- Could you tell me about the color ?
- Do have swelling or lump in other site ?

## Associated symptoms

- Constitutional symptoms: Fever, loss of weight, loss of appetite, Fatigue, Night sweating.
- Respiratory symptoms (TB): Cough, Hemoptysis, Chest pain, Wheezing, SOB
- HIV symptoms:
  - Skin rash
  - Ulcer
- Hyper and hypo thyroidism symptoms ( if there is neck swelling )

## Risk Factors:

### Past Medical history

- Previous history of lump , masses or swelling
- Have you been diagnosed with any malignancy ?
- Have you been diagnosed with TB or HIV ?

### Medication :

- Did you take steroids ?
- Did you take vaccination against TB

### surgical history

- blood transfusion → HIV

### Family history of

- lump , swelling and masses

**Social history**

- History of unprotected sex ? HIV
- History of travel → TB + HIV
- History of contact with TB or HIV patient
- History of drug abuse → HIV

# Weight loss

Significant weight loss → more 10 % in 6 months

First; exclude voluntary weight loss which could be due to: Healthy dieting (Most common)

## Causes of unintentional weight loss:

- Malignancy
- Malabsorption : Common causes are Celiac, exocrine pancreatic insufficiency, IBD, PUD and Ischemic bowel disease.
- Endocrinopathies (e.g. hyperthyroidism, diabetes mellitus, adrenal insufficiency)
- Infectious diseases (e.g. TB, HIV and opportunistic infections like amoebiasis)
- Advanced chronic disease (e.g. HF, COPD, ESRD)
- Psychiatric (e.g. Major depressive disorder, Bipolar disorder and anxiety disorders)
- Neurological (e.g. advanced dementia, multiple sclerosis, ALS and n Parkinson's disease)
- Medications (e.g. Medications that can be misused to cause weight loss e.g. Laxatives, Diuretics and Thyroid hormone)
- Substance abuse (e.g. alcoholism, Amphetamines, Opiates and Withdrawal from chronic marijuana)
- Rheumatologic (e.g. Rheumatoid arthritis, SLE)
- Social factors (e.g. abuse, neglect, and inability to access to food)

## Questions:

- Are you using any type of diet ?
- For how long have you been losing weight? And how much did you lose?
- Is your appetite increased or decreased?
  - Increased: Hyperthyroidism or malabsorption, diabetes.
  - Decreased: Cancer, CHF, COPD, chronic infection or inflammation, psychiatric causes.

## GI Causes:

- Do you have problem swallowing?
- Do you have abdominal pain, early satiety or blood in your stool? Cancer.
- Do you have frequent bowel movements or diarrhea, your symptoms change with different foods? Malabsorption.
- Does fear of abdominal pain make you don't want to eat? Mesenteric ischemia

## Psychiatric causes:

- Do you exercise excessively, overly concerned about the way you look? Eating disorders.
- Have you ever used self-induced vomiting, diuretics, laxatives, or enemas to control your weight? Bulimia.
- Do you have little interest or pleasure in doing things? Depression

## Endocrine causes:

- Do you feel nervous, sweaty, or warm? Hyperthyroidism
- Do you feel thirsty or that you need to urinate more frequently? Diabetes
- Do you experience facial flushing or dizziness when you stand (and have high blood pressure)? Pheochromocytoma
- Did have any skin pigmentations or drop in your blood pressure lately? Addison's disease.

## Infectious causes:

- Do you have any fevers, chills, or night sweats? Infections (e.g. TB) or hematological malignancies.
- Have you ever injected drugs, had unprotected sex, or received blood transfusions? HIV infection.

**Rheumatological:**

- Do you have any new rashes, joint pain, or joint swelling?

**Past medical History**

- Have you been diagnosed before with any malignancy, chronic debilitating illness like cardiac, pulmonary or renal failure or malnutrition?
- Do you drink alcohol? Use Amphetamines, Opiates?





# Surgery

# Peripheral Vascular Examination

**WIP3E: Wash your Hands, Introduce yourself, Permission/Privacy/Position, Exposure**

**Position:** Laying

**Exposure:** Expose from the upper thighs to the feet

**A. Inspection:** (4 for losses > 3 lesions > 2 skin changes + 1 + don't forget 3 maneuvers "abc")

-4 → the patient has both limbs with no missing toes, No apparent Hair loss or muscle atrophy.

-3 → No ulcers/scars/gangrene.

-2 → No Skin pigmentation/Discoloration.

-1 → the nails are (thickened in chronic ischemia, thinning in acute ischemia or discoloration, clubbing).

a. Inspect between the toes (to see if there's any ulcers or infections).

b. lift the leg up to see if there's an ulcer in the posterior side or in the heels.

c. Do burger's test: Ask the patient to stand and check the legs and calf for prominent veins (Varicose veins).

## **Burger's test:**

1. lift the limb up to 90 degrees slowly.

2. Limb will become pale at any degree below 90° if it's abnormal. (it's called burger angle)

- In ischemia at 15-30 degrees, in 30-60 seconds.

- Vascular angle less than 20° indicates severe ischemia.

- After elevating the leg ask patient to sit and dangle their leg, in ischemia leg will turn from white to pink to red-purple color.

- Normally it will remain pink.

**B. Palpation:** \*Do **TTCCP** and always compare left to right

- **T**enderness (look at the pt face)

- **T**emperature (Check both legs with the dorsum of the hand)

- **C**heck for edema (press both legs from medial malleolus; Press over the bony prominences )

- **C**apillary refill time (normal less than 2 sec)

- **P**ulses: 4 and always compare

1- *Common femoral* (half way between the symphysis pubis and the anterior sup. iliac spine).

2- *Popliteal artery* (flex the knee slightly using both hands to palpate)

3- *Posterior tibial artery* (lies 1/3 the way between medial malleolus and the tip of the heel)

4- *Dorsalis pedis artery* (between the 1st and 2nd metatarsal bones).

**C. Auscultations:** \*Auscultate with the bell for any bruits over:

- Aortic bifurcation

- Femoral

- Popliteal

Measure the ankle-brachial index (ABI)	
False elevation; noncompressible artery	>1.3
Normal	1-1.3
Border-line	0.9-1
Intermittent claudication	0.4-0.9
Critical limb ischemia	<0.4

► **End your examination with:**

- Cardiovascular examination
- Neurological examination
- Rheumatological examination



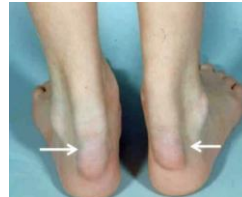
Toes clubbing



Pitting edema



Varicosities



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Thickened toe

**Signs of ischemia**

**6 Ps**

- **Paresthesia**
- **Pain**
- **Pallor**
- **Pulselessness**
- **Poikilothermia**  
impaired regulation of body temperature, with the temperature of the limb usually cool, reflecting the ambient temperature
- **Paralysis**

<b>Relationships between pain location and site of occlusion:</b>	
Buttock and Hip	Aortoiliac disease: leriche syndrome triad (claudication, absent femoral pulses, and erectile dysfunction)
Thigh	Aortoiliac or common femoral artery
Upper two-thirds of the calf	Superficial femoral artery
Lower one-third of the calf	Popliteal artery
Foot claudication	Tibial arteries

# Urinary system

## Flank pain

### DDx:

- Renal → renal stone, pyelonephritis, or papillary necrosis.
- Non-Renal
  - MSK → muscle strains or contusion.
  - Vascular causes → abdominal aortic aneurysm, retroperitoneal hemorrhage.
  - Respiratory → lower lobe pneumonia, pleural effusion or PE.
  - GI → diverticulitis, appendicitis
  - Infectious → herpes zoster, psoas abscess.

### History Taking:

#### HPI:

- Site: below the ribs and above the iliac crest.
- Onset: sudden ? (Renal stone), Gradual? (pyelonephritis)
- Characteristic: sharp ? colicky ?(renal stone), tingling or burning sensation? (herpes)
- Alleviating factors: movement?(renal stone) Rest, analgesics? MSK/pyelonephritis
- Exacerbating: movement? (MSK)<sup>7</sup>
- Timing: (progression? frequency ?) Hours to 1 week ?( pyelonephritis + renal stone) Months ? (Malignancy , renal cyst )
- Radiating: from loin to groin? (Renal stones)
- Severity: the worst pain in my life? (Renal stone), scale of pain from 10,

#### Associated symptoms:

- Constitutional symptoms? fever , vomiting and nausea? (pyelonephritis)
- Hematuria ? (renal stone, pyelonephritis)
- Lower urinary tract symptoms.
- Sudden flank, orthostatic dizziness (hemorrhage): AAA
- Pleuritic chest pain ? PE, pneumonia

#### Risk Factors:

- Medical history:
  - DM, UTI, urinary catheter? (pyelonephritis)
  - Hypercalciuria, hypercalcaemia, hyperoxaluria, gout, previous stone, homocystinuria, Crohn's disease? renal stone
  - Older man with HTN and peripheral vascular disease? AAA
  - Sick cell anemia, DM? papillary necrosis
  - Drugs e.g. Thiazides (uric acid stones), Loop diuretics (Ca stones), NSAIDs? (Papillary necrosis).
- Surgical: Trauma, cesarean section, urinary tract surgery.
- Social: Cacao, caffeine (oxalate stone), Meat (uric acid stones), Smoke, Sexual contact (STD), high salt, protein intake ? low water intake?
- Family HX: homocystinuria, Family stones.

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<sup>7</sup> Musculoskeletal

# Scrotal pain

## DDx:

Acute Scrotal Pain <12h,sharp, diffuse, severe	Non-acute Scrotal Pain (Dull/aching)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testicular torsion</li> <li>• Epididymitis-orchitis</li> <li>• Prostatitis</li> <li>• Traumatic testicular rupture or hematoma</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varicocele</li> <li>• Hydrocele</li> <li>• Epididymal cyst/spermatocele</li> <li>• Inguinal herni</li> <li>• Testicular cancer</li> </ul>

## History taking:

- Personal Data: Age (young → testicular torsion, older → epididymitis)

## HPI

- Site: diffuse? Testicular torsion, Hydrocele, varicocele. Upper pole of testis? torsion of testicular appendage. Epididymitis: - Epididymitis - Epididymal cyst
- Onset: ACUTE? testicular torsion. SUBACUTE? Epididymitis, Torsion of testicular appendage, Orchitis.
- Character Sharp? Testicular torsion, torsion of testicular appendage, Dull? Hydrocele, Varicocele.
- Recurrent: recurrent episodes that resolv spontaneously? Testicular torsion
- Alleviating factor: Elevation of the scrotum ? epididymitis.
- Exacerbating factor: elevation of the scrotum? testicular torsion.
- Time:, After prolonged sitting ? Epididymitis (inflammation), Come during the day and disappear after lying down ? hydrocele.
- Severity: Moderate? Torsion of testicular appendage or Epididymitis. Very Severe or Awakening during the night or morning with severe pain or
- Pain unrelieved with elevation of scrotal contents ? Testicular torsion.

## Associated symptoms:

- Renal symptoms: Dysuria? Epididymitis, Trauma
- Constitutional symptoms:
  - Fever? (Epididymitis, Testicular torsion)
  - Nausea/vomiting? (Testicular torsion, Trauma)
- Abdominal pain? Testicular torsion, torsion of testicular appendage, Fournier's gangrene.
- Gynecomastia? testicular cancer
- Scrotal swelling? Epididymitis, testicular torsion, hydrocele.
- Hematuria? Epididymitis.

## Risk factors:

- Medical: Increase the size after upper respiratory viral infection? hydrocele,
- Surgical or trauma? After vasectomy? Epididymitis. After trauma? Testicular rupture/torsion. After urinary procedure? Epididymitis.
- Social: After sexual or physical activity ? Testicular torsion.

# Hematuria

- Gross hematuria : The presence of blood in the urine in sufficient quantity to be visible to the naked eye. (> 3500 red blood cells per high-power field are present)
- Microscopic hematuria : 2–3 red blood cells per high-power field on urine microscopy.

## DDx of Hematuria:

Prerenal	Renal	Postrenal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SLE</li> <li>● Hemolytic anemia such G6PDD and sickle cell anemia</li> <li>● Anticoagulant</li> <li>● rhabdomyolysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Renal papillary necrosis</li> <li>● Renal colic</li> <li>● Renal vein thrombosis</li> <li>● Pyelonephritis</li> <li>● Renal infarction</li> <li>● SLE → 15 and 45 years, more common in female, malar rash, arthralgia, fatigue</li> <li>● Wegener’s Granulomatosis → Hemoptysis &amp; hematuria</li> <li>● Goodpasture → Hemoptysis &amp; hematuria</li> <li>● IgA Nephropathy → Recurrent macroscopic haematuria associated with upper respiratory tract infections</li> <li>● Postinfection → Common from age 2 to 10 years, abrupt onset of oedema, gross haematuria, 1 to 2 weeks post-pharyngitis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ureteric stone</li> <li>● cystitis</li> <li>● bladder cancer</li> <li>● prostate cancer</li> <li>● prostatitis</li> <li>● BPH</li> <li>● urethritis</li> </ul>

## Time course:

- Is this the first episode ? Transient or self limiting condition?
- When did it start?
- Did you exercise vigorously prior to the hematuria ? (Exercise Induced Hematuria)
- Are you having your menstrual period? (Vaginal source or Endometriosis)

\* if the hematuria starts after the symptoms by 1-3 days : most likely IgA nephropathy

\* if After 1-3 weeks : Post infection GN

## Character:

- Ask about pain:
  - Painless → malignancy, bleeding disorder, drugs related.
  - Painful → Renal stone, UTI , trauma but does not r/o malignancy.
- Ask about the timing of pain:
  - Before hematuria: stone ( hx of pain for 1 weak then developed hematuria
  - After hematuria: clot colic due to malignancy or arteriovenous malformation
- Does the urine contain clots? Nonglomerular source
- If there are clots, what are the shape ?
  - Pipes like ? Bleeding from the ureter
  - Balls like ? Bleeding from the bladder
- When does the blood appear?

- at the beginning ? Lesion from the urethra or distal to the bladder neck
- at the end ? Lesion from the bladder neck, bladder trigone or posterior urethra
- Throughout ? Hemorrhagic cystitis , renal or ureteral source, malignancy

#### Associated symptoms:

- Voiding and storage symptoms ? BPH
- Suprapubic pain ? Cystitis
- Sharp pain in your lower abdomen or above the groin ? Renal calculus
- Flank pain ? Pyelonephritis, Papillary necrosis, Renal calculi and renal infarction
- back pain? prostate cancer
- Swelling of the eyelids or feet ? GN
- Hemoptysis ? Wegener's, goodpasture
- Joint or skin rash ? GN secondary to SLE, polyarteritis nodosa
- Easy bruising, bleeding from other sites ? Bleeding disorder, anticoagulants use

#### Constitutional symptoms

- Fever, chills? Pyelonephritis, Acute prostatitis, Prostatic abscess and Renal cell carcinoma
- Weight, appetite loss and malaise ? Malignancy

#### Past medical:

- Are you taking
  - 1: Anticoagulants ?
  - 2: Cyclophosphamide ? Hemorrhagic cystitis , bladder cancer
  - 3: Rifampin? discoloration of the urine
- Have you ever had Kidney stone ? Urinary calculus
- Have you ever had gout ? Uric acid stone
- Do you have sickle cell anemia?
- Have you recently had URT symptoms OR sore throat ?

Truma: Have you had a recent injury to you abdominal, back or flank ?

#### Past surgical:

- Have you recently had Urinary catheter, Urinary Procedure ? Iatrogenic or Recurrent UTI

#### Social hx:

- Smoking ? Bladder cancer
- Occupation ? Leather, dye, rubber, tire manufacturing? Bladder cancer
- Hx of traveling eg: egypt ? *Schistosoma haematobium* → bladder cancer

fx: family history of prostate or kidney cancer



# Dysuria

Dysuria is pain, burning, or discomfort experienced during or immediately after urination it usually reflects irritation or inflammation of the external genitalia, the lower or upper GU tract.

## DDx:

A. Infectious	★ UTI ★ Urethritis ★ Prostatitis ★ Epididymitis ★ Cystitis
B. Inflammatory	★ Atrophic vaginitis ★ Behcet's syndrome ★ Reactive arthritis ★ Interstitial cystitis ★ Vulvodynia ★ Drugs or radiation: dopamine
C. Mechanical	★ BPH ★ Urethral stricture /stenosis ★ Urolithiasis ★ Cystocele
D. Neoplasm	★ Prostate cancer ★ Bladder cancer ★ Urethral cancer ★ Penile cancer

## Personal data:

occupation (Renal cell carcinoma ) , Age , gender (BPH → male , pregnancy → Female )

## HPI

- Onset 1–2 days? → bacterial cystitis, Acute bacterial prostatitis Bacterial epididymitis , 2–7 days? Urethritis/epididymitis (gonorrhea, chlamydia, herpes simplex virus) - More than 14 days? Chlamydia infection (in women) - Weeks to months? Interstitial cystitis Chronic bacterial prostatitis, Vulvodynia
- Character : Cyclic ? Endometriosis, Pelvic Inflammatory Disease - The pain come After having sex ? Recurrent UTI - The pain at the beginning of urination ? Urethritis - At the end? Cystitis or prostatitis
- Aggravating factors : foods or drinks? Interstitial cystitis or painful bladder syndrome
- Relieving factors: bladder full and improve after urination? Interstitial cystitis or painful bladder syndrome

## Associated symptoms :

### Voiding and OBSTRUCTIVE SYMPTOMS

- Flank pain ( stones , Pyelonephritis )
- Testicular pain and swelling ( Epididymitis, prostates )

### Perianal pain ? prostates

is there any discharge ( ?Purulent or mucopurulent discharge characterizes urethritis or - cervicitis , discharge bloody → urethral cancer

Constitutional symptoms ( malignancy and UTI , pyelonephritis )

## Risk factors:

- Past Medical: History of UTI, stones , BPH , malignancy, steroid ( increase risk of UTI )
- Past surgical: catheter ( UTI )
- Social History: unprotected sex (STD ) , smoking (renal cell carcinoma ) using spermicide ( increased risk of UTI ).

# Hand

## **DDx:**

- Acute: Trauma, burns, laceration, fractures, dislocation, infection.
- Chronic: Lumps, Carpal tunnel syndrome and nerve compressions, arthritis.

## **Personal Data:**

- Age
- Hand dominance
- Occupation

## **HPI**

- Site?
- When did it happen?
- How did it happen?
- How was the posture of hand while it was injured?
- Can he moves it?
- Did it change in color since the injury happened?
- Is it associated with pain?

## **Past Medical history**

- DM (for risk of infections and low blood supply in extremities)
- Vascular diseases
- Tetanus vaccine (any open wound have risk for tetanus infection)
- Neurological Diseases

## **Past Surgical History**

- Any hand surgery?
- Trauma or injury?

## **Social History**

- Smoking

## **Family History**

- Same symptoms
- Tumors (if he presented with a lump)

# **Hand examination**

## **A. Inspection:**

- Nail changes
- symmetrical posture and flexor cascade
- Hand or joint deformity
- Swellings, scars, Color (cyanosis, pale)
- Skin changes (ulcers, lesions)
- Muscle wasting (thenar and hypothenar)

\*Always compare both hands + Dorsum and the palm.

## B. Palpation:

- Temperature and Tenderness (Check for tenderness bimanually with both hands checking all hand joints)
- Capillary filling & radial and ulnar pulses
- Muscle wasting
- Sensation on the median, radial and ulnar myotome (is done only in surgery osce)

## C. Movement:

- Passively: Move the wrist, MP, PIP, DIP, tendons as well (FDS,FDP)  
comment if there was any pain or crepitations.

- Actively:
  - 1- Ask him to move the wrist.
  - 2- Ask him to open and close his hand.
  - 3- Ask him to oppose every finger.

## D. Power: (comment normal Radial, median, ulnar supply to muscles)

- Radial: Examine the extension of the fingers and thumb.
- Ulnar: Examine abduction of the fingers.
- Median: Examine the thumb abduction/opposition
- Power grip: ask him to grip your finger or give him a pen and pull it from him.

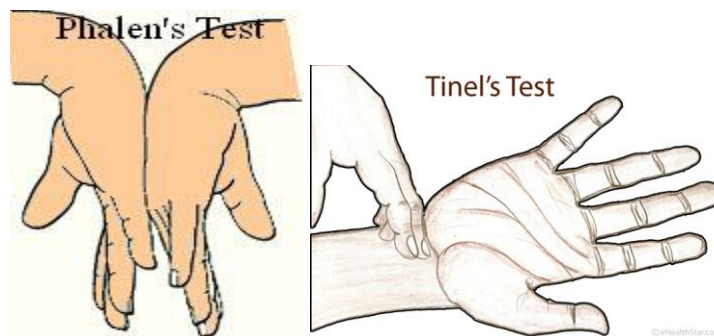
## E. Special Tests:

1- Tinel's Test: by tapping on the distal part of the forearm "couple of times" and ask if he feel any pain or numbness in the distribution of median nerve.

2- Phalen and reverse phalen Test: ask if he feel any pain or numbness in the distribution of median nerve.

\*1 + 2 is done in Carpal tunnel syndrome to confirm the diagnosis.

3- Allen's Test: by grabbing the distal forearm and compressing on both ulnar and radial arteries with both hands and ask him to open and close his hands quickly then when you see its pale leave one side (ulnar side) and see how fast and redness in the palm of the hands, then do the same to the other side → then you comment if he is radial or ulnar dominant.



# Lump

## DDx:

- Mass (tumor benign or malignant)
- Goiter
- Cyst
- Hernia

## Personal Data

- Age (old age is a risk for hernia), occupation (hernia)

## HPI

- Site? bilateral, unilateral
- Onset? when did you notice it and how ?
- Course? increase, decrease or disappeared
- Characteristic? painful, discharge, color, shape?
- Etiology ? do you know the cause of it
- Reducible or not? hernia

## Associated symptoms:

- according to the place of the lump?

## If hernia:

- **symptoms of intestinal obstruction such as:** abdominal distention, vomiting, constipation, pain, irritated child, fever, discoloration of the skin
- **Risk factors factors for the hernia as:** (Lifting heavy object, Chronic cough, Chronic constipation, Abdominal distention 'ascites or mass', Obesity, multiparous, Difficulty in passing urine ?

## If in the breast:

- Is there any discharge ? is it associated with the menstrual cycle? is it painful?

## If in the thyroid:

- hyper/hypothyroidism signs + compressive symptoms e.g. difficulty swallowing, breathing, hoarseness

## Constitutional symptoms:

- Compression symptoms: interfere with swallowing, respiration, movement.
- Specific Symptoms: Discharge? (if yes ask about the amount, frequency, color, consistency, smell, by itself or by pressing on it?)
- Constipation, chronic cough. (risk factor for hernia)

# Lump Examination

## A. Inspection: (6S)

- Single or multiple?
- Site: right or left? organ? medial or lateral? or nearest anatomical landmark?
- Size: three dimensions (width, height and depth)
- Shape & mention the edges: Spherical, hemispheric, or asymmetrical with defined or diffused edges.
- Skin color & surrounding: any discoloration, ulcer, red/inflamed, bloody, scar, necrosis.
- Surface: smooth, irregular or nodular. \*Not always applicable.

### If Goiter (lump in the neck):

→ Ask the patient to swallow and protrude the tongue.

### If Hernia

→ Cough and inspect the orifices.

→ Position: while the patient is lying ask him to sit without using his hands and look at the lump (it disappear → intraabdominal, increase → superficial, No change → intramuscular)

## B. Palpation: (ask about the pain first)

- 2t's: Tenderness ( always feel the nontender area first and don't forget to watch the patient's face) and Temperature (Feel with back of your fingers on surface of the lump and surrounding area and compare )
- 4S's:( Size,Shape,Surface,Single or multiple?) + Edges (well defined or ill defined).
- Consistency: Soft, firm, rubbery and hard
- Pulsatile: rest a finger of each hand on opposite side of the lump for few sec and then watch your fingers
  - Transmitted pulsation: Fingers will be pushed in the same direction
  - Expansile: both fingers will be pushed apart
- Compressibility Vs. reducibility:
  - Compressible: mass decreases with pressure, but reappears immediately upon release.
  - Reducible: lump reappear only on application of another force e.g. Cough
- Tests:

### 1- Fluctuation:

- Place 2 fingers at the opposite sides of the lump and press the middle of the lump with your index of your other hand.
- Very large masses can be assessed by a fluid thrill

**2- Mobility:** Move the lump in two directions, right-angled to each other. Then repeat exam when muscle contracted:

- Bone: immobile.
- Muscle: contraction reduces lump mobility.
- Subcutaneous: skin can move over lump.
- Skin: moves with skin.

**3- Thrills:** Detected by tapping one side of the lump and feeling the transmitted vibration when it reaches the other side.

**4- Transillumination:** We point a bright light at one pole of the lump in a dark room if the content of a lump is clear fluid you will see the light comes from other pole.

**If goiter** (lump in the neck):

- Perform tracheal deviation & neck lymph nodes.

**If hernia**

- Perform cough impulse: expansile or not.

**C. Percussion:**

- Resonant (gas filled lump) Dull (solids or fluid filled lump)

**D. Auscultation:**

- For arterial bruit, venous hum and bowel sounds

► ***End your examination with:***

- Examine the regional lymph node
- Distal neurovascular exam: distal pulses and veins ,distal sensory and motor exam
- Movement of the nearest joint if the lump is in a limb
- General examination

**Hernia :** PR/PV and expose genitalia.

**Goiter:** Murmurs, Pretibial myxedema, Reflexes.

# Ulcer examination

## A. Inspect:

- 5Ss:
  1. Site: describe in anatomical terms or measure the distance from the nearest bony prominence.
  2. Single or multiple; if multiple describe all.
  3. Size
  4. Shape; spherical, oval, asymmetrical.
  5. Surrounding skin; discolored, scaly, dry.
- Margins: regularity, color changes.
- Edge: sloping, punched out, undermined, rolled, or everted.
- Floor of ulcer:
  - Color: red, pale, black
  - The base of the ulcer can be covered by: granulation tissue, scab, eschar, or expose a deep tissue like tendon or bone.
- Discharge (color, amount, and odor): e.g. bloody, serous or purulent
- Depth: in mm or by the structure that has been reached e.g. bone

## B. Palpate: (Ask about pain first)

1. Tenderness
  2. Temperature of the surrounding area
  3. Margins of the ulcer
    - a. if a small ulcer then hold with index and thumb and move it horizontally
    - b. if huge then stick your fingers inside . you are looking for consistency (soft, firm, or hard)
  4. Edge of the ulcer.
  5. Floor Tenderness/Discharge (bleeds on touch?)
- Assess the fixation to deep structures
- **End your examination with:**
- Examine the regional lymph node
  - Distal neurovascular exam: distal pulses and veins ,distal sensory and motor exam
  - Movement of the nearest joint if the ulcer is in a limb

## Types of ulcer edges:



**Sloping**  
(a healing ulcer)



**Punched-out**  
(syphilis, trophic)



**Undermined**  
(tuberculosis)



**Rolled**  
(basal cell carcinoma)



**Everted**  
(squamous cell carcinoma)

**FIG 1.15** The varieties of ulcer edge.



# Breast

## Risk Factors for breast cancer:

1. old age
2. Previous personal or family history of breast or ovarian cancer (and age affected)?
3. A personal history of atypical hyperplasia (ductal or lobular) increases the risk of breast cancer 3 to 5 times.
4. Causes of high estrogen e.g. Early Menarche and late menopause, Late first pregnancy, obesity, OCPs.
5. Alcohol

## Essential Questions to ask include:

- The length of time any mass has been noticed? Any change in size?
- Relationship to the menstrual cycle.
- The presence of pain/nipple discharge?
- previous cyst aspirations.

## Breast Examination

**WIP<sub>3</sub>E:** Wash your Hands, Introduce yourself, Permission/Privacy/Position, Exposure.

**Position:** Supine , sitting and 45 degree

**Exposure:** whole upper half of the body from the waist up

General appearance look for: **ABC<sub>2</sub>DE**

- **A**ppearance:
- **B**ody built: Cachectic? Obese?
- **C**olor: Cyanosed? Pale? (Anemia)
- **C**onnections: to any devices: Holter monitor? Pacemaker? or intracardiac defibrillator?
- **D**istress: in pain, respiratory or neurological distress
- **E**lse: orientation, consciousness, alertness

## Inspection:

- Look at both breast from in front and assess the following:
  - Size , Symmetry and contour
  - Skin ( Scars - laceration -discoloration - peau d'orange appearance - nodule )
  - Masses (Describe it )
- Look at the nipples and areola:
  - Presence or absence , Colour , Asymmetry, retraction
  - Discharge ( look at the mammary line from the axilla till the groin)
- Ask the patient to slowly raise her arms above her head and look for :
  - Any change in the shape of the breast or any masses
  - See the inframammary fold
  - Inspect the axilla
- Ask the patient to press her hands against her hips (to tense pectoralis muscle ) → This accentuates area of lumping or fixation

**Palpation:** (Ask the patient if there is any pain?)

- Divide the breast to 4 areas :Upper inner/ outer, lower inner /outer
- Always begin with the normal breast and compare
- Ask the patient to lie down and place her hand behind her head. Palpate gently with your Middle 3 finger pads from in to out make sure to cover all 4 quadrants and the tail
- Comment on any lump: Site. size, shape, surface, overlying skin, single or multiple, edge, temperature, tenderness, consistence, fluctuation, mobility
- To assess the mobility: Ask the patient to rest her hands on her hips with the arms relaxed and then Hold the lump between your thumb and index and try to move it in 2 directions. Now ask the patient to press her hands agonist her hips and reassess the mobility  
(less movement = more likely the lump is fixed)
- Nipples:
  - If the nipple retracted press gently to each side to see if it will evert or not
  - Ask the patient to squeeze her nipple to check for any discharge or use your index and middle finger to palpate (if there is discharge comment on it)
- Check the axillary lymph node:
  - Have the patient sit on the edge of the bed facing you.
  - Support the patient's arm on the side being examined with your forearm.
  - If you're examining the right axilla, use your right arm to support the patient's (*vice versa for left*).
  - Palpate the axilla with your free hand, ensuring to cover all areas of the axilla: Medial / lateral / anterior / posterior walls and Apex of the axilla
  - Check for the other lymph node (Cervical – supraclavicular – infraclavicular)
- **End your examination with:**
- looking to any evidence of metastasis
  - Chest: Percuss over the base of the lungs for any evidence of pleural effusion
  - Abdomen: look for hepatomegaly and ascites
  - Lumbar spine: Look for tenderness and limitation of the movement (press it with your thumb).

# Trauma

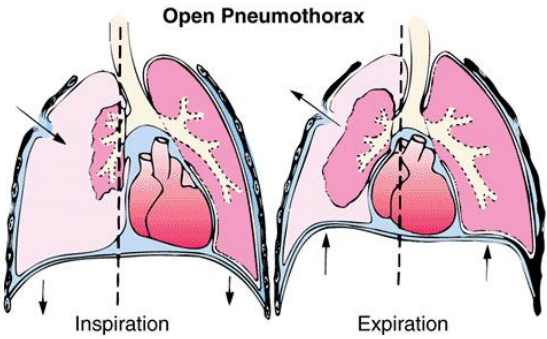
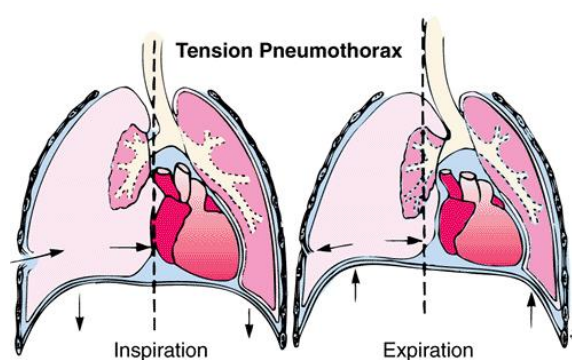
In any case of trauma you should first perform the primary survey for the patient.

Primary survey	
First step to do is to protect the cervical spine by a collar in any trauma patient	
A (Airway)	<p>Basic Airway Techniques:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chin lift (not done in trauma patients)</li> <li>- Jaw thrust</li> </ul> <p>Advanced Airway Techniques:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Naso-tracheal intubation (usually not done in trauma patients)</li> <li>- Oro-tracheal intubation</li> <li>- Cricothyroidotomy (indicated in case of maxillofacial injury)</li> <li>- Emergent tracheostomy (indicated in case of extensive laryngeal injury)</li> </ul>
B (Breathing)	<p>Assess and ensure adequate oxygenation and ventilation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Oxygen saturation</li> <li>● Respiratory rate</li> <li>● Chest movement</li> <li>● Air entry by stethoscope</li> </ul> <p>Make sure that the patient is not having any of the following fatal conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tension pneumothorax.</li> <li>● Open pneumothorax</li> <li>● Massive hemothorax</li> </ul>
C (Circulation)	<p>Focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Level of consciousness</li> <li>● Skin color and temperature</li> <li>● Pulse rate and character</li> <li>● Look for active bleeding</li> </ul>
D (Disability)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Glasgow coma score.</li> <li>● Pupillary reflex.</li> </ul>
E (Exposure)	<p>Completely undress the patient to identify any missed injuries, while at the same time preventing hypothermia, which exacerbates coagulopathy and acidosis.</p>

**TABLE 38-2**

**Glasgow Coma Scale**

BEHAVIOR	RESPONSE	SCORE
Eye opening response	Spontaneously	4
	To speech	3
	To pain	2
	No response	1
Best verbal response	Oriented to time, place, and person	5
	Confused	4
	Inappropriate words	3
	Incomprehensible sounds	2
	No response	1
Best motor response	Obeys commands	6
	Moves to localized pain	5
	Flexion withdrawal from pain	4
	Abnormal flexion (decorticate)	3
	Abnormal extension (decerebrate)	2
	No response	1
Total score:	<i>Best response</i>	15
	<i>Comatose client</i>	8 or less
	<i>Totally unresponsive</i>	3

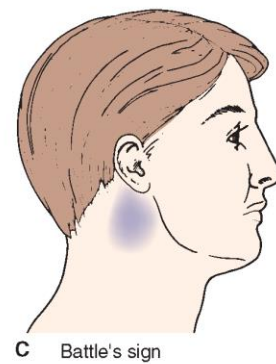
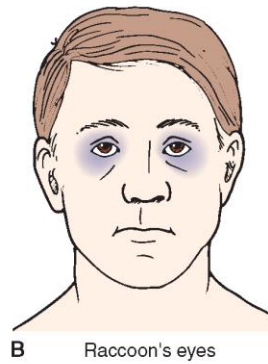
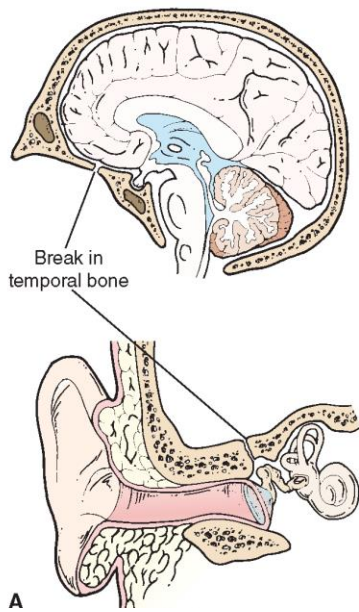
Pneumothorax	
Open	Tension
<p><b>Open Pneumothorax</b></p>  <p>Inspiration      Expiration</p>	<p><b>Tension Pneumothorax</b></p>  <p>Inspiration      Expiration</p>
<p>Treatment: Closure of the chest wall defect and tube thoracostomy.</p>	<p>Treatment: Immediate needle thoracostomy decompression with a 14 gauge angiocatheter in the second intercostal space in the midclavicular line followed by: Tube thoracostomy in the fifth intercostal space in the mid-axillary line</p>

# Head Trauma Examination

1. Pupil size and reaction
2. CSF leaks from nose, mouth, or ears
3. Survey of the scalp for penetrating injuries
4. Assess maxillofacial skeleton
5. Peripheral neurological exam

Basal skull fracture specific signs:

- Battle's sign (mastoid ecchymosis)
- Raccoon eyes (periorbital ecchymosis)



# Burns

	1st	2nd superficial	2nd deep	3rd	4th
Injury	Epidermis only	Epidermis and superficial dermis; skin appendages intact	Epidermis and most dermis; most skin appendages destroyed	Epidermis and all pf dermis; destruction of all skin appendages	Reaches bones & muscles
Appearance	Erythema; blanches with pressure	<u>Erythema, blister, moist, elastic; blanches with pressure</u>	white appearing with erythematous areas, dry waxy, less elastic; do not blanch to pressure	white, charred, tan, thrombosed vessels; dry and leathery; does not blanch	
sensation	intac; mild to moderate pain	<u>intact; severe pain</u>	Decreased; may be less painful	Anesthetic; not painful (although surrounding areas of second-degree burns are painful)	
Healing	3-6 days without scarring	<u>1-2 weeks; scarring unusual</u>	>3 weeks; often with scarring and contractures	Does not heal; severe scarring and contractures	-
Example	Sunburn	Hot water and soup		Flame burn	-
Manage	Painkiller + fucidin cream NO admission.	Topical dressing + ointment NO surgery	surgery	Surgical debridement & skin grafting	

# IV Fluid Content & Electrolytes

	Na	K	Ca	Chloride	HCO <sub>3</sub>	Glucose	Osmo
Normal saline 0.9%	154	154	0	0	0	0	308
Dextrose 5%	0	0	0	0	0	50gm	278
Ringer lactate	130	4	1	109	29	0	273

## Sodium Disorders.

- Hyponatremia
  - Causes:
    - Hyperglycemia
    - Excessive IV sodium-free fluid administration
    - CHF
    - Nephrotic syndrome
    - Cirrhosis
  - Treatment:

Clinical Manifestations of Hyponatremia by Severity		
Degree of hyponatremia	Specific manifestation	Management
Mild hyponatremia	No symptoms	Restrict fluids
Moderate	Minimal confusion	Saline and loop diuretic
Severe	Lethargy, seizures, coma	Hypertonic saline, conivaptan, tolvaptan

- Hypernatremia
  - Causes:
    - Sweating
    - Burns
    - Fever
    - Pneumonia: from insensible losses from hyperventilation
    - Diarrhea
    - Diuretics
  - Treatment:
    - Fluid loss: Correct the underlying cause of fluid loss.

## **Potassium Disorders.**

- Hyperkalemia
  - Causes:
    - Hemolysis
    - Renal failure
    - Aldosterone decrease
    - Decreased insulin
    - Acidosis:
    - Tissue destruction
  - Treatment:
    - Calcium chloride or calcium gluconate
    - Insulin and glucose
    - Bicarbonate
- Hypokalemia
  - Causes:
    - Decreased intake
    - Shift into cells: Alkalosis, Increased insulin, Beta adrenergic stimulation
    - Renal loss: Loop diuretics, Increased aldosterone
    - GI loss: vomiting
  - Treatment:
    - Intravenous potassium replacement

## **Calcium Disorders.**

- Hypercalcemia
  - Causes:
    - Hyperparathyroidism
    - Malignancy
  - Treatment
    - normal saline infusion
    - Calcitonin
    - Diuretics
- Hypocalcemia
  - Causes:
    - Low parathyroid hormone
    - Low vitamin D
    - Pseudohypocalcemia
    - Pancreatitis
  - Treatment
    - Calcium supplementation
    - Vitamin D



# Clinical skills

## Vital Signs

### ★ Pulse Rate and Respiratory Rate:

Materials: Watch or clock with displaying seconds.

Preparation	
1	Introduce yourself to the patient and confirm patient's ID.
2	Explain the procedure and get patient's consent.
3	Wash hands.
4	Prepare the necessary materials.
Give him/her 10 minutes to rest before measuring.	
5	patient in a sitting Position and uncover his/her arms
Procedure for Pulse Rate (PR)	
6	Gently place your (index, middle and ring fingers) on the selected artery. (Do not use your thumb because it has its own pulse that you may feel).
7	Count the beats for one full minute.
Procedure for Respiratory Rate (RR)	
8	Proceed with taking the Respiratory rate (RR) while your hand is still on the patient's radial artery (Do not inform your patient that you are taking the RR).
9	Observe the rise and fall of the patient's chest and count the number of respirations for another one full minute. (One respiration consists of one complete rise and fall of the chest, or the inhalation and exhalation of air).
After the Procedure	
10	Ensure that the patient is comfortable.
11	Document the procedure.
Rate Limits	
✓ Pulse Rate (PR): - Normal - Bradycardia - Tachycardia	60-100 Beats per minute < 60 bpm > 100 bpm
✓ Respiratory Rate (RR) - Normal - Bradypnea - Tachypnea	12-20 Breaths per minute < 12 bpm > 20 bpm

★ **Blood pressure:**

Objectives: To accurately measure the blood pressure using the manual sphygmomanometer. Systolic pressure: peak pressure in the artery during ventricular contraction. Diastolic pressure: minimum pressure exerted against the artery wall during ventricular diastole.

Materials: Stethoscope and a manual sphygmomanometer.

Preparation	
1	Introduce yourself to the patient and confirm patient's ID.
2	Explain the procedure and get patient's consent.
3	Wash hands.
4	Prepare the necessary materials.
Give him/her 10 minutes to rest before measuring.	
5	Position the patient in a sitting Position and uncover one of his/her arms.
Procedure	
6	Turn on the mercury valve.
7	Place an appropriately sized cuff on the upper arm. <i>(The center of the cuff bladder must be over brachial artery site and lower edge 2.5cm above the antecubital fossa).</i>
8	Inflating the cuff till the point where radial pulsation disappears and keep inflating the cuff 20-30 mmHg more.
9	Slowly deflate the cuff, noting the pressure at which the pulse reappears. <i>(This is the approximate level of the systolic blood pressure)</i> .
10	Deflate the cuff completely.
11	Place the stethoscope over the brachial artery pulse.
12	Re-inflate cuff to 20-30 mmHg above palpated systolic pressure.
13	Slowly Deflate the Cuff
14	The first sound indicates the systolic blood pressure <i>(continue deflation)</i> .
15	Point of disappearance of the sound indicates the diastolic blood pressure.
16	Deflate the cuff completely.
17	Turn off the mercury valve.
18	Document the procedure (systolic/diastolic).

Classes of BP readings	Systolic (mmHg)	Diastolic (mmHg)
Optimal	<120	<80
Normal	120-129	80-84
High Normal	130-139	85-89
Mild HTN (Grade1)	140-159	90-99
Moderate HTN (Grade2)	160-179	100-109

Severe HTN (Grade3)	>180	>110
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★ **Temperature:**

Objectives: To accurately measure body temperature (In the mouth) using a digital thermometer.

Materials: Digital thermometer, disposable probe, cotton gauze, disinfectant solution.

Preparation	
1	Introduce yourself and confirm patient's ID.
2	Explain the procedure and get patient's consent.
3	Wash hands.
4	Prepare the necessary materials.
5	patient in a sitting Position
6	Put on clean gloves
Procedures	
7	Take the digital thermometer.
8	Withdraw probe and observe for test display (a digital human icon will appear on the screen).
9	State audible tone will sound, then display of probe type:
10	Load appropriate probe into probe cover.
11	Change modes ( <i>oral, axillary or rectal</i> ) by pressing the Human Icon button.
12	Place probe under the tongue reaching the sublingual pocket.
13	When final temperature is reached, a tone will sound and temperature will be displayed.
14	Remove probe by pressing "ejection button" and dispose cover according to infection control standards.
15	Insert probe in storage channel to clear display.
16	Wipe all surfaces with damp ( <i>not wet</i> ) cloth with mild detergent, alcohol or non-staining disinfectant ( <i>Do not scratch LCD screen. Never autoclave digital thermometer</i> )
17	Put thermometer back in its case.
After The Procedure	
19	Wash your hands.
20	Document the procedure

Average temperature values		
Site	Normal	Fever
Mouth	36.8°C	>37.3°C
Axilla	36.4°C	>36.9°C
Rectum	37.3°C	>37.7°C

# Per-rectal examination

## Indications:

1. assessment of prostate
2. rectal bleeding
3. urinary or faecal incontinence
4. constipation

MATERIALS: Gloves, Lubricating gel and Cotton Pad

STEP/TASK
Preparation
Introduce yourself to the patient.
Confirm patient's ID.
Explain the procedure to the patient and re-assure him. Make sure that the patient is aware that the procedure will be uncomfortable and that it should not be painful.
Get patient's consent.
Ask for a Chaperone.
Wash hands.
Prepare the necessary materials.
Ensure the privacy of the patient.
Ask the patient to remove his pants.
Positioning of the patient.
The patient should be in the left lateral position. Buttocks should be brought to the side of the couch and the patient's knee to his chest.
Procedure
Put on the gloves.
Gently separate the buttocks and inspect the area for: Thrombosed External Piles, Skin Tags, Rectal Prolapse, Anal Fissure, Fistula in Ano, Carcinoma of the Anus, Pruritis Ani, Excoriation of the Skin.
Test for Anal Wink by stroking a cotton pad on all 4 quadrants of the patient's anus.
Lubricate the tip of the right index finger. Make a complete fist with the index finger pointing out, resting at the anus <b>at the 6 'o clock margin</b> .
Ask the patient to breathe in and out to relax and distract him. <b>Ask the patient to press down on your finger.</b>
Gently insert your index finger through the anus, inside the anal canal, towards the rectum.
Test anal tone by asking the patient to squeeze your finger.
Starting at the anterior wall, the prostate (male)/cervix (female) is palpated and checked for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In males: Size, Surface, the Sulcus, Consistency and Tenderness of Prostate. <b>Look for any discharge from the urinary meatus on palpating the prostate.</b></li> <li>• In women, the cervix and a retroverted uterus may be felt with the tip of the finger.</li> </ul> Rotate the finger clockwise <b>performing a full 360° sweep</b> and feel for any: Masses, Ulcers, Induration or Opening of Fistulas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove the finger and examine the stool (if any) for: Color, Mucous or Blood</li> </ul>
After the Procedure
Clean off any lubricant or feces on the anus and anal margin

o.	Remove the gloves and dispose of it safely.
.	Give time for the patient to put his pants on ensuring his privacy.
.	Ensure the comfort of the patient and answer any question or concerns he/she may have.
.	Document the procedure.
.	Present your findings in a <b>systematic</b> manner and offer a differential diagnosis.

# Urinary Catheterization

## Indications:

1. Urinary retention
2. Outlet obstruction
3. Monitor fluid output (post-op, sepsis, terminally ill)

**MATERIALS:** Well illuminated examination room, examination table, clean glove, sterile glove, foam body cleanser or cleanse wipes, Foley catheter, sterile tray, sterile underpad, sterile fenestrated drape, antiseptic solution (*povidone iodine etc.*), betadine swabs, sterile cotton balls/sterile gauze, forceps, sterile lubricant, sterile lidocaine, syringe, sterile water, drainage bag, dressing tape.

## A. Female:

STEP/TASK	
Preparation	
	Introduce yourself to the patient.
	Confirm patient's ID.
	Explain the procedure and reassure the patient.
	Get patient's consent.
	Wash hands.
	Prepare the necessary materials in a tray ( <i>check and ensure the integrity and the sterility</i> ).
	Position the patient in a lying position; uncover her lower body with legs apart- knees bending and groin exposed ( <i>maintain the patient's privacy and dignity</i> ).
<i>(Consider washing the patient's genital area before the procedure if visibly soiled. After putting on clean gloves, wash patient's genital area thoroughly with foam body cleanser or cleanse wipes. Remove gloves and wash hands).</i>	
Procedure	
	Put on sterile gloves and use strict sterile technique for the foley insertion procedure.
	Take the sterile underpad and place it ( <i>plastic side down</i> ) beneath the patient.
	Take the sterile fenestrated drape and position it around the patient's genitalia.
	Draw up 5 ml sterile water into a syringe ( <i>if pre-filled syringe is not provided with the pack</i> ).
	Dispense the lubricating gel into the tray, pour antiseptic solution over three cotton balls.
	Remove the plastic sleeve from the catheter, lock the sterile water syringe into the port and check the integrity of the retention balloon. Place the catheter on the sterile site.
	Separate the labia using the non-dominant hand and visualize the meatus.
<b>Do not touch any sterile material with this hand for the rest of the procedure.</b>	
	Grasp one cotton ball with the forceps, wipe one side of the labia from top to bottom and discard the cotton ball away from the sterile field. Repeat on the opposite side and then wipe down the middle using the third cotton ball.
	Using the dominant (sterile) hand, handle the catheter, cover the tip of the catheter with lubricant.
	Insert the lubricated catheter firmly into the meatus and gently advance it until you see the urine in the catheter/drainage bag.

.	Once a stream of urine is obtained, advance catheter 3-4 cm. More and inject 5 ml of sterile water to inflate the catheter's balloon ( <i>ensure that this does not cause the patient any pain</i> ).
.	Gently retract the catheter until a resistance is felt.
.	Attach the catheter bag and hang it to the bed.
.	Remove the gloves.
.	Tape the catheter to the thigh.
	After the procedure
.	Ensure that the patient is comfortable.
.	Make explanations to the patient, answer his questions and discuss management plan.
.	Dispose of sharps and waste material according to infection control standards.
.	Wash hands.
.	Document the procedure.

## B. Male

STEP/TASK	
	Preparation
	Introduce yourself to the patient.
	Confirm patient's ID.
	Explain the procedure and reassure the patient.
	Get patient's consent.
	Wash hands.
	Prepare the necessary materials in a tray ( <i>check and ensure the integrity and the sterility</i> ).
	Position the patient in a lying position; uncover his lower body with legs apart and groin exposed ( <i>maintain the patient's privacy and dignity</i> ).
	<i>(Consider washing the patient's genital area before the procedure if visibly soiled. After putting on clean gloves, wash patient's genital area thoroughly with foam body cleanser or cleanse wipes. Remove gloves and wash hands).</i>
	Procedure
	Put on sterile gloves and use strict sterile technique for the foley insertion procedure.
	Take the sterile underpad and place it ( <i>plastic side down</i> ) beneath the patient.
.	Take the sterile fenestrated drape and position it around the patient's genitalia.
.	Draw up 5 ml sterile water into a syringe ( <i>if pre-filled syringe is not provided with the pack</i> ). ( <i>Draw up 5 ml. sterile lidocaine if you consider to use such as patients with enlarge prostates</i> ).
.	Dispense the lubricating gel into the tray, pour antiseptic solution over three cotton balls.
.	Remove the plastic sleeve from the catheter, lock the sterile water syringe into the port and check the integrity of the retention balloon. Place the catheter on the sterile site.
.	Retract the foreskin, if present, hold the shaft of the penis with the non-dominant hand. ( <i>You may Inject 3-5 ml. sterile lidocaine into the urethra and firmly pinch the end of the penis for 1-2 minutes to retain the lidocaine with in the urethra.</i> )
	<b>Do not touch any sterile material with this hand for the rest of the procedure.</b>
.	Using a circular motion, wipe the glans from the meatus outward three times with three different cotton balls/swabs.
.	Using the dominant (sterile) hand, handle the catheter, cover the tip of the catheter with lubricant.

.	Grasp the penis in an upright position and insert the lubricated catheter firmly into the meatus and gently advance it until you see the urine in the catheter/drainage bag.
.	Once a stream of urine is obtained, advance catheter 3-4 cm. More and inject 5 ml of sterile water to inflate the catheter's balloon ( <i>ensure that this does not cause the patient any pain</i> ).
.	Gently retract the catheter until a resistance is felt.
.	Attach the catheter bag and hang it to the bed.
.	If the foreskin was retracted, reposition it after placement.
.	Remove the gloves.
.	Tape the catheter to the thigh.
After the procedure	
.	Ensure that the patient is comfortable.
.	Answer questions and discuss management plan.
.	Dispose of sharps and waste material according to infection control standards.
.	Wash hands.
.	Document the procedure.



# Nasogastric Tubing

## Indications:

1. Gastric Lavage
2. Feeding
3. Risk of aspiration
4. GI decompression

## Contraindications:

1. Base of skull fracture
2. coagulopathy
3. Nasal injury

**MATERIALS:** Well illuminated examination room, examination table, clean gloves, Naso Gastric Tube, Local Anaesthetic Spray (Lidocaine, Xylocain), lubricating jelly, syringe, pen light/Otoscope, sterile tray, a glass of water, drainage bag, emesis basin, dressing tape, stethoscope.

STEP/TASK
Preparation
Introduce yourself to the patient.
Confirm patient's ID.
Explain the procedure and reassure the patient.
Get patient's consent.
Wash hands.
Prepare the necessary materials in a tray ( <i>check and ensure the integrity and the sterility</i> ).
Position the patient in a upright ( <i>sitting</i> ) position.
Procedure
Put on clean gloves.
Ask the patient: • Nostril preference. • Blow and clean the nose. • Any nasal injury, trauma, surgery or difficulty in breathing his/her nostrils.
Examine each nasal passage and check for abnormalities.
Take the NG Tube and measure the length of NG Tube to be inserted by placing the tip of the tube at the nostril and extending the tube behind the ear and then to
Lubricate the tip of the NG Tube with lubricating jelly.
Apply local anaesthesia by spraying the back of the throat ( <i>with Lidocaine or Xylocain</i> ).
Ask the patient to hold the glass of water.
Insert the NG Tube slowly into the preferred nostril and slide it along the floor of the nose into the nasopharynx.
Ask the patient to swallow some water as you continue to advance the tube through the pharynx and esophagus and into the stomach ( <i>If the patient coughs or gags, slightly withdraw the NG Tube and leave him some time to recover</i> ).
Insert the NG Tube to the required length.
<b>Ensure that the tip of the tube is in the stomach.</b> • Inject 20 ml of air into the tube as you listen over the epigastrium with your stethoscope.

	• Pull back on the plunger to aspirate stomach contents. Test the aspirate with pH paper to confirm its acidity [pH <6] ( <i>If a fine bore tube has been inserted, it may not be possible to aspirate stomach contents</i> ).• ( <i>if needed</i> ) Request a chest X-ray.
.	Tape the NG Tube to the nose and to the side of the face.
.	Attach a drainage bag to the NG Tube.
	After the procedure
.	Ensure that the patient is comfortable.
.	Make explanations to the patient, answer his questions and discuss management plan.
.	Dispose of sharps and waste material according to infection control standards.
.	Wash hands.
.	Document the procedure.

# Intravenous Cannulation

## Indications:

1. Repeated blood sampling
2. Administration of blood, nutrients, medications and radiologic contrasts

MATERIALS: IV solution or drug, IV set, IV catheter or cannula, clean gloves, alcohol swab, transparent dressing or tape, tourniquet.

STEP/TASK	
Preparation	
	Introduce yourself to the patient.
	Confirm patient's ID.
	Explain the procedure and reassure the patient.
	Get patient's consent.
	Wash hands.
	Prepare the necessary materials.
	Check the doctor's order and the reason for cannulation.
	Put on a pair of clean gloves.
	Position the patient in a lying or sitting position and uncover arm completely.
The procedure	
.	Apply tourniquet 10 cm above injection site. <i>(Make sure it is not too loose or too tight. When necessary, check if pulse is still present.)</i>
.	Select the site and appropriate vein for injection.
.	Visualize and palpate the vein using the pads of the fingertips. <i>If veins are not visible ask patient : i) to close and open the hand ii) apply gentle taps iii) apply warm/hot pad to selected site to help dilate the veins.)</i>
.	Clean the site with an alcohol swab using an expanding circular motion or a single wiping from distal to proximal. Do it for 3 times with different swabs. Let it air dry.
.	Prepare and inspect the catheter. Slightly pull the needle from the cannula, turn, and inspect for any defects.
.	Stabilize the vein and apply counter tension to the skin.
.	Insert the stylet through the skin at an angle of 30-45 degrees and make sure the bevel is up.
.	Observe for "flash back" of blood in the chamber of the stylet to confirm a successful entry.
.	Reduce the angle of the needle and advance approximately 1 cm further into the vein.
.	Slowly advance the catheter over the needle and into the vein while keeping tension on the vein and skin.
.	Release the tourniquet and quickly remove the needle over the catheter while pressing at least 0.5 cm above the insertion site to prevent backflow of blood. Connect the intravenous tubing immediately and open the regulator.
After the procedure	
.	Anchor the catheter firmly in place by the use of transparent dressing or tape. <i>DO NOT interrupt the flow rate.</i>
.	Regulate the rate of flow according to the doctor's order.
.	Ensure that the patient is comfortable.
.	Dispose of sharps and waste material according to infection control standards.
.	Remove the gloves and wash hands.
.	Document the procedure.

# Long Case Form

Who gave you the history of the patient?

## Demographics:

<b>Name</b>		<b>Age</b>	
Gender		Nationality	
<b>Occupation</b>		Religion	
Residency		<b>Marital states</b>	
How many children?		Age of elder one	

## Chief Complaint:

- **Time of admission?**
- **Route of admission? (ER - Clinic-Referral)**
- Did you go to the doctor? What was the diagnosis?
- Hospital course? Investigations and imaging & their results?
- **What are you complaining of?**

<b><u>S</u></b> (SITE) OR <b><u>F</u></b> (FREQUENCY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Localised?</b></li> <li>• <b>diffuse?</b></li> </ul>
<b><u>O</u></b> (ONSET)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>When?</b></li> <li>• <b>For how long?</b></li> <li>• <b>Previous episodes? When? Progression?</b></li> </ul>
<b><u>C</u></b> (Character & Severity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Type? Stabbing - Crashing - Burning - Throbbing</b></li> <li>• <b>Interfere daily life?</b></li> <li>• <b>Scale of 1-10?</b></li> </ul>
<b><u>R</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Radiation?</b></li> <li>• <b>Migrating pain?</b></li> </ul>
<b><u>A</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Relieving factors:</b></li> <li>• <b>Aggravating factors:</b></li> </ul>
<b><u>T</u></b> (Timing)/ progression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Suddenly/Rapidly/gradually?</b></li> <li>• <b>Day/night or both?</b></li> <li>• <b>Continuous/intermittent?</b></li> </ul>
<b><u>E</u></b> (Exacerbating Factors)	Risk factors?
<b><u>S</u></b> (Social aspects)	social problems?

### Constitutional Symptoms: to exclude infections and cancers

- Appetite change?
- Weight change?
- Fever?
- Fatigue?
- Night sweats?

### Ask about related systems?

#### History:

<b>Chronic diseases?</b> (detailed)	
Childhood problems?	
Any other diseases?	
<b>Past surgery?</b>	
Hos. admission?	
<b>Accident/trauma?</b>	
<b>Medication?</b>	When? Frequency? Dose? Complications?
<b>Blood trans?</b>	
<b>Allergies? What type?</b>	If patient says no: write <u>no known</u> allergy

#### Habits:

<b>Smoking?</b>	How many packs?
Drinking? Drugs?	
<b>Travel abroad?</b>	
Leisure activity?	
Eating habits?	

**Family History:**

<b>Chronic diseases? How old?</b>	
Causes of death? How old?	
<b>Genetic diseases?</b>	
<b>Blood diseases SCD? Anemia?</b>	
<b>Cancer? Breast, prostate?</b>	

**Systematic review:**

**(a) Alimentary system and abdomen (AS):** Appetite. Diet Weight. Nausea. Dysphagia. Regurgitation. Flatulence. Heartburn. Vomiting. Haematemesis. Indigestion pain. Abdominal pain. Abdominal distension. Bowel habit. Nature of stool. Rectal bleeding. Mucus. Slime. Prolapse. Incontinence. Tenesmus. Jaundice.

**(b) Respiratory system (RS):** Cough. Sputum. Haemoptysis. Dyspnoea. Hoarseness. Wheezing. Chest pain. Exercise tolerance.

**(c) Cardiovascular system (CVS):** Dyspnoea. Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnoea. Orthopnoea. Chest pain. Palpitations. Dizziness. Ankle swelling. Limb pain. Walking distance. Colour changes in hands and feet.

**(d) Urogenital system (UGS):** Loin pain. Frequency of micturition including nocturnal frequency. Poor stream. Dribbling. Hesitancy. Dysuria. Urgency. Precipitancy. Painful micturition. Polyuria. Thirst. Haematuria. Incontinence.

- In men Problems with sexual intercourse and impotence.
- In women Date of menarche or menopause. Frequency. Quantity and duration of menstruation. Vaginal discharge. Dysmenorrhoea. Dyspareunia. Previous pregnancies and their complications. Prolapse. Urinary incontinence. Breast pain. Nipple discharge. Lumps. Skin changes.

**(e) Nervous system (NS, CNS):** Changes of behaviour or psyche Depression. Memory loss. Delusions. Anxiety. Tremor. Syncopal attacks. Loss of consciousness. Fits. Muscle weakness. Paralysis. Sensory disturbances. Paresthesia. Dizziness. Changes of smell, vision or hearing. Tinnitus. Headaches.

**(f) Musculoskeletal system (MSkS):** Aches or pains in muscles, bones or joints. Swelling joints. Limitation of joint movements. Locking. Weakness. Disturbances of gait.

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