





Endocrinology

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| | Functional adenoma | Non-functional adenoma (incidentaloma) | |
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| Epidemiology | 10% of all pituitary lesions Genetically-related to MEN-1, Gs-alpha mutation, PTTG gene, FGF receptor-4) Or idiopathic | 1.5 -31% in autopsy (prevalence) 10% by MRI most of them < 1 cm | |
| Clinical (History and Examination) | Function (oversecretion or hyposecretion) Mass (headache, visual symptoms) | Asymptomatic Incidentaloma by imaging. Mass-effect (Bitemporal hemianopia) Gonadal hypersecretion | |
| Biochemical | Screen Test, Confirmatory Test | GH, LH, FSH, TSH, ACTH: not high. PRL could be: low, high or normal. | |
| Anatomy | MRI of sella turcica (MRI is superior to CT) | | |
| Treatment | Surgical >Medical >Radiation or Medical >Surgical >Radiation (Depend on the type) | Surgery if indicated Observation Adjunctive therapy | |

| 1- Prolactinomas | | |
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| General info | • Prolactinomas are the most common of functional pituitary adenomas | |
| Causes of hyperprolactine mia | Prolactin secreting pituitary adenoma (Most common) Renal failure (returns to normal after transplant), Liver failure, primary hypothyroidism (high TRH levels stimulate prolactin). Drugs which interfere with dopamine: (Phenothiazines, Domapine receptor antagonists metoclopramide, a-methyldopa, verapamil, H2 blocker, estrogen, opiates, reserpine). Pregnancy is the most common physiological cause. | |
| Clinical features | Galactorrhoea, oligo or amenorrhoea, infertility, Decreased libido, subfertility, erectile dysfunction, gynecomastia It may have mass effect → Bitemporal hemianopia | |
| Diagnosis | Serum prolactin level: At least 3 measurements should be taken, Very high level suggests prolactinoma (>5000mU/L). Thyroid function test: TSH must be tested to rule out primary Hypothyroidism. IGF-1 must be tested to rule out acromegaly co-secretion. Pregnancy test: Always exclude pregnancy first | |
| Treatment | 1st line: Medical: Dopamine agonist drugs (e.g. Bromocriptine, Cabergoline (Drug of choice), Quinagolide) (Bromocriptine is preferred in pregnancy) 2nd line: Surgery and radiation | |

| 2- GH excess (Acromegaly/Gigantism) | | |
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| General info | • 98% of cases are due to GH pituitary adenoma | |
| Clinical features | The most common complaints are headache and sweating. Acral enlargement: large thick hands & feet with osteoarthritis Gross features of acromegaly: Face gross features, enlarged tongue, and jaw Galactorrhea (Due to co-secretion of prolactin from the tumor) Gingiva enlargement, constipation and deep voice May have mass effect → Bitemporal hemianopia Carpal tunnel syndrome (Median nerve compression) irreversible cardiovascular effect: (major cause of death) Cardiomegaly and CHF with Diastolic dysfunction being an early sign of cardiomyopathy. HTN in 40%, LVH in 50% and they present with Obstructive sleep apnea (due to Neck enlargement) | |
| Diagnosis | Initial test (screen): Measure IGF-1. (Will be high in acromegaly) Confirmatory Test: 75g OGTT for GH suppression MRI or CT for the pituitary | |
| Treatment | 1st line: Surgery 2nd line: Medical: Somatostatin analogues (octreotide, lanreotide or pasireotide). Dopamine agonist (bromocriptine or cabergoline) "especially if associated with prolactin excess" Didn't work? use GH receptor antagonist (Pegvisomant) 3rd line: Radiotherapy | |
| | 3- Diabetes insipidus | |
| Types | <u>Central DI</u>: Deficiency of vasopressin (ADH), caused by a hypothalamic disorder (adenoma of pituitary does not cause it because it is only stored there) Nephrogenic DI: Renal resistance to ADH action Psychogenic DI: is an excessive water intake seen in some patients with mental illnesses such as schizophrenia. | |
| Symptoms | • Abrupt onset of polyuria (1st manifestation), polydipsia (2nd manifestation) | |
| Investigations | Urine: ↑urine volume (2 – 15 L/day), ↓urine osmolality, ↓specific gravity . Serum Na+: usually high High or high-normal plasma osmolality Water deprivation test (To differentiate between CDI,NDI and PDI) Central DI: urine osmolality will still low (Before giving vasopressin) and returns to normal after administer vasopressin. Nephrogenic DI: exogenous vasopressin does not alter urine osmolality much. Psychogenic DI: Urine will be become concentrated as they aren't really a problem with either the pituitary nor the kidney | |
| Treatment | CDI \rightarrow DDAVP. NDI \rightarrow Correct underlying cause, Hydrochlorothiazide. | |



| Hormone: Insulin ↑ glycolysis ↑ ion uptake especially K and PO₄³⁻ ↓Ketogenesis Effect on Liver: 1. ↑ Glycogen synthesis | Effect on Liver: 1. ↑ Glycogen synthesis 2. ↓ Gluconeogenesis 3. ↓ Glycogenolysis 4. ↑ lipogenesis (FA synthesis) 5. ↑ Lipoprotein synthesis | Effect on Muscles: 1. ↑ protein synthesis 2. ↓ Proteolysis Effect on Adipose tissue: 1. Inhibition of intracellular lipase > No lipolysis 2. ↑ TGs deposition |
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| | T1DM | T2DM | |
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| pathogenesis | Interactions of genetic, environmental, and immunological factors that lead to the destruction of the pancreatic Beta cells and insulin deficiency. Most, but not all, individuals have evidence of islet-directed autoimmunity. There is a loss of both first and second phase of insulin secretion. | Two defects are necessary: Abnormalities of insulin action:(resistance), characterized by ability of insulin to: Inhibit hepatic glucose output Suppress lipolysis in adipose tissue. Stimulate glucose uptake into skeletal muscle Abnormalities of insulin secretion: The body responses to insulin resistance by increasing insulin secretion, early sign is loss of the first phase of the normal biphasic insulin secretion. This level is still inadequate to restore glucose homeostasis. By the time of diagnosis, at least 50% of B-cell mass and function has been lost. Glucotoxicity thought to cause further B-cell loss and further deterioration of glucose homeostasis. With time, insulin secretion declines. 'Starling curve' of the pancreas. | |
| Age | Usually <30y/o | Usually >30y/o | |
| Course | Rapid From DPT-I can be indolent | Indolent Virtually none found on screening | |
| risk factors | Genetic: HLA- DR3-DQ2, HLA- DR4-DQ8 or both. By contrast, certain HLA alleles confer protective effects, for example DQB1*0602. Increased susceptibility to type 1 diabetes is inherited but the disease is not genetically predetermined. Environmental: maternal factors: such as gestational infection and older age. viral infection: such as Coxsackie B4. Childhood obesity and early introduction of cow's milk. | Diet: dietary fat, red and processed meat, consumption of fried food. Aging: B-cell function declines with age Obesity: accounts for 80-85% of the overall risk Fetal origins of diabetes: low weight at birth associated with glucose intolerance later in life Physical inactivity. Genetic susceptibility and inheritance: Identical twins have more than a 50% chance TNF-alpha may induce insulin resistance in obesity Others: urbanization, poverty, abnormal sleep patterns, environmental toxins and mental illness. | |

| | T1DM | T2DM |
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| Comorbid | Thyroid, adrenal, vitiligo, celiac and pernicious anaemia.Increase in polycystic ovary syndr Acanthosis nigricans | |
| C- peptide | C-peptide can be preserved at DX, eventually it will disappear (more useful in T2) | |
| presentation | acute: 2–6-week history of the classic triad polyuria thirst and polydipsia weight loss subacute: several months or years, particularly in older people. triad + lack of energy, visual blurring, pruritus vulvae or balanitis due to Candida infection. | |
| complications | Staphylococcal skin infections, retinopathy, polyneuropathy, erectile dysfunction, and arterial disease. | |
| diagnosis | Gold standard for the diagnosis of DM is HbA1C *Criteria: One abnormal laboratory value is diagnostic in symptomatic individuals; two values are needed in asymptomatic people. Impaired fasting glycaemia (IFG) and impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) associated with insulin resistance syndrome or syndrome X: | |
| management | Insulin is necessary for survival: Basal/bolus insulin concept: Basal insulin: suppresses glucose production between meals and overnight. 50% of daily insulin needs Bolus insulin(prandial): limits hyperglycemia after meals, immediate and sharp peak at 1hr. 10-20% of daily insulin needs. Therapeutic regimens: Conventional therapy: 1 or 2 injections/day Multiple daily injections (MDI): 3-6 injections/day, it is the preferred regimens. | Diet and lifestyle Medication should never be prescribed until lifestyle changes have been implemented. For medications: three main options are metformin, a sulfonylurea or a thiazolidinedione. HgbA1c target: 7% for young without atherosclerosis, and 8% for late old Insulin: If control is inadequate on oral therapy |

L45,46- T1&T2 DM (cont.)

| Bolus (preprandial or mealtime) insulins | Basal insulin | |
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| Rapid-acting insulin analogues (clear) Insulin aspart (NovoRapid[®]) - Insulin lispro (Humalog[®]) Insulin glulisine (Apidra[®]) - Faster-acting insulin aspart (Fiasp[®]) | Intermediate-acting (cloudy) - Insulin neutral protamine Hagedorn (Humulin® -N, Novolin® ge NPH) | |
| Short-acting insulins (clear) - Insulin regular [Humulin®-R, Novolin® ge Toronto] - Insulin regular (Entuzity®) | Long-acting insulin (clear) Insulin detemir (Levemir[®]) -Insulin glargine U-100 (Lantus[®]) Insulin glargine U-300 (Toujeo[®]) - Degludec U-100, U-200 (Tresiba[®]) Insulin glargine biosimilar (Basaglar [®]) | |
| Premixed insulins | | |
| Premixed regular insulin –NPH (cloudy) - Humulin 30/70 - Novolin® ge 30/70, 40/60, 50/50 | Premixed insulin analogues (cloudy) Biphasic insulin aspart (NovoMix[®] 30) Insulin lispro/lispro protamine (Humalog[®] Mix25 and Mix50) | |
| insulin con | nplications | |

- Hypoglycaemia (The most common), Weight gain, Insulin antibodies, insulin resistance, Peripheral oedema, Local allergy (rare), Lipohypertrophy or lipoatrophy at injection sites

Biguanides: metformin

increases insulin sensitivity, peripheral glucose utilization and reduces gluconeogenesis first-line pharmacological agent in all type diabetes guidelines.

GI: anorexia, nausea, abdominal discomfort and diarrhoea.

- Contraindicated in: renal impairment, cardiac failure and hepatic failure because of the risk of lactic acidosis.

Sulphonylureas

Gliclazide, Glimepiride, Glibenclamide, Glipizide, Tolbutamide

Act on the B cell to induce insulin secretion. no effect in people with type 1 diabetes. can be used as an alternative first-line agent where metformin is contraindicated or not tolerated. Adverse effects:Weight gain and hypoglycaemia.

used with care in people with liver or renal disease.

Thiazolidinediones : pioglitazone

Reduce insulin resistance by interaction with peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor-gamma (PPAR-Y), a nuclear receptor that regulates large numbers of genes, including those involved in lipid metabolism and insulin action.

Pioglitazone may specifically benefit people with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, a frequent co-morbidity of type 2 diabetes.

Adverse effects: weight gain, fluid retention.

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Meglitinides or post-prandial insulin releasers

Repaglinide, Nateglinide

Mode of action Like sulphonylureas, meglitinides act by closing the K*-ATP channel in the ß cells have a short duration of action of less than 3 hours.

used to treat people with post-prandial hyperglycaemia with normal fasting glucose levels. Hypoglycaemia and weight gain but these are generally less severe than with sulphonylureas.

Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors or 'gliptins

Sitagliptin, Linagliptin, Vlidagliptin, Alogliptin, Saxagliptin

These drugs inhibit the enzyme DPP4, which prevents the rapid inactivation of glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1), which increases insulin secretion and reduces glucagon secretion.

most effective in the early stages of type 2 diabetes, when insulin secretion is relatively preserved, and are currently recommended for second-line use in combination with metformin or a sulphonylurea.

Occasional reports of acute pancreatitis., Saxagliptin may increase the risk of heart failure.

GLP-1 receptor agonist

Exenatide, Liraglutide, Lixisenatide, Dulaglutide, Semaglutide, Albiglutid

more potent that DPP-4 inhibitors. they also act on the hypothalamus to reduce appetite and food intake leading to weight loss. The size of effect has led to the licensing of liraglutide as an anti-obesity treatment.

now used in combination with other antidiabetic agents, as second- or third-line therapies. They should not be combined with DPP-4 inhibitors

Adverse effects: gastrointestinal and include nausea and vomiting, bloating and diarrhoea.

Sodium-glucose transporter 2 inhibitors ('flozins')

Dapaglilozin, Empaglilozin, Canaglilozin

In addition to their effects on blood glucose, they lower body weight, improve renal dysfunction and reduce the risk of atherosclerotic cardiovascular events and heart failure

- Lower the renal threshold for glucose, increasing urinary glucose excretion.
- can be used as monotherapy but are used more typically in combination with all other antidiabetes drugs.
- This class has become rapidly established in clinical practice and in type 2 diabetes guidelines because of their cardiovascular benefits, weight loss and low risk of hypoglycaemia. SGLT2 inhibitors are licensed as adjunctive therapy to insulin in type 1 diabetes.
- Adverse effects : genital candidiasis and dehydration.
- Rarer side effects include diabetic ketoacidosis, Fournier's gangrene and lower limb amputation.

Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors

Acarbose ,Miglitol ,Voglibose

Can be used as monotherapy or in combination with all other antidiabetes drugs, they are not widely used because of their limited efficacy and gastrointestinal side-effects.

The major side-effects are gastrointestinal and include flatulence, abdominal distension and diarrhoea, as unabsorbed carbohydrate is fermented in the bowel.

| Begin with | lifestyle/metformin ^{a,b} |
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| If HbA | t _{re} remains ≥7.0% |
| Add basal insulin | Add SU (or consider TZD, DPP-4 inhibitor or AGI ^c) |
| If HbA | remains ≥7.0% |



How to Reduce the Risk of Diabetes Complications?

Maintain a good glucose control (A1C around 7%)

Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA)

 Status of metabolic acidosis due to absolute (or relative) insulin deficiency in association with increased levels of glucagon and other counter-regulatory hormones resulting in increased ketone production.

• Precipitating Causes of DKA

- Non compliance with insulin therapy
- Drugs: SGLT-2 inhibitors
- Clinical Features of DKA

Pathophysiology of DKA



*The most important biochemical abnormality in is the uncontrolled lipolysis due to increased activity

of hormone-sensitive lipase in adipose tissue and uncontrolled ketogenesis in the liver.

-Polyuria, Polydipsia, Weight loss, abdominal pain,Hypothermia, change in mental status, Nausea and Vomiting, Deep labored breathing (Kussmaul respiration), Dehydration (as a consequence of two parallel processes):

- Hyperglycemia
- Renal hypoperfusion
- Laboratory Findings in DKA
 - Hyperglycemia >250 mg/dL + Hyperketonemia (or heavy ketonuria)
 +High anion gap (> 12 mmol\l) metabolic acidosis <18 mEq/L
 - Blood electrolytes should be assessed as potassium abnormalities occur frequently

• Management of DKA

- Aggressive rehydration + Lowering glucose + Cessation of ketogenesis + Correcting electrolyte imbalance
- 1) Rehydration
- IVF is the most critical step.
- Once the plasma glucose is ~250 mg/dl, switch IVF to D5% IVF.

2) Insulin

- Insulin is the next step after IVF
- Reduces serum glucose, suppresses ketogenesis, and correct the electrolyte disturbance.
- Most of the time: we use IV insulin infusion

3) Electrolytes

- DKA is associated with total-body K+ deficit
- Serum K+ is often normal or high (do not get fooled!).
- K+ Shift from intracellular to extracellular compartment with acidosis (serum K+ looks falsely normal). Metabolic acidosis causes hyperkalemia as potassium is exchanged for hydrogen ions moving into the cell. As insulin promotes the co-transport of potassium along with glucose into cells. Although serum potassium may be elevated, there is a severe whole-body potassium deficiency as significant quantities of potassium are lost in vomit and urine.
- Insulin therapy moves K+ back into the cells (watch for a drop in K+).

4) Restoration of the acid-base balance

- Consider bicarbonate infusion if pH <7



Hyperglycemic Hyperosmolar State (HHS)

- Status of severe hyperglycemia due to i**nsulin resistance** (not absolute insulin deficiency) & relative insulin deficiency resulting in increased serum osmolality.
- What is the characteristic metabolic emergency of uncontrolled type 2 diabetes?
- Severe hyperglycemia development without significant ketosis
- Lab findings
 - Severe hyperglycemia (> 30 mmol/L (600 mg/dL)
 - Hyperosmolality (serum osmolality >320 mOsmol/kg)
 - Without significant ketonaemia (<3 mmol/L) or acidosis (pH >7.3 (H+ <50 nmol/L), bicarbonate >15 mmol/L)

Management of HHS

- Management of HHS is similar to that of DKA
- The most important aspect of management is fluid replacement; 0.9% sodium chloride is the treatment of choice

but 0.45% sodium chloride may be considered if the osmolality is not declining despite adequate fluid balance.

Hyperglycemic Hyperosmolar State (HHS)

- Plasma glucose <3.9 mmol/L (<70 mg/dl)
- Severe hypoglycemia: need for assistance from another person to correct glucose
- What is the most frequent & serious adverse effect of glucose-lowering therapies such as insulin? Hypoglycemia
- Clinical features:
 - related to acute activation of the autonomic nervous system
 - secondary to glucose deprivation of the brain (neuroglycopenia)

• Management of Hypoglycemia:

- Give 15 grams of carbohydrates
- Wait 15 minutes and re-check glucose
- Repeat the same if glucose is still less than 70 mg/dl
- If glucose is above 70 mg/dl, have the patient eat a regular meal or a snack that contains protein

Diabetic retinopathy

- Most commonly diagnosed diabetes-related complication
- 1) Non-proliferative (earliest change): Usually appears in the 1st decade of the disease or early 2nd decade, Characterized by retinal vascular microaneurysms, blot hemorrhage, and cotton-wool spots
- 2) proliferative: Hypoxemia & neovascularization leading to virtuous hemorrhage, fibrosis, and retinal detachment

3) Macular edema

- can occur in non proliferative or proliferative stage
- Treatment :
 - $\circ \qquad \text{Prevention (most effective treatment)} \rightarrow \text{easier than treating}$

Diabetic Nephropathy

- If your patient with diabetes has nephropathy but no retinopathy; it is very likely that the nephropathy is NOT due to diabetes
- Screen with Urinary Albumin: Creatinine & eGFR
- Albuminuria (Albumin: Cr >30 mg/g)
- Prevention (most effective treatment)
 - ACEI (or ARBs) are recommended to treat nephropathy.
 - SGLT-2 inhibitors can be used, decrease the risk and progression of diabetic nephropathy.

Diabetic Neuropahty

- Treat with preventive foot care
- What is the most common form? distal symmetric polyneuropathy

| Primary adrenocortical insufficiency (Addison's disease) | | | |
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| Causes | Major: Autoimmune (The most common cause) Type I (APECED) : affects children: Adrenal insufficiency, hypoparathyroidism, pernicious anaemia, chronic candidiasis, chronic active hepatitis, and hair loss) Type II (Schmidt's syndrome) usually affects young adults : hypothyroidism, adrenal insufficiency and diabetes mellitus, vitiligo Tuberculosis Infection, Infiltration, Iatrogenic, Medications, Hereditary, Miscellaneous. | | |
| | Clinical | Biochemical | Anatomical |
| Evaluation | Hyperpigmentation, weakness and fatigue, weight loss, anorexia, and GI disturbances, hypoglycemia, salt craving, amenorrhea, hypotension (Think about Adrenal insufficiency if not respond to IVF and initial management) | Hyponatremia, hyperkalemia. mild to moderate hypercalcemia Measure a.m. cortisol: If high: rule out If very low : diagnosis If borderline result : proceed for confirmatory test (ACTH stimulation test) Measure ACTH Plasma levels: it differentiates between primary and secondary | Adrenal insufficiency is clinical and biochemical diagnosis, no indications to do imaging unless clinically indicated such as: Patient on anticoagulation Malignancy with metastasis Other infiltrative disease |
| Treatment | IVF: dextrose and salt Electrolytes replacement | Steroid replacement for primary adrenocortical insufficiency: hydrocortisone Fludrocortisone | Steroid replacement for secondary adrenocortical insufficiency: • hydrocortisone only |
| Secondary/ Tertiary adrenal insufficiency | | | |
| Causes | The commonest cause of ACTH deficiency is exogenous glucocorticoid administration. Pituitary/hypothalamic tumors are the most common causes of naturally ACTH hyposecretion. | | |
| Clinical Features | The clinical features may be non-specific, Hypoglycemia is occasionally the presenting feature. hyperpigmentation and Electrolytes abnormalities are absent. | | |
| | Conge | enital Adrenal Hyperplasia | |
| Clinical Features | 90–95% of CAH cases are caused by deficiency of 21-hydroxylase enzyme. Ambiguous genitalia (Female) Failure to thrive Dehydration & Shock (usually male) Salt-loss presentations with electrolytes imbalance: Automatic Additional and the state of the s | | |
| Diagnosis | Clinical: History and examination Biochemical: Low Na & high K, fasting levels, low Cortisol, H Aldosterone (in salt loss) | n (B.P) g hypoglycemia, elevated serum urea, e igh 17 – OHP, High androgens especial ing types only). | levated plasma Renin & ACTH ly testosterone level, Low |
| Treatment | Hydrocortisone, Fludrocortisor In vomiting or diarrhea (parent | ne, During adrenal crisis (intravenous hy al therapy is indicated), Medical Alert: b | drocortisone), IVF D5 0.9% saline, pracelet. |

L48- Adrenal Disorders

Hypercortisolism (Cushing Syndrome)

| | Clinical | Biochemical | Anatomical | |
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| Approach | Rounded "moon" facies with a plethoric appearance, truncal obesity with prominent supraclavicular and dorsal cervical fat pads "buffalo hump", distal extremities and fingers are slender, muscle wasting and weakness, the skin is thin and atrophic, with poor wound healing and easy bruising, purple striae may appear on the abdomen, hypertension, renal calculi and osteoporosis. Hyperpigmentation is common in the ectopic ACTH. | High cortisol High ACTH (ACTH dependent) and low if (non-ACTH dependent). 24hrs for UFC 1MG DST Midnight salivary cortisol | If ACTH: • high: MRI pituitary • low: history then CT adrenals Small tumors may be difficult to detect and selective venous sampling may be needed. In some cases, more detailed isotope scanning and arteriography or venography may be needed. | |
| Treatment | - Adrenal tumors: adenomas are successfully treated by adrenalectomy, when adrenal cancer cannot be fully resected or there is metastatic disease that can't be identified, give mitotane. - Ectopic ACTH syndrome: therapy is directed at removal of the tumour. - Cushing's disease: Trans-sphenoidal surgery with selective removal of the adenoma is the treatment of choice. | | | |
| Conn's Syndrome | | | | |
| Causes | • Primary hyperaldosteronism: Adenoma, usually unilateral, of the glomerulosa cells of the adrenal cortex, rarely adrenal carcinoma, Bilateral adrenal hyperplasia; idiopathic AH, Indeterminate hyperaldosteronism, Dexamethasone suppressible hyperaldosteronism. | | | |
| Clinical and Lab. findings | • Secondary HTN, High Na, high Cl, high Aldosterone, Alkalosis and low K (episodic weakness, Paresthesias, transient paralysis, tetany, nephropathy with polyuria and polydipsia) | | | |
| Biochemical Investigation | Screening test: Confirmatory test: • aldosterone/renin ratio Saline infusion test • If high: do confirmatory test Oral salt loading test • If low: look for secondary causes Fludrocortisone suppression test | | test ng test e suppression test | |
| Treatment | Adenoma \rightarrow Surgical resectionAdrenal hyperplasia \rightarrow Spironolactone | | lasia → Spironolactone | |
| | Pheoch | romocytoma | | |
| Clinical Features | 50% are silent. (NO symptoms), Isolated sweating, palpitation, headache, Typica medications, Resistant HTN and Acceler | d or part of MEN type II A or MEN ty l symptoms are (Secondary HTN, ated HTN. | /pe II B, Episodic (spells): Young age < 40, 3 anti-HTN | |
| Investigation | Biochemical: The best initial tecollection of Metanephrines(2X) Anatomical: CT scan = MRI MIBG if: Paraganglioma, Genetic Tests | est is the level of free metanephrin (Confirmatory Test). Young, Large size, malignant featu | nes in plasma , 24 hr urine ures | |
| Management | before the surgery we need to: Control HTN: α-blocker2 then B Salt loading: Oral NaCl for 3 day Surgical removal: Surgical tum treatment of choice. | B-Blocker, Ca-blockers: can be used ys Or IVF 0.9% saline 1-2 days befo or resection with early ligation of v | d re surgery venous drainage is the | |

L49- Parathyroid disorders

| | Hyperparathyroidism |
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| General info | Excessive production of PTH A single adenoma occurs in about 80% of patients with primary hyperparathyroidism. Four glands hyperplasia account for 15-20% of cases. |
| Clinical features | Classic presentation: Stones, Bones, Abdominal groans and Psychic moans The most common presentation: Asymptomatic hypercalcemia Osteitis fibrosa cystica (In advanced disease) is a cystic bone spaces filled with brown fibrous tissue (" brown tumor" consisting of osteoclasts and deposited hemosiderin from hemorrhages; causes bone pain). |
| DDX of hypercalcem ia | Parathyroid-related Vitamin D- related Malignancy-related • Primary hyperparathyroidin: • Solitary adenomas • Multiple endocrine reception of the solitary • Multiple endocrine in the solitary • Multiple endocrine in the solitary • Witamin D intoxication • I 1 25(0H)20: Solitary • Witamin D intoxication • I 1 25(0H)20: Solitary • Witamin D intoxication • I 1 25(0H)20: Solitary • Witamin D intoxication • I 1 25(0H)20: Solitary • Witamin D intoxication • I 1 25(0H)20: Solitary • Witamin D intoxication • I 1 25(0H)20: Solitary • Witamin D intoxication • I 1 25(0H)20: Solitary • Witamin D intoxication • I 1 25(0H)20: Solitary • Witamin D intoxication • I 1 25(0H)20: Solitary • Witamin D intoxication • I 1 25(0H)20: Solitary • Witamin D intoxication • Witam |
| Diagnosis | Lab: ↑ Calcium, ↓ Phosphorus, ↑ PTH; when this combination is present in an asymptomatic patient then further investigation is usually unnecessary. 24-hour urinary calcium or single calcium creatinine ratio should be measured in a young patient with modest elevation in calcium and PTH to exclude familial hypocalciuric hypercalcaemia Plain X-ray of hands can be diagnostic showing subperiosteal bone resorption usually on the radial surface of the distal phalanx with distal phalangeal tufting as well as cysts formation and generalized osteopenia Preoperative localization of the abnormal parathyroid gland(s): Thallium 201 – Tehcnichum99m scan (subtraction study) and sestamibi scan (85-95% sensitivity) |
| Treatment | If patient is symptomatic (lithiasis, osteoporosis, pancreatitis) surgery (Parathyroidectomy) is indicated. During surgery the surgeon identifies all four parathyroid glands (using biopsy if necessary) followed by: The removal of the enlarged parathyroid, not all the 4 glands (In case of adenoma) Or 3 1/2 glands in case of multiple glandular hyperplasia. (You can easily live with half a parathyroid gland) Medical treatment: cinacalcet (Calcimimetic agent) can be used if patient has high surgical risk e.g. elderly and dialysis patients |
| | Secondary hyperparathyroidism |
| Physiol | ogical compensatory hypertrophy of all parathyroids because of chronic hypocalcaemia. |

• Causes: chronic kidney disease (Most common),

Tertiary hyperparathyroidism

• The development of apparently autonomous parathyroid hyperplasia after long-standing secondary hyperparathyroidism, most often in renal failure.

L49- Parathyroid disorders (cont.)

| | Hypoparathyroidism |
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| General info | Deficient secretion of PTH which manifests itself biochemically by hypocalcaemia, hyperphosphatemia diminished or absent circulating iPTH and clinically the symptoms of neuromuscular hyperactivity. |
| Causes | The most common causes are autoimmune or post-surgery (Thyroidectomy) Other causes: Chronic hypomagnesaemia "Polyglandular autoimmune syndrome Type 1 (AKA "Hypoparathyroidism – Addison's disease – mucocutaneous candidiasis (HAM) syndrome")": In children (2-4y/o) and In this sequence (moniliasis "mucocutaneous candidiasis" → hypoparathyroidism → hypoadrenalism) |
| Clinical features | The rate of decrease in serum calcium is the major determinant for the development of neuromuscular complications. Paresthesia and numbness around mouth, hands and feet and laryngeal stridor Tetany (if severe acute hypocalcemia, usually post-surgical) Hyperventilation and carpopedal spasm Prolonged QT interval in the ECG Posterio-lenticular cataract in long standing hypocalcemia due to deposition of calcium phosphate. Signs of latent tetany : Chevostek sign: Contraction of facial muscles on tapping on zygomatic arch Trousseau sign: Carpopedal spasm when inflating sphygmomanometer 20 mmHg above systolic BP Extrapyramidal signs (due to basal ganglia calcification): Parkinsonism usually occur in old individuals, if a young pt presented with Parkinsonism suspect hypocalcemia |
| Diagnosis | In the absence of renal failure the presence of hypocalcaemia with hyperphosphatemia is virtually diagnostic of hypoparathyroidism. Undetectable serum iPTH confirms the diagnosis or it can be detectable if the assay is very sensitive. |
| Treatment | Acute and severe with tetany (emergency): Give 10 cc of 10% calcium gluconate parenterally slowly and under ECG monitoring (careful in patients on digoxin) Chronic hypocalcemia: The mainstay of treatment is a combination of oral calcium (1-2gm daily) with pharmacological doses of vitamin D (Calcitriol or alfacalcidol) or its potent analogues. Phosphate restriction in diet may also be useful with or without aluminum hydroxide gel to lower serum phosphate level. always give active vitamin D because low PTH leads to decreased conversion of vitamin D to its active form at the kidney level. |
| | Osteoporosis |
| A common women wo overlook Exam ma and/or d Diagnos normal. Lifestyle smoking | on metabolic bone disease characterized by low bone mass. It most often affects thin postmenopausal with risk doubling after 65 years of age. Men are also at risk for osteoporosis, but the diagnosis is often sed. Commonly asymptomatic until fractures occur. ay reveal hip fractures, vertebral compression fractures (loss of height and progressive thoracic kyphosis), istal radius fractures (Colles fracture) following minimal trauma tic test: DEXA (Osteoporosis: Bone mineral density (T-score) is 2.5 standard deviations (SDs) less than Osteopenia: T-score between 1 and 2.5 SDs below normal.) e modifications: Adequate calcium and vitamin D intake (supplementation can be used for prevention), cessation, avoiding heavy alcohol use, and weight-bearing exercises. |

 Best initial treatment: Bisphosphonates (eg, alendronate, risedronate, ibandronate, zoledronic acid) are used in the treatment of osteoporosis, not osteopenia.

Lipoproteins

- **Particles that transport** transport the digestion products of dietary fat to the liver and peripheral tissues.
- Types:

| | Chylomicrons | VLDL | IDL | LDL | HDL |
|----------------|---|-------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| Source | intestine | Liver | VLDL remnant | VLDL & IDL | intestine, liver |
| Atherogenicity | Not atherogenic (doesn't cause MI) but causes <mark>pancreatitis</mark> | + | + | +++ | Anti-atherogenic |

- HDL cholesterol is able to go and remove cholesterol from the atheroma.
- Which one has the most atherogenic effect? Small dense LDL.
- Pathways:

| Pathway | Lipoprotein | Function | Enzyme |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Exogenous (post-prandial) | Chylomicrons | Transport fats from the intestine to the liver | Intestinal lipoprotein lipase |
| Endogenous | $VLDL \rightarrow IDL$ | VLDL released to blood stream to form IDL | Endothelial lipoprotein lipase |
| Endogenous | $IDL \to LDL$ | Hepatic lipase breakdown IDL to form LDL \rightarrow LDL carries fat & cholesterol to the cells | Hepatic lipase |
| Reverse cholesterol transport | HDL | Nascent HDL* carry fat and cholesterol from blood vessels (Periphery) to the liver. | |

* if you want to inject HDL, you inject nascent HDL because it is empty of cholesterol.

Hereditary causes of hyperlipidemia

- Familial (Primary) hyper<u>cholesterolemia</u>:
 - Dominant mutation in LDL receptor, resulting in elevated levels of LDL at birth and throughout life.
 - Heterozygous → Premature CAD (ages 30-50), high risk for atherosclerosis, tendon xanthomas, tuberous xanthomas, xanthelasmas of eyes and arcus senilis (In younger ppl, it's called arcus juvenilis).
 - Homozygous \rightarrow CAD (before age 18), total absences of LDL receptors.

Familial Combined Hyperlipidemia:

- Autosomal dominant.
- **Raised cholesterol AND triglyceride** concentrations in association with a typical family history.
- Increased secretions of VLDLs
- **Fibrates** are the treatment of choice since these reduce both cholesterol and triglyceride concentrations.

Dysbetalipoproteinemia:

- Recessive.
- Binding-defective form of apoE (which usually plays important role in metabolism of chylomicron and VLDL → High VLDL and chylomicrons).

Primary hyper<u>triglyceridemia</u>

- LPL deficiency \rightarrow hepatosplenomegaly, abd. cramps and pancreatitis at young age.
- Apo C-II deficiency \rightarrow abd. cramps and pancreatitis.
- **Familial hypertriglyceridemia** → unknown enhanced hepatic TG-production, abd. cramps, pancreatitis and retinal vein thrombosis.

Secondary Hyperlipidemia

- Secondary hypercholesterolemia ([^]LDL)
 - Hypothyroidism
 - Anorexia nervosa
 - Pregnancy
 - Biliary obstruction PBC

When to check lipid panel?

Different Recommendations:

- Adult Treatment Panel (ATP III) → Beginning at age 20, every 5 years.
- US preventive services task force \rightarrow
 - Women ≥ 45 years, Men ≥ 35 → Total and HDL cholesterol every 5 years.
 - \circ If total cholesterol > 200 or HDL<40 \rightarrow a fasting panel should be obtained.
 - Cholesterol screening \rightarrow Begin at 20 years in patients with a Hx of \rightarrow Multiple cardiovascular risk factors, DM, Family Hx of (Elevated cholesterol levels & Premature cardiovascular disease).

Treatment

Goal of treatment:

- Non-LDL \rightarrow To prevent coronary heart disease outcomes (MI & coronary death).
- **Triglyceride** \rightarrow To prevent **pancreatitis** and <u>may be</u> CHD outcomes.

Non-medical treatment:

• Lifestyle modification, Low-cholesterol diet, Exercise, Alcohol and Smoking cessation.

Medication:

- Statins \rightarrow
 - HMG CoA reductase inhibitors.
 - Low intensity \rightarrow lowers LDL by <30%, Medium intensity \rightarrow lowers LDL by 30 50%, high intensity \rightarrow lowers LDL by >50%.

Stepwise approach:

- 1. Life style modification.
- Does this patient have established coronary artery disease? (Had MI...)
 ✓ If yes? High intensity statin! except if pt is old >75.
- 3. Is his LDL more than 190?
 - ✓ If yes? High intensity statin! No need for further questions
- 4. Has DM? More than 40 years?
 - ✓ If yes? High intensity statin!
- 5. Anything other than that (2,3,4), we apply the 10 year risk assessment (done by websites & applications):
 - If its less than $5\% \rightarrow$ No need for meds
 - **Between 5%-7.5%** \rightarrow needs moderate intensity statin.
 - **More than 7.5%** > needs High intensity statin.
- Best to prevent CAD/MI : Statins (reduce LDL).
- Best to prevent Pancreatitis: Fibrate (reduce TGs)

Hypertriglyceridemia treatment

- $TG = \langle 2 \rightarrow No risk for anything, no treatment, lifestyle modification$
- **TG = ≥2 to <5:** Use **statins** + omega-3 for CVS protection.
- **TG = ≥5 to <10: fibrate** to prevent pancreatitis,

Secondary hypertriglyceridemia ([↑] VLDL)

- Diabetes mellitus
- Obesity
- Uremia, dialysis
- Alcohol $\rightarrow \uparrow\uparrow$ Chylomicrons

Hypothyroidism

Causes

| Primary | Secondary | Tertiary | Other |
|---|--|-----------------------------|---|
| Hashimoto's thyroiditis (most common) RAI therapy 3- Subtotal thyroidectomy Excessive iodine intake 5- Subacute thyroiditis Iodide deficiency 7- Congenital Drugs: (lithium, amiodarone, antithyroid drugs) | pituitary adenoma pituitary ablative therapy pituitary destruction | Hypothalamic dysfunction | Peripheral resistance to thyroid hormones |

•CVS:

clinical presentation

ommon features .(

| •Common realures. |
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| -Easy fatigability, coldness , weight |
| gain, constipation |
| - Cool dry skin , puffy face, hoarse |
| husky voice, |

-Muscle cramps, paresthesia, muscle

- Chronic constipation, ileus

•Renal: -Impaired GFR, water intoxication

- lethargy, depression, agitation

-Decreased concentration

pericardial effusion

•CNS:

- Bradycardia, Decreased output

- low voltage ECG, cardiomegaly,

•Pulmonary:

- Shallow slow respiration
- Respiratory failure

•Anemia:

- -Impaired HB synthesis
- Iron/ folate deficiency
- -Pernicious anemia

•Reproduction:

-Anovulatory cycles

Diagnosis

•Neuromuscular:

weakness, carpal tunnel

•GI tract:

- •Serum TSH (initial test), high levels with clinical features confirms primary hypothyroidism
- Free T4 (confirms hypothyroid state)
- in Hypothyroidism (high TSH, Low free T4)
- Anti thyroid peroxidase (TPO) antibodies
- Treatment
 - Thyroid replacement (Levothyroxine T4)
 - •follow up for serum free T4 and TSH

Complications

- 1- myxedema coma
 - 2- myxedema and heart disease 3- hypothyroidism and neuropsychiatric disease

Treatment of myxedema coma

-Acute medical emergency

-Three main issues: 1- Co2 retention and hypoxia 2- Fluid and electrolyte imbalance 3- Hypothermia -if myxedema with heart disease, start treatment slowly then gradually increase it

| Recommendations for the treatment of myxedema coma | | | |
|--|--|---------------------|--|
| hypothyroidism | loading dose of Levothyroxine then daily maintenance | hypocortisolemia | intravenous hydrocortisone daily |
| hyponatremia | mild fluid restriction | hypothermia | blankets and not active warming |
| hypoventilation | intubation and mechanical ventilation | hypoglycemia | glucose administration |
| hypotension | cautious volume expansion with crystalloid or whole blood | Precipitating event | identification and elimination by specific treatment (eg: Antibiotics) |





Hyperthyroidism and Thyrotoxicosis

Causes of thyrotoxicosis

1-Diffuse toxic goiter (graves' disease) 2- Toxic adenoma (plummer disease) 3- subacute thyroiditis 4- Hyperthyroid phase of Hashimoto's 5- Thyrotoxicosis factitia 6- others (Struma ovarii, TSH secreting pituitary adenoma, pituitary resistant to T3 and T4, metastatic thyroid carcinoma)

Clinical features

•Cardiorespitatory: -Dyspnea, Tachycardia -Atrial fibrillation, high output cardiac failure

- •Skin:

- Warm with excessive sweating
- pretibial myxedema
- -pruritus, alopecia, thinning of the hair

•GI tract:

- Diarrhoea
- weight loss

•Eves:

- extraocular muscles dysfunction

•others: -Osteoporosis

with diplopia lid retraction, proptosis -Irritability, anxiety, restlessness -Periorbital swelling and conjunctival and psychosis edema

Graves' disease (most common cause of Thyrotoxicosis)

-Autoimmune disease of unknown cause, affecting females more

-Most common features:

•Thyrotoxicosis •Goiter •Orbitopathy (Exophthalmos) •Dermopathy (pretibial myxedema) specific to Graves

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(Graves disease)

Diagnosis of Thyrotoxicosis

•Serum TSH, T4, T3 (initial test) shows: (Low TSH and High FT4)

•Thyroid stimulating Immunoglobulins (specific for and confirms Graves)

- •Scintigraphy (RAI scan):
- Graves: Hot (diffuse increase uptake)
- -Thyroiditis: Cold (reduced uptake)

Treatment

1- Antithyroid drug therapy (propylthiouracil, carbimazole) should be started along with Beta blockers before iodine therapy or surgery to prevent thyroid storm

2- Radioactive lodine therapy (¹³¹ lodine is the most commonly used) 3-Surgical Thyroidectomy (subtotal thyroidectomy)

when there is large goiter or failure of the previous two modalities

Complications

1- Thyroid storm (precipitated by stress, infection or surgery) Treatment: •Antithyroid drugs •Steroids •Beta blockers and fluids •Ipodate sodium

3- in pregnancy

Treatment: - First trimester: Propylthiouracil -Second and third trimesters: Carbimazole

- always keep T4 levels at the upper normal range



2- Orbitopathy Treatment: • Steroids

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Eye sign (exophthalmos)

Do scintigraphy



52- Obesity

| Definition | Abnormal or excessive fat accumulation in adipose tissue, to the extent that health is impaired. | | | |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| Surrogate measures of adiposity | BMI: Obese = BMI ≥ 30kg/m². Relatively reliable except in: Extremes of age or height & Very fit individuals with muscular build Waist circumference (measure of visceral obesity): The easiest way to assess obesity is by measuring the narrowest circumference midway between the lower border of the ribs and the upper border of the iliac crest. Others: Ideal body weight, Anthropometric measures & Weight, in children: Growth Charts | | | |
| Central Obesity | Central or visceral obesity is associated with more metabolic disease and complications: - DM2 - Hypertension - Dyslipidemia Measured by: - Waist circumference - Waist:hip ratio - MRI - Single CT Slice(L4/L5) - DEXA Waist:hip ratio of >1.0 in men and >0.9 in women is associated with ↑ risk of morbidity & mortality | | | |
| Regulation of Appetite | Orexigenic factors (↑ Appetite): - Ghrelin: Increase with hunger decrease with eating, Secreted primarily by the stomach and duodenum, and acts on hypothalamus to stimulate appetite | Anorexigenic factors (↓ Appetite): - GLP-1 - Insulin - Leptin: Leptin from adipocytes acts on hypothalamus to decrease food intake and stimulate energy expenditure | | |
| Etiology & Pathogenesis: - Multifactorial - Biochemical/Dietary/behavioral/ Psychosocial/Genetic. - Imbalance between energy intake and energy expenditure: Calories consumed > calories used | | Factors predisposing to obesity: - Sedentary lifestyle - Diet (Overeating) - Cessation of smoking - Sleep deprivation | | |
| Complicatio ns of Obesity | Metabolic: - Cardiovascular (↑ BP, LDL & TGs ↓HDL, Impaired glucose tolerance & DM, Metabolic syndrome): AACE recommends weight loss of 5% to 10% to reduce CVD risk - DM2: Greater risk of developing T2D with higher BMI - Others: NAFLD, Cancers (esophagus, colon, rectum, liver, gallbladder, pancreas) Infertility, Gout, Thrombosis & Gallstones. | Mechanical: Lung function: Reduced lung volume and vital capacity due to ↓ chest wall compliance. GERD & its complications: Barrett's esophagus, Erosive esophagitis and Adenocarcinoma. Obstructive sleep apnea: Weight gain increases severity of obstructive sleep apnoea Impaired physical function Mental: Anxiety, Depression, Suicidality & ↓ self esteem | | |
| | Obesity and mortality: Life expectancy ↓ as BMI ↑. Obese patients are at risk of early death, mainly from diabetes, coronary heart disease (Major cause) and cerebrovascular disease. Weight reduction reduces this mortality and therefore should be strongly encouraged | | | |

