#### COMMON CHILDHOOD EMERGENCIES

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#### **COMMON CHILDHOOD EMERGENCIES**

#### **WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT:**

- Abdominal Pain
- Headaches
- Head Injuries
- Ears
- Seizures
- Respiratory emergencies
- Shock
- Rash

#### IF WE HAVE TIME:

- Toothaches
- Broken Teeth
- Abrasions
- Cuts
- Wounds
- Eyes
- Burns
- Bleeding
- Safety

### Vomiting and/or Diarrhea

- Vomiting and/or diarrhea can require emergency care if a child becomes dehydrated.
- If the child can't keep anything down or has severe diarrhea, watch for signs of dehydration such as
  - Sunken eyes
  - Dry mucus membranes
  - Abnormally low amounts of urine.

# Head Injury

#### Case 3

- 6 month old samy fell of a chair
- Landed on his head

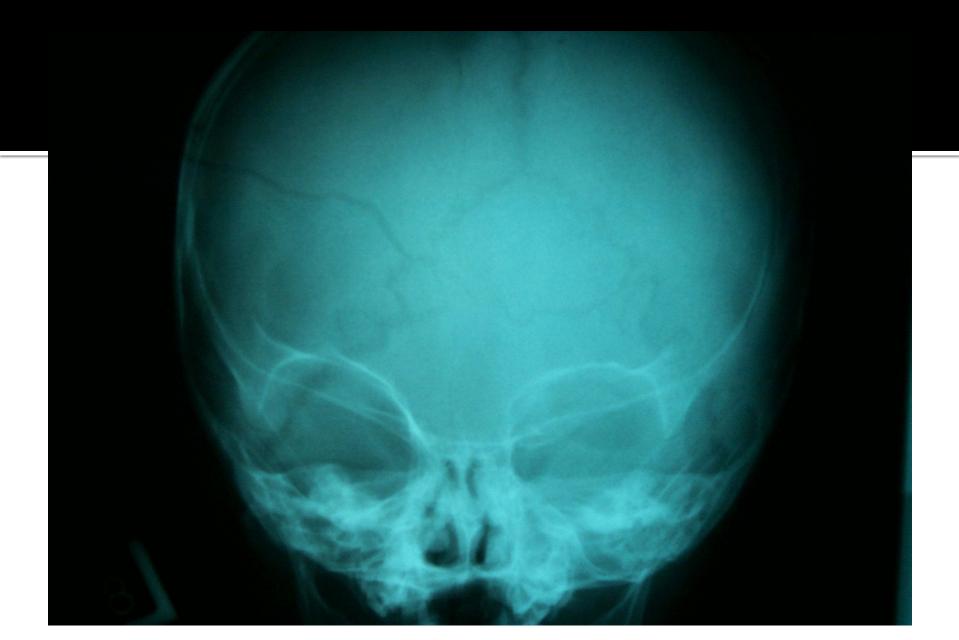
Hx: tall of the chair (more than 3 times the person's hight will cause death), Type of floor

### What would you do?

Samy had only small pump in his head, but normal consciousness

- Skull X-ray
- CT scan of Brain



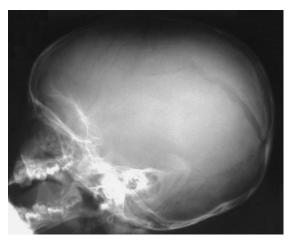


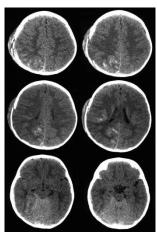
#### Skull X- ray indications

- Possible penetration
- Previous craniotomy with indwelling shunt
- Suspected child abuse

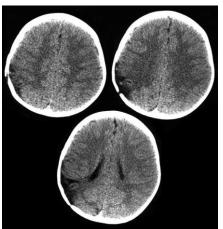












Need to follow him up to look for growing fractures

## Seizure with Fever

#### What should You do?

- A 2 yrs old girl
- Had a fever of 39.8°C
- Post ictal after a Tonic Clonic Seizure

Can this pt manifest with menegial signs? Even if she's post ictal can menegial signs persent in sleepy child? Yes

- Would you do Lumbar Puncture?
  - How about blood work? CBC? look for the band it's more significant
  - How about a CT?

#### AAP Guidelines for seizures associated with fever

- LP: strongly considered in an infant less than 12 months of age; careful assessment is mandatory in an infant 12-18 months of age; and LP is not necessary if history and physical exam are not suspicious for meningitis in an infant older than 18 months
- LP is recommended in children with first complex febrile seizure or with persistent lethargy or prior treatment with antibiotics

#### AAP Guidelines for seizures associated with fever

- Routine Serum Electrolytes, Ca, Phos., Mg, CBC or glucose are of limited value in the absence of suspicious history(V/D) or abnormal physical exam in infants older the phane pathess
- CT/MRI are not helpful. It might be considered in prolonged focal seizure with no clear etiology
- EEG is of limited value in the evaluation of febrile seizures.

#### Respiratory Distress

- Respiratory distress refers to difficulty breathing and taking in enough oxygen.
- Causes may include choking, asthma, an infection, or pneumonia.
- The signs of respiratory distress are:
  - Coughing
  - Wheezing
  - labored breathing (especially flaring of the nose and use of chest and neck muscles to aid breathing)
  - Grunting
  - turning blue.

### Respiratory Emergencies

#### The most common

- Asthma
- Croup
- Pneumonia

## Asthma

### What Do You Usually Do?

- 4 yrs old girl
- With moderate-severe asthma attack

Nowadays we don't lable as moderate to severely... نقول سيفير

What would you do in ER?

- History
  - Age of start
  - Treatment given
  - Compliance
  - Aggravating and reliving factors
  - Steroid usage
  - Admission to ICU

- Physical Examination:
  - Vital signs
    - RR and Saturation
  - Chest Exam
  - Neurological Exam
  - Classification of asthma
    - Mild
    - Moderate
    - severe

- Start with ABCD
  - Give oxygen to keep Saturation > 92%
  - Start Bronchodilators
    - Sulbitamol (Ventolin)
  - Start Steroids
    - Oral Vs IV
  - Monitor Vital signs and physical exam

#### **Continuous Albuterol**

Use is becoming more in ER •

Safe as nebulizations •

Faster improvement •

Side effects •

Craig VL, et.al. Efficacy and safety of continuous Albuterol • Nebulization in children with severe status asthmaticus. Pediatr Emerg Care 1996;12:1-5.

Katz RW, et al. Safety of continuous nebulized albuterol for bronchospasm in infants and children. Pediatrics 1993;92:666-669.

#### CORTICOSTEROIDS

#### Summary

- If the asthmatic child is incompletely responsive to bronchodilator therapy, early initiation of a short course of high-dose oral corticosteroids seems prudent, particularly if there is a history of repeated emergency care requirements or hospitalizations
  - prednisone or prednisolone, 1-2 mg/kg/day (maximum 60 mg/day divided BID for 3-7 days
  - tapering <u>not</u> necessary
  - avoid if active varicella or herpes infections are present
  - pituitary-adrenal suppression must be considered if high-dose steroids are administered for longer than 10 days or if 4 or more "short courses "are given per year

#### Would you do a Chest X-ray

#### LABORATORY STUDIES

- Chest Radiographs
  - Not recommended for routine ED assessment of the child with an asthmatic exacerbation (1997 NIH Guidelines)
    - seldom adds additional useful information which would alter clinical management
    - reserve for cases with suspected complicating cardiopulmonary processes (such as pneumothorax or pneumomediatstinum) and for the severe, unresponsive exacerbation requiring PICU admission
    - in an otherwise healthy child with an asthmatic exacerbation, a focal density on a CXR almost always represents segmental atelectasis rather than bacterial pneumonia

## **CROUP**

#### Croup

- 4 yrs old Mona is coming with
- Inspiratory stridor, typical cough, sat 91%
- How many would give her mist?
- How many think it really works?

- History
  - Onset
  - Treatment given
  - Fever association
  - Aggravating and reliving factors
  - Child condition
  - Recurrence
  - Admission to ICU

- Physical Examination:
  - Vital signs
    - RR and Saturation
  - Chest Exam
  - Neurological Exam
  - Classification of Croup
    - Mild
    - Moderate
    - severe

- Start with ABCD
  - Make the child comfortable
  - Give oxygen to keep Saturation > 92% if needed
  - Start steroids
    - PO
    - Nebulizer
    - IM
  - Monitor Vital signs and repeat physical exam

### Pneumonia

- 8 years old Nora
  - Hx fever for 6 days
  - Cough for 3 days more at night
  - SOB
  - Given amoxil for 3 days

What is next?

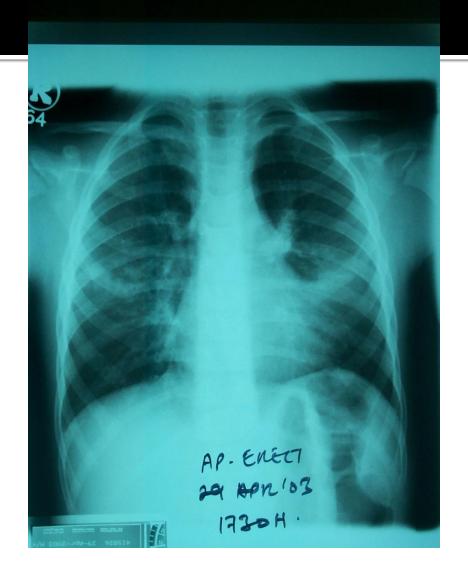
### Pnumonia

- History
  - Very important to remember:
    - Prolonged fever
    - Associated symptoms
    - Contact with ill persons
    - previous or chronic illnesses
    - Previous treatments

#### On Examination

- Generally looking well
- In mild respiratory distress
- ENT exam normal
- Chest Clear

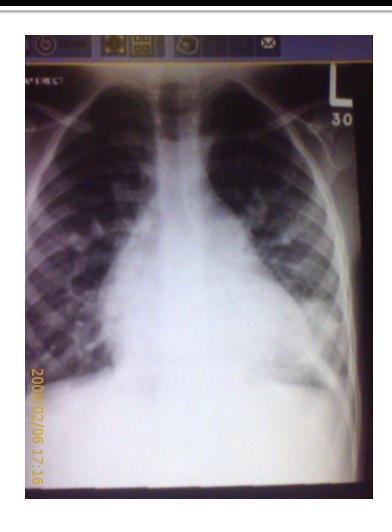
- Who is with CXR?
- Who is with CBC?



## What is your diagnosis?

Mycoplasma pneumonia

## Ask for A test?





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## Ears – Otitis Media

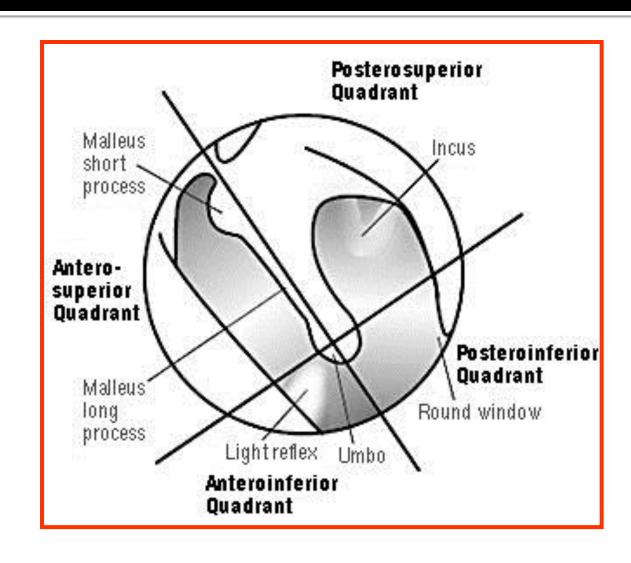
- History
  - Check
- Physical Exam
  - standard

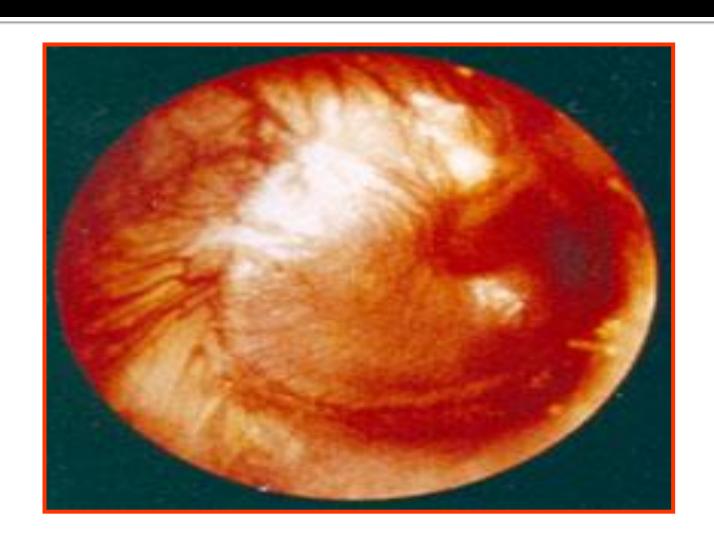
## Ears – Otitis Media

- 1 year old coming to your office
  - Fever for 2 days
  - Runny nose
  - History of family with viral illness

What would you examine?







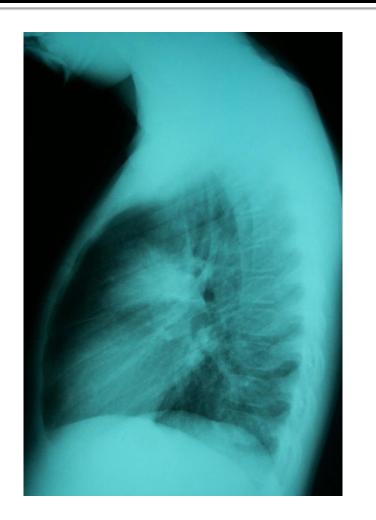
# Management

Age	Certain of AOM	Uncertain of AOM
<6 month	Antibiotics	Antibiotics
6 – 23 month	Antibiotics	Antibiotics if severe Observe if non severe
>24 month	Antibiotics if severe Observe if non severe	Observe

http://www.aap.org/otitismedia/www/vc/ear/index.cfm
AAP & AAFP 2004, www.aap.org
NYS DOH 2002, www.abxuse.health.state.ny.us







## Rashes

- Certain typical presentations
  - Measles
  - Mumps
  - Rubella
  - Chicken pox
  - Roseola infantum
  - Herpes
  - Eczema

#### Rashes

- History
  - Start of the fever
  - Start of the rash
  - Distribution of the rash
  - Other body systems involved
  - Associated symptoms
- Physical exam
  - Description
  - Distribution
  - Systemic examination

#### Rash

- 6 years old salma coming with history:
  - fever for 4 days.
  - Non itchy generalized Rash 2 days.

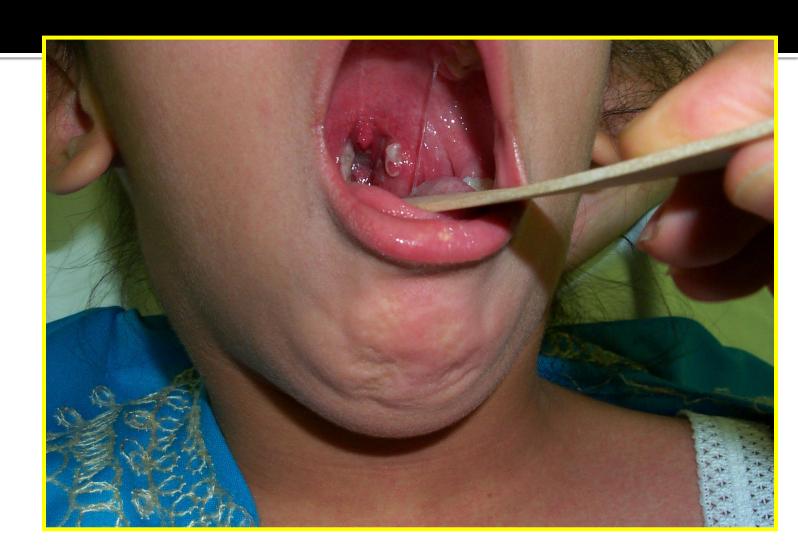
What is your next step?



## What is next?

Would you like to examine any thing else?





What is your diagnosis?

#### Scarlet fever

- Etiology
  - group A beta hemolytic streptococcus
- Clinical manifestations
  - Fever
  - sandpaper
  - erythematous rash
  - strawberry tongue
  - lymphadenopathy
  - desquamation as rash fades

#### Scarlet fever

- Differential diagnosis:
  - Drug rash
  - Infectious mononucleosis
    - rash is similar, especially in children taking amoxicillin with this infection
  - Kawasaki disease
    - usually has conjunctivitis which is absent in scarlet fever, arthralgia, arthritis
  - Toxic shock syndrome
    - similar rash, but presents in teenage girls (scarlet fever rare in this age group)

# Cradle cape



# Diaper Rash



# Milia



# Bug bites



# Jaundice



## Allergic Reactions

- History
  - Ingestant Vs inhalational Vs Contact
  - Symptoms at presentation
  - SOB, DOB, DOS,
  - Previous exposure and reaction
  - Itchy or non itchy
- Physical Exam:
  - ABCDE
  - Confirm signs e.g.. Strider, wheezing

#### Case 8

- 3 year old female presenting with
  - Cough, SOB
  - Noisy Breathing
  - Generalized itch
  - Generalized rash of sudden onset

What Do you want to do?

## **Emergent or Non Emergent**

- Airway compromise
  - Upper stridor
  - Lower bronchospasm
- Cardiovascular collapse
  - Hypotension
  - Syncope
  - Tachycardia
  - Arrhythmia

## What is Next?

- ABC priority
- Upper airway obstruction
  - Oxygen
  - Racemic epinephrine
  - IV epinephrine
  - ETT
- Bronchospasm
  - Ventolin
  - Epinephrine .o1 mg/kg (1:1000) SC/IM

## Continue

- Diphenhydramine IV 1-2mg/kg
- Cimetidine / Ranitidine
- Steroids

#### Infectious cases

- 8 years old Abdullah coming with a swelling in the right eye.
  - Fever for 3 days
  - Unable to see with this eye past 1 day
  - Previously healthy.



## **Cellulitis**

- Etiology:
  - 1.) Periorbital
    - Staphylococcus, possible H. influenzae B bacteremia
  - 2.) Orbital
    - S. aureus,
      - related to trauma,
      - sinus infection

### **Cellulitis**

	<u>Periorbital</u>	<u>Orbital</u>
Fever	Yes	Yes
Lid edema	May be severe	Severe
Proptosis	No (mild)	Yes
Chemosis	No (mild)	Yes
Pain @ eye movement	No	Yes
<b>↓</b> Eye movement	No	Yes
↓Vision	No	Maybe
Leukocytosis	Yes	Yes

### Cellulitis

- Differential diagnosis:
  - 1.) Trauma history helps
  - 2.) Allergic reaction (bug bites)
    - these are usually not tender, fever unlikely, often see evidence of insect bite
  - 3.) Tumor unlikely to develop so quickly

# Meningococcal Meningitis

- Overcrowding provides ideal conditions for transmission of meningococcal.
- you need to have a high index of suspicion near to seasons
- Some of the organisms causing the disease are notorious to kill
- Vaccine is available for high risk group

# Meningococcal Meningitis Diagnostic Findings

- In younger children
  - Initial presentation is non specific include:
    - Fever
    - Hypothermia
    - Dehydration
    - Bulging fontanel
    - Lethargy
    - Irritability
    - Anorexia
    - Vomiting
    - Seizures
    - Respiratory distress
    - Cyanosis

- In older children
  - In addition to ones mentioned
    - Nuchal rigidity
    - kernig's sign
    - Brudzinski's sign
    - Headaches

# Meningococcal Meningitis Ancillary data

- Lumbar puncture
  - CSF is the basis for evaluation
  - Analysis of fluid:
    - Cell count
    - Glucose
    - Protein
    - Gram stain
    - Bacterial culture
    - CSF/Blood glucose
    - Latex agglutination

- CBC & differential
- Electrolytes
  - Glucose
- Chest X-Ray
- CT scan
  - Focal neurologic signs
  - Seizures
  - Evidence of mass effects.

### Meningococcal Meningitis Management

#### Initial Management

- Stabilize the patient
- Adequate airway & ventilation
- IV access
- Vital signs
- Evaluation for:
  - Hypoxia
  - Dehydration
  - Increased ICP
  - Acidosis & DIC
  - Electrolyte abnormalities

#### Antibiotics

- Ceftriaxone
- Vancomycin

#### Cerebral edema

- Pco2 35
- Manitol o.5 g /kg

#### Seizures

- Diazepam
- Lorazepam
- Phenobarbital
- Phenytoin`

# What Is A Poison?



A poison is anything which can cause damage to the body.

Some examples are:
Acetaminophen
Aspirin
Carbon Monoxide
Cough & cold preparations
Acids,lye
Antifreeze
Clasoline
Insecticides
Iron preparations
Paint
Rat poisons
Rubbing alcohol

# Routes of Poisonings



- m ingestion
- **B** Dermal
- Ophthalmia
- Inhalation
- Bites/Stings
- Parenteral
- Other

# **Poisoning Locations**

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- Unknown 6%
- Workplace 3%
- Other Residence 2%
- School 1%
- Restaurant 1%



## POISONING

A ACCIDENTAL B
SUICIDAL
INTENTIONAL
ABUSE/MISUSE

C
HOMOCIDAL
MUNCHHAUSEN
BY PROXY

## **ACCIDENTAL POISONING**

# ONE OF THE MOST COMMON MEDICAL EMERGENCIES IN CHILDREN

### **PHARMACEUTICALS**

- IRON SUPPLEMENTS
- ANTIDEPRESSANTS
- CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS
- SALICYLATES
- OPIOIDES
- ANTICONVULSANTS
- THEOPHYLLIN
- ORAL HYPOGLYCEMICS

### **NON PHARMACEUTICALS**

HYDROCARBONS
PESTICIDES
ALCOHOLS
DRAIN AND OVEN CLEANERS

### PREVENTION OF POISONING

- CHILDPROOF CAPS
- DISPENSING LIMITED AMOUNT OF MEDICATION
- LOCKING MEDICINE CABINETS
- MEDICINE IS <u>NOT</u> CANDY.
- DO NOT PUT DANGEROUS AGENTS IN DRINKING GLASSES OR BEVERAGE BOTTLES.
- KEEP HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.



## TREATMENT

**GET** 

THE

POISON

OUT

## Febrile infant

- Age < 1 month</p>
  - Full septic work up
  - Admission
  - Antibiotics
- Age 1-3 month
  - Partial septic work up
  - Low risk / High risk
  - Decide

