

N441 Concept Review Exam 2

1. Total water composition

- a. Intracellular (ICF)

2/3 of total body water

Major anion :potassium and magnesium

Major cations: proteins and organic phosphates

- b. Extracellular (ECF)

- c. 1/3 of total body water

Cations: sodium

Anion: chloride and bicarbonate

1. interstitial fluid: fills spaces between cells, blood plasma water leaking from capillaries

2. intravascular: Blood plasma is considered an **intravascular fluid**.

c. Third spacing : Fluid accumulation in the interstitium of tissues, as in edema, e.g. loss of fluid into the interstitium and lumen of a paralytic bowel following surgery (think of the intravascular and intracellular spaces as the first two spaces)

2. Regulation of Fluid

- a. Heart/Blood vessels: regulate blood pressure

b. Lungs: expel water along with carbon dioxide.
insensible fluid loss; and are involved in acid-base balance;

c. Kidneys: kidneys regulate the pH by reabsorbing or eliminating hydrogen ions as needed. responsible for long-term pH regulation.

d. Pituitary: by the "Thirst Center" located in the hypothalamus
ADH; Anti-Diuretic Hormone. Prevents peeing to ..."Conserve Water"/retain water; regulates water by acting on the kidneys to ↑ total body H₂O reabsorption; ↑'s BP, ↑'s total blood volume

3. Hypovolemia/Hypervolemia

- a. s/s Hypovolemia

- **Rapid heartbeat.**

anxiety

GI Bleeding

Ectopic Pregnancy

blue lips and fingernails

low or no urine output

profuse sweating

shallow breathing

dizziness

confusion

chest pain

loss of consciousness

low blood pressure

rapid heart rate
weak pulse

b. Nursing Management Hypovolemia

- Check for patent airway and adequate circulation.
- Begin an I.V. infusion with normal saline solution or lactated Ringer's solution delivered through a large bore.
- Help insert a central venous line and pulmonary artery catheter for hemodynamic monitoring.
- Insert an indwelling urinary catheter.
- Draw an arterial blood sample to measure ABG levels.
- Obtain and record the patient's blood pressure, pulse and respiratory rates, and peripheral pulse rates.
- Monitor the patient's CVP, right arterial pressure, pulmonary artery pressure, and cardiac output at least hourly as ordered.
- Measure the patient's urine output hourly.
- Monitor the patient's ABG and electrolyte levels frequently as ordered.
- Watch for signs of impending coagulopathy such as petechiae, bruising, bleeding or oozing from guns or venipuncture site.
- Explain all procedures and their purposes to ease the patient's anxiety.
- Discuss the risk associated with blood transfusions to the patient and his family.

d. Isotonic solutions Hypovolemia

Lactated Ringer's Solution for hypovolemia, Caution in patients with renal failure
First-line fluid resuscitation for burn and trauma patients.
Also, 0.9% NaCl

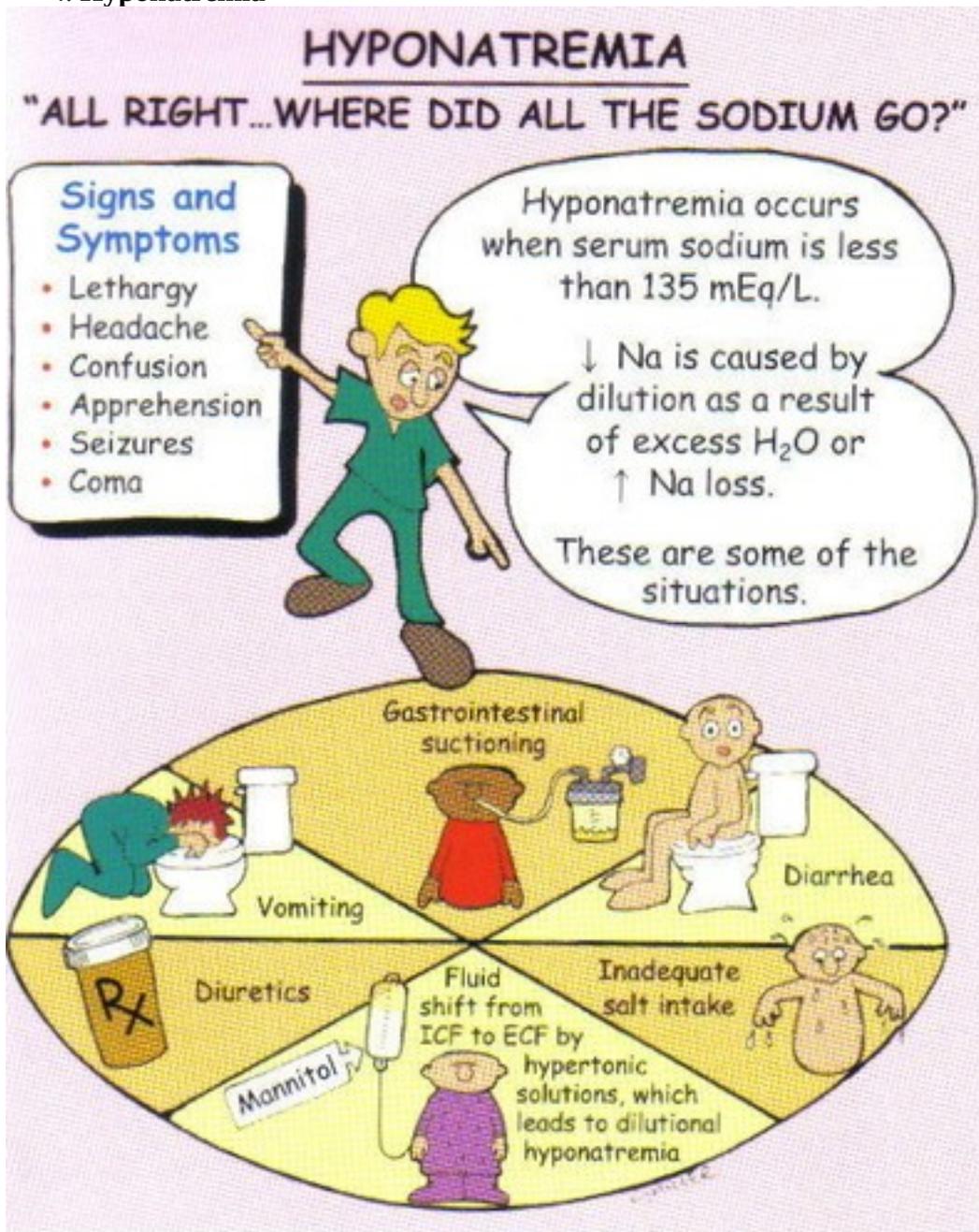
S/S Hypervolemia

distended neck veins/peripheral veins (vessels are full), peripheral edema (3rd spacing-vessels leaking), CVP increase (**more volume/more pressure**), crackles/SOB (in bases), polyuria, tachycardia (full & bounding), HTN, increase weight

nursing management hypervolemia

measure I&O
Daily weight
Breath sounds
level of edema
promote rest
restrict diet intake of sodium and fluids
administer appropriate meds
Place pt. in semi fowlers if dyspnea is present
Use of antiembolism stockings or compression devices
Turn pt. in bed regularly
monitor sodium levels
monitor response to meds

4. Hyponatremia



a. Contributing Factors

Common causes include diuretic use, **diarrhea**, **heart failure**, liver disease, renal disease, and the syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion (SIADH).

b. s/s

S-Seizures and stUPOR

A- abdominal cramping, attitude changes/confusion

L-lethargic

T-tendon reflexes diminished, trouble concentrating - confused

L-loss of year and an appetite

O-orthostatic hypotension, overactive bowel sounds

S-shallow respirations - happens late due to skeleton muscle weakness

S-spasms the muscles

c. Nursing Management

d. Watch cardiac, respiratory, neural, renal, and G.I. status

HypoVOLEMIC hyponatremia- give IV sodium chloride infusions to restore sodium and fluids - 3% saline hypertonic solution..... Harsh on the veins.. Give an ICU usually do central lines very slowly..... Must watch for fluid overload.....

HYPERVOLEMIC hyponatremia- restricts fluid intake and in some cases administer diuretics to excretion the extra water rather than sodium to help concentrate the sodium. If the patient has renal impairment they may need dialysis.

Caused by-SIADH are antidiuretic hormone problems - fluid restrictions or treated within antidiuretic hormone Antagonist called declomycin which is part of the tetracycline family- don't give with food especially dairy or antacids.... bind to cations and this affects absorption

Hypernatremia

Hypernatremia Signs and "FRIED SALT" Symptoms

- F Flushed skin and fever (low-grade)
- R Restless, irritable, anxious, confused
- I Increased blood pressure and fluid retention
- E Edema: peripheral and pitting
- D Decreased urine output and dry mouth



Skin flushed
Agitation
Low-grade fever
Thirst

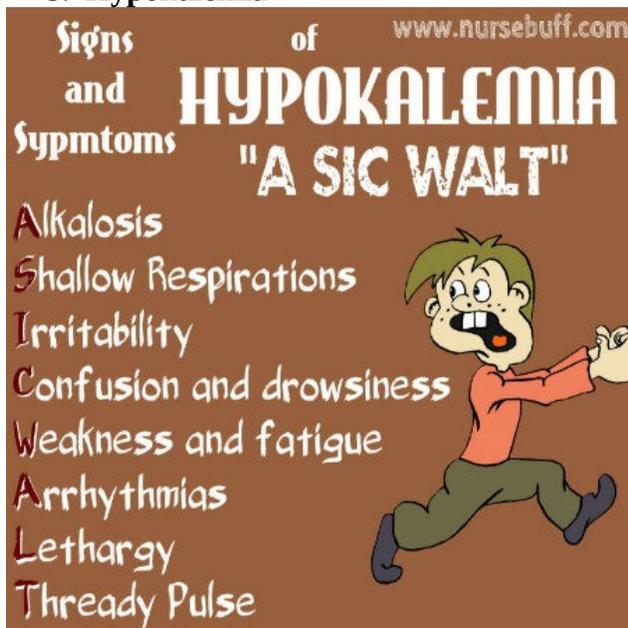
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- e. Contributing Factors
- f. Drinking too little
- g. Vomiting
- h. Having diarrhea
- i. Using diuretics (drugs that increase urination)
- j. Sweating excessively

- k. s/s
- l. confusion, muscle twitching, seizures, coma, and death.
- m.
- n. Nursing Management
- o. Obtain a drug history to check for drugs that promote sodium retention.
Give water replacement orally if the patient is alert and responsive. Administer I.V. fluid replacement based on the underlying cause to assist in normalizing serum sodium levels; ensure patent I.V. access.
Obtain blood specimens frequently to evaluate serum electrolyte levels, as frequently as every 1 to 2 hours if necessary.

- Obtain urine specimens to evaluate urine osmolality.
- Assist with oral hygiene measures.
- Observe for signs of cerebral edema during fluid replacement therapy.
- Assist with measures to address underlying conditions (such as diabetes).
- p. Serum sodium levels
 - Urine osmolality
 - Cardiopulmonary status
 - Renal function
 - Intake and output
 - Daily weight
 - Hydration status
 - Neurologic status
- q. 12- or 24-hour timed urine collection
 - 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG)
 - Blood pressure assessment
 - Cardiac monitoring

5. Hypokalemia



- a. Contributing Factors
- b.
 - Acid-base imbalances
 - Certain drugs, especially potassium-wasting diuretics, steroids, and certain sodium-containing antibiotics (carbenicillin)
 - Chronic renal disease, with tubular potassium wasting
 - Cushing's syndrome
 - Excessive GI or urinary losses, such as vomiting, gastric suction, diarrhea, dehydration, anorexia, or chronic laxative abuse
 - Excessive ingestion of licorice

Hyperglycemia
Low-potassium diet
Primary hyperaldosteronism
Prolonged potassium-free I.V. therapy
Severe serum magnesium deficiency
Trauma (injury, burns, or surgery)

b. s/s

c. Nursing Management

Give prescribed drugs. If administering potassium chloride I.V., administer it slowly, at a rate not greater than 10 mEq/hour and with a concentration not exceeding 40 mEq/L. If possible administer it via central venous access, which allows up to 40 mEq in 100 mL to be given over 1 hour; check institution's policy for administration guidelines.

Institute continuous cardiac monitoring if the patient is receiving an I.V. potassium replacement.

Obtain specimens for laboratory testing, including frequent serum potassium levels.

Insert an indwelling urinary catheter, as indicated; assess urine output hourly.

Implement safety measures.

Inspect the abdomen and auscultate for bowel sounds. Report any changes.

Ensure that bathroom facilities are readily available, and assist with perianal care as necessary.

Provide high-potassium foods.

Be alert for signs of hyperkalemia after treatment.

Hyperkalemia

HYPERKALEMIA

M-U-R-D-E-R

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

M-uscles cramps

U-rine abnormalities

R-espiratory distress

D-ecreased cardiac contractility

E-KG changes

R-reflexes



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- a. Contributing Factors
- b. Adrenal gland insufficiency
 - Burns
 - Certain drugs
 - Crushing injuries
 - Decreased urinary excretion of potassium
 - Dehydration
 - Diabetic acidosis
 - Increased intake of potassium (rare)
 - Large quantities of blood transfusions
 - Renal dysfunction or failure
 - Severe infection
 - Use of potassium-sparing diuretics such as triamterene by patients with renal disease

b. s/s
Hypotension
Irregular heart rate
Irregular heart rhythm

Decreased deep tendon reflexes
Flaccid paralysis

c. Nursing Management

Check the serum sample.

Give prescribed drugs:

Administer I.V. calcium and insulin along with inhaled beta-adrenergic blockers as initial treatment to stabilize the patient; give calcium slowly over 20 to 30 minutes.

Once stabilized, administer sodium polystyrene sulfonate and diuretics to help reduce total body potassium.

Anticipate the need for dialysis if the patient doesn't respond to treatment.

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Anticipate the need for dialysis if the patient doesn't respond to treatment.

Obtain specimens for serum potassium levels every 2 to 4 hours until stable.

Institute continuous cardiac monitoring if serum potassium level is greater than 6 mEq/L.

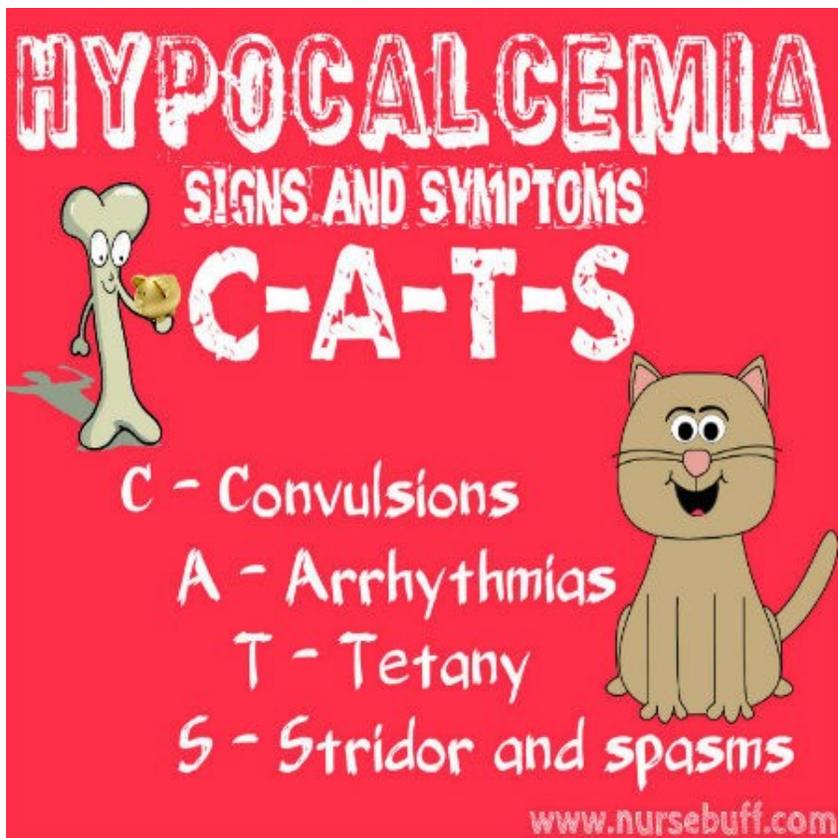
Insert an indwelling urinary catheter to evaluate hourly urine output.

Ensure a low-potassium diet.

Implement safety measures.

Be alert for signs of hypokalemia after treatment.

6. Hypocalcemia



- a. Contributing Factors
- b. Hypomagnesemia
Hypoparathyroidism
Hyperphosphatemia
Inadequate dietary intake of calcium and vitamin D
Malabsorption or loss of calcium from the GI tract
Overcorrection of acidosis
Pancreatic insufficiency, acute pancreatitis
Hepatic disease
Renal failure
Severe infections or burns
Sepsis
Rhabdomyolysis
Vitamin D deficiency
Medications, such as cinacalcet hydrochloride, chemotherapy (cisplatin, 5-fluorouracil, and leucovorin), bisphosphonates, anticonvulsants (phenytoin or phenobarbital), and foscarnet sodium
Hypoalbuminemia (most common cause)
Osteoblastic metastasis
- c. s/s

Findings

Twitching
Carpopedal spasm
Tetany
Hypotension, bradycardia
Confusion, hallucinations
Positive Chvostek's and Trousseau's signs
Coarse hair
Dry scaly skin
Brittle nails; transverse nail grooves
Dyspnea

c. Nursing Management

Provide safety measures; institute seizure precautions, if appropriate.

Give prescribed calcium replacement. Administer intravenous calcium gluconate over 10 to 20 minutes to prevent serious cardiovascular compromise; dilute the calcium in water or saline because the drug is irritating to the veins.

Administer I.V. magnesium, as ordered, over 10 to 20 minutes followed by 1 g in 100 mL of fluid per hours. Expect to continue administration until serum magnesium level is greater than 0.8 mEq/L or 1 mg/dL.

Ensure adequate fluid intake for a patient receiving calcitriol.

Administer calcium chloride slowly, if possible via central venous access to prevent I.V. site complications. If using a peripheral I.V. access site, ensure the patency and integrity of the site, because infiltration causes sloughing.

Provide adequate dietary calcium intake; enlist the aid of a dietitian to assist the patient with food selection and meal planning.

Obtain specimens for laboratory testing every 4 to 6 hours or more frequently to determine electrolyte levels and monitor the effectiveness of therapy.

Institute continuous cardiac monitoring if appropriate to evaluate for electrocardiogram changes.

Ensure a patent airway; have emergency respiratory equipment readily available.

Prepare the patient and family for parathyroidectomy, if indicated.

Hypercalcemia

a. Contributing Factors

b. Certain cancers (common cause)

Certain drugs

Hyperparathyroidism (common cause)

Hypervitaminosis D (which increases both intestinal calcium absorption and bone resorption)

Hypervitaminosis A

Multiple fractures and prolonged immobilization

Milk-alkali syndrome

b. s/s

1. cardiac dysrhythmias (Blocks), shortening of QT interval and ST segment

2. Muscle weakness, incoordination

3. anorexia, constipation

4. Increased calcium aggravates digoxin toxicity

d. Nursing Management

e. Provide safety measures and institute seizure precautions, if appropriate.

Give prescribed I.V. solution; ensure patent I.V. access.

Expect to administer I.V. normal saline for severe hypercalcemia at an initial rate of 200 to 300 mL/hour, and then adjust to maintain urine output at 100 to 150 mL /hour.

Ensure readily available access to a bathroom if the patient is receiving I.V. saline.

Assess for signs and symptoms of fluid overload.

Assess for flu-like symptoms if the patient is receiving I.V. bisphosphonates.

Administer I.M. or subcutaneous calcitonin every 12 hours, if ordered.

Auscultate heart and lung sounds, noting signs and symptoms of heart failure.

Institute continuous cardiac monitoring if patient exhibits ECG changes.

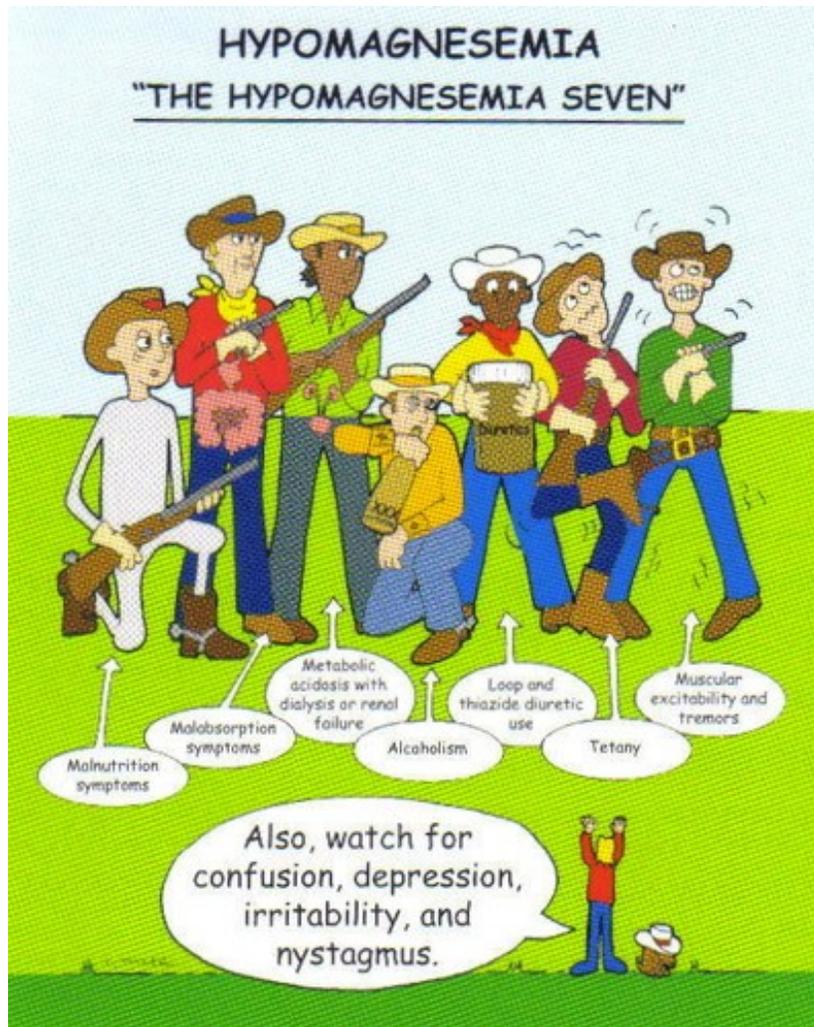
Obtain specimens for laboratory testing, including serum calcium levels.

Assess for signs and symptoms of hypocalcemia secondary to treatment.

Assess level of orientation and note any changes.

Prepare the patient and family for surgery, if indicated.

7. Hypomagnesemia



- a. Contributing Factors
- b. Administration of parenteral fluids without magnesium salts
 - Certain drugs
 - Chronic alcoholism
 - Chronic diarrhea
 - Diabetic acidosis
 - Excessive release of adrenocortical hormones
 - Hyperaldosteronism
 - Hypercalcemia

b. s/s

Tachycardia
 Hypertension
 Muscle weakness, tremors, twitching
 Hyperactive deep tendon reflexes
 Chvostek's and Trousseau's signs
 Nystagmus

Ataxia

Cardiac arrhythmia

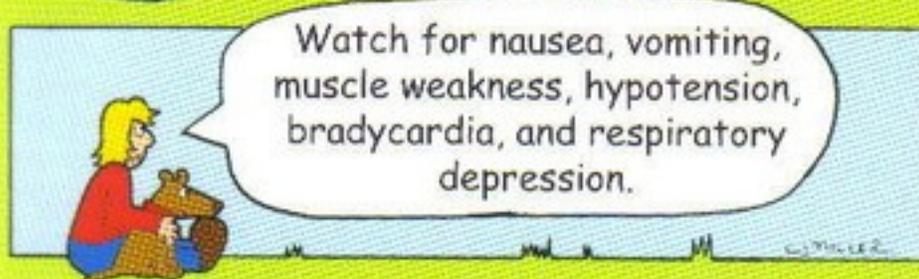
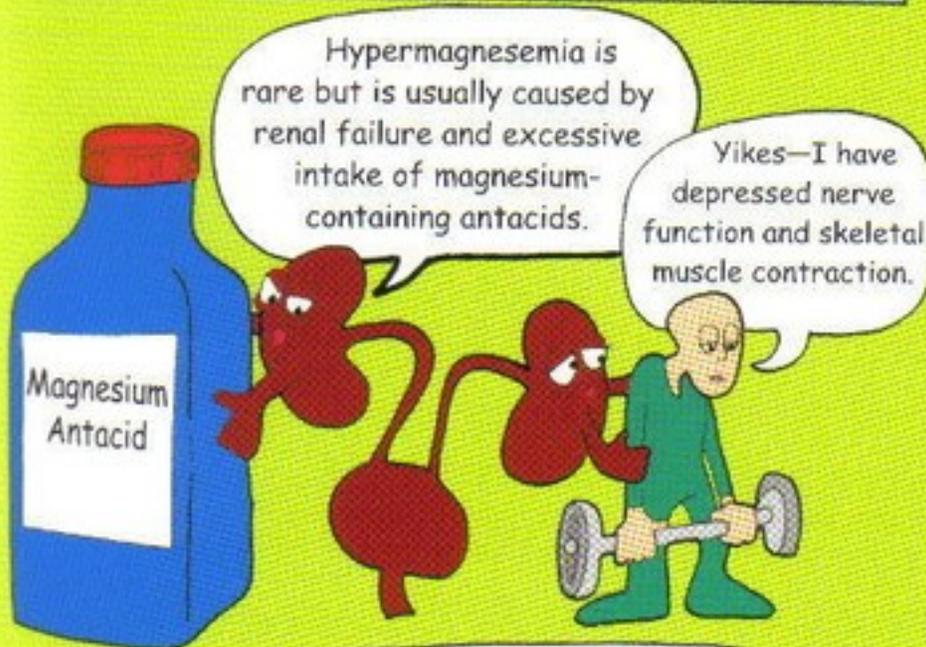
- c. Nursing Management
- d. Electrocardiography may show abnormalities, such as ST-segment depression; prolonged PR intervals; widened QRS complexes; tall, peaked T waves; and U waves.
- e. Replacement of magnesium
Increased magnesium in diet, such as green vegetables, legumes, nuts and seeds, and whole unrefined grains
- f. Take measures to promote patient safety, including instituting seizure precautions. Provide support and comfort, and allow the patient to verbalize feelings of anxiety. Reorient the patient as needed.
Give prescribed drugs. Observe for diarrhea associated with magnesium gluconate administration.
- g. If administering magnesium sulfate, ensure patent I.V. access; closely evaluate respiratory rate, deep tendon reflexes, and renal function; and frequently monitor serum magnesium levels to reduce the risk of toxicity.
Administer oral magnesium daily in divided doses.
Have calcium gluconate readily available at the bedside if the patient is receiving parenteral magnesium.
Obtain specimens for laboratory testing, including serum magnesium, calcium, and potassium levels; report abnormal serum electrolyte levels immediately.

Hypermagnesemia

HYPERMAGNESEMIA

"TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING IS A BAD THING."

Magnesium concentration greater than 5 mg/dl is panic level. Normal range for adults is 1.8 to 3.0 mg/dl.



- a. Contributing Factors
- b. Addison's disease
 - Adrenocortical insufficiency
 - Chronic renal insufficiency
 - Overcorrection of hypomagnesemia
 - Overuse of magnesium-containing antacids
 - Severe dehydration (resulting oliguria can cause magnesium retention)
 - Untreated diabetic ketoacidosis
 - Hypothyroidism

Hypoparathyroidism

Use of laxatives (magnesium sulfate, milk of magnesia, and magnesium citrate solutions), especially with renal insufficiency

Intestinal hypomotility due to narcotics and anticholinergics or bowel obstruction and chronic constipation

Lithium intoxication

Rhabdomyolysis

Tumor lysis syndrome

b. s/s

1. Hypotension
2. Cardiac arrest
3. Respiratory depression
4. Neurologic : Deep tendon reflexes decreased

c. Nursing Management

Institute continuous cardiac monitoring as indicated and report any changes.

Provide sufficient fluids for adequate hydration and maintenance of renal function. Administer I.V. fluid therapy as ordered to treat hypotension and maintain renal function; ensure patent I.V. access if I.V. fluids are ordered.

Expect to stop I.V. fluids when the patient's hemodynamic status is stabilized or pulmonary edema develops.

Give prescribed drugs; administer furosemide I.V. as a single dose.

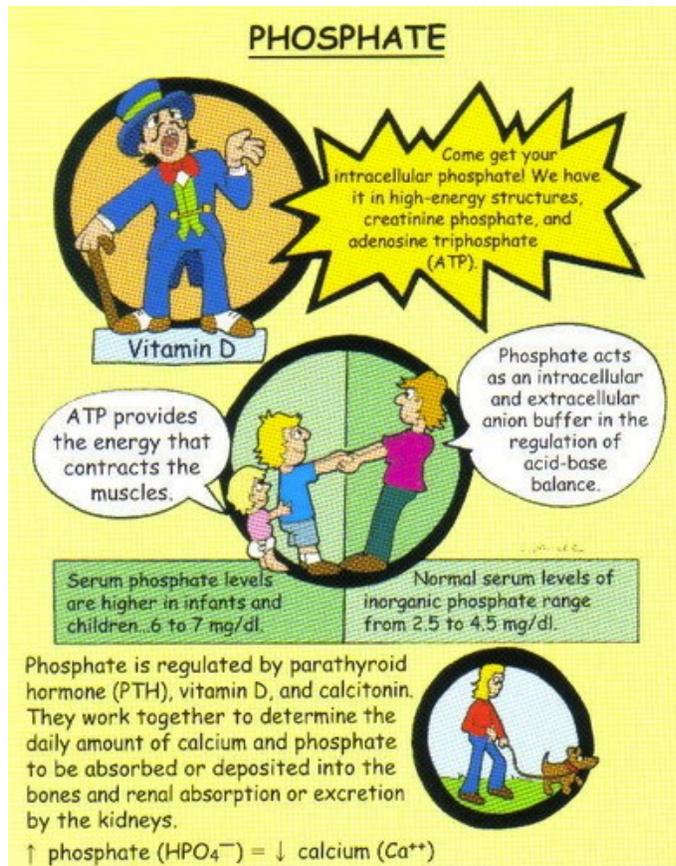
Use calcium gluconate solution for patients with severe or symptomatic hypermagnesemia.

Obtain specimens for laboratory testing of serum electrolyte levels. Keep in mind that hypermagnesemia rarely occurs in isolation; also evaluate serum potassium and calcium levels, and report abnormal serum electrolyte levels immediately.

Watch patients receiving a cardiac glycoside and calcium gluconate simultaneously because calcium excess enhances the cardiac glycoside.

Prepare the patient for dialysis as indicated if the patient has renal failure and severe elevation of magnesium levels.

8. Hypophosphatemia



- a. Contributing Factors
- b. Chronic diarrhea
 - Chronic use of antacids containing aluminum hydroxide
 - Diabetic acidosis
 - Heavy metal intoxication
 - Hyperparathyroidism with resultant hypercalcemia
 - Hypomagnesemia
 - Inadequate dietary intake of phosphorus
 - Intestinal malabsorption of phosphorus
 - Commonly related to malnutrition resulting from a prolonged catabolic state or chronic alcoholism
 - Renal tubular defects
 - Tissue damage in which phosphorus is released by injured cells
 - Use of parenteral nutrition solution with inadequate phosphate content
 - Vitamin D deficiency
 - Drugs, such as loop diuretics, acetazolamide, bisphosphonates, cisplatin, bevacizumab, and carmustine (see Drugs that may cause hypophosphatemia)
 - Acute respiratory alkalosis, hyperventilation
- b. s/s

1. Affects CNS, cardiac, neuro and blood
2. Disorientation, confusion, seizures, muscle weakness
3. Tremor, dysphagia

Possibly asymptomatic if hypophosphatemia is mild

Anorexia

Memory loss

Muscle weakness

Muscle and bone pain

Fractures

Chest pain

Irritability

Dysphagia

- c. Nursing Management
- d. provide safety measures, including fall precautions if hypophosphatemia is severe. Institute seizure precautions, if indicated.
Give phosphorus replacements as prescribed; if the parenteral form is used, administer it slowly to prevent subsequent hypocalcemia, tetany, and hypotension. Assist with ambulation and activities of daily living; provide gentle range-of-motion exercises as indicated.
Work with the patient to develop a diet plan with high-phosphorus foods; enlist the aid of a dietitian as necessary for food selection and meal planning.
Obtain specimens for laboratory testing, including serum calcium and phosphorus levels.

Hyperphosphatemia

- a. Contributing Factors
- b. Acid-base imbalance
 - Certain drugs
 - Trauma, burns, crush injuries, or heat-related illnesses
 - Prolonged immobilization
 - Massive hemolysis
 - Severe infections
 - Hypervitaminosis D
 - Hypocalcemia
 - Hypoparathyroidism
 - Overuse of laxatives with phosphates or phosphate enemas
 - Renal failure
 - Neoplasms
 - Acidosis (metabolic or respiratory)
 - Tumor lysis syndrome
 - Rhabdomyolysis

b. s/s

1. hypocalcemia
2. tetany
3. mental changes

Anorexia
Decreased mental status
Nausea and vomiting
Muscle cramping
Paresthesia

c. Nursing Management

Provide safety measures to reduce the risk of injury.
Be alert for signs of hypocalcemia.
Give prescribed drugs. Administer oral phosphate binders with meals
Ensure patent I.V. access for medications and fluid administration as appropriate.

9. Laboratory Testing (Normal/Abnormal Values)

- a. Creatinine: 0.84 to 1.21
- b. Hematocrit 41% to 50%.
- c. Urine sodium: 40-220 mEq/day

10. Acid Base Balance (Normal/abnormal)

- a. pH 7.35-7.45.
- b. PaCO₂ 35-45 mmHg
- c. HCO₃ 22-26 mEq/L

- d. PaO₂ 75 to 100 mmHg.

- e. O₂ Sat 90-100

11. Acidosis/Compensation

- a. Metabolic: Compensation: (Respiratory compensation) Increased exhalation of CO₂ by hyperventilation. Takes 12-24 hours to become fully active
- b. Respiratory: Increased rate and depth of respirations to blow off CO₂. Kidneys eliminate H⁺ ions and retain HCO₃⁻ (urine pH less than 6) HCO₃⁻ levels rise when the body is compensating for the **acidosis**.

12. Alkalosis/Compensation

- a. Metabolic:

Compensation for metabolic alkalosis occurs mainly in the lungs, which retain carbon dioxide (CO₂) through slower breathing, or hypoventilation (respiratory **compensation**). CO₂ is then consumed toward the formation of the carbonic acid intermediate, thus decreasing pH.

- b. Respiratory:

In chronic **respiratory alkalosis**, the kidneys decrease H⁺ secretion, which produces a decrease in the serum HCO₃⁻ concentration. Metabolic **compensation** for a **respiratory**

alkalosis develops gradually and takes 2-3 days. In chronic **compensation**, plasma bicarbonate falls by 4 for each 10 mm Hg decrease in the P_{CO_2} .

13. Shock

a. Cardiogenic

1. s/s

- Rapid breathing
- Severe shortness of breath
- Sudden, rapid heartbeat (tachycardia)
- Loss of consciousness
- Weak pulse
- Low blood pressure (hypotension)
- Sweating
- Pale skin
- Cold hands or feet
- Urinating less than normal or not at all

2. Nursing Management

Fluids and plasma, given through an IV, and **medications** to treat cardiogenic shock, work to increase your heart's pumping ability. Inotropic agents. You might be given **medications** to improve your heart function, such as norepinephrine (Levophed) or dopamine, until other treatments start to work. Aspirin.

1. Provide supplemental oxygen as ordered. If the patient develops respiratory distress, be prepared for intubation and mechanical ventilation.
2. Administer low-dose morphine sulfate as ordered to reduce preload in an attempt to decrease pulmonary congestion.
3. Minimize oxygen demand by maintaining bed rest and decreasing anxiety, fever, and pain.
4. Position the patient for maximum chest excursion and comfort.
5. Administer diuretics and /or vasodilators as ordered to reduce circulating volume and decrease preload.

b. Hypovolemic

1. s/s

anxiety

GI Bleeding

Ectopic Pregnancy

blue lips and fingernails
low or no urine output
profuse sweating
shallow breathing
dizziness
confusion
chest pain
loss of consciousness
low blood pressure
rapid heart rate
weak pulse

3. Nursing Management

Check for patent airway and adequate circulation.

Begin an I.V. infusion with normal saline solution or lactated Ringer's solution delivered through a large bore.

Help insert a central venous line and pulmonary artery catheter for hemodynamic monitoring.

Insert an indwelling urinary catheter.

Draw an arterial blood sample to measure ABG levels.

Obtain and record the patient's blood pressure, pulse and respiratory rates, and peripheral pulse rates.

Monitor the patient's CVP, right arterial pressure, pulmonary artery pressure, and cardiac output atleast hourly as ordered.

Measure the patient's urine output hourly.

Monitor the patient's ABG and electrolyte levels frequently as ordered.

Watch for signs of impending coagulopathy such as petechiae, bruising, bleeding or oozing from guns or venipuncture site.

Explain all procedures and their purposes to ease the patient's anxiety.

Discuss the risk associated with blood transfusions to the patient and his family.

c. Distributive

1. Neurogenic

a. s/s

Cardiovascular: SBP < 90 or 30 mm Hg below baseline, Bradycardia.

Skin: .Warm, dry flushed skin

GI: Paralytic ileus.

Neurologic: Flaccid paralysis below level of lesion, Loss of reflex activity, Loss of bowel and bladder function.

Temperature: Hypothermia, Poikithermia.

bradycardia

Dry, warm skin

c. Nursing Management

Nursing Care Planning & Goals

The major goals for the patient include:

- Maintain adequate ventilation as evidenced by absence of respiratory distress and ABGs within acceptable limits
- Demonstrate appropriate behaviors to support the respiratory effort.
- Maintain proper alignment of spine without further spinal cord damage.
- Maintain position of function as evidenced by absence of contractures, foot drop.
- Increase strength of unaffected/compensatory body parts.
- Demonstrate techniques/behaviors that enable resumption of activity.
- Recognize sensory impairments.
- Identify behaviors to compensate for deficits.
- Verbalize awareness of sensory needs and potential for deprivation/overload.

Nursing Interventions

Nursing interventions are directed towards supporting cardiovascular and neurologic function until the usually transient episode of neurogenic shock resolves.

- **Elevate head of bed.** Elevation of the head helps prevent the spread of the anesthetic agent up the spinal cord when a patient receives spinal or epidural anesthesia.
- **Lower extremity interventions.** Applying **anti-embolism stockings** and elevating the foot of the bed may help minimize pooling of the blood in the legs and prevent thrombus formation.
- **Exercise. Passive range of motion** of the immobile extremities helps promote circulation.
- **Airway patency.** Maintain patent airway: keep head in neutral position, elevate head of bed slightly if tolerated, use airway adjuncts as indicated.
- **Oxygen.** Administer oxygen by appropriate method (nasal prongs, mask, intubation, ventilator).
- **Activities.** Plan activities to provide uninterrupted rest periods and encourage involvement within individual tolerance and ability.
- **BP monitoring.** Measure and monitor BP before and after activity in acute phases or until stable.
- **Reduce anxiety.** Assist patient to recognize and compensate for alterations in sensation

2. Anaphylactic (allergen)

a. s/s

Cardiovascular: Chest pain, Third spacing of fluids, Angioedema which is swelling of face and mucus membranes of mouth and upper airway, Edema of Eyes, lips, tongue, hands, feet, genitalia.

Pulmonary: Wheezing, Rhinitis, Stridor, Edema of larynx and epiglottis, Shortness of breath.

Neurological: Anxiety, Feeling of Impending Doom, Confusion, Decreased LOC.

GI: Metallic taste, Cramping, N/V (from vasodilation and hypoxia), diarrhea, May complain of "lump" in throat.

Skin: Flushing, pruritus, urticaria.

c. Nursing Management

Maintain airway!!

Intubate, crich, trach, etc!!!

Counteract the effects of anaphylaxi

- **Priority**- Assess respiratory function & establish/maintain a patent airway
- Administer O2 as indicated (monitor pulse ox & ABGs)
- Administer Epinephrine as ordered
- Administer antihistamines as ordered
- Administer inhaled beta-adrenergic agents as ordered for bronchospasms
- Administer corticosteroids as ordered to prevent reoccurrence of manifestations
- Observe for reoccurrence of manifestations (biphasic reaction) or complications of treatment Epinephrine!
- Vasoconstricts to increase HR, increase CO and maintain BP/MAP

3. Septic

a. s/s

- Cool, pale arms and legs
- High or very low temperature, chills
- Lightheadedness
- Little or no urine
- Low blood pressure, especially when standing
- Palpitations
- Rapid heart rate
- Restlessness, agitation, lethargy, or confusion
- Shortness of breath
- Skin rash or discoloration
- Decreased mental status

b. Nursing Management

- **Infection control.** All invasive procedures must be carried out with **aseptic technique** after careful **hand hygiene**.
- **Collaboration.** The nurse must collaborate with the other members of the healthcare team to identify the site and source of sepsis and specific organisms involved.
- **Management of fever.** The nurse must monitor the patient closely for shivering.
- **Pharmacologic therapy.** The nurse should administer prescribed **IV fluids** and medications including antibiotic agents and vasoactive medications.
- **Monitor blood levels.** The nurse must monitor antibiotic toxicity, BUN, **creatinine**, WBC, hemoglobin, hematocrit, platelet levels, and coagulation studies.
- **Assess physiologic status.** The nurse should assess the patient's hemodynamic status, fluid **intake and output**, and nutritional status.

r. Obstructive (cardiac)

a. s/s

- Result of decrease cardiac output and BP with decreased tissue perfusion and cellular metabolism
 - ↓ BP
 - ↓ Preload
 - Tachypnea → bradypnea (late)
 - Shortness of breath
 - ↓ Urine output
 - Pallor
 - cool, clammy
 - ↓ Cerebral perfusion:
 - Anxiety
 - Confusion
 - Agitation
 - Paralytic ileus
 - ↓ to absent bowel sounds

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c. Nursing Management

d. REMOVE OBSTRUCTION

- e.
- Maintain patent airway
 - Provide supplemental O₂
 - Intubation and mechanical ventilation, if necessary
 - Restore circulation by treating cause of obstruction
 - Fluid resuscitation may provide temporary improvement in CO and BP
 - No specific drug therapy
 - Treat cause of obstruction (e.g., pericardiocentesis for cardiac tamponade, needle decompression or chest tube insertion for tension pneumothorax, embolectomy for pulmonary embolism)

14. **Compensatory Mechanism in Shock**

a. S/S

Oriented to person, time, and place

BP normal or slightly low

Pulse elevated

Urinary output 35-50 ml/hour

Capillary refill 3-5 seconds

Blood pH normal

b. Nursing Management

15. **Progressive/decompensated Stage of Shock**

Stage of shock in which the compensatory mechanisms are starting to fail, causing tissue ischemia

S+S

Decreased LOC

Hypotension

Weak, thready pulse

Diminished bowel sounds

Pulmonary/peripheral edema

Capillary refill 5-10 seconds

Reduced urinary output

Acidemia

Effects of cells going into anaerobic metabolism: Multiple organ failure

Metabolic acidosis

16. **Irreversible Stage**

Comatose

Severe hypotension

Diastolic BP undetectable

Pulse very weak or undetectable

Anuria

Capillary refill >10 seconds

Blood pH 7.0-7.2

17. **Tissue Perfusion:** damage cellular function

18. **Vasoactive Agents Used in Shock**

Norepinephrine, dopamine, epinephrine, phenylephrine, vasopressin, dobutamine, milrinone

19. **SIRS (systemic inflammatory response) from sepsis**

Cause: infections, trauma, burns, pancreatitis

a. s/s

- temperature > 38 or < 36
heart rate > 90 beats/minute
respiration rate > 20 breaths/minute
WBC >12,000 (leukocytosis), <4,000 (leukopenia), >10% immatures (left shift)
-In neutropenic or immunosuppressed patient, the signs and symptoms of SIRS may be absent

c. Nursing Management

Nursing interventions pertaining to sepsis should be done timely and appropriately to maximize its effectivity.

- **Infection control.** All invasive procedures must be carried out with **aseptic technique** after careful hand hygiene.
- **Collaboration.** The nurse must collaborate with the other members of the healthcare team to identify the site and source of sepsis and specific organisms involved.
- **Management of fever.** The nurse must monitor the patient closely for shivering.
- **Pharmacologic therapy.** The nurse should administer prescribed IV fluids and medications including antibiotic agents and vasoactive medications.
- **Monitor blood levels.** The nurse must monitor antibiotic toxicity, BUN, creatinine, WBC, hemoglobin, hematocrit, platelet levels, and coagulation studies.
- **Assess physiologic status.** The nurse should assess the patient’s hemodynamic status, fluid intake and output, and nutritional status.

20. MODS multiple organ failure

a. s/s

Body System	Manifestations
Respiratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe dyspnea, tachypnea • PaO₂/FiO₂ ration <200 • Bilateral fluffy infiltrates on CXR • V/Q mismatch • Refractory hypoxemia
Cardiovascular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myocardial depression • Massive vasodilation • Decrease SVR, BP, MAP • Increase HR • Biventricular failure
Central Nervous System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute change in neurologic status → confusion, disorientation, delirium • Fever • Seizures • Failure to wean, prolonged rehabilitation

Endocrine System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hyperglycemia
Renal System	Pre-renal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUN/Cr rate >20:1 Intrarenal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUN/Cr <10:1
Gastrointestinal System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypoperfusion → decrease peristalsis, paralytic ileus • GI bleeding
Hepatic System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilirubin >2, increased LFTs • Hepatic encephalopathy
Hematologic System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coagulopathy (increased PT & PTT, decreased platelet count) • Increased d-dimer

c. Nursing Management

- General plan of nursing care for patients with MODS is the same as that for patients with septic shock
- Primary nursing interventions are aimed at supporting the patient and monitoring organ perfusion until primary organ insults are halted
- Providing information and support to family members is a critical role of the nurse → health care team must address end-of-life decisions to ensure that supportive therapies are congruent with the patient's wishes
- Patients who survive MODS must be informed about the goals of rehabilitation and expectations for progress toward these goals, because massive loss of skeletal muscle mass makes rehabilitation a long, slow process