

Exam 2 Concept Review:

1. S/S of Hypovolemic Shock: Decreased intravascular volume d/t fluid loss

- Weak and thready pulse
- Dehydration
- Thirst
- ↓ urine output
- Dizziness
- ↓ central venous pressure

2. DIC Patho

- In DIC, normal hemostatic mechanisms are altered.
- The inflammatory response generated by the underlying disease initiates the process of inflammation and coagulation within the vasculature
- The natural anticoagulant pathways within the body are simultaneously impaired, and the fibrinolytic system is suppressed so that a massive amount of tiny clots forms in the microcirculation
- Initially, the coagulation time is normal. However, as the platelets and clotting factors form microthrombi, coagulation fails
 - Thus, the paradoxical result includes excessive clotting and bleeding
- The clinical manifestations of DIC are primarily reflected in compromised organ function or failure
- Decline in organ function is usually a result of excessive clot formation (with resultant ischemia to all or part of the organ) or, less often, of bleeding
- The excessive clotting triggers the fibrinolytic system to release fibrin degradation products, which are potent anticoagulants, furthering the bleeding
- The bleeding is characterized by low platelet and fibrinogen levels; prolonged PT, aPTT, and thrombin time; and elevated fibrin degradation products and D-dimers
- Mortality rate: 80%

3. DIC S/S

- Integumentary (skin)
 - ↓ Temperature, sensation; ↑ pain; cyanosis in extremities, nose, earlobes; focal ischemia, superficial gangrene
 - Petechiae, including periorbital and oral mucosa; bleeding: gums, oozing from wounds, previous injection sites, around catheters (IVs, tracheostomies); epistaxis; diffuse ecchymoses; subcutaneous hemorrhage; joint pain
- Circulatory/Respiratory
 - ↓ Pulses: capillary refill >3 seconds; hypoxia (secondary to clot in lung); dyspnea; chest pain with deep inspiration; ↓ breath sounds over areas of large embolism

- Tachycardia; high-pitched bronchial breath sounds; tachypnea; ↑ consolidation; s/s of acute respiratory distress syndrome
- Gastrointestinal
 - Gastric pain; “heartburn”
 - Hematemesis; melena; retroperitoneal bleeding (abdomen firm and tender to palpation; distended; ↑ abdominal girth)
- Renal/Neurologic
 - ↓ Urine output; ↑ creatinine, ↑ blood urea nitrogen; ↓ alertness and orientation; ↓ pupillary reaction; ↓ response to commands; ↓ strength and movement
 - Hematuria
 - Anxiety; restlessness; ↓ mentation, altered LOC; headache; visual disturbances; conjunctival hemorrhage

4. DIC labs

- Decreased platelet count
- Increased PT time
- Increased aPTT time
- Increased Thrombin time
- Decreased fibrinogen
- Increased D-dimer level
- Increased Fibrin degradation products (FDPs)
- Thromboelastography, can be performed at the bedside and can better assess platelet function as well as fibrinolytic activity
- International Society on Thrombosis and Hemostasis has developed a highly sensitive and specific scoring system (See next slide)

5. ABGs Electrolyte imbalances S/S

- ↓ Hyponatremia
 - **Seizures**, HYPOtension
 - Decreased skin turgor
 - Dry mucosa
 - HA, Confusion, **Lethargy**
 - Tachycardia
 - Nausea, Fatigue
 - Neuro changes, L. Headed
 - **Increased ICP**
 - Abdominal cramping
 - Anorexia
 - Muscle twitching
 - Hyperactive bowel sounds

- **Hypernatremia**
 - Thirst
 - Elevated temperature
 - Dry, swollen tongue
 - Sticky mucosa
 - Restlessness
 - Weakness, Anorexia
 - Neuro symptoms – Cerebral Edema
 - Muscle Twitching
 - Coma, Decreased DTRs
 - Lethargy
 - Decreased Urine output

- **↓ Hypokalemia**
 - Fatigue
 - Anorexia
 - N/V
 - Dysrhythmias
 - Muscle weakness and cramps
 - Paresthesias
 - Glucose intolerance
 - Decreased muscle strength
 - Decreased DTRs
 - HYPotension
 - Thready, weak pulse

- **Hyperkalemia**
 - Cardiac changes and dysrhythmias
 - Muscle weakness with potential respiratory impairment
 - Parasthesia/Paralysis
 - Anxiety
 - Diarrhea/Nausea

6. **Electrolyte imbalances causes**

- **Normal Electrolyte Ranges:**
 - **(Na⁺) 135 - 145**
 - **(K⁺) 3.5 - 5**
 - **(Ca⁺) 9.0 - 10**
 - **(Mg) 1.3 - 2.1**
 - **(Phos) 3 - 4.5**
 - **(Cl⁻) 98 - 106**

- **↓ Hyponatremia (Neuro): Respiratory arrest; Seizures; Coma**
 - Diuretics
 - NG tube suction

- Hyperglycemia
- Kidney disease
- SIADH
- **Hypernatremia (Neuro):Convulsions; Death; Seizures**
 - Diabetes Insipidus
 - Kidney failure
 - Cushing's syndrome
 - Aldosteronism
 - Glucocorticosteroids
- **↓ Hypokalemia (Cardiac): Respiratory failure; Cardiac arrest**
 - Vomiting/Diarrhea
 - NG suctioning
 - Excessive use of laxatives
 - Tap water enemas
 - Kidney disease
 - Diuretics
 - Corticosteroids
- **Hyperkalemia (Cardiac): Cardiac arrest**
 - Chronically ill patients
 - Decrease in renin & aldosterone
 - Increased use of salt substitutes
 - ACE inhibitors
 - K+ sparing diuretics
 - DKA
 - Sepsis, trauma, surgery, fever, MI

7. S/S of Hypovolemia

- **Fluid volume deficit (Hypovolemia) - Think HIPPO = SLOWWWWS down**
- **Manifestations**
 - **↑Tachycardia, ↓ HYPotension**
 - **↓Decreased skin turgor**
 - **Concentrated urine**
 - **Tachypnea**
 - **Low grade fever**
 - Acute weight loss
 - Cool, clammy, pale skin
 - Oliguria
 - Prolonged capillary refill
 - Flat neck veins
 - Dizziness

- o Weakness
- o Thirst + Confusion
- o Muscle Cramps
- o Sunken eyes
- o Nausea

8. Blood products/fluids in hypovolemic shock

- Resuscitation fluid options (During Hypovolemic Shock → **Replacing FLUIDS is #1 priority!!**)
 - o **Packed RBC's** ** Most common given (hemorrhaging)
 - o FFP
 - o Platelets
 - o 0.9% NaCl (crystalloid)
 - o Lactated Ringers (LR) → **best option when pt. is in metabolic acidosis**
 - o Albumin (colloids 5, 25%) → best option for burn patients

9. Types of fluids

- Crystalloids
 - o Contain the same concentration of electrolytes as the extracellular fluid
 - Does not alter the concentrations of electrolytes in the plasma
 - o Fluids utilized in Shock
 - **0.9% NS**
 - **LR**
 - o Disadvantage: some of the volume administered is lost to the interstitial compartment and some remains in the intravascular compartment; this occurs as consequence of cellular permeability that occurs during shock
 - o Avoid both underresuscitating and overresuscitating the patient in shock
- Colloids
 - o Similar to plasma proteins, contain molecules that are too large to pass through capillary membrane
 - o Expand intravascular volume by exerting oncotic pressure, thereby pulling fluid into the intravascular space
 - o In addition, colloids have a longer duration of action than crystalloids, because the molecules remain within the intravascular compartment longer
 - o Typically, **albumin** is the agent used
 - o Disadvantage of albumin is its high cost compared to crystalloid solutions.
- Blood components (PRBC's, FFP, & platelets)
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10. Pulse pressure and what it indicates

- Pulse pressure correlates well with stroke volume
 - o Pulse pressure is calculated by subtracting diastolic measurement from systolic measurement; the difference is the pulse pressure: Normal 30-40 mmHg
 - o Narrowing or decreased pulse pressure is an earlier indicator of shock than a drop in systolic BP
 - o Elevation of diastolic BP w/release of catecholamines & attempts to increase venous return through vasoconstriction is an early compensatory mechanism in response to decreased stroke volume, BP, and overall cardiac output
 - o **Note:** By the time BP drops, damage has already been occurring at the cellular and tissue levels!

11. Anaphylactic shock medication

- **Epinephrine IV/Pen (#1 first!!)**
 - o Rapid acting medication that promotes effective oxygenation and used to treat anaphylactic shock (addresses ABC's)
- Diphenhydramine
 - o Used to treat itching, rash, pruritis
- Albuterol (nebulized)
- Prednisone

12. Hypervolemia S/S

- ↑ Tachycardia, ↑ HTN
- **Dyspnea**
- **Weakness**
- **Edema**
- Bounding pulse
- ↑ RR
- SOB
- Acute weight gain
- Acites
- Distended jugular veins
- Cough
- Crackles
- ↑ urine output

13. **Stages of shock and S/S**: Earlier interventions = an increased chance of survival. Initial aggressive therapy w/in 3 hrs of identifying shock for best outcomes.

- Initial
 - No visible changes in client parameters, only changes on cellular level
- Compensatory (non-progressive): Normal BP; HR >100 bpm; RR >20 breaths/min (PaCO₂ <32 mmHg); Skin is cold & clammy; Decreased urinary output; Confusion & agitation; Respiratory alkalosis
 - Measures to increase CO to restore tissue perfusion and oxygenation
 - SNS causes vasoconstriction, increased HR, increased heart contractility
 - This maintains BP and cardiac output
 - Body shunts blood from skin, kidneys, GI tract to the heart, lungs, and brain to maintain blood supply of these vital organs
 - Resulting in cool, clammy skin, hypoactive bowel sounds, decreased urine output
 - Perfusion of tissues is inadequate
 - Acidosis occurs from anaerobic metabolism
 - Respiratory rate increases due to acidosis, may cause compensatory respiratory alkalosis
 - Confusion may occur
- Progressive: Systolic <90 mmHg; MAP <65 mmHg & requires fluids resuscitation to support BP; HR >150 bpm; RR rapid, shallow breaths & crackles; PaO₂ <80 mmHg; PaCO₂ >45 mmHg; Skin is mottled & petechiae; Urinary output <0.5 mL/kg/hr; Lethargy; Metabolic acidosis
 - Compensatory mechanisms begin to fail
- Refractory
 - Irreversible shock and total body failure

14. **Types of distributive shock**

- Anaphylactic shock
- Neurogenic shock
- Septic shock

15. **DIC Treatment**

- Treat underlying condition
- Correct secondary effects of tissue ischemia by
 - Improve oxygenation
 - Replace fluids
 - Correct electrolyte imbalances
 - Administer vasopressor medications
- If serious hemorrhage occurs
 - Cryoprecipitate: Replace fibrinogen and factors V and VII

- o Platelets: Correct severely low platelet levels and can control bleeding
- o Caution w/ FFP
 - Replaces coagulation factors but can exacerbate capillary leak, further compromising pulmonary function
- Controversial treatment strategy can be used to interrupt the thrombosis process through the use of heparin infusion
- Heparin may inhibit the formation of microthrombi and thus permit perfusion of the organs (skin, kidneys, or brain) to resume
 - o Prophylactic dose – prevent
 - o Therapeutic dose – severe thrombosis
- Effectiveness of heparin
 - o Normalization of plasma fibrinogen concentration
 - o Diminished signs of bleeding

16. MODS Nursing Management

- o General plan of nursing care for patients with MODS is the same as that for patients with septic shock
- o Primary nursing interventions are aimed at supporting the patient and monitoring organ perfusion until primary organ insults are halted
- o 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
- o Patients who survive MODS must be informed about the goals of rehabilitation and expectations for progress toward these goals, b/c massive loss of skeletal muscle mass makes rehabilitation a long, slow process

17. Cardiogenic Shock Nursing interventions

- Goal: Increase oxygen supply to the heart muscles while reducing oxygen demands
- Oxygenation: supplemental oxygen
- Pain control
 - o IV morphine (reduces workload of the heart by both decreasing cardiac filling pressure (preload) & reducing pressure against which heart muscle has to eject blood (afterload))
- Hemodynamic monitoring: arterial line
- Laboratory marker monitoring: BNP, cardiac profile
- Fluid Therapy
- Pharmacologic Therapy
 - o Dobutamine
 - o Nitroglycerin
 - o Dopamine
 - o Other vasoactive medications

- o Antiarrhythmic medications
- Nursing Management
 - o Preventing cardiogenic shock
 - o Monitoring hemodynamic status
 - o Administering medications, IV fluids
 - o Maintain/monitor IABP
 - o Ensuring safety, comfort

18. Neurogenic S/S and causes

- Hemodynamic phenomenon that can occur within 30 min of a spinal cord injury and can last up to 6 weeks
- Injury results in massive vasodilation w/o compensation b/c of the loss of SNS vasoconstrictor tone
 - o Remember that SNS stimulation causes vascular smooth muscle to constrict and PNS stimulation causes vascular smooth muscle to relax or dilate
- Massive vasodilation → pooling of blood → tissue hypoperfusion → impaired cellular metabolism
- Most important clinical manifestations are hypotension (from massive vasodilation) and bradycardia (from unopposed parasympathetic stimulation)
- Can be caused by spinal cord injury, spinal anesthesia, or other nervous system damage; may also result from the depressant action of medications or from lack of glucose (e.g., insulin reaction)
- Treatment based on cause
 - o If spinal cord injury → promote spinal stability (spinal precautions, c-collar)
- Maintain BP and organ perfusion: Use vasopressors
- Bradycardia: Use atropine
- Infuse fluids cautiously as cause of hypotension is not r/t to fluid loss
- Monitor for hypothermia d/t hypothalamic dysfunction
- Corticosteroids do not have an effect in neurogenic shock and current guidelines no longer recommend the use of methylprednisone for patients w/ spinal cord injury

19. Medications:

- Norepinephrine
 - o IV vasopressor
- Epinephrine
- Nitroglycerin
- Dopamine
- Vasopressin

20. Cardiogenic Shock Causes

- Decreased cardiac contractility
 - Decreased stroke volume and cardiac output
 - Pulmonary congestion
 - Decreased systemic tissue perfusion
 - Decreased artery perfusion

21. What is MODS – Multiple Organ Dysfunction Syndrome

- a. Failure of 2 or more organ systems in an acutely ill patient such that homeostasis cannot be maintained w/o intervention
 - b. May be a complication of any form of shock
 - c. Precise mechanism remains unknown → frequently occurs toward the end of the continuum of septic shock when tissue perfusion cannot be effectively restored
 - d. It is not possible to predict which patients who experience shock will develop MODS, partly b/c much of the organ damage occurs at the cellular level and therefore cannot be directly observed or measured
 - e. Organ failure usually begins in the lungs, and cardiovascular instability as well as failure of the hepatic, GI, renal, immunologic, and CNS follow
- Clinical assessment tools attempt to predicts pts at risk
 - APACHE (Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation)
 - SAPS (Simplified Organ Failure Assessment)
 - PIRO (Predisposing factors, the Infection, the host Response, and Organ dysfunction)
 - Manifestations of MODS:
 - Respiratory
 - Severe dyspnea, tachypnea
 - PaO₂/FiO₂ ration <200
 - Bilateral fluffy infiltrates on CXR
 - V/Q mismatch
 - Refractory hypoxemia
 - Cardiovascular
 - Myocardial depression
 - Massive vasodilation
 - Decrease SVR, BP, MAP
 - Increase HR
 - Biventricular failure
 - Central Nervous System
 - Acute change in neurologic status → confusion, disorientation, delirium
 - Fever
 - Seizures
 - Failure to wean, prolonged rehabilitation
 - Endocrine System
 - Hyperglycemia
 - Renal System

- Pre-renal
 - BUN/Creatinine rate >20:1
 - Intrarenal
 - BUN/Creatinine rate <10:1
 - Gastrointestinal System
 - Hypoperfusion → decrease peristalsis, paralytic ileus
 - GI bleeding
 - Hepatic System
 - Bilirubin >2, increased LFTs
 - Hepatic encephalopathy
 - Hematologic System
 - Coagulopathy (increased PT & PTT, decreased platelet count)
 - Increased D-dimer
- Clinical Manifestations
 - Typically lungs are first (progressive dyspnea & respiratory failure)
 - Usually hemodynamically stable but may require increasing amounts of IV fluids and vasoactive agents to support BP and cardiac output
 - Signs of a hypermetabolic state, hyperlactic acidemia, and increased BUN are present
 - Metabolic rate may be 1.5-2x the BMR resulting in loss of skeletal muscle mass (autocatabolism)
 - 7-10 days later, hepatic and renal dysfunction occur
 - Increased Bilirubin and LFTs
 - Increased Creatinine and Anuria
 - As lack of tissue perfusion continues, the hematologic system becomes dysfunctional
 - Worsening immunocompromised
 - Increasing the risk of bleeding
 - CV system becomes unstable and unresponsive to vasoactive agents, and the patient's neurologic response progresses to a state of unresponsiveness or coma
 - The goal of all shock states is to reverse the tissue hypoperfusion and hypoxia
 - If effective tissue perfusion is restored before organs become dysfunctional, the patient's condition stabilizes
 - Along the septic shock continuum, the onset of organ dysfunction is a warning prognostic sign
 - The more organs that fail, the worse the outcome
- Medical Management
 - Prevention remains the top priority!
 - Early detection & documentation of initial signs of infection are essential
 - Subtle changes in mentation and a gradual rise in temperature are early warning signs
 - If preventative measures fail, treatment measures to reverse MODS are aimed at
 - Controlling the initiating event
 - Promoting adequate organ perfusion

- Providing nutritional support
 - Maximizing patient comfort
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Please note there are several ABGs and electrolyte abnormality questions on this exam!