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Neonatal Acute Disease Identification and Management

+ Synopsis of Multi-system Inflammatory Syndrome

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Learning Objectives

- ▶ The learner will identify key characteristics of common neonatal diseases
- ▶ The learner will identify evidence-based treatment strategies directly related to specific neonatal disease states
- ▶ The learner will be able to discuss pathophysiology, identification, and management of COVID related Multi-system Inflammatory Syndrome.



Infant disease process

- ▶ Understanding term and preterm neonatal disease processes is important to the respiratory therapist
 - Assessment = troubleshooting, plan of care
 - It enables better understanding of therapies
 - Enables us to anticipate patient needs
 - Makes us an essential part of the health care team

- ▶ Structure of disease learning
 - Pathophysiology (what is wrong)
 - Clinical Features (what do we see)
 - Management (how do we fix)



Mutually Beneficial

▶ Community Hospitals

- Keep neonates with moms
 - Patient development
 - Family development
- Financially responsible
 - Institution
 - Socially

▶ Children's Hospitals

- Resources for difficult cases
- Resources are limited
 - Unable to care for common neonatal issues due to demand
 - Don't want your TTN patients
 - But also don't want "train wrecks"



Delivery Room!



Scenario 1

- ▶ 26 3/7 week gestation
- ▶ Vaginal birth, no prenatal care, no prenatal steroids, G7P5

- ▶ Delivered
 - Placed in warmer in Neo Wrap (plastic)
 - No cry apnea, floppy, HR < 60, monitor applied
 - Deliver PPV 20/5 30%, good chest rise, HR > 100
 - Saturations within NRP range for time of life
 - No spontaneous respirations

 - Intubated at 3 minutes of age – 2.5 ETT secured @ 7cm lip

- ▶ Taken to the NICU for further evaluation

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▶ NICU

- Admitted, regular labs, UAC/UVC etc.
- Ventilator – PC SIMV 18/5, f 40, Ti 0.35, PS +6, 40%
- ABG 7.18/68/60/-4
- CXR – hazy, ground glass, air bronchogram, ETT ok
- Saturations = 84% with increased oxygen requirements



▶ Intervention?

- Surfactant
 - Curosurf 2.5 ml/kg
 - Survanta 4 ml/kg

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Respiratory Distress Syndrome (RDS)

▶ Pathophysiology

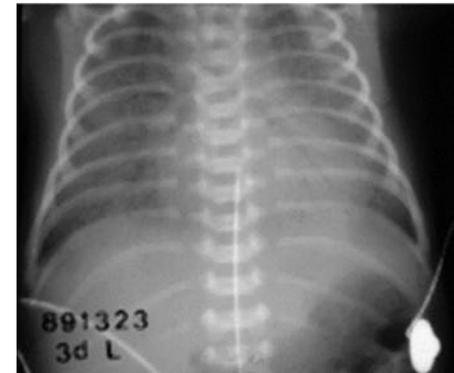
- Formally called Hyaline Membrane Disease
- Caused by immature lung anatomy and inadequate pulmonary surfactant
 - Starts around 20 weeks
 - Reduces surface tension
 - Lung compliance issues
 - Prematurity decreases quantity and quality of surfactant
 - Directly related to severity
- Inflammation & Pulmonary Edema
 - VQ mismatch
 - Atelectasis & hyperinflation
 - Poor gas exchange
 - Hypoxemia
- Complications in survivors of RDS are significant
 - PDA, Pulm. hemm., BPD, sepsis
 - Neurofunction
 - Slightly higher in males



Respiratory Distress Syndrome (RDS) con't

▶ Clinical Features

- Inc. WOB, rales, tachypnea
 - Grunting, retractions, cyanosis
- Clinical Course
 - Atelectasis
 - FRC
 - VQ mismatch
 - edema
 - cell injury
 - hypoxemia
 - Acidemia
 - Increased need for ventilation
 - Repeat...
- Chest x-rays
 - Low lung volumes
 - Diffuse reticulogranular pattern
 - Air bronchograms
- Labs
 - Hypoxemia
 - Hyponatremia – attentive fluid management



Respiratory Distress Syndrome (RDS) con't

► Management

- Antenatal
 - Stop preterm births
 - Increase lung development
 - L/S Ratio >2 good
 - Glucocorticoids
- Postnatal
 - Surfactant replacement
 - MV, CPAP, PEEP, O2, HFNC
 - Lung protective strategies – don't over do it!!
 - Patience
- Treat Co-morbid Conditions
 - Air leaks, infection, ICH, PDA
 - Skin
 - Electrolytes and nutrition
 - PPHN – iNO?



Scenario 2

- ▶ 39 1/7 week gestation
- ▶ Primary C-section for breech presentation G3P2, GBS –, SSRI

- ▶ Delivered
 - Infant no cry, delayed cord clamping
 - HR > 100, dry and stimulated, bulb suction for lg. amt clear fluid (mouth and nose)
 - Spont. resp., cry with stimulation
 - APGAR 7, 9
 - Infant slow to transition, color poor, some slight retractions, flaring
 - Patient requires +5 NCPAP, 30% FiO₂

- ▶ Taken to the NICU for further evaluation



Continued 2

▶ NICU

- Admitted
- FiO2 weaned quickly, patient comfortable
- CBG 7.32/50/35/-2
- CXR – hazy

▶ 2 hours later

- Increased retractions and flaring over time
- +5 NCPAP @ 65%

▶ Likely Diagnosis?



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Transient Tachypnea (TTN)

▶ Pathophysiology

- Delayed reabsorption of fetal lung fluid – transient pulmonary edema
- Obstructive abnormality – “wet lung”
- Term or near term with low APGARs
 - C-section, narcotics, SSRI, nuchal cord
- Onset: 2-6 hours after birth

▶ Clinical Features

- Hypoxemia, inc. WOB
- Tachypnea (duh)
- Diagnosis of exclusion
 - Rule out other causes
 - Could appear as RDS
- CXR
 - Streaky infiltrates from hilum, Air-trapping, fluid fissures, cardiomegaly



Transient Tachypnea (TTN) con't

► Management

- Supportive care
- O2 therapy, keep > 90%
- Positive Pressure
- Usually resolves in 72 hours with just supportive care
- Feeding?
- Fluid restriction?
- Diuretics?



Scenario 3

- ▶ 39 5/7 week gestation
- ▶ Vaginal birth, no prenatal care, Primagravida, polyhydramnios
- ▶ Non-reassuring heart tones
- ▶ Ultrasound reveals possible chest abnormality
- ▶ Delivered
 - No cry apnea, floppy, cyanotic, HR < 60, monitor applied
 - Scaphoid abdomen
- ▶ Intervention?
 - Intubation? FiO₂? EtCO₂?
 - Gastric Tube?
 - CPR? (HR 50)
- ▶ What are you suspecting?
- ▶ Taken to the NICU for further evaluation

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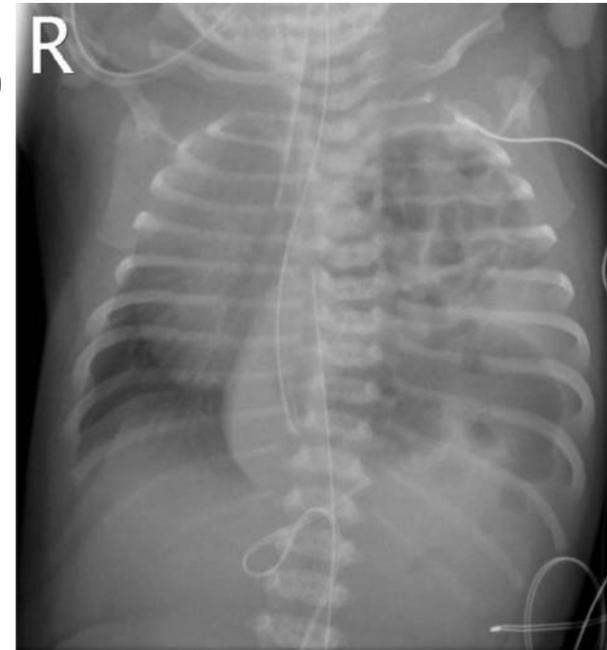
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▶ NICU

- Admitted, regular labs, UAC/UVC etc., CPR ceased HR > 100
- Ventilator – PC SIMV 22/6, f 40, Ti 0.35, PS +8, 80%
- ABG 7.00/98/42/-8
- CXR – bowel gas pattern in chest, ETT ok?
- Poor, asymmetrical chest rise

▶ Intervention?

- HFOV?
 - Settings?
- Stabilization
- Surgical Consult
- Permissive hypercapnia

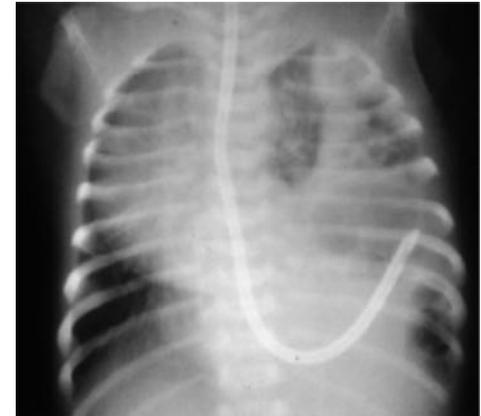


Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH)

▶ Pathophysiology

- 1:4000 live births
- Usually diagnosed in utero via ultrasound
 - 83% occur on L. side
 - 15% R. side – Liver herniation – poor prognosis
 - 1-2% bilateral
- Usually associated with other malformations (genetic eval)
 - Cardiac anomalies 50%
 - Chromosomal abnormalities 30-50%
 - Neural Tube defects 50%

- Pulmonary Hypoplasia can be significant
 - Loss of pulmonary mass
 - Surfactant system dysfunction
 - Pulmonary Hypertension



Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH) con't

▶ Clinical Features

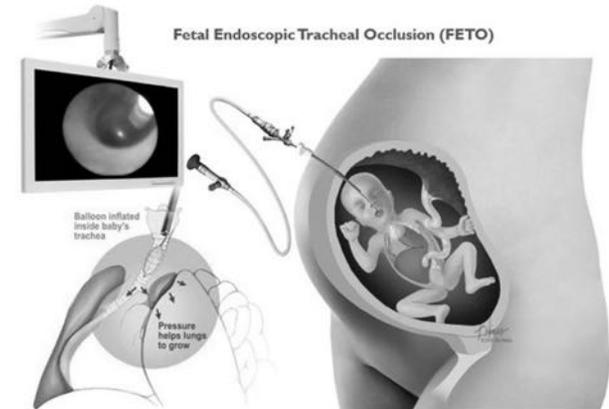
- Cyanosis
- Distress
- “scaphoid abdomen”
- Bowel sounds in chest
- Distant or absent heart and breath sounds
- CXR:
 - “hey, is that intestine!?”



Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH) con't

► Management

- Fetal surgery
 - Utero tracheal occlusion - investigational
- INTUBATION!!
- NO BMV, N-G tube placement
- Resuscitate before cord clamping
- Stabilize \implies Transport \implies Surgery \implies ECMO
 - Or...deliver at appropriate center



Scenario 4

- ▶ 41 5/7 week gestation
- ▶ Vaginal birth, prenatal care, Primagravida, GBS –
- ▶ Mom ruptured, thick particulate meconium present
- ▶ What should you anticipate?
 - Intubation?
 - Refractory Hypoxia?
 - Airway obstruction?
 - Respiratory depression? Why does MAS happen?
- ▶ Delivered
 - No cry, apnea, floppy, meconium stained skin & tongue, monitored applied
 - HR < 100, airway cleared, PPV
 - HR improves, still apneic, tone depressed
 - Intubation 3.5 @ 9 lip
- ▶ Taken to the NICU for further evaluation

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Meconium Aspiration (MAS)

▶ Pathophysiology

- 2-10% of infants born with meconium stained fluid
- Birth depression
 - Why?

- Pulmonary disease
 - Airway obstruction – “duck bill valve”
 - Inflammation
 - Infection
 - Inactivation of surfactant
 - Hypoxemia, acidemia, PPHN – VQ mismatch



Meconium Aspiration (MAS) con't

Clinical Features

- Staining, peeling skin, decreased vernix
- Inc. WOB, cyanosis, grunting
- Barrel shaped chest
- Hypoxemia, acidemia
- Chemical pneumonitis
- Pneumo ~ “ball-valve effect”

▶ CXR

- Air trapping, hyperventilation
- Bilateral infiltrates, R > L
- Areas of atelectasis

▶ Long Term

- Usually fine
- Some neuro issues
- Airway reactivity

▶ Other differential

- TTN, Delayed transition (PDA, PFO), pneumonia, PPHN, Pulm Edema, Airleaks,



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Meconium Aspiration (MAS) con't

► Management

- Prevention:

- Suction?
- Identification and earlier delivery
- Amnioinfusion

- MV

- Sedation
- Surfactant replacement

- Life saving

- iNO
- ECMO

Severe MAS with PPHN

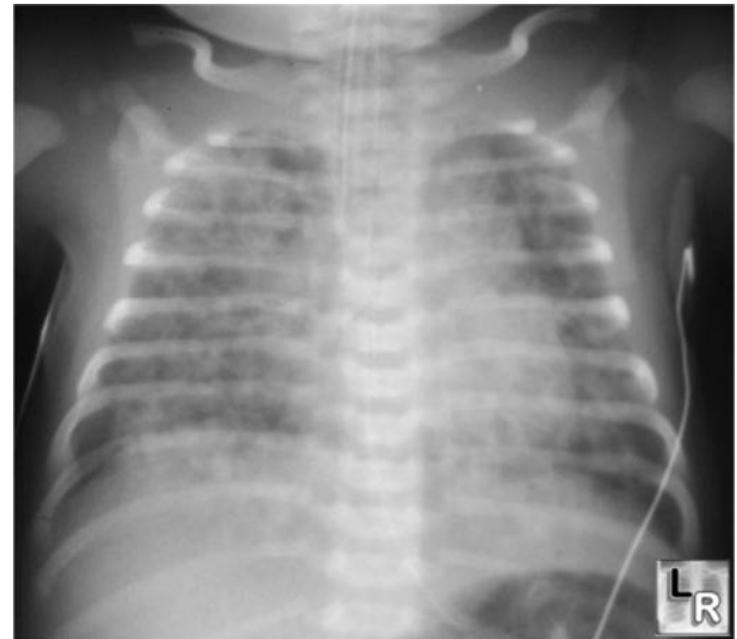


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▶ Continued refractory hypoxemia

- $OI = \frac{MAP \times FiO_2}{PaO_2} = 25$
- ECHO ordered
- Pre and post (92% and 80%)

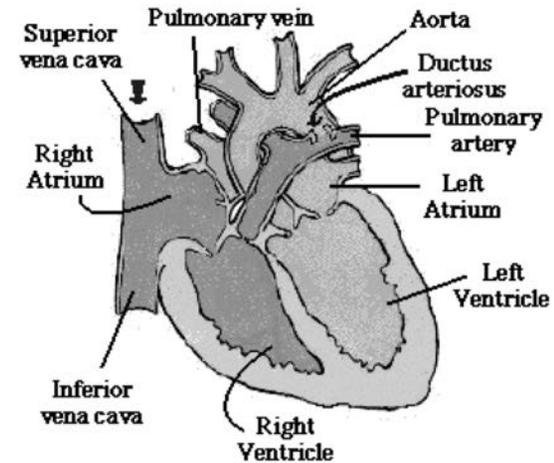
▶ ECHO diagnosis - PPHN



Persistent Pulmonary Hypertension (PPHN)

▶ Pathophysiology

- Poor transition from fetal to neonatal circulation
- \uparrow PaO₂ = \downarrow PVR
(did not happen)
- Due to underdevelopment of pulmonary vasculature



Blood just not getting to the lungs

Persistent Pulmonary Hypertension (PPHN) con't

▶ Clinical Features

- Near term infants > 34 weeks with worsening cyanosis
 - Tachypnea, WOB
 - CBC: anemia, polycythemia, infection?
 - ABG: acidosis, hypoxemia
 - Pre/Post ductal pulse ox difference
 - CXR – Normal, slightly enlarged heart
- Underlying disorders
 - MAS, pneumonia, RDS, CDH, etc.
- Hyperoxia test
- ECHO
 - severity of PPHN
 - Ensure not ductal dependent lesion or abnormality



Persistent Pulmonary Hypertension (PPHN) con't

► Management

- General supportive care
- OXYGEN!
- Sedation & minimal handling
- Control hypoxia and acidosis – MV, HFOV, ECMO
- Pressors to inc. SVR which will dec. PVR
- Indocin, ibuprofen
- iNO
- ECMO OI>40
- Sildenafil
- Prostacyclin?
- Fix underlying cause

- 7-10% mortality, increased morbidity



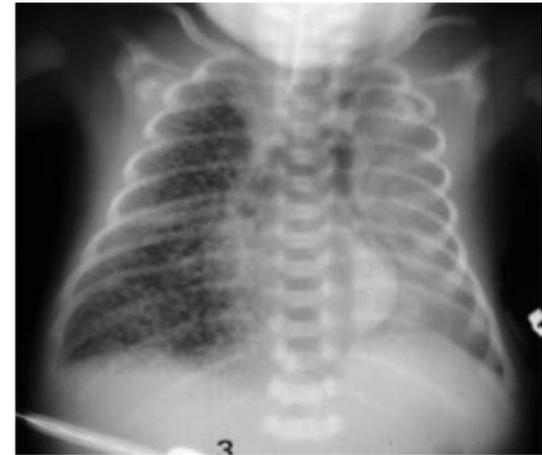
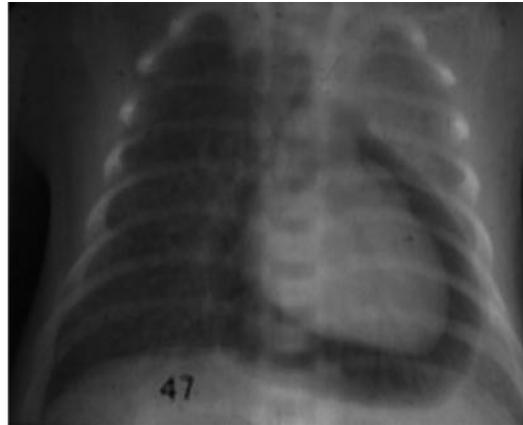
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- ▶ Suddenly...
- ▶ Patient drops saturations



Air leak syndromes

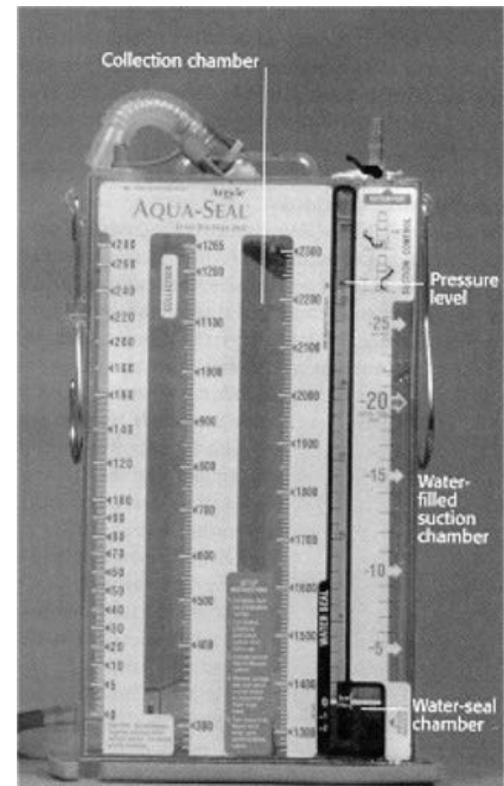
- ▶ Pneumothorax
- ▶ Pneumopericardium
- ▶ Pneumomediastinum
- ▶ PIE



Air leak syndromes

► Management

- 100% FiO₂ – Nitrogen washout
- Needle aspiration
- Chest tube
- Turn down the pressure!



*Upper Airway
Pathophysiology*



Pierre Robin

▶ Pathophysiology

- Micrognathia, glossoptosis, cleft soft palate
- early mandibular hypoplasia
- Genetic syndromes or not
- Early mandibular retrognathia – primary anomaly
- Features:
 - Tongue posterior
 - airway obstruction
 - feeding & pulmonary problems

▶ Management

- Proning with head down
- Nasal Airway
- Nasal intubation
- Tracheostomy



Choanal Atresia

Path. and features

- ▶ Micrognathia with nasal airway obstruction
 - Obligate nose breathers
 - Distress and cyanosis relieved with crying
 - Diagnose: catheter to nares to determine
- ▶ Rare, 1:5000 live births
 - 2/3 are unilateral
 - Bilateral is life-threatening
 - Usually associated with genetic syndrome

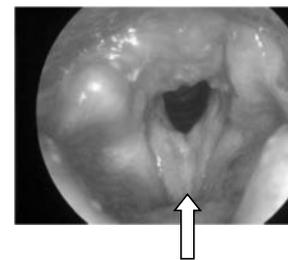
Management

- ▶ Support airway
 - Oral pharyngeal airway or ETT
- ▶ Laser surgery to nasal passage to make it patent



Structure Disorders

- ▶ Tracheomalacia – Tracheal collapse
- ▶ Tracheal-esophageal fistula – open connection between trachea and esophagus
- ▶ Laryngeal atresia – congenital closure of the larynx
- ▶ Laryngomalacia – congenital flaccid larynx, supraglottic structure collapse
- ▶ Laryngeal web – failure to recanalize the laryngeal inlet @ ~ 10 weeks GA, membrane occludes inlet
- ▶ Intubation Trauma
 - Subglottic stenosis
 - Granuloma formation



Multisystem Inflammatory Disease



Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)

▶ Dr. Julie Fitzgerald – PICU Intensivist – CHOP

Summary

What is already known about this topic?

Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) is a rare but severe condition that has been reported approximately 2–4 weeks after the onset of COVID-19 in children and adolescents.

What is added by this report?

Most cases of MIS-C have features of shock, with cardiac involvement, gastrointestinal symptoms, and significantly elevated markers of inflammation, with positive laboratory test results for SARS-CoV-2. Of the 565 patients who underwent SARS-CoV-2 testing, all had a positive test result by RT-PCR or serology.

What are the implications for public health practice?

Distinguishing MIS-C from other severe infectious or inflammatory conditions poses a challenge to clinicians caring for children and adolescents. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to expand in many jurisdictions, health care provider awareness of MIS-C will facilitate early recognition, early diagnosis, and prompt treatment. – CDC.gov



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