



7/22/20 Morning Report with @CPSolvers



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CC: 6 months of Joint pain and rectal bleeding

HPI:

31 yo M p/w 6 mo of bright red blood per rectum, morning stiffness, and persistent pain in b/l ankles, wrists, hands, neck, and intermittent duskiness of fingers. ROS: no fever, chest pain, dyspnea, back pain, dysuria, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

He tried naproxen w/ no alleviation. Evaluated by multiple providers without satisfactory answer.

Blood per rectum: on toilet paper, small amount

Duskiness: attributed to primary Raynaud's

PMH:

OCD
Substance use d/o
Combined ACL/ and
ORIF left acetabulum
of shoulder from
MVA

Meds:

Naproxen
Vicodin
Abilify
Effexor
Truvada (PREP)

Fam Hx:

Crohn's disease

Soc Hx:

Unemployed, hair
stylist in past

Health-Related

Behaviors:

No tobacco or ETOH
IV methamphetamine
4 days prior to
admission
Sexually active (MSM,
receptive anal sex, no
barrier protection)

Vitals: Normal

Exam:

Gen: Agitated, AO x 4

HEENT, CV, Pulm, Neuro: Normal

Abd: soft, nontender, nd, digital rectal exam w/o lesions or blood

Extremities/Skin: No rashes, MSK w/ TTP, synovitis, pain w/ range of motion of multiple joints.

Notable Labs & Imaging:

Hematology:

WBC: 8.2 Hgb: 11.5 (MCV 92.3) Plt: 333

Chemistry:

Na: 135 K: 4.6 Cl: 105 CO2: 24 BUN: 15 Cr: 0.7 glucose: 115 Ca:

7.8 Mag: 1.9

AST: 19 ALT: 15 Alk-P: 124 T. Bili: 0.2 Albumin: 3.1, Total protein 6.9

HIV: negative

More data:

RF, anti-CCP, and ANA negative

Gonorrhea and Chlamydia negative, Hep B immune, HCV ab

positive but viral load negative, Treponemal screen positive/RPR

negative and FTA-abs positive, ? syphilis ppx

FOBT and stool WBC both (+), fecal calprotectin 1,831 (normal 120 or less), stool bio-fire panel negative

X-ray hands, C-spine, and pelvis w/ no concerning changes

RUQ US: hepatomegaly w/ 1.5 x 1 x 2 hyperechoic left hepatic lobe lesion in segment 4, mild splenomegaly, and no ascites

COLO: Active colitis, Warthin Starry (challenge accepted) intestinal

spirochetosis

Brachyspira is the final dx, treated with metronidazole

Problem Representation:

Young man sexually active on PREP, active substance use d/o, and FMHx of Crohn's who p/w 6-months of mild bright red blood per rectum, inflammatory polyarthritis, and intermittent duskiness of fingers, ultimately diagnosed w/ Brachyspira

Teaching Points (Andrea):

Rectal bleeding: history of colitis, colon ca in family, post coital bleeding

Reactive arthritis: look for upper or GI infection initially

Chronic hematochezia: anatomical approach: Outside (fissures, hemorrhoids) and inside (primary bowel problems, IBS, vascular malperfusion)

Duskiness of finger is a sign of vessel malfunction: spasm like Raynaud, Inflammation, obstruction

Infection dx that causes arthritis: Kaposi, CMV colitis, mycobacterial disease, yphilis, Gonorrhea

Proctitis: mucus, abnormal stool, tenesmus

Lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV): subtypes of chlamydia can cause sores in anterior genital region and proctitis (subacute with bleeding)

Gonorrhea: most common cause of septic arthritis in young individuals. Migratory oligoarthritis

IV drugs: Heart block (cocaine), endocarditis, immunologic complications that can produce arthritis, HCV, HBV

Vasculitis: can be induced by methamphetamine

Lesion in liver: Hepatic adenoma, syphilitic hepatitis,