



# 6/10/20 Morning Report with @CPSolvers



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**CC:** dyspnea, lower extremity bruises

**HPI:** 28 yo M with a h/o hemophilia A presents with lightheadedness, dyspnea, lower extremity bruises  
Started 1 week prior, has been progressive  
No hematuria, hemoptysis, GI symptoms

At neighboring hospital: HR low 100 ,HB: 5.7 > 2U pRBCs, 5U factor viii, transferred to tertiary center due to c/f possible hemophilic crisis

Past hemophilia history:

- Normal Hgb 6 months prior
- no bleeding in past 3 years
- As teenager, RLE hemarthrosis > knee surgery

**PMH:**  
Hemophilia A  
Knee surgery (teenager)

**Meds:**  
No meds

**Fam Hx:**  
Brother with Hemophilia A

**Soc Hx:**

**Health-Related Behaviors:**  
No tobacco, no EtOH, no drugs. No travel.

**Vitals:** T: 98.5 HR:92 BP:108/67 RR:18 SpO<sub>2</sub>: 100, BMI 21

**Exam:**  
**Gen:** no acute distress, awake and alert  
**HEENT:** Icteric sclera  
**CV, Pulm and Abd:** normal  
**Neuro:** CN II-XII, strength 5/5 normal, normal grip  
**Extremities/Skin:** Jaundiced, ecchymoses on anterior thighs bilaterally, circumferential in calf, diffuse non-blanching petechiae and nonpalpable purpura

**Notable Labs & Imaging:**  
**Hematology:** After transfusion  
WBC: 3.6 (normal differential) Hgb:7.3 MV: 97 Plt 258, Normal smear

**Chemistry:**  
Metabolic panel: Normal  
AST, ALT, Alk-P: Normal T. Bili: 3.7 Indirect Bili: 0.8  
Albumin: 2.7 Total protein: 6.9, Reticulocytes: 1.4,  
LDH: 230, Haptoglobin: 120, PTT: 55, Iron: 103  
Factor VIII activity: 41% (post transfusion) > 17% (Normal 50-150%),  
Factor IX 140%, Iron panel: Normal, B12: 177, Folate: 2.2, vWF: normal  
HIV,Hepatitis B and C: negative . ESR 21, CRP 22, vasculitis workup (MPO, PR3, c-ANCA, p-ANCA, cryoglobulins): negative  
Vitamin C: undetectable, Vitamin D: 5.8, Celiac and IBD serology: negative

**Imaging:**  
EKG unremarkable  
CT chest, abdomen, pelvis: no evidence of hemorrhage

**Dx:** Ascorbic acid deficiency due to poor intake

**Problem Representation:**  
28 yo man with a history of mild hemophilia A presenting with dyspnea and diffuse ecchymosis found to have hypoproliferative anemia without evidence of bleeding on imaging

**Teaching Points (Anna):**  
Approach to dyspnea: use the time course, risk factors, physical exam to narrow your differential

- Pulm: airways (asthma, COPD), vasculature (PE, pHTN), parenchyma (edema, PNA, DAH), pleura (PTX, effusion)
- Cardiac: ACS, heart failure, valvulopathy
- Hematologic: anemia
- Metabolic: acidosis, hyperthyroidism
- Other: neuromuscular weakness, anxiety

**The bleeding patient:**

- Platelet dysfunction: mucosal bleeding, petechiae
- Coagulopathy: joint bleeding, deep tissue bleeding, muscular bleeding

**Mechanistic approach to anemia**

- Decreased RBC production (BM failure, infiltrative disease, medication effect, nutrient deficiencies)
- Increased RBC destruction (hemolysis, sequestration)
- Blood loss

**Petechiae/Purpura:** vascular wall integrity - vasculitis vs nutritional deficiency