

6/22/20 Morning Report with @CPSolvers



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CC: Unresponsive

HPI: 49M found unresponsive in a park

Seen by bystander laying in park. Bystander called 911. EMS only able to get pt to grunt to sternal rub.

Received naloxone without change in mental status

Backpack contained medications filled day before: Trazodone contained 1 pill left. Full bottles of buspirone, Risperidone, loratadine

PMH:

COPD Anxiety

Depression

Meds:

Trazodone Buspirone Risperidone

Risperidone Loratadine Fam Hx: N/A

Soc Hx:

Former truck-driver Experiencing

homelessness

Health-Related Behaviors:

Allergies:None

Vitals: T: 97.2 HR: 84 BP: 112/70 (108/67) RR: 16 SpO₂:

97% RA **Exam**:

Gen: Obtunded, agitated with sternal rub

HEENT: PEERL, no signs of trauma

CV: RRR Pulm: wnl Abd: wnl

Neuro: moved all 4 extremities equally, not opening

eyes to commands

Notable Labs & Imaging:

Hematology:

WBC: Hgb: Plt: → wnl

Chemistry:

Na:141 K:4.2 Cl:96 CO2:24 BUN: 9 Cr: 1.1 (baseline

from a few years ago: 0.8) glucose: 98 AG: 21

Ca: Phos: Mag: → wnl

AST: ALT: Alk-P: T. Bili: Albumin: → wnl

Ethanol level: neg, Utox: neg

----- 9 hours later -----

Na: 146 K: 4.3 Cl: 105 CO2: 6 BUN: 8 Cr: 1.3 Glu: 99

AG: 35

VBG: 7.2/22, lactate: 9

sOsm: 394 (osmolar gap: >90)

Imaging:

EKG: sinus, QT 550 CXR: wnl NCHCT: wnl Ethylene glycol: very high

Problem Representation:

49M h/o depression brought to ED after being found unresponsive found ot have elevated anion gap metabolic acidosis, osmolar gap, and AKI 2/2 ethylene glycol poisoning.

Teaching Points (Moses):

Unresponsive:

- Do I need to do something emergently: ABCs, BLS, ACLS etc.
- Diagnostic: MIST &/or shock framework. Collateral via EMS, bystanders, family/friends etc.
- Neuro: diffuse cerebral dysfunction or focal lesion (exp: reticular activating system)

Clinical reasoning: law of proportionality - is the lesion or hypothesized root cause sufficient to explain the severity of a presentation?

- I.e. is the soft BP enough to explain unresponsiveness?
- Is a brainstem lesion likely w/ unresponsiveness + able to move extremities? Answer: No

Schema recap, anion gap metabolic acidosis: see app & recording

- Endogenous: lactate, ketones, sulfate/PO₄
- Exogenous: toxic alcohol, other

Long QT:

- LIDO: lytes, ischemia, drugs, others
- For medications, think "the anti-..." psychotics, arrhythmics, depressants, histamines, biotics (exp: macrolides, antimalarials) look these up!

Anion gap: reminder that can have a significant gap even when individual values wnl or minimally abnormal. If lactate goes up by 1, AG should go up by 1.

Osm gap: Osmotically active substance in the body we haven't accounted for.

Toxic ingestion of toxic alcohol:

- initially high Osm gap, low AG → metabolism then leads to lower Osm gap, rising AG.
- Retinal: methanol, crystals in urine: ethylene glycol (can confound lactate measurement)