



# 7/02/20 Morning Report with @CPSolvers



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**CC:** 80 F dyspnea and dizziness

**HPI:**

Worsening fatigue over the last few months  
1 week: worsening dyspnea on exertion, previously walked few miles, now short of breath on walking to bathroom  
Intermittent lightheadedness  
Fall 3 days ago  
No LOC, fevers, chills, chest pain, palpitations, orthopnea,  
No sick contacts  
2 days prior to presentation seen at neighboring hospital, given diuretics and discharged; was told she had an "abnormal heart squeeze"

**PMH:**

OSA  
Hypothyroidism  
DM  
HTN  
Prior CVA, no deficits  
Tonsillectomy

**Meds:**

Levothyroxine  
Lisinopril  
Effexor

**Fam Hx:**

No cardiac issues  
GM - clotting?

**Soc Hx:**

Former teacher, retired  
Lives in CO with spouse

**Health-Related Behaviors:**

2 glasses wine/night  
Former 30 pack-year smoker, quit  
Marijuana gummies

**Allergies:** NKDA

**Vitals:** T: AF HR: 102 BP: 142/86 RR: 22 SpO<sub>2</sub>: 92% on 3L NC, orthostatics normal

**Exam:**

**Gen:** lying in bed, no acute distress  
**HEENT:** dry mucous membranes, no pharyngeal exudates/erythema, no LA, no JVD  
**CV:** tachycardic, RR, no murmurs/rubs/gallops, no S3  
**Pulm:** tachypnic, no accessory muscle use, distant breath sounds, no wheezes/rales/rhonchi  
**Abd:** soft, NT/ND  
**Neuro:** grossly intact  
**Extremities/Skin:** no LE edema

**Notable Labs & Imaging:**

**Hematology:** WBC: 7.5 (nl diff) Hgb: 6.7 MVC: 104 Plt: 266

**Chemistry:**

Na: 136 K: 5.2 Cl: 102 CO<sub>2</sub>: 23 BUN: 42 Cr: 1.73 (BL 1.0, 1 month prior) glucose: nl Ca: 10.7

AST, ALT, Alk-P, TB: normal; Albumin: 3.4 TP: 8

BNP 154, negative troponin, A1C 6.4, negative COVID

UA: SG 1.021, protein 100, negative gluc, no WBC/RBC

Protein/Cr ratio 2; B12, folate, TSH/T4 wnl

Retic count low, no schistocytes/spherocytes on smear

FLC ratio 19, elevated B2 microglobulin: 9.4, IgM >5,000

SPEP with IgM monoclonal spike

BM bx - 70% plasma cells, hypercellular marrow

Serum viscosity - 4.5 (1.8 normal)

**Imaging:**

EKG: sinus tachycardia, no ST changes

CXR: perihilar opacities

CTPE: negative for PE, emphysema

TTE: EF 51%, no regional wall motion abnormalities, G1DD

**Problem Representation:**

Elderly female presenting with acute dyspnea, dizziness and hypoxemia found to have hypercalcemia, macrocytic anemia, AKI, elevated protein gap with proteinuria, IgM monoclonal spike and elevated serum viscosity concerning for hyperviscosity syndrome due to waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia.

**Teaching Points (Andrea):**

**DISNEA:** cardiac (ie HF), pulmonary, metabolic causes (ie anemia), inflammatory

Lightheadedness: due to hypoxia, blood supply, mechanical cause  
HF: Clinical syndrome, inability of meeting metabolic demands. Dx is clinical. 2/3 ischemic, 1/3 non

Load: HTN vs Vascular pathology

HFrE LIMA: Load, Idiopathic, myocardial, arritmia,

**TIMIGGS:** Toxic inflammatory, metabolic, infiltrative, Genetic, stress  
Decreased heart squeeze : CAD, Heart muscle, secondary cause. Is this systolic or diastolic?

Sleep apnea can be due pulmonary Hypertension, Heart failure

Smoking increases risk for atherosclerosis and malignancy

Hypoxemia: pulmonary (airway, vasculature, parenchyma), cardiac

Macrocytosis can be due to increased eritropoyesis, rbc production (hypothyroidism, OH, Methotrexate, B12)

Calcium elevated hypercalcemia, malignancy. Autoimmune disease  
Total Protein greater than 2 times albuminal: malignant or monoclonal disease

Beta 2 elevated: renal amyloidosis

Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia (WM) is a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL). The cancer cells make large amounts of an abnormal protein (called a macroglobulin). Another name for WM is lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma.