



5/29/20 Morning Report with @CPSolvers



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CC: 30F transferred for sudden onset R sided weakness

HPI: 30F hx DM transferred for sudden onset R sided weakness.

1 wk prior, p/w dyspnea, myalgias, and diarrhea

Flu B on RPP, on tamiflu

c/b hyperglycemia in ICU

Day of transfer, R hand weakness, progressed to RUE and RLE

Upon arrival, RUE>RLE weakness and blurred vision.

No sensory deficit, HA, facial droop.

BGs 290 at home

ROS: dyspnea, chest pain, thigh bruise, L ankle pain

Vitals: T: 37.9C (100.3F) HR: 109 BP: 126/71 RR: 21 SpO₂: 95% RA BMI: 26

Exam:

Gen: Fatigued

HEENT: wnl

CV: tachycardia, otherwise regular rhythm, no murmurs

Pulm: tachypnea, o/w wnl

Abd: wnl

Neuro: CN II-XII: L homonymous hemianopia, RUE 3/5, RLE 4/5, LUE and LLE 5/5, L hemineglect

Extremities/Skin: 2x3 cm erythematous, indurated lesion on thigh, L ankle tender to movement

Notable Labs & Imaging:

Hematology:

WBC: 12.1 (65% PMNs, 12% Lymphs) Hgb: 11.7 Plt: 390

Chemistry:

Na: 131 K: 3.9 Cl: 91 CO₂: 24 AG: 15 BUN: 3 Cr: 0.47 Glucose: 135

AST: 31 ALT: 17 Alk-P: 242 T. Bili: 0.3 Albumin: 2.8

A1c: 12.7%

Lipids wnl

CRP: 35.6, ESR 100.4, ANA: 1:160, (+)Gad65

Autoimmune & hypercoag o/w unremarkable, HIV Syphilis, BCx (-)

CSF: 266 WBC (44% Neu 51% Lymph), 1 RBC, GLC 127, Prot. ???, viral meningitis panel neg.

Imaging:

TTE Bubble: unremarkable

MRI Brain: Large diff. restriction in PCA dist. w/extension into corpus callosum

CT Chest: LLL cav. lesion and GGO assoc. w/mediastinal inflammatory changes

BAL: Path-broad angle non-septate hyphae, c/w Mucormycosis

Problem Representation: 30F hx T1DM w/acute dyspnea, diarrhea and inflammatory signs w/hyperacute RUE>RLE weakness. PE notable for tachycardia, tachypnea, L homonymous hemianopia, R>L weakness, L hemineglect, thigh lesion. Labs and imaging notable for PCA involvement on MRI, CT chest w/LLL cavitory lesion, BAL revealing mucormycosis.

Teaching Points (Priyanka):

Sudden onset weakness: While tempo is a key clue, can also lead us down the wrong path. Sudden onset vs sudden recognition of Sx onset. Assume more morbid condition until further info received.

What can develop suddenly? Rupture (AD), blocks (biliary colic, ACS), sudden discharge of electrical activity (seizure, arrhythmia); Less intuitive- gram neg sepsis, anaphylaxis, ingestion of high dose toxin

Approach to Neuro Sx: Weakness → sequence of events is critical

1. Recognizing neuro syndrome- ie: weakness (sensation or true weakness - decrease in power of muscle?)
2. Localize lesion - consider motor (brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerve, junction), sensory, and autonomic aspects of nervous system
3. What is causing lesion - seizure? Stroke? Bleed? Consider pt age
4. Can you reverse the lesion?

Diarrhea and Neuro Sx- think immune activation (ie- GBS from Campylobacter); HUS? (in situ thrombosis, bleeding)

Ankle pain in hospital: infectious syndrome (septic involvement of joint, assuming pain is intra-articular); risk for gout (Hx- DM)

Multifocal Exam: Asymmetric presentation should prioritize lesion to brain, but does not have to be. → most processes localized to the brain are isolated, non-inflam. However, fever + inflammation + inflamm markers- increases our concern for systemic/inflammatory process.

Vision- Retina→ optic n. → optic chiasm → optic radiation→LGN→ visual cortex; L homonymous hemianopia would localize to R visual cortex

Before invoking a systemic disease, think about a common denominator that ties the Sx together.

- **Rash-** inflammatory/autoimmune vascular phenomenon (PAN, Bechets); infectious vascular (ie: endocarditis, neurosyphilis)
- **DM-** angioinvasive disease (ie: mucor)

CSE: Neutrophilic pleocytosis→ non infectious causes very unlikely; Infectious (a/typical bacterial infxn); Early viral; Molds; Amoeba. Mixed - TB, Brucella

Cavitory Lung Lesion: Necrotizing PNA (think tempo); Atypical Infxn (mycobacteria, dimorphic fungi, molds, parasites- entamoeba histolytica), noninfectious (squamous cell cancer, lymphoma), non cancer/non infxn- GPA

Mucormycosis- any infx caused by Mucoralis; MC- rhizopus; RF- DM, Stem cell transplant, immunocompromised host; exposure to iron. 5 presentations- Rhinocerebral, pulm, GI, cutaneous, disseminated (MC to the brain)

PMH:
T1DM-dx. 3 y ago

Fam Hx: T2DM

Soc Hx: Lives in S California

Meds:
Oseltamivir (in hospital)
Humalog

Health-Related Behaviors:
No alcohol, tobacco, drugs
Monogamous w/ male partner
DMV clerk

Allergies:
None