

CASE 1 - Maria Aleman (@mariamialeman)

Problem Representation:

ESP: Paciente femenina de 60a en día 10 de hospitalización, ingresada por CAD y NASS inicia con somnolencia y status epileptico no convulsivo en EEG.

ENG: 60YF on hospitalization day 10, previously treated for DKA and recently diagnosed with CKD and HAP has increased somnolence and NCSE in EEG.

CC and HPI: 60y female with **increased somnolence** on 10th Hospital day. Admitted for **ketoacidosis** triggered by UTI and appropriately Tx . Dx with CKD. Day 7: developed Fever, cough, leukocytosis, and Dx with **HAP**. H/o DM (poorly controlled), HTN, Neuropathy Meds- Insulin, Metformin, Gabapentin, Enalapril, Atorvastatin, Zosyn, Cefepime, Vanco

Findings from exam: **Neuro-** Increased somnolence. Couldn't raise **arms and legs against gravity**. Doesn't respond to commands, **stuporous**. Pupils isocoric and reactive to light, CN, Gag reflex normal, and other reflexes normal. No meningeal signs.

Pulmonary-Rales at lung bases b/l GI -Normal

Labs/imaging: WBC- 22k-->18k, Cr-4.5-->2.7-->2.5, BMP: normal. Alb-3, EKG-Normal
-CT non contrast and MRI- Normal, LP-Normal,
- EEG-Non convulsive status epilepticus (NCSE)

Final Dx- Cefepime Encephalopathy with NCSE

Teaching points (Gabi F. Pucci - @gabifpucci):

- "**Brain problem**" + **normal MRI**: MI(S)T (Metabolic, infection, and toxin). Diseases: autoimmune encephalitis, seizures, and psychiatric diseases.

-Increased somnolence in elderly hospitalized patients: look for infections, use of drugs (sedatives, opioids, ATBs). Watch for: wrong first diagnosis? Neurological disorder associated (secondary to hospitalization or prior diagnosis ?);

-CKD with increased kidney size: check for amyloidosis and diabetes;

-*Clostridium difficile* diarrhea: when diarrhea improves - look for toxic megacolon!

Cefepime: can induce seizure, specially in CKD patients. ATB- induced encephalopathy:

Type 1: seizure (penicillin, cefepime), **type 2:** psychosis (quinolones, macrolides), **type 3:** late-onset, seizure and psychosis, metronidazole use

CASE 2 - Kushal Vaishnani (@k_vaishnani)

Problem Representation: **PT:** homem de 50 anos se apresenta com retenção urinária aguda e sintomas urinários há 2 meses (noctúria, aumento da frequência e dificuldade em iniciar urina), bem como quadro crônico de perda de peso e um episódio de pneumonia prévia. Ao exame: próstata aumentada e multinodular e lesões cutâneas.

ENG- 50 Y male from Kentucky with 2mo h/o LUTS with weight loss and eschar w/enlarged nodular prostate on exam.

CC and HPI: 50 Y male with h/o Urinary retention presents with **nocturia, increased frequency & difficulty in initiating stream since 2 months**

5-6 mo ago Dx pneumonia (3 ER visits - Tx w/ multiple abx w/ some improvement), reports weakness, **weight loss 18 Lb**. Admitted twice for urinary retention. Tx by PCP for cutaneous Staph Aureus infection .

Lives in Kentucky. Hunting and camping. Non-smoker, no illicit drug use or alcohol consumption

Findings from exam: Rash leading to **eschar formation** on anterior aspect of knee.

DRE- Moderately enlarged, fixed nodular prostate suggestive of Prostate CA

-Labs/imaging: UA- 1+ bacteria, 13-20 WBCs, 3-5 RBC, Ucx negative. Normal BMP, CBC

-CT- Hypoattenuation of prostate suggestive of Prostatic Abscess.

Culture and biopsy showed **broad based budding yeast**.

Final Dx: Blastomycosis - what a blasto!

-Teaching points (Gabi F. Pucci - @gabifpucci):

- **How to approach urinary retention?** Muscle weakness -> due to neuropathy, autonomic system compromised/ Obstruction / Secondary to medications / Infections (abscess)

If neuro: check for other symptoms/exam findings like lower limb weakness, loss of pain/temp

-Granulomatous prostatitis: blasto, cocci, crypto. Melioidosis - can be a cause (male/Australia are risk factors).

Blastomycosis: previous pneumonia + skin lesion (similar to squamous cell carcinoma) + bone lesions + urinary tract symptoms. Geography: great lakes. Can be common in immunocompetent patient.