



07/21/21 Morning Report with @CPSolvers



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CC: Left flank pain

HPI: 57 yo M L flank pain for several hours. 7 pm night prior: Took acetaminophen with no improvement. Pain progressed, after 5h of symptom he came to the hospital.

Denies: Fever, chills, NV, diarrhea, urinary dysuria, hematuria.

This is his first event

PMH: None

Fam Hx: None. Parents HTN, hyperlipidemia

Meds: Acetaminophen PRN

Soc Hx: Physician

Health-Related Behaviors: No recent travel or exposures.

Allergies: None

Vitals: T: 36.6 HR: 70 BP: 145/86 → 122/82 RR: 18 SpO₂: 100%

Exam:

Gen: Well appearance, no acute distress

HEENT: Anicteric sclera, mucous membrane

CV: Normal

Pulm: Clear

Abd: Soft mild tenderness L mid abdomen, No suprapubic tenderness.

Neuro: Normal

Extremities/Skin: Normal pulses, no edema, rashes, skin changes

Notable Labs & Imaging:

Hematology: WBC: 4.8 Hgb: 14 Plt: 405

Chemistry: Na: 140 K:4.4 Cl:105 CO₂: 28 BUN:20 Cr: 1.0 glucose: Ca: Phos: Mag: AST: NI ALT: NI Alk-P: T. Bili: Albumin: UA: No blood or protein, glucose, ketones, leukoesterase.

Imaging: EKG: NI

CT abd-pelvis w/o contrast: Kidneys, ureters and urinary bladder: unremarkable. No urinary calculi. No hydronephrosis or perinephroureteral stranding

CT abd-pelvis w/ contrast: NI Aorta, mesenteric vasculature, L-renal dissection on bifurcation. L-kidney infarcts 30-40% of renal parenchyma.

Final Dx: Spontaneous L renal artery dissection w/ associated renal infarction.

Surgeons recommended conservative management. 2nd imaging, no evidence of FMD. Rheum workup was negative.

Problem Representation: 57 yo M w/o PMH presents with acute L flank pain and hypertension with unremarkable labs and UA

- Teaching Points (Gabriel):**
- **Hyperacute flank pain:**
 - Localize the lesion: Kidney (pyelonephritis, renal stones, perinephric abscess), colon, spleen, skin (HZV), MSK, systemic (embolic diseases, porphyrias)
 - **Collecting clues:**
 - **High BP:** stress, perinephric abscess compressing renal parenchyma
 - **Skin changes:** HZV, endemic mycoses.
 - **Hyperacute and progressing pain:** Morbid conditions such as vascular problems (renal venous thrombosis, aortic aneurysm).
 - *In hyperacute flank pain, fever could not be expected. Still maintain high index of suspicion for infectious etiologies.*
 - **Basic WBC & basic metabolic panel within normal limits** → MSK and skin issues on top of the list. Beginning of vascular, infectious and metabolic diseases.
 - **Non contrast CT normal** → extra-abdominal etiologies. Still vascular etiologies should not be ruled out.
 - **Carnett sign:** pain gets worse when the abdominal wall gets tense. Suggests the pain has an extra-abdominal source.