



CC: Altered Mental Status
HPI: 42 year old male presenting with altered mental status, sent from the oncology clinic. **Hums in the morning**, mental status cleared as the day progressed. For the past week has been more confused, digablin was discontinued. Dx with ITU and was prescribed abx. **Facial twitching** the past 48 hours. Neg fever, SOB, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or constipation. Was seen by his oncologist 2 weeks prior and concern for relapsing Hodgkin lymphoma. Bone transplant 10 yrs prior. No on active tx.

Past Medical History:
 CVA 5 years prior. Type 2 DM. HTN OSA. Hodgkin Lymphoma. Elevated metanephrines in past hypercoagulable workup.

Meds: Digablin, Cefalexin, tazonadine, amlodipine, aspirin, atorvastatin, baclofen, clonazepam, clonidine, simvolta, spironolactone, topiramate, valsartan, ambient.

Family History: None.
Social History: No tobacco, alcohol or drug use. Sexually active with spouse.
Allergies: None.

Vitals: T: HR:110 BP: 130-180/80-100 RR:20 SpO₂:100
Exam:
Gen: Chronically ill.
CV: No murmurs.
Pulm: Clear to auscultation.
Abd: No tenderness.
Neuro: Able to follow commands, **unable to answer questions**. Could understand yes/no questions. % upper extremity strength, 5/5 lower extremity strength. No focal signs. Mild twitching when doing finger to nose exam.
Extremities/Skin: Warm extremities, no rash or lesions.

Notable Labs & Imaging:
Hematology:
 WBC: 9.8 (Normal differential) Hgb: 6 MCV 80 Pt: 10 (A week prior platelets were 28 and Hb 10).

Chemistry:
 Na: 143 K: 3.5 Cl: 109 CO2: 22 BUN: 25 Cr: 1.17 (baseline of 1) glucose: 279 Ca: Normal Phos: Mag: Normal.
 AST: 51 ALT: 16 Alk-P: Normal. T. Bili: 2.9 Albumin: Normal. No gamma gap.
 Troponin: 4.26 (mildly elevated)
 INR, PT, PTT and fibrinogen were normal.
 UA showed RBC & WBCs.
 LDH 4500, Haptoglobin less than 20, Retic count 8.8%, Peripheral smear showed schistocytes.

Final Dx: Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (TTP)

Problem Representation:
ENG: 42M p/w AMS for the last 48 hrs. PMHx of DM, HTN, Hodgkin Lymphoma w/o actual treatment.
ESP: Paciente de sexo masculino y de 42 años se presenta con alteración del estado mental en las últimas 48h. Historia previa de DM, HTA y linfoma de Hodgkin sin tratamiento actual
POR: Um homem de 42 anos apresenta com alteração do estado mental nas últimas 48h. Tem história prévia de linfoma, sem quimioterapia atual, trata diabetes e hipertensão.

Teaching Points (Rafa):

- ALTERED MENTAL STATUS IN A 42YO M**
 MIST:
 Metabolic (hipo/hypernatremia, hepatic encephalopathy) infection (PNA/UTI in the elderly), structural (subdural hemorrhage), toxin (opioid overdose, alcohol withdrawal)
 MIST + oncology - infection (immunocompromised), drug side effect (immune checkpoint inhibitor), metastasis, hypercoagulability (stroke), paraneoplastic syndrome (limbic encephalitis)
 Think of neutropenic fever (ANC <500 - Pseudomonas)
- FACIAL TWITCHING**
 Tumor lysis syndrome - hypocalcemia
 Oncologic emergency leading to hyperkalemia (arrhythmias, muscle weakness), hypocalcemia (facial twitching, seizures), hyperphosphatemia (AKI) and hyperuricemia (AKI)
- REVIEW LIST OF MEDICATIONS**
 Clonidine, clonazepam, gabalina - very sedating
 Refractory hypertension - hypertension w/ > 2 antihypertensive drugs
 Elevated metanephrines + tachycardia - pheochromocytoma
- ANEMIA + THROMBOCYTOPENIA** - exclude TTP, HUS, DIC (MAHA - schistocytes)
 HUS + TTP - thrombocytopenia, MAHA, AKI / + feve r+ neurologic symptoms in TTP
 DIC - elevated PT, PTT / decreased fibrinogen
 Increased LDH, decreased haptoglobin, elevated reticulocyte count - hemolysis
- TTP**
 Inhibition/deficiency of ADAMTS13 - large vWF multimers
 Increased platelet aggregation and adhesion w/ microthrombi formation
 Full tetrad <10% cases