

# 8/19/22 Morning Report with @CPSolvers

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**CC:** 68 y/o female w/ Abdominal pain

**HPI:**

68 y/o portuguese speaking women  
She reported worsening abdominal pain 2, 3 days ago.  
Located in the epigastric pain and radiated to the back. Feels like burn.  
Pain 5/10 w/ nausea, vomiting, watery diarrhea and poor intake  
She ate expired eggs few days ago  
Denied fever, chills, increase thurstm.  
Drowsiness

**PMH:**

DM  
HTN  
HLD

**Meds:**

Coagulation  
Aspirin  
Atorvastatin  
HCTZ  
Metformin

**Fam Hx:**

Brother w/ diabetes

**Soc Hx**

Housecleaner

**Health-Related**

**Behaviors:**  
(former) Smoker for 10 year

**Allergies:**

None

**Vitals:** T: nl HR: 67 BP: 117/63 RR: 18 SpO<sub>2</sub>: 97%

**Exam:**

**Gen:** ill, moaning a bit, anxious  
**HEENT:** pupils round, symmetric, dry mucous membranes  
**CV:** regular heart sounds, no murmurs  
**Pulm:** clear, some increase in the diaphragm  
**Abd:** TTP over the epigastrium no CVA tenderness, foley noted in place draining yellow urine.  
**Neuro:** Oriented to self  
**Extremities/Skin:** no edema, warm, well perfused extremities, Recap fill normal

**Notable Labs & Imaging:**

**Hematology:**

WBC: 10.3 Hgb: 10.8 Plt: 239

**Chemistry:**

Na: 128 K:5.1 Cl:95 CO<sub>2</sub>:9 BUN:133 Cr:14 glucose: n Ca: Phos: 10.1  
Mag: 2.6 AST: 20 ALT: 19 Alk-P:87 T. Bili:0.3 Albumin:  
AG: 34 TSH 0.498 Lipase 2000 CK 119 Lactate 14  
Utox: acetaminophen 5  
ABG: pH 6.8, pCO<sub>2</sub> 15  
UA: protein, occult blood, coarse brown cast, U Na 117, U Crea 17

**Imaging:**

EKG: Normal sinus rhythm QTC 507  
Abd ultrasound: Non obstructive gallstone  
CT abdomen pelvis w/o contrast: pancreas normal, no signs of pancreatitis, kidneys unremarkable

**Dx:** Metformin-induced lactic acidosis (MILA)

**Problem Representation:** 68yoF w/ CV risk on Metformin, p/w acute abd pains a/w acute diarrhea, vomiting, poor intake and drowsiness; objective findings are notable for clinical hypovolemia, epigastric tenderness, significant renal insufficiency, HAGMA and high lipase.

**Teaching Points (Promise):**

- Ab pain reasoning: what is the rate limiting step for most pts w ab pain? CT scan
- **1) answer needed today based on H&P?** Hernia and zoster can stop after H&P
- **2) few lab tests to get ans** (Lipase DKA UA w cystitis urine preg test tap for spon peritonitis in pts w cirrhosis)
- PMH of CV risk factors + ab pain: Make sure to consider thoracic cause of ab pain (MI, ACS)
- Ab pain radiating to back: think retroperitoneum causes (duo, pancreas, rectum), aortic/renal/GU problem
- **Metformin + kidney dysfxn** → risk for pancreatitis
- Encephalopathy → think MIST
- **AG MA top causes:** ketones, lactate, uremia, ingested anions - alcohol (methanol/ethanol), salicylates, chronic tylenol tox (older women who took high amts tylenol chronically)
- Causes of lactic acidosis: 1st assume hypoxic tissue; metformin
- Indications for dialysis: AEIOU - acidosis, electrolytes, ingestion, vol overload, uremia
- Ab pain + elevated lactate think mesenteric ischemia!
- 2 most common causes of pancreatitis: alc and gallstones
- Metformin-induced lactic acidosis - metformin inhibits GNG → lactate builds up in blood. Pts with renal insufficiency susceptible.
- Severe lactic elevation: Make sure pt not seizing, thiamine def, med (metformin)/toxin (cyanide/alcohol)