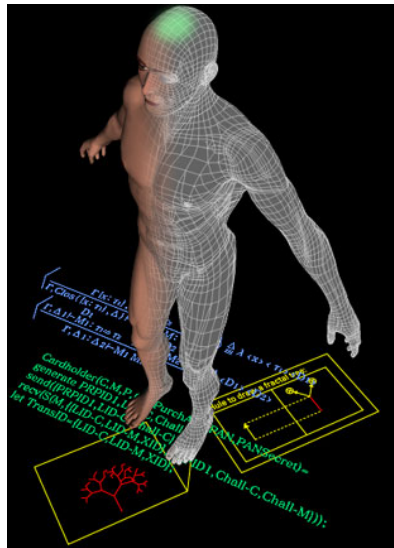


# Fluid and electrolyte management in neurosurgery

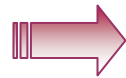
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# INTRODUCTION

## Body Fluid Compartments:

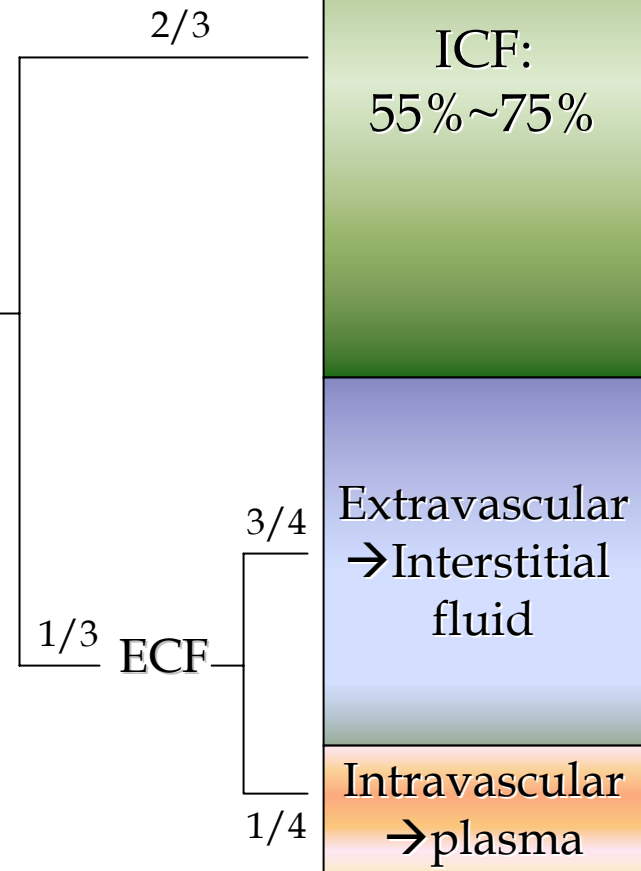


X 50~70%  
lean body weight



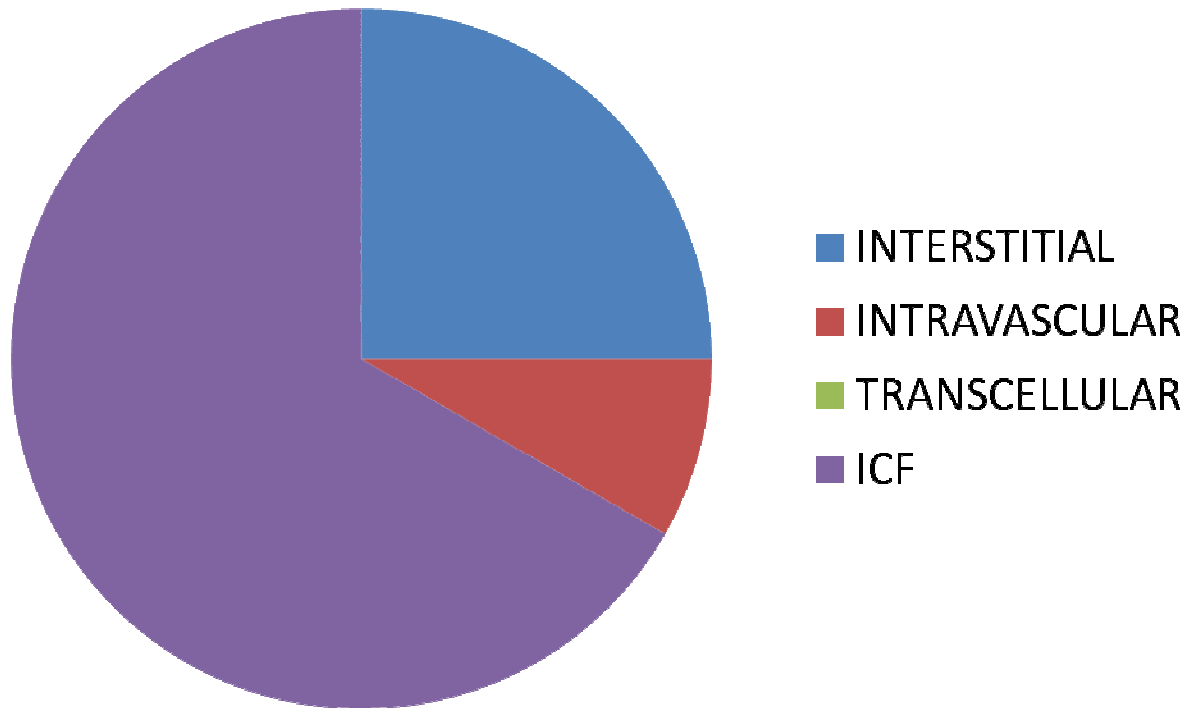
TBW

- Male (60%) > female (50%)
- Most concentrated in skeletal muscle
- $TBW = 0.6 \times BW$
- $ICF = 0.4 \times BW$
- $ECF = 0.2 \times BW$



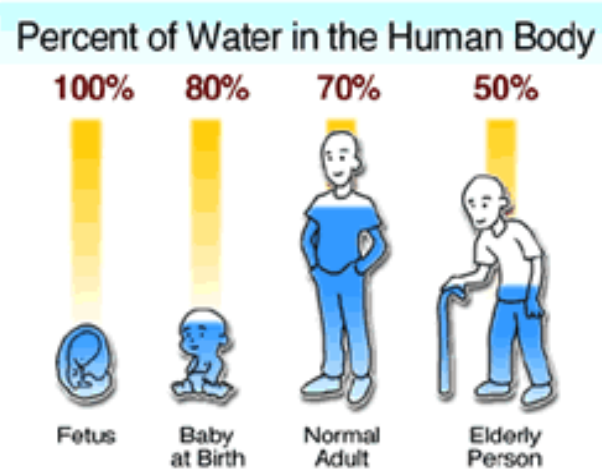
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## FLUID DISTRIBUTION



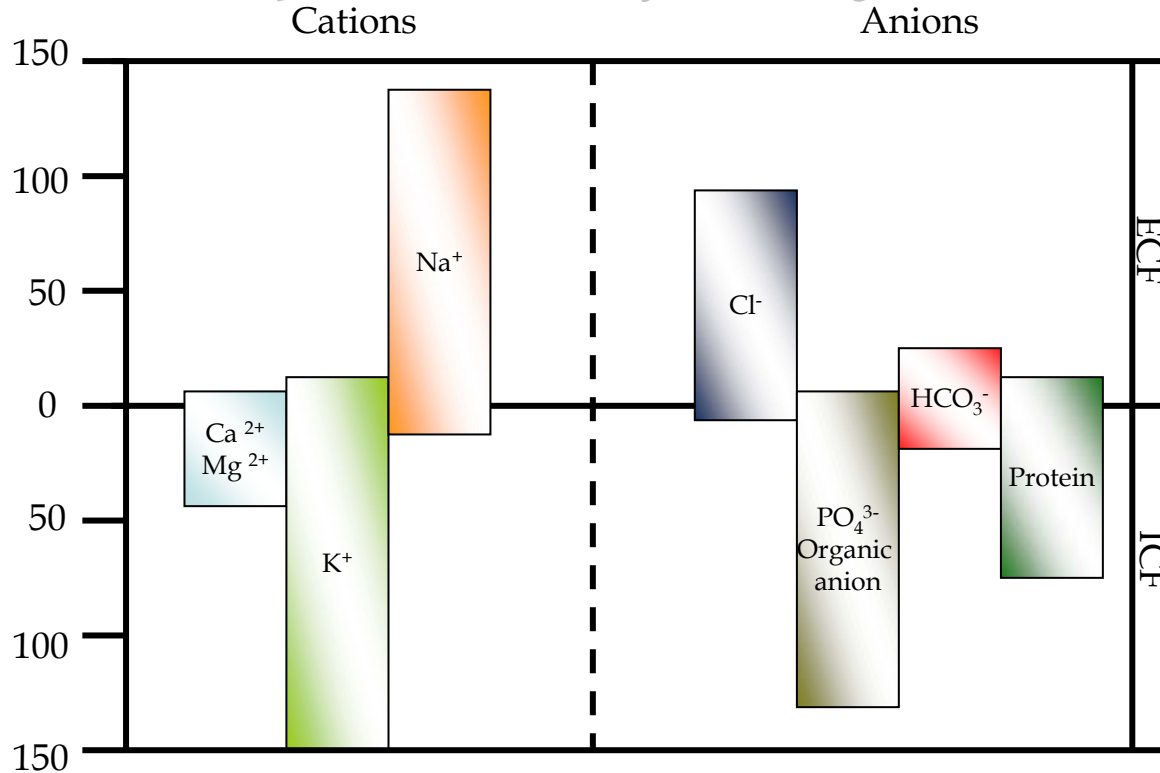
# Introduction

- Total body water 94% weight in early gestation
- Decreases to 78% at term
- Reaches adult levels of 60% by 9 months



# INTRODUCTION

## *Composition of Body Fluids:*



- ◆ Osmolarity = solute / (solute + solvent)
- ◆ Osmolality = solute / solvent (290~310mOsm/L)
- ◆ Tonicity = effective osmolality
- ◆ Plasma osmolality =  $2 \times (\text{Na}) + (\text{Glucose}/18) + (\text{Urea}/2.8)$
- ◆ Plasma tonicity =  $2 \times (\text{Na}) + (\text{Glucose}/18)$

# Objectives of IV Therapy

- Maintain daily body fluid requirements
- Restore previous body fluid losses
- Replace present body fluid losses

# Average daily water balance of a healthy adult (70 kg)

Intake		output	
Beverage	1200ml	urine	-1500ml
solid food	1000ml	insens.loss-	900ml
Oxidation	300ml	faces	-100ml

- **Fever** Pyrexia increases insensible loss by about 20% for each C rise in body temperature
- **Ventilator**
- **GI losses** Equivalent volume of normal saline added with potassium chloride use to cover the gastrointestinal fluid loss and fluid sequestered in the bowel.



# Normal volume and composition of body fluids

Source	Daily loss (ml)	[Na <sup>+</sup> ] (mEq/L)	[K <sup>+</sup> ] (mEq/L)	[Cl <sup>-</sup> ] (mEq/L)	[HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> ] (mEq/L)
Saliva	~1,000	20-80	10-20	20-40	20-160
Gastric juice	1,000 – 2,000	20-100	5-10	120-160	0
Bile	~1,000	150-250	5-10	40-60	20-60
Pancreatic juice	1,000 – 2,000	120	5-10	10-60	80-120
Succus entericus	1,000 – 2,000	140	5	Variable	Variable
Colon	200-1,500	75	30	30	0
Sweat	200-1,000	20-70	5-10	40-60	0

## Clinical parameters for evaluation of water balance

- CVP
- Pulse
- Peripheral Veins
- Weight
- Thirst
- Intake and Output
- Skin
- Edema
- Lab Values

# Maintenance dose

For 24hrs

100ml/kg for 1-10kg

50ml/kg for 11-20

20ml/kg for 21-above

or 4ml/kg/hr for 1-10kg

2ml/kg/hr for 11-20

1ml/kg/hr for 21-above

# Pediatric neurosurgical patients over 24hrs

- premature 90-100ml/kg
- at term 80-90ml/kg
- 3m-1yr 70-80ml/kg
- >1yr 70ml/kg

# Why quality of fluids is important?

- Effect on cerebral oedema formation
- Effect on CPP
- Effect on glucose
- Effect on electrolytes

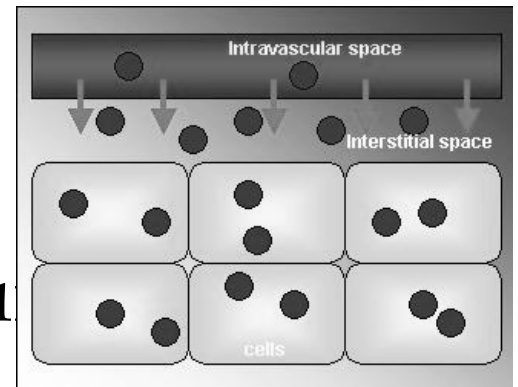
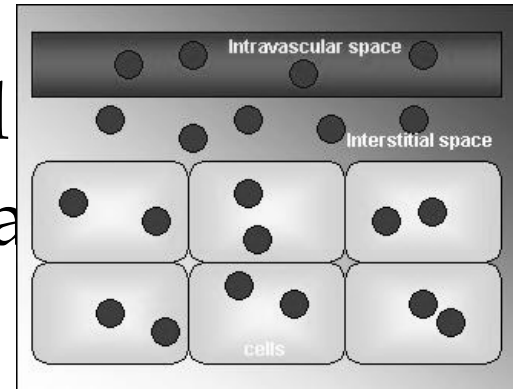
- IV fluids divided into crystalloid and colloid depending on molecular weight of solutes

crystalloids      <30,000 mmol

colloids            >30,000mmol

# *Crystalloids:*

- Isotonic crystalloids
  - Lactated Ringer's, 0.9% NaCl
  - only 25% remain intravascularly
- Hypertonic saline solutions
  - 3% NaCl
- Hypotonic solutions
  - D5W, 0.45% NaCl
  - less than 10% remain intravascularly, inadequate for fluid resuscitation



## *Colloid Solutions:*

- Contain high molecular weight substances → do not readily migrate across capillary walls

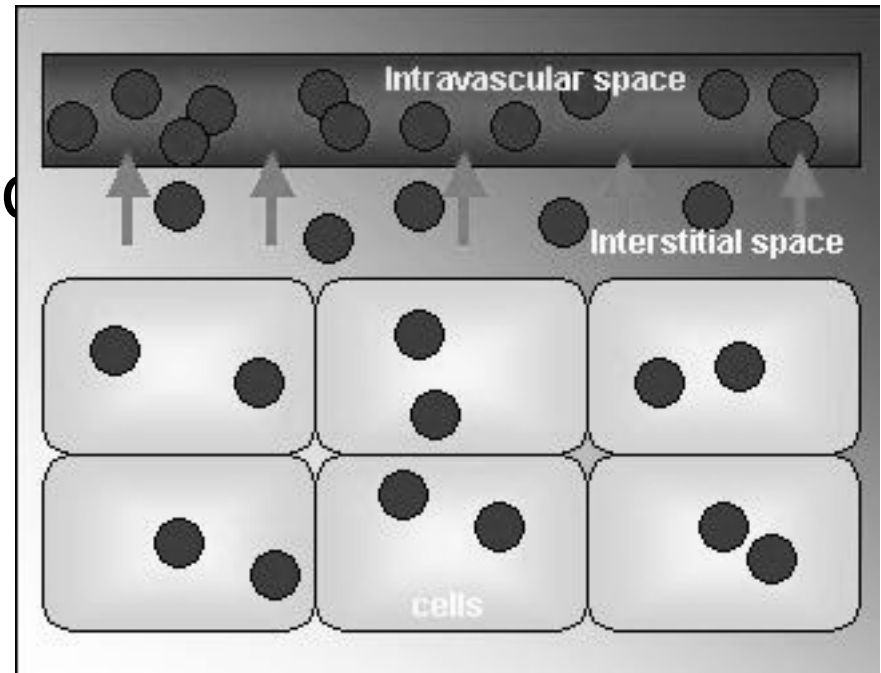
- Preparations

Plasma protein fractions

Gelatins

Dextrans

Starches





## Plasma Derived Colloids

Plasma (FFP, cryoprecipitate)

- Coagulation problems only

Albumin

Plasma protein fraction/SHS

- Very expensive
- No proven benefit
- ? harmful

# Colloids

	GELATINS	DEXTRANS	HES
Molecular weight	28-35 kda	40-70 kda	70-450 kda
Advantages	Improves circulation	Improves circulation	Improves circulation, endothelial function
Anaphylaxis	High	small	minimal
VOLUME EFFECT	SHORT	MEDIUM	LONGTERM
COAGULATION	+/-	++	+
DOSE	NO	15ml/kg/	22ml/kg/24

# Which Fluids ?

- Depends on Nature of Loss!
- Balanced approach for resuscitation:  
    2-3 crystalloid then colloid
- ? 0.9% saline or HS for head injuries
- Ringer's for other fluid resuscitation
- Colloids included for major resuscitation
- Blood as needed for Hct = 30

# Crystalloid

- Extracellular expander
- Limited volume expansion
- Maintain urine output
- Reduce plasma oncotic pressure
- Variable electrolyte content
- Cheap!

# Colloid

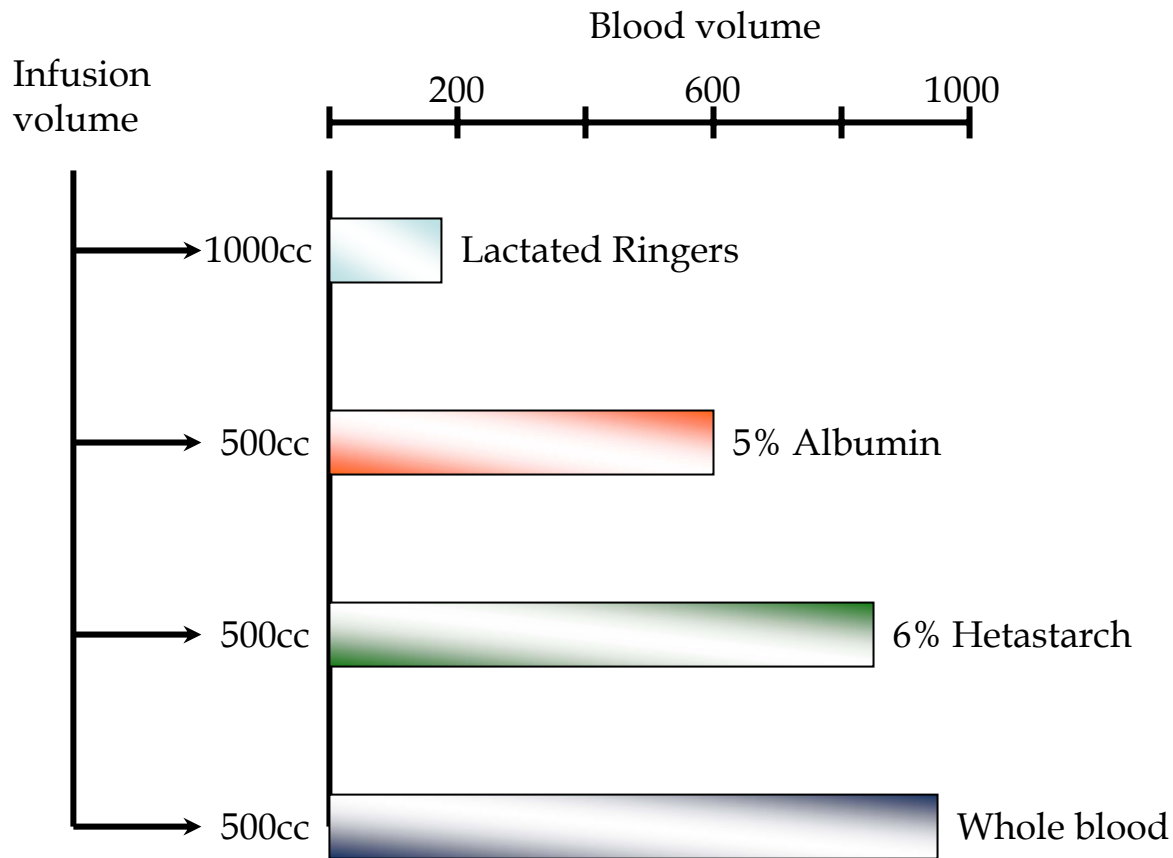
## Advantages:

- Intravascular expanders
- Volume expansion
- Rapid resuscitation
- Maintain oncotic pressure
- Less tissue oedema
- Less pulmonary oedema

## Disadvantages:

- Coagulation problems
- Variable electrolyte content
- Variable half-life
- Adverse reactions
- EXPENSIVE!**

# *The Influence of Colloid & Crystalloid on Blood Volume:*



# HYPOOSMOLAR CRYSTALLOIDS

1. Should not be used except for treatment of D. insipidus/ chronic SDH
2. Solution of 5% dextrose is hypoosmolar
3. RL is also slightly hypoosmolar, administration of >3 litres can reduce plasma osmolality.

# ISOOSMOLAR SOLUTIONS

osmolality approximately that of plasma.

Eg: NS, Plasmalyte, and Normosol R.

Hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis may result with NS



# INTRAOPERATIVE FLUID INFUSION

Usually Ringer's lactate and/or Normal Saline

- Avoid dextrose fluids

Infusion rate should be to replace urine output and insensible losses ml. for ml.

Replace blood loss at 3:1 ratio  
crystalloids or 1:1 of colloids down  
to

haematocrit of 25-30%

# INTRAOPERATIVE FLUID INFUSION

- Permissible blood loss

$$EBV \times (H_i - H_d) / H_i$$

EBV=weight x avg blood volume

# MANNITOL

Increases plasma- cerebral parenchyma  
osmolality gradient

dose -0.5-2.0 gm/kg

large dose enhances cerebral blood  
flow and free radical  
scavenging

# HYPERTONIC SALINE

- Mechanism of action is similar to mannitol
- Strengths of HS – 3, 5 7.5%
- Increases serum Na<sup>+</sup> and hypokalemia causes less diuresis

# Blood products

- Transfusion of blood in the form of packed cell if  $Hb < 8$
- Dilutional clinical coagulopathy when blood loss exceeds more than one blood volume
- Fresh frozen plasma to be administered if prothrombin time  $> 1.5$  time normal
- Dose of FFP: 10- 15 ml/ kg ( to obtain 30% of plasma factor concentration)
- Prophylactic administration contraindicated
- Platelet deficiency occurs if blood loss exceeds  $> 1.5$  times EBV (14)
- Transfusion indicated if counts less than 50,000/  
6/6/2009 ~~cmm~~ or if higher counts with bleeding

# Management in SAH

- Dual set of problems
  - Hypovolemia
  - Hyponatremia- CSW and SIADH
- Avoid dehydration
- Cerebral vasospasm by –
  - hypervolemia by CVP of 8- 10
  - hemodilution by PCV around 30-35
  - hypertension
- Avoid dextrose containing solutions

# Electrolytes

## Normal values

Na<sup>+</sup> - 130-149meq/l

K<sup>+</sup> - 3.5-5meq/l

Cl<sup>-</sup> 95-110 meq/l

Ca<sup>-</sup> 8.1-10.4mg%

# Daily recommended amount

Electrolyte

Parenteral Equivalent  
of RDA Usual Intake

**Sodium**

**1–2 meq/kg +  
replacement,  
but can be as  
low as 5–40  
meq/d**

**Potassium**

**40–100 meq/d  
+ replacement  
of unusual  
losses**

Chloride

As needed for acid-base  
balance, but usually 2:1  
to 1:1 with acetate

Acetate

As needed for acid-base  
balance

Calcium

10 meq

10–20 meq/d



## Factors controlling sodium Reabsorption in Perioperative Period

- **RAS:-** Renin secretion → increases formation of Angiotensin II → ↑ Aldosterone → Na reabsorption in Distal tubule
- **Sympathetic nervous system-** Increased Sympathetic activity increases sodium absorption in proximal tubule
- **ADH-** it has little action on sodium excretion., it mostly maintains extracellular fluid volume
- **ANP-** it is released from atrial cells & causes afferent arteriolar dilation & efferent arteriolar constriction thus increasing GFR & natriuresis

# HYPONATREMIA

## Hypovolumic

CCF

NEPHROTIC SYNDROME

RENAL FAILURE

CIRRHOSIS

## Hypervolumic

Extra renal sodium loss

diarrhea

Vomiting

Blood loss

Excessive sweating

Renal sodium loss

CSWS

Diuretics

Osmotic diuresis

Adrenal insufficiency

ketonuria

## Euvolumic

• SIADH

CNS

SOL

Trauma

Hemorrhage

Stroke

Inflammatory disorders

demyelination

Drugs

Carbamazepine

Chlorpropamide

Phenothiazines

SRI

TCA

Pulmonary conditions

Infections

ALI

Neoplasia

THIAZIDE DIURETICS

HYPOTHYROIDISM

ADRENAL INSUFFICIENCY

# Signs & Symptoms of Hyponatremia

## Moderate-

lethargy

Nausea/vomiting

Irritability

Headache

Muscle weakness/cramps

- Cerebral edema occurs at  $<123$  meq/lit

## Severe

Drowsiness

Depressed reflexes

Seizures

Coma

Death

# Assesment of Pt with Hyponatremia

## Clinical-

Skin turgor & mucous membranes

JVP

Orthostatic variation in pulse and B.P

daily wt.

## Biochemical-

Serum Na<sup>+</sup> & osmolarity

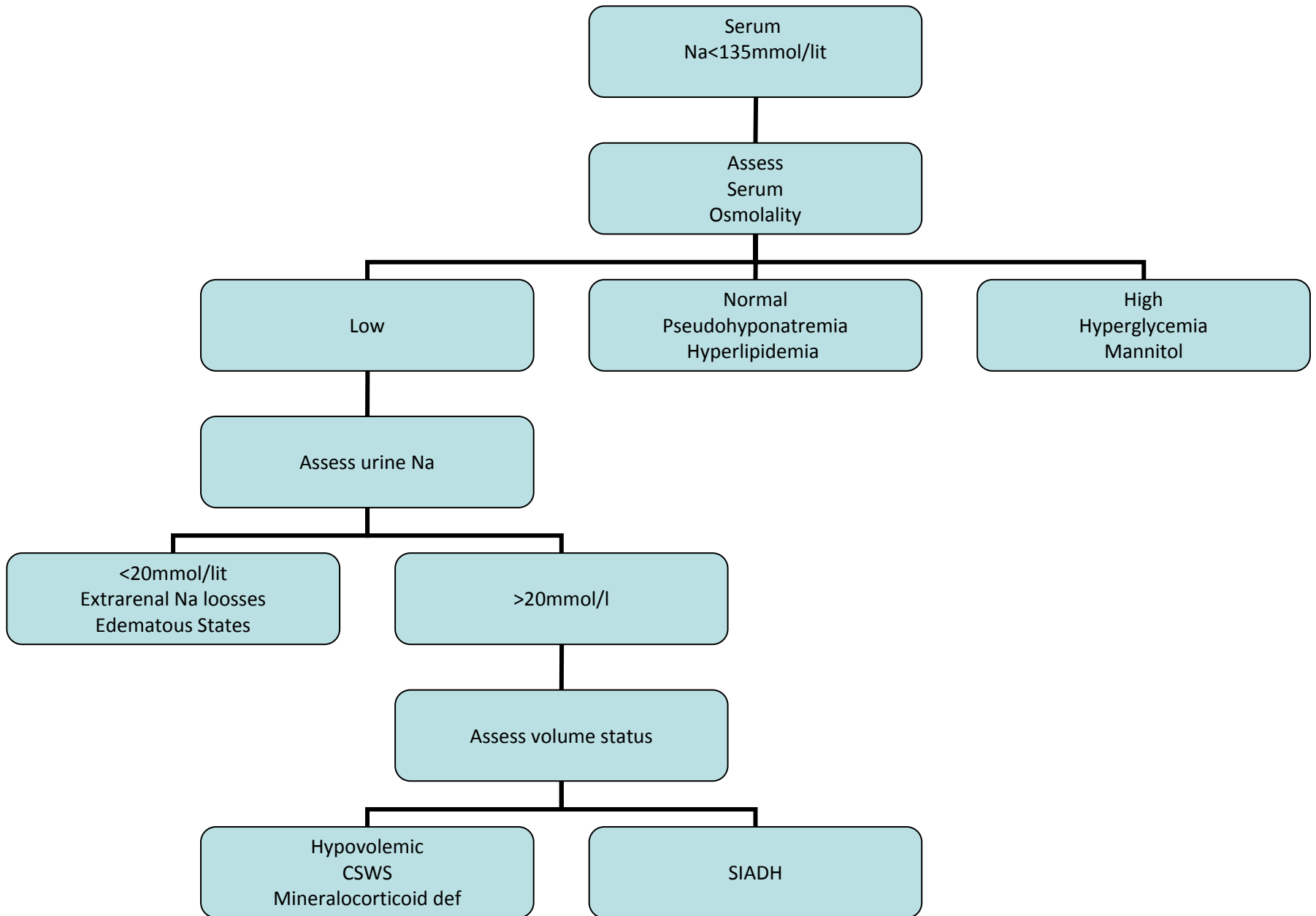
Urine vol, S.G, Na<sup>+</sup> & Osmolarity

BUN ,Cr,K<sup>+</sup>, Uric acid, Albumin,Cortisol

# HYPONATREMIA Contd...

- ECG features-
  - Mostly non specific
  - Appears when  $\text{Na}^+ < 115 \text{mmol/l}$
  - QRS widening, ST elevation, T inversion
  - Bradycardia, Ventricular ectopics also possible
  - At values  $< 110 \text{mmol/l}$  –cardiac arrest may occur.

# Algorithm for assesment of Hyponatremia



- Dose of  $\text{Na}^+$ (meq)=wt(Kg)  $\times$  (140- $\text{Na}^+$ )  
 $\times 0.6$

3%NS

Correction rate - 0.6-1mmol/l/hr till  
Na=125meq/l

Half the deficit can be administered over 1<sup>st</sup> 8  
hrs, rest over 1-3 days

Correct underlying disorder

# Management strategies

- Hypertonic saline - symptomatic
- Fluid restriction /Normal saline - asymptomatic patients
- Salt replacement



# Complication of Treatment

- **Pontine Myelinolysis** - quadriparesis ,ataxia, abnormal extraocular movements. can occur with rapid correction
- **Renal Failure, Peripheral edema, pulm edema, heart failure**

# SIADH

Diagnostic Criteria of SIADH:- *summarised by Harrigan 1996*

- Serum sodium  $<135\text{mmol/l}$
- Serum osmolality  $<280\text{mmol/kg}$
- Urine sodium  $>18\text{mmol/l}$
- Urine osmolality  $>$ serum osmolality
- Normal thyroid, adrenal, renal function
- Absence of peripheral edema or dehydration

Clinical features are same of hyponatremia

# Specific Treatment of SIADH

- Fluid restriction- 1 l/day. (0.9% saline is usual choice)
- Furosemide
- Lithium - blocks 3,5- AMP & inhibits action of ADH on renal tubule
- Demeclocycline -900-1200 mg in divided doses, takes 3wks for maximal effect, Induces nephrogenic DI.
- Fludrocortisone -requires 1-2 wks & retains

# Cerebral salt wasting syndrome

- Renal loss of sodium due to intracranial disease, leading to hyponatremia & hypovolemia
- Causes:
  - Head injury
  - Brain tumor
  - Stroke
  - Intracerebral hemorrhage
  - Tuberculous meningitis
  - Craniostomy repair

# Cerebral salt wasting syndrome (CSWS)

- Pathophysiology not fully understood-hypothesis
  - natriuretic response due to SNS overactivity and DA release causes urinary sodium loss
  - release - brain natriuretic peptide, C-type natriuretic peptide or an ouabain like peptide, by the injured brain
- CSWS usually appears in the first week after brain injury and spontaneously resolves in 2-4 weeks

# Specific Treatment of CSWS

- Fluid & Sodium Resuscitation -0.9% saline used
- acute symptomatic -hyponatremia 3% NS
- Oral fludrocortisone - 0.1mg-0.4mg to limit -ve sodium balance in pts refractory to salt & fluid therapy

# Aneurysmal SAH

- Abnormal sodium levels seen in acute period(4-10days)
- Incidence is 29%-43%
- *Sayama et al Neurolog res*2000; 22:151-55, found
  - A.Com-51%-a/w hyponatremia
  - MCA-18% - a/w hyponatremia
- *Moringa et al* -84% with hyponatremia had symptomatic vasospasm
- *Hasan et al Ann neurol* 1990;27:106-180 didn't find difference in mortality rates
- Possible cause of hyponatremia is release of BNP

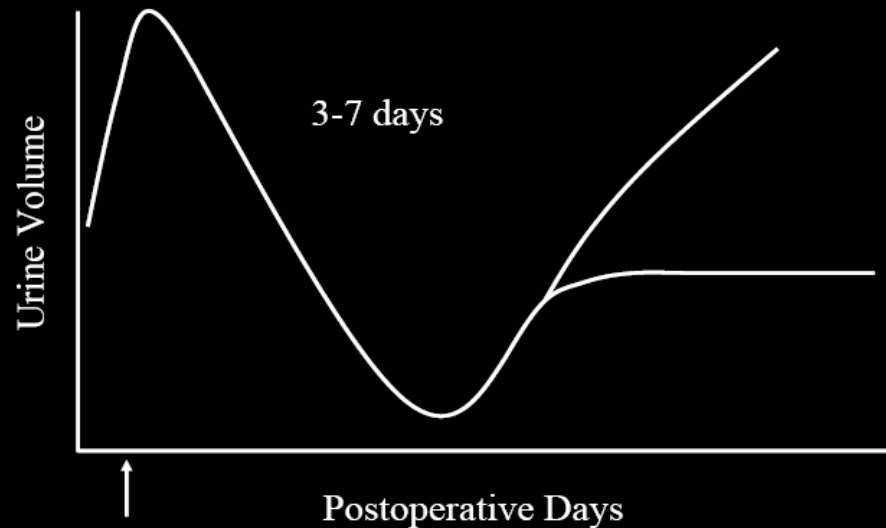
# Transsphenoidal surgery for Pituitary Tumors

- DI is Common
- CSW may commonly co-exist *Albanese et al, andrews et al Neurosurg 1986;18:469-471*
- CSW is thought to occur secondarily to release of BNP. After pituitary adenoma resection.
- Triple response
  - initial 4-8 day period of DI
  - excessive release of ADH for 14 days
  - Permanent DI



# Triple response after pituitary surgery

## Triphasic Response after Pituitary Stalk Damage



# Surgery for Craniosynostosis

- Frequently occurs, but usually asymptomatic & transient
- Etiology not conclusive
  - could be SIADH a/w large fluid shifts
  - CSWS has also been reported by

*Kappy*

*Plastic reconstr surgery 2001;108:1501-1508*

# Hypernatremia

- Defined as serum Na  $>145\text{mmol/l}$
- Clinical variables:
  1. Body weight
  2. Peripheral oedema
  3. CVP
  4. Serum sodium/ Urine spot sodium

# Major causes of hypernatremia

## CAUSES

- Impaired Thirst
- Solute (osmotic) diuresis
- Excessive water loss
  - Renal
  - Extrarenal
- Combined disorders

## MECHANISMS

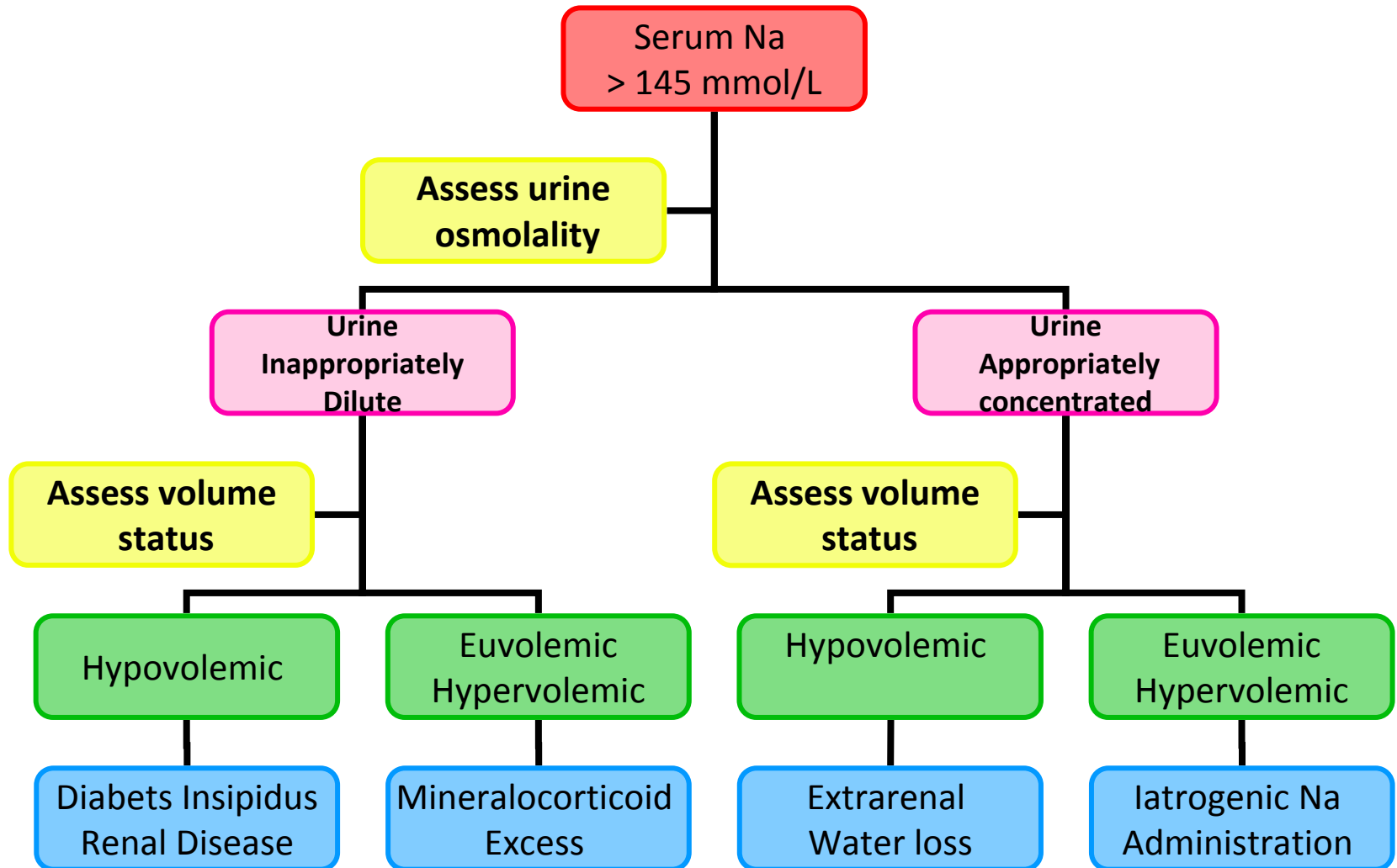
- Coma, Essential Hypernatremia
- Mannitol, DKA, Non ketotic hyperosmolar coma
- Pituitary DI, Nephrogenic DI
- Sweating
- Coma + Hypertonic nasogastric feeding

# Hypernatremia

Most s/s of hypernatremia are neurological

- Altered mental status
- Weakness
- Neuromuscular irritability
- Focal neurological deficit
- Occasional coma/seizures

# Algorithm for assessment of Hypernatremia



# Management of Hypernatremia

- Goals
  - Stop loss of water by T/t of cause
  - Correct water deficit
- Water deficit can be calculated as  
 $(S Na^+ - 140 / 140) \times TBW$ .

If serum glucose is elevated, then the corrected formula is

$$S Na^+ = S Na^+ + (S glu - 90) / 36$$

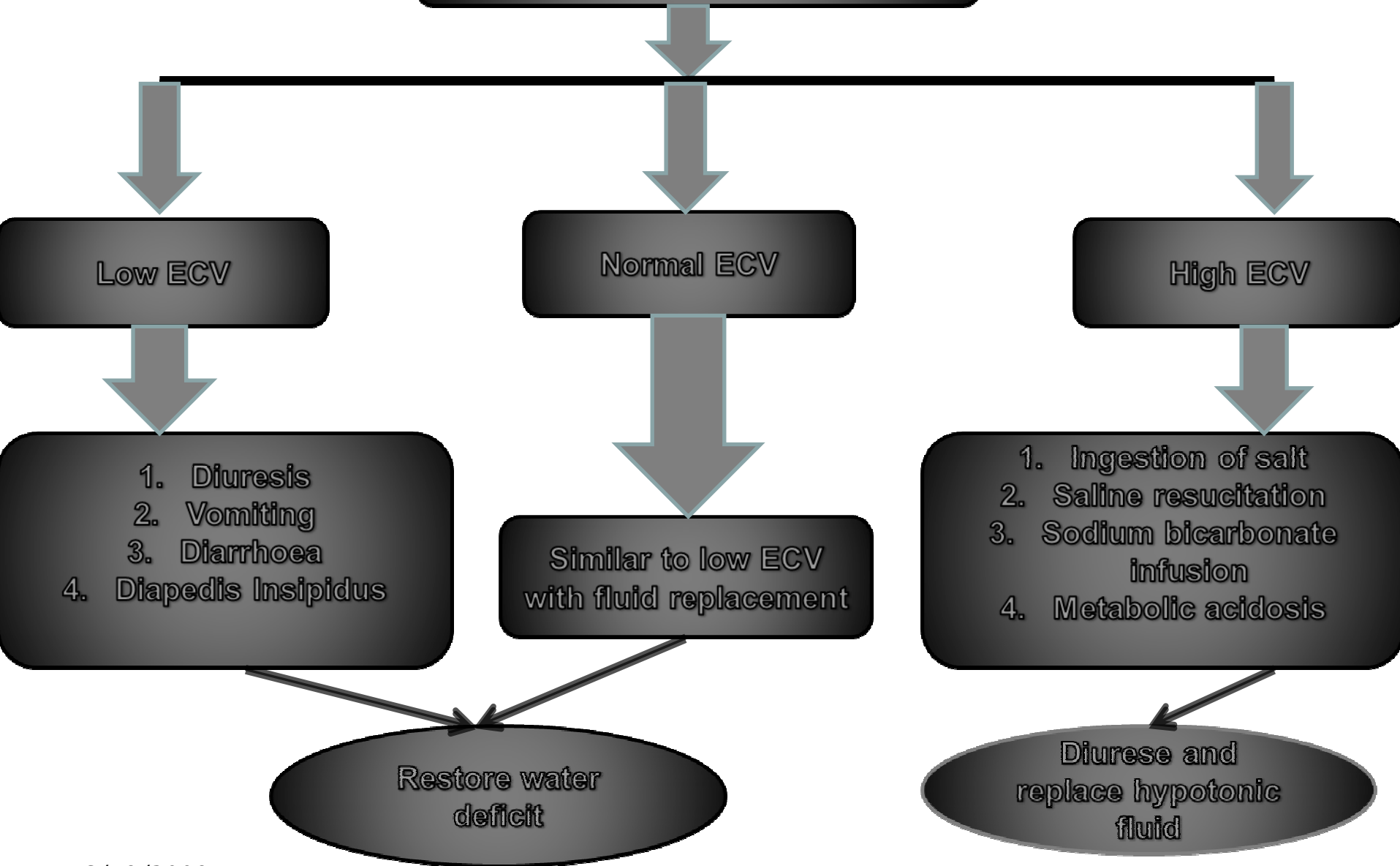
As in hyponatremia, rapid correction of hypernatremia is also dangerous

# Management of Hypernatremia

- Water deficit to be corrected over 48-72 hrs
- No more than 0.5mmol/l/hr & 12mmol/l/day correction should be done
- Safest method of correction is water by mouth or NG tube.
- If patient cannot take orally, 5% Dextrose can be given intravenously



# Hypernatremia



# DIABETUS INSIPIDUS

- Central DI
- Nephrogenic DI

Incidence of DI in neurosurgical unit has been reported as

3.7%. *Wong MF et al Ann Acad Med Singapore 1998*

1/3rd in SAH and TBI

1/6th in pituitary surgery and intracerebral hemorrhage

## CENTRAL DI:-

- ❖ It is a failure of release of ADH from Hypothalamo-pituitary axis
- ❖ Characterised by inability to concentrate urine ,thus passage of large amount of dilute urine
- ❖ Rise in Plasma osmolality & progressive dehydration
- ❖ Particularly seen after pituitary surgery, TBI, A Com Art aneurysmal SAH, & in brain death patients

*\*Compromise of Hypothalamic centers or the supra optic tract above the median eminence:-permanent DI*

*Damage below median eminence or removal of posterior lobe of pituitary:- transient DI*

# Etiology of Central DI

- Acquired

- Head trauma
- Post-pituitary surgery
- Neoplasms
- Granulomas
- Infections
- Inflammations
- Chemical toxins
  - Tetrodoxins, Snake venoms
- Vascular
- Idiopathic

- Congenital

- Midline craniofacial anomalies
- Holoprosencephaly
- Ectopia of Pituitary

- Genetic

- Autosomal dominant
- Autosomal Recessive
- X-linked recessive
- Deletion chromosome 7q

# ETIOLOGY OF NEPHROGENIC DI

## Acquired

- Drugs

- Lithium
- Demeclocycline
- Methoxyflurane
- Amphotericin B
- Aminoglycoside
- Cisplatin
- Rifampicin
- Foscarnet

- Metabolic

- Hypercalcemia
- Hypokalemia

- Obstruction

- Vascular

- SCD
- ATN

- Granulomas

- Neoplasm

- Infiltrations

- Pregnancy

- Idiopathic

## Genetic

X-linked recessive(**ADH receptor V2**).

Autosomal Recessive  
(Aquaporin-2 gene)

# Diagnosis of postoperative diabetes insipidus

Rule out osmotic diuresis or fluid overload

Clinical signs and symptoms

Polyuria, abrupt high volumes (4 L/day–18 L/day)  
( within 24–48 hours postoperatively)

Polydipsia, with craving for cold fluids

With/without hypovolemia

# Diagnosis of postoperative diabetes insipidus

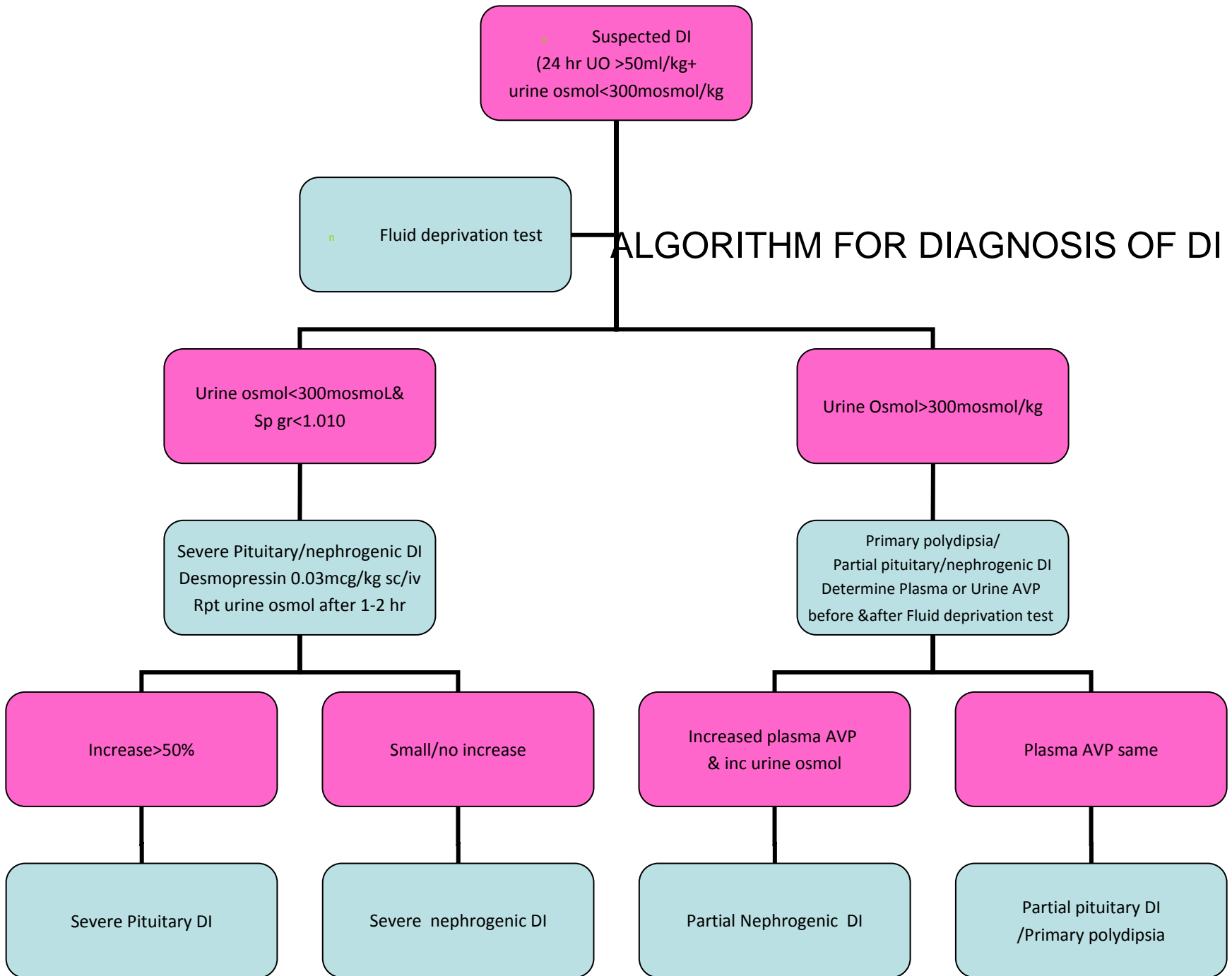
## Laboratory data

Dilute urine (specific gravity  $<1.005$  urine osmolality  $< 200$  mOsm/kg H<sub>2</sub>O)

Normal to increased serum osmolality

Serum [Na<sup>+</sup>] greater or equal to 145 milliequivalent/L

# ALGORITHM FOR DIAGNOSIS OF DI



Suspected DI  
(24 hr UO >50ml/kg+  
urine osmol<300mosmol/kg)

Fluid deprivation test

Urine osmol<300mosmol/L &  
Sp gr<1.010

Urine Osmol>300mosmol/kg

Severe Pituitary/nephrogenic DI  
Desmopressin 0.03mcg/kg sc/iv  
Rpt urine osmol after 1-2 hr

Primary polydipsia/  
Partial pituitary/nephrogenic DI  
Determine Plasma or Urine AVP  
before & after Fluid deprivation test

Increase>50%

Small/no increase

Increased plasma AVP  
& inc urine osmol

Plasma AVP same

Severe Pituitary DI

Severe nephrogenic DI

Partial Nephrogenic DI

Partial pituitary DI  
/Primary polydipsia



# Treatment of postoperative diabetes insipidus

Expectant monitoring

I/O CHARTING

Urine osmolality or specific gravity every 4 to 6 hours,

Serum [Na<sup>+</sup>] every 4 to 6 hours

Antidiuretic hormone therapy

Desmopressin 1 mg to 2 mg iv/sc

10mcg-20mcg nasal

Redose - urine output 200 mL to 250 mL/hr for 2 hours

with urine specific gravity < 1.005

urine osmolality < 200 mOsm/kg H<sub>2</sub>O

# Maintenance

drink according to thirst

Supplement hypotonic (D5W to D51/2NSS)

Monitor for resolution of transient DI or triphasic response

Positive daily fluid > 2 L suggests SIADH

Withhold -Antidiuretic hormone therapy

Manage anterior pituitary insufficiency  
stress dose -hydrocortisone 100 mg TDS

## – Chlorpropamide

- It acts by potentiating the action of AVP or activation of  $V_2$  receptors
- Dose is 125-500mg OD
- Onset slow, efficacy less, efficacy can be increased by simultaneous use of Thiazides. Hypoglycemia is a significant side effect

– Clofibrate & Carbamazepine is also helpful in few patients

- Nephrogenic DI:-

- T/t of cause & omitting the culprit drug generally cures the disease
- Thiazide
- Amiloride (esp in pts. On lithium)
- Indomethacin
- Low sodium diet

# FLUID DEPRIVATION TEST

- **Indication**
- Evaluation of **Diabetes Insipidus**

## **Precautions: Requires close monitoring**

- Monitor urine output
- Monitor vital signs
- Monitor weight
  - Do not allow weight loss to exceed >3-5%

## CONTD..

- **Technique**
- Fluid restrict patient
  - Mild polyuria (<10 L/day)
    - Start fluid restriction 12 hours before test
  - Severe polyuria (>10 L/day)
    - Start fluid restriction 2 hours before test
- Follow Serum Osmolality to steady state
  - Serum Osmolality should approach 295 mOsm water
  - Measure Serum Osmolality hourly until endpoint:
    - Two values are within 30 mOsm of each other
    - Weight loss exceeds 3-5%
- Administer endogenous ADH
  - Vasopressin 5 units Sc
  - Intranasal DDAVP 10 ug
- Measure Serum Osmolality 1 hour after ADH administered

## CONTD..

- **Interpretation**
- Water deprivation effect on urine concentrating ability
  - No response in Nephrogenic DI
  - No response in Central DI
- Exogenous ADH effect on urine concentrating ability
  - Corrects Central DI
  - Does not correct Nephrogenic DI

## Principal water-electrolytes disorders

		DI	SIADH	CSWS
Etiology		Reduced secretion of ADH	Excessive release of ADH	Release of brain natriuretic factor
Urine	Output	> 30 ml/kg/h		
	specific gravity	< 1.002		
	Sodium	< 15 mEq/l	> 20 mEq/l	> 50 mEq/l
	Osmolality vs. serum osmolality	Lower	Higher	Higher
Serum	Sodium	Hypernatremia	Hyponatremia	Hyponatremia
	Osmolality	Hyperosmolality	Hypoosmolality	
Intravascular volume		Reduced	Normal or increased	Reduced

*Abbreviations:* ADH, antidiuretic hormone; CSWS, cerebral salt-wasting syndrome; DI, Diabetes insipidus; SIADH, syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion.



# Hypokalemia

- Normal requirement –1 meq/kg/day
- Serum potassium < 3.5 mEq/ liter
- Causes: intracellular shift  
potassium depletion

# Hypokalemia

- Transcellular shift:

  - beta agonists

  - diuretics

  - alkalosis

  - hypothermia

  - insulin

- Potassium depletion:

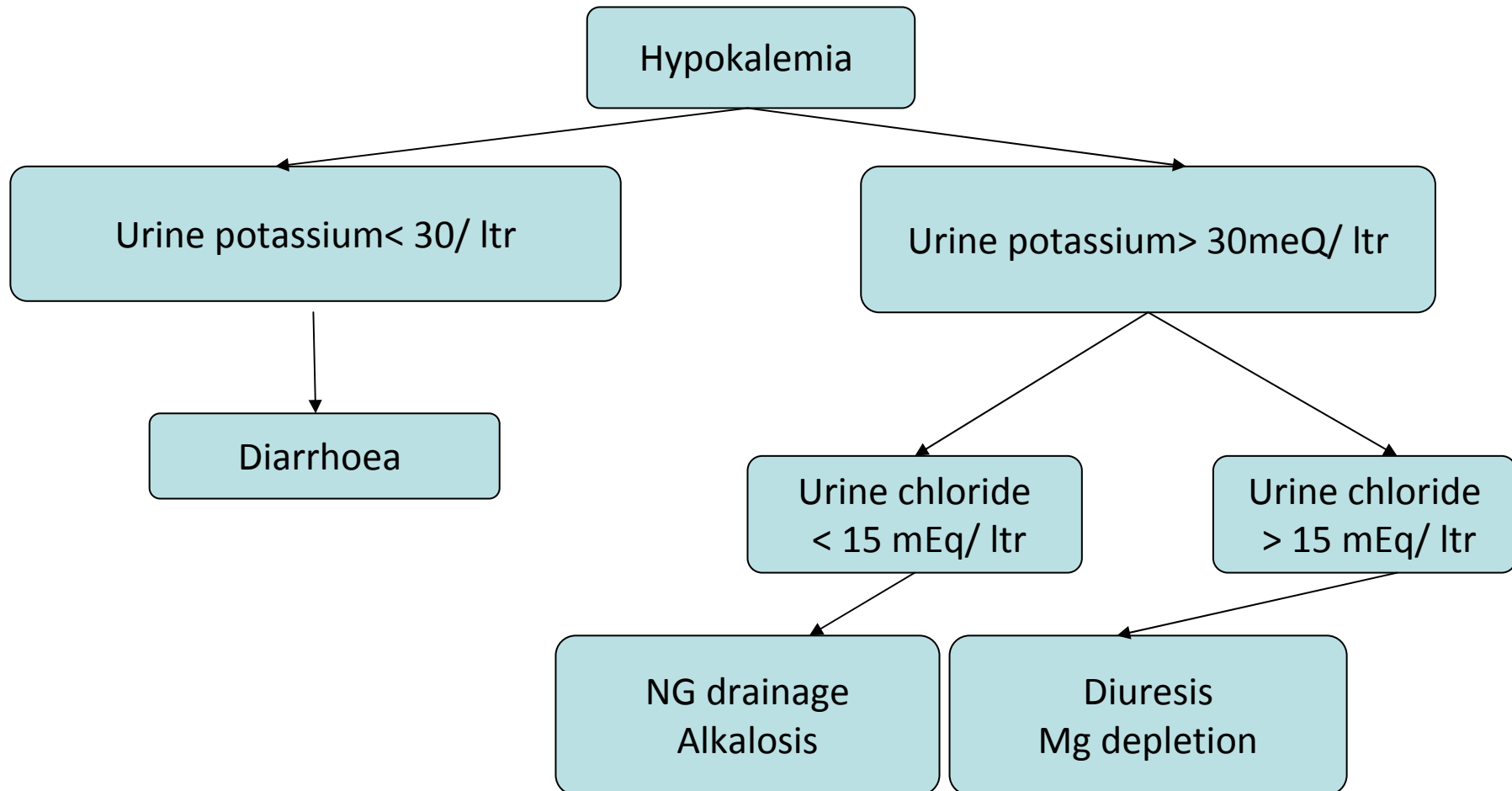
  - renal losses: diuresis/ failure

- Extra renal losses: diarrhea/ NG drainage

# Clinical features hypokalemia

- Muscle weakness and mental status changes < 2.5 mEq/ liter
- ECG changes prominent U waves, flattening and inversion of T waves, prolonged QT interval
- Does not cause arrhythmias on its own but definitely is proarrhythmic

# Hypokalemia



# Management of hypokalemia

- Correct the primary cause

## Potassium deficits in hypokalemia for 70 Kg male

Serum potassium (mEq/ L)	Potassium deficit (mEq/L)	Deficit in % body K
3.0	175	5
2.5	350	10
2.0	470	15
1.5	700	20
1.0	875	25

# Management of hypokalemia

Potassium replacement

Iv replacement

Potassium chloride- concentration varies from 1 and 2 meq/ ml.

Extremely hyperosmololar and must be diluted

Infusion rate: add 20 meq to 100 ml isotonic saline

- rates of 20 mEq/ hour
- can go as high as 40 mEq/ hour
- use central line with cardiac monitoring

-If refractory check for magnesium deficiency as it promotes urinary losses

Mild cases :Oral potassium chloride – (1 TSF=20meq/l ),  
2tsf TDS diluted in liquids

# Hyperkalemia

- Serum potassium  $> 5.5$  mEq/ liter
- Most common cause is traumatic hemolysis during venipuncture
- 20% blood sample incidence with elevated potassium
- Source: transcellular shift ( urinary  $K > 30$ )  
renal cause ( urinary  $K < 30$ )

- Trans cellular shift:
  - Acidosis
  - Rhabdomyolysis
  - Drugs: digitalis/ beta antagonists
- Renal causes:
  - Renal failure
  - Adrenal insufficiency
  - Drugs: ACE inhibitors/ B-blockers/ cyclosporine/ digitalis/ diuretics/ heparin/ NSAIDS/ septran/ muscle relaxants
- Blood transfusions



# Clinical features hyperkalemia

- Slowing of electrical conduction of the heart
- Usually starts when K level reaches 6.0 mEq/ L
- Tall tented T waves
- Decrease in P wave amplitude
- PR lengthening
- QRS prolongation with eventual asystole

# Management

- Guided by serum potassium and ECG manifestation
- 1. Severe cases - Give 10 ml- 10% calcium gluconate over 5 minutes
  - Repeat second dose if necessary
  - No role for third dose
  - Action lasts for 20 minutes

2. **Insulin dextrose:** 10 U regular insulin in 500 ml 20% dextrose to infuse over 1 hour - decreases K by an average of 1 mEq/ L

3. Loop diuretics

4. Exchange resins

5. If refractory - hemodialysis

# Metabolic acidosis

## High Anion Gap

- Renal failure
- toxins
- ketoacidosis

## Normal anion gap

- (hyperchloremic)
- Hyperkalemia
- obstructive uropathy
- diarrhea
- renal tubular acidosis
- Some medications

# Clinical features

- Headache
- Drowsiness
- Nausea/ vomiting/ diarrhea
- Kussmaul's respirations
- Fruity-smelling breathe
- Hyperkalemia
- Hypotension
- Bradycardia
- GI distention
- pH low ( $< 7.35$ )
- $\text{HCO}_3$  low ( $< 22$ )

## Management:

- Fluid resuscitation
- Correct underlying disorder
- Sodium bicarbonate only if  $\text{pH} < 7.20$
- Method:  $0.5 \times \text{body weight} \times \text{base deficit}$ 
  - correct half as slow infusion over few minutes
  - other half to be repeated over 8 hours
  - repeat ABG values
  - stop when  $\text{pH} 7.20$

# Metabolic alkalosis

- Etiology:
  1. Vomiting
  2. Diuretics
  3. Volume depletion
  4. Hypokalemia
  5. Organic anions like lactate
  6. Chronic CO<sub>2</sub> retention

# Metabolic alkalosis

## Clinical features

- Shallow breathing
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- Confusion
- Numbness / tingling
- Hypocalcemia
- Hypokalemia
- pH high ( $> 7.45$ )
- $\text{HCO}_3^-$  high ( $>26$ ) cal features:



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- Management: saline infusion ( $0.2 \times \text{body weight} \times \text{chloride deficit}$ )
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# Respiratory acidosis and alkalosis

- Treatment of underlying cause
- Correction of oxygenation
- Sedation, reassurance and CO<sub>2</sub> rebreathing for alkalosis
- Ventilatory support and chest physiotherapy

- THANK YOU