

**DRUG-INDUCED DISEASE:**  
**Making the Case for MTM**  
**FROM DIAGNOSIS TO TREATMENT**  
**Where do Drugs Fit in Differentials?**  
*“Primum non nocere”*

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# OUTLINE DRUG-INDUCED DISEASE (DID)

- Rationale – Objectives, Statistics, Examples
- Disease Category
  - Definition, Epidemiology, Mechanism
  - Causative Agents, Clinical Presentation, Management
- Verifying Drug Induced Disease
- Combinations of Medications Leading to DID

# OBJECTIVES OF THE PRESENTATION

## Drug Induced Disease (DID)

1. Identify an approach to incorporating DID w/i the differential.
2. Identify the components of the history required to rule in/out a drug causation.
3. Identify the laboratory tests required to rule in/out as drug-induced causation.
4. Identify risk factors for high probability DID causation.

# THE STATISTICS

- DID death rates ↑2003 - 2007 among men and women of all race/ethnicities, with the exception of Hispanics, and rates are highest among non-Hispanic whites. Prescription drug abuse now kills more persons than illicit drugs, a reversal of the situation 15–20 years ago
- 12.4 cases / 100K

# RECENT EXAMPLES OF DID

## Drug-Induced Disease

- **Liver toxicity secondary to Acetaminophen**
- **MI and stroke secondary to COX-2 Inhibitors**
- **Erectile dysfunction secondary to NSAIDs**
- **Hepatic injury secondary to bromfenac, troglitazone**
- **CHF secondary to Rosiglitazone**
- **Heart, kidney, breathing problems in premature infants secondary to Kaletra**

## Medications Removed From the Market

- **Life threatening cardiac arrhythmias secondary to terfenadine, astemizole, cisapride**
- **Tardive dyskinesia secondary to metoclopramide**
- **Heart valve disorder secondary to fenfluramine and dexfenfluramine**

# DRUG-INDUCED DISEASES (DID) BY DISEASE STATE

- Allergic/Immunologic
- Neurological
- Psychiatric
- Respiratory
- Cardiovascular
- Endocrine
- Gastrointestinal
- Kidney, Fluids, Electrolytes
- Hematological
- Bone, Joint, Muscle

# ALLERGIC / IMMUNOLOGIC DISEASES

- Drug allergy and Pseudoallergy
- SLE-like Syndrome
- Photosensitivity
- Alopecia and Hirsutism
- Oral Manifestations of Systemic Drugs

- **Causative Agents: All Rx**
  - Penicillins, Cephalosporins, Sulfa, Tetracyclines, Aromatic anticonvulsants, ACEI, Salicylates, Radiocontrast media
- **Clinical Presentation / Differential**
  1. Type I: anaphylaxis/urticaria/angioedema – IgE – min to 2hr after 2<sup>nd</sup> exposure – may be delayed 48 hr
  2. Type II: cytopenias/vasculities – IgG or IgM – 7-21 days
  3. Type III: serum sickness/ vasculities/ rash/ urticaria/glomerulonephritis /interstitial nephritis/erythema multiformes /Stevens-Johnson – IgG or IgM – 5-21 days
  4. Type IV: contact dermatitis / exanthematous rxns / rash / bullous, pustular eruptions / Stevens-Johnson / toxic epidermal necrolysis / interstitial pneumonitis / granulomatous hepatitis – Sensitized T lymphocytes – 24-48hr
- **Management**
  - Prevention
  - D/C Rx
  - Epinephrine
  - Supportive (nutrition, pain, fluids)

## Drug Allergy (Drug Hypersensitivity) & Pseudoallergy

### Definition

- Adverse drug reactions mediated by the immune system
- Drug is an antigen that elicits antibodies or sensitized T lymphocytes
- Pseudoallergy describes allergic-like reactions

### Epidemiology

- Hypersensitivity, intolerance, pseudoallergy comprise 25% of all ADR
- Hypersensitivity 6-10% of ADR
- Drug induced anaphylaxis due to penicillin and radiocontrast media
- ED admissions for angioedema d/t ACEI

### Mechanism

- **Drug potential to serve as an antigen dependent on:**
  - Molecular weight > 4K Da (erythropoietin, insulin, biologic agents)
  - Drugs containing foreign proteins or nonhuman origin (streptokinase, beef/pork insulin, monoclonal antibodies, l-asparaginase)
  - Drug/metabolite must bind to tissue or cell protein = hapten (penicillins, sulfonamides)



## Causative Agents

- Procainamide
- Hydralazine
- Isoniazid
- Methyldopa
- Quinidine
- Chlorpromazine

## Clinical Presentation

- 3wks – 2yr w/1-2 symptoms
- Prodromal S/S of arthralgia, arthritis
- Constitutional S/S = fever, malaise, musculoskeletal (myalgia, arthralgia, arthritis), serositis pleurisy, pericarditis, pleural effusion, pulmonary infiltrate), hepatomegaly, splenomegaly, skin

## Differential

- +ANA, lupus erythematosus cells, antihistone antibodies, lack of antibodies to DNA
- Some drugs cause +ANA w/o S/S
- -ANA for quinidine or minocycline and S/S
- Drug-induced SLE less likely to have CNS or kidney than idiopathic SLE
- Criteria for Drug-Induce SLE:
  - Adequate exposure
  - Temporal association
  - +ANA + 1 clinical symptom
  - Remission upon D/C of drug

## Management

- D/C drug
- Rx ASA or NSAID for pain
- Rx low dose steroids for pleurisy
- Rx Hydroxychloroquine 200mg BID for skin and joint symptoms

# SLE-like Syndrome

## Definition

Autoimmune disease involving musculoskeletal, skin, kidneys and CNS

## Epidemiology

- 15K-20K cases / year
- 30-50K people have drug induced SLE in US
- 5-10% of cases of SLE are drug induced

## Mechanism

- Alterations in immunologic pathways or drug metabolism
- Molecular mimicry – Rx like a nucleic acid (hydralazine – adenosine)
- Nucleic acid alterations
- Immunoregulatory alterations (Procainamide – T lymphocytes)
- Interference in complement pathway (Isoniazid)
- Predisposing generics (family Hx arthritis, myalgia, Rx rxn, pleuritic pain, epilepsy, leukopenia)

- **Causative Agents**
  - **Diuretics and Phenothiazines**
  - **NSAIDs**
  - **Antibacterials**
  - **Psoralens**
  - **Photosensitizing agents**
  
- **Clinical Presentation / Differential**
  - **Photosensitivity -- similar to sunburn**
  - **Phototoxic**
  - **Photosensitivity – areas exposed to sun**
  - **Phototoxic – w/i 30min-hrs, sunburn, erythema, pain**
    - **NSAIDs, Coal tar, tetracyclines, sulfonamides, fluoroquinolones, phenothiazines, thiazides, amiodarone**
  - **Photoallergic – 24-48hr to 14 days w/papulovesicular, intensely pruritic, eczematous rash**
    - **Similar to contact dermatitis**
    - **Tetracyclines, sulfonamides, phenothiazines, antihistamines**
  
- **Management**
  - **Phototoxic: treat as sunburn**
  - **Photoallergic:**
    - **Rx antihistamines**
    - **Rx Prednisolone 1mg/kg/day x 3-4 days**
    - **Rx Topical corticosteroids (Betamethasone 0.1% Cream), NSAIDs (Indomethacin 25mg TID)**

## Photosensitivity

### Definition

Undesirable pharmacological reaction to light irradiation

### Epidemiology

- Photodermatoses 11.3%
- Dermatologists treated hospital 3%

### Mechanism

Photosensitivity classified as:

- **Phototoxic (most common) – drug acts as chromophore on first exposure, dose related**
- **Photoallergy – immunologic hapten**

# NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES

- Seizures
- Stroke
- Movement Disorders
- Peripheral neuropathy
- Visual Disturbances
- Delirium
- Sleep Disorders
- Cognitive Disorders

- **Causative Agents**
  - Drugs of abuse, antidepressants, antipsychotics, antidiabetics, antibiotics, antihistamines, antineoplastics, salicylates, NSAIDs, cyclosporin
- **Clinical Presentation / Differential**
  - DID are generalized tonic-clonic
    - Rx cause seizures at usual dose or subtherapeutic dose ?
    - Seizures d/t supratherapeutic dose: Lidocaine, tricyclic antidepressants, INH, theophylline
  - Hx: assess previous neuro disease and conditions that may cause seizures
  - Medication Hx: Prescription Rx, OTC, herbal, illicit drug use
    - Evaluate temporal relation b/t initiation of Rx, dose adjustments, or D/C Rx
    - CBC, LFT, serum chem, urine drug screen, serum drug conc
    - EEG can't differentiate DID vs. idiopathic
    - Cyclosporin seizure: high-resolution MRI for evaluation of structural damage to CNS and possibility of opportunistic infection
    - Antiepileptic drugs: paradoxical ↑ frequency soon after initiation of Rx and often accompanied by encephalopathy, asterixis, urinary incontinence, fever, exacerbation of other existing neuro conditions – serum drug concentrations w/i normal range
  - Risk factors
    - Patient-specific: meningitis; metabolic derangements →↓ or ↑serum Na, Ca, Phos, glucose; hypoalbuminemia; kidney/liver dysfunction; genetic inherited low seizure threshold
    - Drug specific: drug-drug interactions, drugs that cross the blood-brain barrier
- **Management**
  - Dose reduction or D/C Rx usually resolves w/i 7-10 days
  - Rx Benzodiazepines and barbiturates + short term anticonvulsant
  - Poisoning or overdose – usual management

## SEIZURES

### Definition

- OTC, herbal and Rx drugs
- Rx associated w/increase in frequency or severity in epilepsy
- Rx also cause seizures in healthy individuals

### Epidemiology

- 8% of US pop experience 1 seizure during lifetime
- 120 / 100K new onset / year
- DID depends on drug
- 1.7% of patients presenting to a neurology clinic
- 0.08% of patients in Boston Collaborative Surveillance Program
- SF PCC incidence of DID:
  - 29% d/t cyclic antidepressants
  - 29% d/t cocaine, stimulants
  - 7% d/t diphenhydramine and other antihistamines
  - 5% d/t theophylline
  - 5% d/t isoniazid

### Mechanism

- Inhibit dopamine-2, histamine-1, adrenergic  $\alpha$ 1-receptors (antipsychotics)
- Influence neurosteroid sex hormones (progesterone, allopregnanolone, pregnenolone) -- antipsychotics
- Pharmacologic kindling = rept admin of subconvulsive doses of CNS excitatory agent – antipsychotics, cocaine, amphetamines
- Inhibit GABA (antibiotics)
- Deplete glucose in brain (NSAIDs)

- **Causative Agents**
  - Embolic: heroin, cocaine, methylphenidate, tamoxifen
  - Vasoconstriction: Cocaine, amphetamine, SSRI, sumatriptan
  - Acute HTN: Amphetamines, cocaine, alcohol, cigarettes
  - Vasculitis: cocaine, heroin, amphetamines
  - Direct vascular damage: NSAIDs, cisplatin
  - Clotting derangements: Cocaine, cigarette smoking
  - Orthostatic hypotension: atypical antipsychotics
  
- **Clinical Presentation / Differential**
  - Temporal relation w/drugs of abuse or drug screens
  - CT scan (anatomical location) to differentiate ischemic vs. hemorrhagic stroke
  - Same PE as idiopathic stroke
    - Common: Abrupt onset of neurological deficits
    - Hemorrhagic: Headache, impaired level of consciousness, N&V, extreme HBP
    - Subarachnoid hemorrhage: Sudden new severe headache
  - Exclude other causes: seizure, migraine, metabolic encephalopathy, tumor, abscess, encephalitis, meningitis, post MI, psychiatric S/S, trauma, genetics
  - May occur at any time during Tx w/causative agent
  - Risk factors: Hx of HBP, risk factors for stroke →higher risk of DID (HBP, ↑cholesterol, glucose intolerance, smoking, LVH)
  
- **Management**
  - Acute:
    - rt-PA for acute ischemic stroke w/i 3-4.5 hr.
    - Tx fever and hyperglycemia as they exacerbate cerebral ischemia and worsen neurological outcome
    - Rx Antihypertensive drugs IV (labetalol, nicardipine)
  - After acute phase:
    - Risk factor management – ASA, clopidogrel, ticlodipine, warfarin
    - Aggressive management of hyperlipidemia, hypertension, diabetes

# STROKE

## Definition

- Sudden onset of focal neurological deficit. Two types: ischemic and hemorrhagic. DID implicated in both types.

## Epidemiology

- Most common non-DID stroke is ischemic (85%) and 65% of these are atherothrombotic
- Adults < 50 y/o DID is 15-38% of ischemic strokes

## Mechanism DID

- Cerebral embolism
- Vasoconstriction / vasospasm
- Acute HTN
- Vasculitis
- Direct vascular damage
- Orthostatic hypotension

## • Causative Agents

- **Insomnia:** SSRIs, Venlafaxine, Bupropion, lovastatin, corticosteroids, Antiparkinsons, HRT (hot flashes)
- **Daytime sleepiness:** MAOI, SSRIs, Anticonvulsants
- **Nightmares/insomnia:**  $\beta$  antagonists (propranolol, timolol),  $\alpha_2$  agonists (clonidine, methyl dopa)
- **Inability to maintain sleep/insomnia:** Alcohol, stimulants (theophylline, caffeine, cocaine, methylphenidate)

## • Clinical Presentation / Differential

- **S/S:** inability to fall asleep, maintain sleep, not rested, daytime sleepiness, poor cognition, lack of concentration
- **P/E:** Hx, Rx history (emphasize Rx affecting neurotransmitters, frequency and timing of Rx, recent Rx D/C), physical, psychiatric assessment
- **Risk factors:** female, increasing age, CNS Rx, combo of agents w/CNS effects, drug interactions)

## • Management

- D/C offending agent, S/S disappear relative to  $t_{1/2}$
- Can't D/C offending agent:
  - Reduce dose (short-term benzodiazepine or hypnotic Rx)
  - Administer early in day
  - Sleep hygiene
  - Monitor symptoms

# SLEEP DISORDERS

## Definition

- Insomnia reported as difficulty in falling asleep, not rested, daytime sleepiness
- Effects immediate upon initiating Rx, or during withdrawal
- Drugs may exacerbate existing sleep disorders (sleep apnea)
- Effects of Rx on sleep identified and characterized by subjective data, PSG (polysomnography), Multiple Sleep Latency Test, and objective performance data – PSG doesn't always correlate with subjective complaints

## Epidemiology

- Insomnia reported in 1/3 of US adults
- DID: 1%-55%
- Greater in females and aged

## Mechanism

- Sedative effects of Rx for insomnia carry over into daytime
- Desired effects of Rx may affect receptor sites responsible for sleep
- Withdrawal effects of Rx may lead to sleep disturbance

# PSYCHIATRIC DISEASES

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Psychosis

- **Causative Agents**
  - Anti-infectives (1.6-2%), cardiovascular (1.1-14%), CNS (3-40%), dermatological (1-5.5%), hormonal (1.3-54%), immunologic (0-33%), chemotherapeutic (0-33%)
- **Clinical Presentation / Differential**
  - Same as S/S endogenous depression
  - Suicidal ideation, psychotic S/S w/INF $\alpha$  and corticosteroids
  - Onset of depression in 1<sup>st</sup> weeks
  - GnRH agonists: depression at time of hypogonadal state
    - In vitro fertilization – S/S transient, less severe
    - Tx endometriosis – S/S persistent, severe
  - Risk factors: female, family Hx, childhood abuse, anxiety, sleep disorders, neurological disorders, drug dosage
- **Management**
  - Education and support
  - Psychotherapy – benefit in DID is unclear
  - S/S severe, persistent: D/C agent, antidepressant
  - Cardiac, OC: Switch to Rx w/lower risk in same category
  - Immunologic Rx: D/C INF (or change to INF $\alpha$  2a), or SSRI (Citalopram)
  - GnRH: SSRI (Sertraline)
  - Steroids: Li, SSRI, ECT
  - Antiepileptic Rx: SSRI (but may be epileptogenic)

## DEPRESSION

### Definition

- Biological illness w/NKA etiology
- DID similar to endogenous depression w/similar risks
- DSM-IV: prominent, persistent disturbance of mood during use or w/i 1 mo. of intoxication or W/D of Rx
- Presence of 3 characteristics severe enough to cause disruption in daily living (symptom like depressed mood, cluster of depressive symptoms, or as diagnostic entity)

### Epidemiology

- 17% lifetime prevalence
- Higher rate in chronic illness
- Isotretinoin (37 cases of suicide, 394 cases of depression) – onset 30 days, recovery 4.5 days
- Antihypertensives (ACEI,  $\beta$ B, CCB, anti-adrenergic—reserpine, methyl dopa, clonidine, guanethidine, HCTZ) --  $\uparrow$ risk

### Mechanism

- Direct alteration of bioamine (antihypertensives)
- Disturb hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis (digoxin, vinca alkaloids on dopamine)
- Hormonal changes (GnRH, OC, HRT, Tamoxifen)  $\uparrow$ cytokine production (INF $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , IL2)



- **Causative Agents**
  - Stimulants (caffeine, nasal decongestants, amphetamines)
    - more pronounced at hi dose, patients w/pre-existing primary anxiety, slow hepatic metabolism
  - SSRI (hi dose, fast withdrawal)
  - Benzodiazepine, gabapentin (fast withdrawal)
  - Drugs of abuse/toxins
  - CNS active agents, HRT, antihypertensives, antilipidemics
  - Antiinfectives, anti-inflammatory, anti-neoplastics, OTC, herbals – case reports
- **Clinical Presentation / Differential**
  - Significant (not situational) anxiety
    - Emotional S/S: xs fear, tension, nervousness, jittery, irritable, on-edge
    - Cognitive S/S: difficulty concentrating, blanking out, xs worries
    - Physical S/S: insomnia, restlessness, racing heart, difficulty breathing, sweating, flushing, weakness, exhaustion
    - Risk factors: SAD, GAD, PD, PTSD, OCD
    - High rates of antihypertensive drug intolerance
- **Management**
  - DID short-lived (days-weeks)
  - D/C causative agent or decrease dose + supportive treatment
  - Supportive treatment: reassurance, relaxation techniques, avoidance of other causative agents

## ANXIETY

### Definition

DID involved w/persistent, moderate to severe anxiety that impairs functioning, and if left untreated, can lead to depression or EtOH abuse

### Epidemiology

- Primary anxiety disorder 2-15%
- Primary anxiety predisposes DID

### Mechanism

- ↑noradrenergic outflow from locus cereleus of CNS (stimulants, yohimbine, benzodiazepine w/d)
- Drug specific mechanisms

# RESPIRATORY DISEASES

- Pulmonary Fibrosis / Interstitial Pneumonitis
- Asthma / Bronchospasm

## Causative Agents: Cytotoxic Rx

### Clinical Presentation

- **Acute Phase (pneumonitis)**
  - Acute Dyspnea, Non-Productive Cough, Tachypnea Progresses hours - days
  - PE: crackles at base
  - PFT: normal, but CO diffusing capacity ↓
- **Chronic Phase (most common)**
  - Dyspnea on exertion, fatigue, non-productive cough slow progression over weeks – months

## Differential: Known exposure to Rx

### Management

- Lowered dose
- D/C Rx
- Prednisone 40-80mg/day (60-100mg/day if fibrosis)

## Pulmonary Fibrosis / Interstitial Pneumonitis

### **Definition**

- Scarring of lung parenchyma 2° chronic inflammatory process leading to restricted airway and death
- **DID – Causative agent is known**

### **Epidemiology / Causative Agents**

- 327 cases / 100K (0.33%)
- DID – dose dependent

#### Oncologic Rx

- Bleomycin, Busulfan 4%
- Carmustine 20-30%
- Methotrexate 7% (Ca), 3-4% (RA)

#### Non-Oncologic Rx

- Amiodarone 10-20%
- Gold salts (RA) 1%
- Nitrofurantoin, sulfasalazine <1%

### **Mechanism**

- Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and oxidant lung damage
- Nitrofurantoin / sulfasalazine – hypersensitivity

## Causative Agents

- Aspirin
- Sulfites
- B blockers

## Clinical Presentation /Differential

- S/S same as asthma/COPD
- Rx challenge in lab
- Anaphylaxis d/t Rx, then skin test, IgE test w/RAST
- AIA: >=30 y/o rhinitis, nasal congestion persistent, viral infection before rhinitis
- P/E: nasal polyps, =< 5yrs before asthma or ASA sensitivity
- Acute asthma w/i 3hr of Rx ASA or NSAIDs (rhinorrhea, conjunctivitis, flushing)
- Dx: ASA PO provocation → ↓FEV1 and/or S/S
- Nasal provocation Rx lysine-ASA →H2O discharge
- Bronchial provocation Rx lysine-ASA
- IV provocation Rx indomethacin or lysine-ASA
- No in vitro test
- Sulfite: Established severe asthma S/S severe wheezing, chest tight, dyspnea
- Confirm by challenge and Hx
- Latex: Clinical Hx + skin test and IgE anti-latex serology
- Provocation if clinical history conflicts w/skin test
- ACEI: 1 day - 12mo after ACEI, and resolves 1-7 days after D/C ACEI
- Differential: asthma, smoking, COPD, postnasal drip, CHF, URI, GI reflux
- Women (2x), African American/Asian
- D/C ACEI and S/S resolve 1-7 days, but may be 2 wks
- BB: Non-selective but selectivity is dose dependent

## Management

- Avoidance or desensitization (ASA titrated 2-3 days to clinical dosage, then QD, but full sensitivity =< 7days after D/C ASA)

## Asthma / Bronchospasm

### Definition

- DID – same as other causes of bronchospasm
- Risk factor – pre-existing asthma

### Epidemiology

- Prevalence 5-10%
- DID – w/pre-existing asthma
  - ASA / NSAIDs 6-34%
  - Sulfites 1% (5% in steroid-dependent asthmatics)
  - Non-selective  $\beta$  blockers UNK
  - ACEI cough 15-39%

### Mechanism

- AIA: ASA sensitivity, asthma, nasal polyps
- Sulfite-induced bronchospasm:
  - stimulation of parasympathetic receptors after SO<sub>2</sub>
  - IgE rxn w/+skin test
  - ↓ sulfite oxidase enzyme in sulfite sensitive patients
- B blockers: Non-selective →bronchoconstriction, bronchodilatory effect compromised

# CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

- Ischemia and MI
- Heart Failure
- Arrhythmias
- Hypertension
- Hypotension
- Valvular and Pericardial Health Disease

- **Causative Agents**
  - CCB, Glitazones, anti-arrhythmics, doxorubicin, NSAIDs, COX<sub>2</sub>, BB
- **Clinical Presentation**
  - Not different from idiopathic HF, but S/S occur gradually on initiation of Rx
- **Differential**
  - Temporal relation (w/i days)
  - Fluid retention: Plasma volume expands in days to S/S dyspnea
- **Management**
  - Aggressive diuresis and supportive care
  - Remove offending agent (recovery related to t<sub>1/2</sub>, except Doxorubicin w/onset 30 days after last dose)
  - Rx ACEI, BB, Spironolactone, Digoxin

## HEART FAILURE

### Definition

Idiopathic HF due to coronary artery disease (75%). DID is frequently exacerbation of HF S/S in established HF. DID w/o preexisting HF is rare.

### Epidemiology

- <1% (COX<sub>2</sub>) - 26% (CCB)
- 2.2% Doxorubicin
- 17% Glitazones
- Hospital LOS = 13 days
- In-hospital mortality 15%

### Mechanism

- ↓myocardial contractility (CCB, BB, antiarrhythmics, anthracyclines)
- ↑preload (glitazones, NSAIDs, COX<sub>2</sub>, corticosteroids)
- ↑afterload (sympathomimetics)

- **Causative Agents**
  - NSAIDs, COX2, BB, OC, MAOI, steroids adrenal/ anabolic, antidepressants, amphetamines/anorexiant, cyclosporine, darbopoietin, tacrolimus
- **Clinical Presentation /Differential**
  - 2-4mm Hg impact (?)
  - 2mm Hg ↓ correlates w/17% ↓ HTN prevalence, 6% ↓ risk of CHD, 15% ↓ risk of stroke/ TIA
- **Management**
  - D/C offending agent (2-4 wks BP nl)
  - If BP does not return to nl, then essential HTN or other secondary HTN

## HYPERTENSION

### Definition

- 90-95% primary HTN
- HBP d/t use, stop of drug
- DID: BP increases from baseline leading to Stage 1 or higher ( $\geq 140/90$  or  $\leq 130/80$  DM or kidney disease)

### Epidemiology

- 28.7% of Americans
- DID incidence low, exacerbation high 3% (anabolic steroids) - 50% (Cyclosporin)

### Mechanism

- SANS (cocaine, amphetamines, ephedra, antidepressants)
- Kidneys renin-angiotensin-aldosterone (NSAIDs, COX2, immunosuppressants)
- Hormonal regulation (OC, adrenal steroids)

# ENDOCRINE DISEASES

- Glucose and Insulin Dysregulation
- Thyroid Disorders
- Hypothalamic, Pituitary, and Adrenal Disorders
- Weight Gain
- Temperature Dysregulation
- Sexual Dysfunction in Males
- Gynecologic Diseases



- **Causative Agents**
  - Hyper: Glucocorticoids, protease inhibitors, atypical antipsychotics, niacin, pentamidine, diazoxide
  - Hypo: Insulin, sulfonylureas, ethanol
  - Hypo in =< 2y/o: salicylate poisoning
- **Clinical Presentation /Differential**
  - **Dx of DM:**
    - Fasting glucose  $\geq 126$  mg/dL x 2
    - S/S and random glucose  $\geq 200$  mg/dL
    - $\geq 200$  mg/dL 2hr after 75g PO glucose load
    - DID: hours – months after Rx
  - **Rule out other causes**
    - Physiologic stress – surgery, fever, trauma
    - Cushing's d/t exogenous glucocorticoids or endogenous overproduction of glucocorticoids
    - Intentional self-admin of insulin or sulfonylurea, intentional overdose
  - **Temporal relation between Rx and S/S**
    - Rx withdrawal and rechallenge
- **Management**
  - D/C Rx with return to baseline dependent on  $t_{1/2}$  of Rx
    - Return to baseline w/I days (common)
    - Longer if Rx induced hyperglycemia via weight gain or peripheral insulin resistance (atypical antipsychotics, protease inhibitors, corticosteroids)
  - Reduce dose for corticosteroids (dose-dependent effect)
  - Change Rx to another Rx w/i same class (e.g., Olanzapine to Ziprasidone, protease inhibitor to abacavir)
  - Non-reversible when permanent destruction pancreatic  $\beta$  cells (pentamidine)

## GLUCOSE & INSULIN DYSREGULATION

### Definition

Hyper or hypo DID d/t alteration of insulin secretion and sensitivity, change in gluconeogenesis, direct cytotoxic on pancreatic  $\beta$  cells

### Epidemiology

- Unknown – lack of data, under-reporting, dose/ frequency /duration
- Varies w/i class
  - More common w/Olanzapine, Clozapine
  - More common w/long acting sulfonylureas

### Mechanisms

- Alterations of insulin secretion
- Changes in insulin sensitivity directly or indirectly promoting weight gain
- Changes in gluconeogenesis
- Contributing factor unmasking preexisting DM
- Rx induced pancreatitis

## Causative Agents

- Highly probable: Amiodarone, Lithium, iodinated compounds
- Probable: Interferon  $\alpha$ -2a, 2b; Interferon  $\beta$ -1a, Bexarotene
- Possible: Aldeslukin, Aminoglutethimide, Aripiprazole, Quetiapine, Sertraline, Stavudine, Kelp

## Clinical Presentation / Differentiation

- Dose-response relation not identified
- Exclude primary causes
  - Hyper: Graves, toxic multinodular goiter, subacute thyroiditis, toxic adenoma, thyrotoxicosis factitia
  - Hypo: Hashimoto's, dysmorphonogenesis, I deficiency, infiltrative Dz (amyloidosis, sarcoidosis)
- Risk factors: age, sex, TH status, I status, nutritional status, comorbidities (thyroid Dz, diabetes, RA, pernicious anemia)
- Some w/new onset HF, AF, angina
- Elderly w/unexplained weight loss requires evaluation of malignancies
- Hyper:
  - Early S/S of constipation, fatigue, weight gain, dry skin may be incorrectly attributed to normal process of aging
  - TSH suppressed or undetectable + elevated FT4 = hyper
  - TSH suppressed or undetectable + normal FT4 = subclinical hyper
  - DID: total T3 and FT4
  - Amiodarone induced hyperthyroidism: TSH suppressed + FT4 elevated
    - Type I I uptake normal
    - Type II I uptake reduced
- Hypo:
  - TSH elevated + low FT4 = overt hypothyroidism
  - TSH elevated + normal FT4 = subclinical hypothyroidism
- R/O Euthyroid sick syndrome: altered thyroid hormone metabolism due to fasting, malnutrition, infection, cancer, surgery, chronic Dz (cardiac, pulmonary, renal, hepatic), acute psychiatric illness, metabolic disorders (DM)

## Management

- D/C Rx or rechallenge in months
- Amiodarone induced hyperthyroidism: Methimazole or PTU

# THYROID DISORDERS

## Definition

Thyroid hormone regulates metabolism, and DID affects TH synthesis, release, or function.

## Epidemiology

- Hypo: 1.5-2% in women and 0.2% in males
  - 3.5 / 1K women, 0.6 / 1K males
  - 14 / 1K women 75-80 y/o
  - Subclinical hypothyroidism 20% of patients over 60 y/o
- Hyper:
  - 0.8 / 1K women
  - Subclinical hyperthyroidism 2-16%
- DID: <1% - 34% (Li)

## Mechanism

- Changes in auto-regulation (Wolff-Chaikoff block)
- Inflammatory / autoimmune thyroiditis
- De novo development of thyroid antibodies

- **Causative Agents**

- Thiazide diuretics,  $\beta$  blockers, antipsychotics, antidepressants

- **Clinical Presentation / Differential**

- Same as SD d/t other causes
- Hx: past medical problems, prescription Rx and OTC
- ED: International Index of Erectile Function or Brief Sexual Function Inventory at baseline and after intervention
- $\downarrow$ libido: 2 serial measurements of serum testosterone in AM
- Ejaculatory dysfunction: 2 semen samples on 2 separate days, preceded by 3 days of sexual abstinence
- Retrograde ejaculation: post-ejaculation urine evaluated for sperm
- Risk factors for DID: age > 40, smoking, excess EtOH, CAD, HBP, DM, spinal cord injury, stroke, cancer

- **Management**

- D/C causative agent
- Dose reduction
- Rx another Rx is discouraged
- Erectile dysfunction: Sildenafil, alprostadil
- Ejaculation disorders: Imipramine 25-50mg QD x 7 days prior to ejaculation or Pseudoephedrine 60mg QID x 3 days, or Sertraline 50mg QD x 1-2 weeks

## SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION (SD) IN MALES

### Definition

- Disorders of libido ( $\uparrow$ / $\downarrow$ sex drive)
- Erectile dysfunction (penile impotence)
- Ejaculatory disorders (premature, anejaculation,  $\downarrow$ volume, retrograde)
- Priapism (Prolonged, painful erection)
- infertility

### Epidemiology

- 25% of erectile dysfunction may be DID
- More common in men Rx antihypertensives, oral hypoglycemics, vasodilators, or cardiac meds
- 51% of men age 40-70 (Mass Male Aging Study)
- Patient factors: age, dose, combo of Rx causing SD, concomitant Dz

### Mechanisms

- Disorders of Libido: LHRH or GnRH  $\rightarrow$  LH  $\rightarrow$  testosterone
- Disorders of penile erection: inadequate arterial blood flow < venous outflow (antihypertensives, diuretics)
- Disorders of erectile dysfunction: mediated by acetylcholine so receptor antagonists  $\rightarrow$  anticholinergic effects
- Ejaculation disorders: mediated by NE so  $\alpha$  adrenergic antagonists block NE (terazosin)
- $\downarrow$ volume: Rx interfere w/production of seminal fluids (finasteride)

# GASTROINTESTINAL (GI) DISEASES

- Upper GI Ulceration
- Diarrhea and Constipation
- Hepatic and Cholestatic Diseases
- Pancreatitis
- Nausea, Vomiting, and Anorexia

- **Causative Agents**
  - ASA, NSAIDs, KCl, corticosteroids, doxycycline, FeSO<sub>4</sub>, bisphosphonates
- **Clinical Presentation / Differential**
  - Many patients asymptomatic so hard to define temporal relation
  - Endoscopy indicates NSAID ulcer w/i 8 weeks
  - Bleeding presents as hematemesis or melena
  - Emesis, dysphagia, weight loss precede acute bleed
  - Possible POB if bloody emesis, bloody/black tarry stools, or abdominal tenderness
- **Management**
  - D/C offending agent
  - ASA/NSAIDs: Eradicate HP, heal ulcer w/PPI, misoprostol
  - Bisphosphonates, KCl, Tetracyclines, Quinidine: Consider other Rx, xs H<sub>2</sub>O, don't take w/meals, avoid recumbent position for 1hr

## UPPER GI ULCERATION

### Definition

- Ulcerative or inflammatory lesions of the esophagus, stomach, or duodenum
- Results in perforation, obstruction, or bleeding (POB)
- Exception: ↑risk of bleeding (heparin, warfarin, clopidogrel) are not primary causes of ulceration

### Epidemiology

- Ulcer = lesion of ≥3mm
- 2.5% ASA dose < 100mg
- 10-15% ASA for RA will have gastric ulcer after 1 month (not reduced w/enteric-coated ASA)
- 10-15% COX1 NSAIDs or 1.3-2.2/1K patient years
- 5-8% COX2 NSAIDs
- POB: 1/210 patients > 45 y/o
- 19% KCl (reported as high as 67%)
- 0.4% - 1.5% Bisphosphonates (alendronate endoscopic trials report 12-14%, but same as placebo for risendronate)

### Mechanism

- Altered PG defense mechanisms (ASA, NSAIDs)
- Direct topical irritation (bisphosphonates)
- Low pH leading to erosion (doxycycline, FeSO<sub>4</sub>)

# KIDNEY / FLUIDS / ELECTROLYTE DISORDERS

- Acute Renal Diseases
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Syndrome of Inappropriate Antidiuretic Hormone Secretion / Diabetes Insipidus
- Acid-Base Disorders

- **Causative Agents**

- Hemodynamically mediated: NSAIDs, ACEI, ARB, Cyclosporin, Tacrolimus
- Acute interstitial nephritis: NSAIDs,  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics, Rifampin, diuretics, H<sub>2</sub>RA, PPI, Erythromycin, Ciprofloxacin, Allopurinol, Phenytoin, Li, Valproic Acid
- Acute Tubular Necrosis: Aminoglycosides, Amphotericin B, Radiocontrast media
- Nephrolithiasis: Sulfonamides, Allopurinol, Indinivir, Foscarnet, Acyclovir, MTX
- Glomerulonephritis: Au, Penicillamines, NSAIDs, Phenytoin, Rifampin, Li, Allopurinol, Hydralazine, PTU

- **Clinical Presentation / Differential**

- Acute hypovolemic condition (gastroenteritis) associated w/ $\uparrow$ SCr – ACEI, ARB w/i 2 weeks
- Lab findings of prerenal azotemia w/o S/S of fulminate uremia
- Risk factors: Other causes of prerenal azotemia – hypovolemia (xs diuresis, vomiting, diarrhea), CHF, cirrhosis, sepsis

- **Management**

- Drug dependent
- Necessary only if  $\uparrow$ SCr >30% of baseline
- Usually supportive w/aggressive hydration
- Dialysis only indicated if renal insufficiency w/signs of uremia or recalcitrant hyperkalemia

## ACUTE RENAL FAILURE (ARF)

### Definition

- Increase in SCr of 25-30% above baseline
- Kidneys receive 25% of cardiac output and renal hemodynamics may be altered by drugs

### Epidemiology

- 5% of hospitalized patients and 20% of cases are caused by Rx
- 6.7% of drug-related complications in adverse events in hospitalized patients

### Mechanism

- Renal hemodynamics alterations leading to  $\downarrow$ renal perfusion
- Direct toxicity to renal tubule (acute tubular necrosis)
- Tubulointerstitial inflammation 2<sup>nd</sup> allergic rxn (acute interstitial nephritis)
- Precipitation of Rx crystals leading to obstruction (nephrolithiasis)
- Immune mediated rxn resulting in damage to glomerulus (glomerulonephritis)

- **Causative Agents**

- Cyclosporin/Tacrolimus, combination analgesics (Rx>1yr), Li
- Chinese herbals (aristolochic acid)
- Causative agents of ARF

- **Clinical Presentation / Differential**

- Non-specific S/S attributed to RF
- Stages of CKD: 1 (GFR>90), 2 (GFR=60-89+HTN), 3 (GFR=30-59+Anemia), 4 (GFR15-29+Neuropathy), 5 (GFR<15 or dialysis)
- Cyclosporin/Tacrolimus: 6-12mo. after initiation of Rx; ↑BUN/SCr + hypertension, S/S same as CKD
- Lithium: Insidious ↑SCr/BUN x 10+ yrs.; HTN and proteinuria; ↓renal function mild (CC>50ml/min)
- Analgesics: Insidious ↑BUN/SCr w/more than ½ of kidney function lost before elevation; non-specific S/S; use QD >1yr; CT scan w/o contrast media reveals ↓bilateral renal mass, bumpy contours of kidney, and papillary calcifications
- Chinese Herbs: Non-specific S/S, but anemia more pronounced based on stage; proteinuria and glycosuria present; kidney size ↓, biopsy reveals extensive interstitial fibrosis; urothelial lesions or urothelial transitional cell ca

- **Management**

- Supportive
- Cyclosporin/Tacrolimus: No Tx; Substitute may slow rate of loss of RF; weigh benefits of continued immunosuppressants
- Lithium: D/C benefits are controversial
- Analgesics: D/C to prevent progression to ESRD

## CHRONIC RENAL FAILURE (CRF, CKD)

### Definition

- Chronic condition in renal function characterized by GFR < 60 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>, while kidney failure characterized by GFR<15 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

### Epidemiology

- Drug specific
- Immunosuppressants (Cyclosporin, Tacrolimus) 18%
- Li polyuria 2-37%
- Analgesics 0.8-9%
- Gold IV 2-20%
- Penicillamine 2-20%

### Mechanism

- Immunosuppressants: Direct vascular and tubular toxicity manifested as chronic tubulo-interstitial nephritis (fibrosis in striped pattern)
- Li: ↓intracellular cAMP or ↓H<sub>2</sub>O transport in cortical collecting duct manifested as glomerulosclerosis, widespread tubular atrophy
- Analgesics: Papillary necrosis associated w/calcification



# HEMATOLOGICAL DISORDERS

- Thrombocytopenia
- Thromboembolic Diseases
- Neutropenia and Agranulocytosis
- Anemia

- **Causative Agents**

- ◻ Hemolytic:
  - Autoimmune – methyldopa, procainamide, levodopa
  - Immune complexes (neoantigens) activate complement – quinidine
  - Direct covalent adsorption to cell membrane -- Penicillins, Cephalosporins, Tetracyclines
  - Protein adsorption (b9) – Cephalosporins
  - Multiple mechanisms – autoantibodies and Rx antibodies – NSAIDs, HCTZ
  - Pure red cell aplasia(rare) – severe normochromic, normocytic associated w/reticulocytopenia (Azathiopurine, Epoetin, INH, Phenytoin)
  - cancer chemo, Carbamazepine, H2RA, INH, Methyldopa, Primaquin, Rifampin (12-24%), Sulfonamides,
- ◻ Aplastic: Acetazolamide, Captopril, Carbamazepine, Chloramphenicol, Felbamate, Furosemide, Au, NSAIDs, Phenytoin, Sulfonamides, Ticlopidine

- **Clinical Presentation / Differential**

- ◻ Same as other anemias
- ◻ DID hemolytic takes weeks, about 1 mo. for aplastic
- ◻ Hx for meds w/i last 6 months
- ◻ Differential: Fe, B12, folic acid deficiencies; Dz related BM suppression; EtOH; acute/chronic blood loss,
- ◻ Hemolytic: direct Coomb's test
- ◻ Aplastic: BM biopsy

- **Management**

- ◻ Depends on type of anemia and exact cause
- ◻ D/C Rx and spontaneous resolution

## ANEMIA

### Definition

- Reduction of hemoglobin below normal
- Normal varies w/sex, age, and altitude (12.3-15.3g/dL women, and 14-17.4g/dL in men)
- Anemia a symptom of disease requiring etiology

### Epidemiology

- Least common DID blood dyscrasia
- Hemolytic anemia 1.1-1.6/M) > aplastic anemia (0.5-0.7/M)
- NSAIDs 3.1%

### Mechanism

- Microcytic (MCV<80mcm<sup>3</sup>): Fe deficiency (ASA, NSAIDs, COX2)
- Normocytic (MCV 80-100mcm<sup>3</sup>): Acute blood loss, ↓erythropoietin, hemolysis, BM failure (Chloramphenicol)
- Macrocytic (MCV>100mcm<sup>3</sup>):
  - **Megaloblastic**: d/t disorders of DNA synthesis but normal RNA related to ↓FA and B12 (MTX, antimetabolites,INH)
  - **Non-megaloblastic**: EtOH, liver Dz, NTG, Sulfonamides

# BONE / JOINT / MUSCLE DISEASES

- Osteoporosis and Osteomalacia
- Gout and Hyperuricemia
- Myopathies

- **Causative Agents**

- Osteoporosis: cancer chemotherapy in young; heparin long-term in pregnant women; chronic, systemic glucocorticoids or androgen deprivation in prostate ca.
- Osteonecrosis: glucocorticoids ( $= < 3\%$ ), cancer chemotherapy

- **Clinical Presentation / Differential**

- Osteoporosis:
  - Same as osteoporosis from other causes
  - Consider when Rx causative agent + osteoporosis
  - Glucocorticoids: first 6-12 mo.; vertebral Fx
  - Differential: endocrine, GI, nutritional, BM, connective tissue, genetic, renal disease
- Osteonecrosis:
  - Most common at femoral head
  - S/S is pain at rest in groin, thighs, buttocks and 1/3 have pain at night

- **Management**

- D/C offending drug or reduce dose
- Men: Bisphosphonates are DOC
  - Antiresorptive Rx + lifestyle modification + prevention (avoid tobacco)
  - Glucocorticoids: T-score  $< -1.0$
- Women: Bisphosphonates or Raloxifene

## Osteoporosis / Osteomalacia

### Definition

- Osteoporosis: skeletal disorder characterized by  $\downarrow$ bone strength and fractures –  $BMD \geq -2.5$
- Osteomalacia: pathologic loss of mineralized bone associated w/low blood conc. of Ca/P leading to  $\downarrow$ bone strength and fractures, bone pain, and myopathy – (Vit D $\downarrow$ )
- Osteonecrosis: death of bone and BM
- DID: specific Rx associated w/osteoporosis in population in which condition rarely occurs

### Epidemiology

- Women mostly primary osteoporosis
- Men 30-60% secondary osteoporosis

### Mechanism

- Osteoporosis DID:
  - Osteoclast activation/ $\uparrow$ bone turnover
  - Suppression of osteoblastic activity
  - Inhibition of mineralization

- **Causative Agents**

- EtOH
- Ethambutol, Pyrazinamide
- Diuretics
- Nicotinic acid
- Cyclosporin
- Cytotoxic agents
- Salicylates
- Levodopa

- **Clinical Presentation / Differential**

- Pain, swelling, and erythema involving 1 or a few joints
- Self-limiting 5-10 days w/o Tx
- Asymptomatic b/w attacks (diff arthritis)
- 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> decade in men; 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> decade in women
- Dx: (1) hyperuricemia, (2) Hx acute attacks of arthritis w/asymptomatic periods, (3) ability of colchicine to abort an attack
- Differential: pseudogout d/t Ca pyrophosphate, septic arthritis, cellulitis, fractures, palindromic rheumatism

- **Management**

- Asymptomatic hyperuricemia – no Tx
- Tx if > 4 attacks/year Rx NSAIDs
- D/C offending agent is risk/benefit analysis
- Prophylaxis: Colchicine 0.6mg BID – if breakthrough Rx Allopurinol
- Cytotoxic agents: reduce dose 25% + Allopurinol

## Gout & Hyperuricemia

### Definition

- Inflammatory disease induced by urate crystals that precipitate in joints and soft tissue
- DID alter urate excretion or ↑uric acid production predisposing patients to hyperuricemia w/ or w/o gout

### Epidemiology

- 1% of general population
- More prevalent in HTN
- Cyclosporin and Pyrazinamide > diuretics

### Mechanism

- Interference w/uric acid excretion leading to accumulation in serum
- Anti-tumor Rx cause cell death leading to ↑uric acid
- Allopurinol and Probenecid may precipitate gout in 1<sup>st</sup> several months d/t fluctuations in uric acid
- Patients w/adherence problems may experience fluctuations in uric acid

# SUMMARY POINTS

- Medication history must be exhaustive, include OTC and herbals
- Question for temporal elements of initiation or rapid withdrawal of possible offending agents and onset of signs and symptoms
- DID more common as exacerbations in patients w/primary disease

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