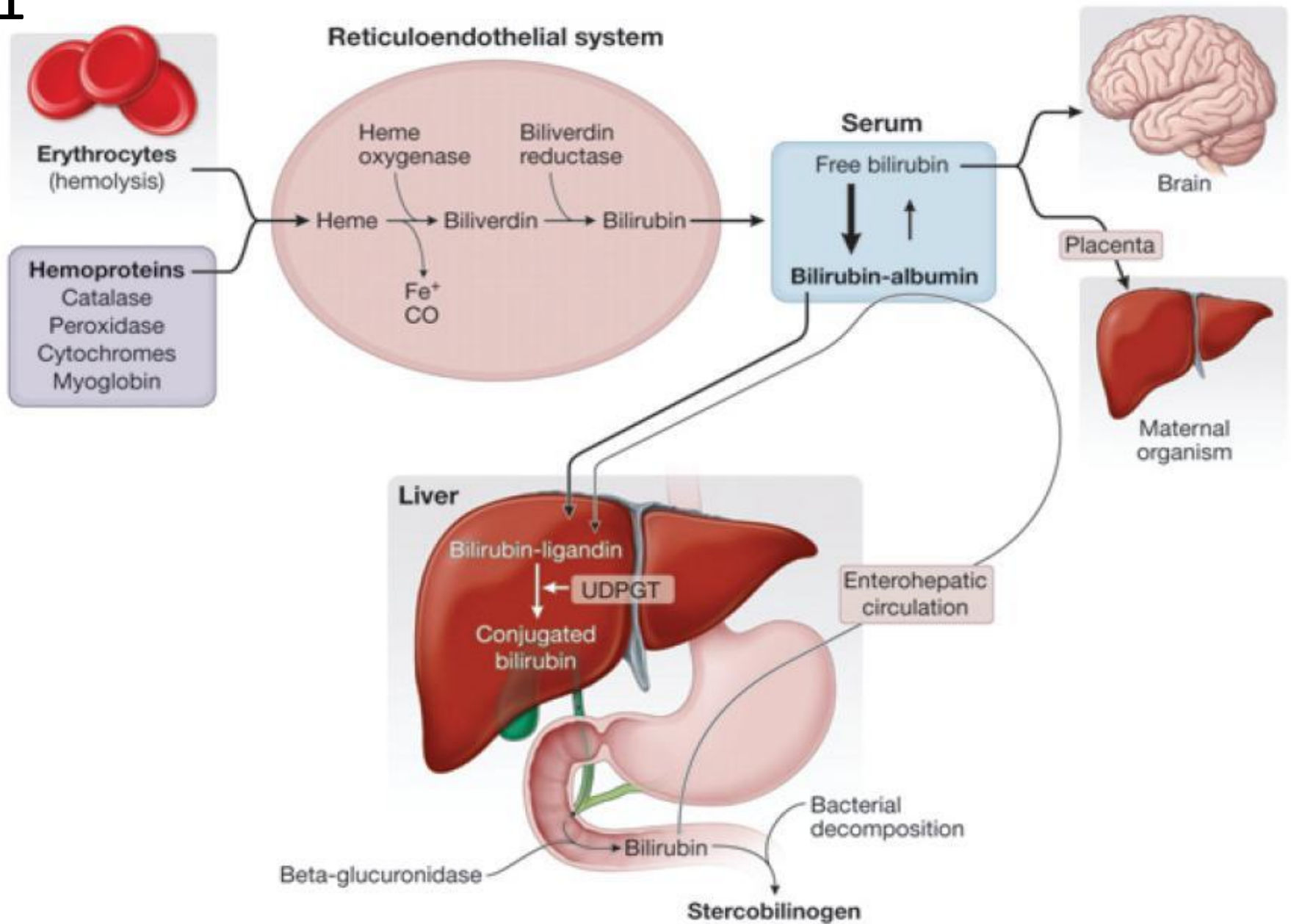
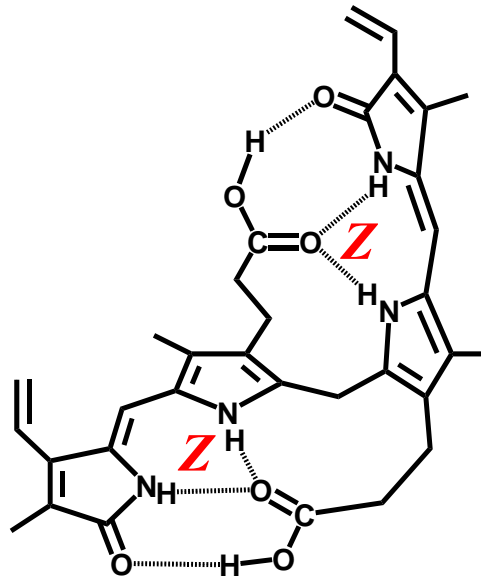


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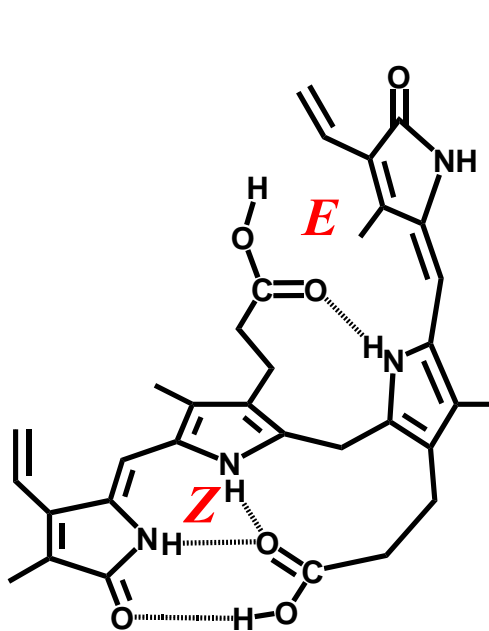
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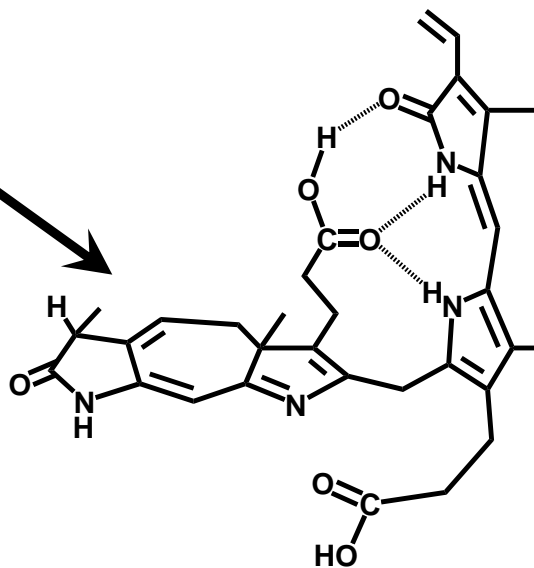
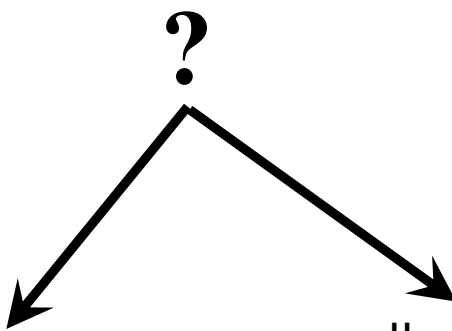
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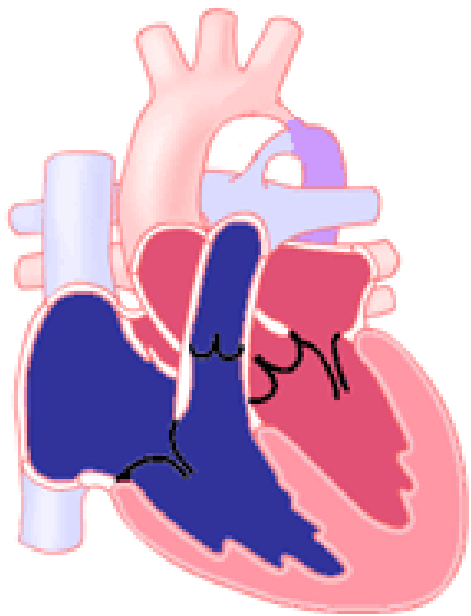
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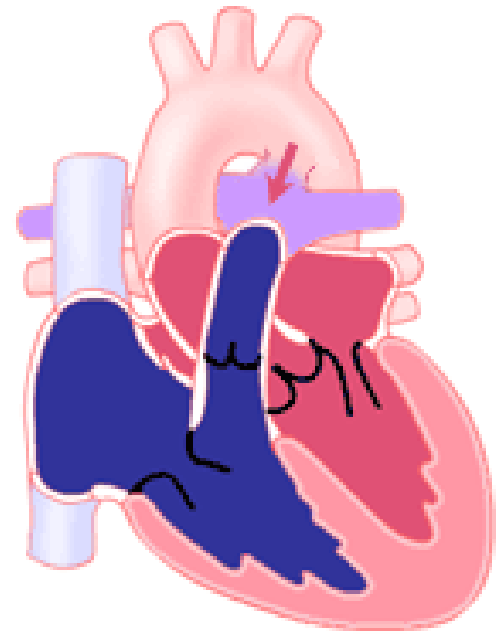


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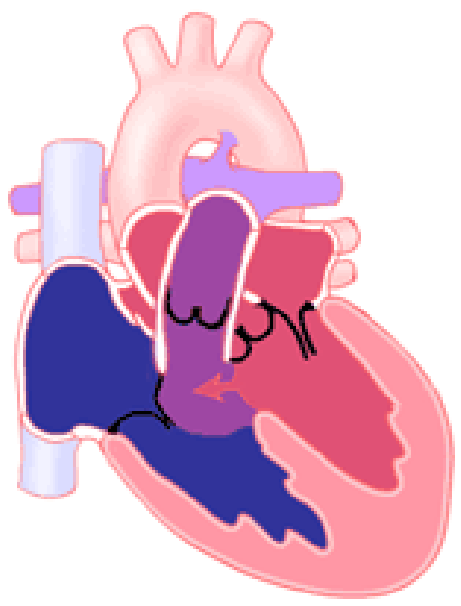
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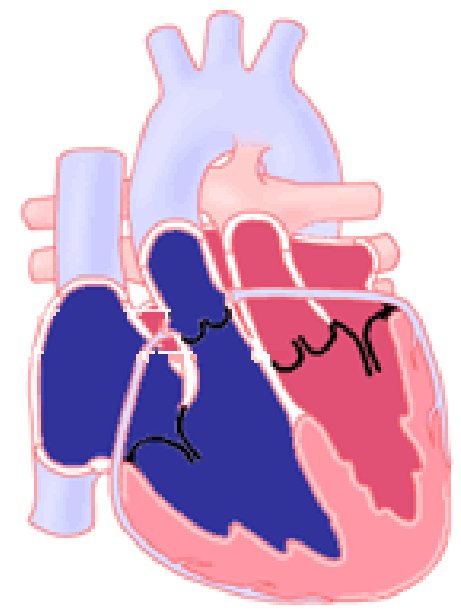
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Station 10

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A _____ B _____

C _____ C _____

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A B C D

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<p>Question no. 3</p> <p>3. How would you describe the posture of the infant shown in slide 3? Back and neck arching backwards (opisthotonos and retrocollis)</p>	<p>2</p>	
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Examination: MEDSEM9_H13_ORD

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Assessment: MEDSEM9_STATION14_H13_ORD

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Question 1:

The image shows a finding primarily associated with disease in two – 2 – organ systems. Which?



- Liver
- Kidneys
- Urinary tract
- Lungs
- Heart
- Brain
- Peripheral nervous system
- Endocrine organs
- Musculo-skeletal system
- Skin

Answer:

Lungs
Heart

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Question 1:

This is your interpretation:

- Probably technical error
- Normal for age
- Dehydration

- May indicate heart or lung disease
- Sign of renal disease

Answer:

May indicate heart or lung disease

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Question 1:

Which pathophysiological mechanism in chronic heart or lung disease may cause such values?

Answer:

Hypoxemia/low oxygen content. Insufficient oxygen causes a compensatory increase in Hct to improve oxygen transport capacity.

Question 2:

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Which three – 3 - examinations do you request?

- Abdominal ultrasound
- Cerebral CT scan
- Chest X-ray
- Echocardiography
- Spirometry
- X-ray of hand skeleton
- Gluten antibodies
- Pulse oximetry
- Chromosome test

Answer:

Chest X-ray
Echocardiography
Pulse oximetry

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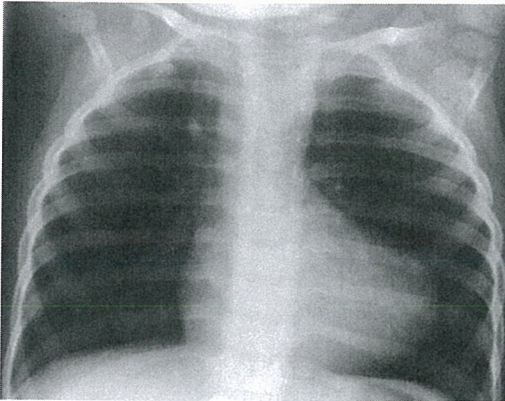
Which pathophysiological mechanism would explain a true lower pulse oximetry value in a foot than in the right hand? (Max 2 lines)

Answer:

Right-to-left shunting through an open ductus arteriosus.

Question 2:

Pulse oximetry showed 83% in the right hand and foot. The X-ray description says: "Enlarged boot-shaped heart. Absence of interstitial lung markings. No infiltrates."



Which of the following alternatives includes only cyanotic heart defects?

- Endocarditis, Interrupted Aortic Arch and Persistent Ductus Arteriosus
- Eisenmenger's syndrome, Pulmonary Stenosis and Coarctation
- Ventricular Septal defect, Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome and Mitral Stenosis
- Transposition of the great arteries, Tetralogy of Fallot, Tricuspid Atresia
- Pulmonary Atresia, Truncus Arteriosus Communis and Atrial Septal Defect

Answer:

Transposition of the great arteries, Tetralogy of Fallot, Tricuspid Atresia

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You are fortunate because one of your colleagues on duty is an adult cardiologist with some echocardiographic competence. He examines the child and believes that there is a Pulmonary Stenosis and probably a Ventricular Septal Defect. He thinks that the Aortic origin has a strange rightwards deviation and he finds thickened myocardium particularly in the right ventricle.

Question 1:

Which heart defect corresponds to these findings? (max 1 line)

Answer:

Tetralogy of Fallot.

Assessment: MEDSEM9_STATION15_H13_ORD

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Question 1:

Given this situation, which of the following emergency treatments should be started first?

- Intravenous injection of antibiotics
- Intravenous infusion of fluid
- Oxygen supply

Answer:

Intravenous infusion of fluid

Part 2:

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Question 1:

Based on what you know at this point, what seems to be the most likely diagnosis?

- Septicaemia
- Acute intoxication
- Bacterial pneumonia

Answer:

Septicaemia

Part 3:

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Question 1:

Which antibiotic regimen should be administered?

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- Penicillin and an aminoglycoside intravenously
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Answer:

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Question 1:

Which imaging procedures are most relevant in this situation?

- Chest X-ray and Abdominal Ultrasound
- Abdominal Ultrasound and Cerebral CT scan
- Chest X-ray and Cerebral CT scan

Answer:

Chest X-ray and Cerebral CT scan

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Question 1:

What conclusions can be drawn from the analyses of electrolytes and blood gases/acid-base status?

- Hyperkalaemia
- Hypokalaemia
- Metabolic acidosis without respiratory compensation
- Metabolic acidosis, with partial respiratory compensation
- Metabolic alkalosis
- Respiratory acidosis
- Respiratory alkalosis

Answer:

Hyperkalaemia
 Metabolic acidosis, with partial respiratory compensation

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Question 1:

Given the information from John's mother and his clinical status on admission, which blood test should really have been done on admission, and must now be obtained as soon as possible ("STAT")?

- Bilirubin
- Glucose
- proBNP

Answer:

Glucose

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Blood glucose was markedly elevated, with a value of 28.9 mmol/L (reference range 3.7 to 5.1 mmol/L). Hence, this patient suffered from diabetes mellitus. (It was a mistake not to measure blood glucose immediately - normally, this would have been done by the ambulance personnel or upon arrival at the Emergency Room).

Question 1:

If you dipstick analyse a urine sample from John – which square(s)/areas of the dipstick will probably be strongly positive?

- Glucose
- Ketones
- Blood/erythrocytes
- Leucocytes
- Nitrate

Answer:

Glucose
Ketones

Part 8:

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The blood analyses revealed a serious metabolic acidosis that was partly respiratory compensated. In addition, the patient suffered from hyperkalaemia. An effort was made to get in touch with the patient's parents. Finally, a nurse in the Emergency Room managed to get John's mother on the phone. She related that her son had been fatigued and 'out of sorts' during the last couple of weeks. During the same period, he had been remarkably thirsty. During the last days, he had been drinking 2-3 litres of mineral water a day, and had gone to the toilet more frequently than was usual. He had also been up at night to pee (urinate/void).

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Question 1:

Describe briefly the biological mechanisms underlying production of ketones in untreated diabetes mellitus. (Max 3 lines).

Answer:

Production of ketones in untreated diabetes mellitus is a result of uncontrolled break-down of fatty acids, in

turn caused by the lack of insulin. (6p)
 Production of ketones is caused by lack of insulin (3p).

Part 9:

Late on a Saturday evening, 15 year old John was admitted to the Emergency Room. Previously the same evening, ambulance personnel had been called to a teenage party. On arrival, a couple of agitated youths explained that John had fallen "seriously ill" during the course of the party. The patient himself lay partly unconscious on a sofa; he was somnolent, but responded when he was addressed by name. It was obvious that alcoholic beverages had been consumed, but the youths vehemently denied any use of narcotics/illegal drugs. "John is never like that," a girl cried, "and tonight, he did not even drink beer." In the Emergency Room the patient's level of consciousness was unaltered. His skin was pale and moist. The monitor displayed a heart rate of 175 beats/minute, blood pressure 85/55 mm Hg and SaO₂ 99%. Respiration was rapid and deep, with a frequency of about 45 breaths/minute. The body temperature was 39.1°C. A peripheral venous catheter (Venflon) was inserted, and intravenous fluid was administered at a rapid infusion rate. A quick clinical examination revealed normal findings on auscultation of the heart and the lungs, and normal findings on abdominal palpitation. The patient did not seem to have neck stiffness. There was an uncharacteristic rash in the groin resembling bruises. Septicaemia of unknown cause was regarded the most likely diagnosis. Blood samples were drawn for analyses of haematology and biochemistry, as well as blood cultures. Immediately after this, antibiotic treatment was started.

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Question 1:

List at least 4 different long-term complications of diabetes.

Answer:

(A total of 6p is the maximum score):

Diabetic retinopathy. (2p)

Diabetic kidney disease (nephropathy). (2p)

Diabetic neuropathy. (1p)

General atherosclerosis. (1p)

Cardiomyopathy and/or coronary artery disease. (1p)

Stroke. (1p)

Peripheral artery disease / intermittent claudication (1p)

Diabetic foot ulcers/sores. (1p)

Diabetic encephalopathy. (1p)

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Question 1:

Suggest at least three concrete means for increasing John's compliance.

Answer:

Patient education regarding self-treatment/management of diabetes (2p).

Well-planned and gradual transition from pediatric to adult health care services (2p).

Participation in youth groups / self-help groups (2p)

Instruction through local centers for "learning and mastery" (2p)

Other reasonable suggestions (2p)

(For a maximum of 6p).

Assessment: MEDSEM9_STATION16_H13_ORD

Part 1:

A 3 year old boy was brought to the emergency room due to a rash on the buttocks and the extensor surfaces of his legs and arms. The parents explained that he had previously been healthy and had been vaccinated (immunized) according to the normal programme. The current complaint consisted of signs of upper airway infection for 4 days, while the rash had developed since yesterday.

On clinical examination his height and weight were at the 50th percentile. Findings consisted of a slightly sore throat, a moderate papular, petechial rash on the buttocks and extensor surfaces of his legs and arms, and moderate oedema of the feet. There was no lymphadenopathy, and findings were normal for the lungs, heart, and abdomen

Question 1:

Which of the following diagnoses are the most likely? Mark 3 alternatives

- Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura
- Coeliac disease
- Henoch Schönlein's purpura
- Haemoglobinopathies
- Leukaemia
- Urinary tract infection
- Rickets

Answer:

Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura
Henoch Schönlein's purpura
Leukaemia

Part 2:

A 3 year old boy was brought to the emergency room due to a rash on the buttocks and the extensor surfaces of his legs and arms. The parents explained that he had previously been healthy and had been vaccinated (immunized) according to the normal programme. The current complaint consisted of signs of upper airway infection for 4 days, while the rash had developed since yesterday.

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The most likely diagnoses are idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, Henoch Schönlein's Purpura and leukemia.

You decide to order tests for Hgb, white blood cell and platelet count. However, you believe that it would be wise to order some other tests right away.

Question 1:

Which of the of following tests should be part of this first panel of tests? Mark 3 alternatives

- Bone marrow examination
- Haemoglobin electrophoresis
- Urine examination
- Echocardiography
- Peripheral blood smear, reticulocyte count
- CRP (C-reactive protein)

Answer:

Urine examination
Peripheral blood smear, reticulocyte count
CRP (C-reactive protein)

Part 3:

A 3 year old boy was brought to the emergency room due to a rash on the buttocks and the extensor surfaces of his legs and arms. The parents explained that he had previously been healthy and had been vaccinated (immunized) according to the normal programme. The current complaint consisted of signs of upper airway infection for 4 days, while the rash had developed since yesterday.

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The following are some early test results (not limited to those discussed above): Normal Hgb, white blood cell and platelet counts, reticulocyte count, CRP, MCH, MCV, MCHC, ferritin and TIBC, urine tests.

Question 1:

Which diagnosis is now most likely? Mark 1 alternative

- Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura
- Henoch Schönlein's purpura
- Leukaemia

Answer:

Henoch Schönlein's purpura

Part 4:

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The most likely diagnosis is Henoch Schönlein's purpura

Question 1:

Which of the following decisions would you now make? Mark 1 alternative

- Order more blood tests?
- Start with iron supplement
- Refer him for bone marrow examination
- No treatment, no follow up
- No treatment, follow up after 4 weeks
- Start antibiotics

Answer:

No treatment, follow up after 4 weeks

Assessment: MEDSEM9_STATION18_H13_ORD

Part 1:

A mother brings her 10 year old girl to your office because she is smaller than all the other girls in her class in school.

Question 1:

In what circumstances should children be examined by a doctor due to short stature? (mark two - 2 - answers)

- All children with a height less than the 2.5 centile for age
- All children with a father or a mother with a height below the 2.5 centile
- All children with a height below the 10th centile
- All children in whom height has decreased more than two centile channels in the growth chart

Answer:

All children with a height less than the 2.5 centile for age

All children in whom height has decreased more than two centile channels in the growth chart

Question 2:

Which information would you consider to be the most important to collect initially? (mark one - 1 - answer)

- Family history of mother's and father's height and pubertal development
- History of pregnancy and birth (including birth weight, length and head circumference)
- Growth Chart (percentiles) of height and weight
- Pubertal development (Tanner stage)

Answer:

Growth Chart (percentiles) of height and weight

Part 2:

A mother brings her 10 year old girl to your office because she is smaller than all the other girls in her class in school.

The child was referred to the growth clinic/endocrine unit at the nearest paediatric department.

Question 1:

Which additional examinations are indicated first (blood tests not included) (Mark three - 3 - answers)

- X-ray for Bone age and final height prediction
- Measurements of standing height, sitting height, and arm span to evaluate possible signs of dysmorphology
- Ultrasound of the abdomen and pelvis
- Height velocity chart

Answer:

X-ray for Bone age and final height prediction

Measurements of standing height, sitting height, and arm span to evaluate possible signs of dysmorphology

Height velocity chart

Part 3:

A mother brings her 10 year old girl to your office because she is smaller than all the other girls in her class in school. The child was referred to the growth clinic/endocrine unit at the nearest paediatric department.

Height was 5 cm below the 2.5 centile, Height velocity 3 cm per year (2.5 centile), Tanner stages were 1. Bone age was 8 years (chronological age 10 years). No signs of dysmorphism. She had no symptoms or signs suggestive of ongoing/active illness.

Question 1:

Which blood tests would you suggest carrying out first? (Mark four - 4 - answers)

- TSH and free thyroxin
- Cortisol, ACTH
- HbA1c
- Coeliac screening (Transglutaminase)
- Growth Hormone, Insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1), IGF Binding protein 3 (IGF-BP3)
- Chromosomes

Answer:

TSH and free thyroxin

Coeliac screening (Transglutaminase)

Growth Hormone, Insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1), IGF Binding protein 3 (IGF-BP3)

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The tests you had carried out yielded the following results: Normal female chromosomes, normal TSH and free thyroxin, normal coeliac screen. Serum growth hormone was within normal reference range. However, IGF-1 and IGF-BP3 were low.

Question 1:

Which additional diagnostic steps would you suggest?

- Total body skeletal X-ray
- MRI of CNS and pituitary gland.
- Growth hormone stimulation test
- LHRH stimulation test

Answer:

MRI of CNS and pituitary gland.

Growth hormone stimulation test

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These tests yielded the following results: Stimulated growth hormone was low.

Question 1:

Which diagnosis does this suggest? (max 1 line)

Answer:

Growth hormone deficiency (6p).

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You diagnose growth hormone deficiency.

Question 1:

Which treatment would you suggest? (max 1 line)

Answer:

Daily subcutaneous injections of growth hormone (6p).

Assessment: MEDSEM9_STATION19_H13_ORD

Part 1:

A 32-year-old woman in her first pregnancy presents at your office as general practitioner. She is 30 weeks pregnant and complains about increasing oedema in her hands and feet during the last two weeks. Her blood pressure is 140/85 mmHg with an increase in diastolic blood pressure since her last visit two weeks ago. Urine dipstick shows traces of proteinuria.

Question 1:

Does she need treatment for her oedema?

- yes
- no

Answer:

no

Question 2:

When should she be seen for her next appointment?

- Within 3-4 days
- Within two weeks
- Within four weeks

Answer:

Within 3-4 days

Part 2:

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At a visit four days later her oedema and blood pressure are the same. Five days thereafter she complains about frontal headache and visual disturbance. She feels generally unwell. Her blood pressure is 160/105 mmHg and urinary dipstick shows proteinuria 2+. She feels foetal movements.

Question 1:

What is the most likely diagnosis?

Answer:

Preeclampsia (6 p)
HELLP syndrome (3 p)

Question 2:

What do you do? (max 1 line)

Answer:

"Prompt referral" to obstetric department

Part 3:

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Your initial diagnosis is preeclampsia and you refer your patient immediately to the hospital. Two days later in the hospital the patient has epigastric pain. On abdominal palpation she is tender below the right costal rim. The uterus is without specific tenderness. The obstetrician suspects that her preeclampsia has worsened.

Question 1:

What diagnostic blood tests would you take (list a maximum of six blood tests)?

Answer:

(1 point for each correct answer)

Haemoglobin
Haematocrit
Platelets
ASAT
ALAT
LDH
Creatinine
Haptoglobin
Uric acid
Blood smear (burr cells, schistocytosis)
Fibrinogen
INR
Cephotest
D-dimer

Part 4:

A 32-year-old woman in her first pregnancy presents at your office as general practitioner. She is 30 weeks pregnant and complains about increasing oedema in her hands and feet during the last two weeks. Her blood pressure is 140/85 mmHg with an increase in diastolic blood pressure since her last visit two weeks ago. Urine dipstick shows traces of proteinuria.

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The blood tests suggest HELLP syndrome as the most likely diagnosis.

Question 1:

What does the acronym HELLP mean?

Answer:

Haemolysis (2 p)
Elevated Liver enzymes (2 p)
Low Platelets (2 p)

Question 2:

The same evening she starts having painful uterine contractions. The uterus is tense and painful between the contractions. You notice some vaginal bleeding. Ultrasound examination shows placental location in the fundal area and foetal bradycardia.

What is the most likely diagnosis (one alternative)?

- Placenta praevia
- Placental abruption
- Superimposed preeclampsia
- Normal labour

Answer:

Placental abruption

Part 5:

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You suspect placental abruption.

Question 1:

What is your treatment option (one alternative)?

- Maternal steroid treatment to mature foetal lung development
- Induce delivery by amniotomy and oxytocin
- Prompt delivery by caesarean section

Answer:

Prompt delivery by caesarean section

Assessment: MEDSEM9_STATION20_H13_ORD

Part 1:

A 30-year-old Rhesus negative pregnant woman has had one previous spontaneous abortion in gestational week 16. This is her second pregnancy. A blood test taken at your office as a general practitioner at 12 weeks gestation showed anti-D antibodies with a low titer.

Question 1:

Why is it important to identify Rhesus antibodies during pregnancy?

Answer:

Risk of developing foetal anemia (red cell alloimmunization)

Question 2:

A new blood test taken at your office at 18 weeks gestation showed a significant increase in anti-D titer from the previous test.

What do you do?

Answer:

The woman should be referred to the obstetric department

Question 3:

In her previous pregnancy ending with a spontaneous abortion she did not receive any specific treatment due to her Rhesus status (Rhesus negative).

What prophylactic treatment is available to prevent immunization in Rhesus negative women?

Answer:

Injection of anti-D antibodies

Part 2:

As a general practitioner you are contacted by another pregnant woman at gestational week 24. Her older child is in a day-care nursery. Several of the children in the nursery have the fifth children's disease (erythema infectiosum, parvovirus B 19 infection). For two days she has had a rash and been subfebrile.

Question 1:

What harm could a parvovirus B 19 infection do at this stage of pregnancy?

Answer:

Development of foetal anaemia (reduced production of red blood cells) (3 p)

Question 2:

What is the best investigation to diagnose a maternal parvovirus B 19 infection?

Answer:

Maternal serology (specific IgG and IgM antibodies) (3 p)

Assessment: MEDSEM9_STATION21_H13_ORD

Part 1:

You are a general practitioner in a small suburban village. A 40 year old woman who is 8 weeks pregnant is seeking your advice concerning prenatal diagnostics due to her age.

Question 1:

Which two of these foetal disorders are related to maternal age?

- Down's syndrome (trisomy 21)
- Cystic fibrosis
- Neural tube defects
- Edward syndrome (trisomy 18)

Answer:

Down's syndrome (trisomy 21)
Edward syndrome (trisomy 18)

Part 2:

You are a general practitioner in a small suburban village. A 40 year old woman who is 8 weeks pregnant is seeking your advice concerning prenatal diagnostics due to her age.

Question 1:

Mention up to four non-invasive (screening) and invasive (diagnostic) prenatal tests available for testing for or diagnosing trisomy 21 or trisomy 18 (chromosomal disorders).

Answer:

1.5 p for each correct answer
Double test ("duotest")
Nuchal translucency scan (NT scan, "early ultrasound")
Triple test
Amniocentesis ("fostervannsprøve")
Chorionic villus sampling (CVS) ("morkakeprøve")
free foetal DNA in maternal blood (not available in Norway)

Question 2:

You know the woman and her family well from previous consultations. You will write a referral letter to the nearest department for medical genetics or foetal medicine. From the list below indicate the four cells with the most medically relevant information for your referral letter concerning prenatal diagnostics.

- The woman is 40 years old (date of birth)
- She has been married for ten years
- Her father died from coronary heart disease 60 years old
- Her blood group is A Rhesus negative
- She is the oldest of two sisters
- First day of last menstrual period, regular periods
- Her mother is well and lives in her neighbourhood
- Her cousin has a child with Turner syndrome
- She has two children. Six months ago she had a spontaneous abortion. This is her fourth pregnancy
- She works as a secretary at a local hospital
- Her husband is a medical doctor
- She had preeclampsia in her first pregnancy

Answer:

The woman is 40 years old (date of birth)

Her blood group is A Rhesus negative

First day of last menstrual period, regular periods

She has two children. Six months ago she had a spontaneous abortion. This is her fourth pregnancy

Assessment: MEDSEM9_STATION22_H13_ORD

Part 1:

Question 1:

Which three types of gynaecological cancer (ca mammae not included) are most frequent (have the highest incidence)?

- Cancer vulvae
- Cancer cervicis uteri
- Cancer corporis uteri
- Cancer ovarii
- Cancer tubae
- Choriocarcinoma

Answer:

Cancer cervicis uteri
Cancer corporis uteri
Cancer ovarii

Part 2:

The three most frequent types of gynaecological cancer are cancer cervicis uteri, cancer corporis uteri, cancer ovarii.

Question 1:

Which of these has increased in incidence in developed countries the last decades?

- Cancer cervicis uteri
- Cancer corporis uteri
- Cancer ovarii

Answer:

Cancer corporis uteri

Part 3:

The three most frequent types of gynaecological cancer are cancer cervicis uteri, cancer corporis uteri, cancer ovarii. **Cancer corporis uteri has increased in incidence in western countries in the last decades.**

Question 1:

Describe three factors which may have contributed to the increasing incidence of cancer corporis uteri in western countries during the last decades.

Answer:

2 p for each (max 6 p)

Obesity

Low parity

Late onset of menopause

Long lasting use of oestrogens

Older women

Question 2:

Which type of gynaecological cancer is associated with HPV infection (human papilloma virus)?

- Cancer vulvae
- Cancer cervicis uteri
- Cancer corporis uteri
- Cancer ovarii
- Cancer tubae
- Choriocarcinoma

Answer:

Cancer cervicis uteri

Question 3:

Which tumour marker may be useful in monitoring the treatment effect in women with gynaecological cancer?

- Ca125
- CEA
- PSA

Answer:

Ca125

Part 4:

The three most frequent types of gynaecological cancer are cancer cervicis uteri, cancer corporis uteri, cancer ovarii. Cancer corporis uteri has increased in incidence in western countries in the last decades.

Question 1:

In which type of gynaecological cancer may Ca125 be useful in monitoring the treatment effect?

- Cancer vulvae
- Cancer cervicis uteri
- Cancer corporis uteri
- Cancer ovarii
- Cancer tubae
- Choriocarcinoma

Answer:

Cancer ovarii

Assessment: MEDSEM9_STATION23_H13_ORD

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Question 1:

Give two possible diagnoses.

Answer:

Spontaneous abortion (or threatened abortion)
Ectopic pregnancy
(3 p for each, max score 6 p)

Question 2:

You need to perform further investigations and/or refer the patient to a gynaecologist in order to find the correct diagnose.

List three different investigations that you and/or the gynaecologist will carry out.

Answer:

Gynaecological examination
s-HCG (day 1 and 3)
Transvaginal ultrasound examination

(2 p each, max score 6 p)

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You measure s-HCG the same day and two days later, and refer the woman to a gynaecologist for gynaecological examination including a transvaginal ultrasound examination.

The first s-HCG level is 1000 IU/l. Two days later the s-HCG level is 1300 IU/l.

The transvaginal ultrasound examination reveals stimulated endometrium but no intrauterine foetus.

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Which diagnose is the most likely?

- Ectopic pregnancy
- Normal first trimester pregnancy
- Spontaneous abortion

Answer:

Ectopic pregnancy

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You inform the woman that she might be suffering from an ectopic pregnancy.

Question 1:

Describe three risk factors for ectopic pregnancy.

Answer:

Previous infection (chlamydia)

Previous ectopic pregnancy

Previous surgery (adhesions)

IUD

Endometriosis

(1 p for each, max score 3 p)

Question 2:

Describe two possible treatment options for ectopic pregnancy.

Answer:

Surgery (salpingectomy or salpingostomy) (2 p)

Intramuscular methotrexate injection (1 p)