Cross-Cover

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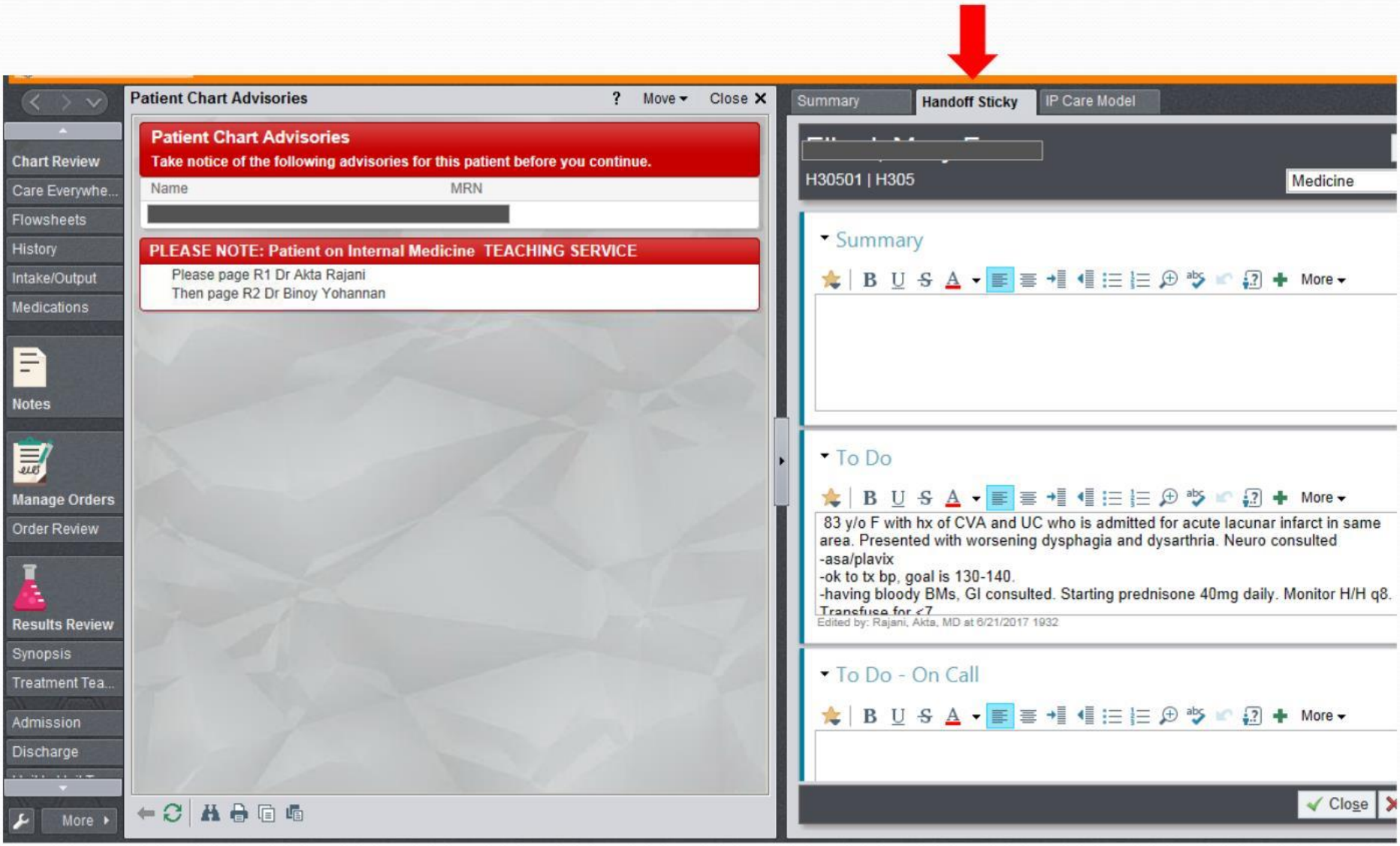
How to make cross cover list

- Click on “Hand Off Sticky” in the patient’s chart - Side Bar.
- Enter any pertinent information, things that need to be done or followed, important information for the day float and on call team to know, etc & click “Accept” or “Close”
- When finished updating all of your patients, click “Print”
- Most recent sign out note for each patient will print
- Write 1) your name and 2) time you will check back in the next day on the back of your list & give to your cross cover person for that day (see bottom of call calendar)
- Let them know about any tenuous patients or things that need to be done (eg: waiting for CT results)
- Call page operator at 5PM (no earlier) and say, “This is Dr.___. I need to check out my pager to Dr. ___ until 7AM/8AM.” DO NOT CALL THE PAGE OPERATOR AT 3PM TO SET A FUTURE CHECK OUT TIME.
- You are responsible for all pages and evaluating patients until you are checked out at 5pm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MRN
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Then page R2 Dr Binoy Yohannan
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83 y/o F with hx of CVA and UC who is admitted for acute lacunar infarct in same area. Presented with worsening dysphagia and dysarthria. Neuro consulted
-asa/plavix
-ok to tx bp, goal is 130-140.
-having bloody BMs, GI consulted. Starting prednisone 40mg daily. Monitor H/H q8.
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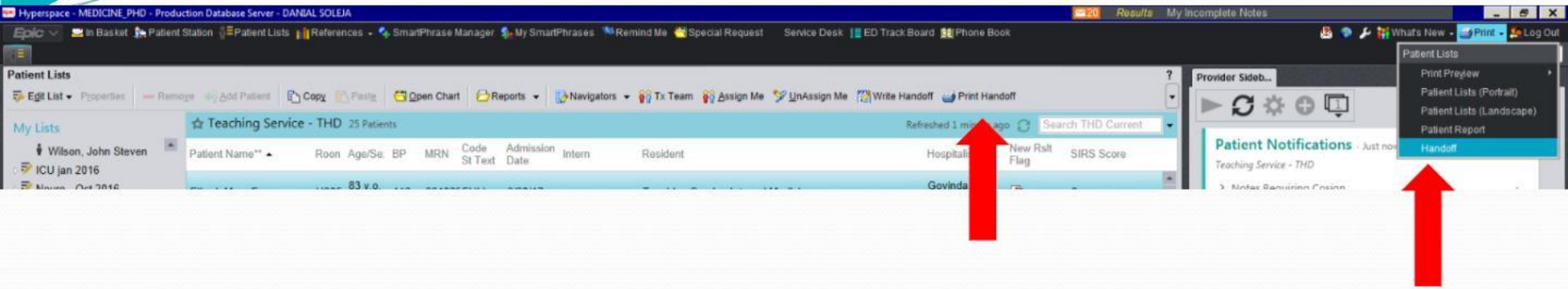
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Who do you check out to?

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CALL TEAMS	ATTENDING	RESIDENT	INTERNS
A	R. GILL / J. BABY	HARADA	ANJUM
B	R. GILL / J. BABY	SUDHEKAR	KOJDER
C	E. GOODMAN	AUSAMA	MARION
D	M. GUTIERREZ	MADA	BAJAJ
E	S. HASAN	GUPTA	LEE / HUDSON

CROSS COVERAGE GROUPS
I. HARADA, SUDHEKAR, GUPTA, MARION, BAJAJ
II. AUSAMA, MADE, ANJUM, KOJDER, LEE / HUDSON

DAY FLOAT: ABBAS

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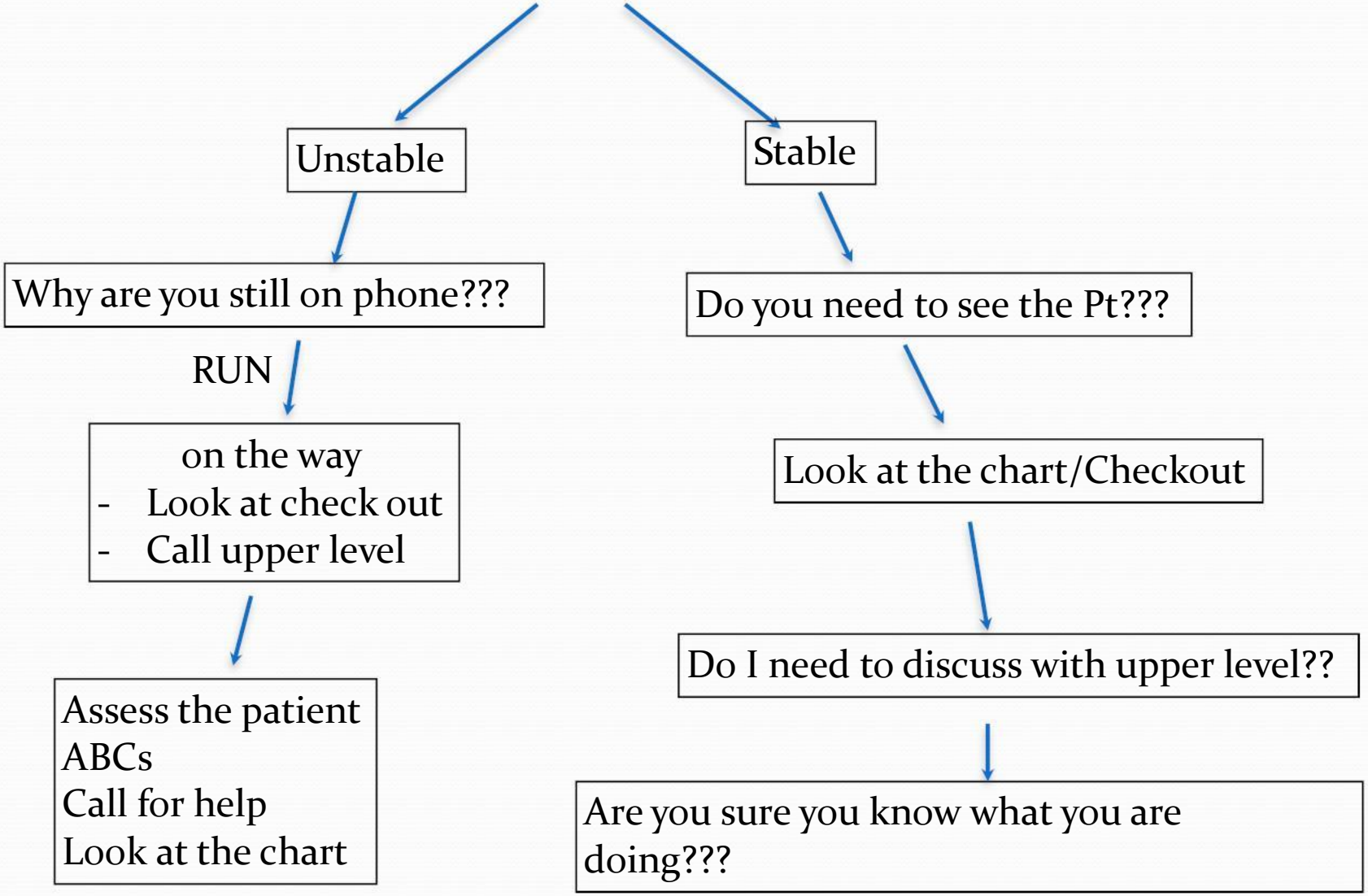
When you get called…

- Clarify Which Pt and which R1
- Reason for Call***
- Do not be judgmental about seemingly stupid reason for calls.
- Every call is documented somewhere by RN

Is the Pt stable***



Understand the Patients condition before you act:

- Look at the interns note***
- Why was patient admitted?
- Is this a new or worsening problem?
- Review patient's labs & I/Os
- **Is there a reason to not do what you plan on doing????**

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Taking cross cover

- Document any calls, events, meds given, etc in Sign Out Report (you may also want to write it down on the paper copy)
- Sign Out Report does not become part of the chart (unless you click “Copy to Chart”)
- Let primary team know about any events

Radiology

- CXR: always try to get a 2-view unless patient will have great difficulty moving
- Decubitus film to look for layering of effusion
- Head CT: non-contrast to look for bleeding
- MRI usually better to look for other lesions
- Abdominal CT: IV contrast better for most things
- Need PO contrast to look for obstruction
- Avoid contrasted studies in patient's with renal failure
- NO MRI contrast for dialysis patients
- **Can always call radiology to see what type of study needed**

Death

- Can be pronounced by 2 RNs
- Check for:
  - Spontaneous or responsive movement
  - Pupillary, corneal, gag reflexes
  - Respirations over entire lung field
  - Heart sounds throughout chest
  - Carotid pulse
- Notify patient's family & attending/covering physician
- Ask family about autopsy if appropriate
- Chaplain will help family with arrangements

Death Note

- Note the time patient was found by nurse
- Document your physical exam findings
- Include time death was pronounced

PICC Lines

- Night RNs are notorious for calling the night float intern and asking if the patient can have a central line knowing you just want to go back to sleep.
- Before giving in…
  - Ask how many times have they tried to put in a PIV?
  - Did the nursing supervisor try?
  - Did they call the PICC nurse to try a PIV via ultrasound?
  - When will the patient be discharged? If tomorrow, then definitely not.
  - Does the patient actually need one in the middle of the night? Can it wait so that the daytime RN can try?
- If all attempts to avoid a PICC line fails, get a midline first!

Closing the loop…

- Wards Interns
  - Please show up by 7AM to get check out from on call team.
  - Be courteous to the on call team, and BE ON TIME!

Specific Situations

Altered Mental Status

- **Go evaluate pt & perform neuro exam**
- Check bedside glucose, electrolytes +/- ABG, ammonia, UA
- If stroke-like symptoms: activate stroke team
- Order stat non-contrast head CT
- Consider giving Naloxone 0.4-2 mg IV/IM
- May repeat after 2-3 mins
- Use caution with Flumazenil as this may precipitate a seizure in a patient who is chronically on benzo's
- 0.2 mg over 30 seconds
  - Repeat dose of 0.5 mg after 1 min if needed, max 3 mg

MOVE STUPID (mnemonic for AMS)

- Metabolic: Na disturbance, hyperCa, ammonia
- Oxygen: hypoxia, hypercapnea, carbon monoxide
- Vascular: stroke, bleed/trauma, acute change in BP
- Endocrine: glucose, thyroid, cortisol
- Seizure/post-ictal state
- Trauma, tumor, TTP
- Uremia
- Psychogenic
- Infection: esp UTI in elderly, CNS, sepsis
- Drugs: esp narcotics, benzos, sleep aids, also w/d, check level when appropriate

Agitation/Combative Behavior

- If patient is not a threat to him/herself or staff, try talking to him/her, re-orienting first, having family stay at bedside
  - Try environmental modification first - dim lights, fewer people in the room, calm tones, etc
- If pulling at lines, trying to get out of bed (and is fall risk), or attempting to harm staff, may need meds
  - Lorazepam (use with caution in elderly) 0.5-2 mg IV/IM
  - Higher doses for DTs
  - Haloperidol 2-5 mg IV/IM
  - Avoid dopamine antagonists in patients with Parkinson's
  - Quetiapine 25 mg PO if recurrent
- Restraints if needed (wrist vs. ankles vs. 4-point vs. posey vest)
  - Caution if about to be discharged. Must be restraints-free for 24-48 hours prior to going to SNU/LTAC
  - Use as last resort

Seizure

- Keep the patient safe- ABC's first
  - Place in left lateral decubitus position to prevent aspiration & don't put anything in the seizing patient's mouth
- When called about a seizure, have nurse have lorazepam 4 mg IV ready at the bedside; give 2mg lorazepam IV and repeat 1-2 mg every one to two min as needed until seizures have stopped
  - Watch for respiratory depression with higher doses of lorazepam
- Check labs- STAT finger-stick blood glucose
- If persists: call neurology
- Can give phenytoin/fosphenytoin as a loading dose
- Consider transfer to higher level of care (ICU) if needed

Delirium Tremens

- Give Lorazepam 1-4 mg IV (or IM)
- Repeat at 15-20 min intervals as needed
- Give Thiamine 100 mg IV
- Give glucose, multivitamins containing or supplemented with folate, and correct potassium, magnesium, and phosphate deficiencies
- Avoid Haloperidol as this decreases seizure threshold
- Refractory cases may require transfer to ICU for drip

Falls

- **Go to evaluate pt, perform neuro exam, & look for signs of trauma**
- Why did patient fall? Mechanical? Pre/syncope? AMS? Check medication list.
- Did patient lose consciousness?
  - Before the fall: check telemetry, glucose, labs, vitals
    - Transfer to telemetry if concern for cardiac etiology
  - After the fall: consider getting head CT if concerned about head trauma
- Do you need other imaging? (wrist films, hip films)
- Place patient on fall precautions
- Order neuro status checks if indicated

Dyspnea

- A symptom, not a disease or diagnosis; have to figure out why
- Pulmonary Causes: PNA, PTX (recent chest procedure?), PE (consider checking D-dimer, CTA, V/Q scan, lower extremity dopplers), COPD, asthma, aspiration (elderly, patients who have vomited, or with recent loss of consciousness), mechanical obstruction, ARDS
- Cardiac Causes: CHF, MI, tamponade, arrhythmia
- Acid/Base Disturbances: Metabolic acidosis, respiratory alkalosis
- Hematologic Causes: Anemia, hemoglobinopathies, cyanide toxicity
- Psychiatric Causes: Anxiety, panic attack
- Check O2 sat, give oxygen as needed*
  - Call resident if you think patient needs to be intubated
  - Check CXR, ABG, EKG, CBC
- Wheezing: give albuterol or duonebs
- Crackles: check I/O's, stop IVF & consider giving Lasix
- Copious respiratory secretions: suction
- ICU transfer?

Oxygen Delivery Methods

- Standard Nasal Cannula-
  - Delivers an inspiratory oxygen fraction (FiO_2) of 24-40% at supply flows ranging from 1-5L/min
  - Venturi Mask-
  - Mixes oxygen with room air, creating high-flow enriched oxygen; provides a constant FiO_2 and typical FiO_2 delivery settings are 24, 28, 31, 35 and 40% oxygen
  - Often used when there is a concern about CO_2 retention
  - Simple Face Mask-
  - Delivers an FiO_2 of 40-60% at 5-10L/min; useful for pts who are strictly mouth breathers
  - Nonrebreather Face Mask-
  - Indicated when FiO_2 >40% is required; may deliver FiO_2 up to 90% at high flow settings; oxygen flows at 8-10L/min; must be tightly sealed on the face and there is also a risk of CO_2 retention
- BiPAP- BiLevel Positive Airway Pressure
  - Uses two pressures during breathing cycle- an inhale pressure and exhale pressure
  - Used in pts who need respiratory assistance or in pts with COPD
  - Differential in inspiratory and expiratory pressures aids in the removal of excess carbon dioxide CO_2

Chest Pain

- Check vitals, EKG, CXR, cardiac enzymes, cardiac exam
- Anginal: give oxygen, nitroglycerin (if BP OK)
- New murmur, rub: may need stat echo
- "Tearing:" consider aortic dissection
- Pleuritic: consider PE, PTX, pleural effusion
- Musculoskeletal: reproducible on exam?
- Gastroesophageal: try Maalox
- STEMI: activate STEMI team, call cardiology

Hypotension

- See patient immediately.
- Is patient tolerating blood pressure?
  - Yes—repeat BP on other arm, leg; measure it yourself with a manual cuff; **MAKE SURE ALL VITALS ARE CURRENT**
  - No—fluids, fluids, fluids (cautiously if heart failure)
  - If patient is unstable, call a Rapid Response or potentially a Code
- Is there evidence of shock (septic, cardiogenic, hypovolemic)?
- Consider ICU transfer for pressors if not responding to fluids
- Norepinephrine: 2-30 mcg/min (watch for bradycardia)
- Vasopressin: 0.04-0.08 u/min
  - Dopamine: 1-2 mcg/kg/min (watch for tachycardia)
  - If concern for sepsis: blood & urine cultures, CXR, lactate
  - Empiric antibiotics (*after getting cultures*): vancomycin or linezolid + piperacillin/tazobactam + levofloxacin
  - Transfer to ICU for sepsis protocol

Hypertension

- Recheck the reading manually; check the other vital signs; quick chart review; what do they take at home?
- Review vital sign trends. Is this new?
  - Severe HTN: systolic blood pressure ≥180 mmHg and/or diastolic blood pressure ≥120 mmHg; no end organ damage
  - Hypertensive emergency: Evidence of END-ORGAN DAMAGE
  - Brain: AMS, lethargy, stroke, seizure
  - Eyes: Changes in vision, papilledema, flame hemorrhages
  - Cardiac: Chest pain, heart failure, EKG with strain or ischemic changes, SOB
  - Renal: low urine output, edema, elevated Cr, hematuria
  - If patient has BP meds ordered, may give dose early
  - If patient has been admitted for stroke, may be allowing for permissive hypertension
  - If not severely elevated, no need to lower acutely
- Can use PRN meds:
  - Clonidine 0.1-0.2 mg PO Q4-6H (may cause sedation, bradycardia)
  - Enalaprilat 1.25-5 mg IV Q6H (monitor renal function)
  - Hydralazine 10 mg PO or 10-20 mg IV Q4-6H (watch for tachycardia)

Hypertensive Emergency

- If >/= 180/120, look for signs of **end-organ damage**
- Perform fundoscopic exam
  - Head CT if neurologic deficits
  - Check chemistries, UA, cardiac enzymes
  - Decrease MAP by no more than 25-30% in first few hours
  - Labetalol 20 mg IV (watch for bradycardia)
  - Hydralazine 10-20 mg (watch for tachycardia)
  - If unresponsive to boluses, transfer to ICU for drip
  - Nicardipine gtt
  - Labetalol gtt
  - Or nitroprusside gtt esp if pt has cardiac ischemia

Arrhythmias

- ALWAYS LOOK AT THE EKG YOURSELF!
- Unstable tachyarrhythmia: shock 100 J synchronized
- Stable w/ narrow complex tachyarrhythmia:
  - A-fib w/ RVR: rate control w/ nodal blocker
  - Diltiazem 5-10 mg IV over 2 mins
  - Repeat after 15 mins if needed
    - Then start drip if needed @ 5-15 mg/hr, stop if hypotensive
    - Digoxin if BP low: 0.25-0.5 mg IV
    - Call cardiology
  - SVT: try vagal maneuver first, then Adenosine 6 mg IV
  - Rapid push, may repeat w/ 12 mg
  - VT: non-sustained
    - Non-sustained: check Mg and K

Arrhythmias

- Stable wide complex tachyarrhythmia:
- Adenosine 6-12 mg rapid IV push (have defib on hand)
- Then try Amiodarone 150 mg (*NOT with Torsades)
- Torsades: Magnesium 1-2 g over 5-20 mins
- Unstable bradyarrhythmia:
  - Atropine 0.5 mg Q3-5 mins, max 3 mg
  - Start a drip if ineffective:
    - Dopamine 2-10 mcg/kg/min
    - Epinephrine 2-10 mcg/min
  - Prepare for transcutaneous pacing
  - Call cardiology

Nausea/Vomiting

- Medications: narcotics, antibiotics, & many others
- Obstruction: Check for bowel sounds, KUB.
- NPO, NG tube, call surgery
- Pancreatitis: Check lipase. Consider US or CT scan.
  - NPO, aggressive IVF, pain control
- Elevated intracranial pressure: Neuro findings? Check CT.
- Call neurosurgery
- Vestibular disorder: Vertigo? Nystagmus?
- Metabolic disturbance: Uremia, DKA, para/thyroid, adrenal insufficiency
- Others: Myocardial infarction, Infection, Migraine, Indigestion
- Symptomatic relief:
  - Ondansetron 4-8 mg ODT or IV
  - Promethazine: 12.5-25 mg PO, PR, IV
  - Others: Metoclopramide, Prochlorperazine, Lorazepam, Meclizine

GI Bleed

- Upper: ulcers, varices, portal hypertensive gastropathy, gastritis/esophagitis, Mallory-Weiss tear, angiodysplasia, neoplasm, Dieulafoy's lesion
- Lower: hemorrhoids, diverticula, colitis, AVM, neoplasm, ischemic bowel
- Check vital signs (first to change) and orthostatic vital signs (+ with 20% loss)
- NPO
- 2 large bore IVs
- Monitor H/H (Note, Hct may be normal for 8 to 24 hrs)
- PT/INR/PTT
- BUN: suggestive of GIB if elevated w/o hx of renal disease
- Type an Cross
- Plt count
- IVFs
- NG tube: Lavage until clear
- GI consult
- GUAIAC/rectal exam
- PUD: Pantoprazole 80 mg IV bolus, then 8 mg/hr infusion; ENDOSCOPY
- In cirrhotics/variceal bleeding: Octreotide 50 mcg IV bolus, then 50 mcg/hr infusion

Prophylactic Ceftriaxone 1 g/day IV

Decreased Urine Output

- Defined as <0.5mL/kg/hr
- If volume depleted, try giving fluids
- May try giving diuretic, i.e. in pt with extreme volume overload such as end stage CHF pt
- Check bladder scan or post-void residual volume
- Place Foley if > about 300 ml
  - If unable to place Foley, call urology
- If they already have a Foley, check Foley placement/try flushing it
- If decreased PVR, determine the cause: poor flow to the kidneys because of heart failure, hypovolemia, sepsis/shock
- With renal failure check US to look for obstruction/ hydronephrosis
- If PVR is 100-200cc's, continue to monitor closely for another couple of hours

Hyperkalemia

- Most common cause is hemolysis—recheck
- Check EKG to look for changes
- Peaked T waves, flattened P, PR prolonged, QRS wide
- For life-threatening/severe:
- Calcium gluconate 1-2 g IV over 2-5 mins +
- D50W 50 ml + Insulin 10 units IV
- With acidosis: Sodium bicarbonate 50-150 mEq
- Albuterol 10-20 mg nebulized can also be used
- Lasix or kayexalate if > about 5.5 and no need for urgent correction

Positive Blood Culture

- If 1 of 2 is positive with Gram positive cocci, it may be a contaminant
  - However, if the patient is very sick, running fevers, and/or has a central line/PICC/port, you may want to cover with antibiotics
  - Consider repeating cultures
- If 2 of 2 or Gram negative organisms, start patient on empiric antibiotics
  - Ceftriaxone for Gm neg (Zosyn if risk factors for pseudomonas)
  - Vancomycin or Linezolid for Gm pos

Fever

- May not always be from infection—DVT, transfusion reaction, alcohol withdrawal can also cause fever
- Check doppler if concern for DVT
- Does the patient have signs/symptoms of infection?
- Order appropriate studies (CXR, respiratory cultures, UA)
- Check blood & urine cultures if they have not been done in the last 24 hours
  - Don't need to start antibiotics unless there is a clear source or positive cultures

Transfusions

- PRBC indications:
  - Symptomatic anemia regardless of H/H
  - Acute blood loss with evidence of inadequate O2 delivery
  - Hgb </= 7 for most patients
  - Post operative Hgb of </= 8
  - Hgb </= 8 for active bleeding, patients with heart/lung disease or undergoing chemotherapy
  - May need irradiated and/or leukoreduced for patients with hematologic malignancies/immunosuppression
  - If history of CHF or CKD, transfuse over 4 hours
  - Each unit pRBC has volume of 300cc and should raise hgb by 1g/dL and Hct by 3% unless active bleeding

Transfusions

- Platelets indications
  - < 10 K in non-bleeding pt with marrow suppression; consider higher threshold (< 30 K for pts who are febrile/septic)
  - < 50 K if actively bleeding or before surgery
  - < 100 K if CNS bleed or before CNS procedure
  - < 20 K for most bedside procedures
  - 1 unit of plt is equivalent to 4-6 pooled donor units
  - 1 unit should raise plt count by 30K

Transfusion Reaction

- Febrile non-hemolytic reactions: Symptoms include fever, chills, mild dyspnea, and malaise 1-6 hours after transfusion
  - Etiology is from cytokines that are generated and accumulate during the storage of blood components
  - Benign and without any lasting sequelae, but cannot distinguish initially from acute hemolytic reactions so the initial treatment for both the same
  - Treat by stopping the transfusion, IVF's, draw appropriate labs, and antipyretics

- Acute hemolytic reactions: Medical emergency from rapid destruction of donor RBC's by preformed recipient antibodies
  - Most commonly due to ABO incompatibility from clerical error…on occasion can have acquired alloantibodies like anti-Rh
- Symptoms: The classic triad of fever, flank pain, and red/brown urine (hemoglobinuria) is actually rarely seen. Other symptoms include chills, flushing, nausea, chest tightness, malaise
  - Treatment includes stopping the transfusion, initiating protocol for transfusion reactions (i.e. blood bank checks for clerical errors), maintain ABC's, start IVF's (Normal Saline), and check a direct antiglobulin (Coombs) test, Hemoglobin, and repeat T&C from the other arm.

TIPS

- You can access this powerpoint on the phdres.caregate.net website.
- Reference this PPT on day float.
- When in doubt, examine the patient. You may also call your resident or talk to the ICU extender or ER.
- Do not put in orders on a patient that is NOT on teaching service.
  - Relax!

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