
Ca n PO4 metab dr.

Hypercalcemia (>11mg%)

- Clinical symptoms:

- Fatigue, Anorexia, Vomiting, Constipation
- Freq of micturition, nephrolithiasis
- Seizures, Mental confusion, Depression

Hypercalcemia: Causes

1. PTH-related
2. Malignancy-related
3. Vit.D-related
4. High bone turnover ds
5. CKD-related

PTH-related hypercalcemia

I. Pr. HyperPTH

- Solitary adenoma
- MEN

II. Lithium therapy

III. Familial hypocalciuric hypercalcemia

Pr. Hyperparathyroidism: Etio

1. Solitary adenoma (80%); Rarely Carcinoma
2. MEN 1 (Wermer's synd: Pitutary n Pancreas)
3. MEN 2A (Medullary Ca thyroid + Pheochromo)
4. MEN 2B (Multiple Neuromas + MCT + PC)

Pr. Hyperparathyroidism: S/S

■ Clinical features:

i. Asymptomatic

ii. Bone, Stone, Groan, Mone

➤ Bone → high turnover bone ds

→ Osteitis fibrosa cystica

→ X-ray: subperiosteal resorption

→ Histo: multinucleated osteocasts at
bone surface pits

→ Formation/Resorption markers:

ALP, Procollagen/Collagen telopeptide

Pr. Hyperparathyroidism: S/S

- Stone → Nephrocalcinosis
→ Nephrolithiasis
- Groan → Refractory gastritis
→ Zollinger-Ellison syndrome
→ Pancreatitis
- Bone → Neuropsychiatric manifestations
→ Neuropathy, Parathyroid myopathy

Pr. Hyperparathyroidism: Mx

- Diagnosis: Hypercalcemia with $\uparrow$ S. PTH
- Treatment: Medical or Surgical ?

➤ Medical Mx:

- > 50 yrs of age
- Unfit or unwilling for surgery

Annual S. Creat, DEXA scan n Biannual S. Ca

➤ Drugs:

- SERMs (Raloxifene)
- Calcimimetics (CaSR +)

Pr. Hyperparathyroidism: Mx

- Surgery: single resection Vs 3+1/2 resection
- I. Severe hyperCa (>15 mg%)
or hypercalciuria (>400 mg/d)
- II. Asymp hyperPTH with age < 50 yrs
- III. T-score < -2.5 at any site
- IV. CCL reduced by 30% or more
- ❖ Pre-op Radiolabelled Tec SPECT & intra-operative S. PTH sampling (before n 5 min after removal.... $>50\%$ decline)

Pr. Hyperparathyroidism: Mx

- Post-surgical monitoring
 - i. S. Ca decline within 24 hrs n it persists for 3-5 days...thereafter lower normal levels
 - ii. Ca suppl if post-surgical hypoPTH; if no adequate response or continued req for parenteral Ca.....start Vit.D suppl also
 - iii. Mg suppl (1-2 g of MgSO₄) if concurrent hypomagnesemia

Familial hypocalciuric hypercalcemia

- Mutation in CaSR in PTH gland n Kidney
- Excess PTH secretion in the absence of negative feed-back from raised S. Ca through CaSR
- Usually asymptomatic
- Must be differentiated from Pr. hyperPTH as medical therapy or surgery not useful (*Hypocalciuria)

Malignancy-related hypercalcemia

1. Tumors with bone mets (Ca Breast)
 2. Humoral-mediated hypercalcemia of malig.
Or PTHrP-related hypercalcemia (Ca lung)
 3. Hematologic malignancies (Multiple myeloma, lymphoma, leukemia)
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- ❖ Although S. Ca high n PO₄ low in PTHrP and Pr. HyperPTH but....S. PTH low in PTHrP
 - ❖ Treat malignancy + Std therapy for hyperCa

Vit.D-related hypercalcemia

1. Dietary Vit.D intoxication
 - Chronic ingestion of Vit.D > 50,000 U/d (upper limit of normal dietary intake = 2000)
 - Δ : 25(OH)D > 100 ng/mL
 - Treatment:
 - i. Stop Vit.D suppl n restrict dietary Ca
 - ii. Hydrocortisone < 100mg/d if $\hat{S}$. Ca > 4 wks (* substantial fat stores of Vit D)

Vit.D-related hypercalcemia

2. Chr granulomatous dr

- Sarcoidosis, TB, Fungal infxns
- Excess Vit.D synthesized by Macrophages
(25(OH)D $\rightarrow$ 1,25(OH)₂D)
- No negative feed-back from S. Ca or PTH
- Treatment:
 - Treat underlying condition
 - Avoid sunlight exposure, limit dietary Ca n Vit.D; may use steroids

HyperCa with high bone turnover diseases

- Hyperthyroidism
- Secondary hyperPTH (e.g. CKD)
- Vit. A intoxication
- Prolonged immobilisation
- Thiazide diuretics ($\uparrow$ PCT reabs of Na n Ca) usually in asso with Vit.D therapy or hyperPTH

HyperCa with CKD

- Severe Sec. HyperPTH
- Adynamic bone ds (Aluminium toxicity)...in asso with Vit.D n Ca suppl...Al minimizes osteoblast activity
- Milk-alkali syndrome....results from excessive consumption of absorbable CaCO_3 antacids.... hyperCa + Alkalosis + Renal Failure

Clinical n Lab approach to HyperCa

- Chronicity, Severity n Symptoms:
 - Chronic hyperCa (>1yr) → malignancy unlikely
 - Severe hyperCa (>15mg%) → malignancy likely
 - Asymptomatic hyperCa → hyperPTH likely
- S. PTH..... High = Hyper PTH
- S. PTH..... Low = all other except hyperPTH
(malign-related, Vit.D-related)

Treatment of hyperCa

- Mild hyperCa: hydration + diuresis (Loop) (11-13 mg%)
- Mod (13-15) to Severe (>15) hyperCa:
 - Biphosphonates ...Zolandrone 3mg iv over 3 min SD
 - Clacitonin
 - Glucocorticoids (Hydrocortisone 100 mg/d)
 - Dialysis...severe or refractory cases or CKD

Hypocalcemia (< 8 mg%)

- Clinical Manifestation: (Neuromuscular)
 - Muscle cramps, carpopedal spasm
 - Laryngeal spasm (dysphonia/stridor)
 - QT prolongation, Torsade-de-pointes
 - Seizures, Psychosis, Depression

Hypocalcemia: Causes

■ Acute hypoCa:

1. Redistributive (critically ill patients)
2. Drugs/Medications...ethanol, heparin

■ Chronic hypoCa:

1. HypoPTH n PHP
2. Vit.D deficiency
3. CKD

Clinical approach to hypocalcemia

- Acute hypocalcemia...drugs/acute severe ds

- Chronic hypocalcemia....

Alcoholics....dietary def of Ca n hypoMg

Elderly.....dietary def of Ca n Vit.D

Adolescents.....HypoPTH n PHP, CKD,
Malabsorption syndrome

Seizure disorder.....Anticonvulsants

Lab clues for hypoCa Etiology

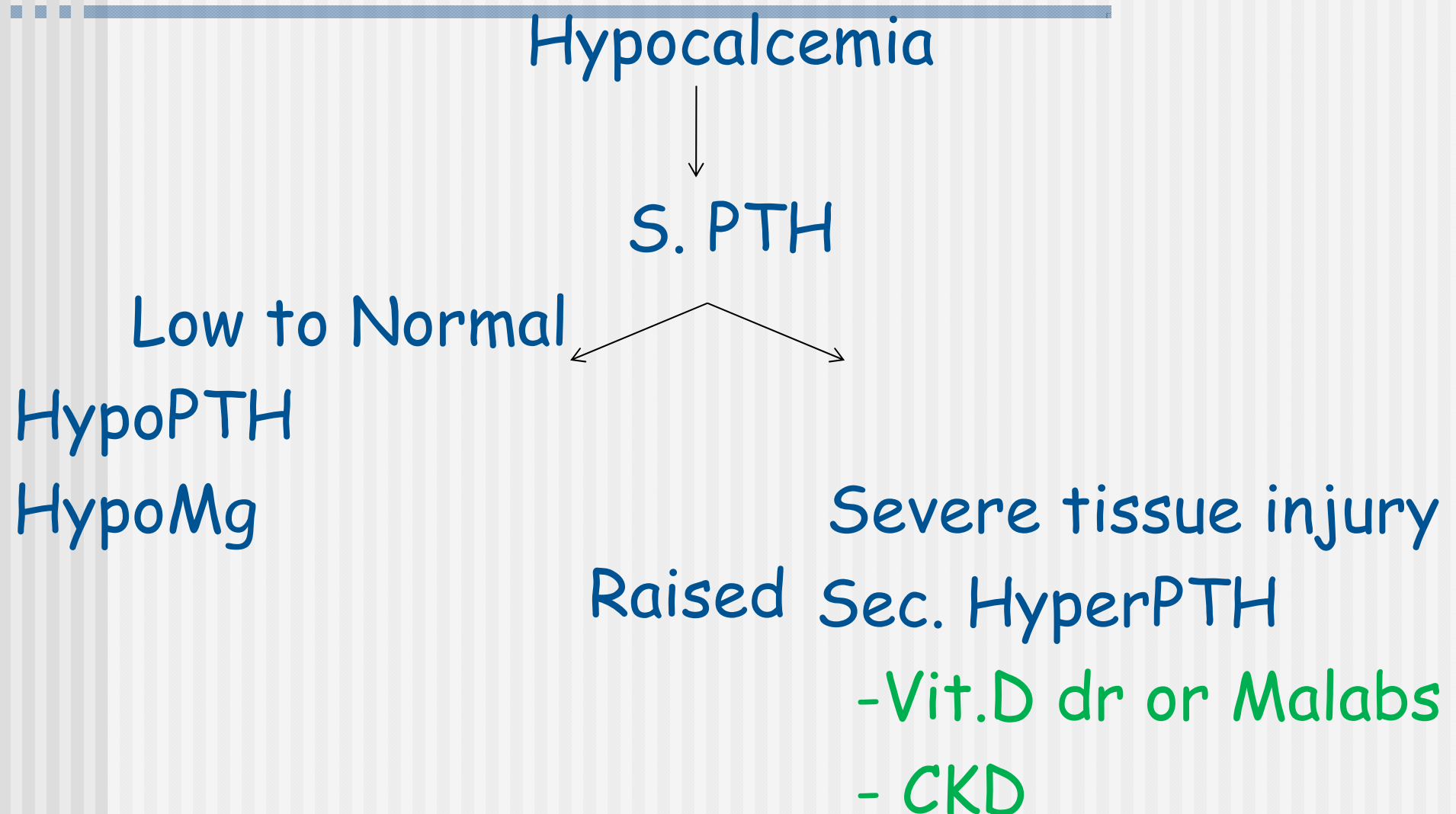
■ Low Ca n Low PO₄:

1. Vit.D deficiency
2. Malabsorption synd
3. Anticonvulsants

■ Low Ca n High PO₄:

1. CKD
2. HypoPTH n PHP
3. Massive tissue destruction

Lab approach to hypoCa



Hypocalcemia: Causes

- HypoPTH: hereditary or acquired
 - A. Hereditary...Isolated or Asso disorders
 - Asso developmental defects, basal ganglia calcification & extrapyramidal symptoms, alopecia, candida infxns
 - 1. PTH + Thymus = DiGeorge synd
 - 2. PTH + Thyroid/Adrenal = Polyglandular Auto immune Defect
 - 3. PTH + Mitochondria dysfunc (MELAS synd)

Hypocalcemia: Causes

- HypoPTH: hereditary or acquired
 - B. Acquired HypoPTH
 1. Post-surgical (thyroidectomy, PTHectomy)
 2. Post-radiotherapy
 3. Hemochromatosis, hemosiderosis

HypoCa: Causes & Treatment

■ Treatment of HypoPTH→

- Oral Ca n Vit.D suppl
- Avoid overzealous treatment...may ppt renal calculi
- Use thiazide diuretics if hypercalciuria

HypoCa: Causes & Treatment

- Hypomagnesemia: (< 0.4 mmol/L)
- Causes reduced PTH secretion n end-organ resistance
- Common in Alcoholics n Malnutrition
- Δ clue $\rightarrow$ Low Ca + Low PO₄ + Low PTH.....
(and low Mg)
- Treatment $\rightarrow$ Mg suppl (parenteral)

HypoCa: Causes & Treatment

- Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD):
 - Reduced Vit.D; PTH resistance for bone resorption n Extra-osseous calcification (high Ca-PO₄ product).....all lead to hypoCa
 - Treatment
Ca (1-2 g/d) & Vit.D (0.25-1.0 µg/d Calcitriol)
Avoid Al containing antacids n phosphate binders....adynamic bone disease

HypoCa: Causes & Treatment

■ Vit.D disorders:

1. Deficiency from poor dietary intake, reduced sunlight exposure or low absorption i.e. small bowel ds, Liver ds
2. Defective/altered metabolism from Liver ds, CKD, Anticonvulsants, INH, HypoPTH, Vit.D dependent Rickets type I (genetic defect for encoding 1-hydroxylase) & II (end-organ resistance)

Hypocalcemia: Acute Management

- 180 mg of elemental Ca/ 2 g of Cagluconate iv over 10 min f/b 6 g in 500 mL NS iv over 6 hrs
- Treat HypoMg if present
- Pts on Digoxin highly predisposed to cardiac arrhythmias
- Ca and NaHCO₃ not compatible iv admixture

PO₄ metabolic dr.

Hypophosphatemia: Causes

I. A) Dietary inadequacy...Rare

... B) Impaired absorption....Al-based antacids

II. Renal loss

A) PTH/PTHrP-related

- HyperPTH...Pr. Or Sec. (CKD, Vit.D def)
- PTHrP

B) PTH/PTHrP-independent

- XLHR (PHEX) & ADHR (FGF) Steroids
- Wilson ds - HypoMg - Diuretics
- Fanconi's synd - DM - Estrogen

Hypophosphatemia: Causes

III. Redistributive

- i. IV Dextrose
- ii. Insuline therapy
- iii. Catecholamine
- iv. Ac. Resp. alkalosis
- v. Severe sepsis
- vi. Refeeding syndrome
- vii. Rapid cellular growth...leukemic blast crisis
EPO or CSF therapy
- viii. Vit.D suppl or osteoblastic mets

hypophosphatemia: S/S & Lab Ix

Clinical manifestations reflect generalised effect in cellular energy metab

ox. Myopathy, Bone pain, Pseudofractures, rickets n Short-stature (children)

Lethargy, Confusion, Enceph, Seizures

Anisocoria, Nystagmus, Oculomotor palsy

Ataxia, Cerebellar tremors

Peripheral neuropathy GBS-like ds

hypophosphatemia: Treatment

Acute or Severe HypoPO₄:

Cumulative deficit not predictable

Therapy is empiric with frequent monitoring
of S. PO₄ n Ca (Ca-PO₄ product < 50)

Na₃PO₄ or K₃PO₄

0.2-0.8 mmol/Kg of elemental phosphorus iv
q 6 hr.

Oral phosphate

Hypophosphatemia: Treatment

Chronic HypoPO₄:

If Vit.D def with Sec HyperPTH...Vit.D

Genetic dr (XLHR, ADHR)...Oral PO₄ with
Ca n Vit.D

Hyperphosphatemia: Causes

HypoPTH

HypoPTH →

1) Hereditary/Developmental

2) Acquired....Autoimmune, Post-Sx or Rx

gain-in-function mutation in CaSR

3) HypoPTH → (Sec to HyperCa)

4) Vit.D or Vit.A intoxication

5) Chr. Granulomatous ds

6) Milk-Alkali Synd

Hyperphosphatemia: Causes

CKD

Redistributive

Severe tissue injury...burns, crush injuries,
fulminant hepatic failure, cytotoxic agents
severe hemolytic anemia

Resp/Metab acidosis

Iatrogenic (rapid IV admin of PO_4)

Hyperphosphatemia

Clinical manifestations:

Due to hypoCa from heterotropic calcification

Increased Ca-PO₄ product → ppt of Ca₃(PO₄)₂

tetany, seizures, cardiac arrhythmias,
phosphocalcinosis

Treatment:

Volume expansion

/Ca-based phosphate binders Sevelamer

Osteomalacia

osteomalacia: Causes

Vitamin D deficiency

CKD, RTA

Misc. ... Hereditary hypophosphatasia,
CKD, RTA

Biphosphonate therapy

Ca deficiency:

- Vit.D def...Dietary def
 - Increased GI loss
 - Abn metabolism
 - End-organ resis.
- HypoPTH....Pr./Developmental or Acquired PHP

PO₄ deficiency:

- Dietary def
- Impaired absorption
- Renal loss....PTH or PTHrP-dependent
PTH or PTHrP-independent

Diagnosis:

1. Vit.D levels (<15 ng/mL)
2. S.Ca, PO₄, ALP
3. S. PTH
4. X-ray...reduced radio-opacity of cortical bone in the long bones, Looser's zone or Pseudo-fractures, widened and expanded growth plate (in children)

Treatment:

- Calciferol 50,000 IU wkly X 3-12 wks
f/b 800 IU/d
OR
Calcitriol 0.25-0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{d}$ (esp. CKD)
OR
Inj. Vit.D 2.5 M IU i/m Biannually
- Ca supplements (1-2 g/d of elemental Ca)

Monitoring of therapy:

- Normocalcemia within a week
- PTH n ALP take 3-6 months
- 24-hr urinary Ca excretion
 - 100-250 mg/d → Desirable
 - < 100 mg/d → Defect in Vit.D or Ca abs
 - > 250 mg/d → Nephrolithiasis

