

# CNS

SALMAN  
MANZOOR

- Headache (occipital Region) Fever, nausea vomiting
- Neck stiffness / rigidity
- Skin Rash

## MENINGITIS

1. A 20 year Female with 1 week Hx of vague ill health. Feverish feeling and slowness in mood 3 days ago she started having Global headache more in occipital region with photophobia, nausea, vomiting, Anorexia and gradual deterioration of consciousness. No further information is available from family. Pts is weak and irritable. on command she moves all 4 limbs but could not flex her limb neck and complaint of severe pain. Planters are equivocal bilaterally. There is no rash on body.

2. A 22 year old is brought in emergency with persistent nausea, projectile vomiting, high grade fever and pain in neck for last 2 days. Pts was fine before this 2 day illness. He has very low oral intake because of nausea vomiting and takes oral sips of water only occasionally. o/e he is febrile with Axillary Temp.  $103^{\circ}$  Pulse 104/min. He is drowsy, communicate briefly. No papilloedema or other cervical cranial nerve deficit. There is no pain on flexion of neck. His skin is erythematous maculopapular rash. Kerning's sign is positive.

Diagnosis : Meningitis

What 2 important physical sign you will try to elicit :

- ① Kerning's sign : Flex the hip at  $90^{\circ}$  degree & try to extend leg at knee.
- ② Brudzinko sign : Knee and hip flexion when attempt neck flexion

## D/Ds:

Bacterial meningitis

viral meningitis

Tuberculous meningitis

Subarachnoid Hemorrhage

Brain Abscess / Tumor

Encephalitis

## CAUSES:

### ① Bacterial

Neonates: < 1 month

Pre-school 1-6 year

OLDER child & Adults

① Gram -ve bacilli (E. coli, Proteus)  
most common 50-60%

① H. influenza (m.c.)  
40-60%

① Strep. pneumoniae  
> 15 year  
30-50%

② N. meningitides (25-40%)

② Group B Streptococci 20-40%

③ Strep. Pneumonia

② N. meningitides

③ Listeria monocytogenes

④ M. Tuberculosis

③ Staph. Aureus

④ H. influenza

## investigations:

① Lumbar Puncture : CSF Examination

② CBC : neutrophils, Lymphocytes

③ Blood culture : +ve

④ PT, aPTT

⑤ RFTs : serum urea, creatinine, Electrolytes

⑥ x-ray chest

⑦ CT-scan brain : if mass suspected.

Which investigation is most crucial. Give sample.

CSF Examination

## CSF PARAMETERS:

	Acute Bacterial meningitis	viral meningitis	Tuberculosis meningitis
Pressure 9-18cm H <sub>2</sub> O	increased	Normal	increased
Appearance	Cloudy	clear	Cloudy
white cell count 0-4 < 5 cells/mm <sup>3</sup>	1000-20,000	10-2000	50-5000
Differential count	neutrophils	Lymphocytes	mixed
Glucose 50-75 mg/dl	Decrease markedly	normal	Decrease
Protein 15-45 mg/dl	↑	↑	↑↑
Gram stain	+ve culture	-ve	• Zn-stain • -ve

### management:

#### (i) General measures

Bed Rest

I/V Fluids → Prevent Dehydration

Airway patency

#### (ii) Empirical Therapy

Ceftriaxone 2gm I/V bid

vancomycin 1gm I/V bid

Ampicillin 2gm I/V 4-6 hourly > 50 years

Steroid → Dexamethasone (Dexa) : Decadron 10mg I/V 6 hourly

#### (iii) Adjuvant Therapy

Mannitol 250 mg I/V bolus (control ICP)

Dexa

Diazepam 10mg (control seizures)

## Ischemic Stroke

1. A 65 year male with complaints of Right sided weakness and speech difficulty for 1 hour. He is known Diabetic & HTN for 20 years. He was fine when he collapsed suddenly and family rushed him to hospital. No significant Hx of Headache or vomiting etc. Since then he is not moving his R arm and leg. O/E his pulse 90bpm is irregularly irregular. He is Afebrile with BP 160/90 mmHg. He is not talking and does not understand any spoken command. He has Right hemiparesis with power grade 2/5 normal Deep Tendon Reflex and +ve Babinski sign on Right.

2. A 72 year old man who is known case of long standing DM & HTN with variable control of both. He presents with Right sided weakness. It was sudden in onset & unable to stand and walk. He can take orally. O/E he is Afebrile & Pulse is irregularly irregular. Power grade is 2/5 and mildly Dysarthric.

3. A 65 year known DM & HTN. Her son give Hx of Fall from chair while she was sitting. And unable to move her left side of body. She was unable to talk. She tried to do but unsuccessful. motor weakness with power of 1/5 on left & 5/5 on Right side. Her plantars are up going on left and equivocal on Right side.

Diagnosis : Ischemic stroke / cerebral infarction

## Risk Factors:

### modifiable

DM  
Hypertension  
Alcohol  
Smoking  
Heart Diseases (HF, AF)  
ME  
Oral Contraceptives  
+ve Family History

### non-modifiable

Age  
Gender male > Female  
Hereditary  
Previous MI, Stroke  
High Fibrinogen

## Investigations:

### (i) Risk Factor Analysis

CBC

Blood sugar

Blood cholesterol

ANA & Anti DNA : SLE

ESR & Serum protein Electrophoresis

Protein C, S & Anti-Thrombin III

### (ii) Neuroimaging

MRI : (more sensitive) - Detect stroke in Brain stem

CT : Distinguish hemorrhagic from ischemic stroke

### (iii) Vascular:

Duplex US : Extracranial A/D

Doppler US

MR Angiography

CT Angiography

#### (iv) Cardiac

ECG

Echocardiography

#### management :

##### General :

- Maintenance OF ABC
- Nursing care
- Maintenance OF fluid & nutrition : I/v Fluid & Pass NG
- pass catheter
- Enema in constipation
- Care OF SKIN & Eyes : Prevent bedsores Give antibiotic
- Control Temperature
- Passive movements
- vitals monitoring

##### SPECIFIC :

Thrombolytics : TPA I/v within 3 hours (rule out hemorrhage (start immediately))

Antiplatelets : Aspirin, Clopidogral -

Anticoagulant : Heparin

Dexa / mannitol : control cerebral edema

control BP :

Anticonvulsants / Anti-Depressants : Depression or Anxiety

\* internal carotid endarterectomy  
subcutaneous Angioplasty } IF stenosis >70%

\* Embolization :

## Briefly Describe motor & Sensory Aphasia /

motor → Cannot write properly

Sensory → Cannot speak properly

## SubArachnoid Hemorrhage

1. A 40 Year male presents with sudden onset of headache for last 6 hours. He collapsed briefly at onset of headache with no definite fit. Later he having severe headache with repeated vomiting. He describe it has worst headache of his life nape of neck. O/E his pulse 98/min, BP 140. He was lying with eyes closed and had the neck stiffness no other neurological deficit no significant past medical Hx.

2. Mr. X known case of VHD and taking oral Anticoagulant for past 3 months. He fell from motor cycle 2 days back with injury to the right eye and transient loss of consciousness. He developed gradual loss of consciousness since last night. O/E he has deeply hemorrhage and pupil dilated of the right eye. He has generalized hypotonia with extensor plantar reflex on left side.

**Diagnosis :** Sub-Arachnoid Hemorrhage

### CAUSES :

- MCS Saccular (Berry) Aneurysm (85%)
- AV malformation
- Trauma
- idiopathic
- Anticoagulant
- Bleeding Disorders
- Brain Tumor



## investigations

Lumbar Puncture: (investigation of choice)

CSF Examination

CT

Cerebral Angiography → optimal approach to prevent recurrent bleeding

## management

immediate support measures

Control BP

Dexamethasone: to control cerebral edema

Surgical Clipping of Aneurysm: CHECK: reduce → Recurrence

- AV malformation

: Surgical Removal

Ligation of vessels

- Prevent vasospasm: Nimodipine

Burr-hole Drainage of Hematoma

# PARKINSONISM

A 78 year old Female. Pts was brought to out Pts clinic with complaints of jerky movements of hands, difficulty in holding things with both hands, difficulty in walking occasionally Fall on walking fast so has started taking very short steps. Her son said she is gradually becoming slow in her movement. last week she went to take her Pension. She was unable to sign the documents as signature were very much different from her original ones due to jerky movement of hand.

**Diagnosis :** Parkinsonism : It is a chronic & clinical progressive syndrome due to lesion in Basal Ganglia characterized by

- Tremors
- muscle Rigidity
- Hypokinesia

Group of Disorder Alter Dopaminergic pathway.

## CAUSES

Depletion of Dopaminergic neurons in Substantia nigra

Trauma

Encephalitis

CVA

Post MSH

## investigations

Clinical Diagnosis, NO Diagnostic Test Perform

CT & MRI to Exclude Wilson Disease.

## management:

### MEDICAL:

Levodopa - Carbidopa (mainstay of Rx)

Dopamine Receptor Agonists : Bromocriptine

Anticholinergic

Selegiline

COMT Rx inhibitors : (Entacapone, Tolcapone)

Amantadine

Physiotherapy

Speech Therapy

### Surgical:

① Stereotactic thalamotomy

② implantation of stimulating electrodes into  
Globus pallidus

while doing her detail neurological Examination  
which physical signs you would specifically look for.

① Tremors of Hands & Fingers

② Gaits

③ speech

④ loss of smell

⑤ Dizziness (faint upon standing)

## Myasthenia Gravis

A 23 year old male presented with 4 month hx of Generalized weakness and inability to perform his daily activities. He feels better in the morning but these complaints aggravated in evening when he usually has drooping of eyelids, he also feels more weakness of limbs if he has to continue some working for more than 10 min. Duration, this improves after taking rest.

Diagnosis : Myasthenia Gravis

### DDs :

Lambert - Eaton myasthenia syndrome

Hyperthyroidism

Intracranial mass lesion

Name one Differential Diagnosis and how will you differentiate it from main Diagnosis.

Lambert - Eaton myasthenia syndrome

This syndrome is differentiated by the fact that

- Tendon Reflex Depressed / Absent
- Autonomic changes show incremental response
  - Dry mouth
  - impotence
  - nerve stimulation Test

in Myasthenia Gravis these changes are normal.

## investigations :

Tension Test : 2mg inj. of endorphonium action in 30min for 2-3

Anti-acetylcholine Receptor Antibody : IgG Antibody in 80%

Anti-skeletal muscle Antibody (Anti-musk)

Nerve stimulation

### CHEST

X-ray / CT / MRI → Detect Thymoma

EMG

Screening for associated autoimmune Disorders

- Thyroid Disease

- RA Factor

- ANA

## management

Oral Anticholinergic : Pyridostigmine → inhibit enzyme Cholinesterase

Thymomectomy : Antibodies tve pts under 45 years  
Disease from 7 years

immunosuppressants : Azathioprine

steroid : Prednisolone

I/v immunoglobulin

Plasma Exchange

# Migraine Headache

1. A 34 year old Female Presents with headache For 6 year  
It is episodic moderate to severe unilateral Generalized. Headache  
lasting for 1-3 days. During headache attack she prefer rest in  
a dark, quite room. she may vomit or goes to sleep and feel  
relieved. she get 3-4 attack in month. Her mother used to  
have similar headache. she is married with 3 kids. Youngest  
kid is 7 year old. she denied any Sleep Disturbance or  
Family Problems. O/E she is obese with no papilloedema.

2. A 29 year is seen For off and on headache For 3 year  
The headache is at variable sites but usually left Temple  
Forehead and adjacent part of head. It is Preceded by  
strange feeling light headedness and nausea, vomiting, it is  
moderate - severe intensity and almost every week staying for  
a day or more. Routine oral medicine for headache do not  
work for her. O/E CNS is normal Her BP & vision normal

Diagnosis : Migraine headache

## Types :

Classical migraine

Common migraine

Hemiplegic migraine

Basilar migraine

## D/DS :

Meningitis

SAH

Hemiplegic migraine differentiated from TIA

investigations.

management

(i) General measures:

- Reassurance
- Relief of Anxiety
- Avoidance of precipitating factors
- Stop Contraceptive pills

(ii) Specific measures:

Acute / Abortive medications : Preventive

① Pain Relievers

- Aspirin (Dispirine 300mg) 2-3 Tab.
- Paracetamol (Calpol 500mg) 2 Tab

- ② Triptans (sumatriptan + imigran\*)
- ③ Ergotamine Tartrate (migril)
- ④ NSAIDs ↳ in coronary Artery Disease
- ⑤ Anti-emetic

- ① B<sup>-</sup> Blockers
- ② Ca<sup>++</sup> Channel Blocker verapamil
- ③ Antidepressants
- ④ Antiepileptic
- ⑤ SSRIs

Combination :

Triptans + naproxen

**MCQs**  
**Cluster Headache**  
 Prophylaxis  
 ↓  
 Migril  
 Ergotamine Tartrate

## Epilepsy

1. A 17 year Female having Fits for last 4 year. She Fall suddenly with Generalised Jerking of limbs, lasting 2-4 min. After she regain her consciousness, she is completely unaware of episode. There is Hx of Tongue bite and urinary incontinence during Attack sometimes on Detailed inquiry there is no significant Hx of Head injury meningitis. She had been use verapamil but take it irregularly. She was also taken to spiritual healers and quacks but not relieved. last Episode of her illness was just 2 day ago. otherwise she has these attacks once / Twice in month.

**Diagnosis:** Grand-Mal Epilepsy (Generalized Tonic-clonic seizures)

How will you investigate this patient:

① Confirm the Diagnosis:

EEG:

Ambulatory EEG / Standard

SLEEP EEG

② Cause of Epilepsy:

Structural Lesion

- CT-Scan

- MRI

Metabolic Disorders

urea, Electrolyte, Blood sugar

LFTs,  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$

Infective Disorders

CBC, ESR, CRP

Chest X-ray → HIV, Syphilis

CSF Examination



Give the Treatment option with doses and special consideration if Any :

### immediate medical care :

- ① Ensure airway is clear
- ② Give O<sub>2</sub> to offset cerebral hypoxia
- ③ Give IV Anticonvulsant: (diazepam 10mg) only when Convulsant are continuous or repeated
- ④ Take Blood for Anticonvulsant Level
- ⑤ Rx of underlying condition

### Anti-Epileptic Drugs :

<u>Type of</u>	<u>Drugs</u>	<u>Dose</u>
① <u>Partial Seizures</u>	Carbamazepine → 1 <sup>st</sup> line Lamotrigine Sodium valproate Phenytoin	400 - 1600 mg 100 - 300 mg 500 - 2500 mg 200 - 400 mg
② <u>Tonic-clonic seizures</u>	Na valproate } 1 <sup>st</sup> line Lamotrigine Carbamazepine	
③ <u>Absence Seizures</u>	Ethosuximide → 1 <sup>st</sup> line Na valproate Lamotrigine	500 - 1500 mg
④ <u>Myoclonic</u>	Na valproate	

A known Epileptic Girl of 19 year presented with recurrent Tonic - Clonic Generalized Fits over last one month. She was not taking any medicine and no detailed record of her illness was available.

what medicine will you prescribe :

Na valproate

Lamotrigine

Carbamazepine

investigation to confirm Diagnosis :

EEG

CT-scan

MRI

IF Fits is not controlled with initial Rx what other option

Start → IV Diazepam 10 mg

Repeat once only after 15 min



AFTER 30 minutes IF Seizure continue

IV Phenytoin 1 g



IF continue After 30-60 minutes

IV phenobarbital , ICU Admit , EEG



IF seizure AFTER 60 minutes

General Anesthesia ( propofol )

## instructions to patient Attendant : 4 most important

- ① Stay with the person and keep safe person
- ② move person away from Danger (Fire, water)
- ③ Ensure airway is clear
- ④ Do not insert anything in the mouth
- ⑤ Person may be drowsy & confused, dont left alone the person

# Multiple Sclerosis

A 21 year old lady presented in outdoor clinic with **spastic paresis** for 3 days. Her past Hx was significant for **transient loss of vision** 4 month back which settled after treatment. O/E Reflexes were brisk and plantar were up going. **Heel knee shin Test is +ve.**

Diagnosis: Multiple sclerosis

## investigations:

### ① CSF Examination

Total protein is normal but the level of

**IgG is ↑ (McQs)**

② 2 or more oligoclonal bands are found

## MRI (Gold standard)

## management:

① Acute Exacerbation: High dose of steroid (IV)

② Disease modifying agent:

Beta interferone

Copolymer 1

Methotrexate, cyclophosphamide

## Treatment of Complication

Spasticity

→

Physiotherapy

Baclofen

+

Dantrolene

Ataxia

→

Isoniazid

Clonazepam

Painful urinary incontinence

→

Anticholinergic

Constipation

→

Laxative

Fecal incontinence

→

High Fiber diet.