

# Observed History Taking

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# Observed History Taking

In my opinion

Common presentations

Examines

ability to rule out / consider sinister diagnoses that can present in this manner  
triage patients for further evaluation  
identify patients concerns and address those appropriately  
decision making, F/U planning

## 1. INTRODUCTION, RAPPORT, CONSENT

Good morning. Im Dr Harsha. Would you mind if I ask you a few questions and discuss? Is this time convenient for you? Do you want someone to accompany?  
Great thanks. Are you Mrs ..... ? and how old are you? Where are you from? Do you work?  
How would you prefer me to call you?

## 2. PRESENTING COMPLAINT, DURATION, OPEN QUESTION – TIME LINE

Mr X, can you tell me what brings you here today? / can you tell me about your problem?  
Is there anything else you want to discuss?  
Great thanks, can you tell me more about your cough / fever etc...?  
Pain severity score

## 3. DIFFERENTIAL ALGORHYTHM, AETIOLOGY, COMPLICATIONS, Rx SO FAR

## 4. COMPLETE HISTORY – PMH, PSH, DRUGS, ALLERGY, REPRODUCTIVE, FH, SH

Now that I have understood your current problem, I need know about your health in the past?  
To help you best, I would ask a few more question about. Do you smoke? How about alcohol? [CAGE] Have you ever consumed any recreational substances? Did you ever consider quitting?  
If you won't mind me asking, could you tell me whether you are sexually active? Any difficulties you've encountered? Have you had any other partners, male or female?  
Recent change in weight? Are you happy about your current weight?  
Rash  
Sleep, Headache, Numbness, weakness, vision, hearing  
Cough, SOB, CP, syncope  
Swallowing, vomiting, abd pain, BO, UOP, Swelling  
Joint pains  
Weight, appetite, skin colour, fever

## 5. IMPACT, IDEAS, CONCERNS, EXPECTATIONS

How has this affected your day to day life? And your work? How have you being coping up with this?  
What worries you most?  
What do you think is the reason for this illness?  
Did you ever think it has any link to .... Smoking?

## 6. SUMMARIZE AND PLAN – Ex, Ix, Rx, R.V

Thank you very much Mr X. let me briefly summarize. Tell me if Im wrong or anything I ve missed.

Is there anything else you think I should know, or you want to discuss?

Thanks a lot

## Dyspnea –

heart, lung (OAWD, CA/collapse, ILD, pul edema- renal/cardiac, PHT, PE, pneumonia, pleural), acidosis, anemia

heart – ex SOB, orthopnea, PND, CP, palpitation, edema, IHD, CMpathy (PHx, FHx, syncope - AS), RhF

lung – wheezing (atopy, exposures), cough, sputum, hemoptysis, chest pain, fever, stepwise, LoA, LOW, hoarse voice, progression, CTD

OAWD

Asthma

COPD

Bronchiectasis

ILD – CTD, HP, sarcoid, HIV

PHT – CTEPH (APLS), CTD, CHD, PPHTN, syncope

renal – UOP,

anemia – bleeding, J

muscle - MG

exposure Hx

smoking

occupational fumes

brids, farms, animals cats, dogs

drugs

## Cough

– cancer (hemoptysis, B symptoms, voice change), TB, ILD, PND, other infection, bronchiectasis, COPD, HF

GORD, cough variant asthma

ILD – HP – occupational exposures, smoking,

## Hemoptysis -

Cancer

Tb

Bronchiectasis

Mycetoma

PE

Pneumonia

Coagulopathy / anticoagulants

## Palpitations –

IHD, SSS, SVT, paroxysmal AF, structural, arrhythmia  
hTh, pheo, anxiety, hypoglycemia

tap out the feeling – regular or irregular

aetiology

Hx of ex angina, RhHD, CHD,  
HTh Sy (neck swelling, obstructive Sy, eye pain, fingers change, shin rash, ), pheo triad  
(headache, palpitation, sweating), hypoglycemia (early morning, middle of the night, relieved  
with meals □ drugs, insulin, weight gain, CAM, Addison, CLCD, CKD, cancer)  
Events ppt palpitations – anxiety etc

Complications

Ex intolerance, presyncope, syncope, falls, injuries, strokes / TIAs, ALI, HF (SOB, orthopnea)

What has been done so far

Rx, CAM

PMH – DM, HTN, DL

PSH

D & A

FHx –

SHx – alcohol, caffeine, smoking, recreational

What do you think is wrong with you?

What would have caused it?

What concerns you most about this illness?

Anything else you think I should know or discuss?

Let me recap. Correct me if I'm wrong or add if I have missed anything

## Diarrhea

### Hx

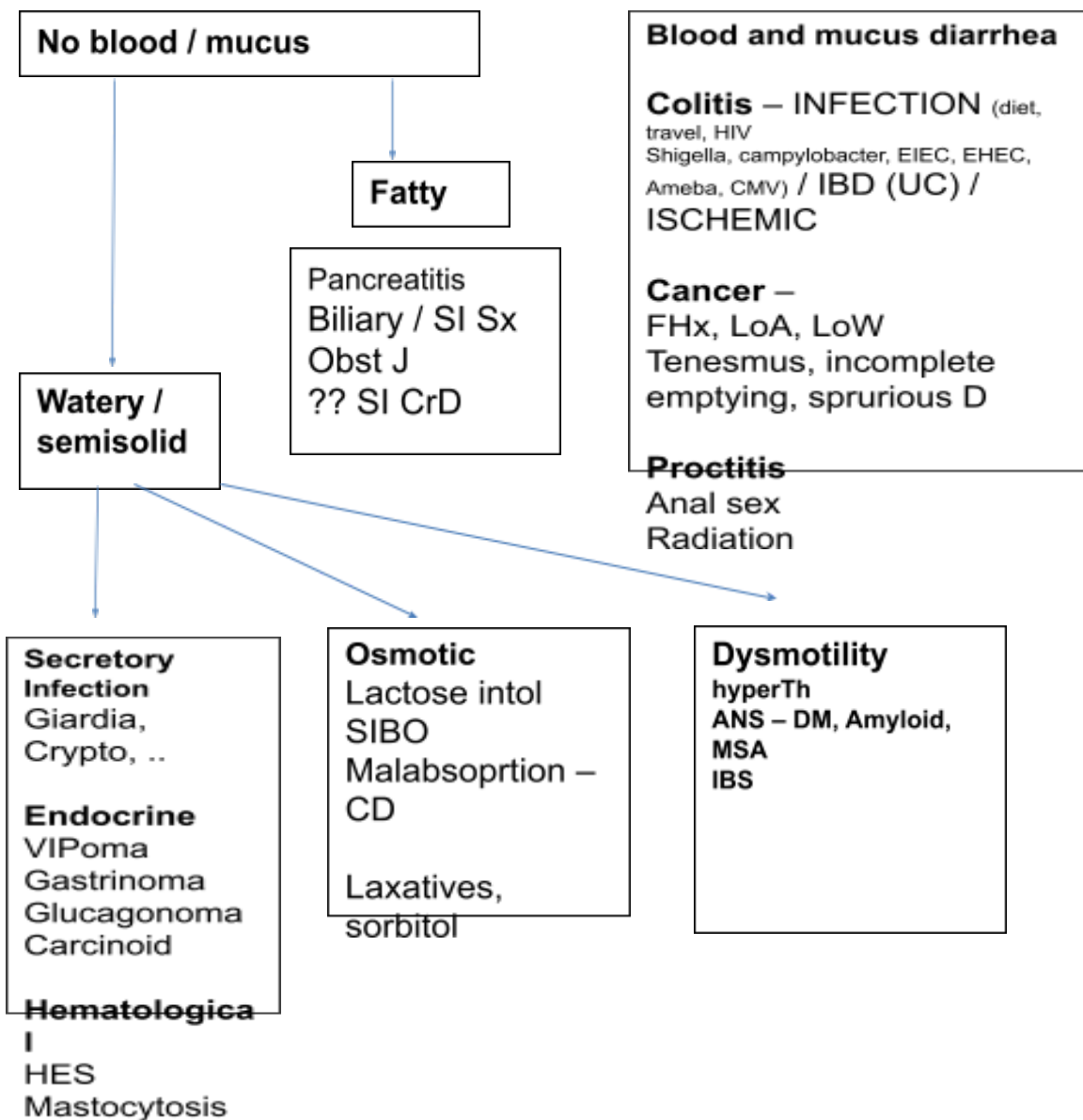
Ascertain true diarrhea (not incontinence)

Consider IBS and Drugs

Key questions

1. Frequency
2. Volume
3. Consistency
4. Blood, mucus, water, semisolid
5. Nocturnal (secretory, dysmotility, inflammatory)
6. Weight loss, malabsorption
7. Incontinence

## Diagnostic algorithm



## Aetiology

Go through the algorithm

## Complications

Dehydration

Malabsorption – anemia, KADE

## General Hx

PMH – DM

PSH – abdominal Sx

Drugs – laxatives, metformin,

FHx – IBD, CRCA, endocrine surgeries

Reproductive

SHx

Alcohol – causes diarrhea, chr pancreatitis  
Smoking – exacerbates CrD, RF for CRCA  
Job  
Diet  
HIV risk – BT, Tattoo, IVDA, unprotected sex

### **Ideas, concerns, expectations**

### **Summarize**

### **Plan Ex, Ix, Rx, R/V**

## **Visual loss / disturbance–**

Onset, progression, duration, fluctuation  
One eye Vs one side  
Eye  
Retina  
ON  
Chiasma  
Temporal lobe  
Parietal lobe  
Occipital lobe  
Migraine, epilepsy

### **Visual disturbances**

Aura – migraine, epilepsy (posterior – non formed, temporal - formed), tumor, infection (abscess, TBoma), TIA / amourosis fugax, hypoglycemia,  
Eye – pain, redness, symptoms limited one eye, visual acuity  
Retina – CRAO / CRVO - RD – floaters, DM  
ON – pain on movement (MS – PHx, cerebellar Sy, hiccups/vomiting, limb weakness), GCA Hx (temporal headache, jaw claudication), amourosis (curtain),

### **SINISTER HEADACHE (worse mane, vomiting relieves, LSCS)**

Optic pathway – pituitary, hormonal Sy (galactorrhea, )  
Lobes – field loss, temporal Sy (smells, memory aura – de ja vu), parietal symptoms (hemisensory loss, calculation, writing difficulties), occipital (non formed visual hallucinations)  
Primary tumor  
2ry tumor – B symptoms, breast lumps, cough hemoptysis, altered bowel habits  
Migraine aura – classical headache

## Limb weakness

### DD

Stroke  
TIA  
Hemorrhage  
Tumor  
MS  
Metabolic – hypoglycemia  
Migraine  
Cardiac - Arrhythmia, ischemia

## Vertigo

True vertigo  
Peripheral – hearing, tinnitus, pain, fullness, discharge  
Central – bulbar, ocular, limb – sensory/motor symptoms

DD – BPPV, Meniere's, CP angle tumor, brainstem – infarct, demyelination, tumor

Ear – hearing, tinnitus, pain, fullness, discharge  
VIII – facial numbness, mouth deviating to side, closing eye  
Brainstem – stroke (atherosclerosis, dissection, vasculitis, mimics), TIA, tumor, MS, vertiginous migraine  
Cerebellar symptoms – slurring, ataxia

## Constitutional symptoms / weight loss

### Hx –

Ascertain weight loss, duration and significance. Identify other associated symptoms  
Voluntary or involuntary

### DDx

#### ***Voluntary – diet and physical activity***

#### ***With normal appetite***

1. DM – osmotic Sy, sugar checks
2. Hyperthyroidism – palpitations, heat intolerance, diarrhea
3. Pheochromocytoma – episodic triad
4. Malabsorption – diarrhea (CeD, CrD, Sprue, Giardia, Whipple, Cryptosporidiosis, pnacreatitis - steatorrhea)
5. Dysphagia

#### ***With loss of appetite***

1. Cancer
  - a. GI cancer – stomach, colon
  - b. Hemat cancer – BMF, hyperviscosity, bone pain, backache
  - c. Other cancer – hemoptysis/smoker, hematuria, breast lumps
2. Organ failure



- a. Heart
  - b. Renal
  - c. Liver
  - d. Respiratory
- 3. Chronic infection
  - a. TB
  - b. HIV – contact Hx, BT, tattoos
  - c. Endocarditis, osteomyelitis – poorly healing wounds,
  - d. Fungal
- 4. Chronic inflammation
  - a. AI: RA, SLE, vasculitis (GCA, PAN)
- 5. Psychiatric
  - a. Depression
  - b. Dementia
  - c. Anorexia nervosa

## **Aetiology**

Go through the DD

**Diet** history

**Drug** Hx –

Reduce appetite - metformin, SSRI, theophylline, digoxin, levodopa, GLP1 agonists -  
Illicits – cocaine, amphetamine

## **Complications**

Macronutrient deficiency – edema, wasting

Micronutrient deficiency – anemia, easy bruising, bone pain / #, night blindness

## **Treatment so far and progress**

## **Ideas, concerns, expectations**

### **General Hx**

PMHx, PSHx, Drugs allergies

SHx – alcohol, smoking,

**Ex** – complete systemic and general

### **Ix plan**

ESR, CRP

FBC, organ functions, CXR, USS abdomen

Nutritional status-

Electrolytes –

### **Rx plan**

Exclude sepsis

Enteral feeding – thiamine first up to prevent Wernickes

Monitor K Mg P to detect refeeding Xd early and correct

## Anemia

Anemic Sy

WBC – rec infection

Plt – bruising

Fe / Bleeding, B12 (vegan, GI Sx, RIF pain, chronic diarrhea), FA

Epo – CKD

Hypothyroidism

Marrow failure – cancer, infection, chemical, drugs, AA, PRCA

Destruction –

HA – inherited, non immune (PNH), Autoimmune (SLE, CLL, lymphoma), drugs

Hypersplenism

## Polyuria / polydipsia

Polyuria Vs frequency

Onset duration

Thirst

DM      DI      Diuretics      Ca      Coffee

DM

Coffee

Diuretics

hyperCa

abd pain, constipation, renal stones, pancreatitis, PUD, depression

hyperPTH – FHx of renal stones / neck surgeries, hyperCa (FHH), Lithium

cancer / myeloma – bone pain, backache, peripheral neuropathy, breast lumps, hemoptysis  
(malignancy Fx are obvious when hyperCa is detected)

Milk alkali, HCT, vitamin D, thyrotoxicosis, addisons, sarcoidosis

DI

psychogenic

dipsogenic – hypothalamic disease

sarcoid – cough, lupus pernio

WG – epistaxis, nasal block, cough, hematuria

Tumor mets – breast lump, cough hemoptysis, BO, B symptoms

TB

Neurosurgery, radiation

Pituitary tumor Fx – visual loss, headache, galactorrhea

Barter

# Fatigue

50y old male executive coming with fatigue for 8 months

Work stress, overworked, drained, have had enough, increased alcohol, working overnight, trying for a promotion, Over eating, static weight

Headache, worse mane, snoring

Yesterday accident – didn't see the three wheeler coming from a cross road

Poor libido, not shaving as usual, ED +

Something is seriously wrong. Brother committed suicide. Will it happen to me?

## Causes

### Organ dysfunction

Cardiac failure – Ex SOB, edema, orthopnea

SSS – exercise intolerance

Lung, liver, CKD

### Endocrine

Addison – postural dizziness

Hypothyroidism – cold intolerance, constipation, weight gain

Hypopit – hypothyroid, hypocortisolism, headache

Menopause – hot flushes, dry vagina, dyspareunia

Depression – low mood, anhedonia, lack of energy, guilt, e?, suicide, sleep poor, appetite loss, concentration, hopelessness

Myopathy

Hypokalaemia – diuretics, polyuria

PBC – itching

OSA/OHS – snoring, sleepiness

DD

Pit tumor with hypopituitarism

Depression

1. Vomiting
2. Haematemesis
3. Hirsutism
4. Easy bruising

## Edema

Duration

Extent – legs, scrotum, abdomen, peri-orbital

Diurnal – more vesper : dependent

**Hydrostatic pressure**

CCF, RHF, IVCO, CKD

**Oncotic pressure**

Nephrotic, CLCD, PLE, malabsorption

**Vessel permeability**

CCB

**Lymph pressure**

Lymphedema

Hypothyroidism

## PUO

Describe the fever

Measurement

Intermittent, remittent, persistent, relapsing

Chills rigors, LoA LoW night sweats

PDCs

Fever pattern

Pel ebstein

### Look for a clinical focus

RS - Cough, sputum, dyspnea, hemoptysis

CVS - Palpitation, chest pain, syncope, recent tooth extraction, PHx of heart disease

GI - Dysphagia, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, constipation, bleeding per rectum

Yellow eyes, itching, pale stools

GU - Dysuria, frequency, loin pain, LUTS, hematuria, per urethral bleeding, PV bleeding

MSK - Backache, joint pains, joint swelling

Skin - Skin rash, lumps, oral ulcers, tooth ache

Hemat- Bleeding, bruising, recurrent infections, neck lumps, groin lumps, axillary lumps

CNS - Headache (TBM, typhoid), FNS

### Fever without an obvious clinical focus

Infection – TB, HIV, IE, malaria, typhoid, abscess (tooth, lung, peritoneal, pelvic, prostate)

Cancer – HL, CML, HCCA, RCCA, lung

CTD – SLE, AOSD, GCA, PAN, AAV, sarcoidosis

**Thyrototoxicosis**

Drugs

Travel – departure, arrival, stay, meals (street food, sick contact), recreational (forest, bathing, water rafting), sex, health of co-travellers

## TLOC

trauma,

TIA,

hypoglycemia,

seizure,

syncope – reflex, cardiac (arrhythmic, structural, PHTN), orthostatic

hypotension (ANS, hypovolemia/Addison, drugs)

psychogenic

### Syncope

#### Cardiac

Arrhythmia

Structural – AS, HOCM

PHTN

Reflex ppt ☐ pallor ☐ sweating ☐ nausea

VVS

CSS

Situational

#### Orthostatic

ANS – primary ANS failure (DM, amyloid, MSA, PD)

Hypovolemic – vomiting, diarrhea,

sweating

Drugs – antihypertensives,

?antidepressants, diuretics

POTS

### Posterior circulation TIA

Vertebral artery dissection, atherosclerosis, embolism (IE, cardiac thrombus)

### Seizure

Epilepsy

Mass – tumor, bleed, abscess

Encephalitis – infection, AI

Encephalopathy – uremia, HTN, CLCD, electrolytes (Na, Ca, Mg, P, Glc), toxin (alcohol, overdose)

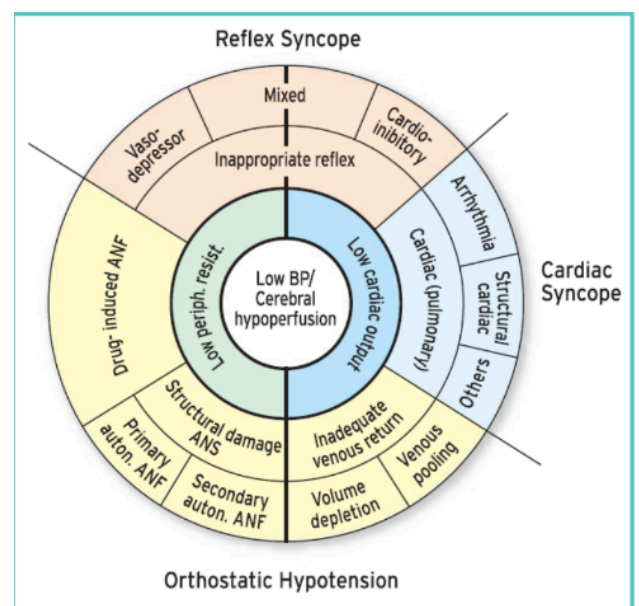
### NEAD

### Hypoglycemia

Insulin (overdose, lipohypertrophy) / drugs, meals, exercise

CAM

CKD (impaired insulin excretion, low gluconeogenesis), CLCD, Addison



Insulinoma, mesenchymal tumors, dumping

Recognize – Whipple triad, hypoglycemia unawareness (NSBB >> B1 blockers), ANS neuropathy, hypos in sleep, majors (fits, LOC, needing others help), risks (driving, swimming, machines)

#### Reflex syncope

- Long history of recurrent syncope, in particular occurring before the age of 40 years
- After unpleasant sight, sound, smell, or pain
- Prolonged standing
- During meal
- Being in crowded and/or hot places
- Autonomic activation before syncope: pallor, sweating, and/or nausea/vomiting
- With head rotation or pressure on carotid sinus (as in tumours, shaving, tight collars)
- Absence of heart disease

#### Syncope due to OH

- While or after standing
- Prolonged standing
- Standing after exertion
- Post-prandial hypotension
- Temporal relationship with start or changes of dosage of vasodepressive drugs or diuretics leading to hypotension
- Presence of autonomic neuropathy or parkinsonism

## DD

Absence / complex partial

Cataplexy –

Post circ TIA

SAH

Subclavian steal

Metabolic

intact posture

sudden paralysis (REM sleep) ppt by emotions. No LOC, but may go in to sleep. After waking up, no amnesia of the event.

FNS

headache

longer duration. Altered consciousness than LOC

## Chest pain

ACS

Myocarditis

AD – abrupt. Tearing, interscapular radiation

PE / PHTN

Pn thorax

Pericarditis – pleuritic, worse with breathing movements, reduce with leaning forward, radiate to trapezius muscles

Esophageal spasm

MSK – localized, worse with movement, preceding weight lifting (pec mjr)

Pneumonia

Zoster

Radiculopathy

## Hematuria

## Red eye

## Dysphagia

Dysphagia vs odynophagia

Duration

Persistent vs intermittent vs worsening

Solid vs liquid

Pharynx

- Bulbar palsy –

  - BS tumor

  - Stroke

  - Cancer mets

  - MS

  - MG

- Pseudobulbar palsy

- Pharyngeal pouch

Esophageal

- Cancer – progressive

- Stricture (solid)

  - GORD

  - Caustic injury

- Dysmotility (liquids)

  - Scleroderma

  - DES

  - Achalasia (solids and liquids)

- Esophagitis

  - Alendronate, NSAIDs

  - E- esophagitis

  - Candida

Complications – aspirations, nocturnal cough

## Numbness of feet

Diagnosis

Onset, duration, symmetry, progression, sensory – pain, JPS, motor

ANS, upper limbs, swallowing, speech, higher functions, vision, hearing

Aetiology

Common

- Alcohol

- B12

- Cancer, paraproteinaemia, CIDP

- DM

- ESKD

- Familial

druGs – INAH, metronidazole, metformin / B12, dapsone, lead  
Hypothyroidism  
Infections – leprosy, HIV

#### Complications

Falls  
Ulcers  
Pain – sleep

What has been done

What can be done

Prevent falls risk  
Relieve pain  
Retard progression

Summarize

Plan – Ex, Ix, review, Rx

## Neck pain

## Backache

**HPC** – onset, duration

### **DD**

#### ***Sinister***

|                  |                                             |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Cancer / MM      | localizing Symptoms, LoA, LoW, night sweats |
| Fracture         | acute onset, preceding trauma               |
| TB / abscess     | fever, constitutional Sy                    |
| Inflammatory     | morning stiffness, enthesitis, red eyes     |
| Cord compression |                                             |

#### ***Benign***

Posture – occupation, bed, travel, back pack, weight lifting  
Disc prolapse , sciatica  
Pagets disease  
Unusual causes – pancreatitis!, AAA, RCCA



**PMHx, PSHx, Drugs, Allergy, FHx (SpA), SHx (alcohol, smoking, job)**  
**Impact, concerns, expectations**

## Summary

Plan for  
Examination, analgesia, MRI

LS spine X ray : limited utility – mets, fracture of vertebrae, spodylolisthesis

5. Nasal symptoms

## Dyspepsia

**History**                      **duration, SOCRATES**

### Dx / DDx

- |                     |                                                                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Stomach          | burning, relation to meals, GORD, hematemesis, melena, dysphagia, LoW, LoA |
| 2. Pancreas         | radiation to back, reduced by leaning fwd, worse after meals, jaundice     |
| 3. Gallbladder      | colics, radiation to inf scapula / shoulder tip, jaundice                  |
| 4. Transverse colon | bleeding PR, relieved with defecation, lower abdominal pain                |
| 5. Heart            | exertional symptoms                                                        |
| 6. Lung             | cough, fever                                                               |
| 7. Ovary            | <i>abdominal distension</i>                                                |
| 8. Aorta / arteries | <i>worse after meals (mes ischemia), LL claudication</i>                   |

\* post prandial pain – PUD, pancreatitis, Gallbladder disease, mesenteric angina

### Aetiology

PUD                      NSAIDs, steroids, CAMs, alcohol, smoking, meal pattern (hyperCa Fx)  
Cancer                      LoW, LoA, FHx of GI cancer (FAP, HNPCC, PJS)

### Complications

PUD                      GI bleeding – anemia  
Pancreatitis                      DM, malabsorption, steatorrhea

### Treatment, compliance and control

### Ideas, Concerns, Expectations

### General History

PMHx, PSHx, Drugs, Allergies  
SHx – smoking, alcohol, job, family background, impact on ADL

### Ex plan

Pallor, Jaundice, LN, edema  
Abdomen – mass (GB), tenderness, FF  
Lungs – pneumonia  
Cardiac – BP, murmurs (AS)

## Ix plan

FBC

H pylori testing

USS Abd – GB, pancreas, ovary, AAA

UGIE (In : > 55y, red flags for CA, non response to Rx)

## Rx plan

PPI x 4m trial

H pylori eradication if +ve

Simple measures

Avoid NSAIDs, spicy meals, alcohol, smoking, caffeine, other ppt foods

Avoid tight garments over tummy

Avoid late night meals

Tilt head end up

Advice on compliance – PPI before meals?, domperidone if GORD +

## Abdominal distension

Ascites

Stools – constipation

Tumor – ovarian, organomegaly, PCKD, pancreatic pseudocyst, HSM, LN

Pregnancy

Ascites

High hydrostatic P = PHTN

PVT + CLCD

CLCD – alcohol, NASH, CAM, AIH, Familial

Pre hepatic – BCXd (Tphilia)      RHF (CHD, PHTN)

Constrictive pericarditis (radiation,

TB)

Low oncotic pressure

CLCD

Nephrotic

PLE / malabsorption

Serosal inflammation

Cancer mets

TB

Pancreatitis

SLE

High tissue / lymphatic pressure

Lymphoma, lymphangiectasia

Hypothyroid

## Short stature

## Recurrent infections

Sinu pulmonary

## Jaundice

### HPC

Duration, listen to the evolution of disease – progressive / fluctuating / recurrent

Obstructive symptoms

Pain

LoA, LoW, fever

Drugs

HAV, HBV R/F – food habits / BT, tattoo, IVDA, needle sticks, unsafe sex

### DDx

Obstructive? Pale stools, dark urine, itching

#### Cholestatic

**With pain**  
Gallstones, Biliary stricture  
Cholestatic hepatitis – WD, drugs  
Budd chiari – DVT, OCP, PRV, FHx  
**Without pain**  
Cirrhosis – edema, UGIB, alcohol, HBV, FHx  
Drugs, PBC, PSC (IBD Hx)  
**With LoW ± pain**  
HCCA, mets, panc head  
CA  
**With fever**  
Cholangitis, leptospirosis

#### Hepatic

**With pain**  
Hepatitis- viral, alcohol, toxic  
(RHC pain, LoA, N, V, dirty meals, fever, BT, needle sticks, sexual contact, PHx, Drugs, CAM), WD, AIH  
**Without pain**  
Hemolytic anemia (Anemic Sy, PHx or FHx of blood dis, SLE Fx, drugs, lymphoma)  
Gilbert Xd

## Complications

**Liver failure** – bleeding, confusion

**Cirrhosis** – UGI bleeding, ascites, encephalopathy, hypoglycemia

**Fat malabsorption** – Steatorrhea, Easy bruising, bone/muscle pain /#, Night blindness

**Bile salt diarrhea**

## Ix and Rx so far

**PMHx, PSHx, Allergies, FHx** (liver disease, neuropsychiatric, blood disorders), **LRMP, SHx** – job, alcohol (amt, CAGE, social and legal issues), smoking, travel

## **Patients concerns**

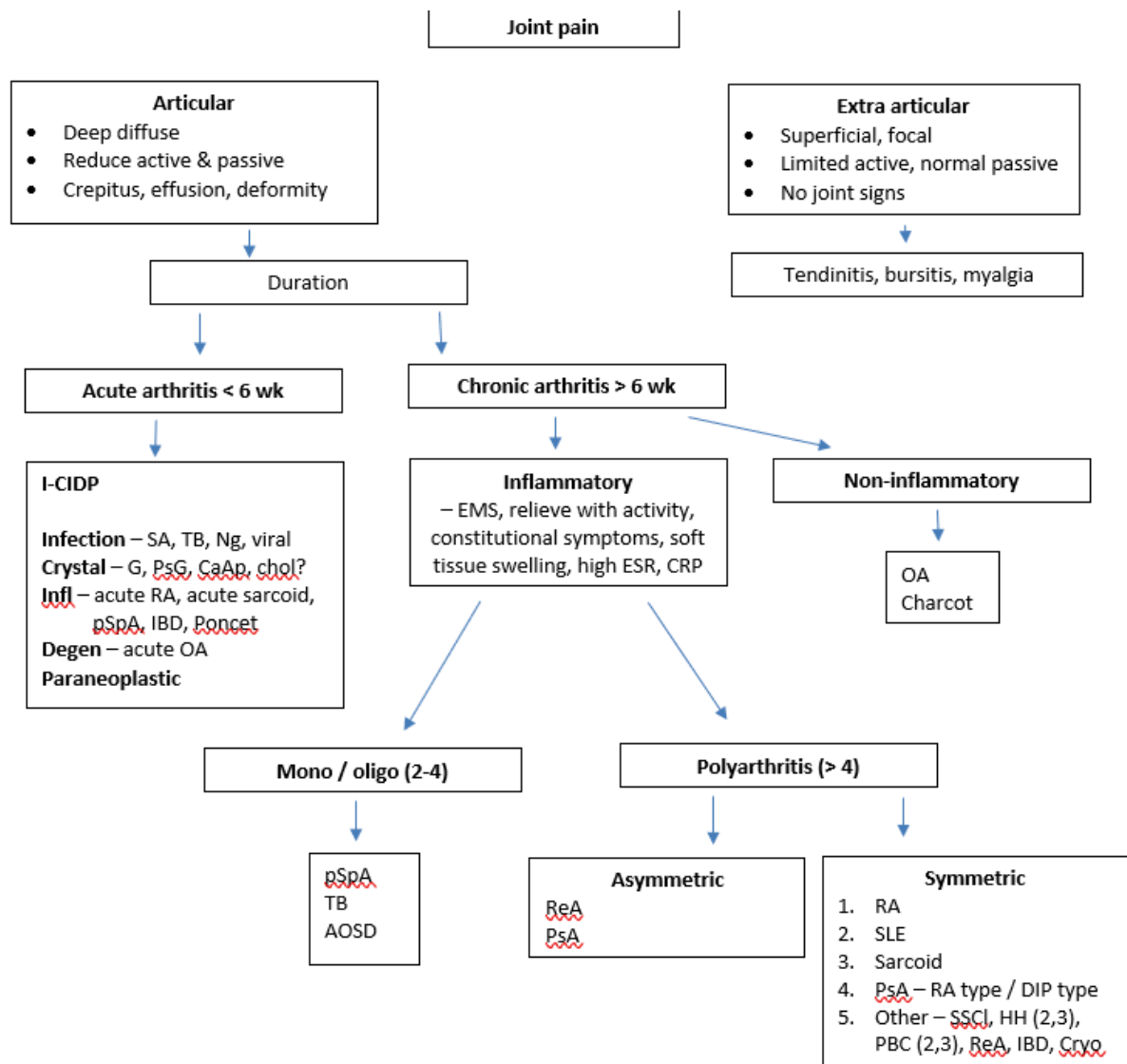
### **Plan of Ix**

Ex for LN, HSM, ascites, flaps, CLCD stigmata

Ix with – LFT, USS abdomen, FBC, PT, RBS, UFR, ESR, viral studies, AI markers, ferritin, ceruloplasmin, KF ring,

H'lysis – FBC, B pic, retic, bilirubins, LDH, haptoglobin, DAT

## Joint pain



**Paraneoplastic** – acute, BL WJ, AJ, no response to rheumatic Rx, responds to CA Rx. Precedes CA by 3-20m

**Sarcoid** – acute : mono-oligo. Chronic – symmetrical RA type

**IBD** – mono/oligo acute. Chronic – Small Js, SI.

## Recurrent falls

80y M 3<sup>rd</sup> fall within 1 year  
 HTN, prostatism, bodyaches, neckpain  
 Prazocin, amitriptyline, PCM sos  
 Alcohol+, non smoker

### Possible causes

Cervical myelopathy  
 Alcohol related polyneuropathy  
 Strokes (HTN)  
 Frailty  
 Dementia  
 Drugs

## HPC

Onset, duration, frequency, progression

Describe an event – prodrome (palpitation, lightheaded, aura), LoC / fits / incontinence / time to recovery, post fall – time to get up – alone/ needed support / injuries

## DD

### With LoC

1. Syncope : reflex (VV, CSH??), cardiogenic (arrhythmia – brady / tachy, LVOTO), postural hypotension (ANS, drugs, hypovolaemia)
2. Seizure :
3. Metabolic : hypoglycemia
4. Ischemia : post circ TIA

### With intact LoC

#### **Neurological:**

1. P neuropathy – DM, alcohol, hypothyroid, B12, CKD, vasculitis, hereditary, drugs
2. Myopathy / frailty – osteomalacia, statin
3. PS : spasticity – recurrent strokes, cervical myelopathy, NPH
4. EPS : PD, PPS
5. Cerebellar
6. Vestibular system
7. Vision
8. Hearing
9. Dementia

#### **Skeletal**

Arthritis, KJ instability?, poor grip

#### **Multifactorial;**

Comorbidities

Frailty – weak muscles, impaired neuromuscular co-ordination

Drugs

Sedatives

Hypotensives

Environmental

Foot wear

New environment

Alcohol

## Complications

Injuries

Fear of falling – limited mobility

## What has been done / can be done

Home environment – steps, slippery, toilet, railing

## Rest of the history

PMH (DM, stroke, PD), PSH, Drugs, FHx (neurodegenerative disease), SHx

## Ideas, concerns, expectations

### Plan

#### Ex

Tools – Get up and Go test (10ft. < 20s: NL, > 30s – high risk of falls / dependence)

Functional reach test (> 15cm = good balance)

Ex of CNS, CVS, Carotid massage

#### Ix

Cardiac (rhythm. Murmur, post hypotension), neuro

Metabolic – FBS, CBS, Hb, Cr, TSH

#### Rx

Environmental adjustments

Modify drugs

## Peripheral neuropathy

Duration

Sensory, motor, sphincters

DD

CES – backache, sphincters

Vascular – intermittent claudication

Spinal stenosis – neurogenic claudication

Parasagittal?

Causes

DM, alcohol, B12, paraneoplastic, paraproteinaemic, thyroid, CKD, HIV, Leprosy, vasculitis, drugs

CIDP

## Difficulty in walking

Number, frequency, duration, injuries, home env risks for falls, occupation, risks to the others, carers

### Neurological

PN

PM

LEMS

Cord

Cerebellum

tumor, paraneo, SCA,

Brainstem / brain

EPS

NPH

## MSK

OA

Spinal stenosis □ neurogenic claudication

## CVS

Intermittent Claudication

Postural hypotension

Ex SOB

Syncope / pre syncope

## Abdominal pain

65y M

Left abdominal pain x 3d, constant dull

Constipation, 1 episode of scanty PR bleeding, mixed with stools

IHD, HTN – on aspirin and nifedipine, atorvastatin

## DD

Acute Diverticulitis

CRCA

UC

## Explore constipation

Drugs

Hypothyroidism

Hypercalcemia

Acute diverticulitis

## DDx for LIF pain

| Dx             | CFx                                                                                                                                 | Etiology / RF        | Complications                                                                                                  |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Diverticulitis | Recurrent pain<br>LIF > RIF<br>Fever, N, V<br>Constipation > diarrhea<br>May have bleeding PR<br>May have urgency, freq,<br>dysuria | Chronic constipation | Abscess – severe pain, fever<br>Fistula – peritonitis<br>Perforation<br>Obstruction – absolute<br>constipation |
| Cancer         |                                                                                                                                     | FHx                  | Anemia<br>Cachexia / LoA in liver mets                                                                         |
| IBD (UC)       | Diarrhea > pain<br>Blood and mucus                                                                                                  |                      | Anemia<br>Dehydration                                                                                          |



|                         |                                          |                                                           |                                                           |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
|                         | Subacute / chronic<br>CrD and UC Fx      |                                                           | Infections / SIRS / fulminant<br>colitis                  |
| Infective colitis       | Acute / subacute<br>Diarrhea predominate | Diet, toddy, travel,<br>contact Hx                        | Sepsis                                                    |
| Ischemic colitis        | Acute pain and bleeding PR               | ASCVD / AF                                                | Bowel necrosis<br>Bleeding <input type="checkbox"/> shock |
| Ureteric colic          | Colicky<br>Radiation                     | PHx<br>Calcium, dehydration                               | Obstruction<br>Infection                                  |
| Tubo-ovarian<br>abscess |                                          |                                                           |                                                           |
| Ovarian tumor           |                                          |                                                           |                                                           |
| Cystitis                | Predominant LUTS                         | Preceding LUTS,<br>instrumentation,<br>neurogenic bladder |                                                           |

Dx of diverticulitis – Clinical + CECT. Colonoscopy is not useful (will see the diverticular orifice, but inflammation is outside!)

|                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                |                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Liver<br>Biliary<br>R LL pneumonia                                                                                | Stomach – PUD, cancer<br>Pancreas<br>Biliary<br>AAA<br>MI<br>Medical – DKA, AIP,<br>angioedema | Spleen<br>L LL pneumonia<br>MI                                                                                  |
| Ureteric colic<br>AAA<br>Colitis                                                                                  | AGE<br>Mesenteric angina<br>AAA<br>Early appendicitis<br>Medical – DKA, AIP,<br>angioedema     | Ureteric colic<br>AAA<br>Colitis                                                                                |
| Illieitis<br>Appendicitis<br>CrD<br>TB<br>Ureteric colic<br>Ovarian abscess / tumor<br>Cystitis<br>Diverticulitis | Cystitis<br>Colitis<br>PID                                                                     | Colitis - infl, infec, ischemic<br>Diverticulitis<br>Colorectal CA<br>Ureteric colic<br>Ovarian abscess / tumor |

Renal calculi think, hyperPTH, sarcoidosis, RTA, gout, Crohns

## 6. AFI

## Acute fever

38 year old businessman

Fever, frontal headache for 6 days

Returned from India

Outside meals

Bathed in a lake

Not received malaria prophylaxis, typhoid / Hep A vaccine

DD

Typhoid

Malaria

Rickettsial

Viral

Mgt

Ex – rash, spleen ..

Ix – MP thick thin films, rapid diagnostic test, blood culture, FBC, B pic,

Rx – 3GCP. Consider antimalarial (contact AMC)

Notification – AMC,

Approach

Duration Onset progression, pattern (chills, rigors, measured temperature)

Associated symptoms

Systemic inquiry

Cough, SOB, hemoptysis, chest pain, palpitations

Headache, vomiting, photophobia, confusion

Abd pain, diarrhea, bleeding PR

Dysuria, hematuria, loin pain,

Joint pain / swelling,

Skin rash, wounds, ulcers / eschars

Travel history

When, where, why, with whom (are they well?) – get exact temporal relationship of symptom onset and travel

Exposures

Animal

Sex

Exotic activities – forest trekking, fresh water activities, caves

Food and water – outside meals, meat / poultry (egg, chicken), unpasteurized milk

Precautions

Vaccines – HAV, typhoid,

Prophylaxis – malaria – timing,

## Vomiting

DURATION

FREQUENCY

COLOUR, CONTENT

BLOOD – FROM FIRST OR LATER

1. GI – PUD, pancreatitis, cholecystitis, hepatitis, gastritis, gastroenteritis, IO, gastric cancer
2. CKD
3. CNS – high ICP, area postrema, migraine, glaucoma, brainstem stroke, vestibular disease: HEADACHE, VERTIGO, FNS
4. ENDOCRINE - Addison, Calcium, hyponatremia
5. DRUGS
6. TOXINS – alcohol

PTB – ATT – vomiting

Drug induced

Hepatitis

Addison

Brain mets

GI cancer

## Diplopia

36y three wheel driver dematagoda

Diplopia x 7 days

All directions, painful R eye, no diurnal

Red eye+

LoW+, LoA -, smoking+

PHx of TB – Rx completed 10y ago

DD

Graves orbitopathy

Orbital apex syndrome - TB

Details

Confirm diplopia – two images

Onset

Progression

Progressive – compressive

Improving – ischaemic

Intermittent – MG, Graves, GCA, decompensated phoria

Alignment

Lateral – MR, LR

Horizontal – SR, IR, SO, IO

Oblique – SO, IO

Worst in

Lateral gaze – LR / MR

Inferior gaze – SO (/ SR / IR)

Distant gaze – LR

Near vision - MR

Superior gaze – SR / IR

All directions – multiple neuropathies, MG< myopathy, Graves

Associated symptoms

Eye pain – orbital tumor, myopathy, Cavernous sinus thrombosis, ischemic CN III

Red eye – orbital tumor, CSA / CST

Headache – pit tumor, brain tumor, aneurysm, GCA

Neurological

Ptosis – MG, CN III, myopathy,

Reduced vision – orbital apex

Facial numbness – SOF, CST

Limb weakness, numbness, sphincter – brain stem

LoW, LoA – TB, cancer

DM, HTN, DL ☐ mononeuropathy, stroke, aneurysm

MS

Epilepsy drugs ☐ phenytoin, CBMZ, top, SSRIs

Smoking – atherosclerosis, Graves eye

Thyrototoxic symptoms

## Headache

### HPC

Site, onset, character, severity, timing, exacerbation and relief

### Red flags

Fever, photophobia

Fx of raised ICP – LSCS, worse mane, vomiting

FNS

### Headache screen

1. How often do you get severe headaches?
2. How often do you get mild headaches?
3. How often do you use analgesics for headache?

1 – good Sn for migraine

2 & 3 – good Sn for medication overuse headache

CSF leakage – change with posture  
cervicogenic

### DDx

### Acute

1. SAH – occipital, sudden, peak within seconds, worst ever. RF: FHx, PCKD, coagulopathy, cocaine
2. CVST – acute, may have altered LoC / FNS. RF for clotting : thrombophilia, OCP, migraine
3. Pituitary apoplexy – Hx of visual problems, hypopituitarism / acromegaly
4. Carotid / vertebral dissection – onset during neck movements (EC vert dissection)
5. PRES / RCVS – HTN, visual disturbance, altered LoC. RCVS occurs in cannabis / amphetamine users. MRA – beaded cerebral vessels
6. Accelerated HTN
7. Meningitis

### Recurrent

#### Migraine

TTH - featureless

Cluster – clustering, unilateral (side locked within a cluster, shift in between clusters possible), Horner, conjunctival injection, tearing, nasal congestion. 15-180min. running around in pain (cf migraine)

TACs

|       |                          |
|-------|--------------------------|
| TN    | stabs, spont > triggers  |
| SUNA  | sec-min. triggers +      |
| SUNCT | sec-min. triggers +      |
| PH    | 10-30min, triggers – no. |
| HC    | continuous.              |

### Subacute - Chronic persistent

1. Chronic meningitis (TB, HIV related, spread from sinusitis, otitis, penetrating head injury) /
2. other infections – systemic (typhoid, Legionella, ), local (sinusitis)
3. Raised ICP
  - a. IIH
  - b. Tumor – Iry / IIry
  - c. Blood - SDH
4. GCA
5. Referred pain – C spondylosis, toothache, earache
6. Drug induced headache
  - a. Vasodil – nitrate, CCB, dipyridamole (unclear mechanism)
  - b. IIH – vit A, steroids, TC
  - c. Bleeding – warfarin, clopid, aspirin, cocaine (SAH),
  - d. CVST - OCP

### Aetiology

See DD

### Complications

According to etiology

### So far

Treatment and response – worsening headache with frequent analgesic use indicate medication overuse headache

### COMPLETE HISTORY –

PMH – Cancers, thrombotic events,

PSH

DRUGS – drug related headache, medication overuse headache

ALLERGY

REPRODUCTIVE

FH – SAH, PCKD, migraine, thrombophilia

SH –

Job, stress

Alcohol

Smoking

Cocaine

## **IDEAS, CONCERNS, EXPECTATIONS**

### **SUMMARIZE AND PLAN – Ex, Ix, Rx, R.V**

Ex FNS, papilledema, TA pulse

Ix FBC, ESR, NCCT / CECT / MRI / MRA / MRV, LP – CSF

For SAH

NCCT 95% Sn within 24h. If negative do CSF for xanthochromia (after 12h. Sn up to 14d)

Migraine

Preventers – propranolol, topiramate, NaV, amitriptyline

Relievers – PCM, NSAID, antiemetic, triptans

Short acting triptans – sumatriptan, zolmitriptan

Long acting – naratriptan, frovatriptan

Ergotamine if triptans are contraindicated

CH

Reliever – 100% oxygen for 15min, SC / IN sumatriptan, octreotide

Preventer – verapamil, lithium, steroid short course

### **Medication overuse headache**

F > M

Preceding recurrent headache disorder (TTH, migraine)

Treated with analgesics (acute symptomatic medication) with > 3 days a week, for > 3m (PCM, NSAIDs, opioids, caffeine, triptan)

Daily morning headaches on waking up – migraine type in triptan users, TTH type in ergot / opioid users

### **Criteria**

Headache on 15 or more days a month

Analgesics used for 3m or more

### **Mgt**

Stop culprit drug stat (taper if was using high dose regular opioid / BDZ / barbiturate)

Bridge with long acting NSAID (naproxen) or prednisolone

Start preventer simultaneously

Restrict reliever in the future (NSAIDs < 14d/month, triptan / ergot < 9d/month)

## Recurrent UTI

Dx

Recurrent – LUTI, UUTI, sepsis. Duration and frequency

Prostate – prostatitis, BPH, prostate CA

Urethral – trauma, catheter, surgeries, obstetric history

Neurogenic – LUTS, back injury, spinal surgery

Immune – DM

Renal – calculi, PCKD, TB-strictures

So far

Abtcs, compliance, prophylaxis

### ***Chronic bacterial prostatitis - CFx***

Recurrent UTI often with the same organism

pain (in the perineum, lower abdomen, testicles, penis, and with ejaculation), bladder irritation, bladder outlet obstruction, and sometimes blood in the semen.

Persistent bacteriuria, chronic low grade fever

## Recurrent urinary calculi

hyperCa – hyperCa symptoms, FHx – Ca, neck surgeries,

hyperuricemia – PRV, HCT, psoriasis

familial metabolic – FHx of renal stones

RTA-1

## Erectile dysfunction

### **HPC**

### **DD**

|             |                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Psychogenic | partner specific, situation specific, may lose libido in depression etc.<br>performance anxiety (high SNS), partner conflicts, fear of preg or STD, sexual abuse |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

|         |                                         |
|---------|-----------------------------------------|
| Organic | loss of morning and REM sleep erections |
|---------|-----------------------------------------|

|          |                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hormonal | other Fx – loss of libido, reduced shaving, gynaecomastia<br>hypopit (tumor, infiltration – HH, sarcoid), testicular failure<br>(infection, torsion, Chemo, radiation, surgery), hyperPRL |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

Non hormonal

Drugs

may lose libido

anti HTN (BB, HCT >> CCB, ACEI >> alfa blockers

Spiro, H2RBs, estrogens – anti testos effects

TCAD, SSRI, antipsychotics

Vascular

DM. smoking, ASCVD

Neurological

postural hypotension, PN - DM, Alcohol, spinal cord

Rest of the history

PMH, PSH (pelvic spinal Sx, trauma), drugs,

**Ideas concerns expectations** – plans for fertility

### **Summary and plan for further evaluation**

Examination – gonads, general

Assessment with partner

Hormone profile, general health screen

## **Discussion**

### **Physiology of erection**

#### ***Libido***

Central N and reflexogenic innervation

SmM of copora cavernosa relaxes, blood pools, CC distends and blocks emissary veins trapping blood

NO from non adre non choli nerve endings  $\square$  cGMP  $\square$  SmM relaxation

PGE2 from cavernosal tissue maintains it

#### ***Ejaculation***

SNS  $\square$  contraction of E, Vd, Prostate, seminal vesciles  $\square$  semen in to urethra

Closed int urethral sph prevents retrograde ej (lost in DM, post op)

#### ***Detumescence***

SNS  $\square$  NE  $\square$  alfa

ET

SmM contraction, venous outflow

Venous leak – intrinsic SmM defect causing them to relax early / failure to relax completely

Priapism – SC injury, Sicke, vasodilator injection, procoagulant state

### **Evaluation**

T, LJ, FSH, PRL

SFA – if planning for fertility

### **Treatment options**

1. Obesity, smoking, alcohol, drugs



2. PDE5i
3. Testosterone if hypogonad
4. Sex therapy
5. Alprostadil (PDE5i) – intra urethral / penile injection
6. Vacuum constriction devices
7. Penile prosthesis

### **PDE5i**

Inhibit break down of cGMP

Sildenafil, tadalafil, vardenafil – efficacy comparable. Tadalafil is longer acting

OoA – 60-120 min

### **SE**

Headache, facial flushing, nasal congestion

Transient visual disturbance, blue halo

Non arteritic AION – avoid in those with a past Hx of this

[those are due to inhibition of PDE6 in retina. More with sildenafil]

### **Cln**

Nitrate use (need to keep at least 24-48h gap)

Previous non arteritic AION

CCF

### **Caution**

Hypotension

Multiple antiHTN

CKD

Interacting drugs

### **Ixn**

With other vasodilators – alfa blockers, nitrates

With enzyme inhibitors – erythromycin, ketoconazole, cimetidine

### **Start low dose in**

Elderly

CKD

Interacting drugs

**PDE5 failure** (at least 6 days with maximum dose not working)

Take pill after a high fat meal

Give enough foreplay to produce NO

Screen for hypogonadism

### **Alternative antiHTN**

Alfa blocker (caution interaction), CCB, ACEi

**Place of testosterone** – useful if testos is low (exact contribution of testos to erection is not clear)

## Sleepiness

Duration

Timing / ESS – day time, inactive (post lunch, passenger, public – lecture, meeting etc), active (talking, driving in traffic)

Impact – work problems, driving, accidents,

Medical complications – HTN, pulHTN, memory impairment, edema (P'uria, PHTN), mood changes, arrhythmias, ASCVD

Sleepiness Vs fatigue

Unable to stay awake, falling sleep when you want to stay awake – reading, TV, meeting, etc

Need naps – frequent and long

DD

Hypothyroidism – other Sy

OSA – snoring, waking unrefreshed, obesity, collar size (> 17 in men, > 16 in women),

OHS – morning headache

CLCD – edema, J, hematemesis, melaena

Poor sleep hygiene – night shifts, poor sleep at night / insomnia, time, light, noise, others in room, last meal, GOR, smoking, alcohol, choking, gasping, witnessed apnea, prolonged apnea terminated by loud snoring / snort, alarms, nocturia, mid day nap, drugs (antihistamines, BDZ etc)

?hypoglycemia

Sleep disorders

Depression

Co-morbidities

DM

HTN

IHD

What have you done?

## Forgetfulness

### Assess the cognitive domains

#### **Memory impairment**

Of recent events – AD (inability to make new memories)

Of old events – advanced AD

Relatively preserved in

#### **Language**

Word finding difficulty

Perseveration – FTD

Understanding written instructions

**Praxis**

Dressing, washing, using household equipment

**Agnosia**

Identify familiar objects, people etc

**Executive function**

Planned activities, complex mental tasks, finances etc

**Demonstrate decline from previous level and impact on ADL****Assess evolution**

Step wise progression – VD

Years – AD, FTD

Months – PD, LBD, NPH

Weeks – SDH, CJD

**Cause****Primary dementia**

AD – short term memory

FTD – behavior / aphasia

LBD – Visual hallucinations, fluctuating conscious level, parkinsonism, ANS dysfunction

PDD – PD □ dementia after 12m

VD - ASCVD RF – DM, HTN, DL, smoking, IHD, stroke, PVD. Abrupt onset after a stroke, step wise progression, frontal □ temporal

Mixed dementia – AD + VD

Subcortical vascular dementia

**Secondary causes**

INFECTION      AIDS, syphilis, CJD, Whipples, dumb rabies?

METABOLIC      Wilson, B12, hypoPTH / Fahr Xd

ENDOCRINE      Hypothyroidism, Cushing, SREAT

TOXIN            Alcohol, heavy metals, Recreational substances

INFLAMMATORY      SLE

DRUGS            anticholinergics

NEOPLASIA      primary / mets / limbic encephalitis

EVERYTHIN ELSE      Depression

NPH

SDH – falls, fluctuating LOC, FNS

**Impact, risks**

Living environment

ADL – feeding, toilet, mobility, grooming,

Risks to pt – getting lost, overdose pills, falls/heights, self harm

Risks to others - Homicide, leave cooker on, driving

Rest of the history

Examination – FNS, papilledema, other systems

Summarize

Dementia workup for reversible causes of cognitive impairment and confirmation of Dx

### **Other neurological features**

**Headache** – tumor

**FNS** – tumor, VD

### **Gait**

Shuffling – PDD, LBD

Ataxic – alcoholic pt (WKS + cerebellar degeneration)

Broad based, short steps, intact arm swing – NPH

Hemiplegic – VD

**Postural instability and falls** – PDD, LBD, NPH

### **Abnormal movements**

Tremor - PDD, LBD, WD

Chorea – HD

Myoclonus – CJD

Dystonia – WD

**Urinary incontinence** – NPH

### **Psychiatric**

Visual hallucinations – LBD

depression – Depressive pseudodementia

Disinhibition – FTD, advanced AD

### **Plan**

Bloods

Imaging

Medication – discuss ACHEi (donepezil, rivastigmine, galantamine) and memantine

7. Ear symptoms

## Constipation

IBS  
Hypothyroidism  
Hypercalcemia  
Autonomic neuropathy  
CRCA  
Drugs

## Bleeding PR

Describe

Fresh, quantity, frequency (with all BOs), bleeding w/o BOs, on stools Vs mixed with stools, streaks on stools, pain on defecation, lumps at anus (grade, hemorrhoids, polyps, rectal prolapse), rectal Sy (tenesmus), abd pain

Constipation Vs diarrhea □ fever, LoW, LoA

DD

Rectal cancer

Fx – mixed with, chronic, constipation, LoW

RF – FHx, ?smoking

Mets – RHC pain, LoA, jaundice, cough, headache, backache

Colitis

Infective – ameba, shigella, rectal syphilis : sick contacts, meal hygiene, toddy, anal sex

Radiation proctitis

Ulcerative colitis – red eye, oral ulcers, DVT, EN/PG, Slitis

Ischemic – acute, abdominal pain, RF : AF / atherosclerosis

Diverticulitis

Haemorrhoids

## LUTS

## Tremor / movement disorders

### HPC

1. Duration, Onset, progression
2. Distribution, evolution
  - Hands, legs, head, voice
  - Symmetry/asymmetry

3. When is the tremor worse
  - Rest
  - Posture
  - Movement
  - What worsens tremor : stress/emotion.caffeine worsens most tremors, sp ET and phys tremor
  - Tremors in sleep : ?? (PD and ET disappear in REM sleep)
4. Associated other neurological symptoms
  - Speech, Swallowing, Gait, Weakness, Sphincters / ANS symptoms

## Algorhythm

### Rest - EPS

- PD – gait, falling forward, slowing, olfaction, constipation
- MSA – sphincter, postural hypotension
- LBD – dementia
- PSP – truncal rigidity, falling backward
- WD – liver disease, FHx fo neuropsychiatry
- Drug – antiemetics, antipsychotics

### Intention – cerebellar

- Alcohol
- Drugs – AED, Li, heavy metal exposures
- Tumor – unilateral
- Infarcts – acute unilateral
- Paraneoplastic
- SCA, FA, ?HD

### Postural

- Physiological
- Exaggerated physiological – thyrotoxicosis, phéo, SNS (salbutamol, theo), TCAD, Glcc, T4, MDMA
- BET
- PD rest, asym, pill rolling, slow. Stops and start with action. BRADYKINESIA, spares head.
- ET postural, persists in to action, sym / asym, fine, flexion, extension, fast. Can affect head.
- Cere intention tremor, worse when reaching an object. Slow coarse. May affect head
- Phys postural, fast, fine, worse with emotion and caffeine. Spares head
- Dyst worse with posture (action – postural / kinetic)

| Enhanced physiological tremor | ET                         |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Never affects head            | May affect head            |
| Aggravated by caffeine        | Not aggravated by caffeine |
|                               |                            |

|  |    |    |
|--|----|----|
|  | PD | ET |
|--|----|----|

|                  |                                                                                         |                                                 |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Age              | > 50y                                                                                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 6 <sup>th</sup> decade       |
| Sex              | M>=F                                                                                    | M= F                                            |
| FH               | >25%                                                                                    | > 50%                                           |
| Asymmetry        | +++                                                                                     | +/-                                             |
| Frequency        | 4-6                                                                                     | 4-10                                            |
| Characteristics  | Rest. Supination – pronation.                                                           | Postural or kinetic. Flexion – extension        |
| Effect of action | Tremor temporarily disappears with action (holding a cup) and returns after few seconds | Tremor persists                                 |
| Distribution     | Hands, legs, chin and tongue. Never head                                                | Hands, head, voice. (Legs spared – pt in wd 16) |
| Associations     | Bradykinesia, rigidity, gait, posture, micrographia                                     | Deafness, dystonia, parkinsonism                |

**PMHx – asthma (propranolol for BET will be CIn)**

**FHx – BET, WD**

**SHx – alcohol (relieves BET, causes withdrawal tremor and cerebellar tremor)**

**Impact on ADL**

**Ideas concerns expectations**

Concerned about PD

**Summarize**

Plan for Ex, Ix

Weight gain

Newly diagnosed hypertension

**Diagnosis** certainty (?white coat), duration, essential Vs 2ry

When

Previous BP measurements / PIH

How many readings

White coat? – anxiety, out of office measurements, ABPs

**Aetiology**

Renal disease – H,uria, childhood KD, recurrent infections, FHx of PCKD, urine calculi, CTD Fx, PAN Fx (LoW, LL rash)

Endocrine – weight, bowel habits

Cushing – OTC steroids / anabolics, weight gain, prox muscle weakness

Conn – muscle cramps / weakness

Phaeo – episodes of flushing headache, palpitations

Thyrotoxicosis – LOW, diarrhea, heat intolerance, tremor, palpitations

Vascular

RAS – flash pul edemas  
CoA  
Drugs / toxins – steroids, OCP, alcohol, smoking, cocaine  
OSA obesity  
White coat – out of office BP measurements

### **Complications**

CAD – angina  
Stroke / TIA  
Vision – blurring  
Renal – edema, N, V, LoA

### **Therapy and control**

Compliance – drugs, low salt diet  
SE  
HCT – impotence  
CCB – edema, headache  
ACEi - cough

### **What can be done**

Patients ideas, concerns, expectations  
Indications/ Cln for specific therapy – ACEi in CKD, HCT in DM, CCB in HF  
ASCVD prevention ☐  
Assess risk – DM, DL, FHx

PMHx DM, BA (BB), ASCVD  
PSHx, DAHx,  
FHx HTN, PCKD, IHD, stroke, DL, DM, MEN Xds  
SHx  
Smoking, alcohol, substances  
Diet  
Occupation  
Marital life – impotence

### **Ex**

BMI  
BP  
Fundus  
Cardiac apex, murmurs, bruits  
Goiter, cushingoid  
Pallor, edema

### **Ix**

Cr, UFR, SE  
ECG, 2D echo  
FBS, A1c, Lipids

### **Summarize with patient**

1. Device a plan



- a. Investigations plan
  - b. Lifestyle plan – diet (low salt), exercise, smoking, alcohol
  - c. Drugs, compliance
  - d. Referrals
2. Schedule next visit
3. Advice on troubleshooting – call / ED visit / admit

## Raynauds

### Digital pain

Vascular – vasculitis (cryo, PAN, Buerger's), thromboembolism, vasospasm (RP, BB), cold hemagglutination, hyperviscosity

Neuropathic – PN, CTS, radiculopathy, syring

Articular - arthritis

Soft tissue – dactylitis

### Dx

Pale, blue, red with rewarming. Associated pain, paresthesia. Distribution – which fingers / toes, nose tip, ear lobe, lips. No symptoms in between attacks.

Symmetry, gangrene, ulceration, digital loss

Ppt factors – cold, bathing, fridge.

### Aetiology

CTD    SSCI, SLE,                      PAN

Hemat   PRV, cryo-I

Cervical rib

Vasculopathy   smoking / thrombangitis obliterans, vasculitis

Vibrating tool operators, OCP, ergots

Primary RP – ppt by cold weather / touching cold objects

### DD

IE, thromboembolism – Aortic aneurysm,

CTS

Syrinx / cervical radiculopathy

Complications   ulceration, digital loss

Impact - occupation

Features favouring secondary rather than primary RP

1. Onset after 40y
2. Female sex
3. Unilateral
4. Affects thumb
5. Digital ulceration
6. Features of SLE / RA
7. Auto Ab
8. Rashes

9. Rarely chilblains (painful itchy swellings on hands feet etc)

Confusion

Foot ulcer

Gait difficulty

Facial swelling

Funny turns

Hoarse voice

Larynx –

- inflammation (candida in inhaler users, GOR)
- edema (hypothyroidism)
- cancer
- polyp (voice abuse)

RLN palsy (dysphonia rather than hoarseness) – lymphoma, lung cancer

## Pruritus

Duration

Persistent vs intermittent

Distribution

1. PRV - hyperviscosity
2. Lymphoma – B Sy
3. DM – osmotic sy
4. Thyroid
5. CKD – edema, UOP, hiccups, LoA, vomiting
6. CLCD –
  - CFx – J, H/M, edema, ascites
  - Aetiology – alcohol, NASH, viral, CAM, drugs
7. Scabies
8. Contact dermatitis
9. Urticaria +/- angioedema
  - a. Hypothyroidism
  - b. Urticarial vasculitis
  - c. Chronic idiopathic urticaria (chronic spontaneous urticaria)
  - d. Mastocytosis (? No angioedema)

## Erythema nodosum

Site size shape palpable pain duration past history

IBD

Sarcoid

TB, Streptococcal infection, leprosy

Drugs – sulfa, OCP

## Adult onset Wheezing

## Shoulder pain

## Shin pain

8. Abnormal Ix

9. High Ca

10. LFT

11. Macrocytic anemia

### Stroke

Mimics – tumor, MS, hypoglycemia, seizure, cardiac syncope (palpitations, chest pain)

Cause

Infarct, hemorrhage

Dissection, vasculitis, CADASIL, migraine

AF, thrombophilia

### Angina

DD – AD, PE, pneumothorax, pericarditis, pneumonia, esophageal – GORD / gastritis

Causes

Atherosclerosis

Vasculitis

Thrombophilia – past DVT, hyperviscosity Sy,

Embolism – IE Sy

**Diabetes** – assess autonomic neuropathy as well

Duration

Control

Drugs

Macro

Micro

Infections

Hypo hyper glycemics

### IBD

Onset duration relapses frequency last relapse  
Drugs compliance side effects  
Biologics eligibility – TB  
Extra intestinal – eyes, oral ulcers, EN, perianal, joints

## **CKD**

Etiology                DM, HTN, CKDu, NSAID, GN, obstructive, amyloid, PCKD

### Complications

Uremia – LoA, V, itching, hiccups  
Fluid overload  
MBD – bone pain, #  
HTN  
Anemia  
Acidosis  
hyperK

## **epilepsy**

semiology, changes

ppt factors

Hx of status

Current drugs compliance control

### Aetiology

FHx  
Childhood CNS infections etc  
Tumor  
AIE  
CNS infections  
Metabolic – hypogly, Ca, Mg, Na