

# Episode 158: Hepatic (Adv) and PACU (Basic)

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In this 158th episode we return with another keywords episode with Dr. Gillian Isaac. We discuss hepatic disease for the advanced exam and PACU care for the basic exam.

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## Questions & Notes

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### HEPATIC (ADVANCED)

#### Preoperative Care

**Pt w/ cirrhosis presents for liver transplantation likely to exhibit each of following except?**

- A. ↓ cardiac output
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  - C. ↓ Systemic vasc resistance
  - D. ↑ alveolar oxygen tension
- Discussion

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  - E. ↑ Mixed venous O<sub>2</sub>
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- A. Anemia
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  - C. ↑ dead space
  - D. Intrahepatic AV shunt
  - E. Intrapulmonary AV shunt
- Discussion

**Phase of liver transplantation where greatest degree of hemodynamic instability expected?**

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  - B. Dissection
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  - D. Reperfusion
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- D. Requires heparinization
- E. Supports cardiac output

### Discussion

**Pt undergoing liver transplantation. Sodium bicarbonate and calcium chloride are administered immediately before reperfusion of transplanted liver to counteract?**

- A. Coagulopathy
  - B. ↓ Cardiac output
  - C. Hyperkalemia
  - D. Hypermagnesemia
  - E. Hypotension
- Discussion

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  - D. Intraoperative hypotension
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- Discussion

**25F undergoes difficult cholecystectomy with isoflurane, N2O, fentanyl, vecuronium. 5 units pRBC administered intraoperatively. Two days later develops mild ↑ transaminases, markedly ↑ alk. phos. and bilirubin. Which of following most likely cause?**

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  - C. Isoflurane-induced liver dysfunction
  - D. Retained common duct stone
  - E. Sepsis
- Discussion

### POSTOPERATIVE CARE (BASIC)

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  - C. Epidural 0.125% bupivacaine
  - D. Epidural fentanyl
  - E. Tracheal Intubation
- Discussion

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  - D. Substantia nigra
  - E. Ventral horn of spinal cord
- Discussion:

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- B. Delayed emergence from narcotic
- C. Pain
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Discussion

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- A. Antagonism of neuromuscular block most likely to trigger acute bronchospasm
- B. FRC increase during acute exacerbation of bronchospasm
- C. Ketamine will increase airway resistance
- D. Morphine contraindicated

Discussion

**In PACU, pt has severe hypotension, bronchospasm, edema of alveolar airway after injection of morphine for pain relief. Most appropriate immediate treatment?**

- A. Diphenhydramine
- B. Epinephrine
- C. Methylprednisolone
- D. Phenylephrine
- E. Ranitidine

Discussion

**Measurement of which of following provides most reliable info for severity of bronchospasm?**

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- A. Airway reactivity
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Discussion

**60M 150kg has episode of severe cough after anesthesia for hip replacement. Three minutes later, SpO2 drops to 80% from 100%. Oral suction noted copious secretions and vomitus in mouth. Exam reveals b/l wheezing. ABG on FiO2 45% is PaO2 52 PaCO2 50, pH 7.32. Most appropriate next step in management?**

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- B. Airway suction, intubation, saline lavage
- C. Intubation, administer steroids and antibiotics
- D. Intubation, administer albuterol
- E. Airway suction, intubation, mech ventilation

Discussion

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- B. Non-rebreather
- C. Venturi face mask
- D. Nasal cannula (NC) w/ 10L
- E. Reintubate

Discussion

**44M s/p emergency appendicitis surgery. In PACU, experiencing severe nausea/vomiting. SpO2 on NC down to 90% from 98% w/ expiratory wheezes. Diagnosis of possible aspiration suspected. All of following appropriate initial management of patient except?**

- A. Chest x-ray
- B. Administer broad antibiotics
- C. Supplemental O2 via face mask
- D. Administer antiemetic medication
- E. Continue close observation for pulmonary sequelae

Discussion

**Severe PONV most effectively treated with drug that acts as antagonist for which of following receptors?**

- A. Alpha-adrenergic
- B. Beta-adrenergic
- C. Dopamine
- D. GABA
- E. Glutamate

Discussion

**19F w/ severe PONV following laparoscopy after IM prochlorperazine has muscle spasm in face, neck, tongue. Which of following most appropriate management?**

- A. Baclofen
- B. Diphenhydramine
- C. Epinephrine
- D. Hydrocortisone
- E. Naloxone

Discussion

**Nausea/vomiting in pediatric outpatients are?**

- A. Directly related to postoperative pain
- B. Unrelated to duration of procedure
- C. Eliminated by preop admin of Droperidol
- D. Eliminated by intraop nasogastric drainage
- E. More frequent than adults

Discussion

**Which of following clinical situations are contraindicated to use of metoclopramide as premed?**

- A. Intestinal obstruction, tremors, hepatic dysfunction
- B. Diabetic gastroparesis, esophageal reflux
- C. Chemotherapy-induced emesis
- D. Patients on digoxin and insulin
- E. Pregnancy-induced emesis

Discussion

**Emergence delirium occurs most often with?**

- A. Sevoflurane
- B. Desflurane
- C. Ketamine
- D. Propofol

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Discussion

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- A. Atelectasis
- B. Cholinergic crisis
- C. Pain
- D. Residual enflurane
- E. Residual muscle paralysis

Discussion

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## Hepatic (Advanced)

### [ABA Content Outline](#)

#### 2) Hepatic Disease

- a) Preoperative Laboratory Assessment
- b) Anesthesia Choice (Hepatocellular Disease, Ascites, Portal Hypertension)
- c) Postoperative Hepatic Dysfunction, Hepatic Failure, Hepatorenal Syndrome
- d) Hepatic Transplantation

### Preoperative Care

4:00

- Liver disease associated with high morbidity and mortality
- Scoring systems to stratify M&M
  - o MELD
  - o Childs-Pugh
- Advanced parenchymal disease affects nearly every organ function
  - o Cardiovascular
    - Hyperdynamic circulation,
    - ↑ Cardiac output (CO)
    - ↓ vascular resistance
    - Hepatic portal HTN
    - Complications (esophageal varices, bleeding airways)
  - o Metabolism and synthetic function, bleeding
  - o Hepatopulmonary dysfunction
  - o Hepatorenal

Pt w/ cirrhosis presents for liver transplantation likely to exhibit each of following except?

5:36

- A. ↓ cardiac output
- B. ↓ Serum glucose conc
- C. ↓ Systemic vasc resistance
- D. ↑ alveolar oxygen tension

#### Discussion

- Answer: A
- D: hepatopulmonary syndrome is effectively a shunt

Pt w/ chronic liver failure scheduled for liver transplantation. Which following preop findings most likely?

6:58

- A. Hypoxemia
- B. ↑ Platelet count
- C. ↑ Systemic vascular resistance
- D. ↑ Factor VIII
- E. Metabolic alkalosis

Discussion

- Definitely not B or C
- F8 is notably increased
- Likely acidosis

Pt w/ liver transplantation 2 years ago now requires GA for ENT surgery. Antirejection on cyclosporine and prednisone. Which of following most likely?

8:22

- A. Hypoalbuminemia
- B. Hypocalcemia
- C. Episodic hypoglycemia
- D. ↑ Creatinine
- E. Prolong prothrombin time

Discussion

- Assuming now doing ok with new liver, improved function so should not see A, B, C, E
- Answer D since potentially renally toxic agents

50F w/ severe portal hypertension scheduled for TIPS procedure. Which cardiovascular physiology change expected?

9:57

- A. ↓ HR
- B. ↑ SVR
- C. ↑ HBF
- D. ↑ Renal BF
- E. ↑ Mixed venous O<sub>2</sub>

Discussion

- Answer E because limited oxygen extraction capacity, as well as w/ increased cardiac output



58F awaiting orthotopic liver transplantation for primary biliary cirrhosis in ICU. Oximetric pulmonary catheter placed. SvO<sub>2</sub> 90. BP 80/50. Which following BP intervention least appropriate treatment for hypotension in this patient?

11:32

- A. Milrinone
- B. Norepinephrine
- C. Vasopressin
- D. Phenylephrine

#### Discussion

- Know not A because vasodilating property
- Recognize SvO<sub>2</sub> is high, as such in a hyperdynamic state

### Intraoperative Care

12:44

- Questions about end-organ dysfunction

14:23

- Liver transplantation described in 3 phases: dissection, anhepatic, neohepatic w/ reperfusion
- Intraoperative management focuses on fluid and vent strategy to minimize acute lung injury and primary graft dysfunction

Man with alcoholic cirrhosis and Hgb 10. Intraop PaO<sub>2</sub> 75mmHg, FiO<sub>2</sub> 0.5. Which of following most likely cause of low PaO<sub>2</sub>?

12:58

- A. Anemia
- B. ↓ CO
- C. ↑ dead space
- D. Intrahepatic AV shunt
- E. Intrapulmonary AV shunt

#### Discussion

- High A-a gradient. Hepatopulmonary syndrome → intrapulmonary AV shunts → hypoxemia
- B: will cause ↓ SVO<sub>2</sub> but not change A-a gradient
- C: ↑ CO<sub>2</sub>, but not PaO<sub>2</sub> unless severe
- D: not this typical picture

Phase of liver transplantation where greatest degree of hemodynamic instability expected?

14:59

- A. Induction
- B. Dissection
- C. Anhepatic
- D. Reperfusion

Discussion

- D: when all the toxins built up in lower body from clamped IVC will return to heart

During liver transplantation, Veno-venous bypass from femoral and portal vein to axillary vein during cross-clamp of IVC will?

16:11

- A. ↓ Urine output
- B. Prevent hypothermia
- C. Prevent metabolic acidosis
- D. Requires heparinization
- E. Supports cardiac output

Discussion

- This gets around cross-clamp of IVC so returns some blood that otherwise would not have. Thus ↑ venous return will ↑ cardiac output, thus shouldn't ↓ UO (A)
- D is more for cardiopulmonary bypass

Pt undergoing liver transplantation. Sodium bicarbonate and calcium chloride are administered immediately before reperfusion of transplanted liver to counteract?

17:17

- A. Coagulopathy
- B. ↓ Cardiac output
- C. Hyperkalemia
- D. Hypermagnesemia
- E. Hypotension

Discussion

- Worried about the buildup of potassium returning to heart and subsequent arrest

## Postoperative care

17:59

- Risk of developing perioperative hepatic dysfunction varies w/ pre-existing reserve status, presence of co-morbid conditions, type, duration of surgery

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### Discussion

- B is distraction – is very rare
- Common things being common, most common reason for anyone is D

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20:06

- A. Delayed hemolysis from transfusion
- B. Heart failure w/ hepatic congestion
- C. Hepatocellular injury from labetalol
- D. Intraoperative hypotension
- E. Isoflurane-associated hepatitis

### Discussion

- Postoperative jaundice most likely from reabsorption of hematoma or RBC breakdown after transfusion
- D can cause shock liver but would see elevated AST/ALT not biliary enzymes

25F undergoes difficult cholecystectomy with isoflurane, N<sub>2</sub>O, fentanyl, vecuronium. 5 units pRBC administered intraoperatively. Two days later develops mild ↑ transaminases, markedly ↑ alk. phos. and bilirubin. Which of following most likely cause?

22:19

- A. Acute viral hepatitis
- B. Hemolysis
- C. Isoflurane-induced liver dysfunction
- D. Retained common duct stone
- E. Sepsis

#### Discussion

- More common is D, than B
- Shouldn't see ↑ transaminase from B

## Postoperative Care (Basic)

### ABA Content Outline

<p>1. Postoperative Care</p> <p>a. Pain Relief</p> <p>1) Pharmacologic</p> <p>a) Drugs: Opioids, Agonist-Antagonists, Local Anesthetics, Alpha-2 Agonists, Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs), N-Methyl-D-Aspartate (NMDA) Receptor Blockers, tricyclic antidepressants (TCA), Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor (SSRI)</p> <p>b) Routes: Oral, Subcutaneous (SC), Transcutaneous, Transmucosal, Intramuscular (IM), Intravenous (IV), Including Patient-Controlled Analgesia (PCA), Epidural, Spinal, Interpleural, Other Regional Techniques</p> <p>2) Other Techniques; Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS); Cryotherapy; Acupuncture, Hypnosis</p> <p>b. Respiratory Consequences of Anesthesia and of Surgical Incisions</p> <p>c. Cardiovascular Consequences of General and Regional Anesthesia: Differential Diagnosis and Treatment of Postoperative Hypertension and Hypotension</p> <p>d. Nausea and Vomiting</p> <p>1) Physiology; Etiology; Risk Factors, Preventive Strategies</p> <p>2) Use of Antacids, Histamine-2 (H<sub>2</sub>) Blockers, Metoclopramide, Transdermal Scopolamine, Droperidol, Serotonin Antagonists, Proton Pump Inhibitors, Dexamethasone, Multimodal Therapy, Acupressure/Acupuncture</p> <p>e. Neuromuscular Consequences: Residual Paralysis, Muscle Soreness, Recovery of Airway Reflexes</p> <p>f. Neurologic Consequences of Anesthesia: Confusion, Delirium, Cognitive Dysfunction, Failure to emerge from anesthesia</p>
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24:19

- Pain relief
- Opioids (duration, side effects, mechanism), opioid-sparing techniques

33:42

- Respiratory consequences of anesthesia

- Life-threatening: aspiration pneumonitis, negative pulmonary pressure edema after laryngospasm, severe bronchospasm
- Common: hypoxia, mild bronchospasm

44:00

- Nausea/vomiting prevention, treatment, pharmacology, risk factors
- Neuromuscular consequences

32M addicted to opioids c/o pain in PACU one hour after fixation of mandibular fracture. Received IV morphine 30mg in past hour. Most appropriate management?

26:49

- A. Continued IV morphine until pain resolves
- B. IV nalbuphine in 5mg increments until pain resolves
- C. IM hydroxyzine 75mg
- D. Evaluation of entrapment of mandibular nerve
- E. Evaluation of drug-seeking behavior

Discussion

- Immediate postop period, known to be painful. Continue treating pain

Which of following limits nalbuphine for postop pain?

28:41

- A. High incidence of nausea and vomiting
- B. High incidence of delayed respiratory depression
- C. Potential for inducing seizures in repeated doses
- D. Relatively low maximal analgesic effect
- E. Short duration of action

Discussion

- As a partial agonist, will have a ceiling effect (D)

75M in PACU c/o severe pain following thoracotomy. RR 30. ABG PaO<sub>2</sub> 70, PaCO<sub>2</sub> 56, pH 7.28, FiO<sub>2</sub> 0.6. Pt received morphine 2mg via thoracic epidural 45min earlier. Which following most appropriate immediate management?

29:40

- A. IV naloxone
- B. Epidural morphine
- C. Epidural 0.125% bupivacaine
- D. Epidural fentanyl
- E. Tracheal Intubation

Discussion

- In pain but signs of not great respiratory status (hypercarbia, hypoxemic) thus C can treat pain w/o worsening respiration

Pt has severe pain after total knee arthroplasty. Systemic opioids most likely modify pain through action of which of following sites?

31:31

- A. Corpus callosum
- B. Hippocampus
- C. Substantia gelatinosa
- D. Substantia nigra
- E. Ventral horn of spinal cord

Discussion:

- Answer is C
- E is actually dorsal horn

2 hours after vertical gastric banding procedure under desflurane and remifentanyl, trochar removed and wound is closed. Upon emergence, which of following is most likely scenario?

32:11

- A. Adequate analgesia for 2 hours
- B. Delayed emergence from narcotic
- C. Pain
- D. Respiratory depression in PACU

Discussion

- Remi is short-acting, be ready to give analgesia once worn off

50M w/ 80-yr history of cigarette smoking has FEV1 1.5L, FVC 3.5L. Which of following statements re: postop mgt is true?

34:11

- A. Antagonism of neuromuscular block most likely to trigger acute bronchospasm
- B. FRC increase during acute exacerbation of bronchospasm
- C. Ketamine will increase airway resistance
- D. Morphine contraindicated

#### Discussion

- A: maybe confused with vecuronium histamine release, but reversals do not
- C: bronchodilation
- B: can't get air out during bronchospasm, thus hyperinflate → ↑ FRC

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35:34

- A. Diphenhydramine
- B. Epinephrine
- C. Methylprednisolone
- D. Phenylephrine
- E. Ranitidine

#### Discussion

- Anaphylaxis treatment is epinephrine

Measurement of which of following provides most reliable info for severity of bronchospasm?

36:21

- A. Diffusing capacity
- B. ERC
- C. FEV1
- D. Residual volume
- E. TLC

#### Discussion

- C: can follow albuterol treatment with FEV1 measurements

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37:06

- A. Gastric acid aspiration
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- C. Pulmonary edema
- D. Pulmonary embolism
- E. Vocal cord paralysis

Discussion

- From negative pressure pulmonary edema, which is treated w/ supportive care
- Lasix is not correct initial management
- Usually resolves within 8-12 hours

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38:19

- A. Airway reactivity
- B. Intrapleural pressure
- C. Left ventricular afterload
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- E. Transpulmonary vascular pressure

Discussion

- Similar to previous question, but asking about mechanism (E).



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38:58

- A. Airway suction, intubation, mech ventilation and observation in ICU
- B. Airway suction, intubation, saline lavage
- C. Intubation, administer steroids and antibiotics
- D. Intubation, administer albuterol
- E. Airway suction, intubation, mech ventilation

Discussion

- Aspiration pneumonitis treatment: A

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41:22

- A. Simple mask to partial rebreathing mask
- B. Non-rebreather
- C. Venturi face mask
- D. Nasal cannula (NC) w/ 10L
- E. Reintubate

Discussion

- Answer: B
- Lots of room to improve on O<sub>2</sub> delivery
- Venturi face mask entrains room air

44M s/p emergency appendicitis surgery. In PACU, experiencing severe nausea/vomiting. SpO<sub>2</sub> on NC down to 90% from 98% w/ expiratory wheezes. Diagnosis of possible aspiration suspected. All of following appropriate initial management of patient except?

42:42

- A. Chest x-ray
- B. Administer broad antibiotics
- C. Supplemental O<sub>2</sub> via face mask
- D. Administer antiemetic medication
- E. Continue close observation for pulmonary sequelae

Discussion

- Most times not administer antibiotics right away because is just pneumonitis, not pneumonia

Severe PONV most effectively treated with drug that acts as antagonist for which of following receptors?

44:46

- A. Alpha-adrenergic
- B. Beta-adrenergic
- C. Dopamine
- D. GABA
- E. Glutamate

Discussion

- Did not include serotonergic
- Answer: C

19F w/ severe PONV following laparoscopy after IM prochlorperazine has muscle spasm in face, neck, tongue. Which of following most appropriate management?

45:16

- A. Baclofen
- B. Diphenhydramine
- C. Epinephrine
- D. Hydrocortisone
- E. Naloxone

Discussion

- Getting at too much dopaminergic action – neuroleptic malignancy syndrome
- B: antihistamine with antidopaminergic effects

- Extrapyramidal symptoms up to 2% at low doses

### Nausea/vomiting in pediatric outpatients are?

46:31

- A. Directly related to postoperative pain
- B. Unrelated to duration of procedure
- C. Eliminated by preop admin of Droperidol
- D. Eliminated by intraop nasogastric drainage
- E. More frequent than adults

#### Discussion

- Answer: A

### Which of following clinical situations are contraindicated to use of metoclopramide as premed?

47:33

- A. Intestinal obstruction, tremors, hepatic dysfunction
- B. Diabetic gastroparesis, esophageal reflux
- C. Chemotherapy-induced emesis
- D. Patients on digoxin and insulin
- E. Pregnancy-induced emesis

#### Discussion

- Answer: A
- Also contraindicated for patients on Parkinson medication

### Emergence delirium occurs most often with?

48:54

- A. Sevoflurane
- B. Desflurane
- C. Ketamine
- D. Propofol

#### Discussion

- Answer: A

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49:31

- A. Atelectasis
- B. Cholinergic crisis
- C. Pain
- D. Residual enflurane
- E. Residual muscle paralysis

Discussion

- E: Pancuronium is long-acting neuromuscular blocker that can cause re-curarization

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