



Neuro Anesthesia for Traumatic Brain Injury

A Review of The Basics

Introduction

CDC

- 1.7 Million sustained TBI
- 52,000 Deaths
- 275,000 Hospitalizations
- 80% treated & released from ER (~1.3 million)
- Those ≥ 75 highest rates of TBI-related hospitalization & death

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- TBI affects 2% of the population annually
- Major cause of death & severe disability among young people
- Most important complication—intracranial hematoma

Objectives

- Review Cerebral Anatomy, Physiology, & Circulation
- Explore The 2007 Brain Trauma Foundation Guidelines for Management of Severe TBI
- Discuss Sodium & Water Balance after TBI
 - Central Neurogenic Diabetes Insipidus
 - Syndrome of Inappropriate Secretion of Antidiuretic Hormone
 - Cerebral Salt-Wasting Syndrome

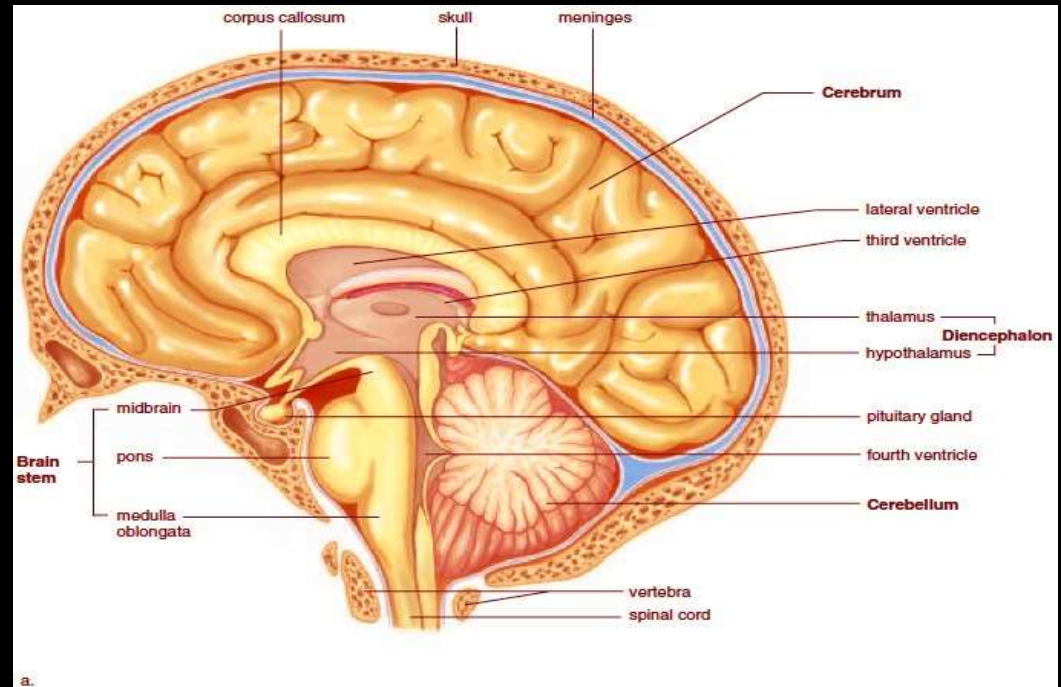
Cerebral Anatomy

Cranial Vault

- Brain 80%
- Blood 12%
- CSF 8%

Brain

- 1300 grams (3lbs)
- ~20% Cardiac Output
- High metabolic rate
- Absence of O₂ stores



Cerebral Metabolism— CMRO_2

Oxygen Consumption 3-3.8mL/100g/min

Average adult ~50ml/min

60% generate ATP neuronal electrical activity

***ABSENCE of significant O_2 reserves**

when O_2 tension <30 mm/Hg

3-8 min before ATP depleted → irreversible cellular injury

Cerebral Metabolism & Glucose

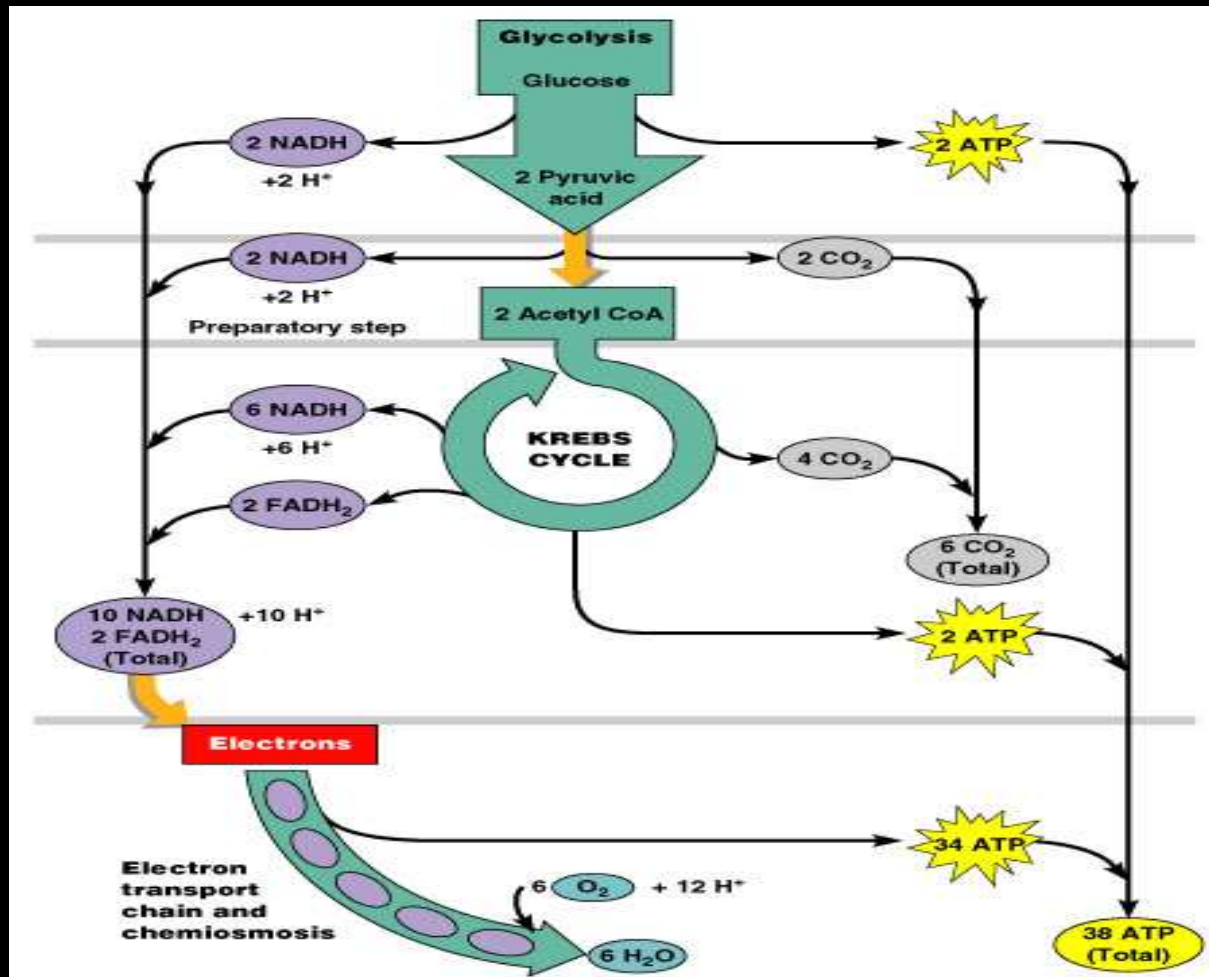
Glucose 5mg/100g/min

Average Adult ~65-70mg/min

- 90% aerobic metabolism
- $CMRO_2$ parallels glucose consumption
- Can metabolize some lactate

***Acute Sustained HYPOglycemia
is equally as devastating as hypoxia**

Aerobic vs. Anaerobic Metabolism



Cerebral Blood Flow

Normal CBF → 40-50ml/100g/min

Average adult ~750 ml/min

- Global BF & metabolic rate remain fairly stable
- Regional BF & metabolic rate can change dramatically

As metabolic rate goes up, BF goes up—Coupling

Increase $[K^+ \text{ \& \ } H^+]$ in ECF arteriole dilation & ↑ BF

Manipulating CO₂

↑ CO₂ causes vasodilation & ↑ Blood Flow

↑ CO₂ from 40 to 80 mm/Hg—DOUBLE BF

↓ CO₂ from 40 to 20 mm/Hg—HALVES BF

*Changes are transient lasting ~6-8hours. BF returns to normal even if we attempt to maintain the CO₂ levels. HCO₃⁻ level of brain ECF returns the pH to normal

Low CBF Rates & Consequences

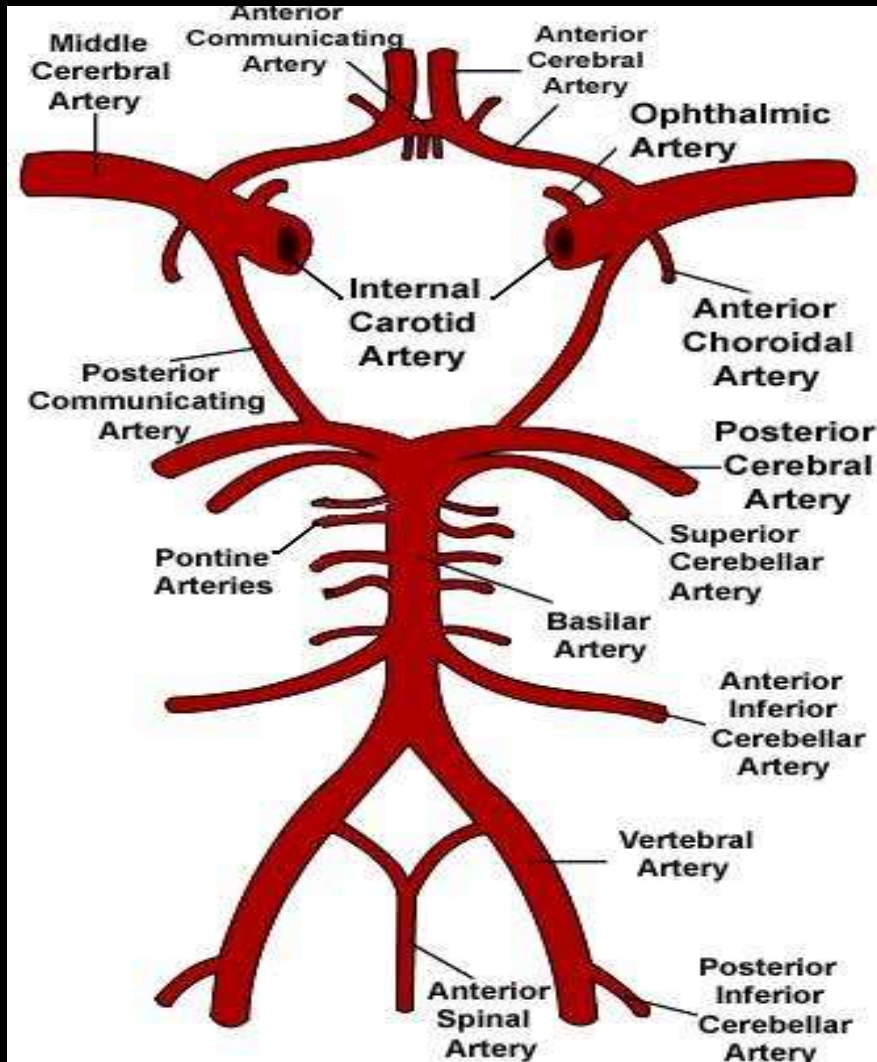
- CBF $<20-25\text{ml}/100\text{g}/\text{min}$
 - Cerebral impairment
 - Slowing EEG
- CBF $15-20\text{ml}/100\text{g}/\text{min}$
 - Flat isoelectric EEG
- CBF $10\text{ml}/100\text{g}/\text{min}$
 - Irreversible brain damage

Agent	CMR	CBF	CSF Production	CSF Absorption	CBV	ICP
Isoflurane	↓↓↓	↑	±	↑	↑↑	↑
Desflurane	↓↓↓	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑↑
Sevoflurane	↓↓↓	↑	?	?	↑	↑↑
Barbiturates	↓↓↓↓	↓↓↓	±	↑	↓↓	↓↓↓
Etomidate	↓↓↓	↓↓	±	↑	↓↓	↓↓
Propofol	↓↓↓	↓↓↓↓	?	?	↓↓	↓↓
Benzos	↓↓	↓	±	↑	↓	↓
Ketamine	±	↑↑	±	↓	↑↑	↑↑
Opioids	±	±	±	↑	±	±
Lidocaine	↓↓	↓↓	?	?	↓↓	↓↓

Anatomy of Cerebral Circulation

- Originates from 2 arterial circulations—
from 2 distinct systemic arteries
- Anterior Circulation
 - Carotid arteries
- Posterior Circulation
 - Vertebral arteries

Circle of Willis



Internal Carotids

- Anterior Cerebral
- Middle Cerebral
- *Supply medial & lateral surfaces of cerebral hemispheres

Vertebral Arteries

- Posterior Cerebral
- *Supply wide area within Brain & spinal cord; Occipital & Temporal lobes

Anomalies of the intracranial
collateral blood supply
are COMMON in the general population

52%
Complete Circle of Willis

Cerebral Ischemia as an Apparent Complication of Anterior Cervical Discectomy in a Patient with an Incomplete Circle of Willis. The University of California, San Diego; VA Medical Center, San Diego; Department of Neurology, Department of Neurosurgery, Sacred Heart Medical Center, Eugene, Oregon

Case Report

58yo Male

Ischemic injury ipsilateral to retraction

Carotid compression

Moderate arterial BP reduction

Preop MAP 99 mm/Hg; Intraop MAP ~56 mm/Hg

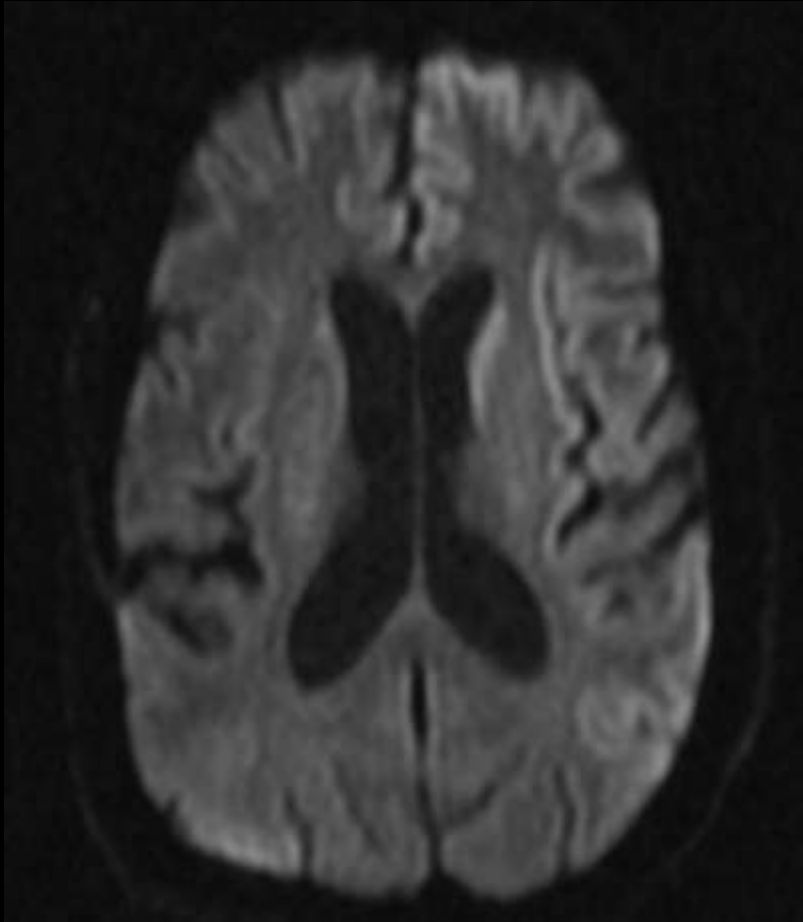
Extubated...Reintubated

Immediate postop—all tests normal CT, MRI, MRA, etc

POD #13 Repeated Brain MRI

MRA Circle of Willis

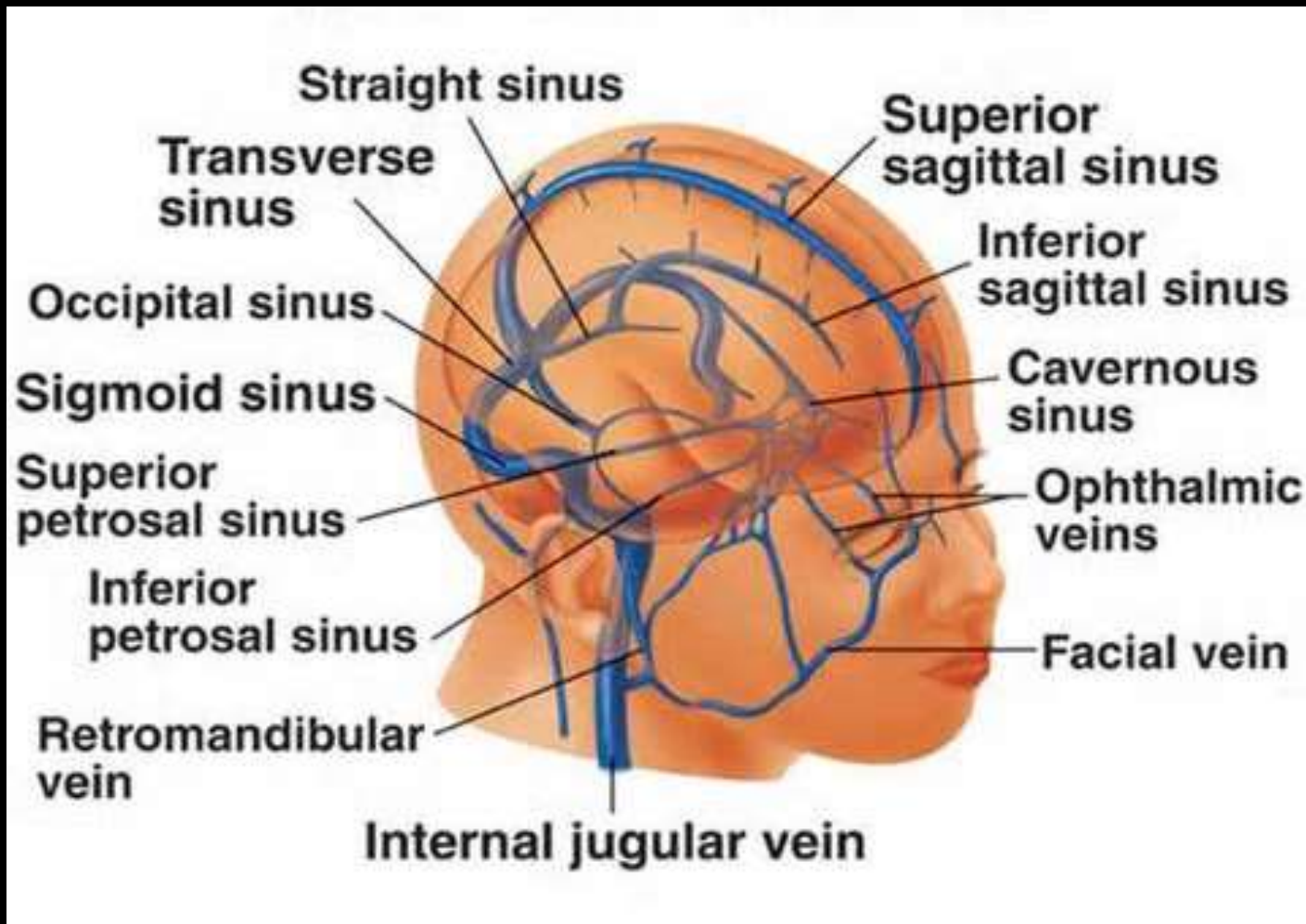
Brain MRI



MRA Circle of Willis



Sinuses Drain into the Internal Jugular Vein



Cerebral Spinal Fluid

Production

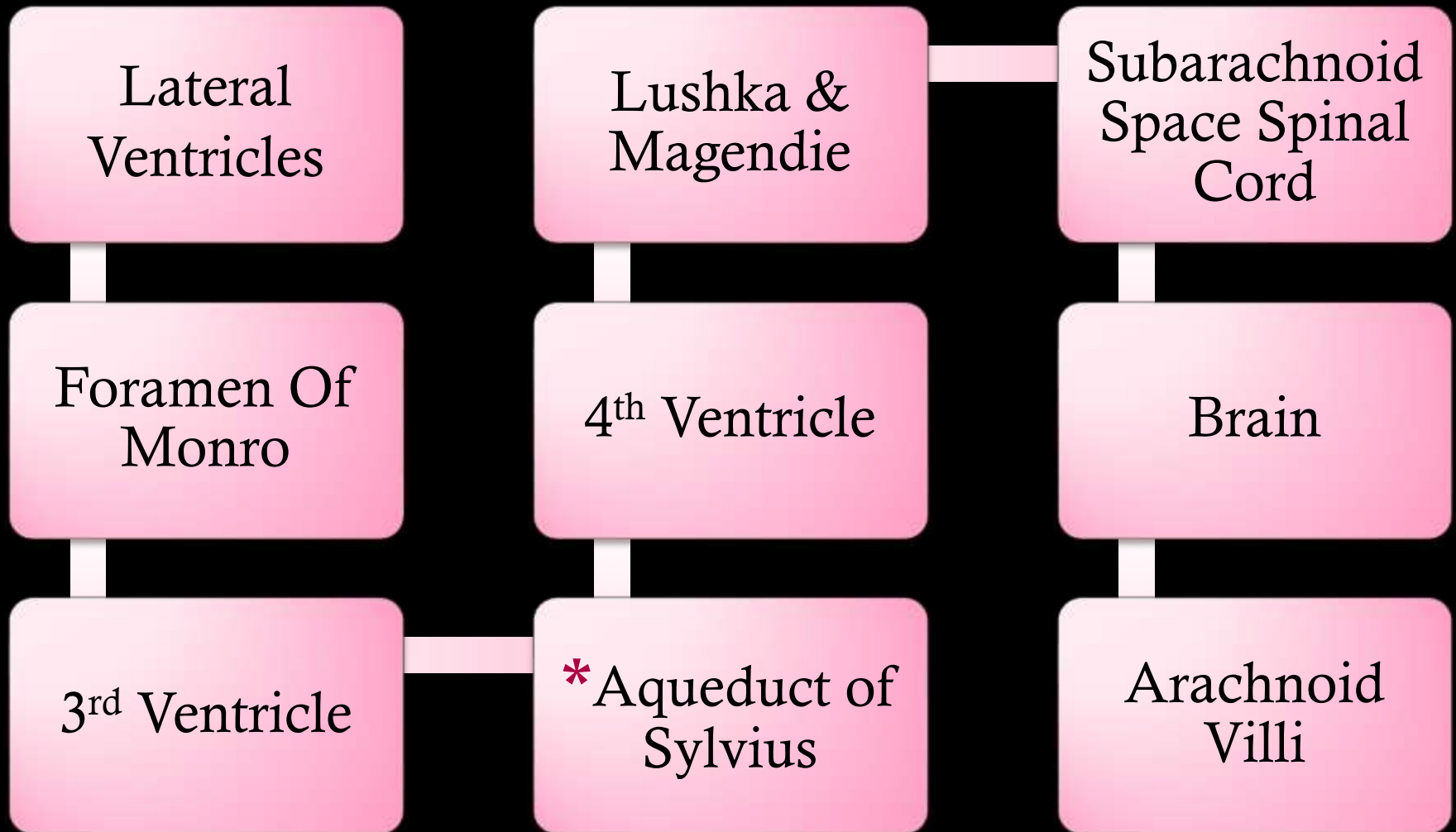
- Formed Choroid Plexus
- 21ml/hr or 500ml/day
- Quick turnover rate
- ~150ml present at a given time
- Reabsorbed Arachnoid Villi

Composition

- Na^+ 141 mEq/l
- K^+ 2.9 mEq/l
- Ca^{2+} 2.5 mEq/l
- Mg^{2+} 2.4 mEq/l
- Cl^- 124 mEq/l
- HCO_3^- 21 mEq/l
- PRO 28 mg/100mL
- Glu 61 mg/100mL

pH 7.31

Pattern of CSF Flow



Intracranial Pressure

ICP

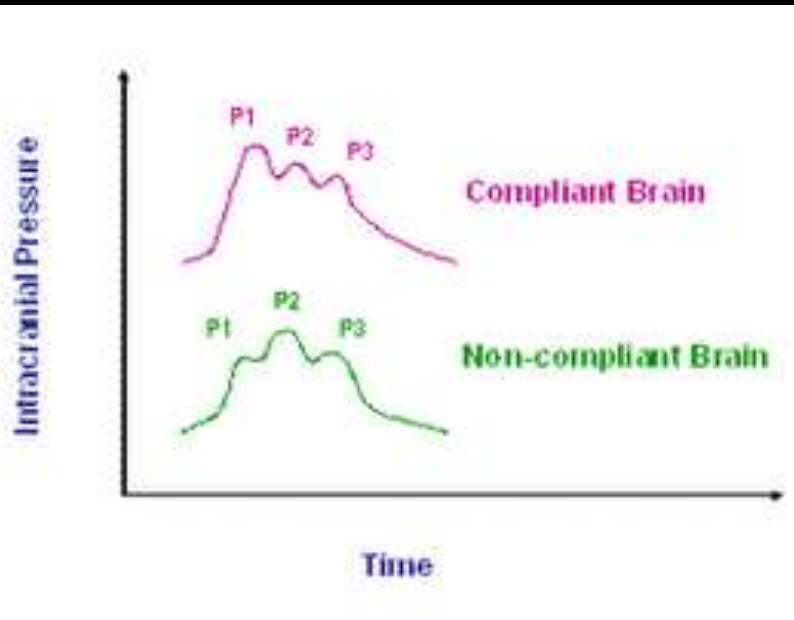
- Normal <10 mm/Hg
- ICP >15 mm/Hg \rightarrow Intracranial HTN
- Most centers treat when ICP $>20-25$ mm/Hg

***BTF Guidelines support the initiation of treatment when ICP is ≥ 20 mm/Hg**

Marked INCREASES in ICP can DECREASE Cerebral Perfusion Pressure & Cerebral Blood Flow \rightarrow producing regional & general ischemia.

ICP Waveform

Flow of 3 upstrokes in 1 wave



P1—Percussion wave
Atrial pulsation

P2—Tidal wave
Intracranial compliance

P3—Dicrotic wave
aortic valve closure

***If P2 is higher than P1 → indicates Intracranial HTN**

Cerebral Perfusion Pressure

$$\text{CPP} = \text{MAP} - \text{ICP}$$

Or **CVP** (whichever is greater)

Normal CPP is 80-100 mm/Hg

- CPP <50mm/Hg—EEG slowing
- CPP 25-40mm/Hg—Flat EEG
- CPP <25mm/Hg—Irreversible brain damage

***BTF Guidelines target CPP of 50-70 mm/Hg**
No more than 70 mm/Hg

Autoregulation at Work

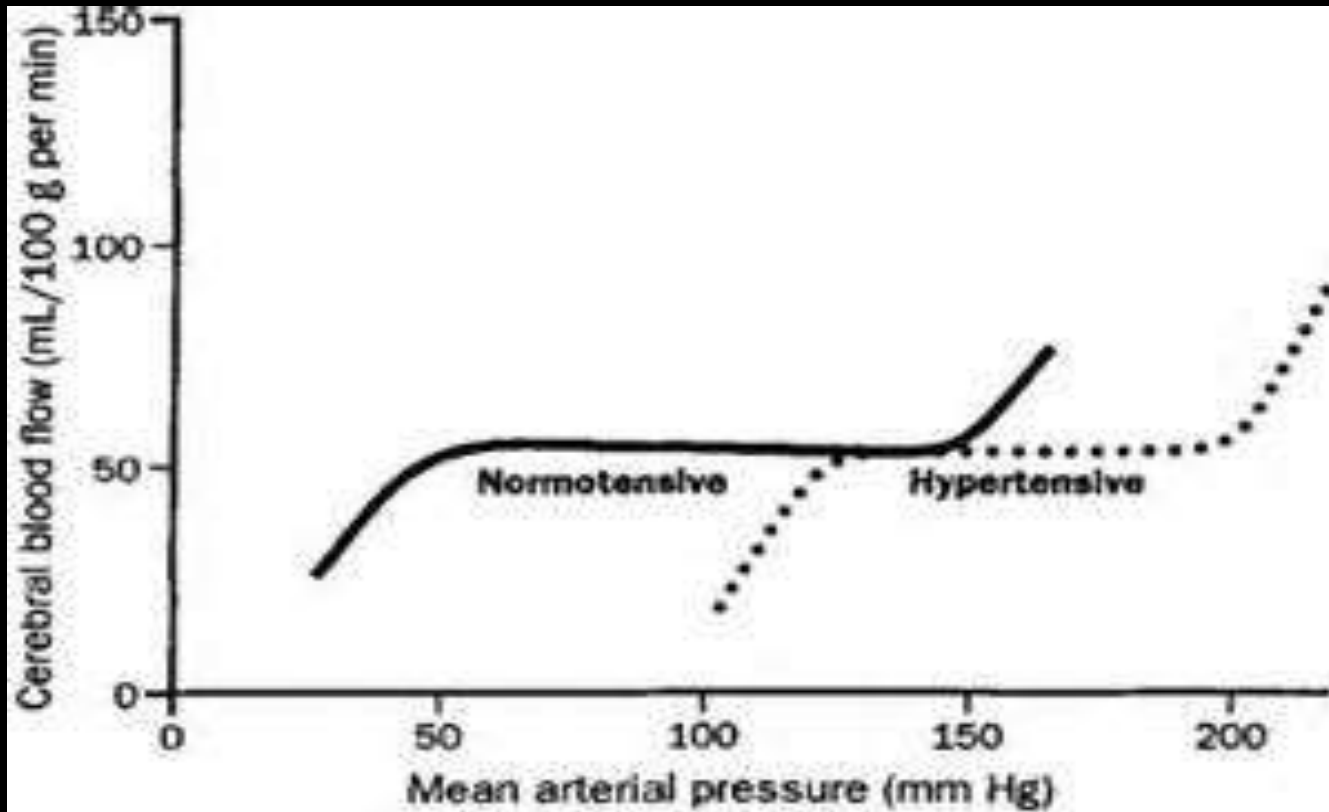
- **↑** CPP—cerebral vasoconstriction
prevents sudden **↑** CBF & CBV
- **↓** CPP—cerebral vasodilation
maintain CBF & perfusion

*Upper limits of CPP **150-160mm/Hg**
CPP >150 Risk: Disruption of BBB
Cerebral edema
Hemorrhage

**TBI capillaries become leaky & more permeable to water
vessels dilate, flow increases and edema worsens**

Autoregulation & Chronic HTN

***Autoregulatory curve Shifts to the RIGHT**



Impaired Autoregulation

- Cerebral edema—Trauma
- Cerebral ischemia—Hypoxia
- Hypercarbia
- Volatile agents—Vasodilating drugs
- Subarachnoid Hemorrhage—vasospasm

Symptoms of Increasing ICP

Mild to Moderate TBI

Vague & Nonspecific

- Confusion
- Headache
- Drowsiness

Fundamental Clinical Variable

GLASGOW COMA SCALE

↓ Value in MOTOR component=potential increasing ICP

Determines how the neuro status will be monitored

BEHAVIOR	RESPONSE	SCORE
Eye Opening Response	Spontaneous	4
	To speech	3
	To pain	2
	No Response	1
Best Verbal Response	Oriented x3	5
	Confused	4
	Inappropriate words	3
	Incomprehensible sounds	2
	No response	1
Best Motor Response	Obeys Commands	6
	Moves to localized pain	5
	Flexion/withdrawal from pain	4
	Abnormal flexion Decorticate	3
	Abnormal extension Decerebrate	2
	No response	1
Total Score	Best Response	15
	Comatose	≤8
	Unresponsive	3

The Surgical Approach to the Management of Increased Intracranial Pressure After Traumatic Brain Injury; Academic Neurosurgery unit, University of Cambridge/Addenbrookes Hospital, United Kingdom.

↑ICP within 1st 24hours of injury as well as any Secondary ↑ ICP (3-10 days posttrauma) → POOR prognosis

Secondary Causes of increased ICP

Cerebral Edema

Mass lesion

Cerebral vasodilation

Systemic HTN

Venous sinus thrombosis

Posttraumatic seizure

↑ Intrathoracic pressure

Hyperthermia

Surgical Approach Cont'

Optimal approach—Anticipate the onset ↑ ICP

- Neurosurgery involved early
 - Assessment, treatment, & planning
- Treated in Neurosurgical Centers
 - Even if injury does NOT require neurosurgical intervention
- High Risk patients Neurosurgical unit w/option for Neuro ICU care

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Who is High-Risk for \uparrow ICP?

- Severe head injury (GCS score ≤ 8 after CPR)

PLUS

- Abnormal head CT on admit **or**
- Normal head CT PLUS any 2:
 - Age >40
 - SBP <90 mm/Hg
 - Decerebrate or Decorticate posturing

*No definitive
CT feature
indicates
 \uparrow ICP

- Sedated or Induced Coma after Severe TBI
- Multisystem Injury w/ altered LOC
- Receiving RX w/ High volume IVF
- Postop after mass lesion removal

Mainstay of ICP Management

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Medical Management with Protocols

- Head elevation 10-15 degrees
- Adequate oxygenation Sat $\geq 97\%$
- Fluid resuscitation CVP 6-10
- Sedation Propofol, versed, fentanyl
- Muscle relaxation Atracurium 0.5mg/kg/hr
- Mild hyperventilation
- Cooling $\leq 37^{\circ}\text{C}$

Surgery is 2nd tier treatment

in patient's whose \uparrow ICP is refractory to maximal medical management

Pharmacology

Barbiturate

- Thiopental
 - Hypnosis
 - Depression of CMR
 - ↓ CBF r/t ↑ CVR
 - Anticonvulsant property
 - Facilitate absorption of CSF

250mg boluses
up to 3-5grams
IV infusion 4-8 mg/kg/hr

“Robin Hood”, reverse steal phenomenon
induces vasoconstriction in normal brain tissue, blood
flow is redistributed to ischemic areas of the brain

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All Patients with or at risk for developing increased ICP

- Arterial line
- CVP line
- ICP monitor
- Rt SjVO₂ catheter $\geq 55\%$

Establish transcranial doppler & multimodality monitoring within first 6hrs of Neuro ICU stay.

Herniation

Elevated ICP can induce brain herniation

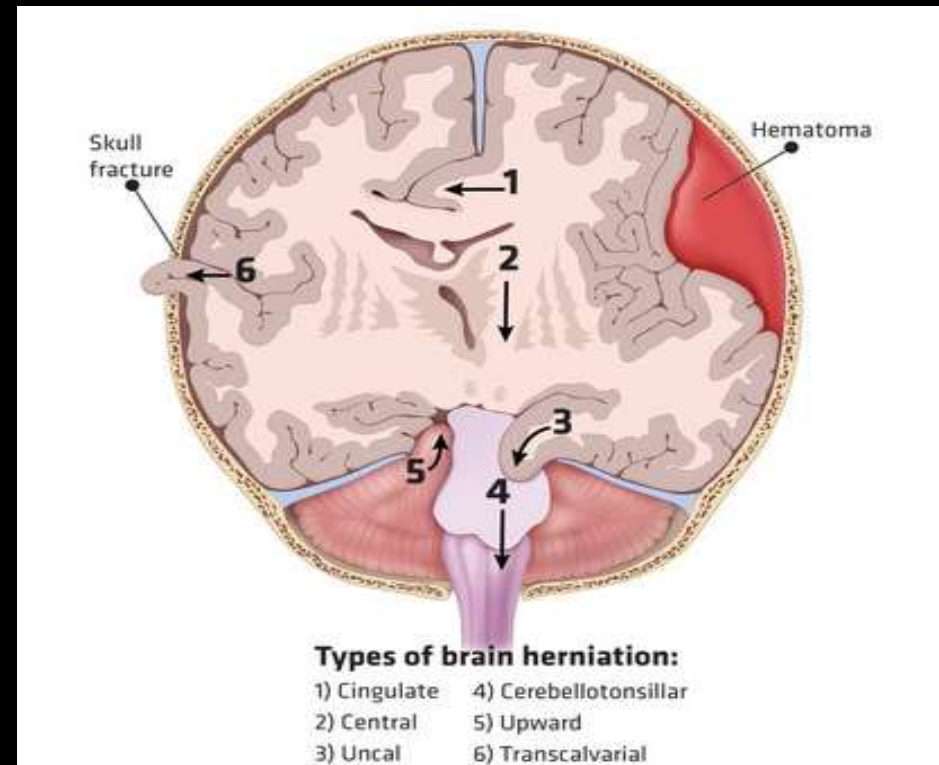
- Across meninges
- Down spinal canal
- Through opening in the skull
- Rapid neurological deterioration and death

Cushing's Triad

↑SBP

Bradycardia

Abnormal breathing pattern



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- Hypoxemia and Hypotension
- Hyperosmolar Therapy
- Indications for ICP Monitoring
- ICP Monitoring Technology
- ICP & CPP Thresholds
- Brain Oxygen Monitoring and Thresholds
- Analgesics, Anesthetics, and Sedatives



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Hypoxemia and Hypotension

- Defining level of Hypotension is unclear
- SBP <90 mm/Hg—avoid or rapidly correct

Given the influence that CPP has on outcome:
SBP >90mm/Hg would be more desirable
esp during pre-hospital & resuscitative phases

- Hypoxia—apnea cyanosis in the field or
PaO₂ <60 mm/Hg

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Hyperosmolar Therapy

Agents currently in clinical use for TBI

- Mannitol

- Single administration—short term effects
- Prolonged therapy for \uparrow ICP

***Lack of evidence for repeated regular administration over several days**

- Hypertonic Saline

- Current evidence is NOT strong enough to recommend use, concentration, & administration of HS in traumatic intracranial HTN

Mannitol

0.25gm/kg to 1gm/kg

Avoid SBP <90mm/Hg

Exerts beneficial effects by 2 mechanisms:

- Immediate plasma expanding effect
 - ↓ HCT and ↓ Blood viscosity
 - ↑ CBF and ↑ O₂ delivery
- Osmotic effect—delayed 15-30 minutes
 - Establishment of gradients between cells & plasma
 - Effects can persist for ~90 min to 6+ hours

Hypertonic Saline

- Principle effect on ICP is osmotic movement of water across an intact BBB
- Dehydrates endothelial cells and erythrocytes
 - Increasing diameter of vessels
 - Plasma volume expansion
 - Increased CBF
- Reduces leukocyte adhesion in traumatized brain

Potential Side Effects of HS Administration

- Exclude Hyponatremia prior to HS therapy
- Pre-existing chronic hyponatremia—risk of **Central Pontine Myelinolysis**→ destruction of myelin, symptoms appear ~2-3 days
- Induce or aggravate Pulmonary edema
Underlying cardiac or pulmonary problems

3% HS as Continuous infusion titrate:
Serum Na→145-155mEq/L
Serum Osmolality→ 310-320 mOsm/L

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Indications for Intracranial Pressure Monitoring

Hypotension and \uparrow ICP –leading cause of death in severe TBI

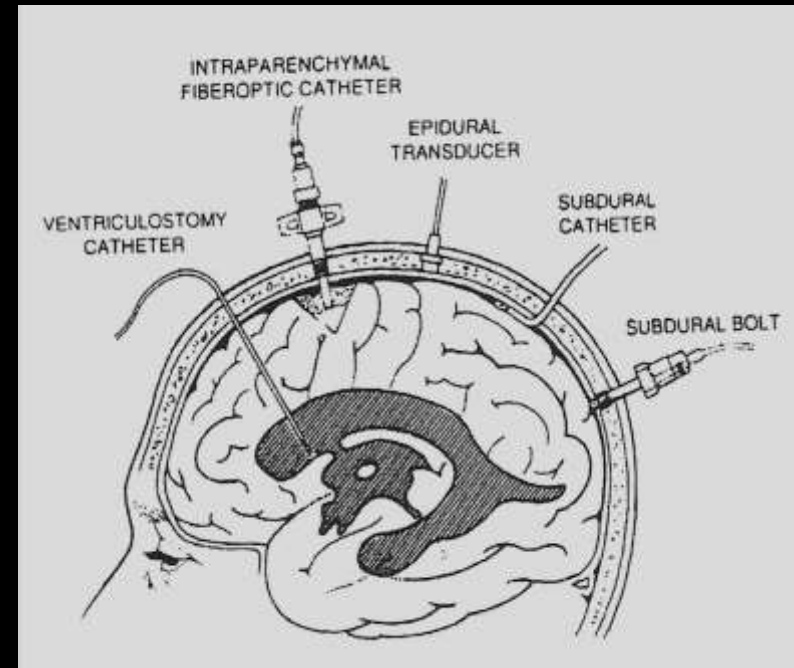
The only way to reliably determine CPP and cerebral hypoperfusion is via continuous ICP and BP monitoring

- Predict outcome & worsening pathology
- Calculate & manage CPP
- Therapeutic CSF drainage w/Ventricular ICP monitoring
- Restrict potential deleterious ICP reduction therapies

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Intracranial Pressure Monitoring Technology

- Ventricular Catheter
 - Accurate
 - Low cost
 - Reliable
 - Recalibrated *in situ*
- Parenchymal ICP Monitors
 - Cannot be recalibrated
- Subarachnoid, Subdural, and Epidural
 - Less accurate



EVD Placement

Placed via bur hole

Frontal horn of Lateral Vent

Right sided

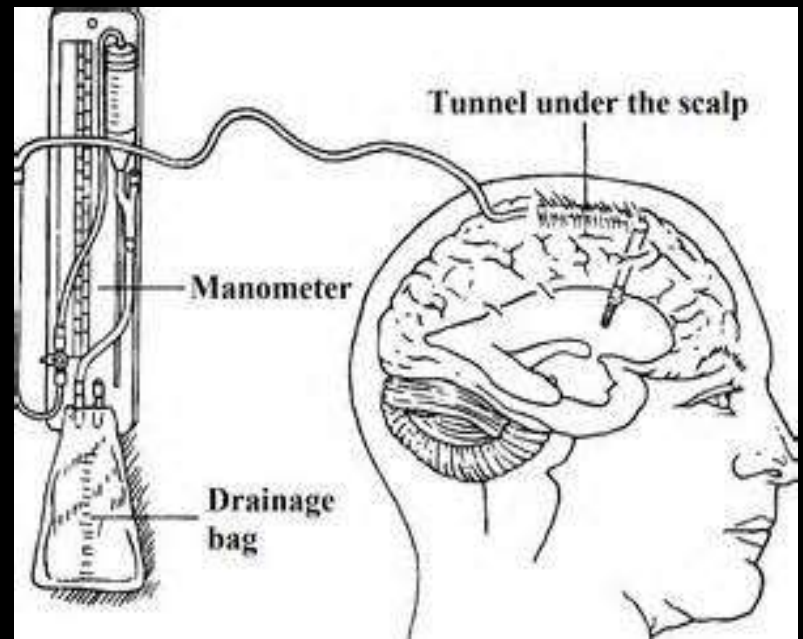
Patient lying at 30 degrees

External auditory meatus—

Horizontal plane as Foramen of Monro

Landmark for zeroing transducer of ICP monitor

Adjust drain height



ICP Monitoring

- **Aim of intervention is ICP control**
 - Drainage guided by effect on ICP
 - 10-15 ml per hour reasonable
- **Removal of EVD**
 - Normal ICP for 48-72 hours AFTER Withdrawal of therapy
 - Prior to removal, clamp EVD for 12-24 hours
 - Assess neuro status

Complications of ICP Monitoring

- Infection
- Hemorrhage
- Malfunction
- Obstruction
- Malposition

Complications causing patient morbidity are rare

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ICP Thresholds

20-25 mm/Hg is the UPPER threshold above which treatment to lower ICP should be initiated

- Initiate treatment when ICP >20 mm/Hg
- Guide patient management/treatment
 - ICP values
 - Clinical Findings
 - Brain CT findings

Brain herniation can occur at ICP $<20-25$ mm/Hg

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Cerebral Perfusion Thresholds

$$\text{CPP} = \text{MAP} - \text{ICP}$$

- CPP Range 50-70 mm/Hg
 - Intact pressure autoregulation tolerate higher CPP
- Avoid CPP <50 mm/Hg
- Avoid aggressive attempts to keep CPP >70 mm/Hg with fluids and pressors
 - ARDS

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Brain Oxygen Monitoring and Thresholds

Treatment Thresholds

- $S_jVO_2 \rightarrow$ Jugular Venous Saturation $<50\%$
Global measurement of O_2
- $P_{br}O_2 \rightarrow$ Brain Tissue Oxygen Tension <15 mm/Hg
Local measurement of O_2

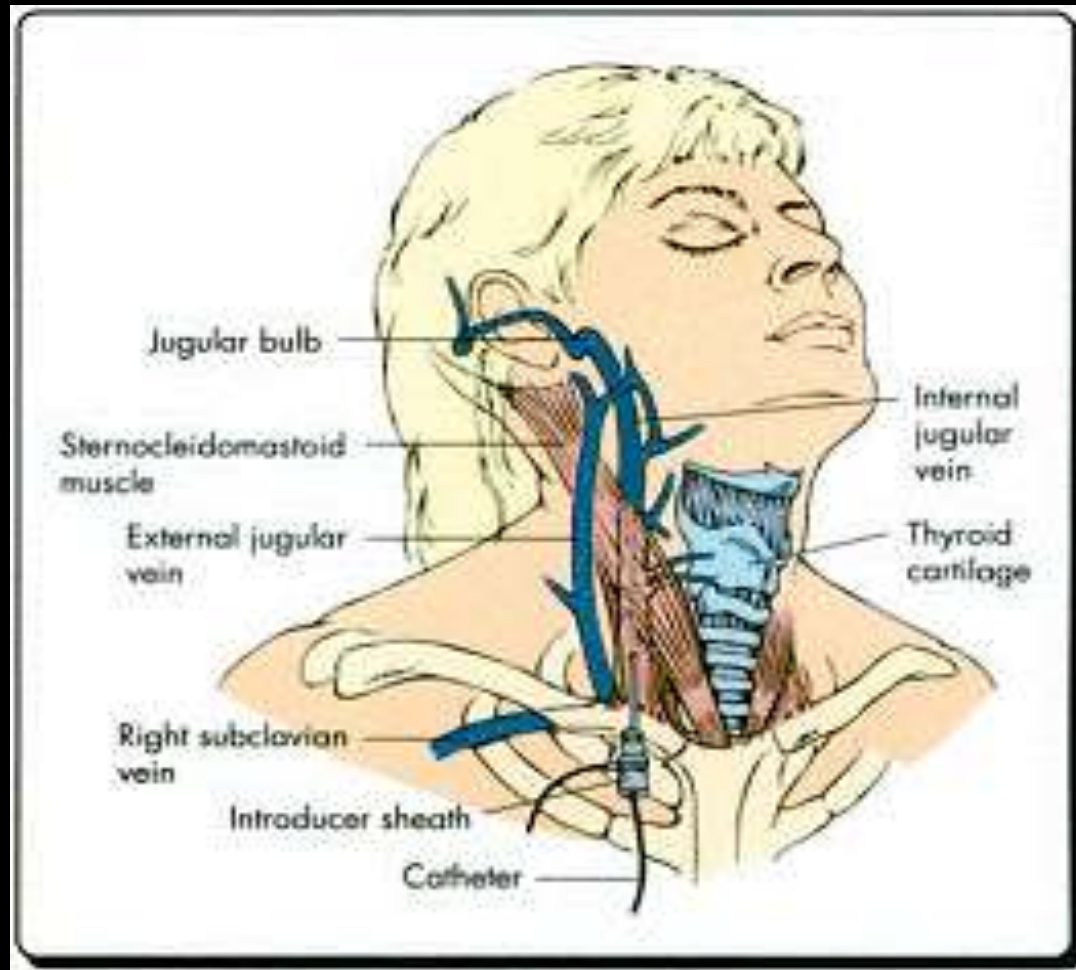
Mortality rates are HIGHER in those with episodes of desaturation

SjVO₂ Monitoring

- Indirectly assesses brain's ability to extract & metabolize O₂
- Normally CMRO₂ coupled to CBF
- *Extraction ratio of arterial & venous blood remains constant**
- ~50% TBI patients exhibit evidence of
 - Defective cerebral autoregulation
 - Uncoupling

As long as the hemoglobin & arterial saturation remain constant the SjVO₂ is an indicator of cerebral O₂ demand

S_jVO_2 Catheter Placement



$P_{br}O_2$ Monitoring

Treatment value > 15 mm/Hg

- Low $P_{br}O_2$ —both **Depth & Duration** correlated w/mortality
- 50% risk of death associated with
 - Values <15 mm/Hg
 - Lasting 4hrs or longer

***BTF Guidelines— $P_{br}O_2$ values <10-15 mm/Hg with a duration >30 minutes are associated with higher mortality**

Multimodal Monitoring

Should be used **TOGETHER** to assess the impact of the various interventions on cerebral metabolism

- ICP
- Arterial BP
- Transcranial Doppler
- Evoked potentials
- S_jVO_2

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Anesthetics, Analgesics, and Sedatives

- Common management strategy for ICP control
- No evidence to support their efficacy
- Have not been shown to positively affect outcome

Research Panels are looking at OUTCOME

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Anesthetics, Analgesics, and Sedatives

- **Barbiturate**

- Administration of high-dose to control \uparrow ICP refractory to maximal treatment

Loading dose: 10mg/kg over 30 minutes

5mg/kg Q1hr x3doses

Maintenance: 1mg/kg/hr

- Prophylactic administration of barbiturates to produce burst suppression EEG is **NOT** recommended

- **Propofol** for control of ICP

- Not for improvement in mortality
- High-dose can produce significant morbidity

***Do NOT EXCEED 5mg/kg/hr**

Propofol Infusion Syndrome PRIS

Common Clinical Features

- Hyperkalemia
- Hepatomegaly
- Metabolic acidosis
- Myocardial failure
- Hyperlipidemia
- Rhabdomyolysis
- Renal failure
- Death

Extreme caution must be taken when using doses $>5\text{mg/kg/hr}$ OR ANY dose exceeding 48hr in critically ill adults

Why the Increased Risk of PRIS in Acute Neurological Injury?

Negative inotropic effect creates a VISCIOUS CYCLE

- Catecholamines ↑ Cardiac output
- ↓ Propofol concentration ↑ clearance & first pass effect
- ↓ effect of propofol—reversal of anesthesia
- Propofol can depresses cardiac function → β -receptor antagonism
- ↑ catecholamine requirements

Dosing Regimens for Analgesics & Sedatives

- Morphine 4mg/Hr continuous infusion (titrate)
- Midazolam 2mg test dose
2-4mg/Hr continuous infusion
- Fentanyl 2mcg/kg test dose
2-5mcg/kg/Hr
- Sufentanil 10-30mcg test dose
0.05-2mcg/kg continuous infusion
- Propofol 0.5mcg/kg test dose
20-75mcg/kg/min

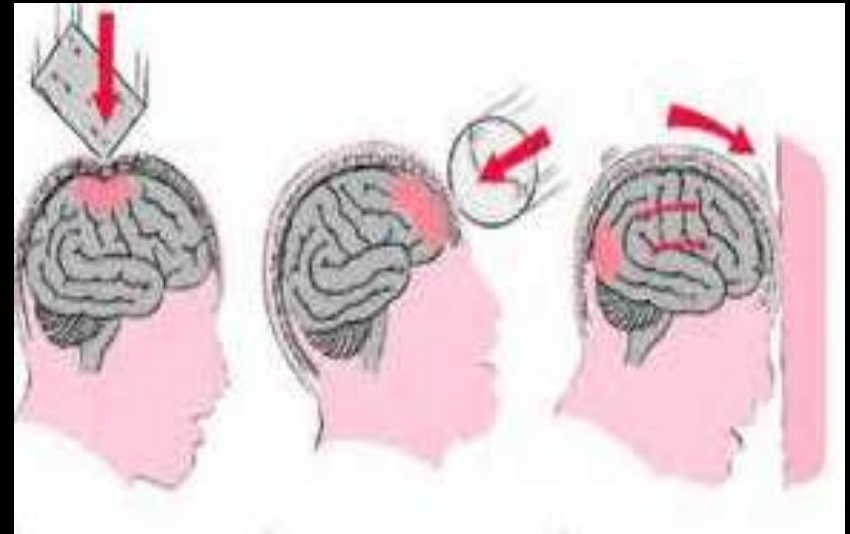
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Sodium & Water Balance After TBI

What Causes Electrolyte & Fluid imbalance in TBI?

Secondary Injuries r/t Force of the impact

- Cerebral edema
- Injury to hypothalamus
- Injury to pituitary gland



Hypothalamic-pituitary Dysfunction

3 common electrolyte imbalances

- Central Neurogenic Diabetes Insipidus—CNDI
 - Associated w/HYPERnatremia
- Syndrome of Inappropriate Secretion of Antidiuretic Hormone—SIADH
and
- Cerebral Salt-Wasting Syndrome—CSWS
 - *Associated w/HYPOnatremia

ADH

- **Osmoregulation**—maintain water balance
 - Serum Na⁺ osmolality 280-295 mOsm/kg
 - Serum Os <280 ADH not secreted
 - Serum Os >295 ADH is secreted
- **Baroregulation**—changes in BV & BP
 - Located in chest, left atrium, aortic arch, carotid sinuses
 - Transmitted via vagus & glossopharyngeal nerves
 - ↑ BV & BP = ↓ ADH secretion

HYPOTension & HYPOvolemia are common in TBI
ADH secretion is INCREASED

Central Neurogenic DI

Decreased ADH secretion & Hypernatremia

- Damage to posterior pituitary—ADH is stored & secreted
- Associated with:
 - Neurosurgery & Tumors
 - Increased ICP
 - Brain death
 - CNS infections—encephalitis & meningitis
- CNDI occurs in 16% of TBI patients
- Occurs ~5-10 days after trauma

CNDI

Signs & Symptoms

- Polyuria → 250 ml/hr
 - *Urine specific gravity <1.005
 - *Urine Os <200 mOsm/kg
- Polydipsia
- Hypovolemia
- Hypernatremia
 - * $\text{Na}^+ > 145 \text{ mEq/L}$
 - * Serum Os >295 mOsm/kg
- Lose 3% to 5% of body weight

*** How CNDI is diagnosed in TBI patient**

Treatment Options

Central Neurogenic DI

- Fluid replacement with 0.45% NSS
- Desmopressin
 - Intranasally—5 to 2 mcg/day divided doses
 - Parenterally—5 to 40 mcg/day divided doses
- Vasopressin
 - Intravenous—0.5 to 2 U Q3hrs
 - If U/O is >300mL/hr for 2 consecutive hrs
 - Infusion— 0.2 to 0.9 U/min



Neurogenic DI
NOT
Nephrogenic DI

Pharmacology

DDAVP 4mcg/ml

- Neurogenic DI—lack of ADH
 - DDAVP is synthetic replacement—of natural hormone arginine vasopressin
 - Decreased vasopressor action
- 1 mcg DDVAP = 4 IU
- Injection is 10x the ADH effect vs. intranasal
- Mixed by pharmacy & sent “on call” r/t stability
- Administered over 10-15 minutes

SIADH

Increased ADH secretion & Dilutional Hyponatremia

- Renal reabsorption & water retention
- Concentrated urine
- Hyponatremia common after TBI
 - Affects ~33% of head injury patients
- Causes of SIADH in TBI
 - Traumatic Subarachnoid hemorrhage
 - Increased ICP
 - Damage to hypothalamic-pituitary region
- Body weight increase of 5% to 10%

SIADH

Signs & Symptoms

- Decreased U/O—400 to 500 ml/24 hrs
- Serum Na⁺ level— <135 mEq/L
 - Seizures Na⁺ <120 mEq/L
- Serum Os— <275 mOsm/L
- ↑ Na⁺ in urine— >25mEq/L
- Urine osmolality > Serum osmolality

Headache, NV, fatigue, lethargy, confusion, & muscle twitching

Treatment Options

SIADH

- Fluid restriction— <1000 mL/24hr
- Slow Na^+ replacement with 3% NSS
 - Too rapid—Central Pontine Myelinolysis
 - Recommend \uparrow Na^+ by 10 to 20 mEq/d
- Diuretics
- Demeclocycline hydrochloride—suppresses ADH activity
- Lithium carbonate—inhibits renal response to ADH

Cerebral Salt-Wasting Syndrome

Elevated ADH Levels & True Hyponatremia

- Lose Na^+ and ECF—plasma volume decreases
- Decrease in body weight
- Pathophysiology unclear—primary mechanism renal loss Na^+
- Occurs most often in:
 - Stroke
 - Intracerebral hemorrhage
 - Neuro surgery

***Can develop in TBI patients with \uparrow ICP**

CSWS

Signs & Symptoms

- Headache
- Increased thirst
- Dehydration
- Weight loss
- Tachycardia
- Hypotension
- Lethargy & ↓ LOC
- Seizures & coma

*Primary distinction
between CSWS & SIADH
volume status

CSWS → Volume Depletion
SIADH → Volume Expansion

Treatment Options

Cerebral Salt-Wasting Syndrome

- Replace fluids with physiologic NSS
- IV replacement with 3% NSS
- If taking PO—oral salt tablet supplements
- Fluid restriction is contraindicated
 - Cerebral vasospasm
 - Cerebral ischemia & infarction

Summary

- Neurological damage does not occur solely with the primary injury. We need to recognize & manage the secondary injuries.
- Maintain adequate cerebral blood flow, cerebral perfusion & oxygenation while the brain recovers.
- Management of \uparrow ICP begins with anticipating it's development & having treatment protocols in place.
- Be aware of the electrolyte imbalances that can occur with TBI and correctly manage the cause of hyponatremia.

Thank You



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