

# Challenging Neonatal Cases



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- Birth resuscitation challenge
- Cardiac arrest challenge
- Ventilatory control challenge
- Renal challenge



# History

- 340 day gestation
- Breach presentation
- 6:35 pm began stage II
- 8:26 pm arrival at hospital
- 8:33 pm anesthesia induced
- 8:48 pm on table
- 9:00 pm surgery started
- 9:08 pm delivered via c-section
  - 155 min stage II
  - 35 min general anesthesia

# Birth Resuscitation

- Birth
  - Intubated, ambu ventilation RA
  - HR 60, ETCO<sub>2</sub> 38
  - HR 50, ETCO<sub>2</sub> 65
  - Epinephrine 1 ml IV
  - HR 140, ETCO<sub>2</sub> 56
- 2 min
  - Arrival NICU
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 62



# Birth Resuscitation

- 3 min
  - HR 155
  - Began O<sub>2</sub> on ambu
- 4 min
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 65, HR 112, cyanosis
  - Poor perfusion – pulse, fill, tone, cold legs
- 5 min
  - HR 168
  - PVCs
  - HR 163

# Birth Resuscitation

- 7 min
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 81
  - HR 142
- 8 min
  - Temp 100.4
  - 82/39(56)162; HR 158
- 12 min
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 85
  - HR 153

# Birth Resuscitation

- 15 min
  - Spontaneous respiration
  - IV catheter
    - Dextrose
    - Fluid bolus
- 17 min
  - HR 52 – 108 (irregular)
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 62
  - 1 ml epinephrine
  - Dobutamine/ vasopressin begun
  - Defibrillation clip

# Birth Resuscitation

- 24 min
  - Slow PLR
  - No palpebral response
  - HR 66, RR 55, ETCO<sub>2</sub> 42
  - Action:
    - Increased inotropes
    - Assisted ventilation
  
- 28 min
  - HR 65
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 36



# Birth Resuscitation

- 28 min
- pH 6.891
- $\text{PCO}_2$  70.7
- $\text{PO}_2$  217.3
- SAT 98.5
- Lac 16.2
- BE -19.3
- $\text{HCO}_3$  13.5
- Ambu
- ADV 47%



# Birth Resuscitation

- 29 min
  - Spontaneous leg movement
  - Spontaneous breaths
- 31 min
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 28
  - 1 ml epinephrine
- 32 min - 123/56(70)94; 81
- 34 min
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 23
  - 2nd IV line
  - Began dobutamine / vasopressin

# Birth Resuscitation

- 35 min
  - HR 130
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 25
- 38 min
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 27
  - RR 51
  - HR 115
- 42 min – 3rd catheter in
  - Dextrose 33
  - PCV 36, TP 3.2
  - 1st bolus liter
  - Inopressors

# Birth Resuscitation

- 46 min
  - HR 155
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 29
- 49 min
  - Dobutamine off
- 51 min
  - Dobutamine on

# Birth Resuscitation

- 59 min
- pH 7.160
- $\text{PCO}_2$  31.9
- $\text{PO}_2$  254
- SAT 99.1
- Lac 17
- BE -15.7
- $\text{HCO}_3$  11.1
- Ambu
- ADV 5.8%



# Birth Resuscitation

- 55 min
  - 2nd I bolus began
  - HR 173
- 69 min - temp 96.8
- 80 min
  - Urination
  - Usg 1.013

# Birth Resuscitation

- 93 min
  - Finished 4<sup>th</sup> bolus
- 101 min
  - Plasma as bolus
- 103 min
  - 112/75(90) 173
- 105 min - temp 97.9

# Birth Resuscitation

- 109 min
- pH 7.257
- $\text{Pco}_2$  39.1
- $\text{Po}_2$  59.4
- SAT 85.7
- Lac 13
- BE -8.2
- $\text{HCO}_3$  17.6
- $\text{INO}_2$  8 lpm

# Birth Resuscitation

- 12 hours
- pH 7.456
- $\text{Pco}_2$  36.3
- $\text{Po}_2$  243.8
- SAT 99.3
- Lac 1.9
- BE 2.6
- $\text{HCO}_3$  25.9
- $\text{INO}_2$  5 lpm



# Birth Transition Special Case



# Birth Resuscitation

## Birth Transition

- At Birth - expected
  - Bradycardia
  - Apneic
  - Low ETCO<sub>2</sub>
  - Not responsive
  - Good perfusion
- Transition
  - HR increases
  - Spontaneous respiration
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> normalizes
  - Responsive
  - Improved perfusion

# Birth Resuscitation

## Failure of Birth Transition

- Heart rate
  - Inappropriate bradycardia
  - Ineffective tachycardia
  - Other arrhythmia
- Remains apneic
  - Once should be awake
  - Especially with high ETCO<sub>2</sub>

# Birth Resuscitation

## Failure of Birth Transition

- ETCO<sub>2</sub>
  - Low
    - Perfusion failure
    - Iatrogenic
    - Appropriate compensation for acidosis
  - High – respiratory failure
- Not responsive
  - Seizure as recover from anesthesia
- Poor perfusion
  - Poor vascular control
  - Poor cardiac output

# Birth Resuscitation Monitoring

- Clinical signs perfusion
- Responsiveness
- Serial Apgar scoring
- Capnography
- ABG
  - Coupled with capnography
- Central venous gas

# Birth Resuscitation

## Treatment

- Ventilation
  - Spontaneous – ensure effective
  - Assisted/ controlled
  - Initially room air
  - If not respond – enrich with oxygen
- Perfusion
  - Monitor rhythm
    - Expect arrhythmias
    - Treat non-perfusing rhythms
  - Monitor peripheral perfusion
    - BP – only part of picture
    - Arterial pulse, tone, fill
    - Leg temperature – best indicator

# Birth Resuscitation

## Treatment

- Perfusion
  - Treat hypoperfusion
    - Fluid boluses
      - First line therapy
      - Only if adequate CO
    - Inotrope/pressors
      - Dobutamine
      - Vasopressin
- Other supportive measures
  - Glucose infusion
  - Dry patient – tactile stimulation, don't overdo
  - Warming
    - Avoid active warming
    - Passive OK
    - Hypothermia may be advantageous

# Birth Resuscitation Cautions

- Don't over ventilate
  - Hyperventilation
    - Low ETCO<sub>2</sub>
      - Poor CO?
      - Iatrogenic hyperventilation?
        - Decreased cerebral perfusion
      - Respiratory compensation for acidosis
    - Hyperinflation
      - Volutrauma
      - Increase pulmonary vascular resistance
        - Increase ADV
        - Reversion/ retention of fetal circulation
  - Fetal circulation
    - Reversion can occur at anytime



# Clinical Course

- 12 hours
  - Perfusion
    - HR 120
    - Good arterial tone
    - Good arterial fill
    - Strong pulses
    - Warm legs
    - 112/65(86)118; 120
  - Temperature – 98.6 F
  - Respiratory rate – 60 bpm
  - Off dobutamine/ vasopressin

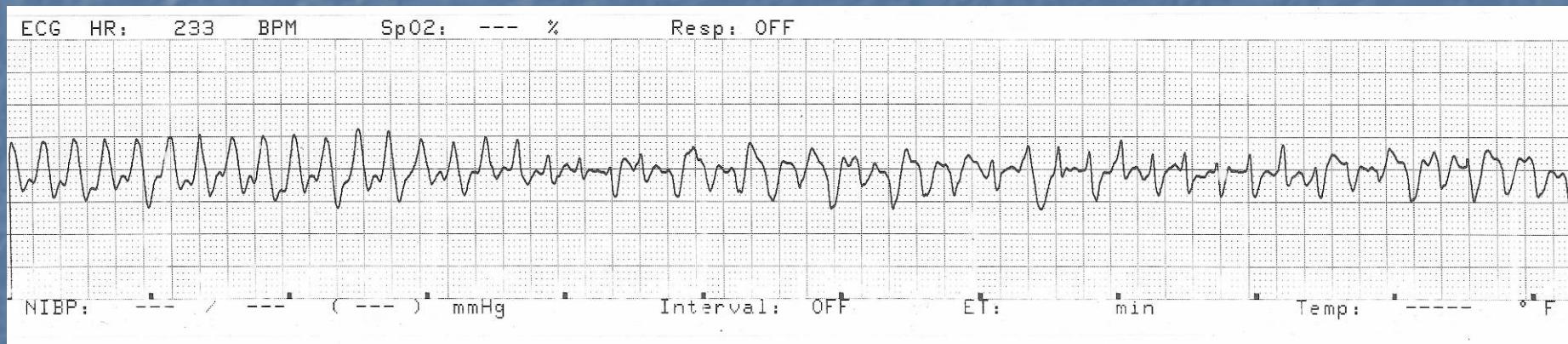
# Cardiopulmonary Arrest

- While BP taken
  - Auscult HR 120 to 0 in 60 seconds
  - Apnea
- 0 min – arrest recognized
  - Moved off mattress
  - Began cardiac compression
  - Intubated with some difficulty
    - Began ventilation

# Cardiopulmonary Arrest

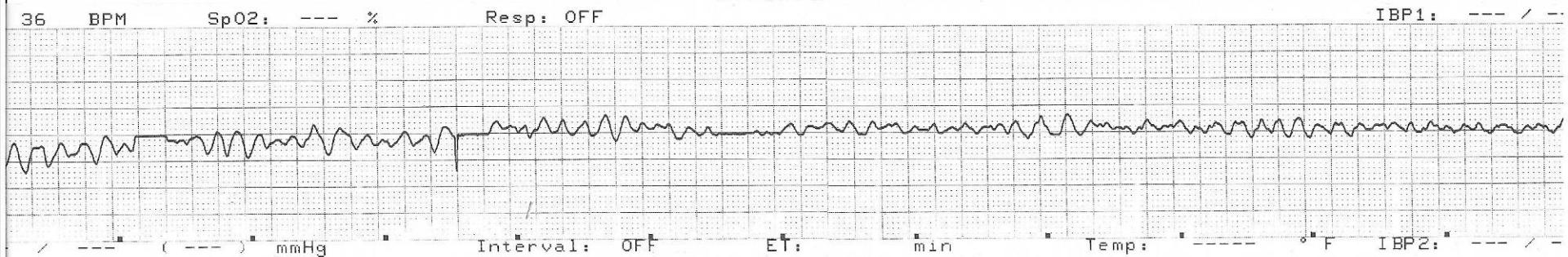
- 4 min
  - Epinephrine IV
  - Capnograph & ECG
- 6 min
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 13
  - ECG HR 62
  - Epinephrine
- 8 min
  - Epinephrine + vaso
  - Ventricular tachycardia/ fibrillation

# Cardiopulmonary Arrest



# Cardiopulmonary Arrest

- Clipping chest for defibrillation
- 9 min
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 5
- 11 min
  - Auscult heart - No organized activity
- 12 min
  - Epinephrine
  - Shock 100j



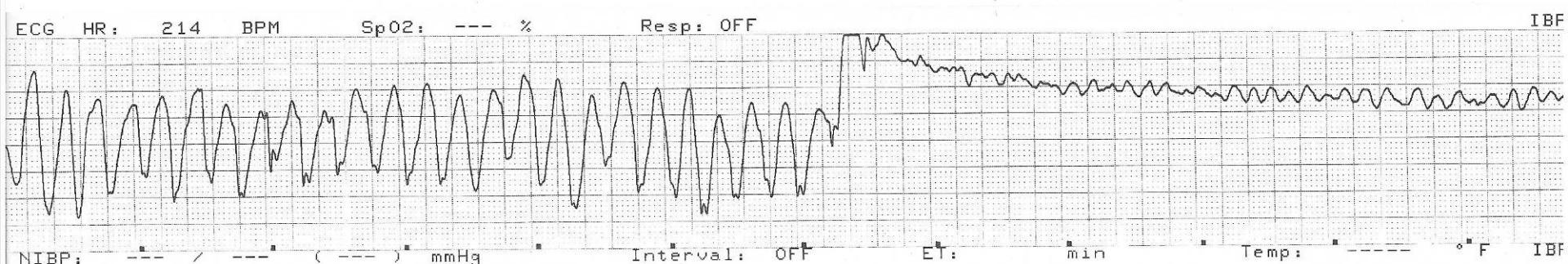
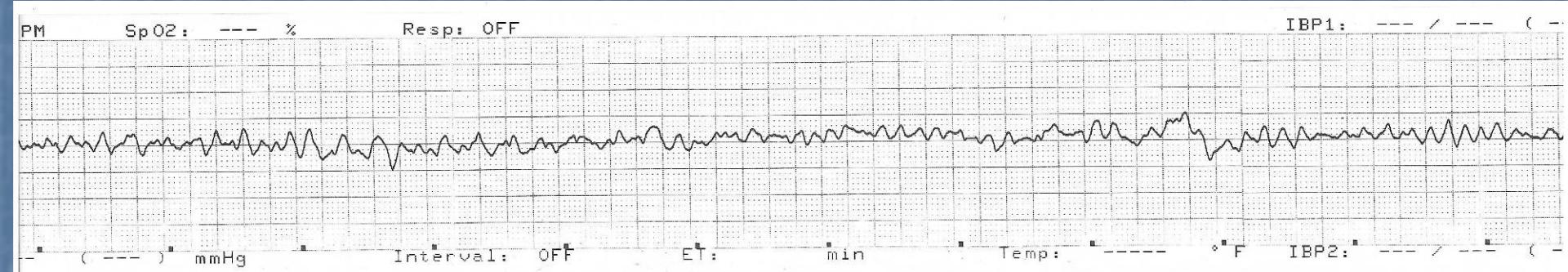
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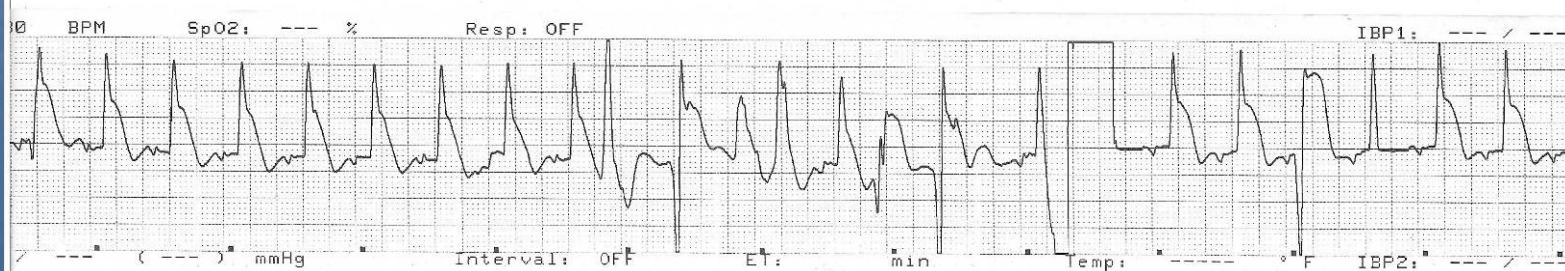
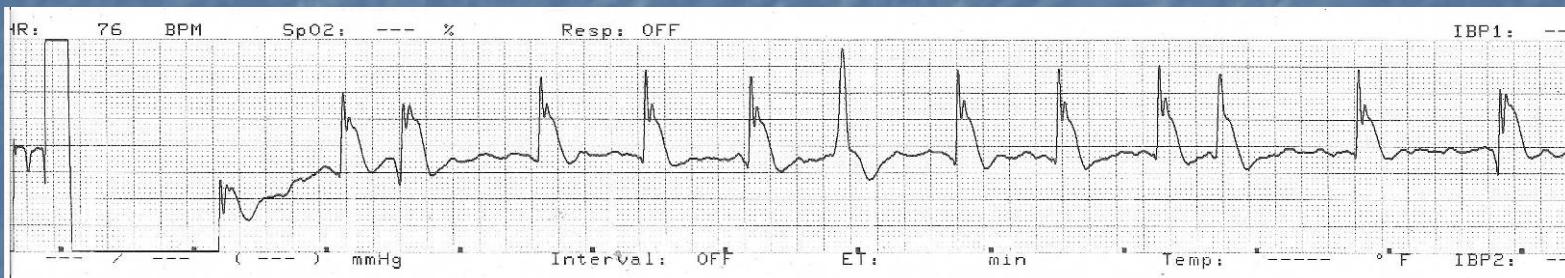
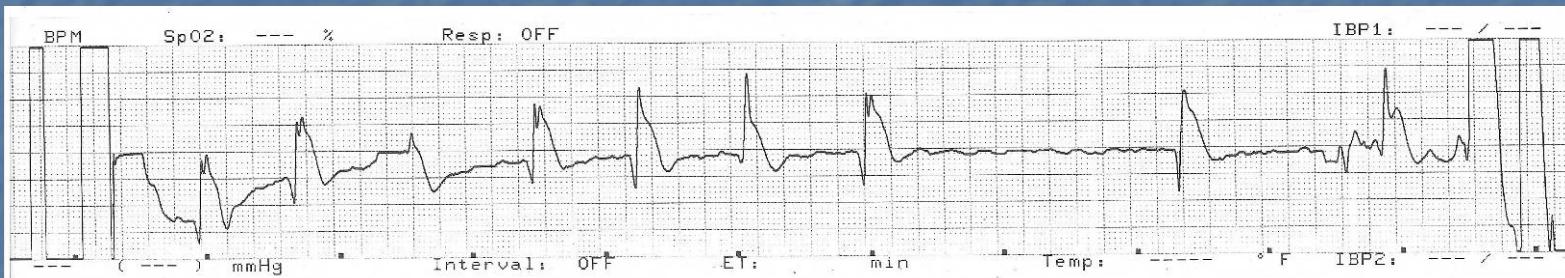
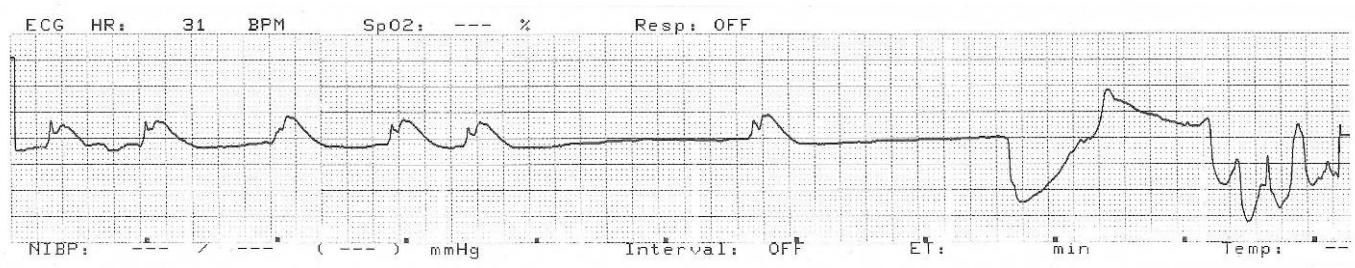
- 14 min
  - Shock 200 j
- 15 min
  - Continued chest compressions
  - 3 cc lidocaine iv
- 16 min
  - Shock 200 j
  - Chest compressions
  - Conversion - nonperfusing bradycardia

# Cardiopulmonary Arrest

- 18 min
  - Chest compressions
- 19 min
  - 1 ml epinephrine
  - Back in ventricular tachycardia/fibrillation
- 21 min
  - Shock 200 j - conversion

# Cardiopulmonary Arrest





# Cardiopulmonary Arrest

- 23 min
  - ROSC
- 25 min
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 87
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 91
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 99
- 26 min
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 66-68

# Cardiopulmonary Arrest

- 27 min
  - Temperature 99.9
- 29 min
  - Back on all fluids
- 30 min
  - Ambu assisted respiration rate 30
  - HR 92
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 56
- 34 min
  - Spontaneous respiration
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 40

# Cardiopulmonary Arrest

## Initiating Event

- Asphyxial
  - Respiratory arrest → bradycardia → arrest
- Ischemic
  - Septic shock → bradycardia → arrest
- Arrhythmogenic
  - Intrinsic myocardial event

# Cardiopulmonary Arrest

- Establishing ventilation
  - Asphyxial/ischemic – priority
  - Can negatively effect outcome
  - Rapid infrequent breaths
- Chest compressions
  - Cardiogenic arrest – priority
  - Nonperfusing rhythm
    - Initiated immediately
  - Maximum interruption of 10 sec
    - > 2 min between interruptions

# Cardiopulmonary Arrest

- Administering drugs
- Determining the cardiac arrhythmia
- Treat
  - Drugs
  - Defibrillation

# Cardiopulmonary Arrest

- Vascular access
  - Jugular catheter
  - Intratracheal route
  - Intraosseous route
- Drugs
  - Epinephrine
  - Vasopressin
  - Contraindicated
    - Fluid boluses
    - Glucose infusions

# Cardiopulmonary Arrest Mantra

- *Push hard*
- *Push fast*
- *Minimize interruptions*
- *Don't over ventilate*

# Clinical Uses of Capnography

## CPR

- Cardiac arrest
  - No blood flow to lungs
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> = 0
- Cardiac compressions
  - Low cardiac output
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> 6-12
  - Very large ADV



# Clinical Uses of Capnography

## CPR

- ROSC
  - Cardiac output increasing
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> > 18 and rising
  - ADV large but decreasing
- ETCO<sub>2</sub> function of CO for any given ventilation
  - Noninvasive monitor of pulmonary blood flow
  - Determine the most effective technique of cardiac compression
  - ETCO<sub>2</sub> monitoring prognostic
  - If low > 10 minutes, cardiopulmonary resuscitation is futile



# Hyperventilation Hyperthermia

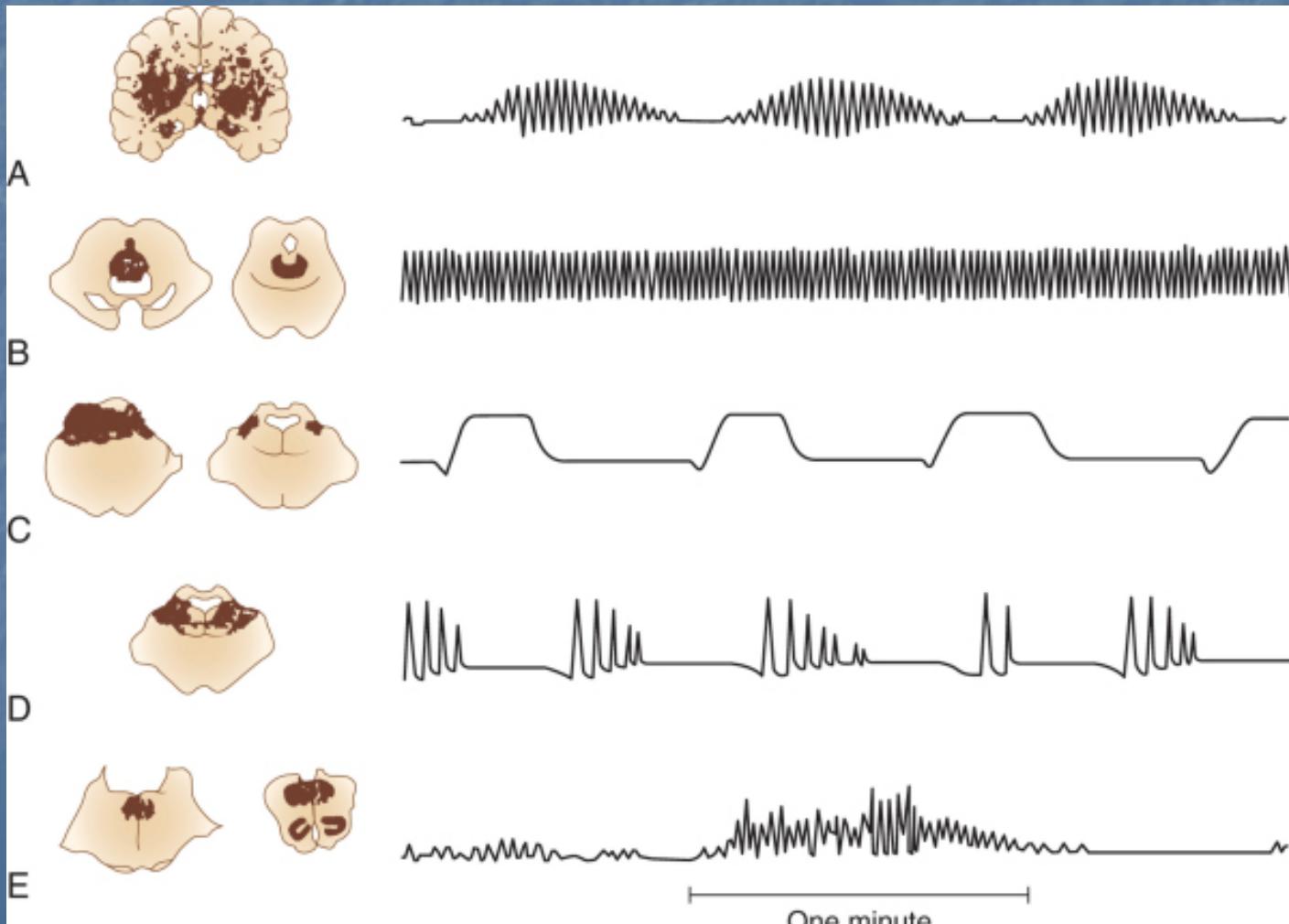
- 19 hrs
  - Temp 104.4
  - HR 120
  - RR 100

pH	7.481
Pco <sub>2</sub>	27.6
Po <sub>2</sub>	199.9
SAT	97
HCO <sub>3</sub>	20.8
BE	-1.2

	19 hr	24 hr	48 hr	72 hr
Temp	104.4	104.5	104.2	104.0
pH	7.481	7.547	7.521	7.500
Pco <sub>2</sub>	27.6	28.6	31.1	34.9
Po <sub>2</sub>	199.9	180.4	103.5	90.5
SAT	99	99	96	96
HCO <sub>3</sub>	20.8	25.2	25.7	27.5
BE	1.2	3.8	3.8	4.9

# Central Respiratory Patterns

Cheyne-Stokes



Cluster breathing

Ataxic breathing

# Hyperventilation

## ■ Etiology

- Hypoxemia
- Pulmonary Disorders
- Cardiovascular Disorders
- Metabolic Disorders – acidosis
- Anemia
- Drug-induced
- Fever
- Sepsis
- Pain
- Central

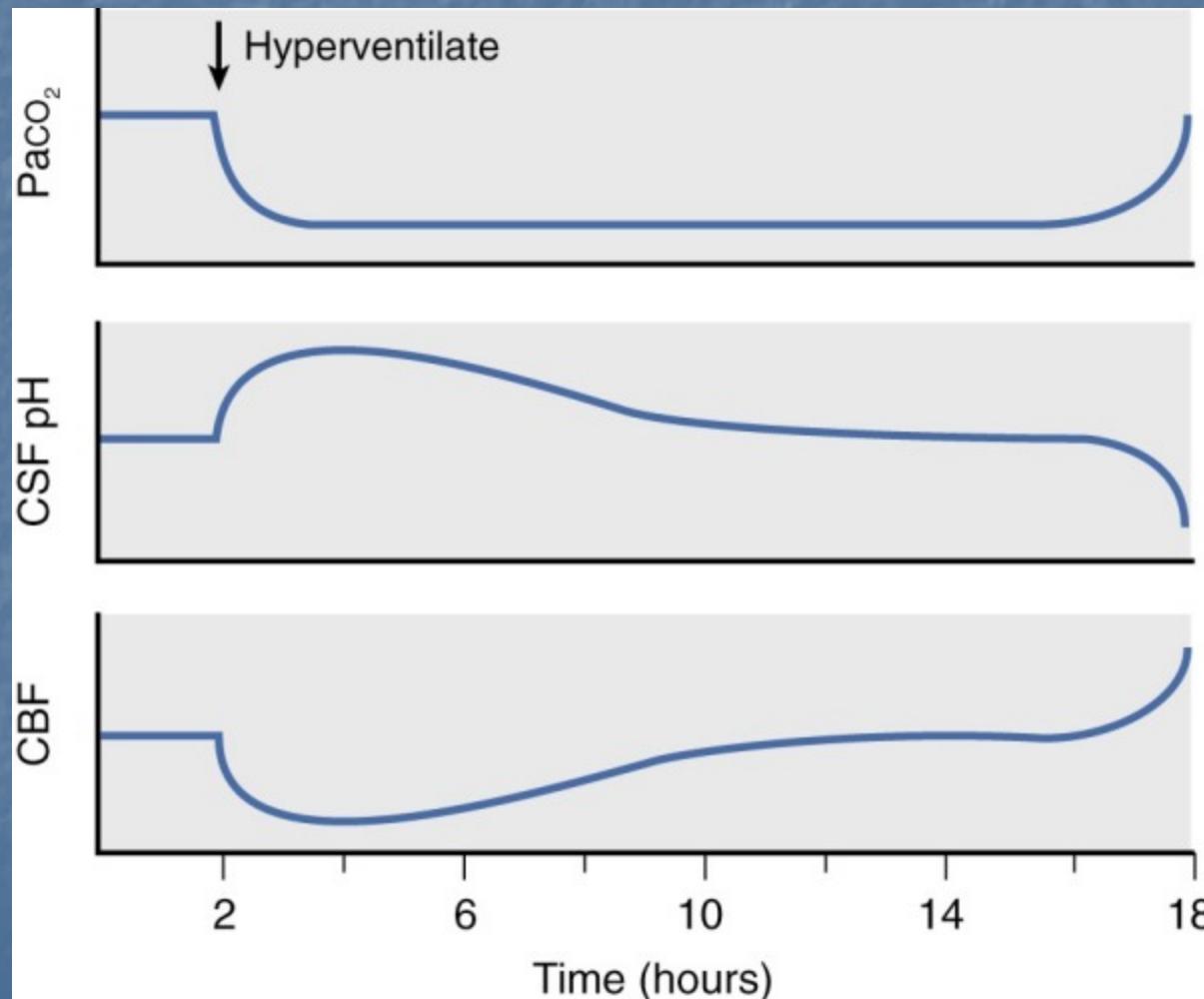
# Hyperventilation

- Consequences
  - Cerebral vasoconstriction
  - Oxyhemoglobin dissociation curve
    - Reduces peripheral O<sub>2</sub> release
  - Decreases Ca<sup>++</sup>
    - Increased albumin binding
- Cerebral ischemia
  - Pco<sub>2</sub> < 20-25
  - Marginal systemic perfusion
  - Increased metabolic demand

# Hyperventilation

- Self limiting
  - If severe
    - Local lactate production will counterbalance pH
    - 6 – 18 hours
      - Change in carbonic anhydrase activity
      - Return cellular pH to normal
- If prolonged
  - Rapid return in  $\text{PCO}_2$  levels
    - Mimic physiologic effect of respiratory acidosis

# Hyperventilation



From: Miller: Miller's Anesthesia, 7th ed.

# Central Hyperthermia

- Fever vs Central hyperthermia
  - Fever
    - Infection/inflammation
      - Hematology
      - Fibrinogen
      - Blood cultures
    - Diurnal variation
  - Central hyperthermia
    - Remarkably consistent temperature
    - Refractory to NSAIDs
- Consequences
  - Brain higher temperature
    - Increased metabolic rate
    - Neuroexcitability
  - Increased oxygen demand

# Central Hyperventilation

## Central Hyperthermia

- One-Two Punch
- Aggressive intervention
  - Central hyperthermia
    - Active cooling
      - Alcohol baths
      - Cold water or ice packs
    - But ... Cooling the skin
      - Vasoconstriction
      - Retain heat
    - Core cooling
      - Cold water enemas
      - Gastric lavage
  - Central hyperventilation
    - Phenobarbital



# Renal challenge

- First 24 hours
  - Cr
    - Birth 5.90 mg/dl
    - 24 hr 4.10 mg/dl
  - Na
    - Birth 133 mEq/l
    - 24 hr 124 mEq/l

# Renal challenge

## ■ Fluid balance

- Wt increase 8.2 kg (by 48 hrs 10 kg)
- 9.6 liters fluids given
- 60 kg foal – increased 7 kg (12%) wt (48 hr 17%)
- Estimated insensible loss 1.2 l
- No urine
- (0.2 kg not accounted for)

# Renal challenge

- 50 hr
  - No urination yet
  - Bladder moderately distended
- Catheterized bladder
  - Total urine 1360 ml
  - 0.45 ml/kg/hr
  - Usg = 1.035
  - Clcr 0.23 ml/kg/min
  - Exna = 0.29 mEq/kg/day
- Edema significant
- Urine sediment
  - WBC 0-2/hpf
  - RBC 0-2/hpf
  - No epithelial cells
  - No casts

# Neonatal Vasomotor Nephropathy

- Balance afferent/efferent tone
  - Vasoconstrictors
    - Angiotensin II
      - Receptor distribution
      - Receptor responsiveness
      - Receptor function
    - Adrenergics
      - Circulating – epi/norepi
      - Renal derived
      - Renal sympathetic tone
  - Vasodilators
    - PG
    - NO

# Neonatal Vasomotor Nephropathy

## ■ Risk

- Hypovolemia/hypoperfusion
- Stress
- Hypertension
- Autonomic dysfunction
- Pressor therapy
- NSAID therapy
- Failure birth transition

## ■ Signs

- Oliguria
- Concentrated urine
- Normal/high/low Fxna
- Slow Cr decrease or increase

# Neonatal Vasomotor Nephropathy

- Therapy
  - Volume trial
  - Inotrope/pressor trial
    - Dopamine?
  - Furosemide trial
    - Increase PG – vasodilate
    - 1-4 mg/kg trial doses
  - Time
- Consequences
  - Usually no parenchymal damage
  - Fluid/water overload
  - Na overload
  - Impaired acid/base correction?

# Renal Challenge Therapy

- Renal
  - Clinical indications of excellent perfusion
  - Dobutamine
    - Had been receiving
    - Weaned
  - Fluid challenge - contraindicated
  - Furosemide trial
    - Urine decreased to 0.125 ml/kg/hr (4 hours)
- Fluid restriction
  - 1/2 maintenance + PPN
    - Insensible losses + PPN
    - 52 ml/hr plasma

# Renal Challenge Therapy

- Na balance
  - $\text{Ex}_{\text{Na}} 0.29 \text{ mEq/kg/day}$
  - Plasma high in Na
  - May confound the edema
- 64 hr
  - Began diuresis
  - 2.4 ml/kg/hr
- Diuresis maintained
  - Pulled urinary catheter
  - Usg dropping 1.008 to 1.002

