

Challenging Pediatric Cases ... without Pediatric Backup!

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EPICdemic

Decisions, Decisions

Achy Breaky Heart

9 day old...

Sweet Child of Mine

Round up!

The End of the Road

March 2020

Case: 17 mo female

Pulse: (not recorded)

Heart Rate (Monitored): (!) 179
(03/22/20 2243)

Resp: (!) 48

SpO2: 90 %

Temp: (!) 39.7 °C

(103.4 °F)

Pulmonary:

Effort: **Tachypnea**, **respiratory distress** and **retractions** present. No nasal flaring.
Breath sounds: Normal breath sounds. **Stridor** present. No decreased air movement.
No wheezing, rhonchi or rales.

Comments: **Crying and tachypneic with deep substernal retractions with inspiration, audible stridor, wet non-barky cough, no wheezes, no expiratory phase prolongation**



Appearance

Work of
Breathing

Circulation to skin

- * 23:30 racemic, then vomited, re-dosed ibuprofen and dexamethasone
- * 00:20 sleeping but recurrent audible stridor, mild with recurrent substernal retractions. RR 24. Second racemic epi
- * 01:30 no stridor, RR 20, 98% RA, P 138.
- * 02:40 mild stridor while asleep with no retractions
3rd racemic and admit



BioFire: human metapneumovirus and
rhinovirus/enterovirus

Bounceback!

- * 39.1°C (102.3°F), 192, 54, 89%, 12.5 kg
- * Listless
- * Tachycardia
- * Resp distress: tachypnea, grunting with coarse rhonchi at bases, retractions
- * Abd distended but nontender
- * Fine erythematous rash left cheek

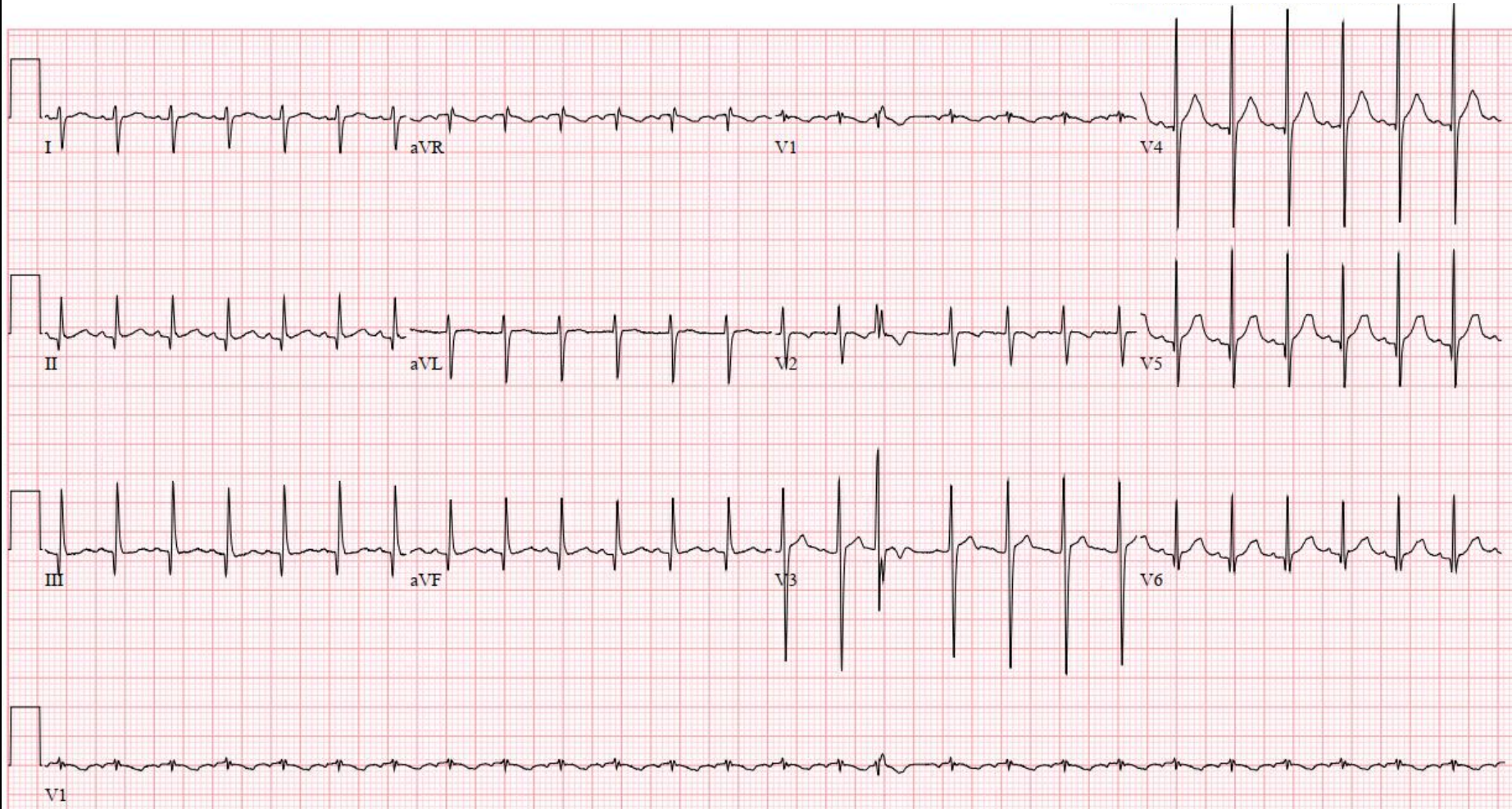


Appearance

Work of
Breathing

Circulation to skin

EKG



Labs

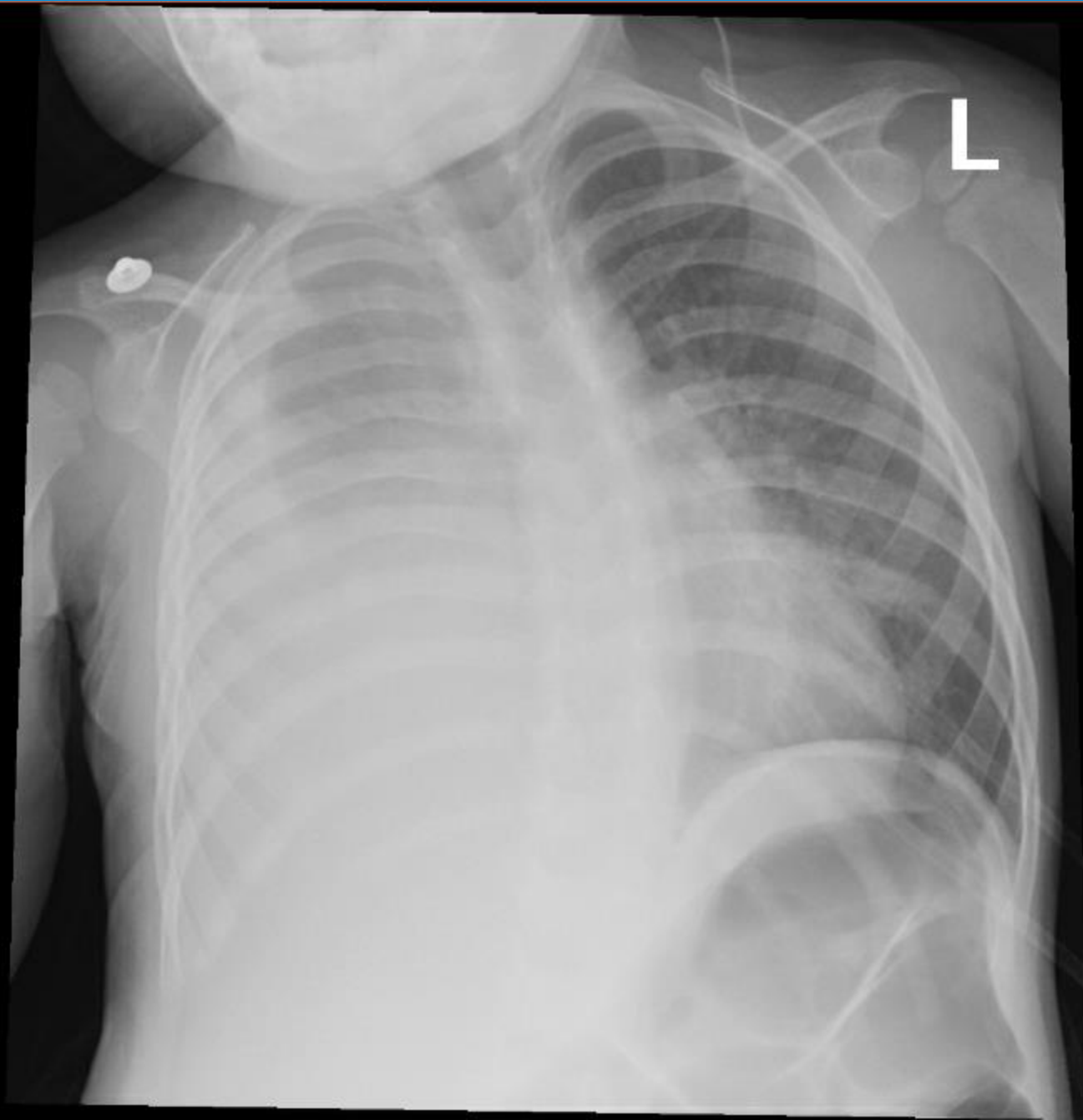
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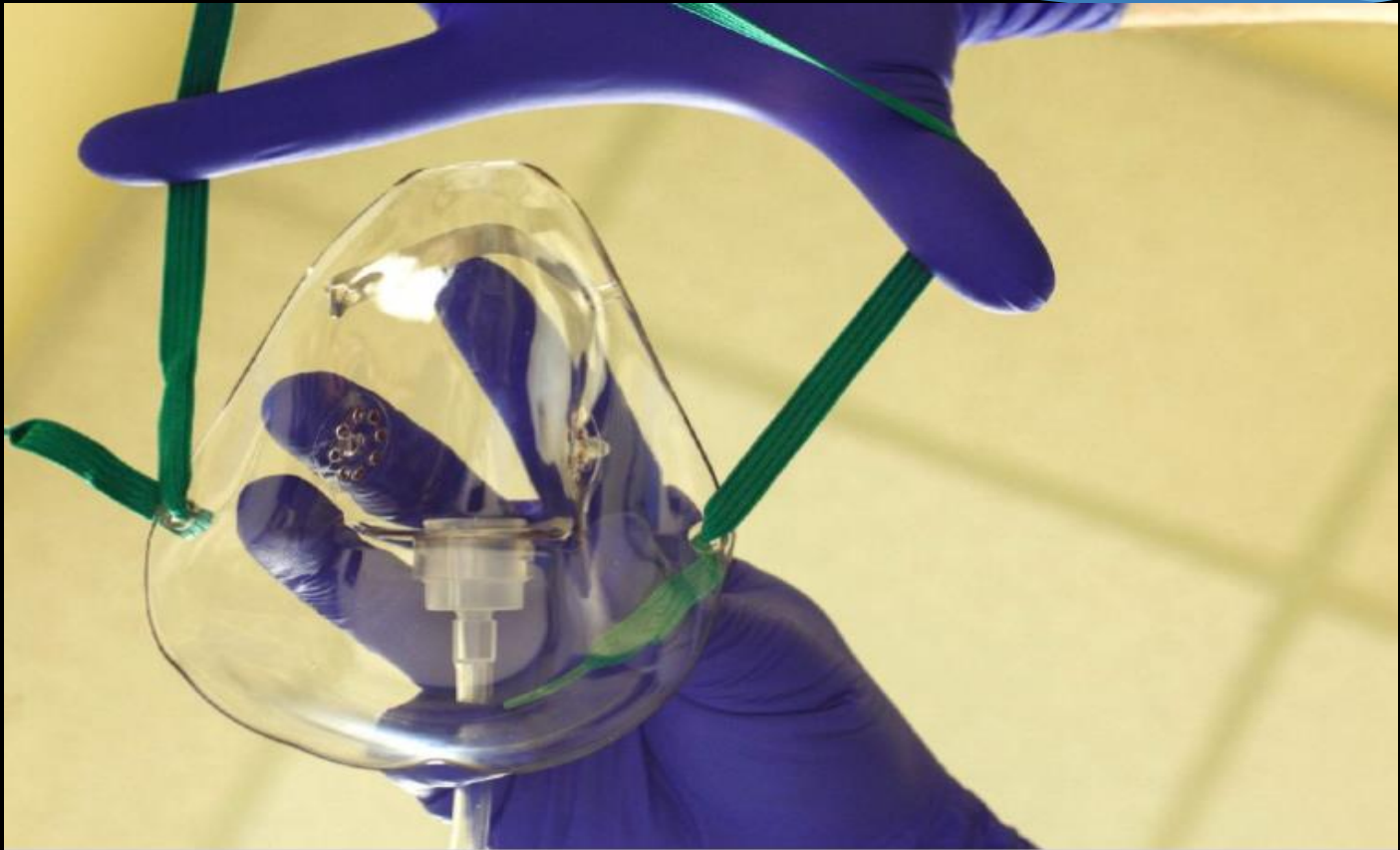
~~7.36 11.8~~
~~238 35.7~~

Lactate 2.2
CRP 8.9





Assessment / Plan?



RN note

- * Ketamine 25.5mg @ 1813
- * Rocuronium 12.5mg @ 1814
- * Pt. Intubated @ 1816.
- * SpO₂ in 60's.
- * HR 40's.....

And then....



Circulation

Part 4: Pediatric Basic and Advanced Life Support

2020 American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care

Back to the case...

RN note

- * Tube pulled by MD and second attempt made.
- * Spo2 to 88-89%.
- * 10fr NG tube placed in left nare. Placement confirmed with auscultation. Approx. 20cc brown fluid aspirated with syringe.
- * Post intubation films obtained, tube adjusted, sats to 95%.



Diagnosis

- * Septic shock in setting of GAS bacteremia
- * Right empyema

- * Admit 3/26
- * DC 4/9

Case



10 yo diabetic ♂ with abdominal pain

> nausea, no vomiting, no diarrhea, no fevers

PMHx: Diabetes

Meds: Novolog, Lantus

PEx:

T 37.5°C, P 128, RR 35, BP 109/71, 100% RA

pale, +tender LUQ and LLQ

Case

10 yo diabetic ♂ with abdominal pain

127	93	13	574
5	6	1.2	

AG = 28

~~16.3~~
~~15.9~~ 266
~~48.1~~

Lipase: 335 (23-300)

UA: 3+ ketones

VBG: 7.098/ 28/ -21

Case

45 yo diabetic ♂ with abdominal pain
> hyperglycemia, ketosis, acidosis

Dx: DKA

Rx: IVF

IVF

IVF

Insulin (bolus?)



Case #1

10 yo diabetic ♂ with abdominal pain
> hyperglycemia, ketosis, acidosis

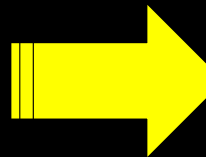
Dx: DKA

Rx: IVF

~~IVF~~

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Insulin (bolus?)



Cerebral edema

Pitfall



Similarities: DKA

Adults

- * Fluid resuscitation
- * Correct electrolytes
- * Insulin therapy
- * Find the source
- * No bicarbonate!

Pediatrics

- * Fluid resuscitation
- * Correct electrolytes
- * Insulin therapy
- * Find the source
- * No bicarbonate!

Differences: DKA

Adults

- * Liberal use of IVF
- * Insulin bolus vs infusion
 - * 0.1 vs 0.14 units/kg/hr

Pediatrics

- * (More) conservative IVF
 - * 20 ml/kg over 1 hr
- * No insulin bolus
 - * 0.05-0.1 units/kg/hr
- * Two bag system
- * Cerebral edema

Cerebral edema



Cerebral edema

“There is no convincing evidence of an association between the rate of fluid or sodium administration used in the treatment of DKA and the development of cerebral edema”

Cerebral Edema: Related to treatment?

Rosenbloom et al, 1990

Glaser et al, 2001

Hsia et al, 2014

Mel & Werther, 1995

Lawrence et al, 2005

Duck, Wyatt, 1988

Marcin et al, 2002

Bello & Sotos et al, 1990

Bakes et al, 2016

Cerebral edema management

Unclear

- * Immediate treatment before imaging
- * Decrease fluid rates*
- * Mannitol (0.5-1 g/kg within 5-10 min)
- * Hypertonic saline (5-10 ml/kg)
- * Avoid mechanical hyperventilation
- * Meds at bedside

DeCoursey DD et al, Ped Crit Care, 2013
Rameshkumar R et al, Pediatr Crit Care Med 2020
Albially A et al, Arch Dis Child, 2021

Fluids



Treatment: fluids

- * Initial fluid choice:
 - * 20 ml/kg over 1-2 hour
 - * Max: 40-50 mL/kg over 4 hours

Peds DKA rarely presents in hypovolemic shock....
find another source!

Treatment: fluids

- * Replace deficit over next 48 hours
 - * Approximately 2x maintenance
 - * 4 ml/kg/hr for first 10 kg
 - * 2 ml/kg/hr for next 10 kg
 - * 1 ml/kg/hr for remaining kg
- * Example:
 - * 35 kg patient = 75 ml/hr
 - * Approx 150 ml/hr



Clinical Trial of Fluid Infusion Rates for Pediatric Diabetic Ketoacidosis

Nathan Kuppermann, M.D., M.P.H., Simona Ghetti, Ph.D., Jeff E. Schunk, M.D., Michael J. Stoner, M.D., Arleta Rewers, M.D., Ph.D., Julie K. McManemy, M.D., M.P.H., Sage R. Myers, M.D., M.S.C.E., Lise E. Nigrovic, M.D., M.P.H., Aris Garro, M.D., M.P.H., Kathleen M. Brown, M.D., Kimberly S. Quayle, M.D., Jennifer L. Trainor, M.D., et al., for the PECARN DKA FLUID Study Group*

- * Randomized controlled trial
- * 0.9% vs 0.45% NaCl, rapid vs slow
- * GCS <14: 48/1389 (3.5%)
- * Clinically apparent brain injury: 12/1389 (0.9%)



Conclusion:

- * Neither the rate of administration nor the sodium chloride content of intravenous fluids significantly influenced neurologic outcomes in children with diabetic ketoacidosis.

Now what???

ISPAD CLINICAL PRACTICE CONSENSUS GUIDELINES

ISPAD Clinical Practice Consensus Guidelines 2018: Diabetic ketoacidosis and the hyperglycemic hyperosmolar state

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Pediatric Diabetes, 2019

REVIEWS AND COMMENTARIES

Fluid treatment for children with diabetic ketoacidosis: How do the results of the pediatric emergency care applied research network Fluid Therapies Under Investigation in Diabetic Ketoacidosis (FLUID) Trial change our perspective?

Nicole Glaser¹  | Nathan Kuppermann^{1,2}

Pediatric Diabetes, 2018

Type of fluid?

- * Retrospective study
- * NS vs LR
- * Outcomes: cost, LOS, rates of CE



Conclusion:

- * Resuscitation with LR compared with NS was associated with lower total cost and rates of CE.

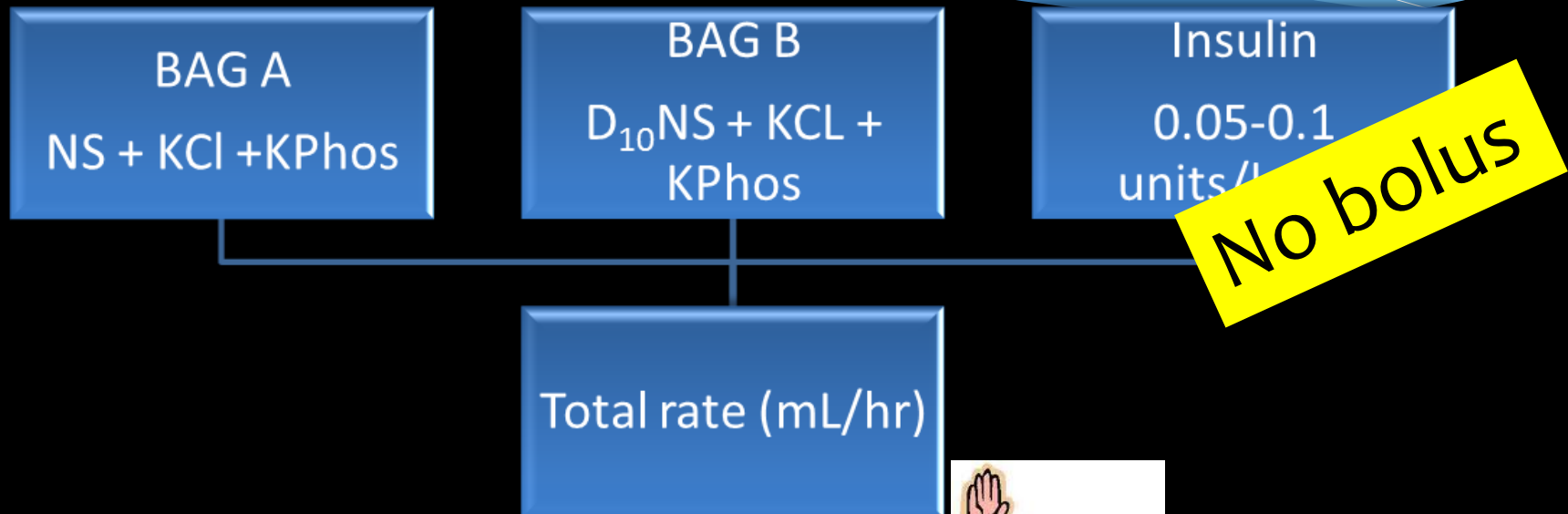
Insulin



Treatment: insulin

- * Continuous infusion (0.05-0.1 units/kg/hr)
- * Prime IV tubing
- * Start 1-2 hours after initial fluid bolus
- * No bolus in peds
- * Continue until resolution of acidosis
- * Maintain glucose > 250-300 mg/dL

Treatment



ISPAD Clinical Practice Consensus Guideline: Diabetic ketoacidosis in the time of COVID-19 and resource-limited settings-role of subcutaneous insulin


- * SC rapid-acting insulin analog (lispro or aspart)
 - * 0.15 U/kg, 1 hour after IVF replacement.
 - * SC doses 0.1 U/kg every 2 hours
- OR
- * SC short-acting regular insulin every 4 hours (alternative to IV insulin infusion in children with DKA and $\text{pH} \geq 7.1$)
 - * 0.13 to 0.17 U/kg/dose every 4 hours (0.8 to 1 U/kg/day)
 - * increased or decreased 10% to 20%
(Level C)

Subcutaneous Insulin Versus Traditional Intravenous Insulin Infusion in Treatment of Mild to Moderate Diabetic Ketoacidosis

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J Emerg Med, 2023

The SQID protocol (subcutaneous insulin in diabetic ketoacidosis): Impacts on ED operational metrics

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Acad Emerg Med, 2023

Academic peds center vs community ED?

- * Retrospective, 487 children
- * Characterize variations from guidelines on initial presentation to tertiary PED vs community ED and compare clinical outcomes for pediatric DKA
- * variations: IVF, insulin delivery and sodium bicarbonate

OSH more likely acidotic, larger AG, larger fluid bolus, **sodium bicarbonate** and insulin bolus.

Less likely started on mIVF or have glucose or potassium

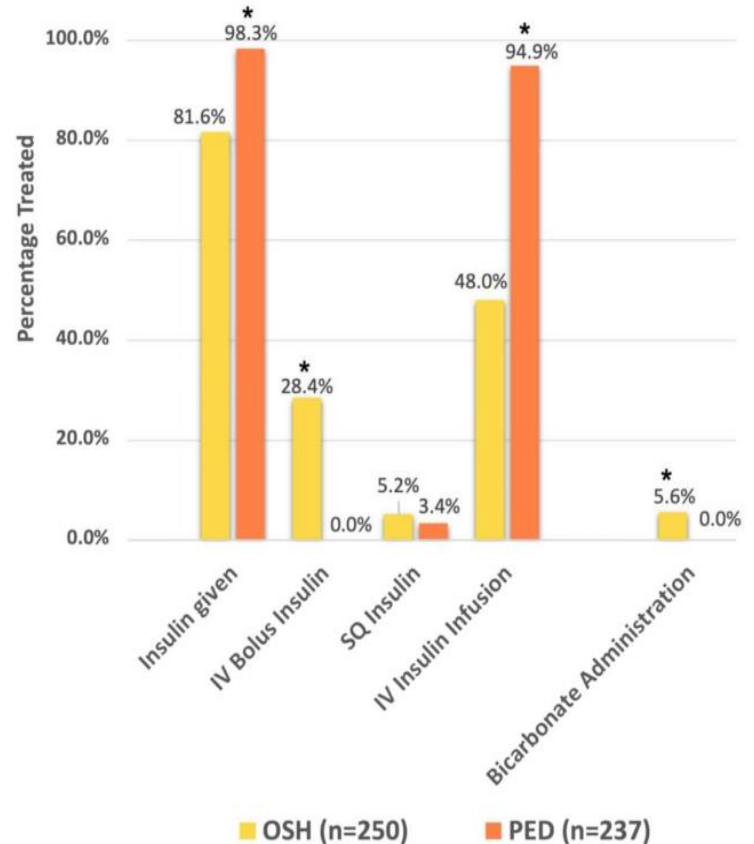


FIGURE 3. Insulin and bicarbonate treatment characteristics.

Academic peds center vs community ED?

- * Outcome:
 - * longer time for AG correction, insulin infusion, hospital discharge; intubation
 - * Similar hypokalemia, hypoglycemia, rapid serum glucose decline, cerebral edema
- * No difference in morbidity or mortality

Bottom line

- * (More) conservative use of IV fluids
 - * 20 ml/kg over 1-2 hours
- * No bicarbonate
- * No insulin bolus in peds
- * Treat *before* imaging for cerebral edema



15 yo chest pain



* 97.8

* 102

* 20

* 120/84

* 97%

05-SEP-2002 (15 yr)
Male Caucasian

Vent. rate 98 BPM
PR interval 122 ms
QRS duration 72 ms
QT/QTc 314/400 ms
P-R-T axes 25 80 43

01-MAR-2018 05:34:55
*** Pediatric ECG analysis ***
Normal sinus rhythm
Normal ECG

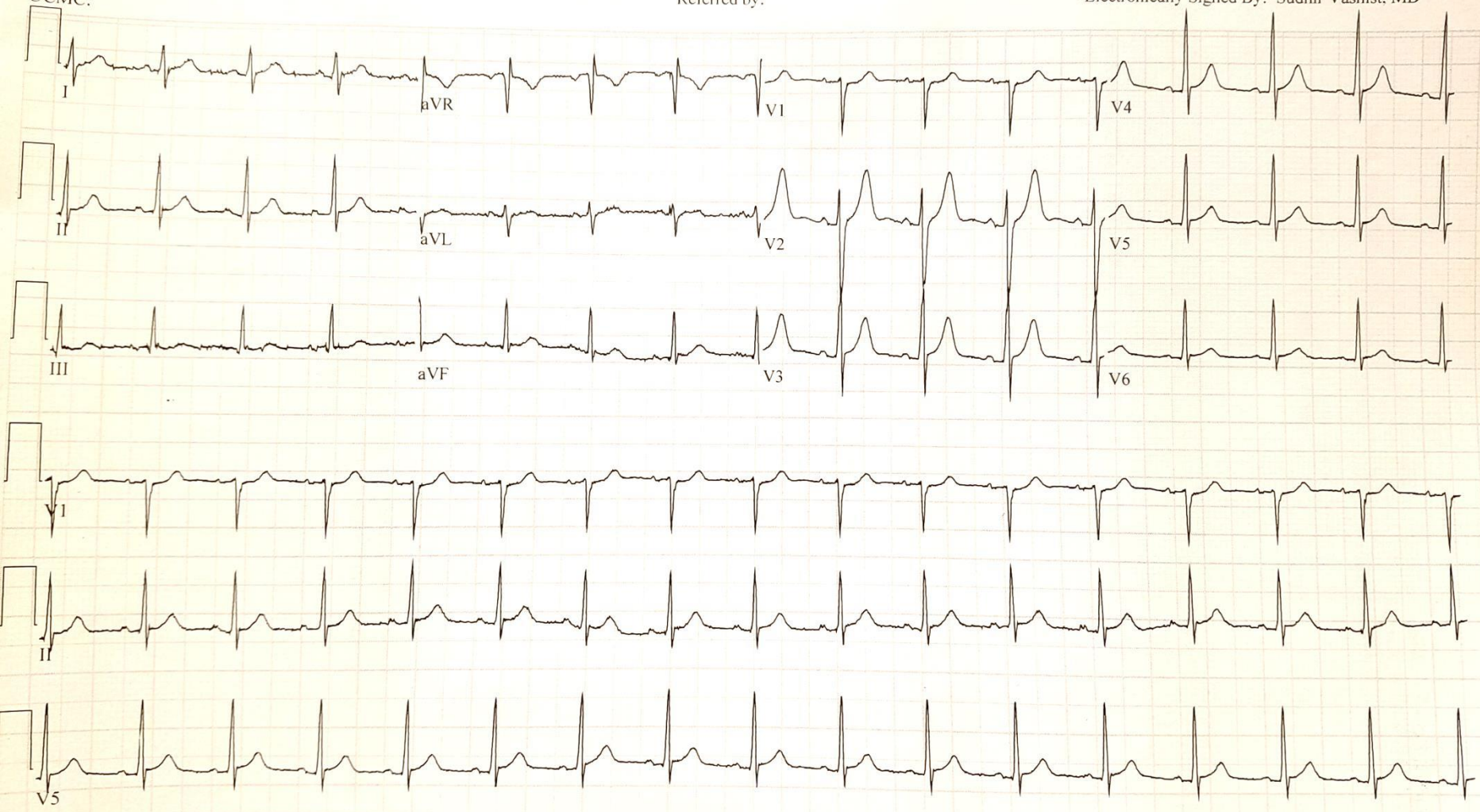
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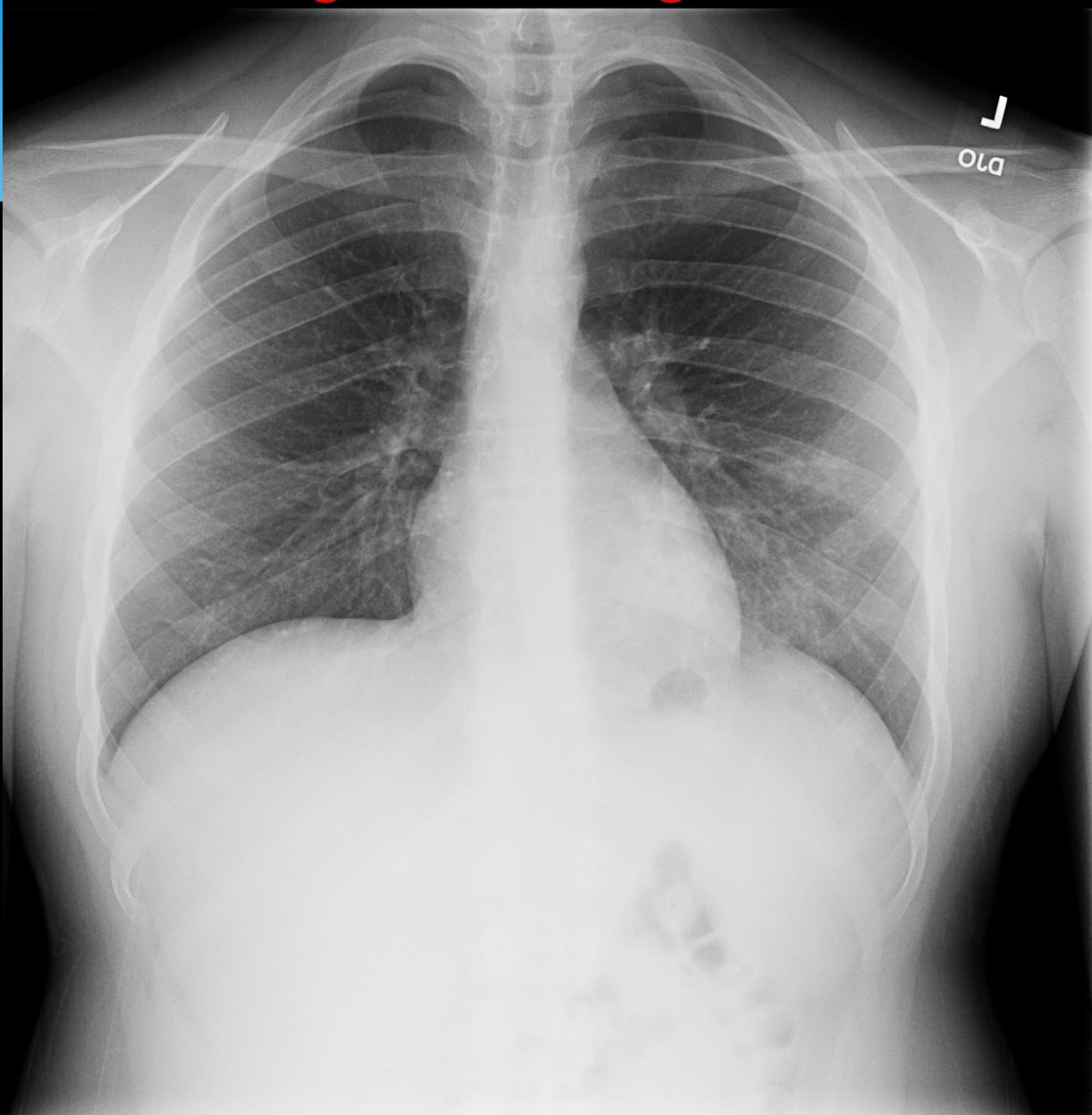
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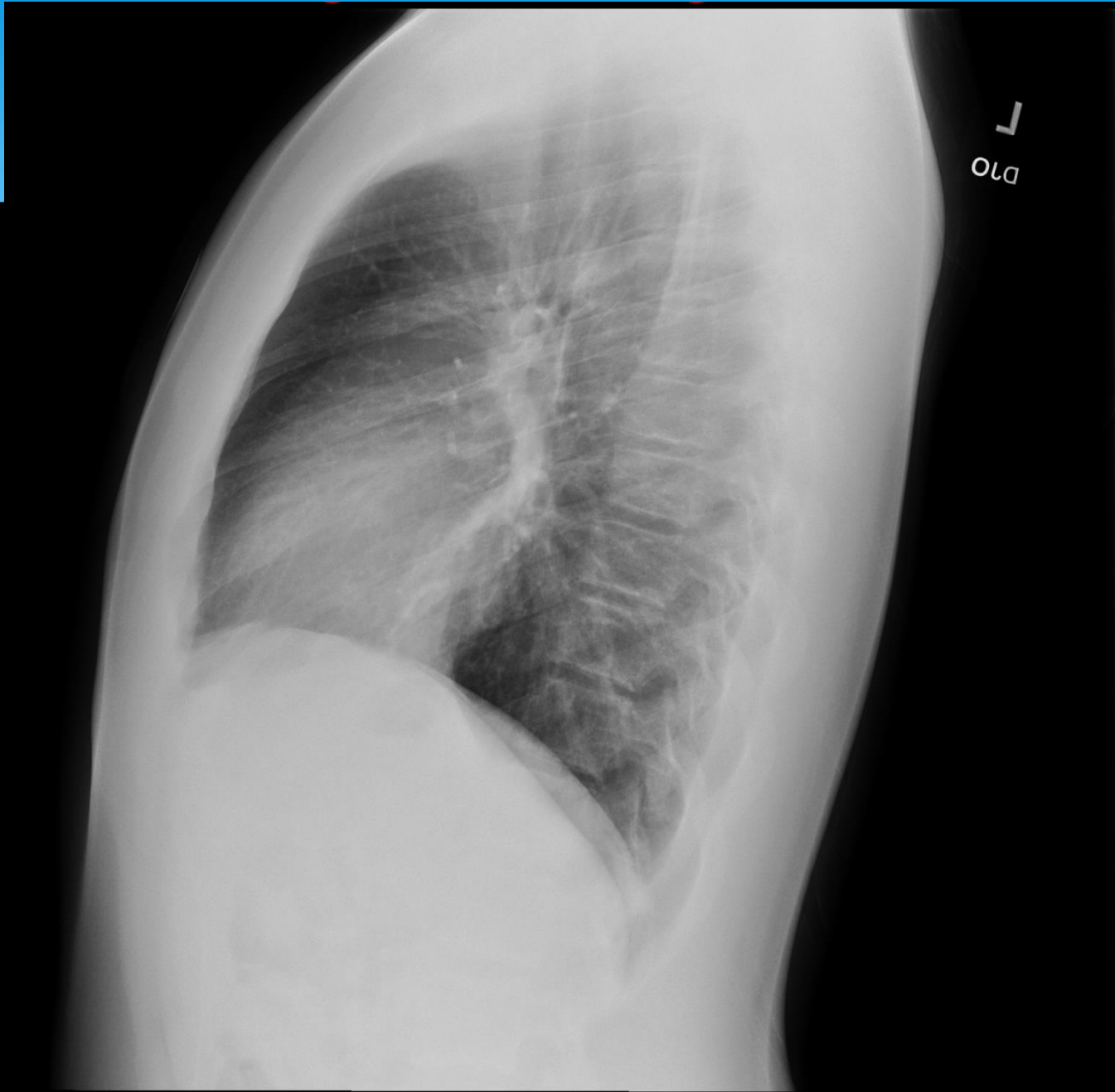
UCMC:

Referred by:

Electronically Signed By: Sudhir Vashist, MD







L
D10

Labs

141	105	9	95
4.1	29	0.8	

Ca: 9

LFT: wnl
AST: 28

~~14.2~~
6.8 227
~~41.7~~

ESR: 14
CRP: 40.4

CPK: 228
Trop: 4.8

Case

- * 3 yo healthy female
- * CC: vomiting

- * HPI:
 - * Fever to 101.5
 - * Vomiting x 2 days, no diarrhea
 - * No URI
 - * Tylenol in triage

Case

- * Physical exam

- * 38.4°C, 185, 105/60, 32, 98%
- * Gen: sitting quietly on dad's lap
- * HEENT: dry MM
- * CV: no murmurs, CR 4''
- * Resp: no wheezes/ rales/ retractions
- * Abd: soft, nontender, no HSM
- * Skin: no rash

Case

- * ED course
 - * Ondansetron
 - * PO hydration
 - * Reassessment: 39°C, 175, 32, 100/60, 96%
 - * Playing on bed

- * Ibuprofen
 - * Reassessment: 37.4°C, 165, 34, 100/65, 95%
 - * Playing on the bed, +retractions & flaring

Case

- * ED course
 - * CXR ordered
 - * Signed out to next team

Case



Case

- * ED course
 - * CXR negative
 - * Reassessment: 37, 160, 45, 90/50, 95%
 - * Fatigued, lying on bed, CR 4”

Case

- * ED course
 - * IVF bolus, antibiotics, labs (presumed sepsis)
 - * Reassessment: 37, 160, 45, 95/50, 92%
 - * Listless
 - * Transferred to PICU

Case

- * PICU course:
 - * IVF, vasopressors
 - * > 12 hr after presentation, Troponin = 10
 - * Transfer for transplant
 - * epinephrine gtt
 - * patient died < 24hrs after presentation

Dx: Myocarditis

Pause if:

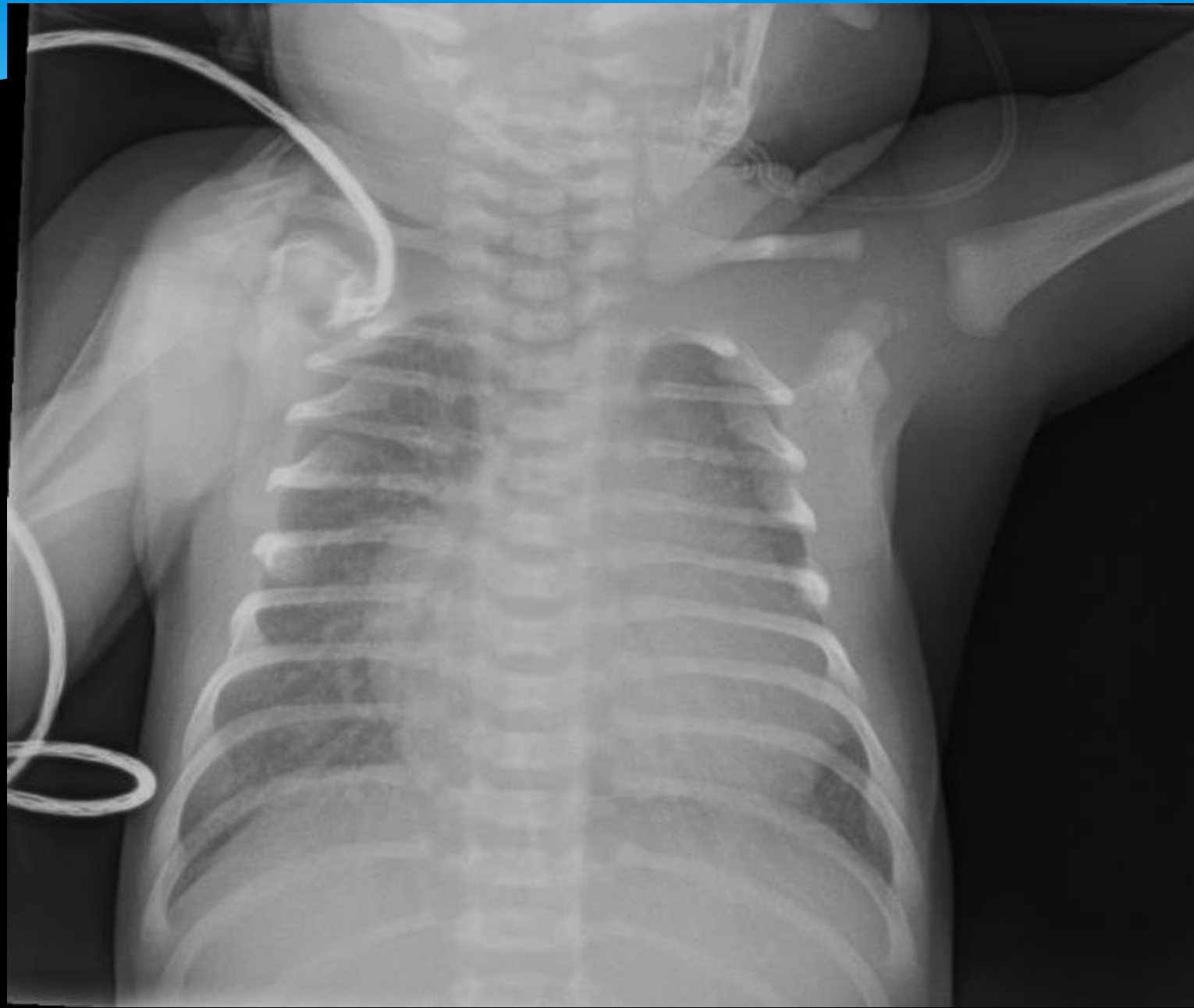
- Persistent unexplained tachycardia
- Antecedent illness
- New murmur
- Not quite right...

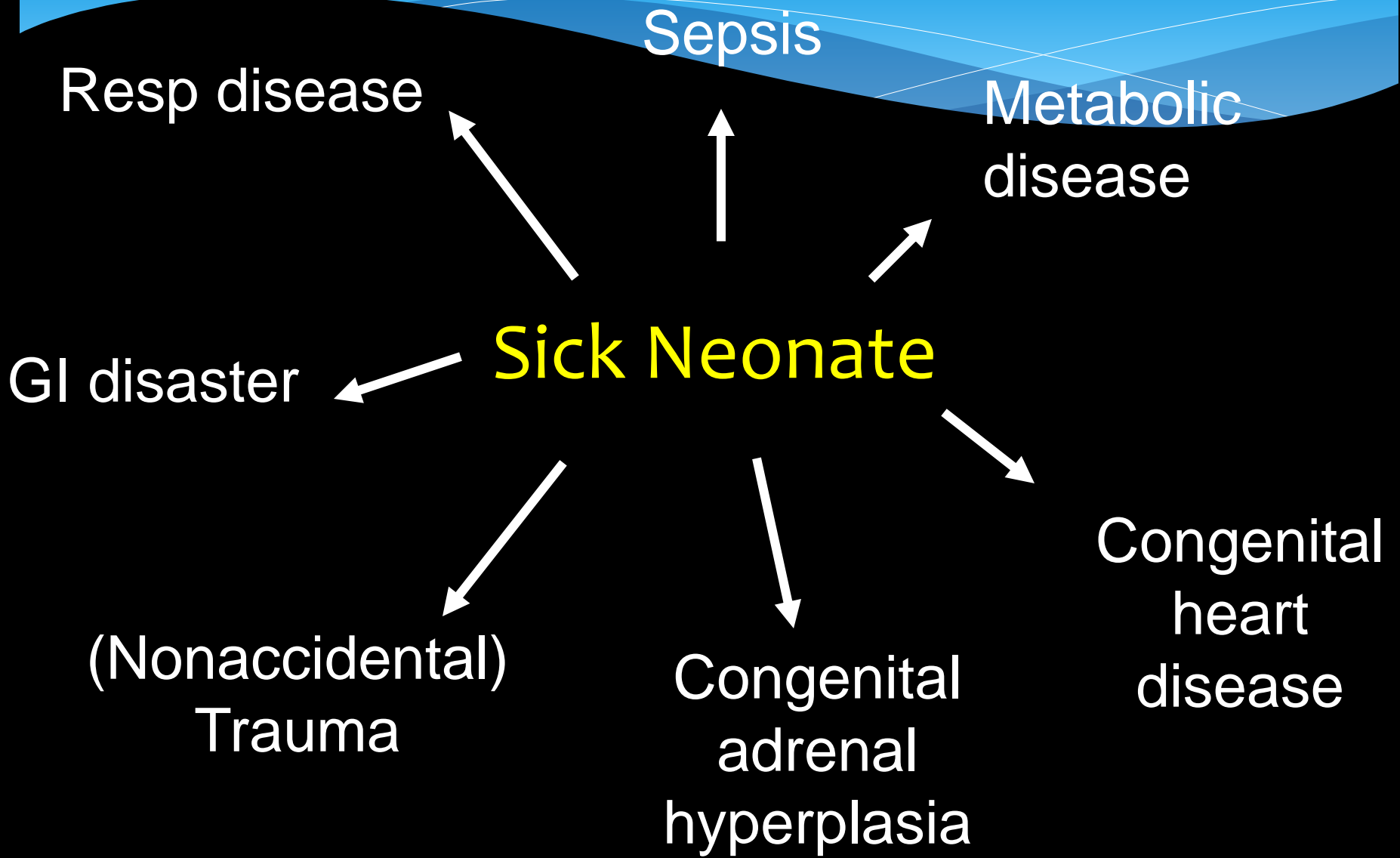
9 day male

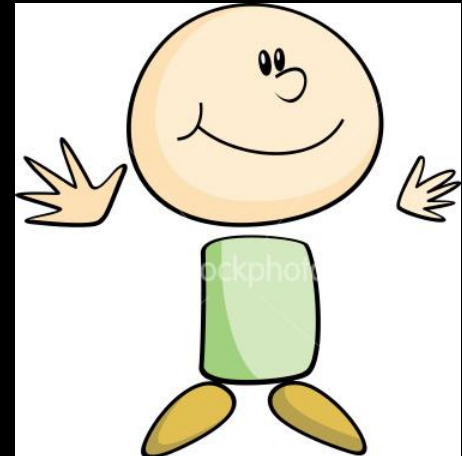
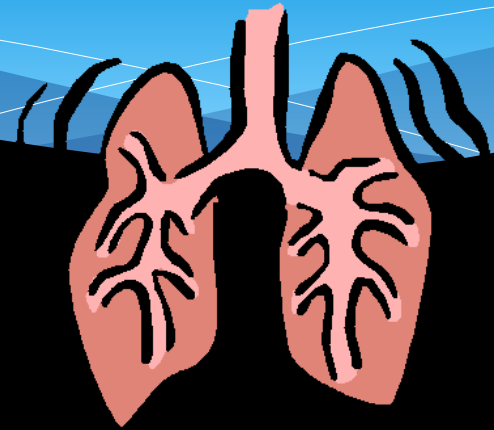
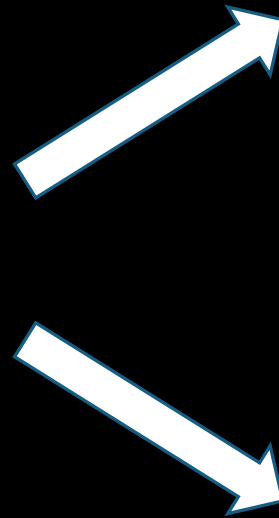
- * FT male, meconium fluid, no aspiration
- * BF x 10 but kept falling asleep
- * p/w poor feeding and increased WOB
- * Went to PCP and sent to ED

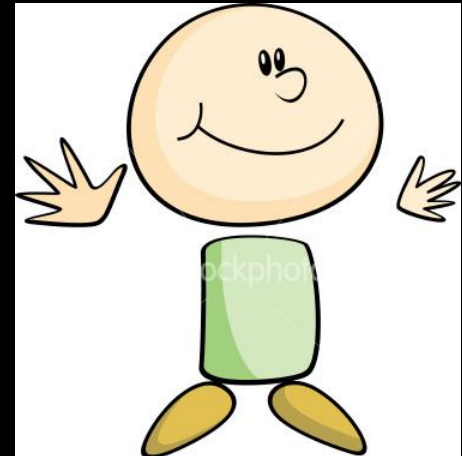
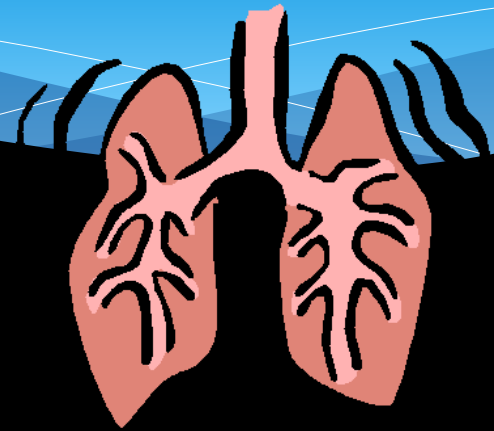
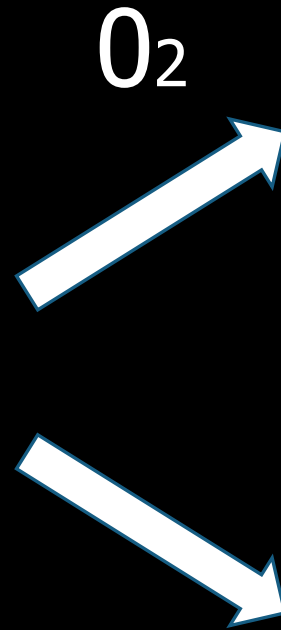
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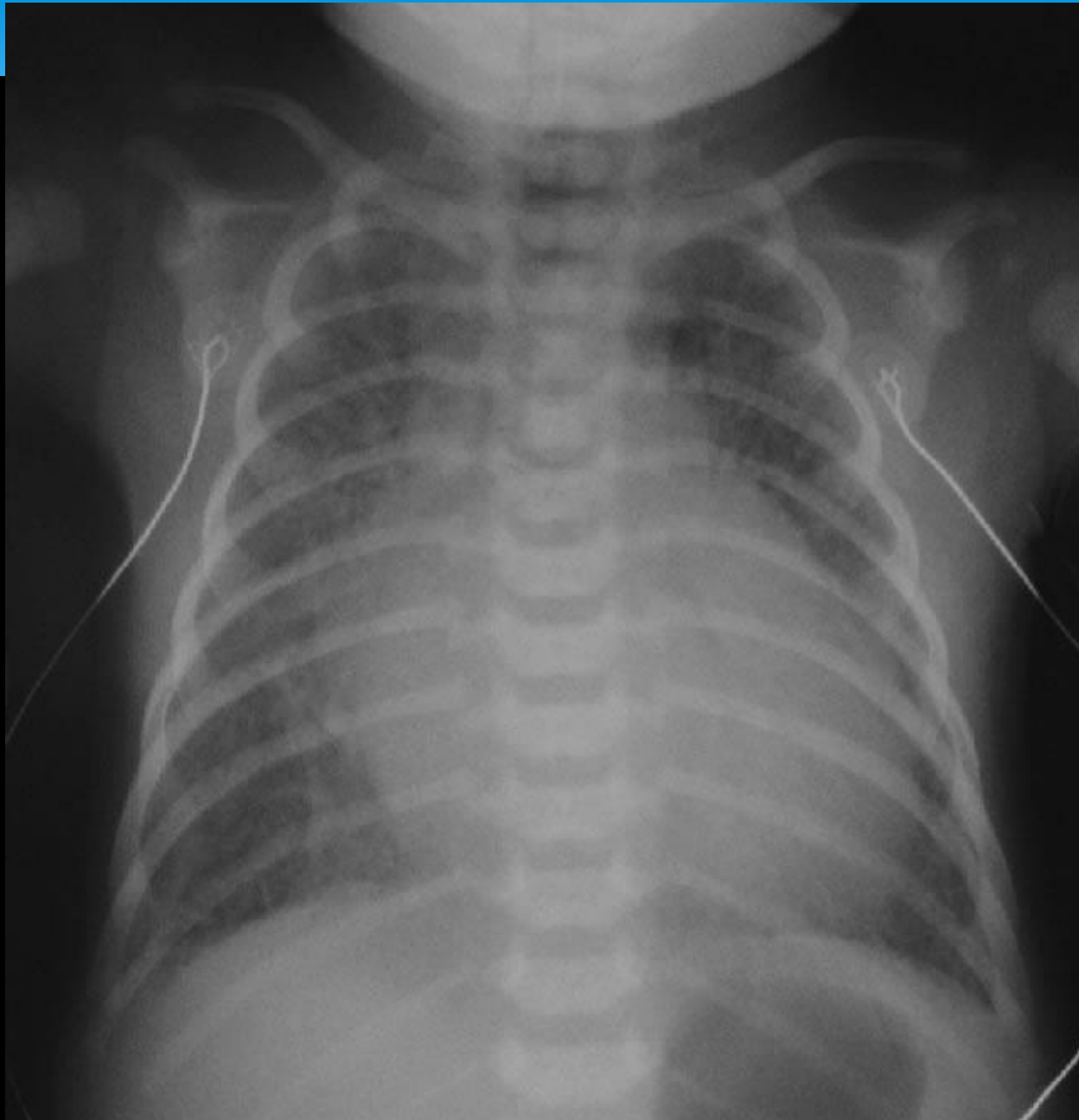
- * 36.7 C, P 188, RR 96, 88% RA
- * Retractions, tachypneic, grunting
 - * no wheezing, no rhonchi
- * Tachycardic, no murmur
- * Palpable brachial pulses, weak femoral, faint radial, no dorsalis pedis, CR 4-5 sec
- * Liver 2 cm below CM, no edema





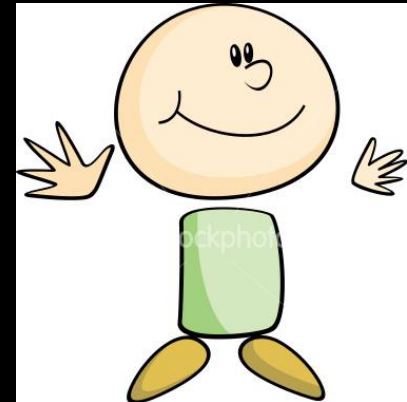
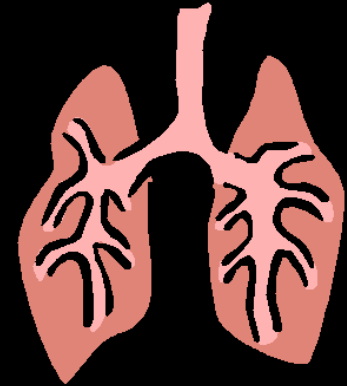
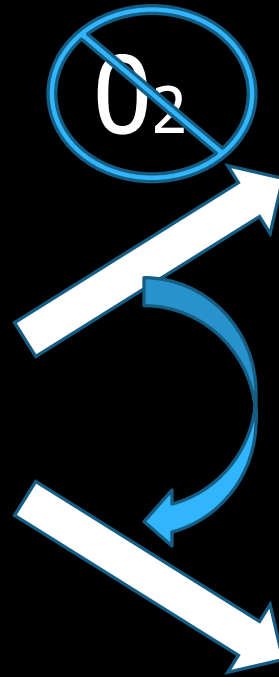






Prostaglandin (PGE_1)

- Apnea
- Hypotension
- Fever
- Flushing

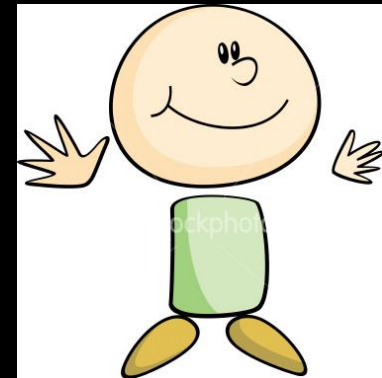
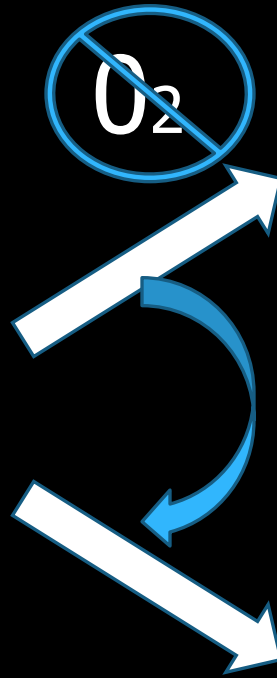


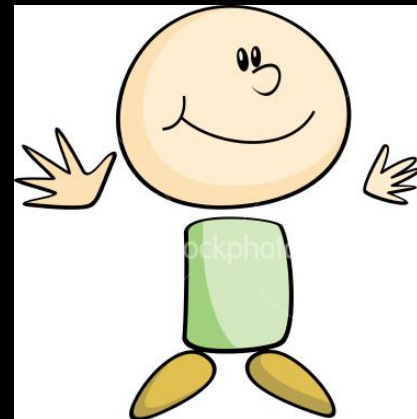
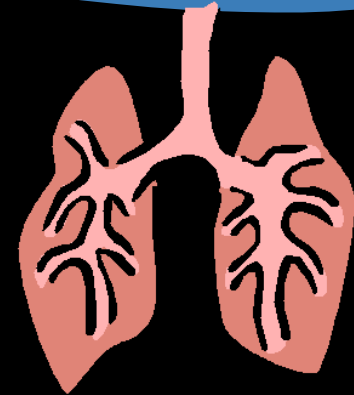
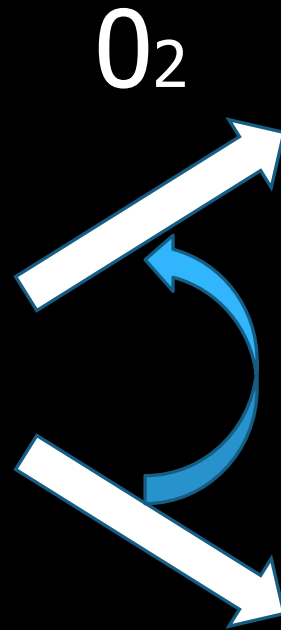
Shunt blood away from lungs

Prostaglandin (PGE₁)

Hypoventilation

Carbon dioxide





Shunt blood to lungs
Oxygen (hyperoxia test)
Hyperventilation
Nitric oxide
Inotropes

Back to the case...

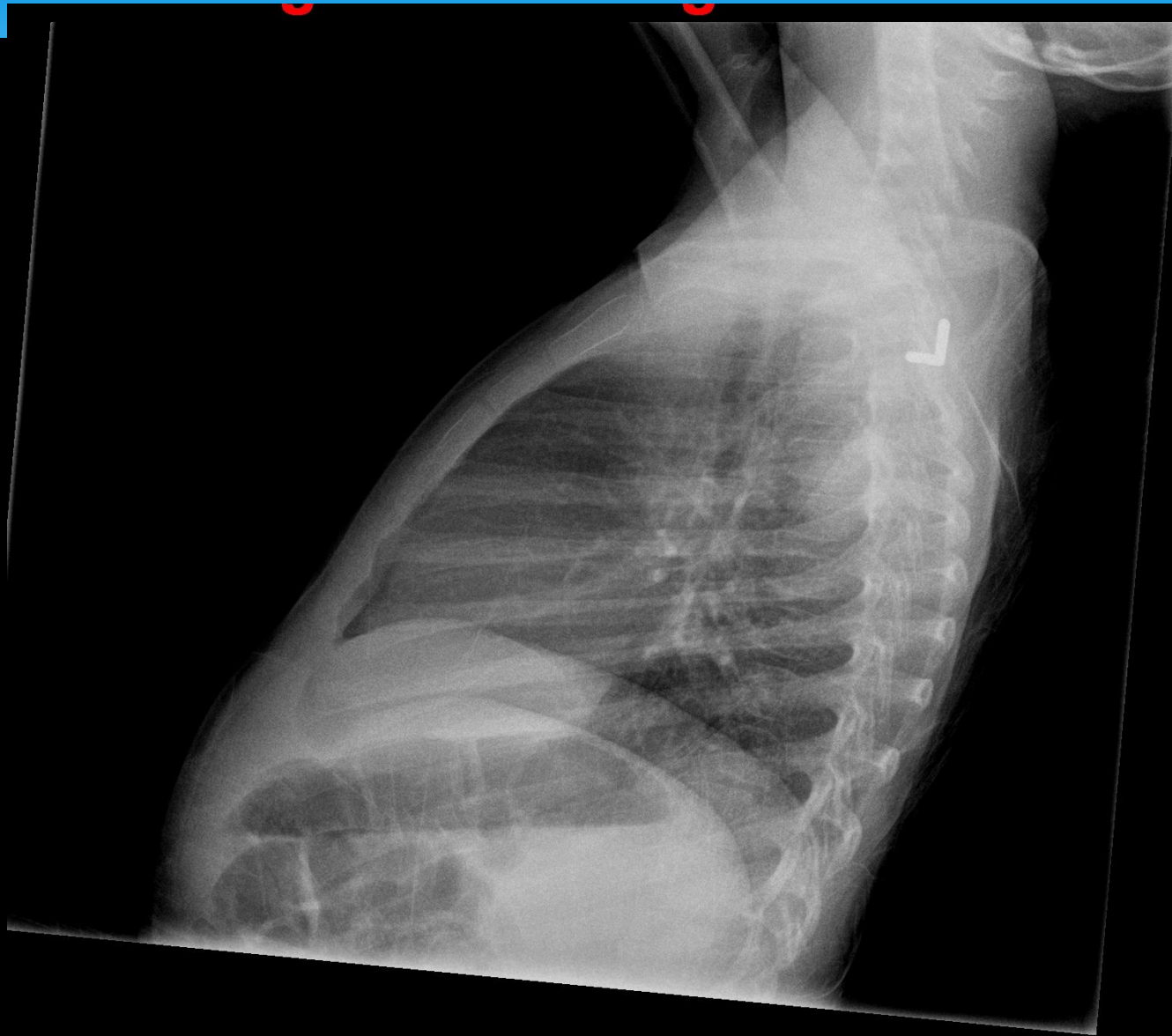
- * 4 point BP: RUE 93/69, RLE 44/36, LLE 28/20
- * Multiple unsuccessful attempts at IV
 - * Intraosseus
- * Bedside ECHO
- * Started prostaglandin
 - * Prepare for intubation

Back to the case...

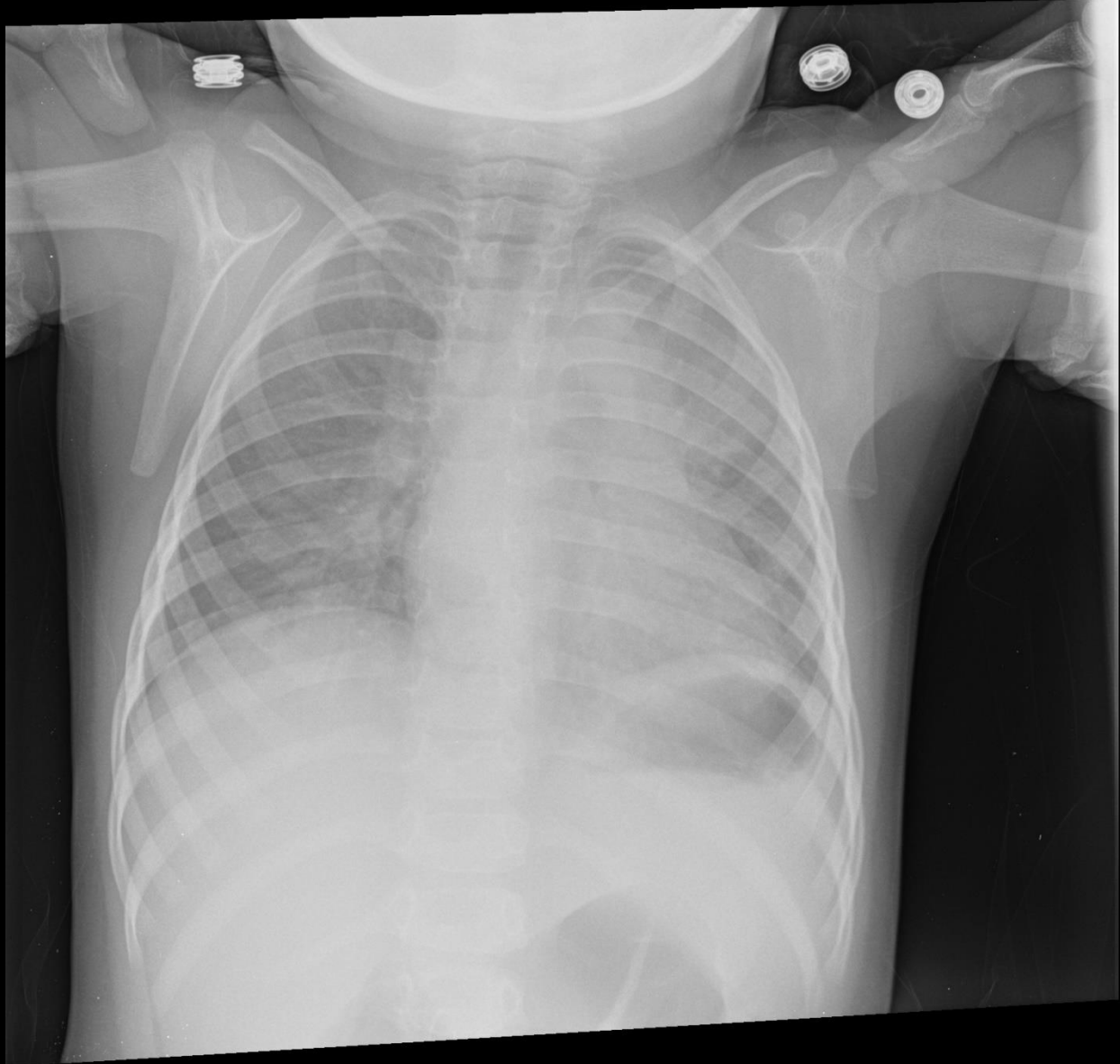
- * Transfer team arrived → called for flight team
- * Diagnosis: aortic arch hypoplasia

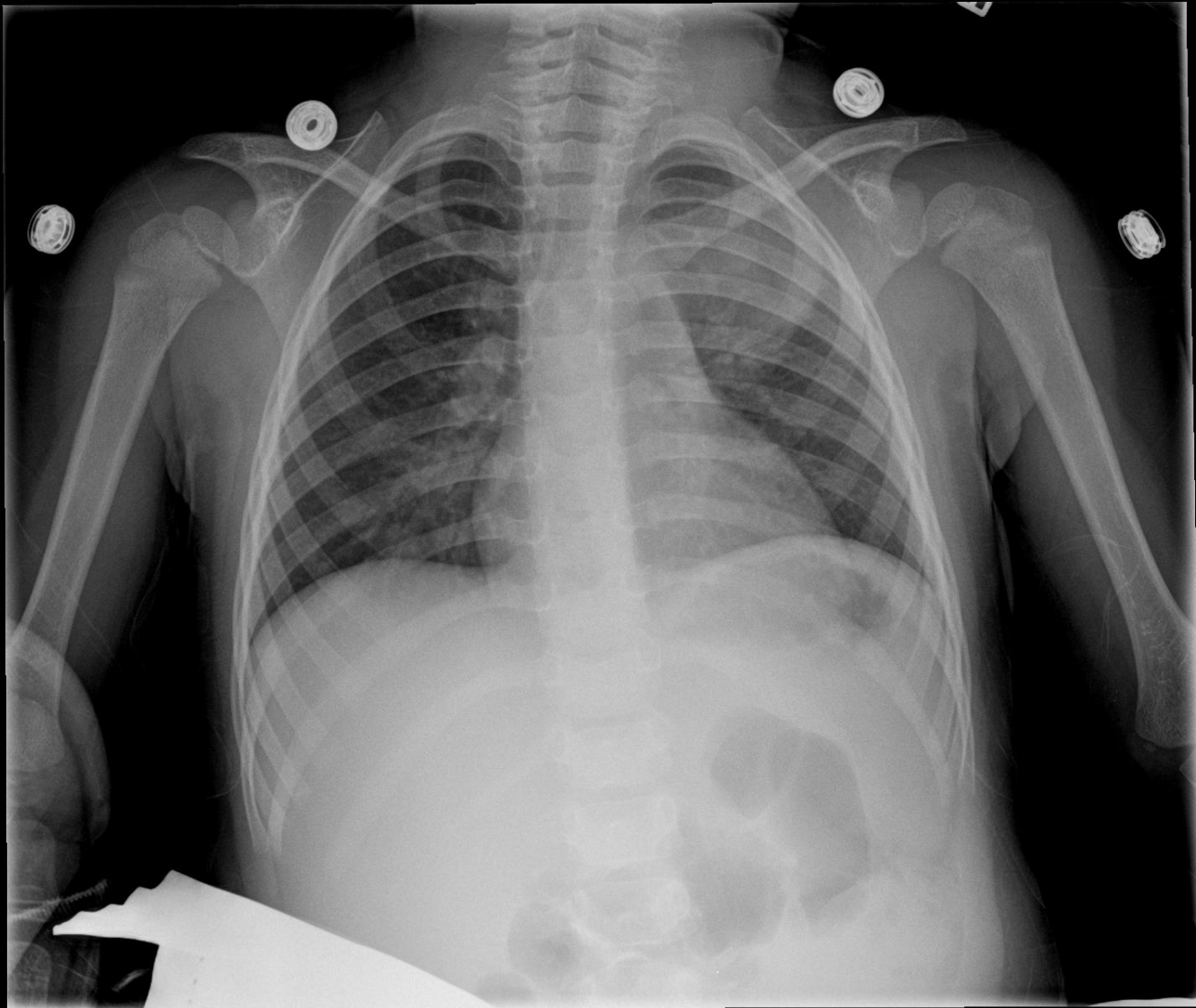
4 yo with vomiting

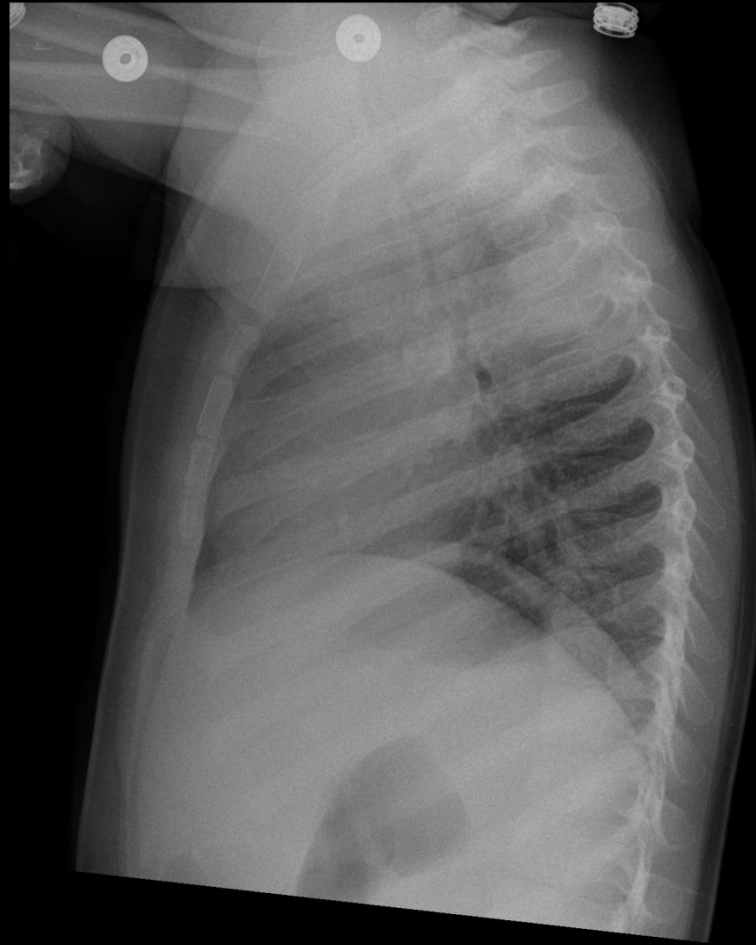




2.5 yo with fever x 4 days







“Round” Pneumonia/ Strep Pneumonia

High Dose Amoxicillin?

- * Poor Penetration
 - * Ears, Sinuses
- * Pneumococcal resistance*
 - * Ears, sinuses, lungs (pneumonia)

Standard therapy: Group A strep pharyngitis, dental problems, skin infections and urinary infections for susceptible pathogens

Take Home Point

More Clavulanate = More diarrhea

For HIGH dose amoxicillin dosing
(90 mg/kg/day)

Use Augmentin ES-600

Case 1: Child with Asthma

Case 1

- * 10 yo female h/o asthma sent from Urgent Care with wheezing x 2 days. Received 1+1 nebs.
- * PMHx: Asthma, 2 ICU, 1 intubation
- * Meds: Albuterol, Flovent, Singulair



VS: T 37.8°C, P 134, RR 40, BP 90/40, 93% neb
Wt: 30 kg

Case 2: Vomiting Infant

Case 2

- * 3 week FT male sent from PMD for progressive vomiting. Formula fed. Recent change to Similac. BM 2 days ago. Last wet diaper 2300 last PM.
- * VS: T 37°C, P 160, RR 50, 98% RA
- * Wt: 5 kg



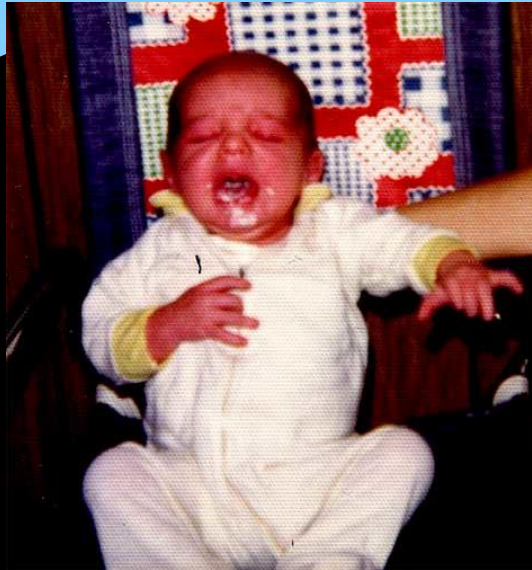
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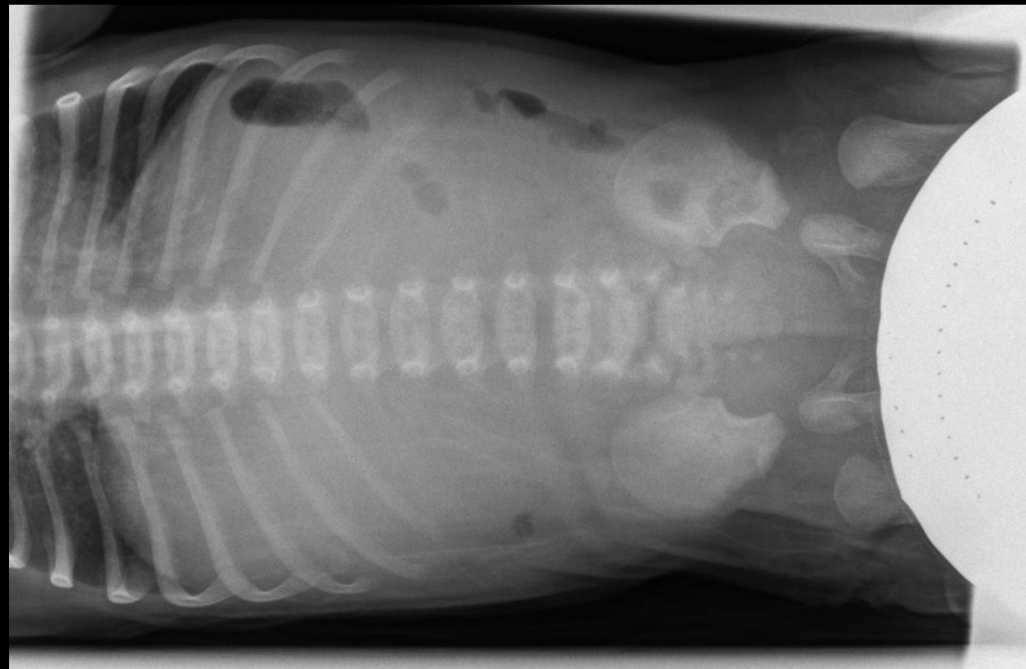
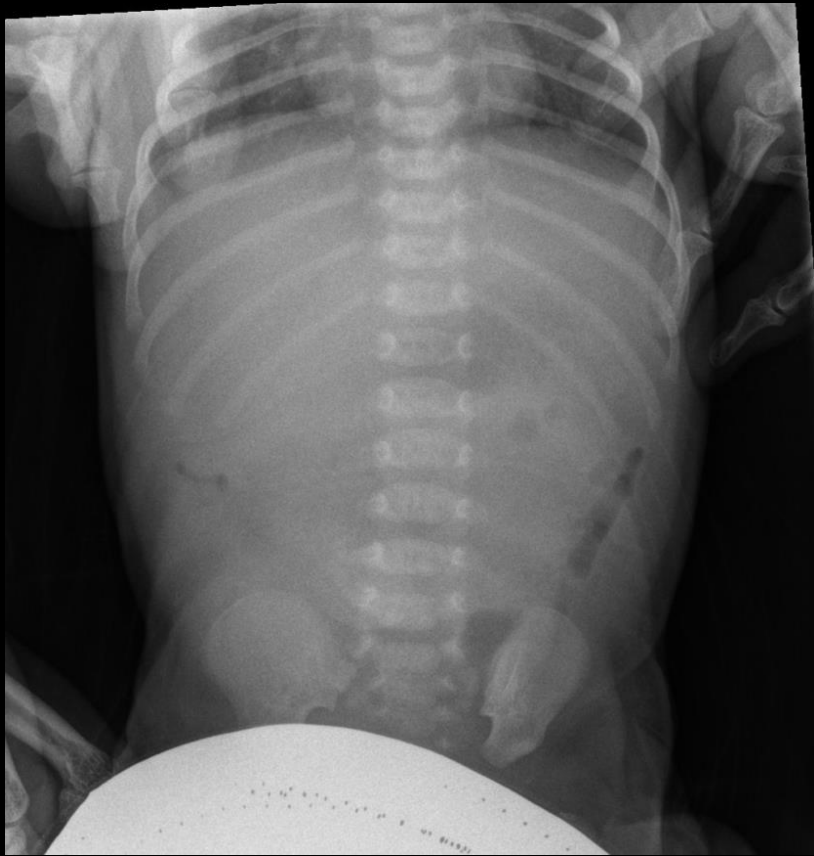
Triage VS: T 37.8°C, P 134,
RR 40, BP 90/40, 93% neb
Wt: 30 kg

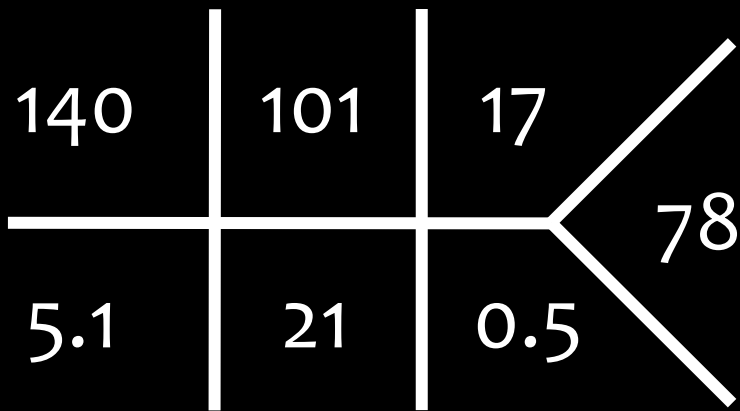
Repeat VS: T 38.1°C, P 144,
RR 32, BP 95/42, 92% neb

Back to Case 2: vomiting infant



Case 2





Ca 11.2

Ultrasound: normal pylorus



Back to Case 1: Asthma





Case 1

143	107	7	149
3.3	23	0.5	

Ca 8.6
Ph 3.9
Mg 1.9

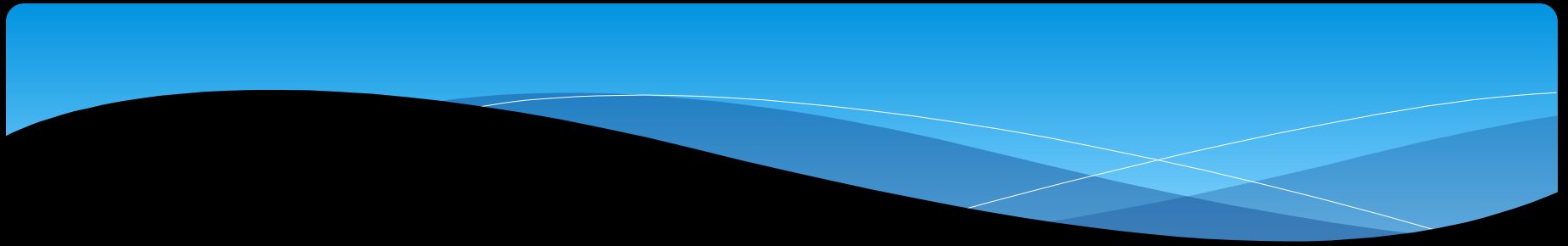
16.6	14	275
39.8		

N⁸⁶L⁶

ABG: 7.20/ 55/ 69

BE: -4

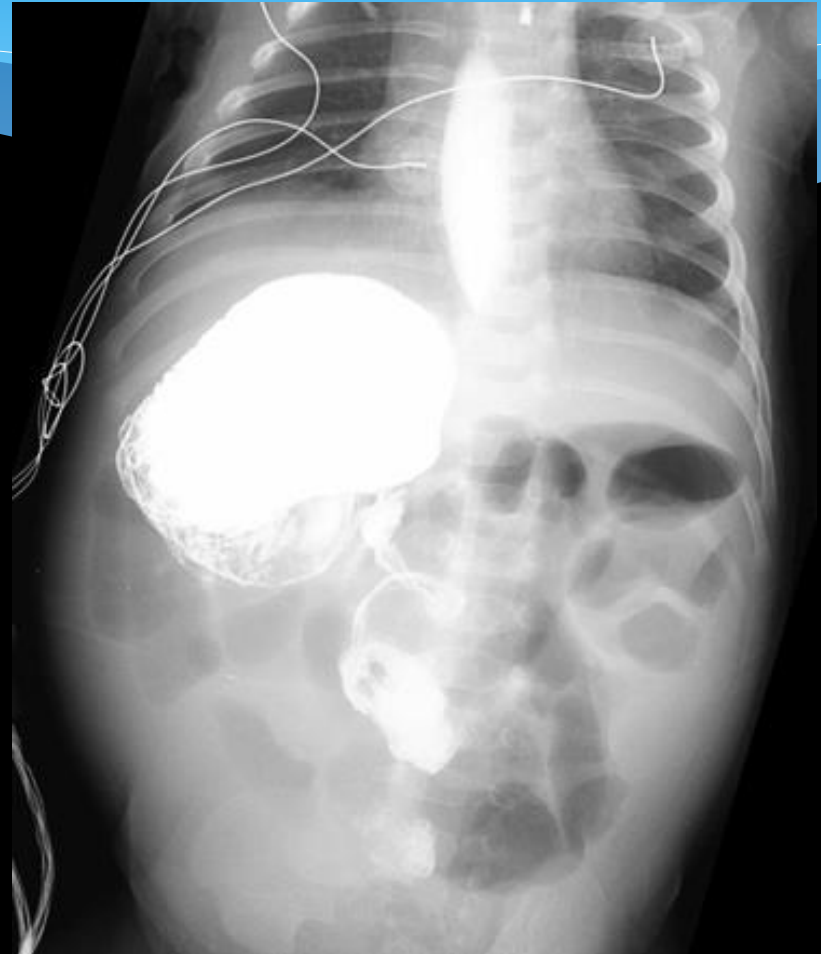
Case 2: vomiting infant



Malrotation with midgut volvulus



Abdominal Xray



Upper GI

Differential for vomiting infant

Bilious

- * Malrotation with volvulus
- * Intestinal atresia
- * Meconium ileus

Bilious or non-bilious

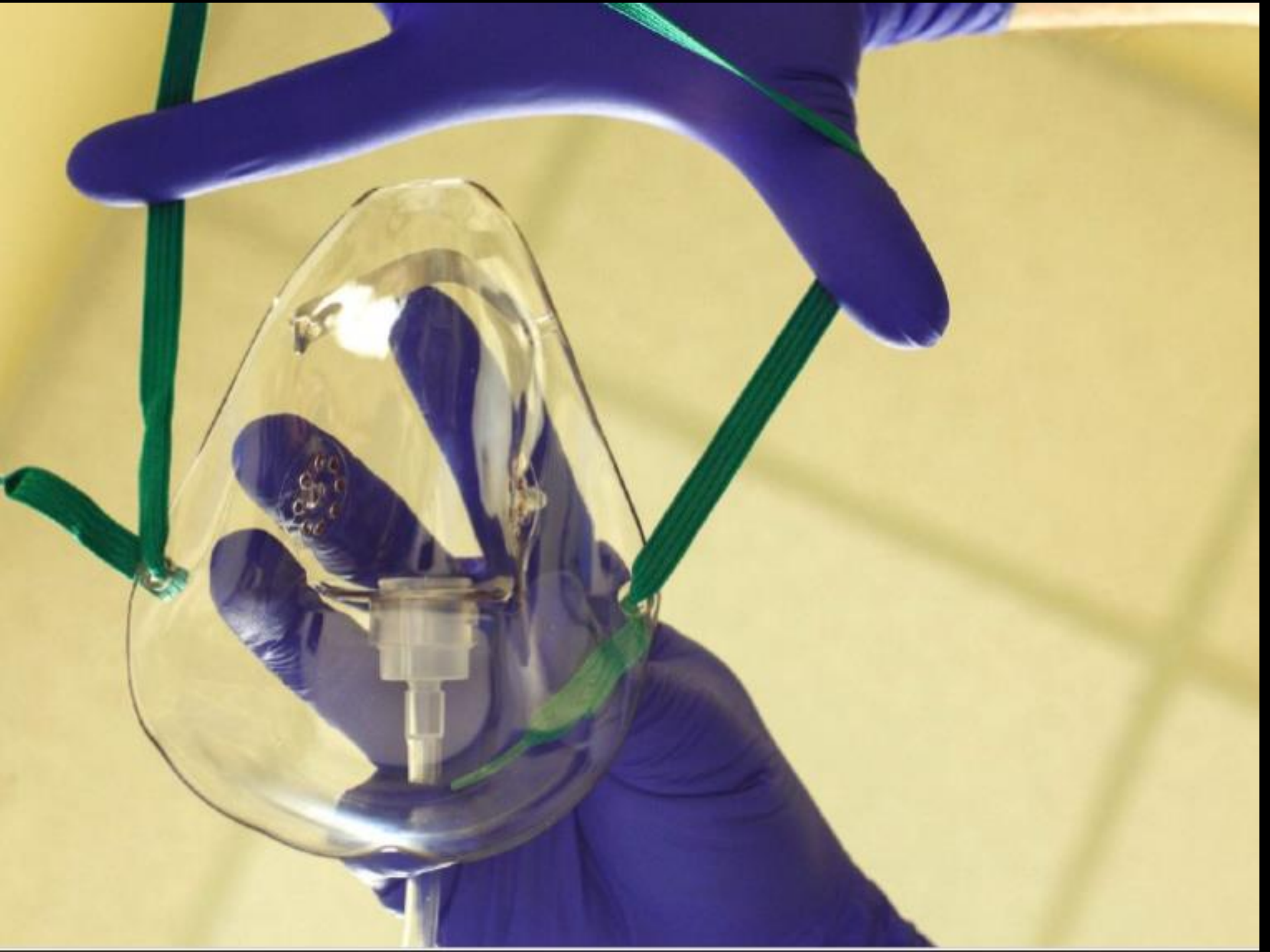
- * Necrotizing enterocolitis
- * Pyloric stenosis
- * Hirschsprung's
- * Inborn errors of metabolism
- * Infection
 - * UTI, pneumonia, meningitis
- * GERD
- * Intussusception

Infant with bilious emesis

- * NEVER normal
- * Surgical emergency until proven otherwise
- * Potential for rapid decompensation
- * Critical actions:
 - * Sepsis if ischemic bowel
 - * Treat metabolic derangements
 - * IVF resuscitation
 - * Antibiotics
 - * Upper GI
 - * Transfer to higher level of care

Back to Case 1: Asthma

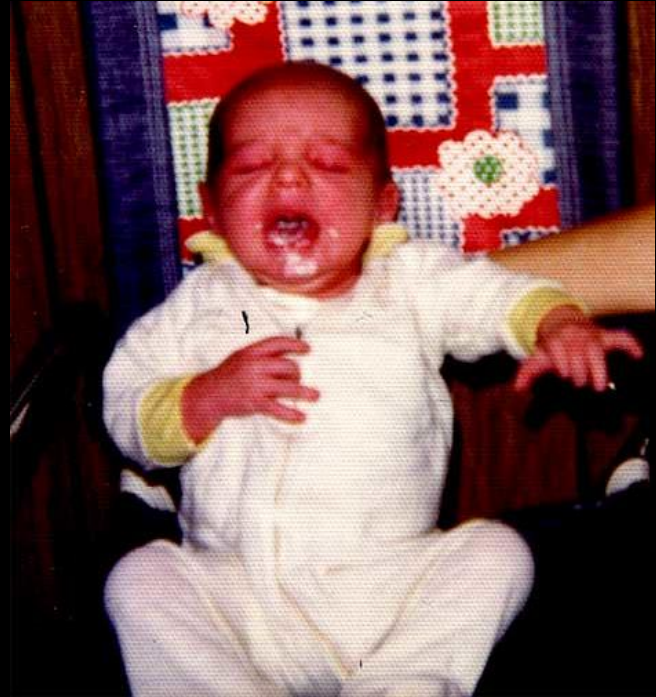












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