

QUIZ 8th July 2020 (answers below)

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ABL827 Emergency
PATIENT REPORT

Syringe - S 250uL

Sample #

70624

Identifications

Patient ID 00000
Patient Last Name ACUTE9
Patient First Name UNKNOWN
Sex Female
Sample type Venous
T 37.0 °C
FO₂(I) 21.0 %
PEEP cmH2O
Pressure Support cmH2O
SIMV Rate
Liter Flow L/min
Note
Operator
Accession No.

Blood Gas Values

↓ pH 7.091 [7.350 - 7.450]
↑ pCO₂ 61.4 mmHg [32.0 - 45.0]
↓ pO₂ 31.2 mmHg [75.0 - 105]

Oximetry Values

↓ ctHb 86 g/L [115 - 165]
↓ sO₂ 48.3 % [95.0 - 99.0]
FCOHb 0.5 % [0.0 - 1.5]
↓ FMetHb 0.0 % [0.0 - 1.5]

Electrolyte Values

↑ cNa⁺ 148 mmol/L [137 - 146]
↓ cK⁺ 3.4 mmol/L [3.5 - 5.0]
‡ cCa²⁺ < 0.20 mmol/L [-]
↓ cCl⁻ 91 mmol/L [98 - 106]

Metabolite Values

↑ cGlu 15.6 mmol/L [3.0 - 7.8]
↑ cLac 6.5 mmol/L [0.0 - 2.2]
cCrea 84 μmol/L [40 - 90]

Calculated Values

ABE_c -11.4 mmol/L [-]
cHCO₃⁻(P)_c 17.8 mmol/L [-]

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1. What are the differential diagnoses for left upper lobe consolidation?

Consolidation is when the alveolar air spaces are filled with exudate, transudate, blood, cells or other material.

Acute unilateral consolidation can be from:

Pus – bacterial, fungal, viral, atypical, aspiration

Fluid – unilateral pulmonary oedema

Blood – contusion, haemorrhage

Emboli – fat, PE, amniotic fluid

Cells – bronchoalveolar carcinoma

With lymphadenopathy it also includes

Post obstructive causes – lung Ca, Lung, mets, Lymphoma, Leukaemia

Infection – post primary TB, fungal, atypical – EBV, Mycoplasma

When chronic it also includes

Neoplastic – post obstructive, lymphoma, adenoCa

Infective – TB, Fungal, Incomplete treatment of infection

Inflammatory – sarcoid, eosinophilic, cryptogenic, granulomatosis

Radiation pneumonitis

2. What are risk factors for acquiring TB?

Host factors – Smoking, diabetes, Chronic kidney disease, immunosuppression

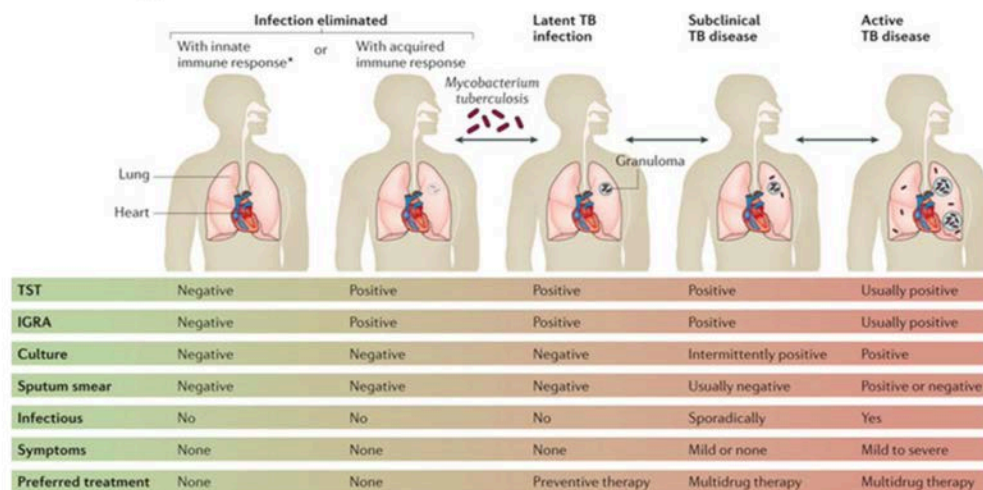
Source factors – Pulmonary disease with cavity and AFB positive, extent of pulmonary disease, duration of exposure (hours, days, weeks), Effective treatment for TB

Ambient factors – humidity, ventilation, UV light, “crowding index”

3. Does a positive tuberculin skin test indicate TB infection?

The Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) tests for an immune response to TB, not for actual TB. A person can have eliminated the TB and still have an immune response. If, however, they also have a scar on CXR, then they are regarded as having latent TB. See diagram below.

Stages of TB infection → Disease



4. Who gets screened for latent TB in Australia?

WHO recommends that in middle to high income countries with TB incidence less than 100 per 100,000 population, systematic testing and treatment for latent TB should be performed in people living with HIV, adult and child contacts of pulmonary TB cases, patients initiating anti-TNF treatment, patients receiving dialysis, patients preparing for organ or haematological transplantation and patients with silicosis. Systematic testing and treatment for latent TB should be considered for prisoners, health workers, immigrants from high TB burden countries, homeless persons and illicit drug users.

Systematic testing for latent TB is not recommended in people with diabetes, harmful alcohol use, smokers and underweight people unless they are already included in the above recommendations.

5. Describe and interpret the following blood gas analysis.

pH 7.091 Acidotic
 pCO₂ 61.4mmHg Respiratory acidosis

If this were the only abnormality it would cause the HCO₃⁻ to acutely increase by 2mmol/L from 24 to 26mmol/L. The resultant pH would be 7.25. The pH here is more acidotic than that, so without even looking at the HCO₃⁻, we can say that there must be a metabolic acidosis as well.

HCO₃⁻ 17.8 mmol/L Metabolic acidosis, also evidenced by BE -11.4mmol/L
 Anion gap 39.2mmol/L High anion gap metabolic acidosis HAGMA
 Delta ratio 3.3 HAGMA + metabolic alkalosis

<0.4	Pure NAGMA
0.4 – 1.0	HAGMA + NAGMA
1.0 – 2.0	Pure HAGMA
>2.0	HAGMA + metabolic alkalosis

Hb 86g/L = low
 iCa <0.2mmol/L = low
 Glu 15.6mmol/L = high
 Lactate 6.5mmol/L = high
 Creat 84umol/L = normal

Causes of HAGMA

Ketones – may be high as glucose is high
 Lactate – high
 Uraemia – less likely as creatinine is normal
 Toxins – unknown

Causes of metabolic alkalosis

Initiation factors

Ketone metabolism – could be as hyperglycaemic
 Exogenous bicarb – antacids, bicarb, citrate
 Unknown but low Hb could have resulted in blood transfusion resulting in citrate. This would also explain the very low ionised calcium.
 GIT loss of acid
 Renal – but creatinine is normal

Maintenance factors

Chloride depletion – yes
 Hypokalaemia – yes, mild
 Decreased GFR – no, creatinine normal
 Mineralocorticoids – could be, as hypernatraemia and hypokalaemia

➔ Respiratory acidosis

High anion gap metabolic acidosis
 Concurrent metabolic alkalosis
 Anaemia
 Hyperlactataemia
 Hyperglycaemia
 Hypocalcaemia

➔ This patient was a major trauma patient who was in hypovolaemic shock with GCS 3 and had received 3 units of blood pre-hospital.

The respiratory acidosis is from hypoventilation
 The HAGMA is from lactate due to shock
 The anaemia is from haemorrhage and the metabolic alkalosis and low iCa is from the citrate from blood transfusion
 And the hyperglycaemia is a stress response