

A dark gray background featuring a large, light gray silhouette of a human head in profile, facing right. Inside the head's upper portion, there are several interlocking gears of different sizes. A vertical ladder-like structure extends from the bottom of the head downwards.

Psychiatry for General Practitioner

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Outlines

- Delirium
- Alcohol withdrawal syndrome
- Psychosis
- Substance-related
- Mood disorder and suicide
- Extrapyrarnidal symptoms
- Hyperventilation
- Insomnia





Delirium

DSM-5 Diagnostic Criteria

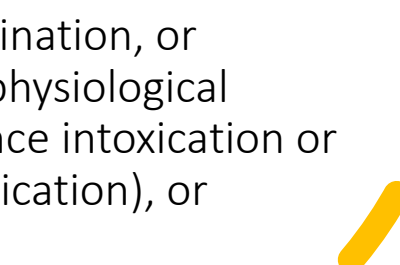
- A. A disturbance in **attention** (i.e., reduced ability to direct, focus, sustain, and shift attention) and **awareness** (reduced orientation to the environment).
 - B. The disturbance develops over a short period of time (**usually hours to a few days**), represents a change from baseline attention and awareness, and tends to **fluctuate** in severity during the course of a day.
 - C. An additional disturbance in **cognition** (e.g., memory deficit, disorientation, language, visuospatial ability, or perception).
 - D. The disturbances in Criteria A and C are not explained by another preexisting, established, or evolving neurocognitive disorder and do not occur in the context of a severely reduced level of arousal, such as coma.
 - E. There is **evidence** from the history, physical examination, or laboratory findings that the disturbance is a direct physiological consequence of another medical condition, substance intoxication or withdrawal (i.e., due to a drug of abuse or to a medication), or exposure to a toxin, or is due to multiple etiologies.
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Table 3. Summary of Risk Factors for Delirium

Predisposing factors	Precipitating factors	Delirium-inducing medications
Comorbidities	Acute insults	High risk
Alcoholism	Dehydration	Anticholinergics (e.g., antihistamines, muscle relaxants, antipsychotics)
Chronic pain	Fracture	Benzodiazepines
History of baseline lung, liver, kidney, heart, or brain disease	Hypoxia	Dopamine agonists
Terminal illness	Infection	Meperidine (Demerol)
Demographic factors	Ischemia (e.g., cerebral, cardiac)	Moderate to low risk
Age older than 65 years	Medications	Antibiotics (e.g., quinolones, antimalarials, isoniazid, linezolid [Zyvox], macrolides)
Male sex	Metabolic derangement	Anticonvulsants
Geriatric syndromes	Poor nutrition	Antidizziness agents
Dementia	Severe illness	Antiemetics
Depression	Shock	Antihypertensives (e.g., beta blockers, clonidine [Catapres])
Elder abuse	Surgery	Antivirals (e.g., acyclovir [Zovirax], interferon)
Falls	Uncontrolled pain	Corticosteroids
History of delirium	Urinary or stool retention	Low-potency antihistamines (e.g., histamine H ₂ blockers, urinary and gastrointestinal antispasmodics)
Malnutrition	Environmental exposures	Metoclopramide (Reglan)
Polypharmacy	Intensive care unit setting	Narcotics other than meperidine
Pressure ulcers	Sleep deprivation	Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
Sensory impairment	Tethers	Sedatives/hypnotics
Premorbid state		
Inactivity		
Poor functional status		

Information from references 2, 15, 18, and 19.

PINCHME mnemonic
to help identify potential causes
of delirium



Pain



Infection



Insomnia



Nutrition



Constipation



Hydration



Medication

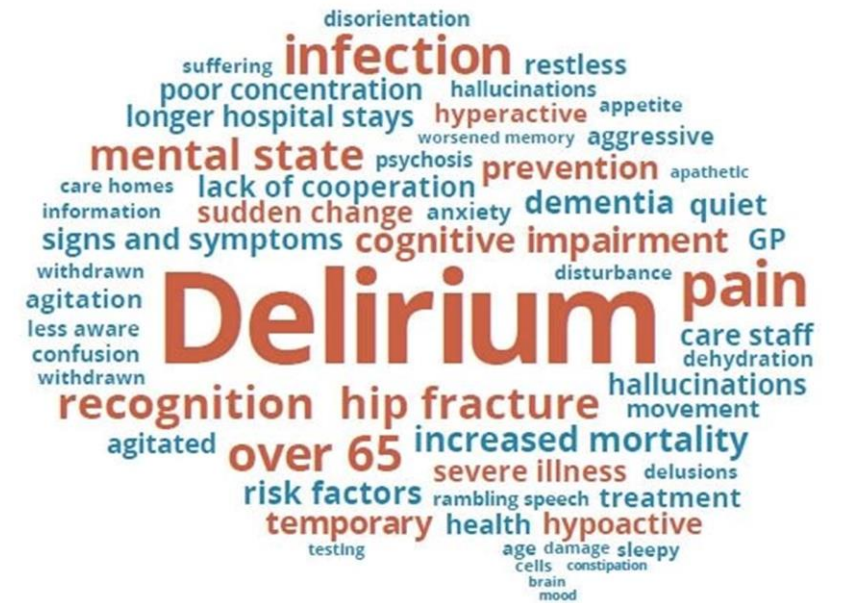


Environment



Electrolyte

- Benzodiazepine
- Opioid
- NSAID
- Anticholinergic drug



Management - Nonpharmacological

- Correct causes !!!!
- Fluid and nutrition
- Reorientation techniques or memory cues - a calendar, clocks, and family photos
- The environment should be stable, quiet, and well-lighted
- Physical restraints if necessary



Management - Pharmacological

- Low dose Antipsychotic
- Haloperidol 1.25 – 2.5 mg IM for sedation

AVOID Haloperidol IV !!! >> Risk for Torsade de pointes

- Haloperidol 0.5 - 1 mg po hs/bid
- Risperidone 0.5 - 1 mg po hs/bid
- Quetiapine 25 - 50 mg po hs/bid
- Trazodone 25-50 mg hs for insomnia

******AVOID Diazepam !!!****** >> Worsening

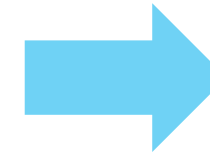
Alcohol withdrawal syndrome

(AWS)



ALCOHOL WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME

หลังหยุด / ลด (ชม.)	อาการ	การดำเนินของอาการ
6-24	หงุดหงิด สั่น ความดันสูง เหงื่อแตก หน้าแดง ใจเต้นเร็ว นอนไม่หลับ nystagmus ประสาทหลอน illusion	- มีอาการอยู่ 48-72 ชม. - ร้อยละ 5 ในกลุ่มนี้มีโอกาสเกิดอาการที่รุนแรงขึ้น เช่น delirium tremens
7-48	Grand mal seizure (rum fits)	- peak อยู่ประมาณ 24 ชม. - ลักษณะส่วนใหญ่เป็น grand mal seizure อาจพบ focal seizure ได้บ้าง
48-72	Delirium tremens - disorientation ประสาทหลอนเหมือนจริง สั่น นอนไม่หลับ มีไข้ confusion	- มีอาการสูงสุดอยู่นาน ~ 72 ชม. จากนั้นค่อยๆ ลดลงใน 5-10 วัน - อาการเป็นมาวันที่ 4-5 หลังหยุดดื่ม - มักมี medical conditions อื่นๆ ร่วมด้วย เช่น liver failure, pneumonia, GI bleeding, electrolyte imbalance



Must have !!!!

- Autonomic hyperactivity
- Sweating
- Tremor
- Agitation

ALCOHOL WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME

Confusion/seizure in alcoholic patients



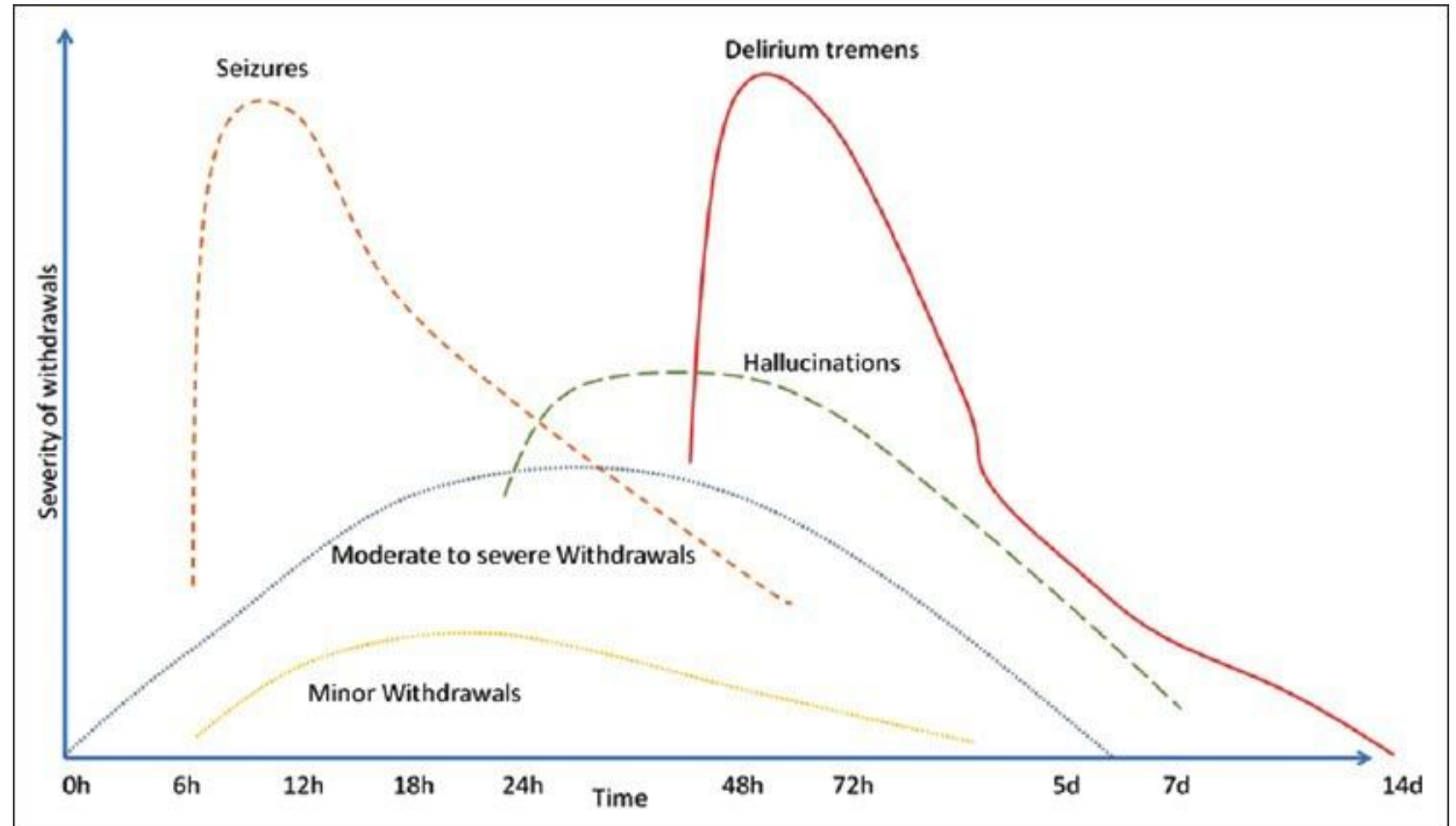
Alcohol withdrawal syndrome

If other symptoms besides confusion do not correlated to alcohol withdrawal syndrome >> must find another causes -- delirium, epilepsy, encephalitis, etc.

ALCOHOL WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME

Last dose ??

- เข้าวันที่มารพ.
- 7 วันก่อนมารพ.



MANAGEMENT OF AWS

- Mild to moderate symptoms (w/o DT or seizure)
 - Diazepam 5-10 mg PO q 6 hrs or
 - Lorazepam 1-2 mg PO q 6 hrs (liver failure)
 - ***Diazepam 5 mg = Lorazepam 1 mg ***
 - Hold BZD if patient is asleep



MANAGEMENT OF AWS

- Severe symptoms eg. seizure, DT
 - Start Diazepam 10 mg PO/IV q 3 or 4 hr
Lorazepam 2 mg PO q 4 hr
 - Extra dose of Diazepam 10-20 mg IV prn for agitation
 - IV form can be repeated every 10-15 mins until light sleep
 - Hold BZD if patient is asleep



MANAGEMENT OF AWS >>> ADJUST DOSE

Day 1

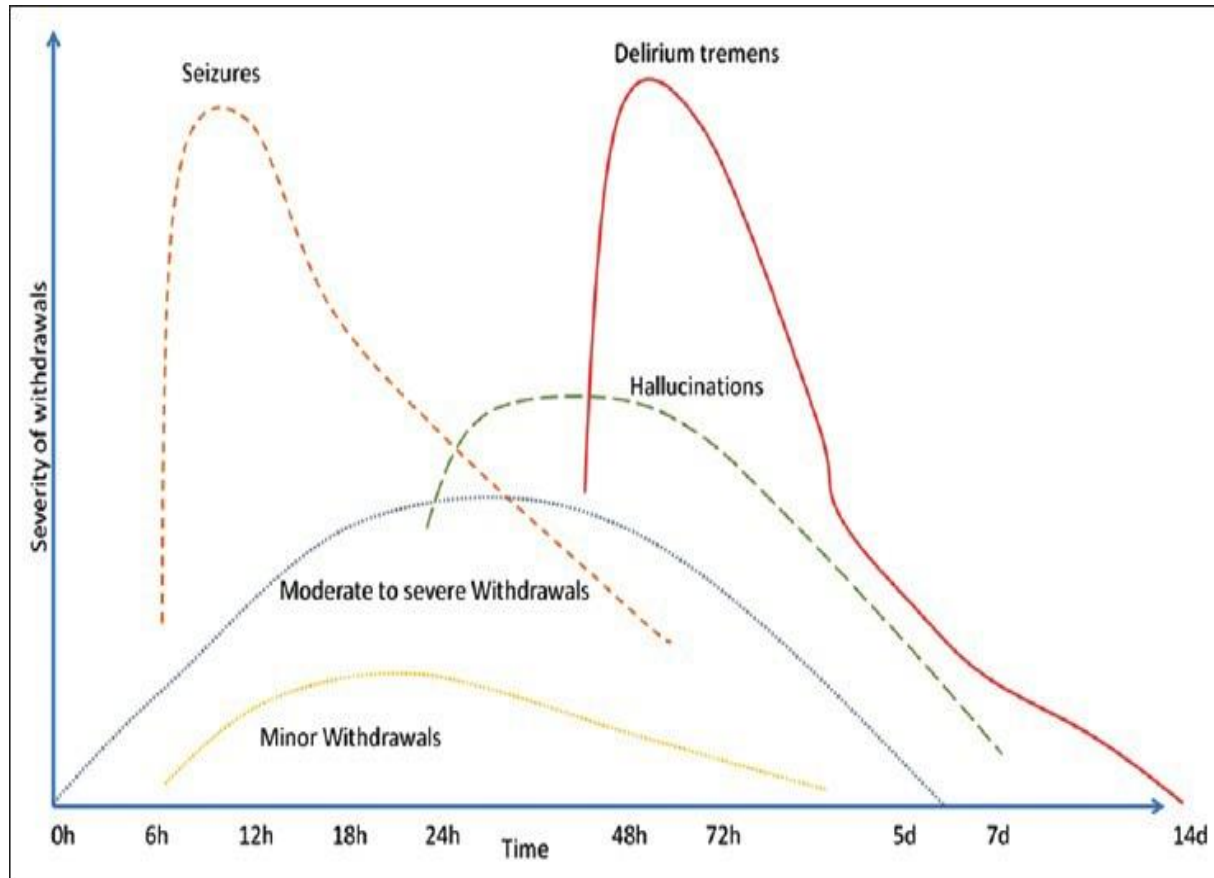
- Diazepam 10 mg PO q 4 hr = 60 mg/day
- Extra dose -- Diazepam 10 mg IV prn x 6 dose/24hrs = 60 mg/day
- Total 1st day Diazepam oral & IV → 60 + 60 = 120 mg/day

Day 2

- Dose diazepam oral = Diazepam ที่ใช้ทั้งหมดใน Day1 แบ่งให้ q 4hr
- Diazepam day2 (120/6) = 20 mg PO q 4 hr

***Diazepam 5 mg = Lorazepam 1 mg ***

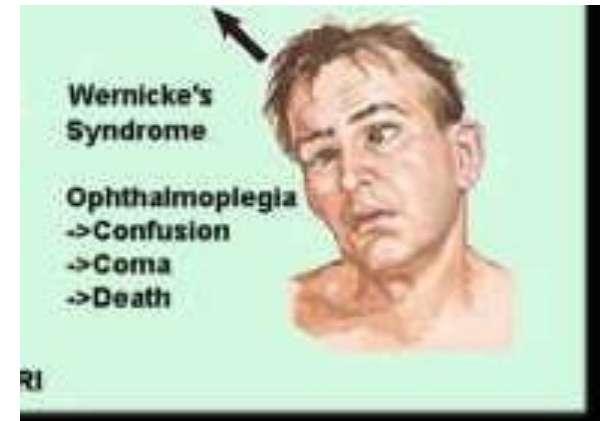
ALCOHOL WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME



- If stable -- continue 24-48 hrs then taper off by 20%/day
- If day 7 -- not stable
→ benzodiazepine induced delirium
→ taper off by 20%/day

MANAGEMENT OF AWS

- To prevent Wernicke-Kosarkoff syndrome
 - Thiamine 100 mg IV OD for 3 days
 - Thiamine 100 mg PO TID (Vit B co)
 - Folic 5 mg PO OD



A man with dark hair and a beard is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark t-shirt. He is covering his face with his right hand, suggesting distress or emotional pain. The background is a dark, smoky, and textured grey, with a bright, hazy light source on the left side, creating a dramatic and somber atmosphere.

Psychosis

DSM-5 Criteria for Schizophrenia

- Two or more of these symptoms must be present for at least one month (can be less if being successfully treated)
And at least one symptom must be either (1), (2), or (3)
 - (1) Hallucinations
 - (2) Delusions (can be either bizarre or nonbizarre)
 - (3) Disorganized speech (e.g., frequent derailment or incoherence)
 - (4) Grossly disorganized or catatonic behavior
 - (5) Negative symptoms (e.g., affective flattening, alogia or avolition).
 - Continuous disturbance for 6 months (attenuated symptoms, residual symptoms)
 - Social or occupational dysfunction (or both) for significant portion of the time
 - Notes: Catatonia can also be used as a specifier for any other diagnosis
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Psychosis

Organic VS Psychiatric

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Features pointing to organic cause

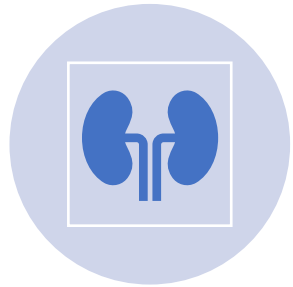
- Acute onset (vs gradual onset in psychiatric disorders)
- 1st episode
- Extreme age: very young and very old
- Current medical illness/injury
- Substance abuse
- Nonauditory hallucination – visual, tactile
- Neurological symptoms



Acute psychosis >>> organic cause

- Autoimmune disorders (e.g., NPSLE, Anti-NMDA re encephalitis)
- Endocrine disorders (e.g., hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism)
- Neurologic conditions (e.g., dementia, epilepsy (esp. partial complex seizure, TLE), Parkinson disease)
- Nutritional conditions (e.g., vitamin B deficiency)
- Trauma (e.g. Traumatic Brain Injury)
- Infection/sepsis (e.g. HIV infection, Neurosyphilis, encephalitis)
- Pharmacologic causes (e.g., medication adverse effect (esp. steroid), substance abuse or withdrawal)

Investigation of acute psychosis



R/O medical conditions :
infection, trauma, tumor,
autoimmune



Laboratory testing: CBC,
BUN, Cr, Electrolyte, Ca, Mg,
PO, LFT, TFT, AntiHIV, VDRL,
ANA, UA, Urine substance



Brain imaging: CT brain c
contrast/MRI brain



CSF profile

Substance induce psychosis

	ICD-10	DSM-IV/V
Core	Cluster of psychotic phenomena that occur during/immediately after psychoactive substance use	
Characteristics	Hallucinations, delusions, psychomotor disturbances, abnormal affect	<i>Prominent</i> hallucinations or delusions
Insight/level of consciousness	Usually clear, some level of clouding of consciousness may occur, though not severe confusion	No insight into symptoms being substance induced
When/duration	Includes psychosis occurring during/immediately after drug use (<48h) as long as not due to withdrawal or delirium Resolves at least partially within 1 month, fully within 6 months	Either (1) or (2): 1. Symptoms developed during/within 1 month of substance intoxication or withdrawal 2. Medication is etiologically related to the disturbance Does not occur exclusively during delirium
Notes		Not better accounted for by disorder that is not substance induced Should only be made <i>instead of intoxication or withdrawal if symptoms in excess of what is expected and when symptoms severe enough to warrant clinical attention</i>

Substance induced psychosis

- Alcohol/barbiturate (and related substances) withdrawal
- Stimulants (Amphetamines)
- Marijuana
- Hallucinogens (LSD)
- Cocaine

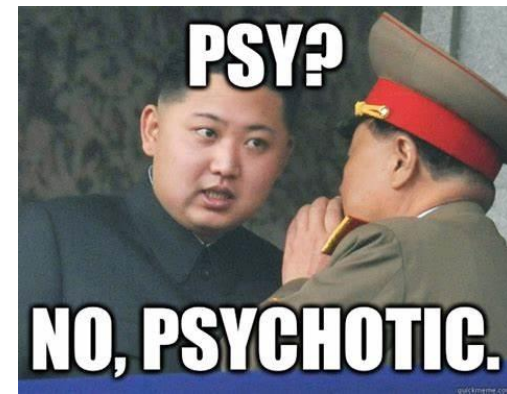


Substance intoxication&withdrawal

Substances	Intoxication	Management	Withdrawal	Management
Alcohol	Slurred speech, N/V, impaired cognition & coordination (Osm. gap help dx)	ABC & supportive Rx	6-12: minor symptoms 12-24: hallucination 24-48: GTC seizure 48-72: DT (hallucinations associated with disorientation and agitation)	Symptom triggered vs Fixed dose Supplement and supportive Rx
Opioids	Strong VS. Weak Urine test – limited Depressed CNS QT prolongation* Seizure** Serotonin syndrome*** Co-intoxication	ABC & supportive Rx Activated charcoal (within 1 hr.) Naloxone (bolus & infusion)	8-12: minor symptoms 24-36: significant symptoms subside with 3-7d	COWS Opiate substitution Rx** Clonidine** Lorazepam and other sedating agents Supportive medications
Benzodiazepine	Ataxia and impaired gag reflex Paradoxical excitement No pupillary change	Flumazenil-GABA antagonist <small>Contraindicated in seizure risk</small>	Mild vs Severe (grand mal seizure and psychosis) Short vs Long half-life (24-48 vs a week later)	Clonazepam** (CBZ, Clonidine, VPA etc.)
Methamphetamine	ANS hyperactivity, agitation, psychosis ACS, QTc abnormality, Stroke, seizure	Lavage, activated charcoal BZD, haloperidol, olanzapine Avoid beta-blocker**	Depression, somnolence, anxiety, inability to concentrate, increased appetite, and paranoia	Supportive and symptomatic Rx

Psychosis >>> Psychiatric disorders

- Psychotic disorders
 - Schizophrenia
 - Schizoaffective disorder
 - Brief psychotic disorder
 - Delusional disorder
- Mood disorder with psychotic features
 - MDD with psychotic features
 - Bipolar disorder with psychotic features



Management of acute psychosis

- Antipsychotics: may start with low dose at first
 - Haloperidol 0.5-2 mg/day (max 20 mg/day)
 - Risperidone 0.5-2 mg/day (max 6 mg/day)
- Other Antipsychotics: Perphenazine, Chlorpromazine, Quetiapine, Clozapine etc.
- Use Haloperidol IM 2.5-5 mg in case of aggression/severe agitation (repeat every 30 mins)
- May add Benzodiazepines (Diazepam, Clonazepam, Lorazepam)
- Find precipitate of relapse

Risk factors for relapse schizophrenia

- Substance misuse
- Poor compliance to medication
- Poor social support
- Increase psychological stress
- Active medical condition





Major depressive disorder

MDD – DSM-5 criteria

or

- 1. Depressed Mood**
- 2. Loss of interest**

Core
Symptom

3. Worthlessness, Guilt
4. Concentration – Decreased
5. Suicidal ideation
6. Psychomotor – agitation/retardation
7. Energy – Decreased
8. Insomnia/Hypersomnia
9. Significant weight loss/gain

≥ 5 symptoms

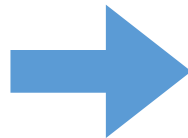
Nearly every day

≥ 2 weeks

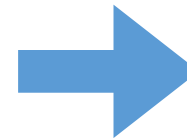
Significant
distress or
impairment

ASSESS SUICIDAL RISK

4S + 1I



- Scene
- Severity of illness
- Stressor
- Supporting system
- Intention to die



Low/Moderate/High
Suicidal risk

***depends on
clinical judgement

SUICIDAL RISK ?

- ผู้ป่วยชายไทย อายุ 65 ปี U/D CA lung with brain metastasis มีปัญหาภรรยามานาน ไม่มีบุตร เพิ่งหย่ากับภรรยาได้ 3 เดือน อยู่คนเดียว ญาติไปพบผู้ป่วยแหวนคอในห้องนอน หมดสติ ที่คอมีแผลเป็นรอยเชือก เคยฆ่าตัวตายมาหลายครั้ง ญาติพามารพ.
- ผู้ป่วยหญิง 30 ปี อยู่หอคนเดียว ทะเลาะกับแฟน อยากตาย โทรไปบอกแฟนว่าจะกินยาฆ่าตัวตาย พร้อมถ่ายคลิปตนเองส่งให้แฟนขณะกำยาไว้ในมือ บอกให้รีบมาที่หอแฟนมาถึงพบว่าผู้ป่วยกินยานอนหลับไป 10 เม็ด แฟนพามารพ.
- วัยรุ่นหญิง อายุ 16 ปี ทะเลาะกับเพื่อน กรีดแขนเป็นรอยถลอกบางๆ 10แผล โพสตรูปรอยกรีดแขนของตนลงIG อยากให้เพื่อนรับรู้ความเจ็บปวดของตน ไม่ได้อยากตาย แม่พามารพ.กังวลว่าลูกจะฆ่าตัวตาย

MANAGEMENT

- Clear active medical condition
- Assess suicidal risk >> D/C, close F/U, Admit
- Collateral data
- Crisis intervention and Safety plan
- Psychi F/U mood at OPD setting





MANAGEMENT

Suicidal precaution Advice***

- มีคนดูแลอย่างใกล้ชิดตลอด 24 ชม.
- เก็บของต่างๆที่ใช้ทำร้ายตัวเองได้
- สังเกตอาการที่เสี่ยงในการทำร้ายตนเอง

Management

Antidepressants for
depression

Fluoxetine 20 mg/day
or Sertraline 50
mg/day

Antipsychotics for
controlling Impulse

Haloperidol 0.5
mg/day or Risperidone
0.5 mg/day

Benzodiazepines for
insomnia

Lorazepam 0.5 mg/day
or clonazepam 0.5
mg/day

คำที่ “ไม่ควรพูด”

- เลิกเศร้าได้แล้ว
- จะเศร้าไปถึงไหน
- ร้องให้ทำไม
- แค่นี้เอง



- อย่าคิดมาก
- เธอต้องทำได้
- การที่เธอเศร้า มันทำให้เราเศร้าไปด้วยนะ

คำที่ “ ควรพูด ”





- เราพร้อมรับฟังเสมอค่ะ
- ฉันอยากเข้าใจเธอค่ะ
- ฉันอาจจะไม่เข้าใจเธอ
แต่ฉันจะอยู่ข้างๆเธอค่ะ

- อยากให้เราช่วยยังไงบ้างไหม
ยินดีช่วยเหลือค่ะ
- เธอไม่ได้อยู่คนเดียวค่ะ



แนวทางการสื่อสาร

ขั้นตอน	ประเด็น
1) ถามเป็น เช่น สัมภาษณ์ภาพและสำรวจปัญหา 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> สร้างสัมพันธภาพ การคุยถึงปัญหาที่ประสบอยู่ ถามเพื่อประเมินความเครียดหรือความคิดฆ่าตัวตาย เช่น “มีอะไรทำให้เครียด” “รู้สึกเป็นทุกข์จนไม่อยากมีชีวิตอยู่ไหม” ถามเพื่อค้นหาแรงจูงใจทางบวก เช่น “ทั้งๆ ที่มีความเครียดหรือความทุกข์มาก อะไรทำให้ยังพยายามอยู่ต่อไป”
2) ชมเป็น เสริมศักยภาพและแรงจูงใจในการต่อสู้ชีวิต 	สรุปตามข้อ 3 ประเด็นมาแสดงความชื่นชม <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ครอบครัว เช่น “คุณเป็นคนที่ห่วงใย ลูก/ครอบครัว” การทำงาน เช่น “คุณเป็นคนที่มีความรับผิดชอบใน การทำงาน” “คุณเป็นเสาหลักของครอบครัว” ตนเอง เช่น “คุณเป็นคนที่มีความยึดมั่นในศาสนา” “คุณเป็นคนที่ใส่ใจสุขภาพ”
3) แนะนำเป็น ให้คำแนะนำที่ตรงกับปัญหา/ความจำเป็น	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ประเมินภาวะสุขภาพจิตด้วย 8Q (ความคิดฆ่าตัวตาย) 9Q (ซึมเศร้า) การเชื่อมโยงเข้ากับบริการต่อเนื่องที่มีบุคลากรด้านสุขภาพจิต การรักษาแรงสนับสนุนทางสังคมทั้งจากครอบครัวและผู้ช่วยเหลือ



Bipolar disorder



Clinical presentation – GIDDINESS > 1 wk

G	Grandiosity (increased confidence)
I	Increased activity***
D	Decreased judgement (risky activities)
D	Distractibility
I	Irritability***
N	Need for sleep decreased
E	Elevated mood***
S	Speedy thoughts (flight of idea)
S	Speed talk – talkative, pressure of speech

ต้องมี

1. Elevated (3) or irritable mood (4)
2. Increased activity

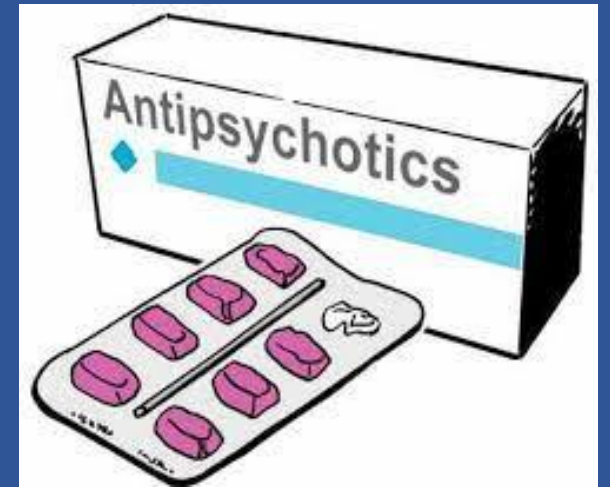
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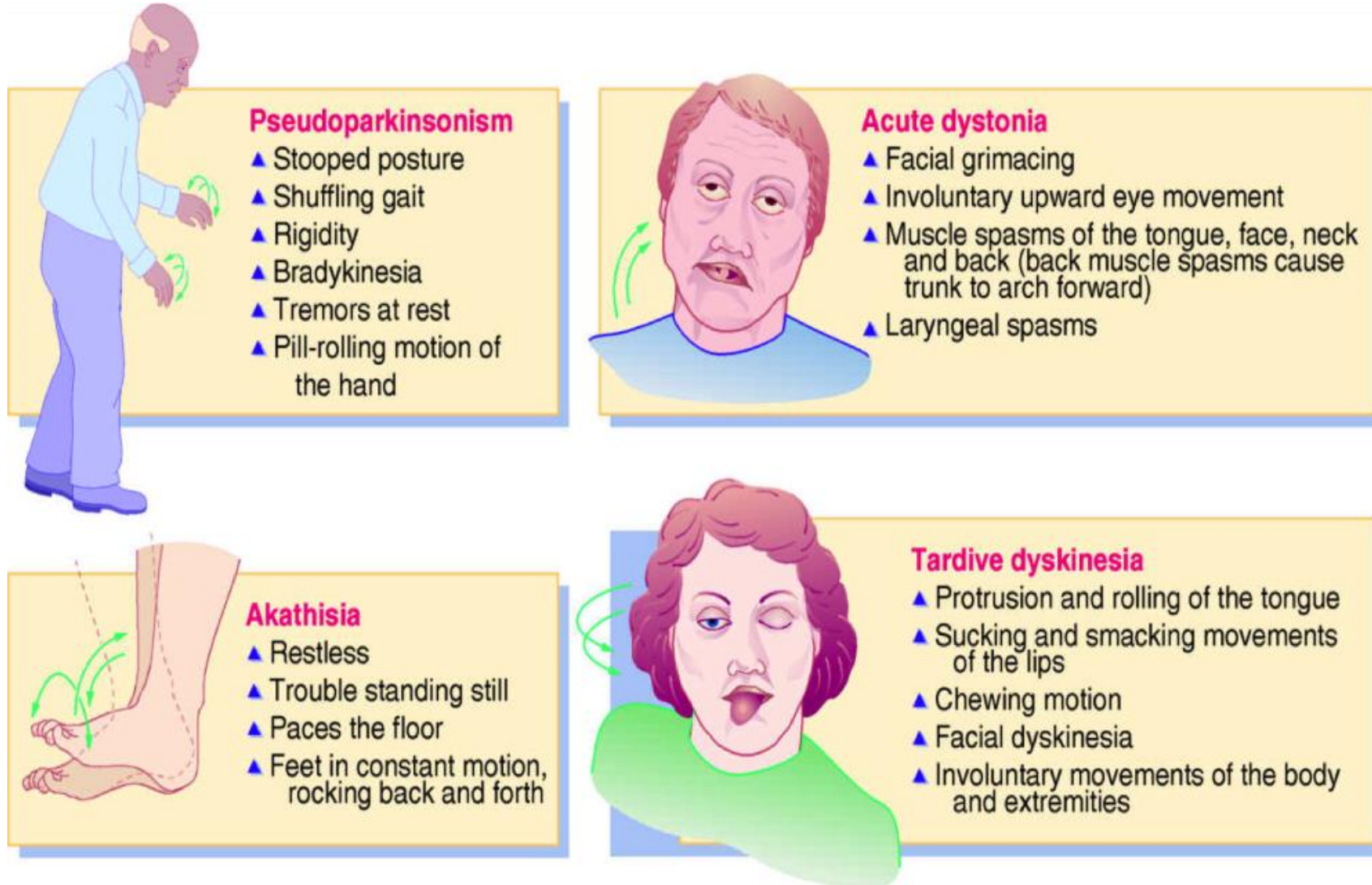
Medication

- **Lithium** : start 600-900 mg/day
- Anticonvulsant
 - Depakine : start 500-1,000 mg/day
 - Carbamazepine : start 400 mg/day
- Antipsychotic
 - Risperidone : start 2-4 mg/day
 - Quetiapine : start 300-800 mg/day

Extrapyramidal side effect (EPS)



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Antipsychotic drugs

- 1st generation antipsychotics (FGA)***
 - Haloperidol, Perphenazine, Chlopromazine, Thioridazine, Trifluoperazine, Fluphenazine, Zuclopentixol, Flupentixol, Pimozide
- 2nd generation antipsychotics (SGA)
 - Clozapine, Risperidone*, Olanzapine, Quetiapine, Ziprazidone, Aripiprazole, Paliperidone, Amisulpride, Lurazidone

ACUTE DYSTONIA > TREATMENT

- Treatment
 - Reassure
 - Benztropine 2 mg IM/IV or Diazepam 5-10 mg IV or Diphenhydramine 50mg IV
 - +/- Switch antipsychotic
 - Continue benzhexol oral for 2 wks



Extrapyramidal Side Effects (EPS)

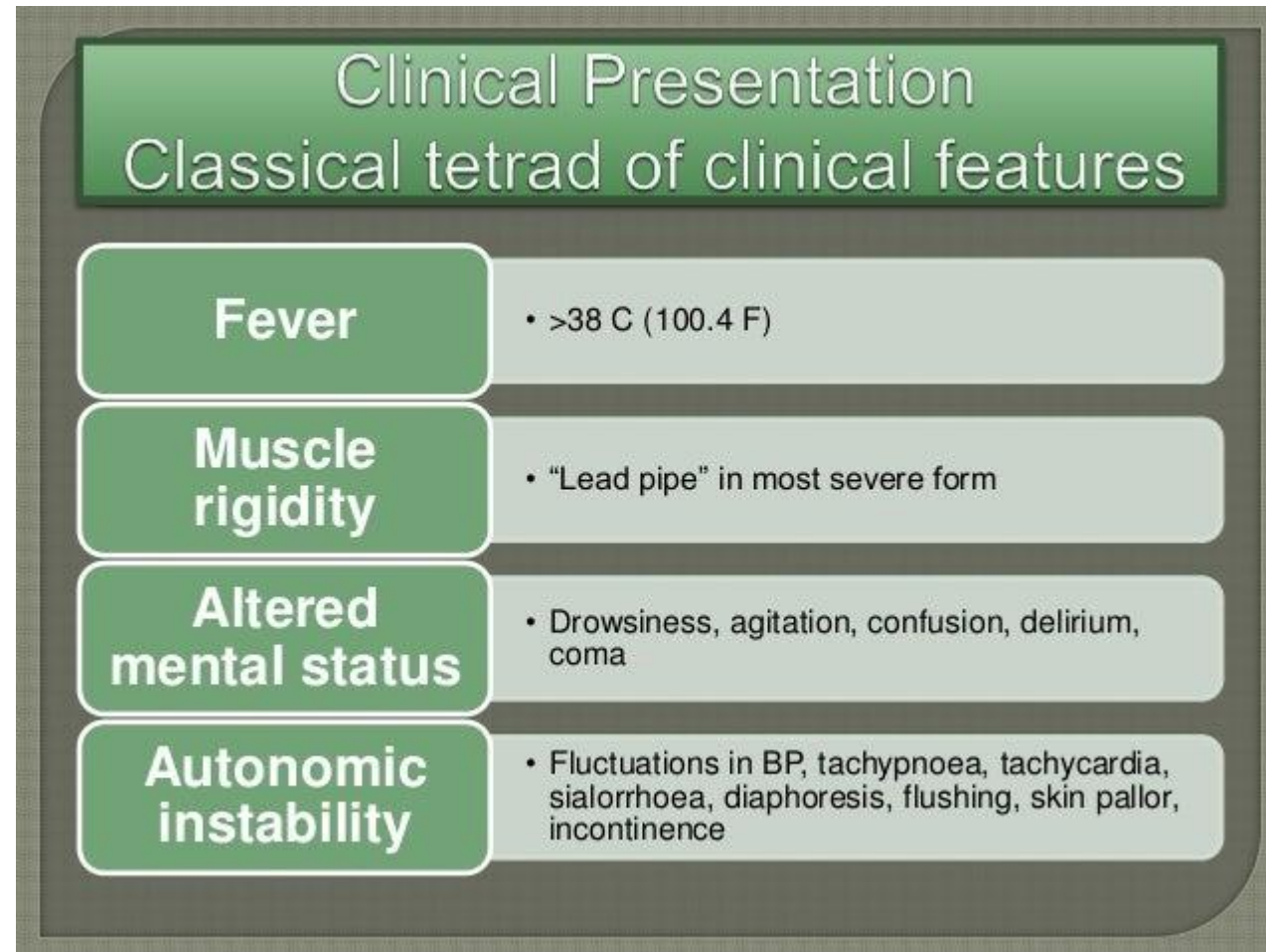
Dose-dependent and potency related.

High-potency typical antipsychotics (haloperidol, fluphenazine) more likely to result in extrapyramidal symptoms.

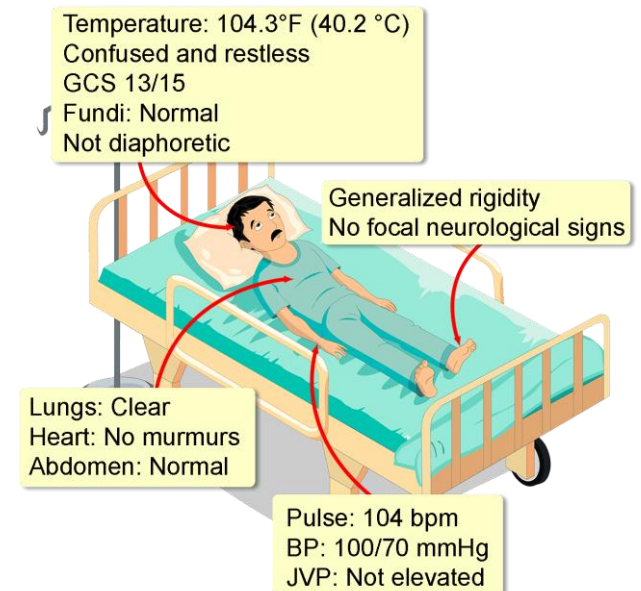
Atypical agents are the first line treatment for schizophrenia due to lower risk of developing EPS.

Time Period	Adverse Effect	Symptoms	Treatment
Hours to Days	Acute Dystonia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cramping and sustained muscle spasms/contractions.▪ Oculogyric crisis: spasm of eyeballs in fixed position; torticollis: neck spasm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Benztropine (anticholinergic)▪ Diphenhydramine (antihistamine)
Days	Akathisia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Restlessness and “fidgetiness.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Propranolol (β-blocker)▪ Benzodiazepine▪ Benzotropine
Weeks to Months	Parkinsonism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cog-wheel type muscle rigidity, masked facies, shuffling gait, resting tremor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ ↓ dosage of antipsychotic if possible.▪ Benzotropine / diphenhydramine
Months	Tardive Dyskinesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Involuntary movements, especially lower face: grimacing, tongue protrusion, lip smacking, puckering.▪ Twisting and tapping of lower extremities.▪ Generally irreversible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discontinue or ↓ dosage of typical antipsychotic.▪ Switch to atypical antipsychotic (clozapine).

Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome(NMS)



- + recent DA antagonist exposure/withdraw + exclude other potential causes



Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome(NMS)

- Ix: Leukocytosis, CPK rising(4 times upper limit)
- Mx: Iv hydration, stop antipsychotics, Bromocriptine/Dantrolene



Hyperventilation syndrome

CLINICAL PRESENTATION

- Tachypnea
- Carpopedal spasm
- Other nonspecific symptoms:
 - Tachycardia, chest discomfort, dizziness, paresthesia, agitation, anxiety

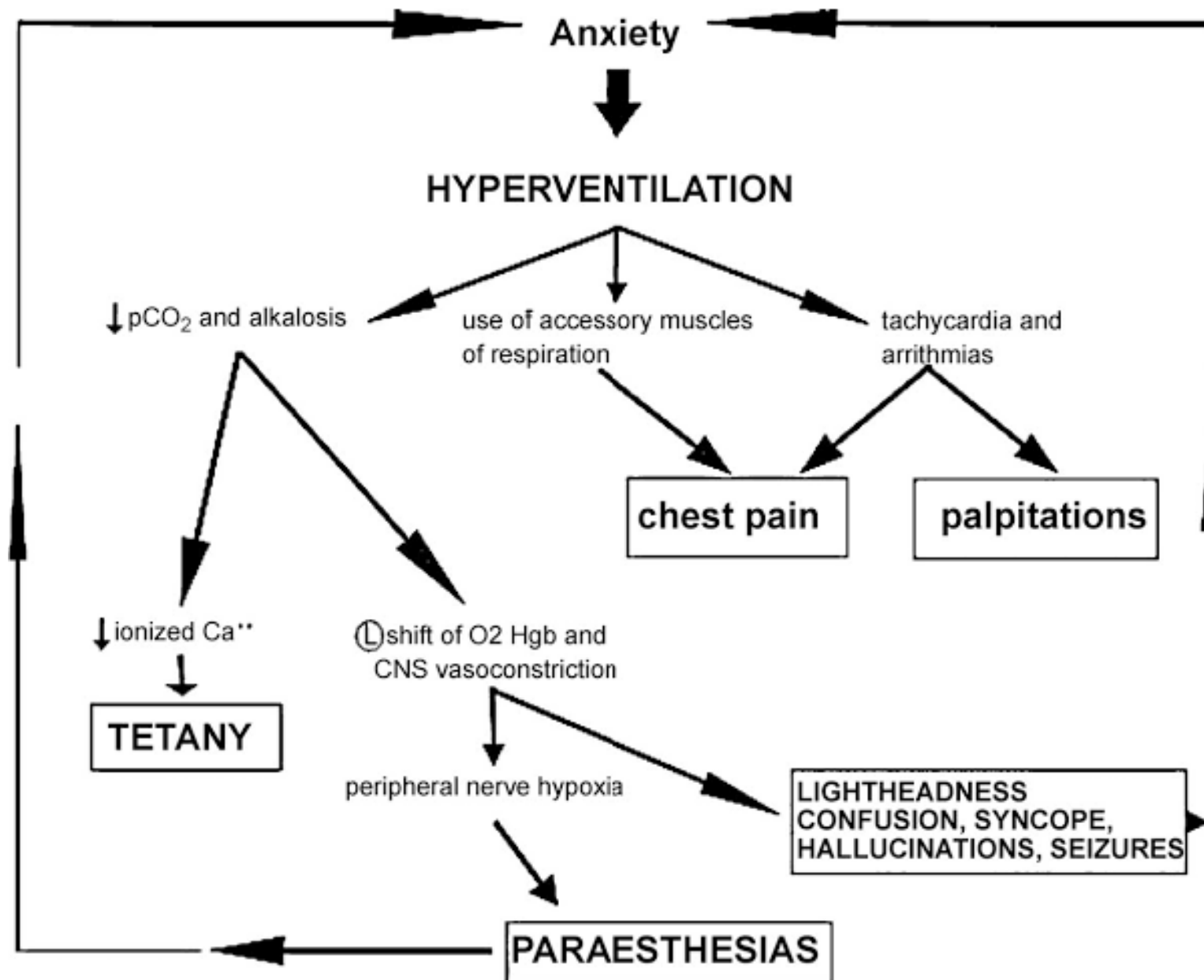


Figure 1. Pathophysiologic mechanism of hyperventilation.(adapted from Herman *et al.*)¹⁷

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

Metabolic	Ketoacidosis, hypoglycemia, hypocalcemia
Cardiovascular	Acute coronary syndrome, arrhythmia, heart failure
Pulmonary	Pulmonary embolism, pneumothorax, asthma exacerbation, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease exacerbation
Endocrine	Hyperthyroidism

MANAGEMENT

- Diaphragmatic breathing
- *** NO MORE BREATHING INTO PAPER BAG***



MANAGEMENT

- Provide calm environment
- If not improving > Diazepam 5 mg PO or 5-10 mg IV
- May prescribe home medication for 1-2 weeks (eg. Diazepam 2-5 mg PO hs) in case of recurrent
- Psychoeducation
 - Reassure – not life-threatening ≠ ไม่ได้เป็นอะไร, ≠ แก้ง่าย
 - Breathing exercise

Insomnia

Medication	Indication	ขนาดที่มีใช้ (mg)
Lorazepam	Initial insomnia	0.5, 2
Clonazepam	Maintaining insomnia	0.5, 2
Diazepam	Early-morning awakening insomnia	2, 5
Trazodone	For elderly, not induced delirium	50

*** no more “Alprazolam” in insomnia***

SLEEP HYGIENE

YOUR PERSONAL HABITS



FIX A BEDTIME AND AN AWAKENING TIME

The body "gets used" to falling asleep at a certain time, but only if this is relatively fixed.

AVOID NAPPING DURING THE DAY

Or make sure you limit the nap to 20-30 minutes.



AVOID CAFFEINE & ALCOHOL 4-6 HOURS BEFORE BED

EXERCISE, BUT NOT BEFORE BED

Strenuous exercise within two hours before bedtime can interfere with your ability to fall asleep.



YOUR SLEEPING ENVIRONMENT



USE COMFORTABLE BEDDING

Find comfortable bedding and a good temperature to keep the room well ventilated.

BLOCK OUT ALL DISTRACTING NOISE

Also eliminate as much light as possible.



RESERVE THE BED FOR THE THREE S's: SLEEP, SEX, AND SICKNESS

Don't use the bed as an office. Let your body "know" that the bed is associated only with the Three S's.

GETTING READY FOR BED



TRY A LIGHT SNACK BEFORE BED

Warm milk and foods high in the amino acid tryptophan, such as bananas, may help you sleep.

USE RELAXATION TECHNIQUES AND DON'T TAKE YOUR WORRIES TO BED



GET INTO YOUR FAVORITE SLEEPING POSITION

Don't toss and turn in bed. If you think it's been more than 30 minutes, get up, and do a relaxing activity (try light reading)

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