

Delirium Tremens

36 year old patient is brought in to the department by ambulance. He is agitated and keeps trying to push things off himself when there is nothing there. He is known to the department as a regular who comes in intoxicated with alcohol. According to the ambulance he had not been seen for 3 days and when his friend went to see him he was found in this condition.

List 6 signs or symptoms of alcohol withdrawal other than mentioned above. - 3 points

Before you get to see the patient he has a grand mal seizure. It lasts 2 minutes and self terminates before you give him anything. His temp is now 38, HR 130, BP 140/65, BM is 1.5. GCS is 11. Assuming O2 is on and pt has IV access, describe your immediate treatment. 4 points

What is the Wernicke's encephalopathy triad? 3 points
