

In spinal cord injury.

What does power 0-5 mean. (5 points)

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| <p>0- No movement
1- Minimal movement
2- Movement not against gravity
3- Movement against gravity
4- Movement against some resistance
5- Movement against full resistance</p> |
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<p>Below what level of spinal injury does neurogenic shock become less pronounced and why? (2 points)</p>

<p><i>Below C6- sympathetic nerves leave the SC between C7 and L1</i></p>

<p>A 75 year old man presents to A&E c/o weakness in his hands. He fell over the previous evening and hit his forehead on the table on the way down. Today he noticed that he keeps dropping things and was unable to brush his teeth.</p>
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<p>What is this syndrome called? 1 point</p>
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<p>What is the most common condition predisposing to this injury? 1 point</p>

<p><i>Central cord syndrome</i></p>

<p><i>Cervical Spondylosis</i></p>

<p>In what age group is SCIWORA most likely? 1 point</p>
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<p>The young – especially <9 yrs old</p>

A 12 year old boy presents to your department with a 4 hour H/O headache, preceded by a day H/O cold, runny nose and temperatures. Mum noticed a fine petechial rash on his belly.

Name 3 investigations which would alter your management in A&E and why. (3 points)

LP- to check for the signs of meningitis

WCC- check for leukopenia,

Platelets-thrombocytopenia

Hb- anaemia

U&E- Hyponatraemia

BM/Glucose- hypoglycaemia

Name 3 contraindications to LP (3 points)

Coagulopathy

Raised intracranial pressure

Cellulitis/infection at the site of LP

Patient/carer refusal

Spine abnormalities

Name 4 abnormalities in LP results suggestive of bacterial meningitis. (4 points)

Pressure- raised >15-18cm

High WCC- typically thousands, except in pt with shunts who tend to have high WCC

Presence of microorganisms on gram stain

Glucose- lower than serum

Protein- high (>150 usually >1000)

Frank puss

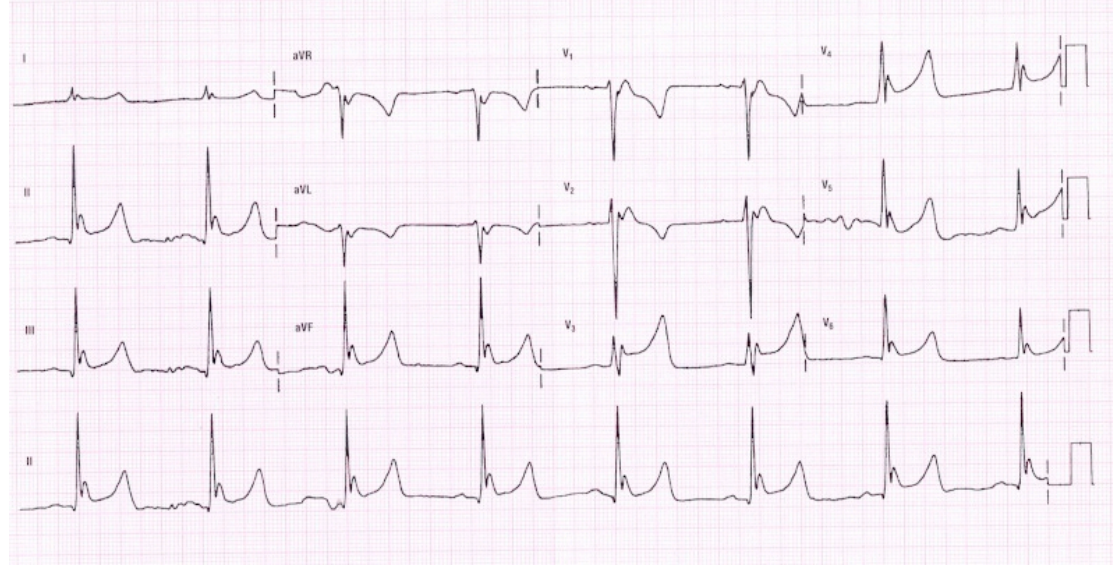
Hypothermia

At what temperature would you consider pt to be hypothermic? 1 point

A CORE temperature of 35°C or less

List 4 symptoms of mild hypothermia. 4 points

Shivering, tachycardia, tachypnea, peripheral vasoconstriction, increase in BP, ataxia, amnesia, dysarthria, ataxia, apathy



This ECG shows 2 signs typical of moderate hypothermia. What are they? 2 points

J waves (Osbourne waves), bradycardia

List 2 non environmental, chronic conditions which would predispose you to hypothermia. 2 points

Hormonal

- *Hypothyroidism*
- *Hypopituitarism*
- *Diabetes*
- *Hypoadrenalism*

CNS tumours

What effect does hypothermia has on the urine output and why? 1 point

Polyuria- impairs renal concentrating ability leading to "cold diuresis"

A 5 year old boy comes with his mum to A&E, with difficulty in breathing. HE was well until a couple of hours ago except for a bit of a cold and runny nose. He has no past medical history but is looking very unwell now. His RR is 40 with an obvious stridor and significant accessory muscle use, he is holding his head forward, unable to swallow saliva, his temp is 39.5 °C. Give 2 differential diagnoses. 2 points

Epiglottitis
Severe Croup
Tracheitis

What would be your first action in management of this patient? 1 point

Give O₂

Despite your care the child is not improving, appears septic and anxious. Describe the subsequent steps in your management. 3 points

Keep child calm
Call paediatric help
Call ICU/anaesthetist
Set up for urgent intubation/surgical airway
Point subtracted for IV access and antibiotics

The X-ray on the right was performed in a 2 year old who presented in a similar way.
 Name 3 abnormalities on this X-ray.
 3 points



hypopharyngeal dilatation,
the swollen epiglottis,
lack of definable aryepiglottic folds

What are the 2 most important steps in the management of this disease? 1 point

Secure airway
IV antibiotics

A 19 year old male was found on the beach at 0100. His friends brought him to A&E but promptly disappeared. On arrival in the department he is very drowsy- GCS=

Eye- 1

Verbal- 4

Motor- 5

There are no obvious signs of external injuries but he is wet and covered in sand.

Describe 4 important aspects of your initial treatment. 2 points

O2, immobilise neck, IV Access, remove wet clothing and actively re-warm

His pulse is 120, BP 100/60. Apart from the usual FBC, U&Es what further investigations would you carryout? 3 points

Sats, BM, ABG, C spine X-ray, CXr, core temperature ½ point each

His electrolytes are as follows:

Na- 150

K- 3.6

Cl- 101

Ur- 6

Cr- 115

HCO3- 20

Gluc- 3.5

What are the 2 abnormalities? 2points

Hypernatraemia and increased anion gap

What is the likely initial cause of the state the patient is in? 1point

Ethanol intoxication- 30-50% of near-drownings are associated with drinking.

He was found on a sea beach. What difference does that make to your initial management? 1point

Which of the above tests suggest that he might have spent some time in the sea and why? 1point

No difference to management

Na is high suggests swallowing sea water