

A 35 year old man comes to A&E with sore throat, temperature and generalised aches and pains. He is concerned as he just came back from France and is worried that he might have bird flu. What 4 questions would you ask him from the WHO recommendations? 2 points

<i>Ask whether he has been in the region where birds have been infected? Has he been in contact with dead birds while there? Has he visited any poultry farms/markets while there? Does he think he might have eaten a poorly cooked/raw bird egg while on holidays?</i>
Name 4 EU countries, other than France, in which Bird flu has been documented. 4 points
<i>Germany, Croatia, Austria, Slovenia, Greece, Hungary, Cyprus & Italy</i>
What are the WHO recommendations regarding visits to infected regions, except the questions in 1 st part? 2 points
<i>Wash your hands frequently with soap and water Do not try to bring any live or dead birds to UK</i>
What symptoms would you expect a patient with bird flu to have early on during the disease? 2 points
<i>Temp > 38°C Sore throat Sore eyes Achy joints and muscles Generally feeling unwell Cough SOB SAME AS ANY FLU</i>

A 68 year old man is brought in c/o problems with speech. He is slightly drooling and R corner of his mouth is sagging. This all started 45 minutes ago.

List 4 independent risk factors which predict the probability of CVA pot TIA?

2 points

What are the chances of the pt having a stroke within 90 days if all 5 factors are present? 1 point

AGE- > 60

Duration > 10 min

Signs of weakness

Speech dif f iculty

Diabetes

34%

List 4 symptoms compatible with a posterior circulation TIA/CVE. 2points

Virtigo

Diplopia

Bilateral simultaneous visual loss

Bilateral simultaneous weakness

Bilateral simultaneous sensory disturbance

Crossed sensory/motor loss

Can also be- Dysarthria, homonymous hemianopia, dysphagia.

What does “locked in” syndrome signify? 1point

Pt remains conciouss but cannot move- stroke af f ecting ventral pontine motor areas (pt is capable of looking upwardsonly)

What are the indications for emergency thrombolysis in CVEs? 3 points

Onset < 3 hours

No improvement in symptoms

No haemorrhage on CT

Age > 18

No contraindications to thrombolysis

A 17 year old girl has come in with suspected appendicitis. Your SHO goes to see her and returns ½ hour later looking concerned. He tells you that he saw the patient who was initially in pain and was having problems moving on bed, she had localised peritonitis in RIF and he referred her to surgeons. When he went back to see her she appeared to be in some distress. You go and see the patient who is sitting in bed looking worried and keeps looking all around her. She says she can't stop herself. What is the condition called? 1 point

<i>Oculogyric crisis- part of the dystonic reactions</i>
What is the likely cause in this pt? List 2 other causes. 3points
<i>Antiemetic drug Antipsychotics antidepressants</i>
List 6 other symptoms the pt might develop. 3 points
<i>Buccolingual crisis Protrusion of tongue Forced Jaw opening Difficulty in speaking Facial Grimacing Torticollis Opisthotonic crisis (Any idea what this is?) Lordosis or Scoliosis Tortipelvic crisis</i>
List 4 factors which would predispose a pt to this attack.2 points
<i>Young age Female gender Viral infection Cocaine abuse Alcohol abuse Family history of dystonia</i>
What is the treatment? 1 point
<i>Antimuscarinic drugs e.g. benztropin 1-2 mg IV or procyclidine 5-10 mg IV extra point for doses</i>
What 2 pieces of advice would you give the SHO? 2 points
<i>Antiemetics are relatively contraindicated in young especially females BNF advises to avoid. They have no effect on the nausea related to opioid use (2 randomised double blind trials in A&E and an observational study), except 5HT₃ antagonists. Not a clinically serious event, just scary.</i>

Name 8 complications of transfusion. 4 points

<i>Immediate-</i> <i>Acute haemolytic reaction due to ABO incompatibility</i> <i>Febrile non haemolytic transfusion reaction</i> <i>Allergic reaction</i> <i>Hypokalaemia</i>
<i>Delayed-</i> <i>Infections</i> <i>Hypocalcaemia</i> <i>Acid base disturbances</i> <i>Fluid overload</i> <i>Hypothermia</i> <i>Delayed haemolytic reaction</i> <i>Graft vs-host disease</i>
Which group of patients are most likely to get the most severe type reaction? 1 point
<i>Unconscious or intubated</i>
List 4 indications for FFP transfusion 2 points
<i>Pt on warfarin or other anticoagulants</i> <i>Pt with liver disease or DIC</i> <i>Pt with congenital factor deficiencies when the specific factors not available</i> <i>Pt with thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura</i> <i>Pt with massive transfusion and signs of coagulopathy and ongoing bleed</i> <i>Pt with antithrombin 3 deficiency</i>
Which products are used to treat haemophilia A and which haemophilia B? 2 points
<i>A- factor VIII</i> <i>B- factor IX</i>
What drug can be used to reverse heparin and how quickly does it act? 1 point
<i>Protamine acts within 5 min</i>

A 48 year old pt is brought into the department complaining of a headache and sore neck. This was a sudden onset severe headache and he passed out for a minute or so. He is conscious but keeps his eyes closed until you talk to him, he can give you full history and there is no obvious neurological deficit. The most likely diagnosis is a subarachnoid haemorrhage. List 4 factors in the past medical history would increase the likelihood of that event. 4 points

<i>Smoking</i> <i>Family history</i> <i>Hypertension</i> <i>Connective tissue disease- particularly polycystic kidney and neurofibromatosis</i> <i>Sickle cell disease</i> <i>A.</i>
--

What factors go into the WFNS grading system of SAH, what scale does it run and what grade bleed is the pt? 3 points
--

<i>GCS and presence of motor deficit</i> <i>1-5</i> <i>Grade 2</i>	The other grading system is Hunt and Hess also 1-5 and takes into account severity of headache and extent of neurological deficit
--	---

List 6 methods of investigating acute intracranial bleed 3 points

<i>CT</i> <i>MRI</i> <i>MRA</i> <i>USS in neonates</i> <i>Angiogram</i> <i>Lumbar puncture</i>
