



# DKA Fluid Controversies

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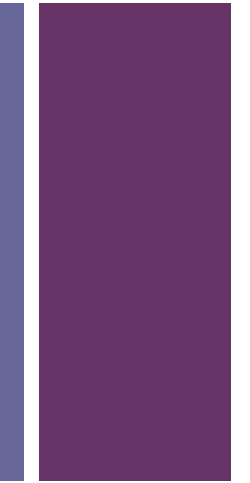
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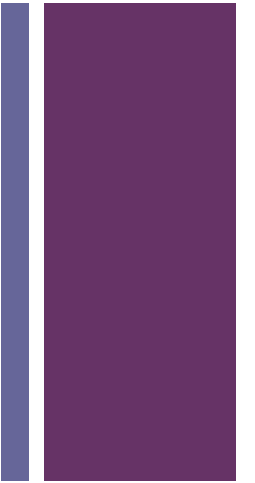


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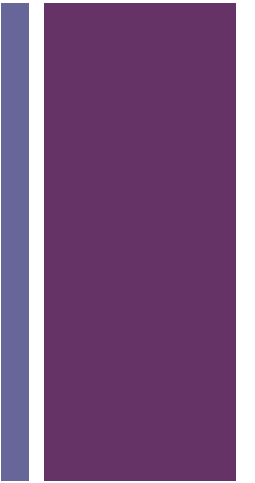
# Objectives

- Will touch base over some basic DKA knowledge
- Explore current management strategies
- Question why is it of importance
- Share evidence and future prospectives





# DKA Definition



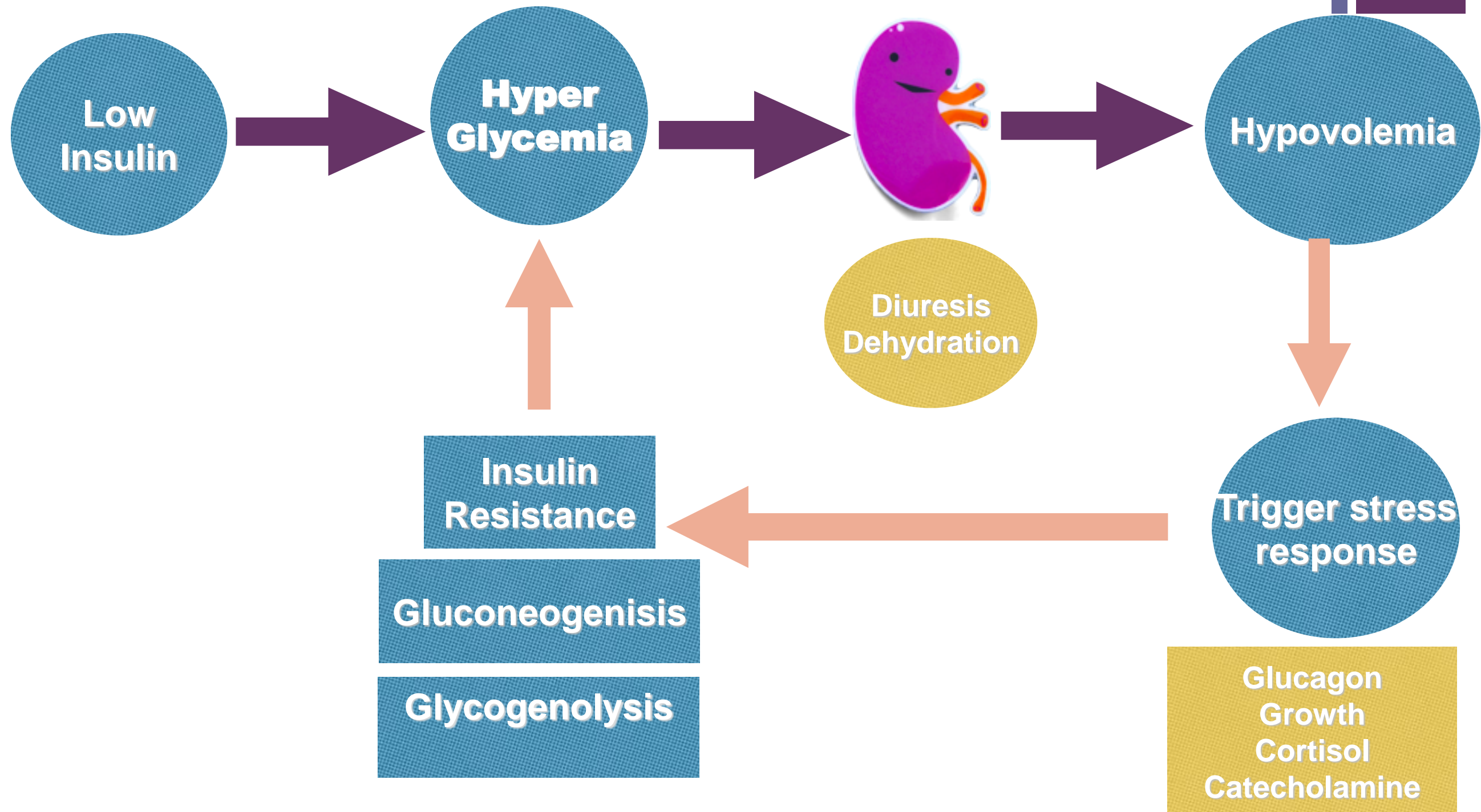
- Hyperglycemia: Glucose  $> 200$  mg/dl
- PH  $< 7.3$  and/or
- Bicarbonate 15 meq/L or below \*
- Ketonemia/ketonuria



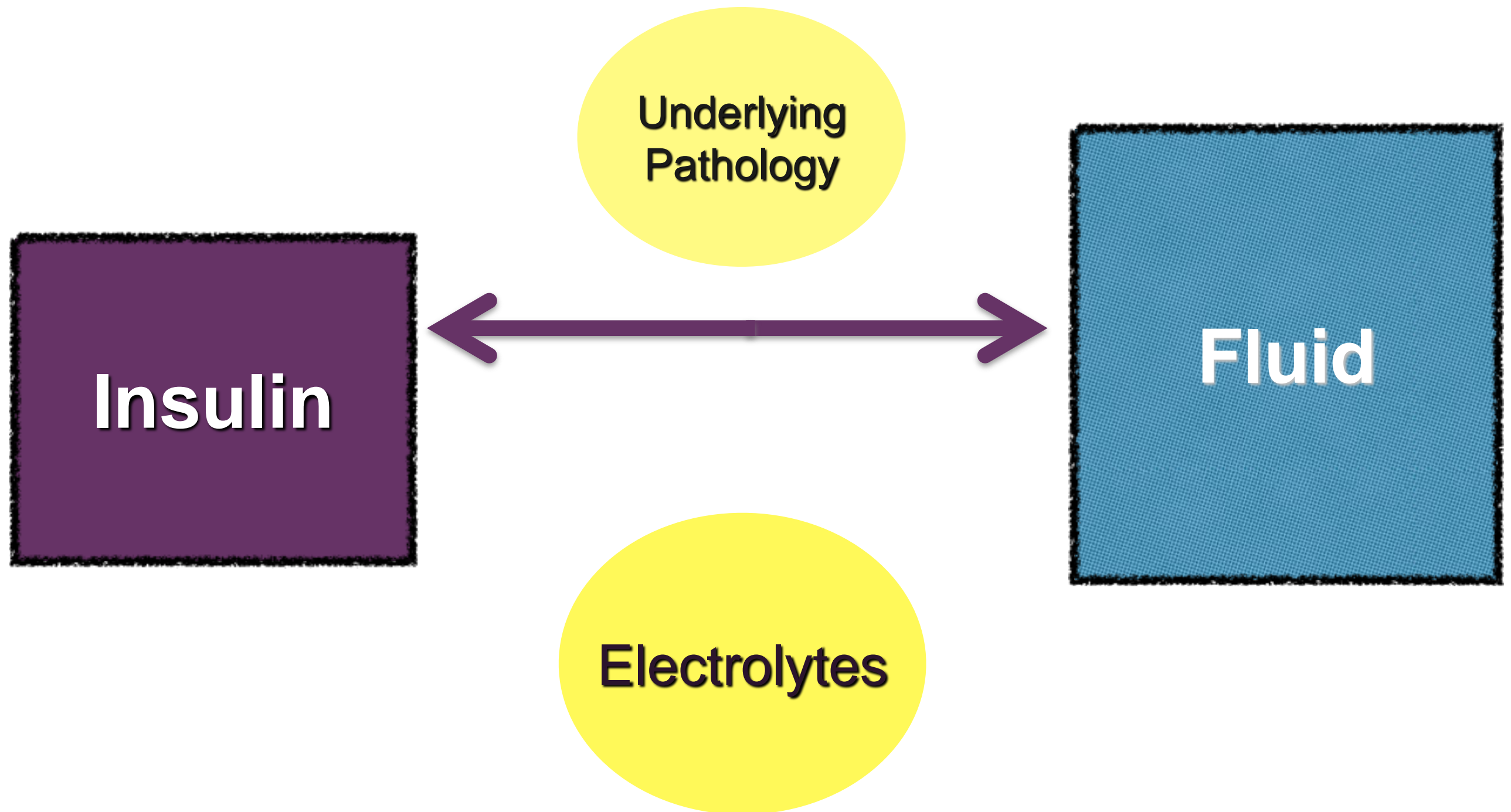
# Epidemiology

- Type 1 DM is 1–10% per patient per year
- 15–83% of new onset DM present in DKA
- 64% of all deaths in kids with DM associated with DKA
- 83–97% deaths due to DM are caused by DKA

# + Pathophysiology



# + DKA Management

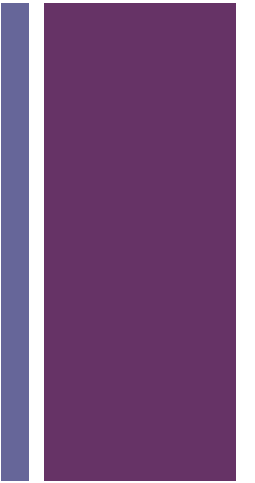






# Fluid Management

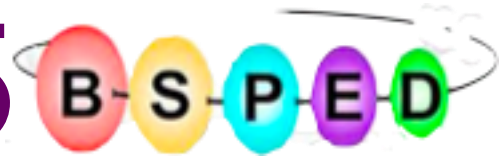
- Volume expansion
- Sodium replacement
- Improve glomerular filtration
- Reduce the risk of ***cerebral edema***







# + BSPED Guideline 2015



- **Initial Fluid:** Maximum 10ml/kg
- **Maintenance:** Reduced volume rule

**1st 10 kgs  
2ml/kg**

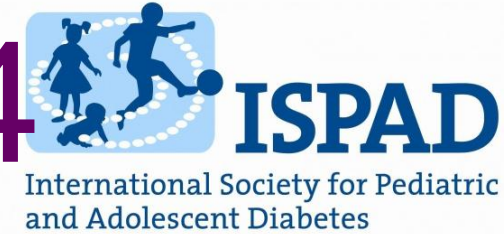
**10-40 kgs  
1ml/kg**

**40 kgs and above  
40ml/hour**

- **Deficit** evenly over 48 hours
- Deduct initially hour IVF if used  $> 20\text{ml/kg}$



# ISPAD Guideline 2014



- 1st hour IVF: No mention of rate
- Aim to restore circulation
- Maintenance and deficit evenly not to  
exceed 1.5-2 times maintenance /day



# North American Guidelines



Both has no specific IVF rate  
in the first hour !



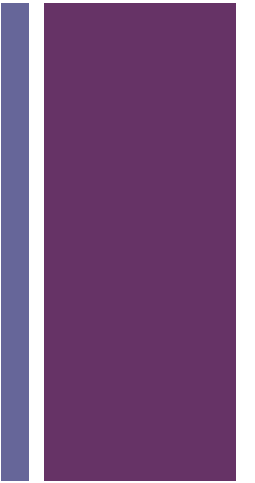
# Canadian Hospitals Guidelines



- 5-10 ml/kg/hour
- 7 ml/kg/hour
- Deficit is Evenly distributed over 48 hour



# Fluid Management Dilemmas

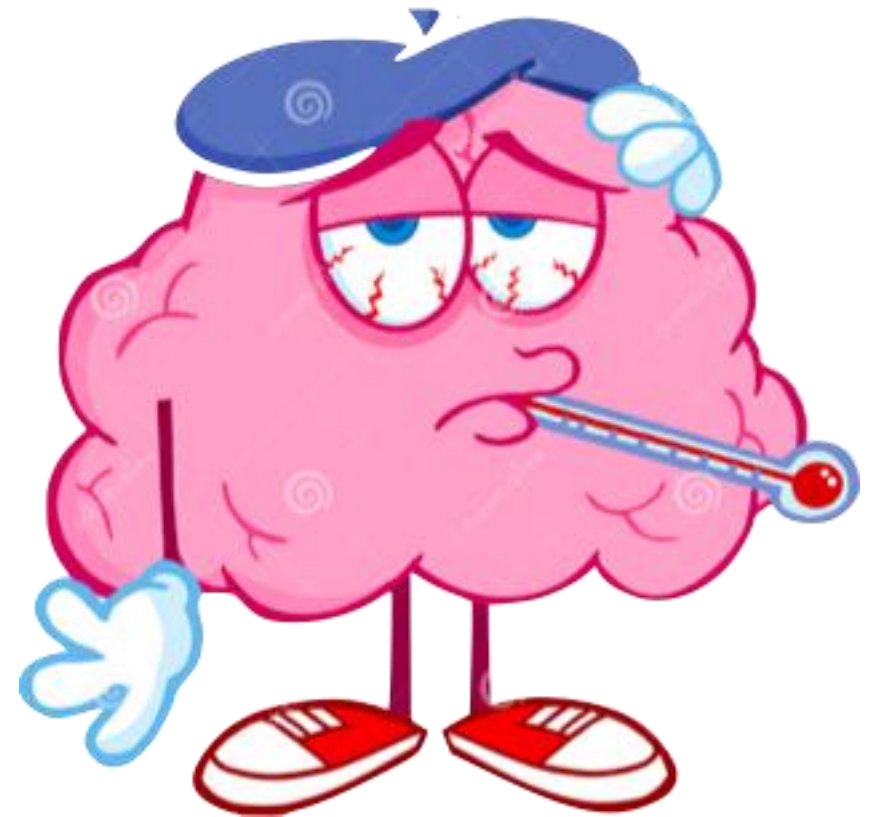


- Bolus vs 10 ml/kg/hr
- Deficit (50% over 8 hours then the rest over 16 hours) vs equal distribution over 48 hours
- Deficit estimation methods
- Deduction of first hour fluid from deficit
- K<sup>+</sup> replacement



# Why is it a BIG deal ?

Risk of  
Cerebral  
Edema  
(CE)







# Cerebral Edema 2ry to DKA



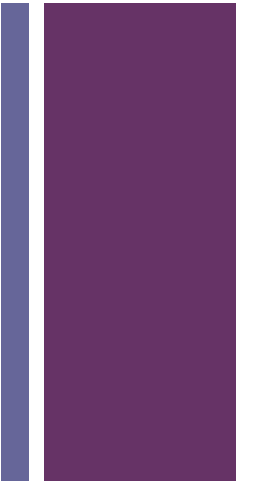
- Occurs in 0.5-1% of DKA cases (overt)
- Up to 40% mortality
- Survivors will have neurological





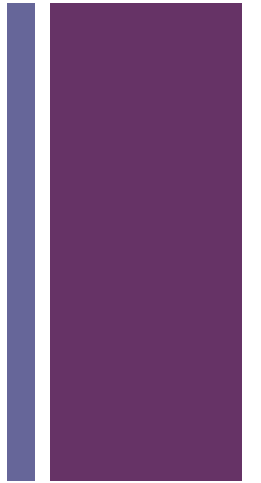
# Subtle Cerebral Edema

- Occurs up to 50% of DKA cases
- GCS <15 if there is ventricular narrowing 55%
- MRI Spectroscopy measure metabolites



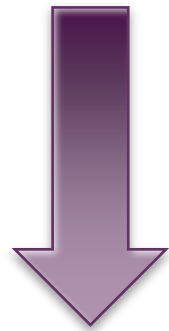


# Why does CE occurs in DKA ?



- Aggressive fluid therapy

(iatrogenic)



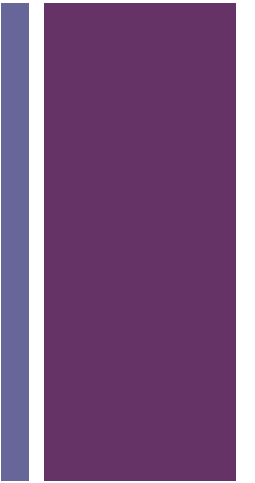
- Fluid shift by osmotic changes

were the main reason of DKA CE

NOT well  
supported  
by evidence



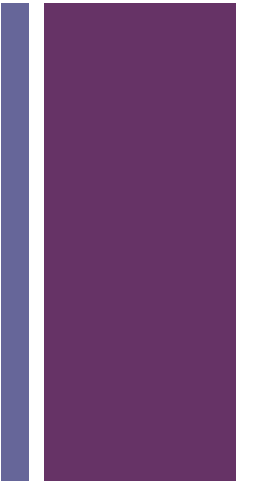
# Understanding CE in DKA



- Krane et al, CT of asymptomatic patients showed decreased ventricular size during treatment
- Hoffman et al, CT showed decreased ventricular size prior to and during management compared to recovery



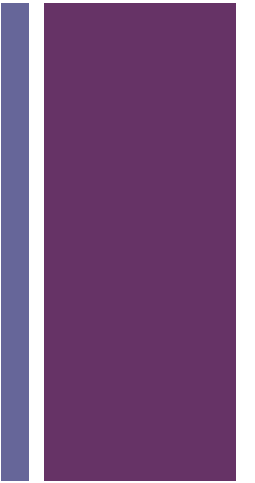
# Understanding CE in DKA



- 40% DKA patient with profound neurological disturbance Dx CE had normal initial CT scan.
- Repeated imaging showed Edema, Hemorrhage or Infarction



# Understanding CE in DKA



- CE risk factors:

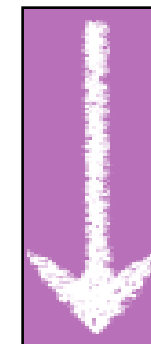
-  BUN

-  CO<sub>2</sub>

- Sodium change

- Treatment with Bicarb

Dehydration  
+  
Acidosis



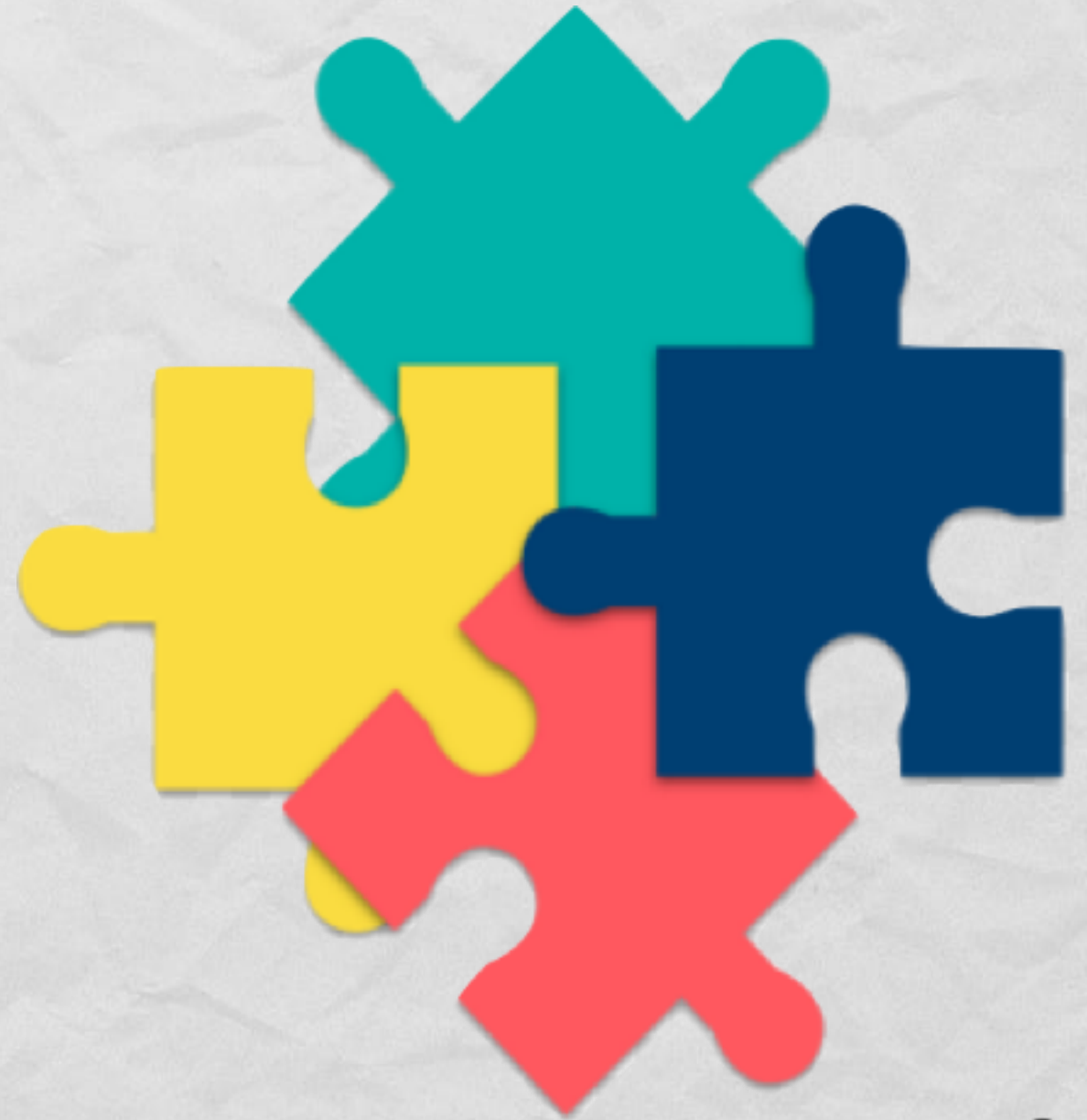
Cerebral poor perfusion

Dehydration

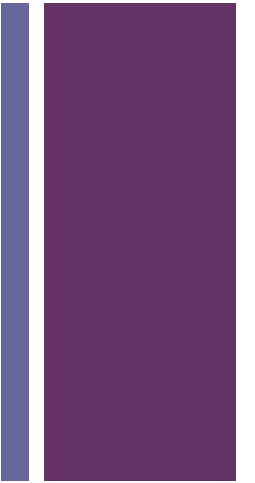
CE pre-treatment

Symptomatic CE with  
normal CT

MRI spectroscopy





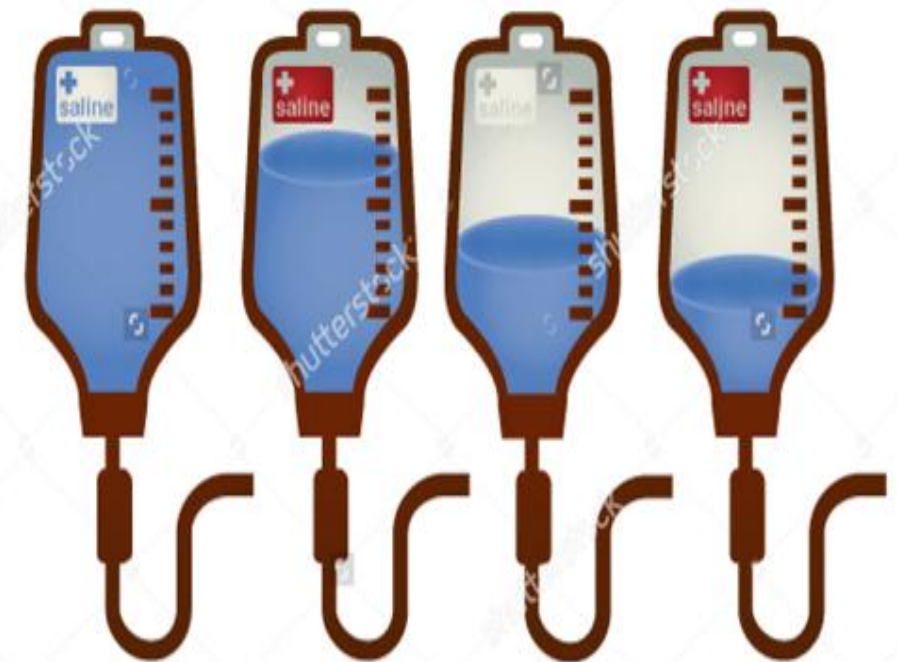


So what IVF  
Rate is the  
Best to choose?





**NO  
EVIDENCE**



# + PECARN Fluid study



● Prospective RCT

● 4 arms of fluid



- 2 boluses 10ml/kg each
- 10% assumed deficit
- Replacement: 50% over 12 hours and the other 50% over 24 hours



0.45% Saline



0.9% Saline



- 1 bolus 10ml/kg
- 5% assumed deficit
- Replacement: evenly over 48 hours



0.45% Saline



0.9% Saline



# Take Home Message

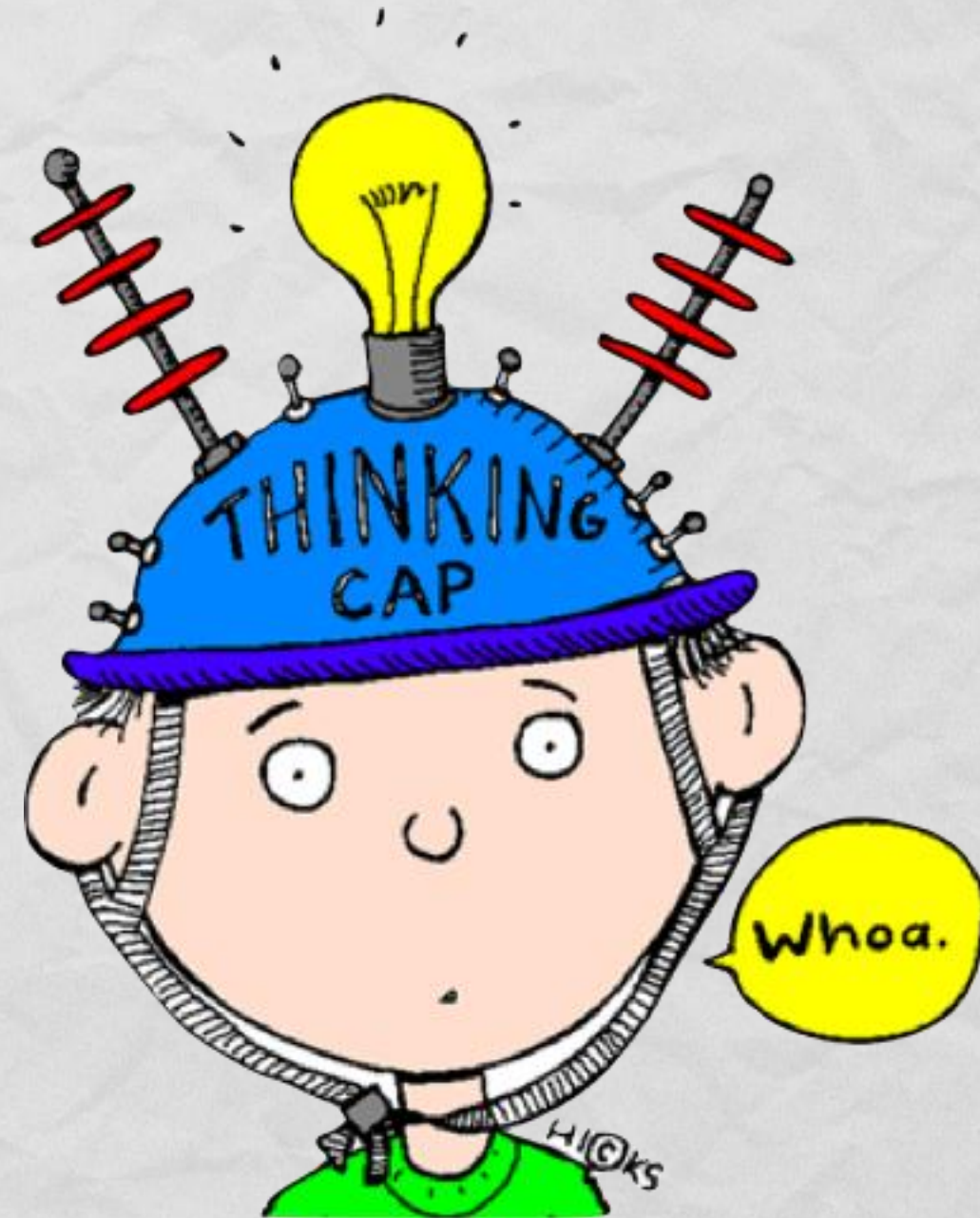
- There is NO GOLD STANDARD fluid management YET
- Osmotic shift is not the only explanation for CE
- CE can be subtle, watch for it
- Wait for PECARN fluid results



# Teşekkürler

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# Thanks



# why not bicarb

- Theoretical decrease in tissue perfusion due to
- reversal of the Bohr effect
- Increased risk of hypokalemia
- Does not hasten resolution of acidosis (other than very short term)
- May result in increased hepatic ketone production
- May result in CNS acidosis
- Increased risk of cerebral edema



# DKA Complication

- Cerebral Edema
- *But there are other serious complications:*
- CNS infarction/ hemorrhage including venous *sinus thrombosis*
- Arrhythmias/cardiac arrest - 2ry to electrolyte abnormalities or possibly long QTc

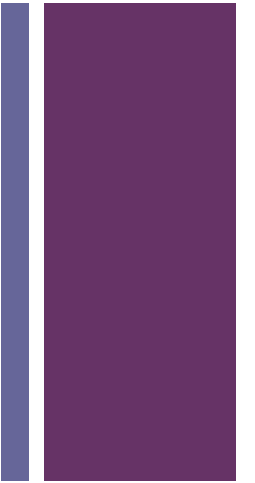
# Complication cont'

- Venous thrombosis 20 hypercoagulable state
- DVT in up to 50% of children with DKA and femoral lines
- Pulmonary edema / ARDS
- Acute renal failure (ATN)
- Bowel ischemia - necrosis, stricture formation



# DKA Risk

- This risk increases with poor control



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Corrected sodium} &= \text{measured Na} \\ &+ 2([\text{plasma glucose} - 5.6]/5.6) \\ &\quad (\text{mmol/L}) \end{aligned}$$

- At present, the impact of fluid resuscitation protocols on DKA-related brain injury in children remains unknown.
- No treatment strategy can be definitively recommended as being superior to another based on evidence