

Hyponatremia: Approach & Management

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Objectives

- Define Hyponatremia
- 6 step approach and management of Hyponatremia
- Complications of Hyponatremia
- What to do if you over-correct Na?

What is Hyponatremia?

- Most common electrolyte disorder
- Occurs in about 20% of all Hospital admissions
- 30% of ICU admissions
- Levels <135 is directly associated with \uparrow ed in Hospital mortality (acute $>$ chronic)

Hyponatremia

- **Mild:** 130 – 135 mmol/L
- **Moderate:** 125 – 129 mmol/L
- **Severe:** < 125 mmol/L

Hyponatremia

- Acute (<48 hrs) vs Chronic
- By Symptoms:

Severity	Symptom
Moderately severe	Nausea without vomiting Confusion Headache
Severe	Vomiting Cardiorespiratory distress Abnormal and deep somnolence Seizures Coma (Glasgow Coma Scale ≤ 8)

The Traditional Approach



$$\begin{aligned}
p = & n_e KT + n_i KT - KT \left[\frac{\kappa^3}{24\pi} + 2\pi \left[n_e n_e \lambda_{ee}^3 \left[K_0(\xi_{ee}) - \frac{\xi_{ee}^3}{6} (\ln \kappa \lambda_{ee}) \right] \right. \right. \\
& + n_i n_i \lambda_{ii}^3 \left[K_0(\xi_{ii}) - \frac{\xi_{ii}^3}{6} (\ln \kappa \lambda_{ii}) \right] + 2n_e n_i \lambda_{ei}^3 \left[K_0(\xi_{ei}) - \frac{\xi_{ei}^3}{6} (\ln \kappa \lambda_{ei}) \right] \left. \right] \\
& + \frac{\kappa^3}{24\pi} \left[3(\kappa \lambda_{ee})^2 + 3(\kappa \lambda_{ii})^2 + 6(\kappa \lambda_{ei})^2 - \frac{9}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{n_e \Lambda_e^3}{2s_e + 1} - \frac{9}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{n_i \Lambda_i^3}{2s_i + 1} \right. \\
& + \frac{27}{4(2s_e + 1)(2s_e + 1)} (\kappa \lambda_{ee})^2 + \frac{54}{4(2s_e + 1)(2s_i + 1)} (\kappa \lambda_{ei})^2 + \frac{27}{4(2s_i + 1)(2s_i + 1)} (\kappa \lambda_{ii})^2 \left. \right] \\
& + 6\pi n_e^2 n_i \lambda_{ee}^6 \lambda_{ii} \left[K_0(\xi_{ei}) - \frac{\xi_{ei}^3}{6} (\ln \kappa \lambda_{ei}) \right] + 6\pi n_e^2 n_i \lambda_{ii}^6 \lambda_{ee} \left[K_0(\xi_{ei}) - \frac{\xi_{ei}^3}{6} (\ln \kappa \lambda_{ei}) \right] \\
& + 2\pi n_e^3 \lambda_{ee}^6 \left[K_0(\xi_{ee}) - \frac{\xi_{ee}^3}{6} (\ln \kappa \lambda_{ee}) \right] + 2\pi n_i^3 \lambda_{ii}^6 \left[K_0(\xi_{ii}) - \frac{\xi_{ii}^3}{6} (\ln \kappa \lambda_{ii}) \right] \\
& - \frac{27\Lambda^6}{4096\pi^6\sqrt{\pi}} \kappa^6 \beta \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{11}{12\sqrt{2}} \frac{n_e \Lambda^2}{2s_e + 1} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{6\sqrt{3}} \right) \frac{n_e n_i \Lambda^4}{(2s_e + 1)(2s_i + 1)} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{9\sqrt{3}} \frac{n_e n_e n_e \Lambda^6}{(2s_e + 1)(2s_e + 1)(2s_e + 1)} \right. \\
& - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{9\sqrt{3}} \frac{n_i n_i n_i \Lambda^6}{(2s_i + 1)(2s_i + 1)(2s_i + 1)} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{9\sqrt{3}} \frac{3n_e^2 n_i \Lambda^6}{(2s_e + 1)(2s_e + 1)(2s_i + 1)} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{9\sqrt{3}} \frac{3n_i^2 n_e \Lambda^6}{(2s_i + 1)(2s_i + 1)(2s_e + 1)} \left. \right] \\
& - \frac{1728\pi}{(4\pi)^3} \kappa^6 KT \left[\frac{23\sqrt{\pi}}{480} - \frac{397\pi\sqrt{3}}{38400} (\kappa \lambda_{ee})^2 - \frac{397\pi\sqrt{3}}{38400} (\kappa \lambda_{ei})^2 - \frac{397\pi\sqrt{3}}{38400} (\kappa \lambda_{ii})^2 \right] \left. \right].
\end{aligned}$$

$$[\text{Na}^+]_{2 \text{ plasma}} = \frac{([\text{Na}^+]_1 \text{ plasma} + y_1)\text{TBW}_1 + 1.03 \times E_{\text{MB}}}{\text{TBW}_1 + V_{\text{MB}}} - y_2$$

where

$$[E] = [\text{Na}^+ + \text{K}^+]$$

$E_{\text{MB}} = (\text{Na}^+ + \text{K}^+)_{\text{input-output}}$ = mass balance of $\text{Na}^+ + \text{K}^+$ in a chosen duration of time.

$$= [E]_{\text{IVF}} \times V_{\text{IVF}} + [E]_{\text{oral}} \times V_{\text{oral}} + [E]_{\text{tube feed}} \times V_{\text{tube feed}} + [E]_{\text{TPN}} \times V_{\text{TPN}} \\ - [E]_{\text{urine}} \times V_{\text{urine}} - [E]_{\text{GI}} \times V_{\text{GI}} - [E]_{\text{sweat}} \times V_{\text{sweat}}$$

$V_{\text{MB}} = V_{\text{input}} - V_{\text{output}}$ = mass balance of H_2O in a chosen duration of time.

$$= V_{\text{IVF}} + V_{\text{oral}} + V_{\text{tube feed}} + V_{\text{TPN}} + V_{\text{oxidation}} - V_{\text{urine}} - V_{\text{GI}} \\ - V_{\text{sweat}} - V_{\text{insensible}}$$

$y = 23.8 + (1.6/100)([G] - 120)$ where $[G]$ = plasma glucose concentration.

In patients with euglycemia, $y_1 = y_2 = 23.8$ for the sake of simplification.

The Traditional Approach

- Calculations... Calculations... & Calculations:
 - Estimated osmolality
 - Corrected Na & glucose
 - Corrected Na & lipids
 - Corrected Na & protein
 - Expected change in Na deficit... & many more ☹️

Corrected serum (Na^+)

$$= \text{measured } (\text{Na}^+) + 2.4$$

$$\times \frac{(\text{glucose (mg/dl)} - 100 \text{ (mg/dl)})}{100 \text{ mg/dl}}$$

$$\text{Change in plasma } [\text{Na}^+] = \frac{\text{Infusate } [\text{Na}^+] - \text{plasma } [\text{Na}^+]}{\text{Total body water} + 1}$$

Change in plasma $[\text{Na}^+] =$

$$\frac{\text{Infusate } [\text{Na}^+] + \text{infusate } [\text{K}^+] - \text{plasma } [\text{Na}^+]}{\text{Total body water} + 1}$$

New Hip Simple Approach



6 Steps to Approach Hyponatremia

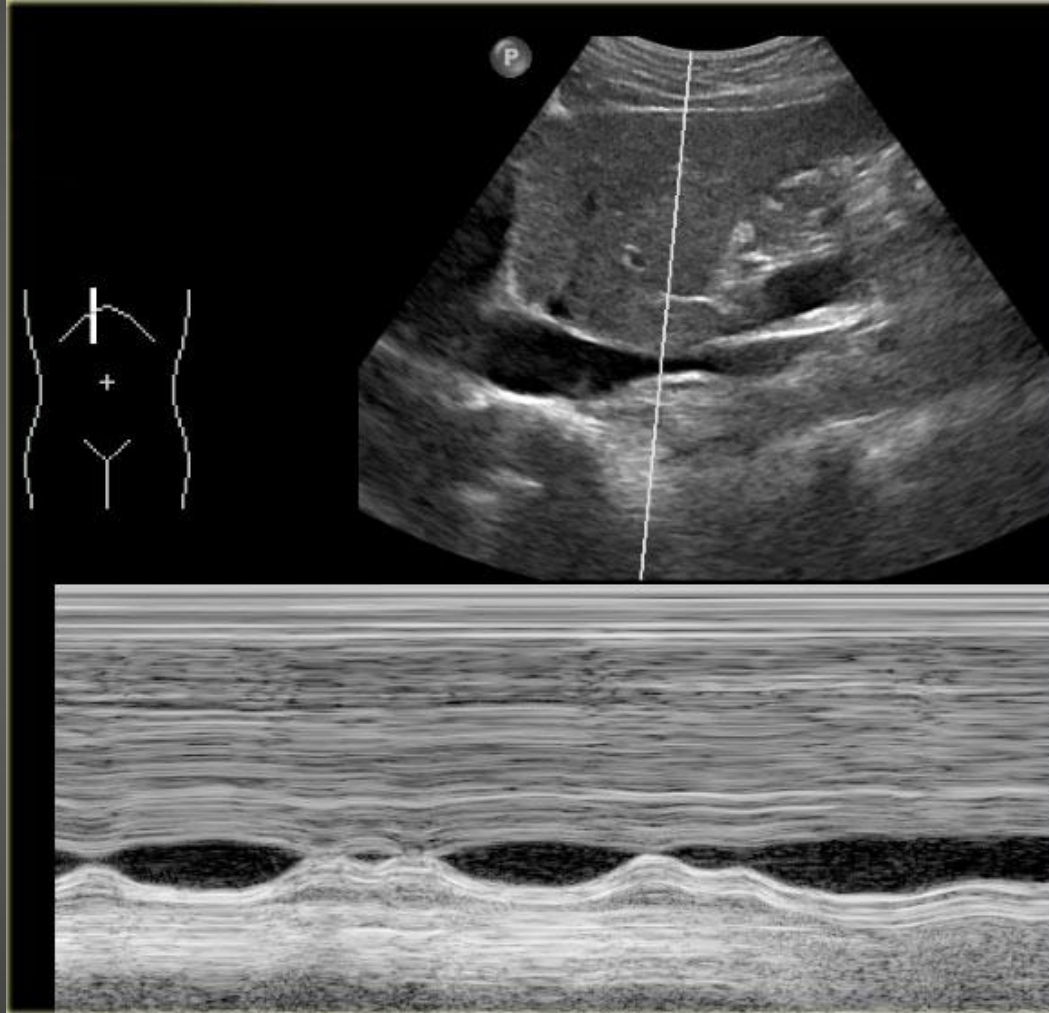
- 1) Start with ABCs (priority)
- 2) Immediately Treat Neurological Emergencies
(Seizures, coma or cerebral herniation/oedema)
 - Administer 3% hypertonic saline 100-150cc IV over 5-10min
 - repeat a second bolus if no improvement
 - Stop all fluids after the second bolus (don't over-correct)

6 Steps

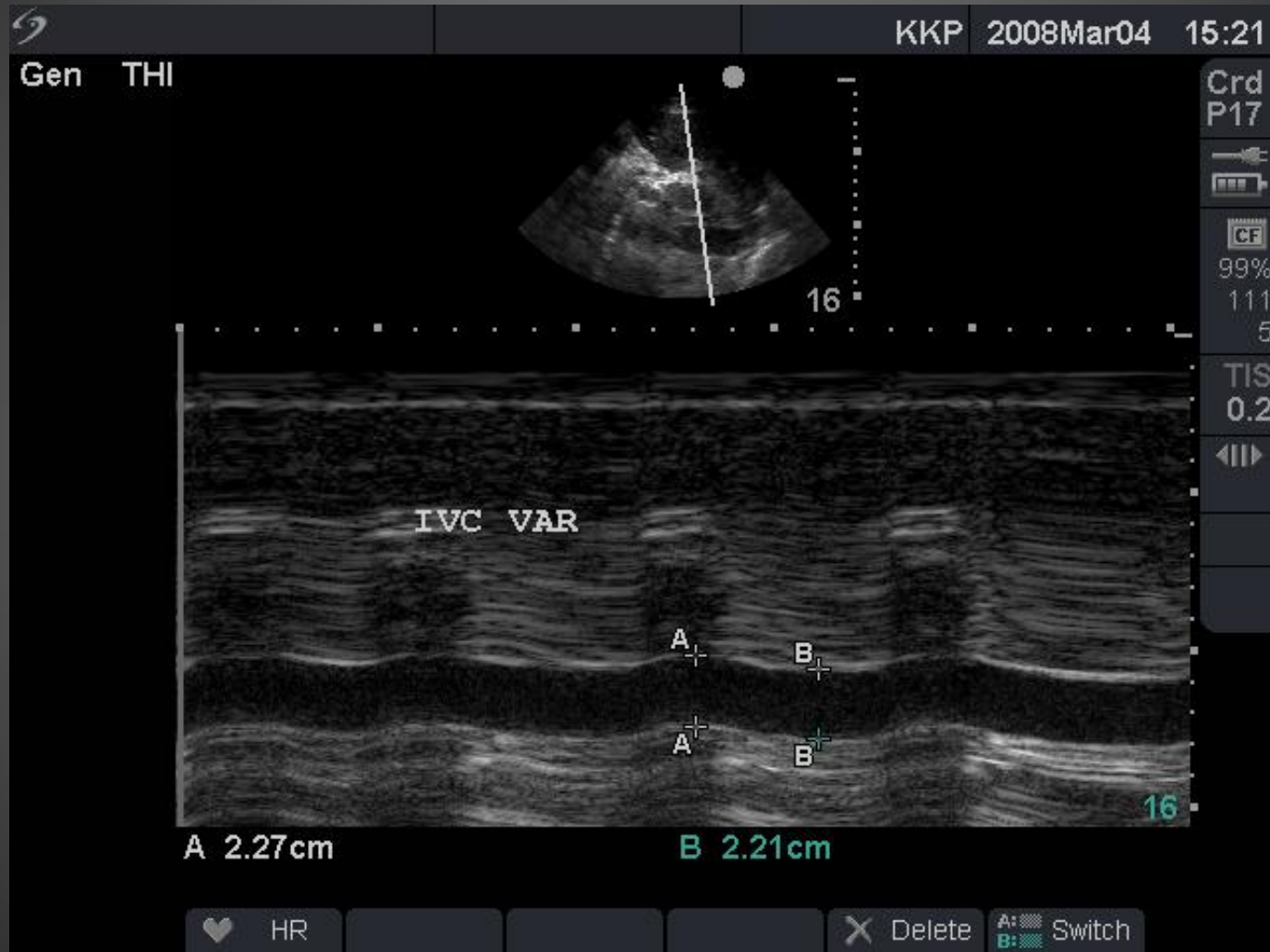
3) Intravascular Volume: Assess & Address

- **Hypovolemic:** priority is to *restore adequate circulating volume*
- **Euvolemic:** volume status normal, no treatment
- **Hypervolemic:** sodium restriction, water restriction and diuretics

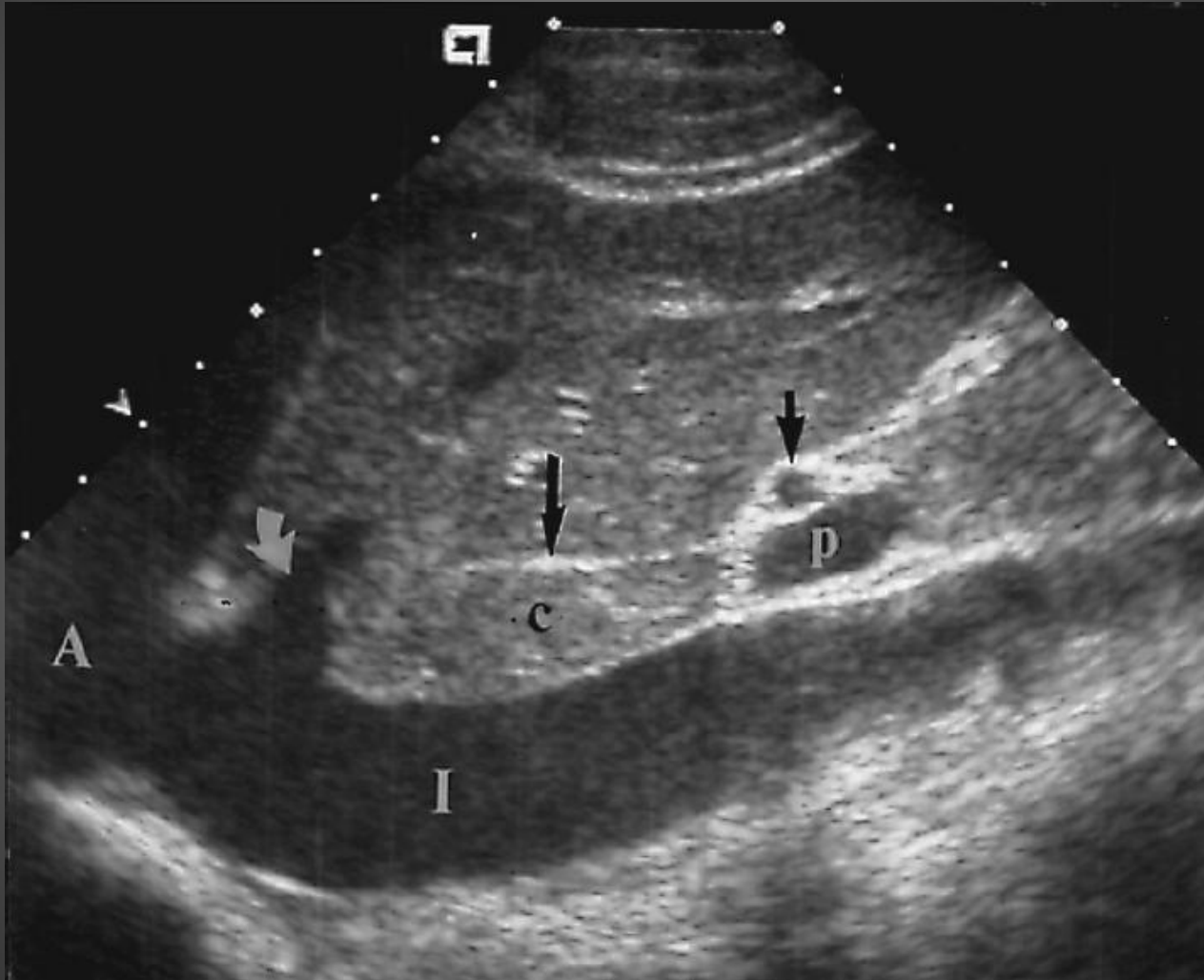
Hypovolemia



Euvolemic



Hypervolemic



6 Steps

4) Prevent further Hyponatremia

- *strict fluid restriction*
- *saline locking the IV Cannula (NO FLUIDS)*
- It is extremely important to tell the patient, his family and healthcare team ***“Water can literally kill you!”***

6 Steps

5) Prevent Over-Correction “Rule of 100s” & “Rule of 6s”

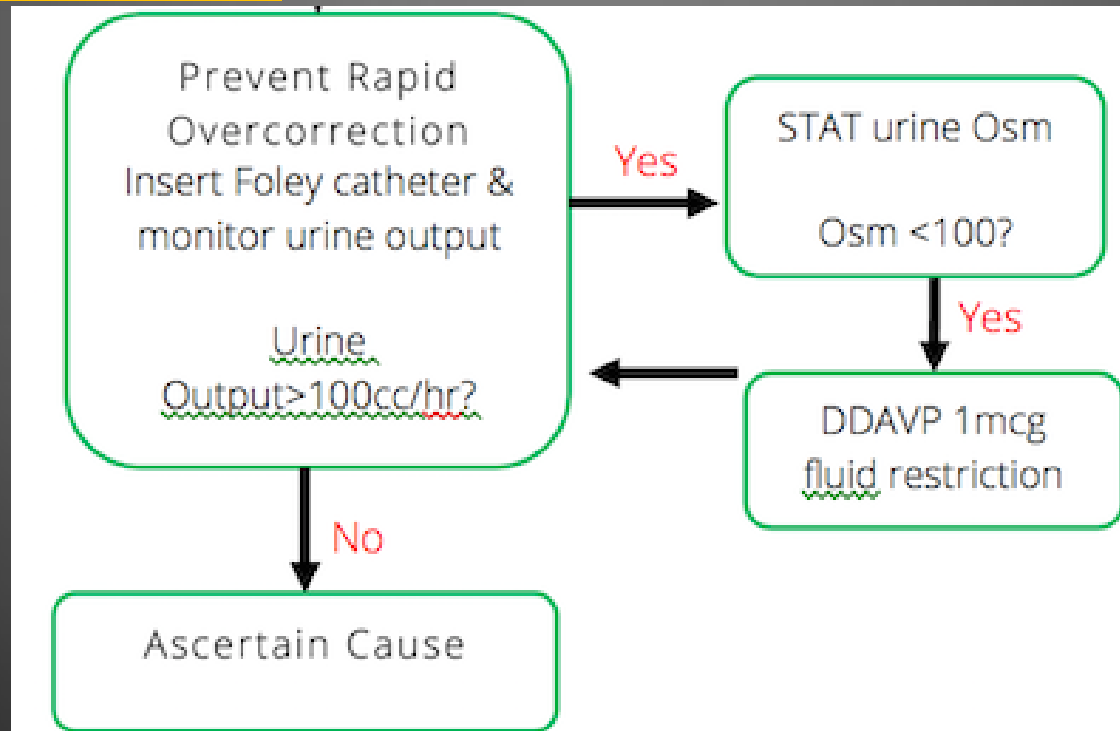
— Rule of 6s:

- *“Six in six hours for severe symptoms, then stop.*
- *Six a day makes sense for safety.”*

6 Steps

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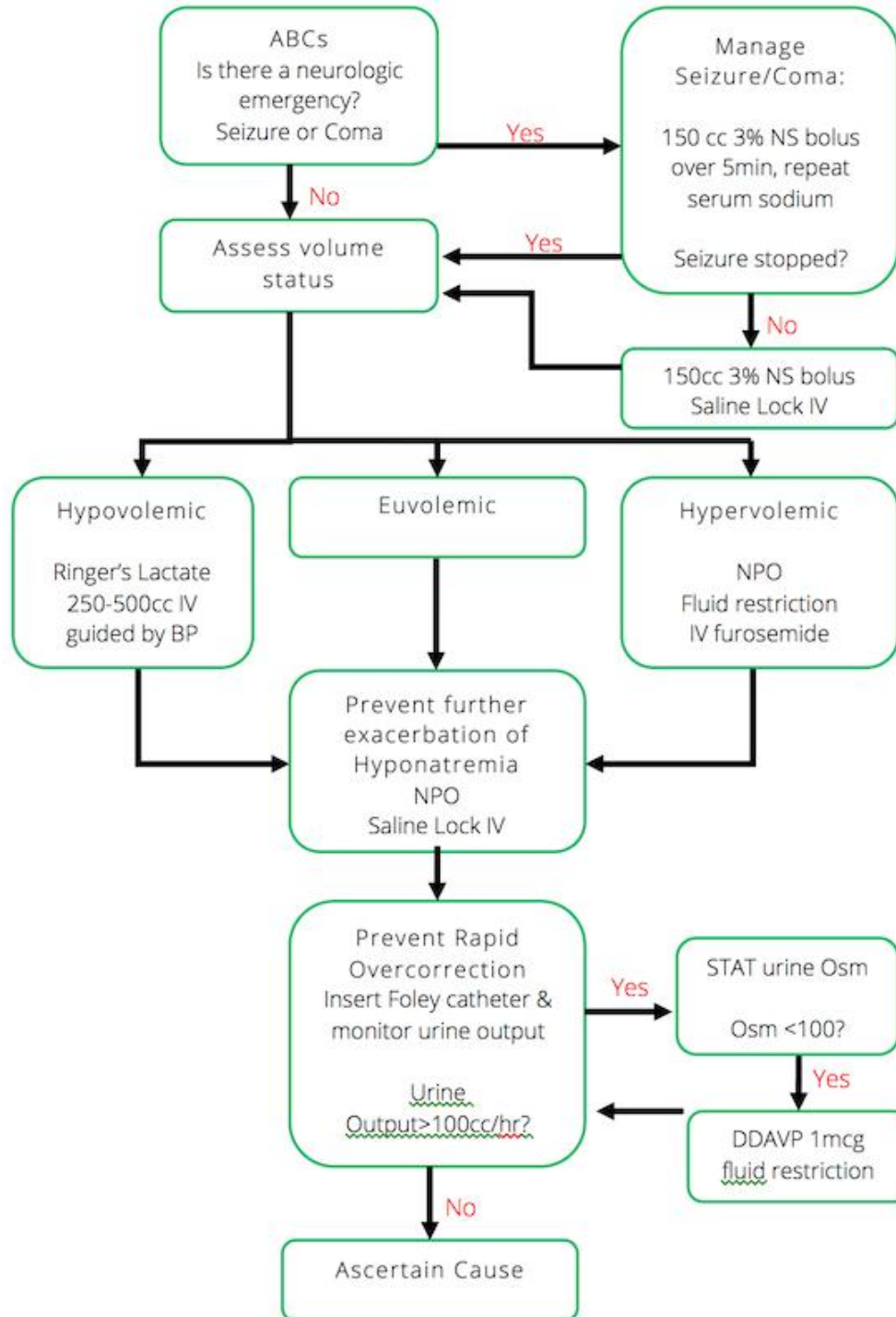
– Rule of 100s:



6 Steps

6) Find out the Cause of Hyponatremia

- **Look at chief complaint:** vomiting, diarrhea, pain or altered level of awareness
- **Review Medication List:** causes of SIADH (thiazide diuretics and SSRIs), chronic steroids (adrenal imp)
- **Evaluate PMHx:** Hx of end organ failure (CHF, liver failure and renal failure) or cancers
- **Lab work:** hyperglycemia, potassium (hyperkalemia → adrenal insufficiency), TSH (hypothyroidism)



Complications of Hyponatremia

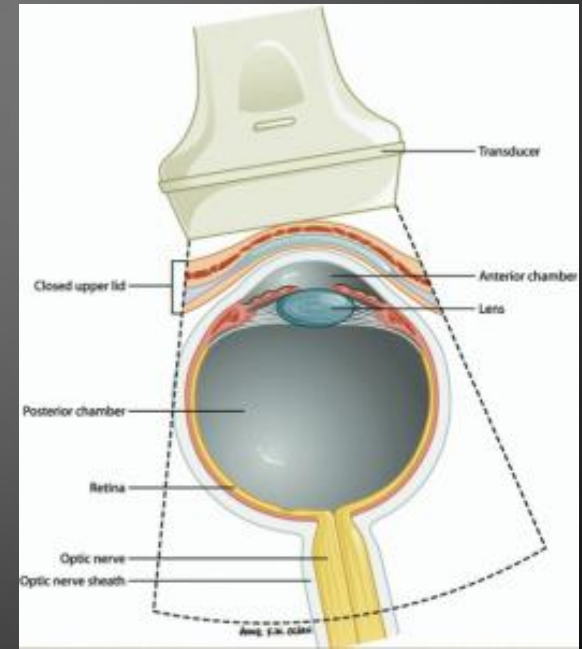
1) Cerebral Edema:

Severe Hyponatremia

Rapid Hyponatremia



+Altered level of consciousness



Complications of Hyponatremia

2) Osmotic Demyelination Syndrome (ODS)

- Formerly known as Central Pontine Myelinolysis
- Affects pons, cerebellum and basal ganglia
- Occurs with Over-Correction of Hyponatremia
- Clinical Dx (ataxia, quadriplegia, cranial nerve palsies, and the 'locked-in' syndrome)
- Presents up to 7 days after rapid correction of Na

Complications of Hyponatremia

2) Osmotic Demyelination Syndrome (ODS)

— Risk Factors:

- Elderly
- Malnourished
- Chronic Hyponatremia
- Hyperkalemia

What to do in Over-Correction?

- repeat serum sodium $\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$ dramatically higher than expected
- Over-Correction approach:
 1. Assess & correct intravascular volume
 2. Prevent \uparrow in Na:
 - A. Fluid restriction: make the patient NPO and stop IV fluids
 - B. Give DDAVP 1 microgram IV
 3. Consult Nephrology

Thank you!