## Avoiding Collateral Damage in Aneurysmal SAH

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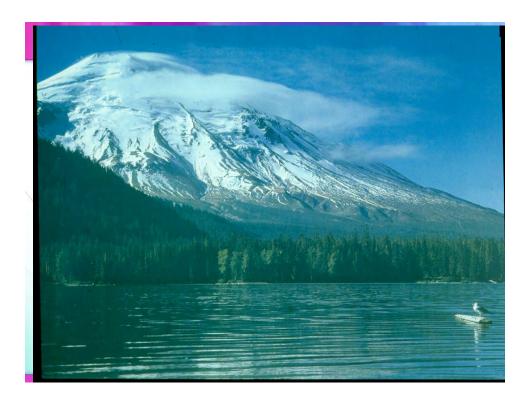
# Introduction

#### Stroke Definition

Abrupt and dramatic development of a focal neurologic deficit caused by an occlusion or hemorrhage of a vessel feeding the brain

## Hemorrhagic Stroke

- 10-15%
  - Intracerebral
  - Subarachnoid Hemorrhage
    - Aneurysm -5% of all strokes
      - 10.5 cases per 100,000 population
        - 1-5% of population
      - 50-80% don't rupture over lifetime
    - Vascular Malformations



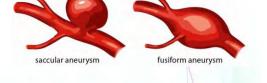


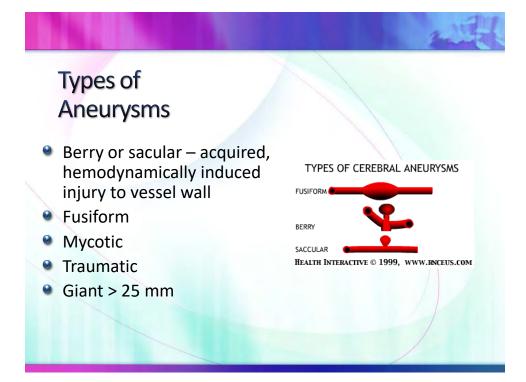


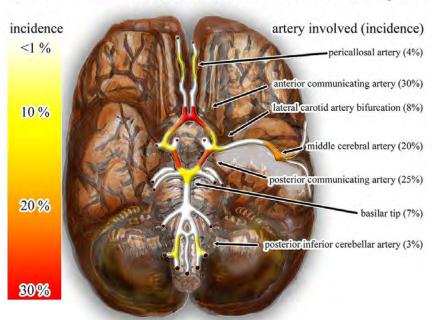


- Sacular outpouching of a cerebral artery which ruptures into the subarachnoid space
- 27,000 cases each year
- Mortality
  - 12% prior to tx
  - 25% within 24 hours
  - 30 day 40-60%
  - Overall 32-67%
- Age 55-60
- 10-20% of survivors have major disability

Figure Source: "Transition to Turbulence in Physiological Flows: Direct Numerical Simulation of Hemodynamics in Intracranial Aneurysms and Cerebrospinal Fluid Hydrodynamics in the Spinal Canal". Jain K, 2016 Dissertation.







#### Most common sites of intracranial saccular aneurysms

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#### Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage

#### SAH:

- Rupture of cerebral aneurysm
- Vasculitis, infectious vascular abnormalities such as mycotic aneurysms, neoplastic lesion hemorrhage, and stimulant drug use
- Risk Factors: Smoking, Hypertension, Women 1.6 higher than Men, African American greater risk, Family History, Older age, Excess alcohol intake/drug use
  - 7-20% have 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> degree relative

#### Diseases:

- Polycystic kidney disease
- Connective tissue disease
- Ehler Danlos Syndrome type IV & neurofibromatosis type I
- Marfan Syndrome

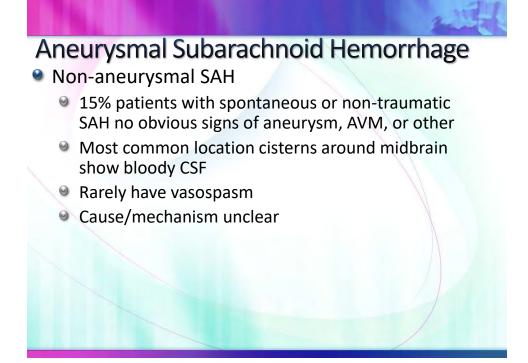


- SAH Signs/Symptoms
  - Worst headache of my life"
    - Sudden, thunderclap, immediate, maximum intensity
    - Warning or sentinel headache precedes in 10-40% of patients
      - Days or weeks prior
  - Loss of consciousness at onset related to initial rise in ICP and reduction of CBF

#### Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage

#### SAH Signs/Symptoms

- May have increased ICP S/S: decreased LOC, transient or prolonged LOC, nausea, vomiting, syncope
- Focal neuro signs
  - Hemiparesis, aphasia, abulia (absence of willpower) (ACA/MCA)
  - Occipital or posterior cervical pain: AICA or PICA
- Photophobia/Nuchal rigidity
- Brudzinski's sign (passive flex neck involuntary flexion of knees/hips) or Kernig's sign (flex hip @90 – straighten leg pain in hamstring)
- CN abnormalities
  - III CN: pupil dilation, ptosis, pain behind eye, loss of pupil
     light reflex
  - VI CN: if in cavernous sinus
  - III / VI with ataxia: Basilar aneurysm



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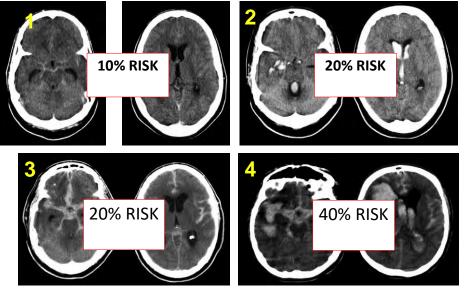
# Hunt and Hess

Grade	Description
0	Unruptured aneurysm
1	Asymptomatic or mild headache and slight nuchal rigidity
1a	No acute meningeal or brain reaction, but with fixed neurologic deficit
2	Cranial nerve palsy, moderate to severe headache, nuchal rigidity
3	Mild focal deficit, lethargy or confusion
4	Stupor, moderate to severe hemiparesis, early decerebrate rigidity
5	Deep coma, decerebrate rigidity, moribund appearance

# Fisher Score –

Grade	Definition
I	No subarachnoid blood seen on CT
П	Diffuse or vertical layers of SAH < 1mm thick
III	Diffuse clot and/or vertical layer > 1 mm thick
IV	Intracerebral or intraventricular clot with diffuse or no subarachnoid blood

# Columbia (Modified Fisher) CT Rating Scale



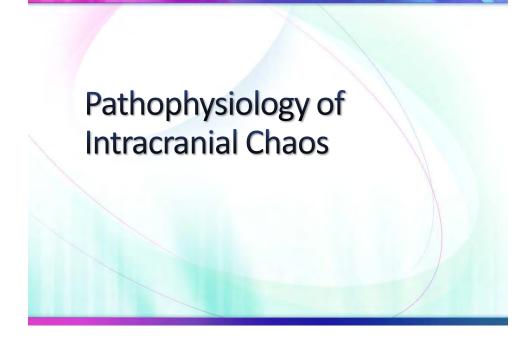
#### Claassen J et al Stroke. 2001;32:2012; Frontera J et al. Neurosurgery. 2006;59;21

# **Diagnostic Tests**

- CT scans & CT angio
- MRI & MRA
- Cerebral Angiograms
- Cerebral Blood Flow
  - Xe CT scans
  - SPECT
  - ❷ PET



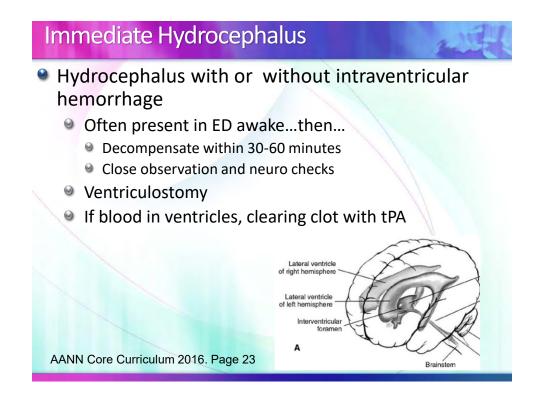




# Potential Complication: Rebleeding



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# **Increased Intracranial Pressure**



- Indications
  - SAH: Low GCS, IVH, Hydrocephalus, signs of herniation

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- Types: Parenchymal vs Ventriculostomy
- Normal
  - ❷ 0-20 mm Hg
  - Treat elevations greater than 20 mmHg

#### Pathophysiology: Hyponatremia

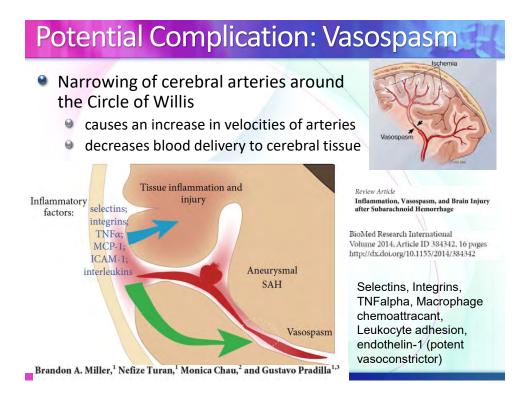
#### Most common electrolyte imbalance-34%

- Higher grade SAH
  - Grade III- V
  - Theories

#### Hyponatremia

#### Salt wasting theory

- Brain Natriuretic Peptide (BNP) Hormone.
  - suppresses renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system
  - natriuresis & diuresis
  - rises sharply after initial hemorrhage and just prior to onset of vasospasm
- Treatment related to volume replacement and salt replacement
- Fluid restriction could be detrimental to patients



#### Besides Lots of Blood, What Else Can Increase Risk of Delayed Cerebral Ischemia After SAH?

- Poor clinical grade
- Volume depletion (dehydration)
- Sentinel bleeding (double bleed model)
- Low cardiac output (LV dysfunction)
- Smoking
- Chronic hypertension
- Fever

# Potential Complication: Vasospasm

#### Signs/symptoms

- In the awake pt.
  - headache
  - increasing lethargy
  - hemiparesis
  - aphasia in dominant hemisphere
- In the comatose pt. check PbtO2/TCD

#### If untreated--cerebral infarction

Delayed Ischemic Neurologic Deficit

#### **Potential Complication:**

Vasospasm Countermeasures

- Vasospasm
  - Nimodipine
  - Elevate BP
  - CT scan to r/o infarct or bleed
  - Angiogram
    - Intraarterial Verapamil
    - Cerebral angioplasty

Potential Complication: Cardiac Dysfunction

Myocardial Stunning

Neurogenic Pulmonary Edema

# **Myocardial Stunning**

When the Worst Headache Becomes the Worst Heartache! Abdul Hakeem, MD; Adam D. Marks, MPH; Sabha Bhatti, MD; Su Min Chang, MD

*Tako-tsubo* Cardiomyopathy or Syndrome is also known as: neurogenic myocardial stunning, stress cardiomyopathy stress-induced cardiomyopathy, transient left ventricular apical ballooning, "ampulla" cardiomyopathy" or "broken heart syndrome".

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### Tako-tsubo Syndrome

Severe tako-tsubo syndrome can be lethal...leading to

- Cardiogenic shock
- Diagnosis
  - Cardiac bio markers of heart damage (troponin, creatine kinase) are only very slightly elevated
  - EKG non-specific ST-T abnormalities, ST elevation, and/or QT prolongation with large negative T waves

#### ECG Changes in Tako-Tsubo Cardiomyopathy

<u>Stage 1</u>: acute stage, This stage lasts only a few hours. Stage of ST elevation and fairly short QT interval. The R wave might be preserved.

<u>Stage 2</u>: sub acute stage. This stage can last days. QT segment prolongation and large and deep negative T waves.

**<u>Stage 3</u>**: recovery stage. Flipped T wave persists for days to weeks, but QT interval is again normal.

#### Treatment of Myocardial Stunning

#### Supportive

- Unload the left ventricle
- Reduce vasopressors
  - Usually initiated due to low BP...result is increased SVR and afterload
  - Makes it difficult for left ventricle to contract
- Use contractility agents if possible
  - Dobutamine
- Address pulmonary edema
  - Lasix

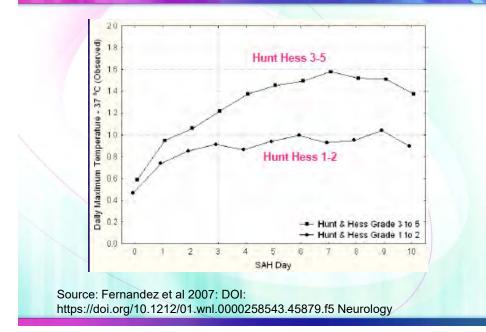


#### Fever: Danger of Hyperthermia SAH

#### Fernandez et al 2007)

- 353 pts with mean temperature > 37.5 degrees C during the first week
- Fever predicted by poor clinical grade, increased age, male
- Fever independently associated with
  - Death & severe disability
  - Poor cognitive outcome
- Ramer et al 2017 (NCC 26:41-47) 584 patients
  - Early onset of fever, number of hours of fever, & days of fever associated with poor functional outcome

#### Time Course of Fever Burden: SAH



Monitoring Technologies with SAH

ICP monitoring

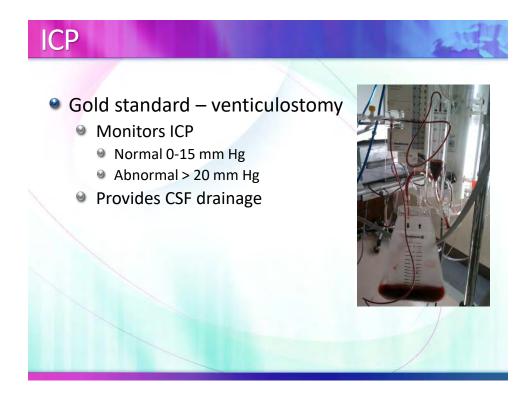
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- Brain Tissue Oxygen Monitoring
- Transcranial Dopplers (TCDs)

# Intracranial Pressure Monitoring

 ICP Monitor
 Skin Skul Ura Subdural Space Arachnoid Lateral Ventricle
 Source: "Treatment of Intracranial Hypertension," by K. M. Giugno, T. R. Maia, C. L. Kunrath, & J. J. Bizzi, 2003, Jornal de Pediatria (Rio J), 79(4), pp. 287–296.

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### ICP: Nursing Implications CSF Drainage

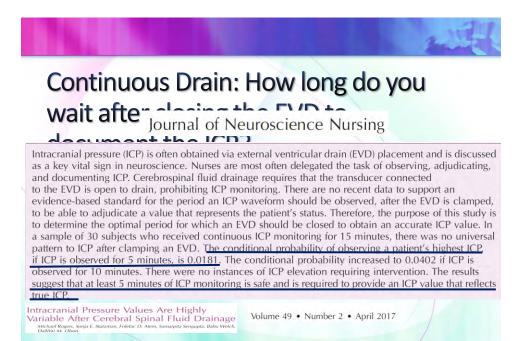
- Level CSF drainage system with zero reference point
- Drain CSF
  - Produce ≈ 20 cc/hour
  - 125-150cc circulating at any given time
    - ❷ 20% in the lateral ventricles
  - Do not over drain
    - Over-drainage
      - Sagging cerebrum
      - Pulling of bridging veins
      - Hematoma development
- Assure aseptic technique at all times when changing bag/sampling

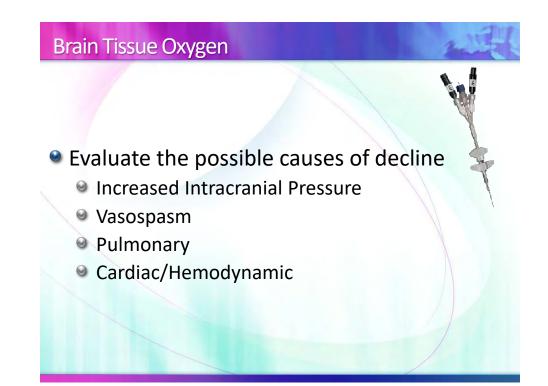


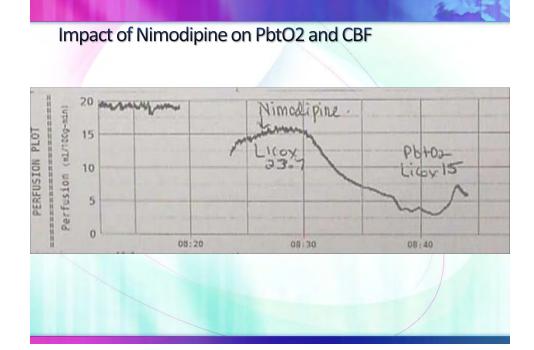


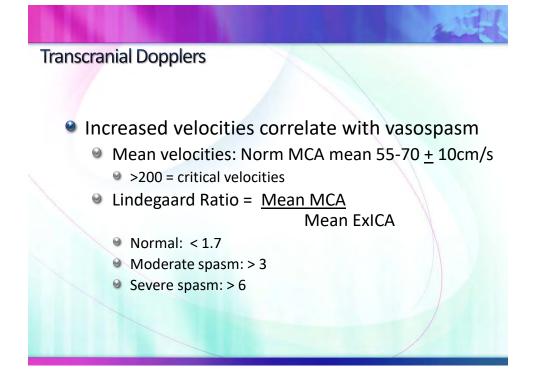
#### Manage Increased ICP

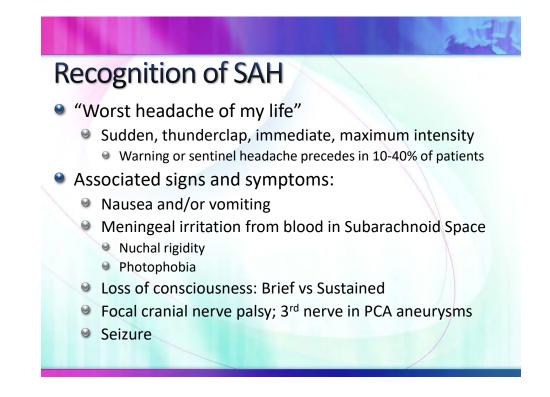
- HOB at 30 degrees
- Drain CSF
- Sedation/Analgesia
  - Short acting desirable
  - Sedation vacations generally not indicated if ICP 1
- Ventilated: Do not hyperventilate
  - Maintain PaCO2>35 mm Hg
- Mannitol/Hypertonic Saline
- Manage MAP/BP
- Normothermia











# Patient Arrival: Initial Interventions

- Stroke Alert Stroke Team in Emergency Department
- Initial interventions:
  - Airway/Breathing: Continually reassess for changes in condition necessitating airway control
     Intubation
  - Circulation HR and BP evaluation and IV insertion
  - Deficit- Neuro exam and ICP evaluation
  - Laboratory and Radiographic Evaluation
- CT or LP: SAH is confirmed
  - The goal is to reduce the chance of aneurysm re-rupture and expedite treatment of the aneurysm while preventing any medical complications
- BP after confirmation



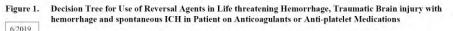
# **Aneurysmal SAH**

Phase I: Hemorrhage Ictus – Securement

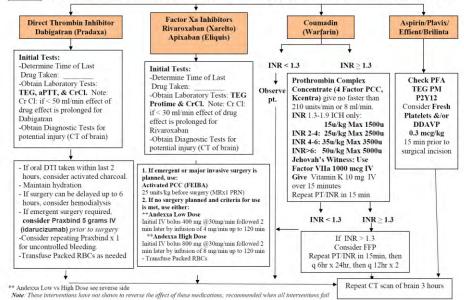
- Control acute hypertension: SBP Control < 140-160 mmHg
  - Nicardipine and labatelol
- Keep environment quiet
- Manage Pain/Headache
- Reassessment of Neuro Status
  - Look for decline related to hydrocephalus
  - Management of ICP
- Anti-fibrinolytic if delay in securement
  - Decreased rebleeding, associated with clot formation (DVT)
    - Amniocaproic acid, tranexamic acid

### **Correct coagulopathies**

- Thrombocytopenia: Give platelets if < 100,000</p>
- If patient taking anticoagulation medications
  - Warfarin
    - PCC (Kcentra)
    - FFP (less efficient)
    - Vitamin K 10 mg
  - Other anticoagulants
    - Factor XA inhibitors: Rivaroxaban/Apixaban/Edoxaban
      - Andexxa
    - Direct Thrombin Inhibitors: Dabigatran
      - Antidote: Idarucizumab



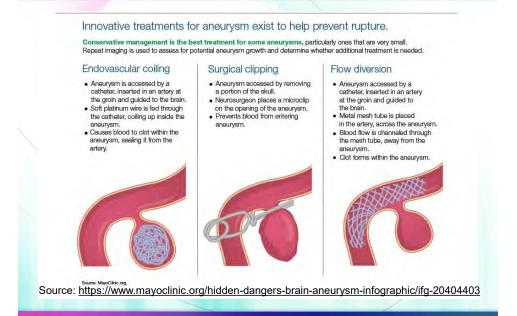
Life Threatening Hemorrhage requiring Emergency Surgery or Presence of Intracerebral Hemorrhage



#### Aneurysmal SAH

- Phase II: Management of Aneurysm Patient
  - Secure early rather than later
  - Decision on How?
    - Clipping (open craniotomy)
    - Coiling (interventional tx)
    - Stenting
  - Location, morphology, risks, & personnel available

#### Isolating the Aneurysm: Surgical Clip, Coil or Stent



#### **Operative Phase Interventions**

#### SAH

- Ventriculostomy placement
- Ancillary monitors: CBF/PbtO2/Microdialysis
- Transport of patient if ventilated

#### SAH

- Monitor during cerebral angiogram and coiling procedures
- Monitor during clipping procedure
- Be prepared for possible rebleeding during aneurysmal securement

### **Aneurysmal SAH**

- Phase III: Post OP / Vasospasm (Delayed Cerebral Ischemia DCI)
  - Post op Care (usually in ICU for close monitoring)
    - Airway/Breathing
      - Intubated with mechanical ventilation
        - Keep PaCO2 > 35 mm Hg
      - Sedation with goal to extubate
        - Extubated: Limit sedation if possible
    - Circulation: Maintain BP 120-140 mm Hg
    - ICP Management
      - Ventriculostomy for CSF drainage
      - Mannitol / Hypertonic Saline



- Assess neuro status closely
  - Monitor LOC closely-watch for neuro changes
  - Assess motor status-check strength and note increase in tone
  - Cranial nerves-especially III, IV, VI; V & VII; and IX & X
  - Sensory status changes

# **Nursing Care: Prevent Complications**

- Manage Blood Glucose
  - Avoid Hypoglycemia
  - Treat Hyperglycemia
    - 80-180 mg/dL
- Prevent Hyperthermia
  - Evaluate potential sources of infection
  - Normothermia should be maintained
    - Antipyretic agents
    - Ice bags
    - Iced Saline Boluses
    - Surface or Endovascular cooling devices

#### **Nursing Management**

- Assess Swallow
- Provide nutrition
- Establish bowel program
- Foley care Remove ASAP
- Mobility: Range of motion
- DVT prevention
- Good skin care
- Family involvement
- PT/OT/ST & Rehab consult

#### Post-op

- Vasospasm: greatest risk 4-14 days post bleed
  - Manifested by delayed neurologic deficit
  - Prevention is the key!
    - Nimodipine
    - Avoidance of hypovolemia and hyponatremia
  - Detection and Diagnosis
    - Monitor clinical exam
    - Monitor sodium
    - Monitor TCDs
    - Comatose Pt: Multimodality monitoring

#### Aneurysmal SAH

- Nimodipine 60 mg
  - Oral calcium channel blocker
  - Does NOT prevent vasospasm
  - Is associated with improved outcomes at 90 days
    - Unclear mechanism
      - Neuroprotectant
      - Support of collateral circulation
  - Dosing 60mg po every 4 hours
    - Hypotension side effect
    - Dose may be split to 30mg po every 2 hours
    - When to discontinue of significant impact on BP
  - Do not take with grapefruit juice

#### Treatment

- Induced Hypertension
- Volume optimization isotonic fluids euvolemia
- Rescue Therapy for Refractory DCI
  - Hemoglobin optimization \*9-10 g/L
  - Endovascular Therapy
    - Dilation of vessels- PTCA
    - Intra-arterial infusion of vasodilators
  - Cardiac Output Optimization
    - Use CO monitoring system
    - Optimize fluids/inotropes (dobutamine/milrinone)
  - Tier 2: Non-evidence Measures
    - Increase sodium goals
    - Aortic flow diversion, Intrathecal Nicardipine, IABP counter-pulsation

# **Discharge Planning**

- Transitions in care
  - Home
  - Acute Rehab
  - Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Engage Care Partners in process



# Case SP: Event

- 59 year old female experiences the worst headache of her life
  - 911 called by husband
    - Pt loses consciousness and vomits several times
  - Transported by EMS
    - Deteriorates en route
  - Taken to nearest receiving center
    - Lays on gurney in hallway of ED for 45 minutes
    - Husband notes wife is posturing

# **Events at Hospital X**

#### ED

- Intubation takes place in ED 45 minutes after arrival
- CT scan reveals SAH
- Admit to CCU
  - No ICP
  - No diagnosis except for SAH

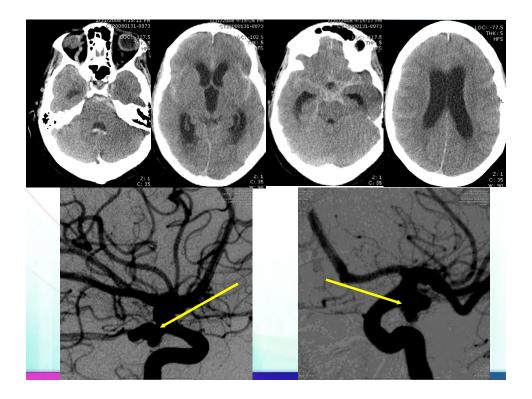
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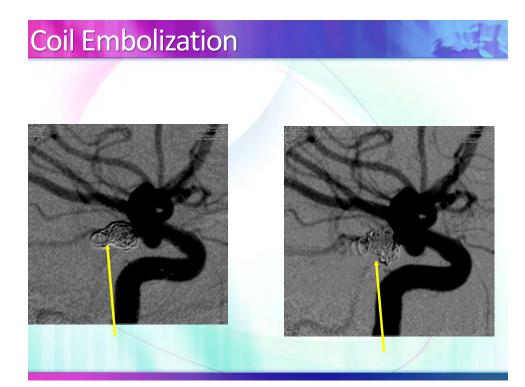
### Enter Cousin Connie......

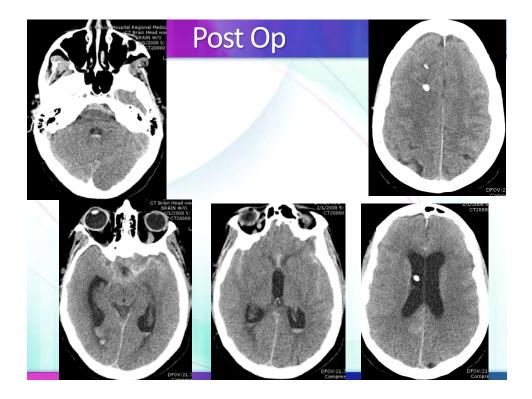
- Phone call from her mom
- Phone call to Mary Kay...
  - Words of wisdom: Get her out of there....
- Connie arrives at Hospital X
  - Phone call to Mission Neurointerventional team
  - Phone call to Mary Kay
- Attempted conversation with Neurosurgeon
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  - Phone call to Mary Kay
- Conference with COO, QI Director, and CNO at hospital X
- Getting her the heck of out of there.....to Mission

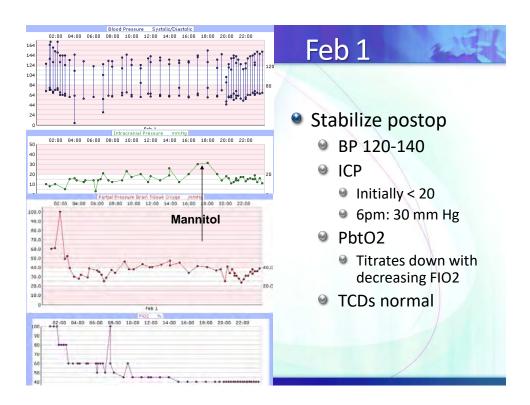
#### Arrives at Mission 22 hours After Event

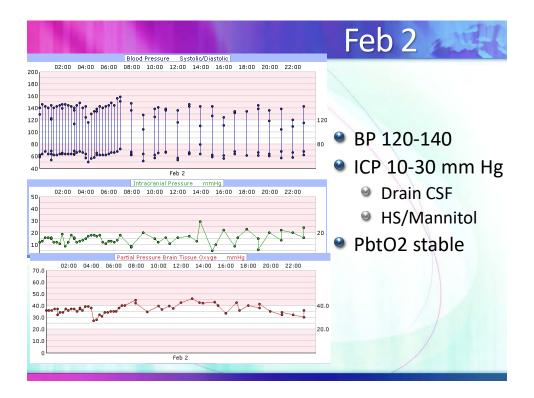
- To CT and CT angio
  - Obstructive hydrocephalus
  - Left posterior communicating artery aneurysm
- To OR
  - Ventriculostomy and LICOX
- To Interventional
  - Coiling of aneurysm
- To SICU

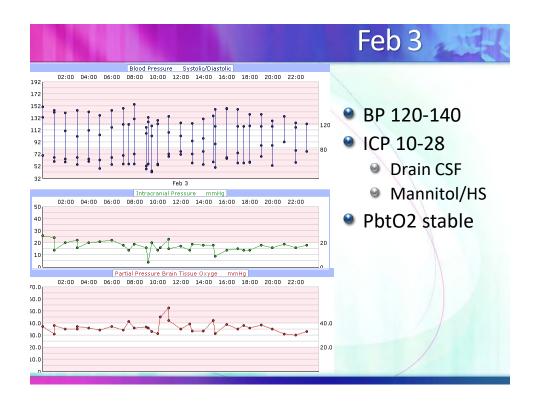


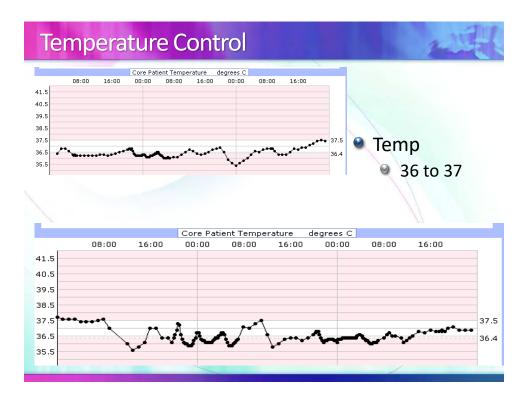












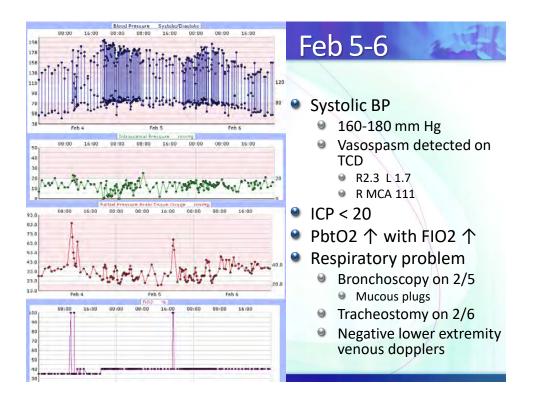
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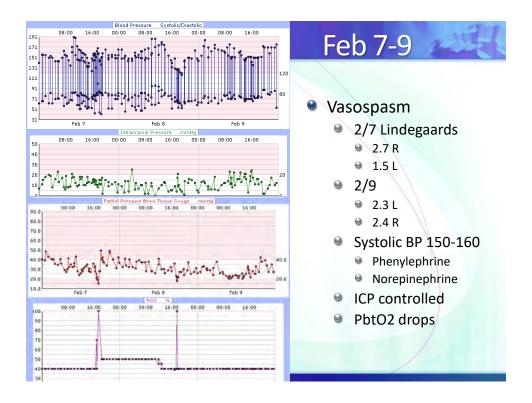
#### Shivering

- Watch for increase in EMG activity
- 1<sup>st</sup> sign of shivering
- Use early shivering strategies
  - Counter warming
  - Acetaminophen
  - Buspar and Demerol
  - Magnesium

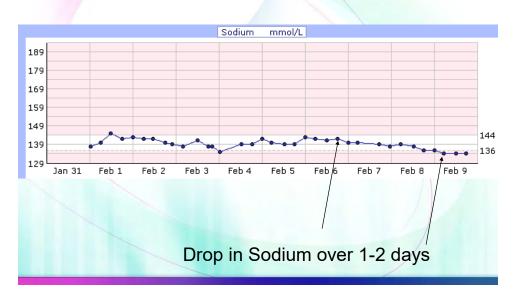


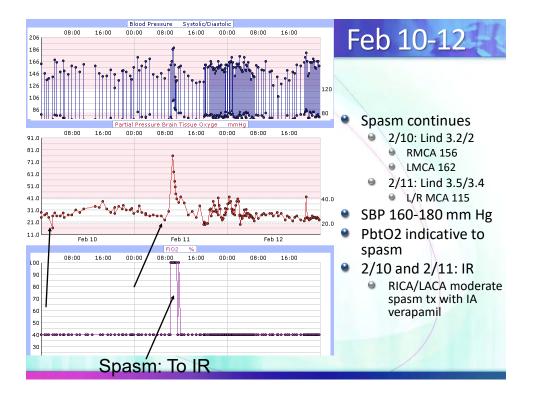
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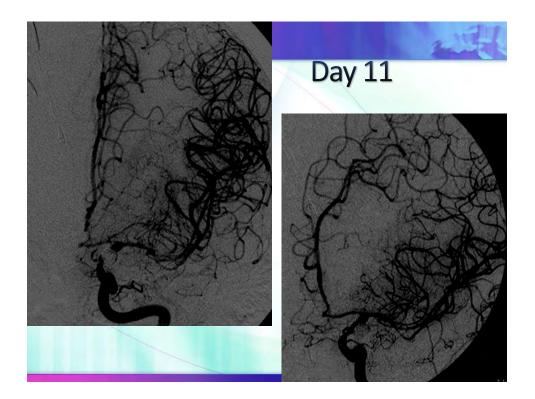


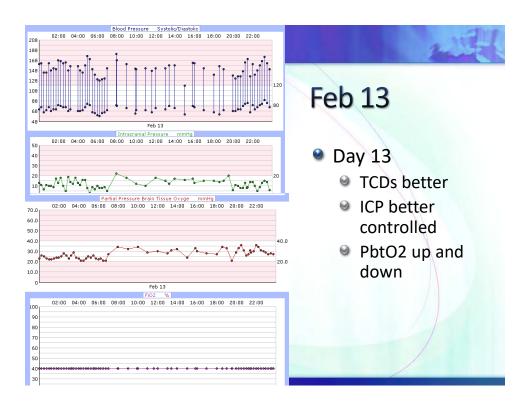


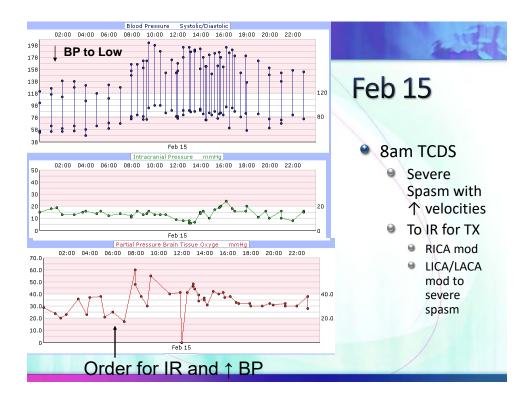
Sodium Trends Indicative of Spasm











# Days 21-30

- Day 23
  - Bilateral non-occlusive common femoral dvt
  - Placement of IVC filter
- Day 24
  - Weaning sedation
  - Opens eyes/smiles
- Days 25
  - GCS 4-6-1T
  - Mouthing words

Day 28

- Up in chair
- GCS 4-6-5: Able to speak and eat with PMV
- Transferred to PCSU

# Outcome Transfer to ARU Discharged Home

- Independent
- Back to work by 6 months





