Avoiding Collateral Damage in Aneurysmal SAH

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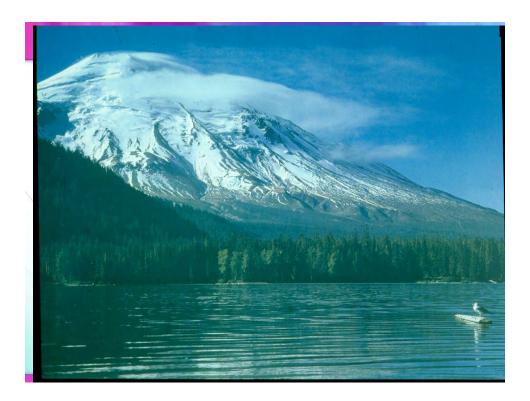
Introduction

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



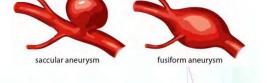


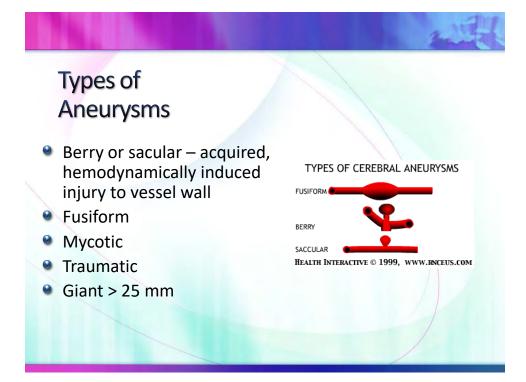


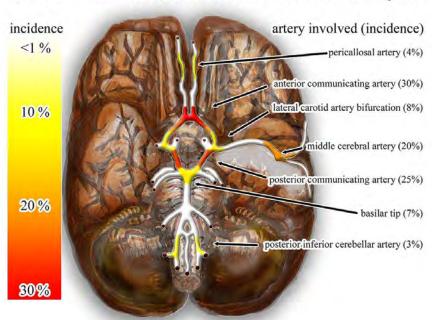


- Sacular outpouching of a cerebral artery which ruptures into the subarachnoid space
- 27,000 cases each year
- Mortality
 - 12% prior to tx
 - 25% within 24 hours
 - 30 day 40-60%
 - Overall 32-67%
- Age 55-60
- 10-20% of survivors have major disability

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 1st or 2nd degree relative

Diseases:

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

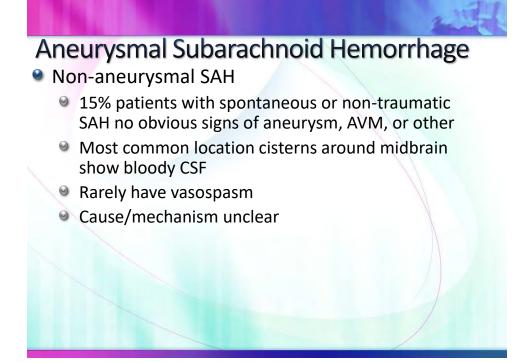


- SAH Signs/Symptoms
 - Worst headache of my life"
 - Sudden, thunderclap, immediate, maximum intensity
 - Warning or sentinel headache precedes in 10-40% of patients
 - Days or weeks prior
 - Loss of consciousness at onset related to initial rise in ICP and reduction of CBF

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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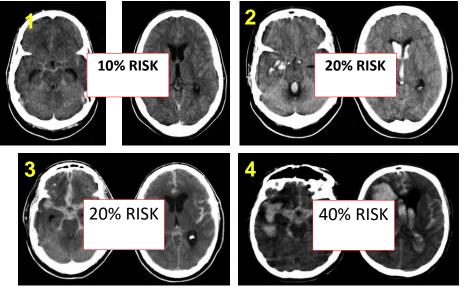
Hunt and Hess

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



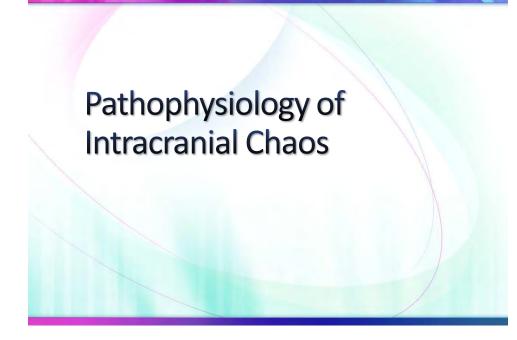
Claassen J et al Stroke. 2001;32:2012; Frontera J et al. Neurosurgery. 2006;59;21

Diagnostic Tests

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



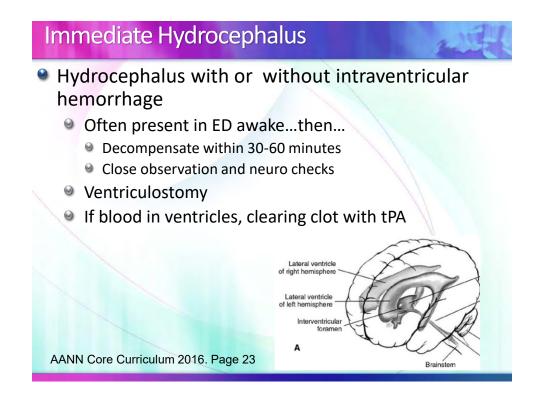




Potential Complication: Rebleeding



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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

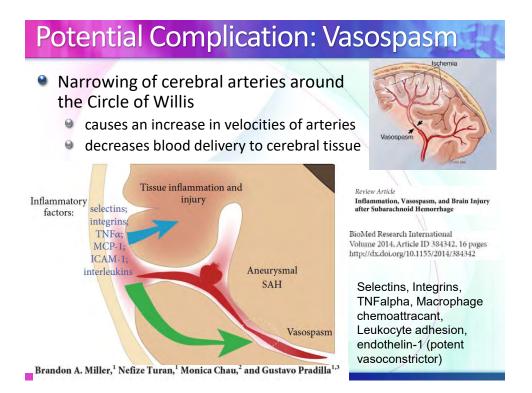
Most common electrolyte imbalance-34%

- 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

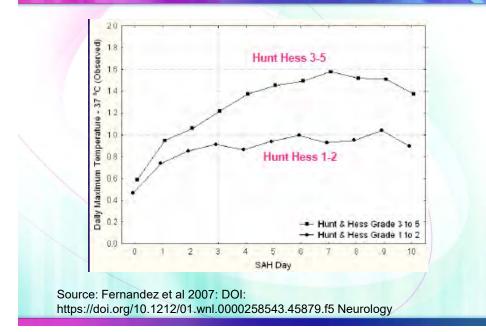


Fever: Danger of Hyperthermia SAH

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

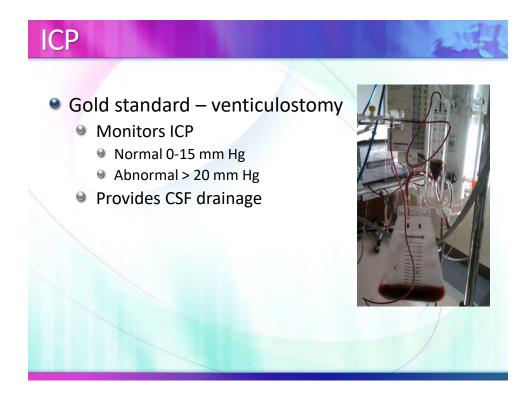
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- Brain Tissue Oxygen Monitoring
- Transcranial Dopplers (TCDs)

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

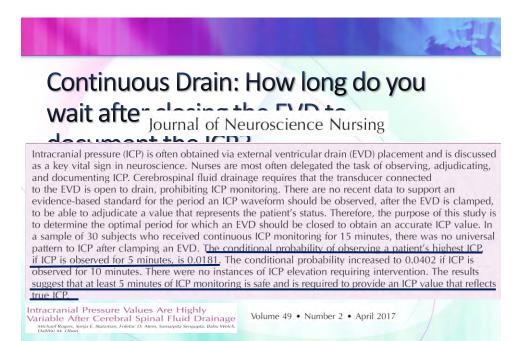
- Level CSF drainage system with zero reference point
- Drain CSF
 - Produce ≈ 20 cc/hour
 - 125-150cc circulating at any given time
 - ❷ 20% in the lateral ventricles
 - Do not over drain
 - Over-drainage
 - Sagging cerebrum
 - Pulling of bridging veins
 - Hematoma development
- Assure aseptic technique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

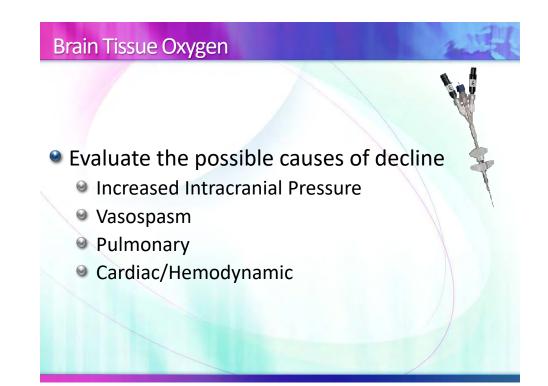


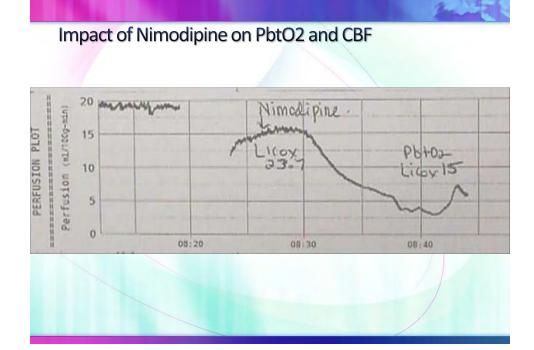


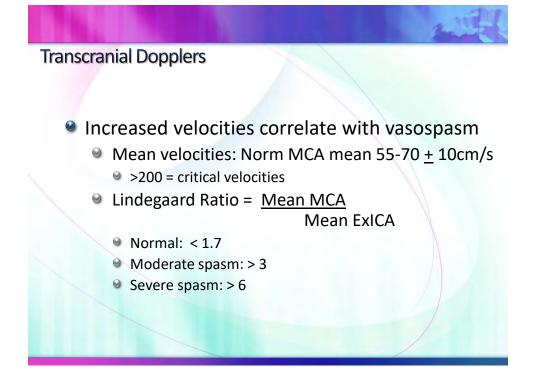
Manage Increased ICP

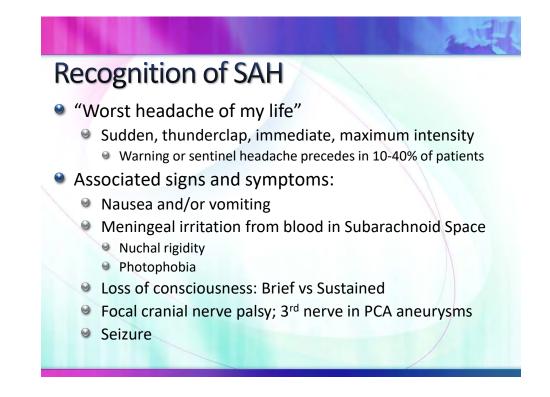
- HOB at 30 degrees
- Drain CSF
- Sedation/Analgesia
 - Short acting desirable
 - Sedation vacations generally not indicated if ICP 1
- Ventilated: Do not hyperventilate
 - Maintain PaCO2>35 mm Hg
- Mannitol/Hypertonic Saline
- Manage MAP/BP
- Normothermia











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



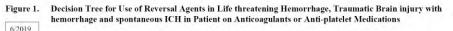
Aneurysmal SAH

Phase I: Hemorrhage Ictus – Securement

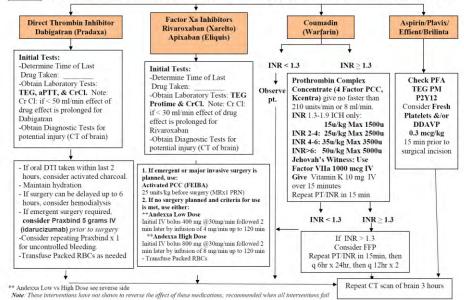
- Control acute hypertension: SBP Control < 140-160 mmHg
 - Nicardipine and labatelol
- Keep environment quiet
- Manage Pain/Headache
- Reassessment of Neuro Status
 - Look for decline related to hydrocephalus
 - Management of ICP
- Anti-fibrinolytic if delay in securement
 - Decreased rebleeding, associated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



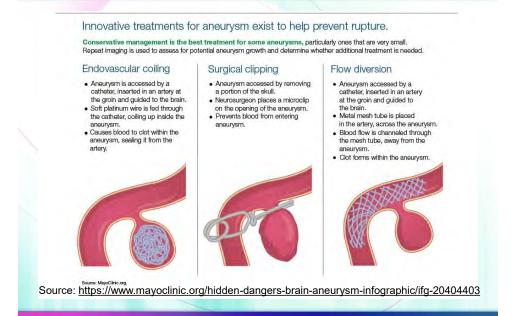
Life Threatening Hemorrhage requiring Emergency Surgery or Presence of Intracerebral Hemorrhage



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

Next Day...

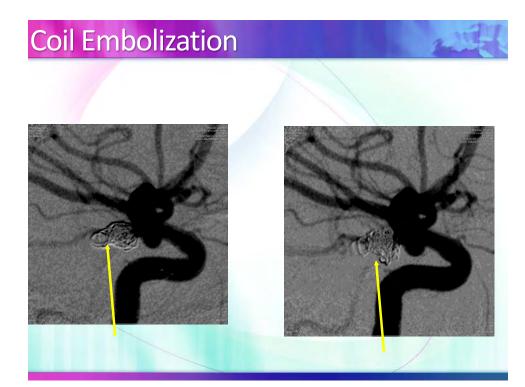
Enter Cousin Connie......

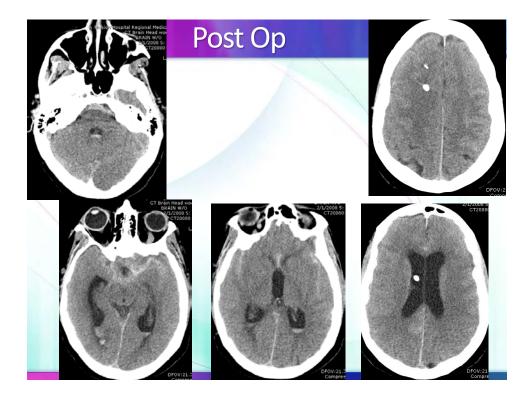
- Phone call from her mom
- Phone call to Mary Kay...
 - Words of wisdom: Get her out of there....
- Connie arrives at Hospital X
 - Phone call to Mission Neurointerventional team
 - Phone call to Mary Kay
- Attempted conversation with Neurosurgeon
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-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

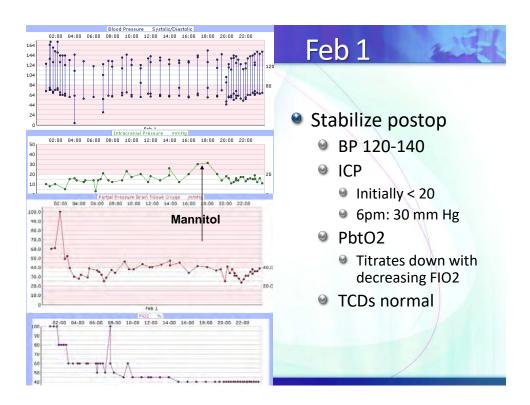
Arrives at Mission 22 hours After Event

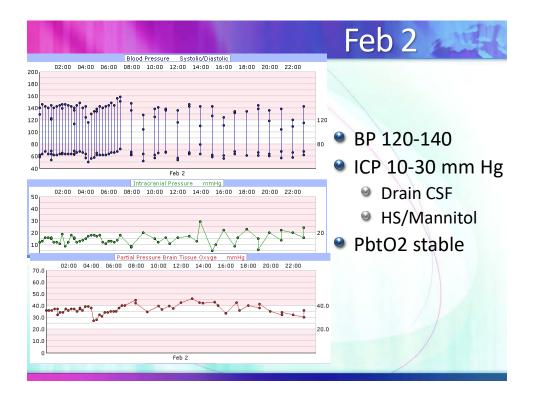
- To CT and CT angio
 - Obstructive hydrocephalus
 - Left posterior communicating artery aneurysm
- To OR
 - Ventriculostomy and LICOX
- To Interventional
 - Coiling of aneurysm
- To SICU

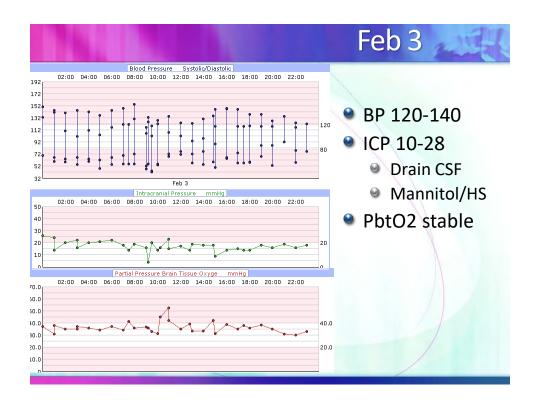


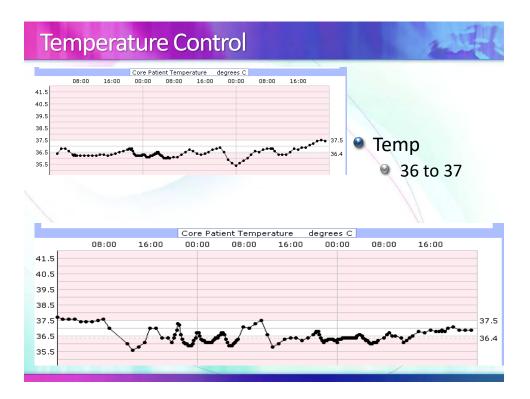












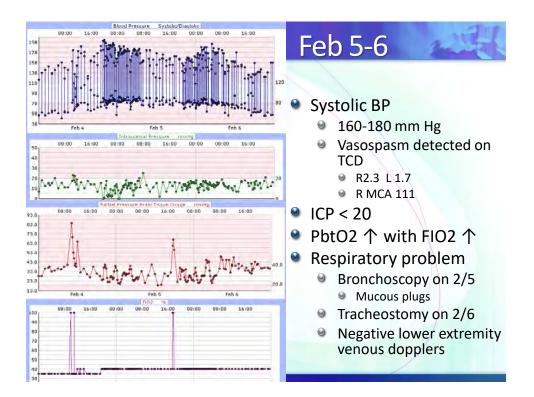
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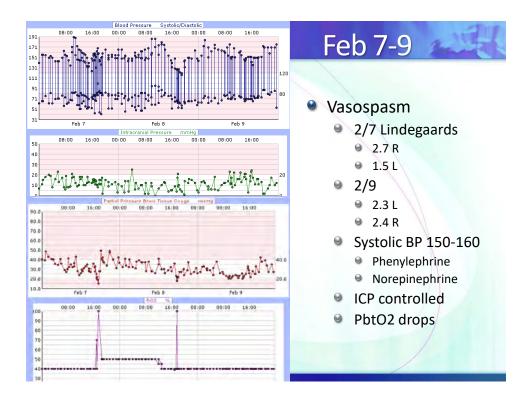
Shivering

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

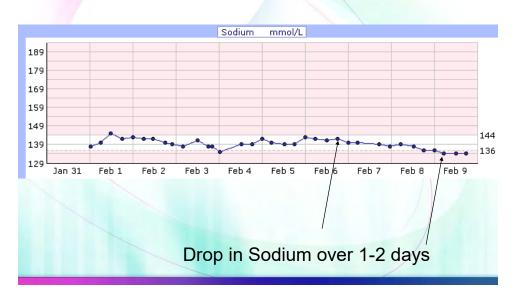


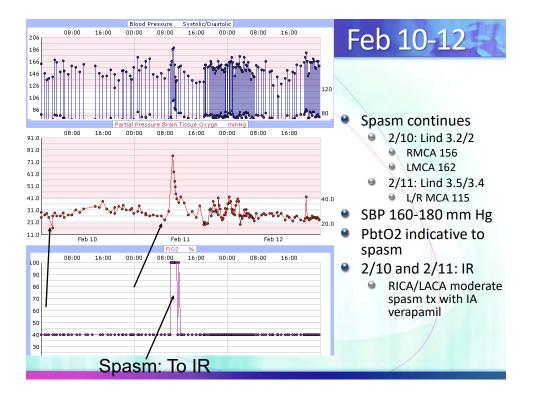
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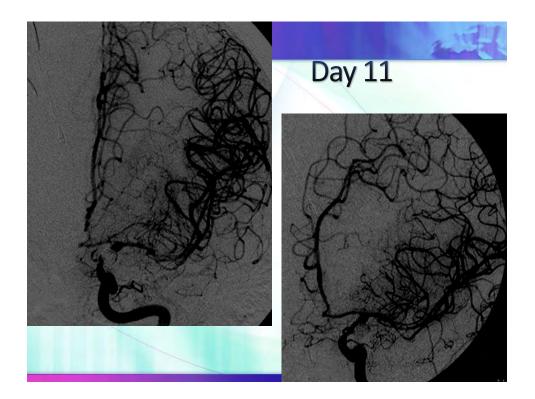


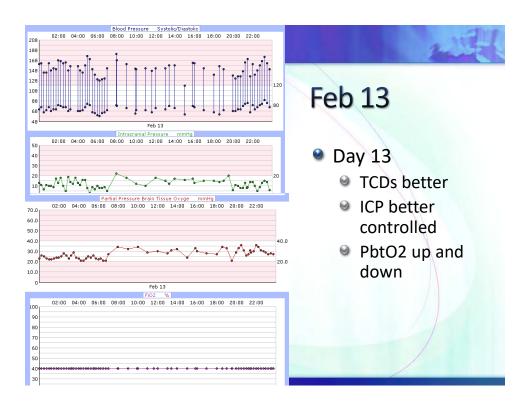


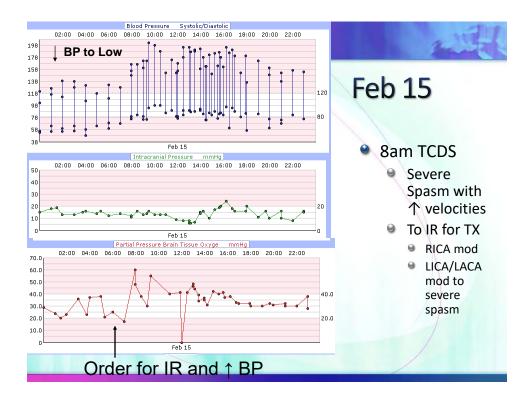
Sodium Trends Indicative of Spasm











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





