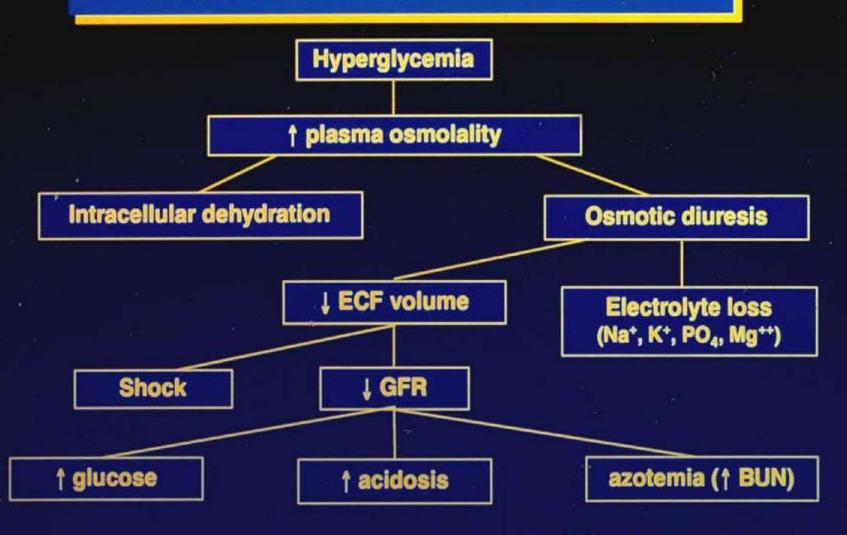
Welcome DKA and HHS

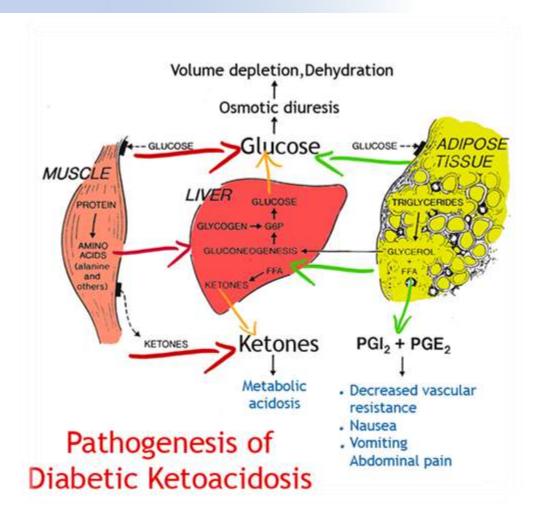
CDE Exam Preparation
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Pathophysiology of diabetic ketoacidosis

DKA at organ level





Characteristics

- Ketones positive
- Anion Gap > 12 (High)
- Blood Sugar \geq 14 (High)
- Bicarbonate ≤ 15 (Low)
- PH ≤ 7.3 (Low)
- Sodium Normal or Low
- Potassium Normal, Low, High

Monitor every hour until fluid and acidosis is corrected

(electrolytes, creatinine, osmolality, fluid balance)

Pregnant women in DKA present with lower glucose levels than non-pregnant women



Characteristics

- Quick Less 24 hours
- Polyuria, polyphagia, polydipsia
- Kussmaul respiration
- Nausea and Vomiting
- Tachycardia
- Hypotension
- Leg cramps
- Abdominal pain
- Decreased Extracellular volume (ECFV)
- Weakness, weight loss
- Physical symptoms of dehydration



Causes

- Newly Diagnosed Type 1
- Insulin Omission
- Infection
- MI
- Trauma
- Flu
- Eating Disorders (20% recurrent)
- Pump Failure
- Thyrotoxicosis
- Cocaine, atypical antipsychotics, interferon



Hyperosmolar Hyperglycemic State (HHS)

Characteristics

- Dehydration, Marked Decreased Extracellular volume
- Blood Sugar >33
- Osmolatity > 350
- PH > 7.2
- Bicarb > 20
- Ketones +/-

Can have neurologic presentation, seizures and stroke like symptoms



HHS

Symptoms

- Dry Mouth
- Poor Urine Output
- Sleepy coma
- Stupor
- Increased BUN, Cr



HHS

Causes

- Illness
- Decreased Fluid intake
- Drugs-glucocorticoids, thiazides, lithium and atypical antipsychotics
- Elderly, chronic care
- Following cardiac surgery



Tests

Glucose

Electrolytes and anion gap

Creatinine

Osmolality

Blood gases

Serum and urine ketone

- Beta-hydroxbutyric acid (78%)
- Acetoacetate (20 %)
- Acetone(2%)

Fluid balance

Monitor

Level of consciousness

Precipitating factors



	DKA	HHS
Blood Sugar	> 14	>34
Ketones	Positive	+ / -
Osmolality	Normal	> 350
PH	< 7.3	> 7.2 (normal)
Anion gap	increased	normal
Presentation	Rapid	Slower
Characteristics Common to Both	Weight Loss Vomiting Abdominal pain	Illness Dehydration Stupor
Treatment	Insulin (0.1u/kg/h) Hydration	Hydration Insulin
Mortality	< 1 % (age 20- 49) 16% (over 75)	12- 17 %
Incidence hospital admissions US	4-9 %	< 1 %



Treatment

DKA

HHS

Fluid resuscitation

Avoid Hypokalemia

Insulin

Avoid rapidly falling serum osmolality

Causes

Fluid resuscitation

- K
- Bicarb
- Electrolytes

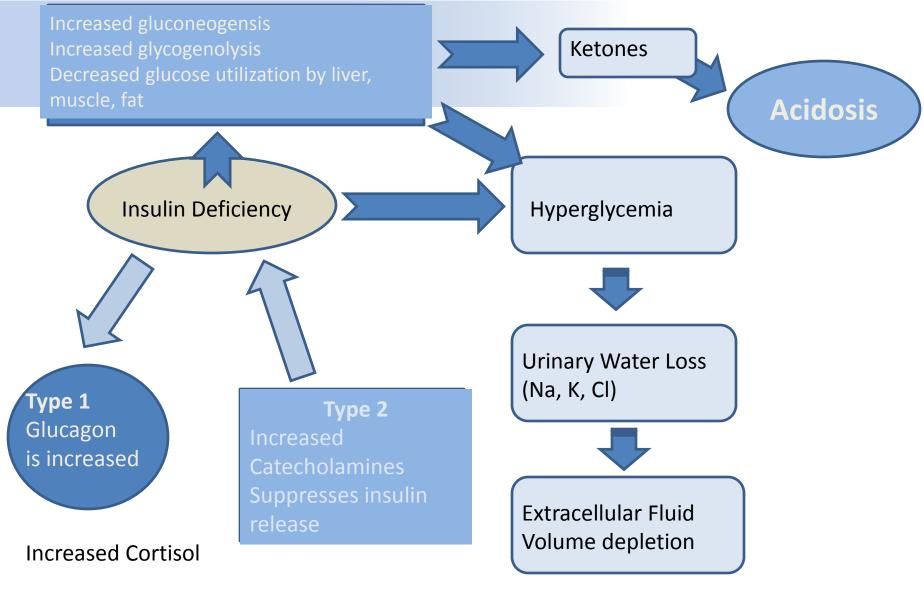
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Concerns: Cerebral Edema if hyperosmolality is reduced quickly(only 3 mmol/kg/hr)



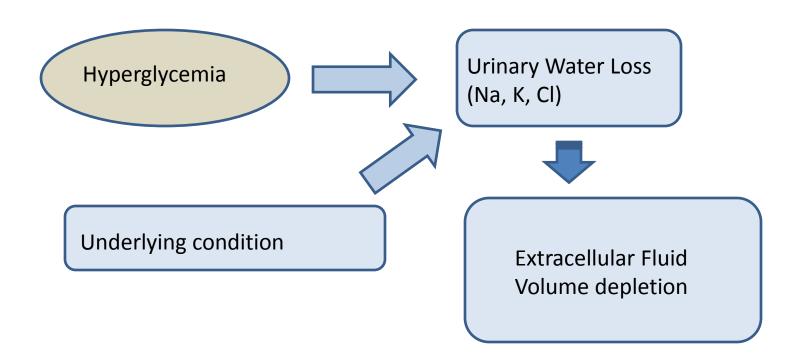


Wendy's attempt to simplify

Diabetic Ketoacidosis



Hyperosmolar Coma



Insulin is still present but inadequate to control blood glucose, but adequate to prevent formation of ketones.



Case Study

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What blood tests would you look at to determine if this is DKA or HHS?

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