A 45-year-old man with rheumatoid arthritis has been on oral prednisolone 10 mg daily for 4 weeks. He abruptly stops the medication due to symptom improvement. Two days later, he presents with severe fatigue, dizziness, nausea, and hypotension (BP: 88/58 mmHg). He appears lethargic. What is the most appropriate initial management step for this patient?

a. Administer IV fluids and IV hydrocortisone

b. Administer IV fluids and administer oral prednisolone d. Start vasopressors for hypotension along with hypertonic

c. Administer IV fluids and initiate antibiotic therapy

e. Take the blood for random blood sugar, and infuse hypertoinics

A 42-year-old female presents to the emergency department with complaints of intermittent muscle spasms, tingling sensations in her fingers and toes, and difficulty swallowing. She has a history of recurrent kidney stones and has been taking high doses of thiazide diuretics for hypertension. On physical examination, you elicit a positive Trousseau's sign. What is the most likely cause of the patient's symptoms?

a. Hypercalcemia due to excessive vitamin D intake

b. Hypokalaemia secondary to diuretic use

c. Hypocalcaemia due to diuretic use

d. Hypomagnesemia due to diuretic use

e. Hyperphosphatemia due to renal failure

A 45-year-old man presents with a 6-month history of excessive thirst, polyuria, and nocturia. Despite an increased fluid intake of over 5 litres per day, he continues to experience dry mouth. His physical examination is unremarkable. Laboratory tests reveal urine osmolality of 150 mOsm/kg and plasma osmolality of 295 mOsm/kg. Serum sodium levels are 142 mmol/L (normal range: 135–145 mmol/L). A water deprivation test shows no significant change in urine osmolality, and administration of desmopressin results in a marginal increase. What is the most likely diagnosis?

a. Central diabetes insipidus

b. Nephrogenic diabetes insipidus

c. Primary polydipsia

d. Syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion (SIADH)

e. Hypercalcemia-induced diuresis

A 52-year-old male patient presents for a routine check-up. He has no significant medical history but reports fatigue and increased thirst over the past few months. Laboratory investigations reveal a fasting blood glucose level of 6.3 mmol/L (113 mg/dL) and an HbA1c of 6.0%. The patient is asymptomatic and shows no signs of retinopathy or neuropathy on examination. Based on these findings, which of the following is the most accurate assessment and management plan?

a. Advise the patient that he is within normal glycemic limits and schedule annual follow-up appointments.

- b. Diagnose the patient with impaired glycaemia (pre-diabetes) and recommend lifestyle interventions to reduce progression risk.
- c. Confirm a diagnosis of diabetes mellitus and initiate oral hypoglycaemic therapy to prevent microvascular complications.
- d. Inform the patient that he has a negligible risk of developing complications and does not require lifestyle modification.
- e. Refer the patient for further evaluation, including an oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT), for definitive diagnosis.

A 60-year-old male with type 2 diabetes mellitus, hypertension, and stage 3 chronic kidney disease (CKD) is currently treated with metformin and lifestyle modifications. His HbA1c remains elevated at 8.2%. Given his comorbidities, which of the following add-on therapies would be most appropriate to improve glycemic control and provide additional renal benefits?

a. Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 (DPP-4) Inhibitors

b. Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) Receptor Agonists

c. Insulin

d. Sodium-Glucose Co-transporter 2 (SGLT2) Inhibitors

A 35-year-old male presents to the emergency department with a 3-month history of progressively worsening bilateral lower limb oedema, frothy urine, and generalised fatigue. He denies any fever, dysuria, or flank pain. His past medical history includes seasonal allergies and no chronic illnesses. Physical examination reveals significant pitting oedema extending to the knees. Laboratory results are as follows: Urinalysis: 4+ proteinuria, no hematuria, Serum albumin: 2.0 g/dL (Normal: 3.5-5.0 g/dL), Serum creatinine: 2.0 mg/dL (Normal: 0.6-1.2 mg/dL), Total cholesterol: 290 mg/dL (Normal: <200 mg/dL), Blood pressure: 120/78 mmHg, Further imaging shows normal-sized kidneys with no structural abnormalities. Serologic testing for antinuclear antibodies (ANA) and anti-dsDNA is negative. Given the clinical presentation and investigative findings, which of the following is the most likely diagnosis?

a. Acute Glomerulonephritis

d. Minimal Change Disease c. Diabetic Nephropathy

b. Chronic Kidney Disease with secondary nephrotic features e. Nephrotic Syndrome secondary to membranous nephropathy

A 22 year female presented with milky discharge from breast and amenorrhea for 9 months, she does not take any medications and has normal renal and thyroid function tests. Her serum prolactin level is 75 (increased), and a pituitary MRI reveals 4 mm mass. Her pregnancy test is negative. Which of the following is most consistent with her clinical picture?

a. Raised estradiol

b. Suppressed FSH

c. Low Free T4 and Cortisol

d. Abnormal visual fields

e. Raised LH

A 45-year-old male with a 20-year history of smoking and previous episodes of wheezing presents to the emergency department with progressive shortness of breath and fatigue over the past 48 hours. He reports no chest pain, cough, or recent respiratory infections. Physical examination reveals decreased breath sounds bilaterally, prolonged expiration, and use of accessory muscles for breathing. Arterial blood gas (ABG) analysis is as follows: pH: 7.30 (Normal: 7.35-7.45), PCO2: 60 mmHg (Normal: 35-45 mmHg), HCO3-: 29 mEq/L (Normal: 22-28 mEq/L). Further evaluation shows an oxygen saturation of 88%, on room air. A chest Xray reveals hyper-inflated lungs with a flattened diaphragm. Given the patient's history, clinical findings, and ABG results, what is the most likely underlying cause of his respiratory acidosis?

a. Acute pulmonary embolism

b. Acute severe asthma exacerbation

c. COPD exacerbation

d. Central nervous system depression due to drug overdose

e. Progressive neuromuscular disease

A 55-year-old woman is admitted to the hospital with severe diarrhoea and clinical signs of dehydration. Laboratory results, including an arterial blood gas (ABG) analysis, reveal the following: pH: 7.15 (Normal: 7.35-7.45) PCO<sub>2</sub>: 30 mmHg (Normal: 35-45 mmHg), HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>: 12 mEq/L (Normal: 22-28 mEq/L), She is diagnosed with metabolic acidosis. The medical team must determine the most appropriate intervention to correct her acidosis and manage her overall condition. Which of the following is the most appropriate management step for this patient?

- a. Administer a carefully calculated infusion of sodium bicarbonate tailored to the patient's base deficit
- b. Begin a bicarbonate infusion using half-isotonic saline combined with potassium chloride for electrolyte repletion
- c. Delay bicarbonate administration and prioritise correcting the underlying cause while ensuring renal function support
- d. Initiate a balanced crystalloid solution such as Ringer's lactate to correct dehydration and partially buffer acidosis
- e. Utilise sodium bicarbonate therapy only with strict monitoring of arterial blood gases and potential development of alkalosis

A 60-year-old male with a history of chronic kidney disease presents to the emergency department with complaints of nausea, vomiting, and lethargy. Laboratory tests reveal: Serum creatinine: 3.5 mg/dL (Normal: 0.6-1.2 mg/dL) Blood urea nitrogen (BUN):

40 mg/dL (Normal: 7-20 mg/dL) Serum potassium: 6.2 mEq/L (Normal: 3.5-5.0 mEq/L), Arterial blood gas (ABG): pH: 7.25, PCO2: 35 mmHg, HCO3-: 15 mEq/L .Given the patient's clinical presentation and laboratory results, which of the following is the most appropriate management strategy?

- a. Immediate administration of intravenous sodium bicarbonate
- b. Initiation of hemodialysis to remove excess potassium and metabolic acids
- c. Aggressive intravenous fluid resuscitation with normal saline
- d. Oral potassium binders and loop diuretics to lower potassium levels
- e. Administration of calcium gluconate to protect the heart from hyperkalemia

A 70-year-old woman with a known history of heart failure is brought to the emergency department with confusion, lethargy, and muscle weakness. On examination, she appears euvolemic. Her laboratory results are as follows: Serum sodium: 115 mEq/L (Normal: 135-145 mEq/L), Serum osmolality: 260 mOsm/kg (Normal: 275-295 mOsm/kg), Urine sodium: 40 mEq/L. Additional lab tests rule out adrenal insufficiency. The medical team reviews her recent medication history and finds no evidence of diuretics or medications causing fluid shifts. What is the most likely underlying cause of the patient's hyponatremia?

a. Excessive water intake leading to dilutional hyponatremia

b. Heart failure-induced secondary hyperaldosteronism

c. Hypothyroidism-related fluid imbalance

d. Syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion (SIADH)

e. Thiazide diuretic use undetected in medical history

A 25-year-old woman presents with high blood pressure, recurrent hematuria and abdominal pain. Ultrasound of the kidneys reports multiple cysts of varying sizes in both the kidneys. What is the most appropriate initial management?

a. Antibiotics for suspected infections

b. Conivaptan

c. Renal transplant

d. Start ACE inhibitors

A 50-year-old woman presents to the outpatient clinic seeking advice for weight management. She has a body mass index (BMI) of 37.5 kg/m2 and a history of ischaemic heart disease for the past 7 years, along with type 2 diabetes mellitus diagnosed 3 years ago. Her current blood pressure is 135/80 mmHg, and she reports walking for 20 minutes daily. Despite her efforts, she struggles with weight loss and glycemic control. Additionally, she is on metformin for diabetes management and lisinopril for blood pressure control. Given her medical history and current health status, which of the following would be the most effective next step in managing her obesity and associated comorbidities?

a. Bariatric surgery

b. Comprehensive diet modification under a nutritionist's guidance

c. Diet control with adjunctive use of orlistat

d. Initiation of orlistat therapy alone

e. Implementation of a rigorous exercise regimen combined with diet control

A 60 year female presented with numbness and tingling in her toes and has noted numbness around her mouth when she is stressed. She had thyroid surgery 2 years back and is currently taking thyroxine and calcium supplements daily. On examination she has thyroidectomy scar, her BP is 130/80 mm of Hg. She develops cramping in her forearms when the BP cuff was inflated. Based on her history and examination which of the following laboratory reports you will expect?

- a. Low calcium, raised phosphate and raised PTH
- c. Low calcium, raised phosphate and low PTH

b. Low calcium, low phosphate and low PTH d. Raised calcium, raised PTH and low phosphate

e. Raised alkaline phosphatase, raised PTH and low calcium

50 year old female presented with palpitations, tremors and heat intolerance. Her pulse rate is 120 bpm and she has smooth and tender thyroid gland with no proptosis. There is no family history of thyroid disorders. Her free T4 is 4.9 (raised) and TSH is 0.05 (low). What is the most likely diagnosis? a. Toxic Thyroid adenoma b. Toxic multi-nodular goitre d. Grave's disease c. Subacute thyroiditis e. Fictitious thyrotoxicosis A 70-year-old female nursing home resident presents with complaints of persistent bone pain. Her medical history is significant for hypothyroidism, for which she is on thyroxine, and she is also taking phenytoin for seizure management. Her laboratory investigations reveal the following: Serum calcium: 8.2 mg/dL (low), Parathyroid hormone (PTH): 80 pg/mL (elevated), Alkaline phosphatase: 350 IU/L (elevated), Serum phosphate (PO4): 2.1 mg/dL (low). Most likely diagnosis? a. Primary hyperparathyroidism b. Tertiary hyperparathyroidism c. Vitamin D deficiency d. Autoimmune hypoparathyroidism e. Hypomagnesemia A 65-year-old male presents to the clinic with complaints of muscle weakness and fatigue. He has a history of chronic kidney disease and is currently on dialysis. His medications include erythropoietin and calcium carbonate. Laboratory tests reveal the following: Serum calcium: 9.0 mg/dL (normal), Serum phosphate: 6.5 mg/dL (elevated), Parathyroid hormone (PTH): 150 pg/mL (elevated), Serum vitamin D: 15 ng/mL (low). Which of the following is the most likely diagnosis? a. Primary hyperparathyroidism b. Secondary hyperparathyroidism c. Osteoporosis d. Paget's disease of bone e. Vitamin D toxicity A 30yrs old multipara at 40wks is in labour and experiencing severe pains. Which of the following analgesic options would be most effective for her? a. Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation b. Nitrous Oxide c. Epidural Anesthesia d. Opioid Analgesia e. Non Pharmacological Methods i.e Massage A 25 years old primigravida at 16 weeks gestation presents with severe nausea and vomiting. Her weight is decreased by 3 kg in the past 2 weeks. Which of the following is the most appropriate management? a. Oral anti emetics and rest b. Hospital admission for IV Fluids and medications c. Terminate Pregnancy d. An urgent ultrasound to rule out fetal growth restriction e. Give Multi Vitamins and Monitor weight During pregnancy the heart undergoes structural and functional changes. Which of the following is TRUE regarding these cardiovascular adaptations? a. Cardiac output decreases in the first trimester and increases in the third trimester b. The heart shifts superiorly and to the left due to enlarging uterus c. Systemic vascular resistance increases due to elevated progesterone levels d. Plasma volume decreases leading to physiological anemia of pregnancy e. The enlarging uterus during pregnancy has no effect on heart A 35 yrs old woman, G3P2 with 38weeks of gestation is admitted to the labor ward with history of previous 1 c/section, in active labour with cervical dilatation of 6 cm. The fetal heart rate tracing shows late decelerations. What would be the most appropriate management option? b. NVD with episiotomy c. Vaccume vaginal delivery a. Emergency C/section d. Forceps vaginal delivery e. Spontaneous vaginal delivery Which of the following is the most appropriate management approach for a pregnant women with a mechanical heart valve? b. Heparin during 1<sup>st</sup> trimester then switch to warfarin until 36weeks a. Warfarin throughout pregnancy e. Heparin throughout pregnancy d. No anti coagulation necessary c. Aspirin only Which of the following is the best predictor of the need for blood transfusion in patient with PPH? c. Maternal hypotension b. Maternal tachycardia a. Estimated blood loss > 1000ml e. Maternal bradycardia d. Decrease hemoglobin level by 3g/dl A 34-year-old G4P5 at 39 weeks' gestation came with labor pains. The patient is noted to be 7 cm dilated, and 50% effaced with the fetal forehead and bridge of nose felt. The denominator felt In this position is e. Chin d. Parietal bone c. Frontal bone b. Nasal bone

A Woman who is 35 weeks pregnant is complaining of painful vulval blisters. She is diagnosed with genital herpes when she was 25 weeks pregnant and received anti viral treatment. She is not willing for caesarean delivery. What is first line of investigation to help her decide mode of delivery? c. Test for immunoglobulin to HSV1

b. Take vulval and vaginal swabs for culture a. PCR to confirm infection

d. TEST for HSV IgG Antibodies to type 2 HSV infection

e. Test for type specific HSV IgG antibodies to HSV 1 and HSV 2

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d. Induce labor at term to avoid risk of uterine rupture

a. Plan for a trial of labor after cesarean (TOLAC)

c. schedule cesarean section when in active labour

e. Refer her to a high-risk obstetrician for further evaluation

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A 5 years old child presents to ER in a semicomatosed condition. He had been unwell for the past couple of weeks with worsening polyuria and polydipsia. One day back he developed mild fever and today he got unconscious. His random blood sugar in ER shows a value of 350 mg/dl. An impression of diabetic ketoacidosis has been made. Which investigations best characterize diabetic ketoacidosis?

a. low serum ph, and bicarbonate, high K b. High Ph, low biacarbonate, decreased K c. High Ph, high bicarb, urinary ketones e. Nomal Ph, low bicarb, absent ketones in serum d. Low Ph, low bicarb, serum ketones present

## Surgery

A 30-year-old woman presents with recurrent urinary tract infections. Urine culture grows Proteus mirabilis. Imaging reveals a staghorn calculus. Which type of stone is most likely responsible for her condition?

a. Calcium oxalate

b. Uric acid

c. Struvite

d. Cystine

e. Xanthine

A 40-year-old female presents with colicky left-sided flank pain and haematuria. What is the most appropriate investigation to confirm the diagnosis of nephrolithiasis?

a. Serum calcium and uric acid levels

b. Abdominal ultrasound

c. Non-contrast CT scan

d. Plain abdominal X-ray

e. Intravenous pyelography (IVP)

A 60-year-old smoker has painless hematuria. Imaging shows a bladder mass. What is the best next step?

a. TURBT

b. Start antibiotics

c. Do urine culture

d. Schedule chemotherapy

e. Observe

A young male presents with dysuria, hematuria, and fever. Exam reveals costovertebral angle tenderness. What is the best management?

a. IV antibiotics

b. Oral analgesics

c. Order CT urography

d. Refer for biopsy

e. Wait for culture results

A 17-year-old presents with testicular pain for 1 hour. Examination reveals a horizontal, high-riding left testis with tenderness and swelling. Parents inquire about potential outcomes of delaying surgery. What is the primary risk of delayed intervention?

a. Infertility

b. Chronic scrotal pain

c. Testicular necrosis

d. varicocele

e. Epididymo-orchitis

A 60-year-old man presents with a progressively enlarging, painless swelling in the right hemiscrotum. Examination reveals a nontender, fluctuant swelling that transilluminates. He reports difficulty walking due to the size. What is th definitive treatment? c. Sclerotherapy

a. Aspiration

b. Jabouleys procedure

d. Antibiotics and analgesics

e. Watchful waiting

A 60-year-old man presents with a multinodular goitre causing compressive symptoms, including dyspnoea and dysphagia. Patient is biochemically euthyroid CT scan shows significant tracheal deviation and retrosternal extension. What is the most appropriate management?

a. Total thyroidectomy

b. Radioactive iodine therapy

c. Antithyroid medications

d. Observation with regular follow-up

e. External beam radiotherapy

A 45-year-old woman presents with a solitary, painless thyroid nodule discovered incidentally on a routine physical exam. Her TSH level is suppressed, and an ultrasound shows a 2.5 cm hypoechoic nodule without calcifications. What is the next best step in management?

a. Fine-needle aspiration cytology (FNAC)

b . Radionuclide thyroid scan

c. Repeat TSH and ultrasound in 6 months

d. Total thyroidectomy

e. Molecular testing

A 48-year-old diabetic man has a foot ulcer with crepitus and gas in soft tissues on X-ray. He is febrile with leukocytosis. What is the most critical next step?

a. Surgical debridement

b. IV antibiotics

c. Negative pressure therapy

d. Toe amputation

e. Hyperbaric oxygen

A 35-year-old woman presents with a tender, fluctuant lump in her right breast associated with fever and redness of the overlying skin. Ultrasound shows a hypoechoic lesion with irregular margins and posterior enhancement. What is the next best step in management?

a. Mammography

b. Core needle biopsy

c. Antibiotics and ultrasound-guided aspiration

d. Fine-needle aspiration cytology

e. Excisional biopsy