

## Case Conference

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## Patient Profile

- ▶ 71y/o ♀
- ▶ DAY1 02:16
- ▶ E4V5M6
- ▶ T/P/R=36.4/66/16    BP=120/58mmHg  
SpO2=98%
- ▶ 檢傷主訴：腹痛
- ▶ Triage = 3

## History

- ▶ C.C: epigastric pain today
- ▶ no nausea/vomiting
- ▶ no diarrhea
- ▶ leg edema (+)
- ▶ epigastric pain (+)

## Past history

- ▶ SSS s/p PPM
- ▶ CHF
- ▶ CAD
- ▶ DM (+)
- ▶ post thyroidectomy hypothyroidism
- ▶ Peptic ulcer disease
- ▶ NKDA

## Physical examination

- ▶ clear consciousness
- ▶ neck: supple
- ▶ BS: clear
- ▶ Abdomen:
  - soft, no rebound tenderness;
  - epigastric tenderness;

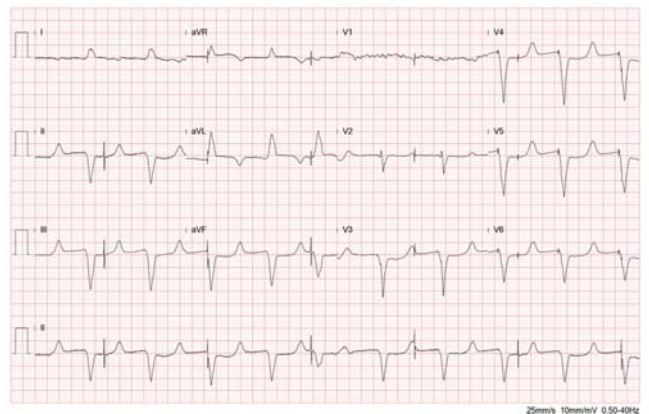
## Impression

- ▶ r/o PUD

## Initial order (day 1, 02:22)

- ▶ Hb, WBC, D/C,
- ▶ F/S (268)
- ▶ Crea., lipase, T-Bil, AST, Na, K, Troponin I
- ▶ EKG
- ▶ KUB
- ▶ N/S run 60mL/hr
- ▶ VBG (G3)
- ▶ Morphine 3mg iv st

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## VBG

- ▶ PH = 7.421
- ▶ PCO2 = 35.8mmHg
- ▶ PO2 = 40mmHg
- ▶ BE = -1mmol/L
- ▶ HCO3 = 23.3mmol/L
- ▶ TCO2 = 24mmol/L
- ▶ SO2 = 77%

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## Lab data

- |                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| ● Hb 10.0g/dL       | ● AST 87U/L                 |
| ● WBC 5000/ $\mu$ L | ● T-Bil. 1.11mg/dL          |
| ● Seg 90.6%         | ● Crea. 1.97mg/dL           |
| ● Lym 8.0%          | ● eGFR 24.99                |
| ● Mono 0.8%         | ● Na 139meq/L               |
| ● Eosinophil 0.2%   | ● K 5.6meq/L                |
| ● Basophil 0.4%     | ● Lipase 82U/L              |
|                     | ● Troponin I 0.16 $\mu$ g/L |

## day 1, 04:23

- NaHCO3 3amp iv st
- Kalimate 3pk po st
- Rasitol 1amp iv st
- IVF: on lock
- f/u VBG (G6) @ 09:00
- Nexium 1amp iv st

- 1個月前因腹脹來急診做過CT。

- 1個月前 CT
  - ascites (+) 、 L't ovarian cyst
  - focal mesenteric traction @ L't abd. with mild peritoneal adhesion
- 1週前 PES
  - duodenum: diverticulum, 2nd portion
  - GU
- 20天前
  - CA 125: 554.2
  - Ascites: no malignant cell (reported on 9/26)
- 1週前 → DAY1
  - AST: 36 → 87
  - T-Bil.: 0.97 → 1.97
  - K: 5.8 → 3.8 → 5.6
- 家屬述 Gyn OPD f/u 說沒問題
- 病人每次來都是
- 上腹痛、CRI (+)
- 最近腳更腫
- CV OPD
  - Alductin 1# po QD

day 1, 06:43

- Abd. Echo
  - Ascites, Minimal
  - Pleural effusion, Left pleural cavity
  - Distended urinary bladder R/O acute urinary retention

- pH = 7.436
- PCO2 = 42.7mmHg
- PO2 = 28mmHg
- BE = 4mmol/L
- TO2 = 30mmol/L
- SO2 = 54%
- Na = 142mmol/L
- K = 5.1mmol/L
- Hct = 34%PCV
- Hb = 11.6g/dL

day 1, 09:55

- copy ER data
- 告知 P't hold Alductin
- Burinex 1# po qd\*3days
- 腹痛 sheet
- MBD & OPD f/u
- 出院診斷：epigastric pain, susepct PUD

## Discussion 1. Ascites + CA125↑ = ovarian ca. In hypothyroidism???

Bou khalil R, El rassi P, Chammas N, et al.  
Myxedema ascites with high CA-125: Case and a review of literature.  
World J Hepatol. 2013;5(2):86-9.

Ji J, Chae H, Cho Y, et al.  
Myxedema Ascites: Case Report and Literature Review.  
J Korean Med Sci. 2006;21(4):761-.

## ACOG committee opinion, 2011

- Measuring CA 125 levels over time provides a more accurate assessment of ovarian ca. risk
- prospective study of postmenopausal women
- PPV : 19%....

## Myxedema ascites

- ascites in hypothyroidism
  - the least frequently reported nonspecific manifestation (<4% of cases)
- rare but easy to treat
- CA-125 levels can be as high as those seen in patients with cancer

|                                 | Number of patients | Mean     | Ranges          | Remarks   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------|-----------------|---|
| Ascites protein (g/dL)          | 49                 | 3.9      | 1.8-5.1         | Forty-eight patients (98%) showed ascites protein levels >2.5 g/dL        |
| SAAG (g/dL)                     | 11                 | 1.5      | 0.8-2.3         | Because of the small number of patients, the characteristics were unclear |
| Ascites WBC count (per $\mu$ L) | 48                 | 60       | 10-400          | Predominance of lymphocytes (mean 81%)                                    |
| Duration of ascites             | 51                 | 8 months | 1 month to 8 yr |   |
| Response to treatment           | 51                 |          |                 | Regression of ascites   |

## Unfortunately....

- Unclear mechanism of ascites fluid formation
- Unclear mechanism of elevated CA-125...

## Discussion 2.

### How to approach a patient with leg edema ?

Ely JW, Osheroff JA, Chambliss ML, Ebell MH.  
Approach to leg edema of unclear etiology.  
J Am Board Fam Med. 2006;19(2):148-60.

Trayes KP, Studdiford JS, Pickle S, Tully AS.  
Edema: diagnosis and management.  
Am Fam Physician. 2013;88(2):102-10.

## pathophysiology

- edema
  - interstitial fluid volume↑
  - → palpable swelling
- pressure gradient across the capillary
  - hydrostatic vs. oncotic

## Disruption of equilibrium

- capillary hydrostatic pressure↑
- plasma volume↑
- capillary permeability↑
- plasma oncotic pressure↓
- lymphatic obstruction

## classification

- venous edema
- lymphedema
- lipidema

Table 1. Common Causes of Leg Edema in the United States

| Unilateral           |                      | Bilateral         |  |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--|
| Acute (<72 hours)    | Chronic              | Acute (<72 hours) | Chronic  |
| Deep vein thrombosis | Venous insufficiency |                   | Venous insufficiency<br>Pulmonary hypertension<br>Heart failure<br>Idiopathic edema<br>Lymphedema<br>Drugs<br>Premenstrual edema<br>Pregnancy<br>Obesity |

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## most likely cause of leg edema

- > 50y/o
  - venous insufficiency (30%)
  - heart failure (~1%)
- ♀ < 50y/o
  - idiopathic edema
  - Pregnancy & premenstrual edema

Table 2. Less Common Causes of Leg Edema in the United States

| Unilateral                            |   | Bilateral  |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Acute (<72 hours)                     | Chronic   | Acute (<72 hours)  | Chronic  |
| Ruptured Baker's cyst                 | Secondary lymphedema (tumor, radiation, surgery, bacterial infection) | Bilateral deep vein thrombosis                                   | Renal disease (nephrotic syndrome, glomerulonephritis)   |
| Ruptured medial head of gastrocnemius | Pelvic tumor or lymphoma causing external pressure on veins           | Acute worsening of systemic cause (heart failure, renal disease) | Liver disease  |
| Compartment syndrome                  | Reflex sympathetic dystrophy  |  | Secondary lymphedema (secondary to tumor, radiation, bacterial infection, filariasis)<br>Pelvic tumor or lymphoma causing external pressure<br>Dependent edema<br>Diuretic-induced edema<br>Dependent edema<br>Preeclampsia<br>Lipidema*<br>Anemia |

## History

- duration
  - acute vs. chronic
  - improve overnight ?
- painful edema ?
- systemic disease (心、肝、腎)
- pelvic/abd. neoplasm/radiation
- sleep apnea
- medication

Table 4. Drugs That May Cause Leg Edema<sup>9,12,14,16,17</sup>

### Antihypertensive drugs

Calcium channel blockers  
Beta blockers  
Clonidine  
Hydralazine  
Minoxidil  
Methyldopa

### Hormones

Corticosteroids  
Estrogen  
Progesterone  
Testosterone

### Other

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs  
Pioglitazone, Rosiglitazone  
Monoamine oxidase inhibitors

## Physical examination

- BMI 、neck circumference (17inches/43.18cm)
- 單側vs.雙側
- 足背 (Kaposi-Stemmer sign → lymphedema)
- tenderness 、pitting
- varicose veins
- signs of heart failure/liver disease
- Skin changes



Figure 5. Lipodermatosclerosis from chronic venous insufficiency associated with marked sclerotic and hyper-pigmented tissue.



Figure A. Venous insufficiency with venous stasis ulcer over the medial malleolus. Note the yellow-brown hemosiderin deposition.

## Laboratory tests

(although most patients > 50y/o with leg edema have venous insufficiency)

- CBC
- U/A
- Crea. 、Na 、K 、glucose 、TSH 、albumin
- EKG
- CXR
- echocardiogram

- BNP (for dyspneic p't)
- D-dimer
- Doppler
- serum lipids (for possible nephrotic syndrome)
- lymphoscintigraphy

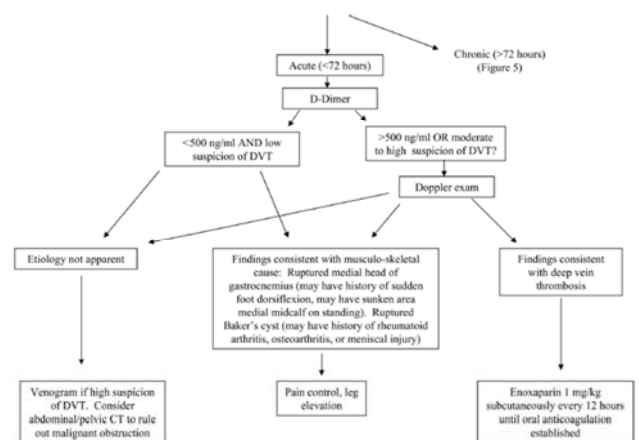
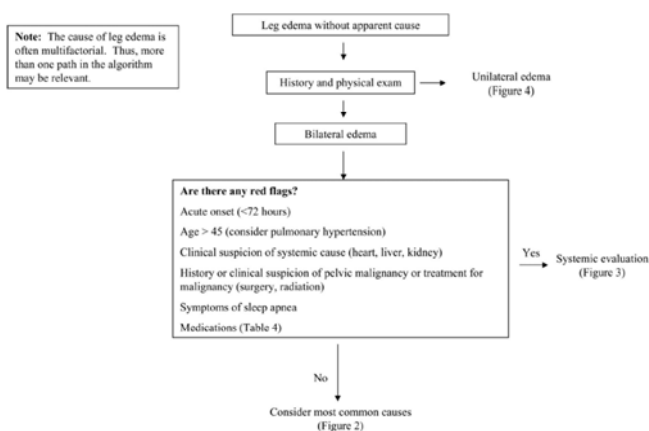
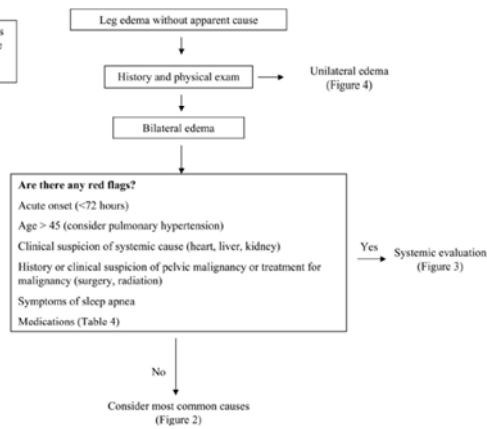


Figure 4. Unilateral edema.

Note: The cause of leg edema is often multifactorial. Thus, more than one path in the algorithm may be relevant.



**Systemic evaluation:**

- complete blood count
- urinalysis
- electrolytes
- creatinine
- blood sugar
- thyroid stimulating hormone
- albumin
- other tests for specific indications

**Specific indications:**

- Acute edema: d-Dimer, follow with doppler exam if d-Dimer elevated OR clinical suspicion of DVT high
- Age >45 years: echocardiogram to rule out pulmonary hypertension, heart failure
- Suspicion of heart disease: ECG, echocardiogram, chest radiograph, brain natriuretic peptide
- Suspicion of liver disease: ALT, AST, total bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, prothrombin time, serum albumin
- Suspicion of kidney disease: urinalysis with exam of sediment, serum lipids
- Suspicion of malignancy: abdominal/pelvic CT scan
- Suspicion of sleep apnea: sleep study, echocardiogram
- Lymphedema: abdominal/pelvic CT scan
- Medication known to cause edema (Table 4): consider reducing dose or changing medication

Figure 3. Systemic evaluation.

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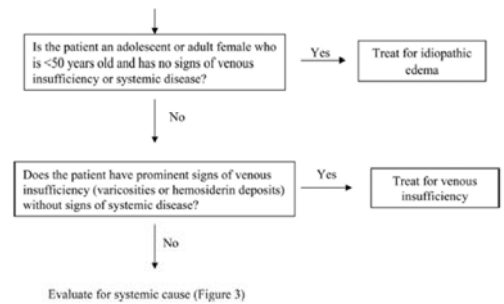
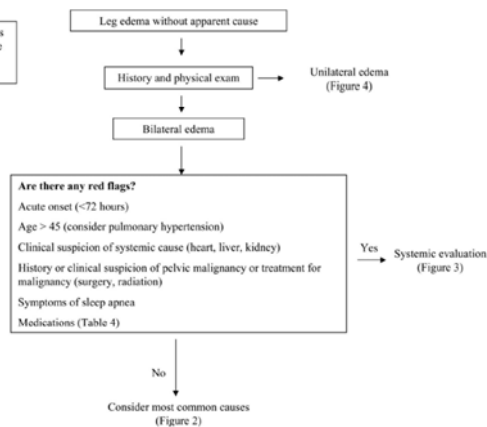


Figure 2. Common causes.

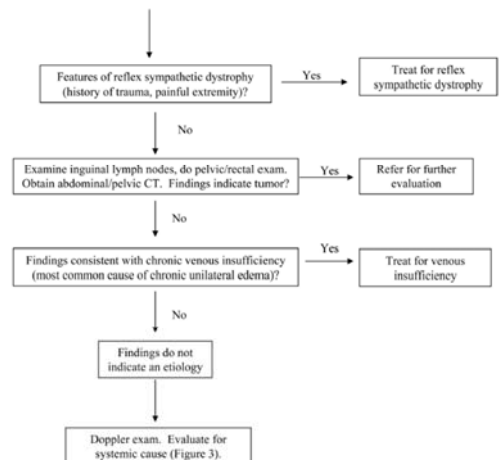


Figure 5. Chronic unilateral edema.