

Respiratory Distress in the Newborn

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Respiratory Distress



Clinical Manifestations

Tachypnea (RR > 60 /min)

Grunting respirations

Significant retractions

Nasal flaring

Cyanosis

Apnea









Respiratory Distress

• Pulmonary Disorders

common

RDS
TTNB
MAS

congenital pneumonia
pneumothorax/air leak

less common

pulmonary hemorrhage
diaphragmatic hernia
pulmonary hypoplasia/
agenesis
upper airway obstruction
tracheomalacia
abdominal distention
pleural effusion/ chylothorax

uncommon

congenital lung cysts,tumors
congenital lobar emphysema
tracheoesophageal fistula
pulmonary lymphangiectasia
tracheal lesions
rib cage anomalies
extrinsic masses

Respiratory Distress



•Extrapulmonary Disorders

cardiovascular

hypovolemia
anemia
polycythemia
PPHN
cyanotic heart disease
congestive heart failure

metabolic

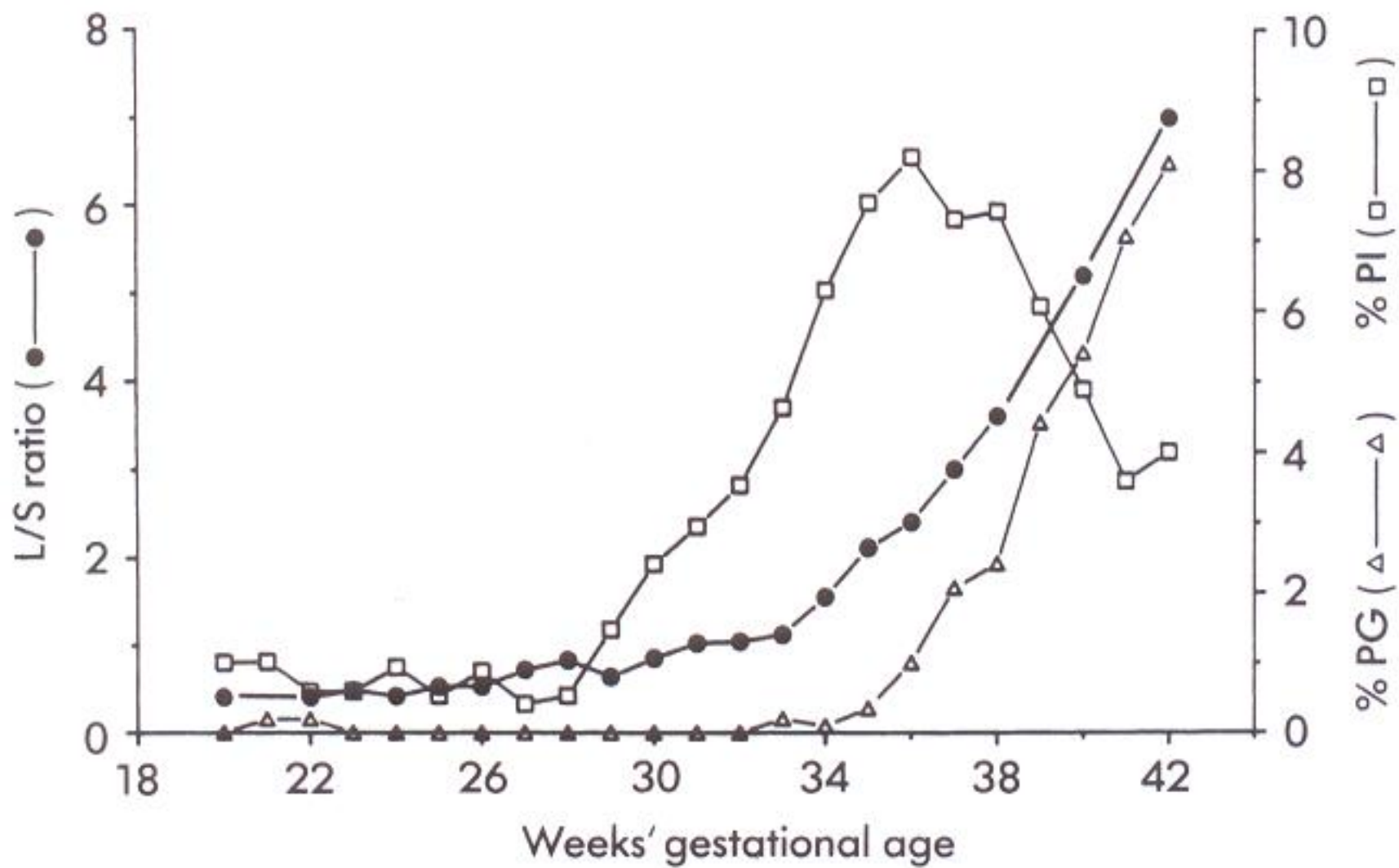
acidosis
hypoglycemia
hypothermia
hyperthermia

neurologic/muscular

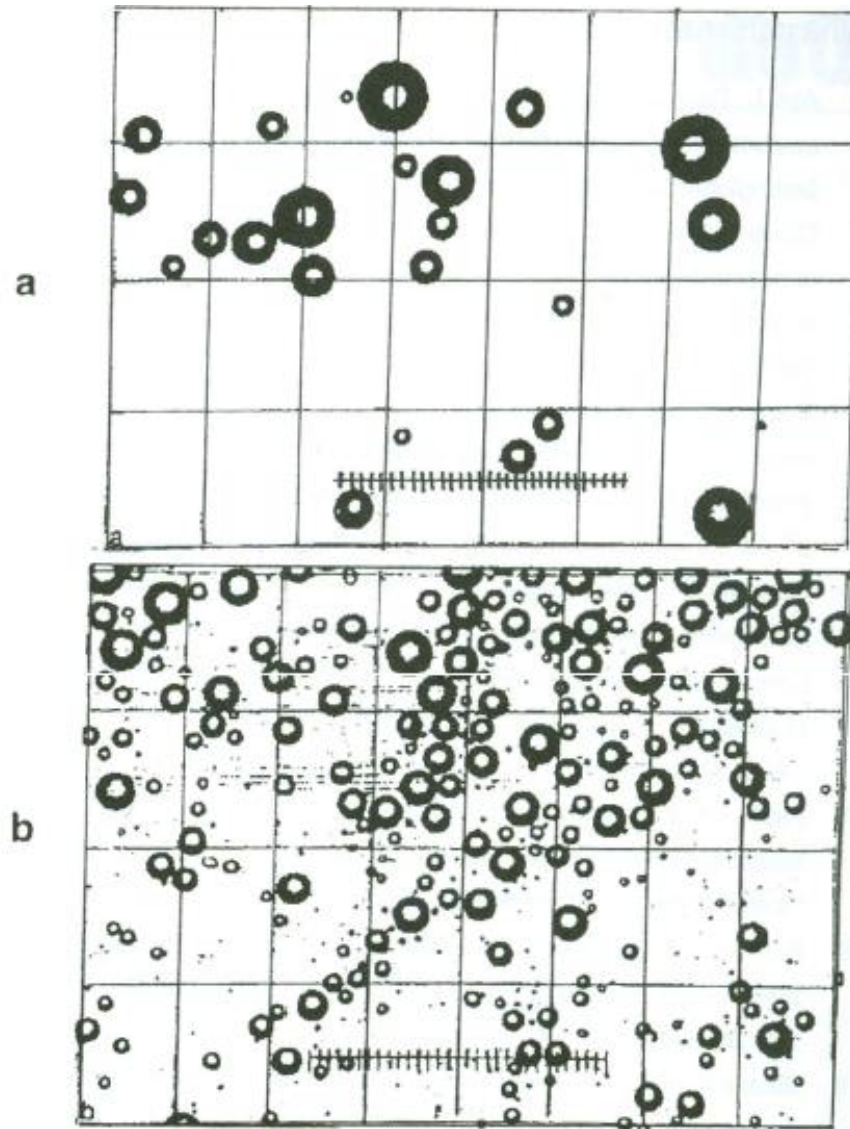
cerebral edema
cerebral hemorrhage
drugs
muscle disorders
spinal cord diseases
phrenic nerve damage

Case





Stable Microbubble Test



Respiratory Distress Syndrome



Prenatal Prediction

- A. Prenatal prediction of lung maturity by tests of amniotic fluid: Shake test, L/S ratio
- B. Maternal glucocorticoid treatment
 - GA < 34 weeks or lung immaturity
 - Lower incidence of RDS, IVH, PDA

Respiratory Distress Syndrome



Postnatal Diagnosis

- **Clinical signs shortly after birth**
- **Tachypnea, retractions, flaring of nasal alae
grunting and cyanosis**
- **CXR - low volume lungs with a diffuse
reticulogranular pattern and
air bronchograms**

Surfactant deficiency

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graph TD; A[Surfactant deficiency] --> B[Atelectasis]; A --> C[V/Q mismatch]; A --> D[Hypoventilation]; B --> C; B --> E[Hypoxemia & hypercarbia]; C --> E; E --> F[Respiratory & metabolic acidosis]; F --> G[Pulmonary vasoconstriction]; G --> H[Impaired endothelial and epithelial integrity]; H --> I[Proteinaceous exudates]; I --> J[Respiratory Distress Syndrome]; H --> A; H --> C;
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The diagram illustrates the pathogenesis of Respiratory Distress Syndrome (RDS). It begins with 'Surfactant deficiency' in a yellow box. This leads to 'Atelectasis', which then branches into 'V/Q mismatch' and 'Hypoventilation'. Both of these lead to 'Hypoxemia & hypercarbia', which then leads to 'Respiratory & metabolic acidosis'. This is followed by 'Pulmonary vasoconstriction', 'Impaired endothelial and epithelial integrity', and 'Proteinaceous exudates'. Finally, these lead to 'Respiratory Distress Syndrome'. There are feedback loops from 'Impaired endothelial and epithelial integrity' back to 'Surfactant deficiency' and 'V/Q mismatch'.

Atelectasis

V/Q mismatch

Hypoventilation

Hypoxemia & hypercarbia

Respiratory & metabolic acidosis

Pulmonary vasoconstriction

Impaired endothelial and epithelial integrity

Proteinaceous exudates

Respiratory Distress Syndrome





Respiratory Distress Syndrome



Management

A. Oxygen

- Maintain PaO_2 50-80 mmHg

B. CPAP

- Prevent atelectasis
- Decrease lung edema
- Preserve functional properties of surfactant

C. Mechanical ventilation

D. Surfactant replacement therapy

Non-invasive Ventilation



E.Supportive therapy



- Temperature
- Fluid and nutrition - monitoring of serum electrolytes and body weight
- Circulation
- Possible infection - broad spectrum antibiotics for at least 48 hours

Complications



Acute complications

- Air leak
- Infection
- Intracranial hemorrhage
- PDA

Long-term complications

- Chronic lung disease
- Retinopathy of prematurity
- Neurologic impairment

Case

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เนื่องจาก previous C/S, Apgar scores 8, 9 ที่ 1, 5 นาที





Process of Clearing Lung Fluid



Begins 2 to 3 days prior to birth

Decrease rate of secretion

Clearance occurs during labor

Changes from chloride - secreting to
sodium absorbing membrane

Lymphatics & pulmonary vessels drainage

Transient Tachypnea of the Newborn



Progressive respiratory distress

Excess lung fluid

Intrauterine or intrapartum asphyxia

Cesarean section

Maternal over sedation, bleeding

Asphyxia

Maternal diabetes

Clinical Manifestations of TTNB



Little or no difficulty at onset of breathing

Shortly after birth

- Expiratory grunting

- Flaring of nares

- Mild cyanosis noted in room air

- Present by 6 hours of age

- Respiratory rates as high as 100-140/min

- Mild respiratory and metabolic acidosis

Management of TTNB



Supportive care

Adequate oxygenation

IV fluids for fluid and electrolyte balance

Improving by 24 hours

Clinical course ~ 72 hours

Case



Meconium Aspiration Syndrome (MAS)



Presence of meconium in amniotic fluid

Asphyxial insult

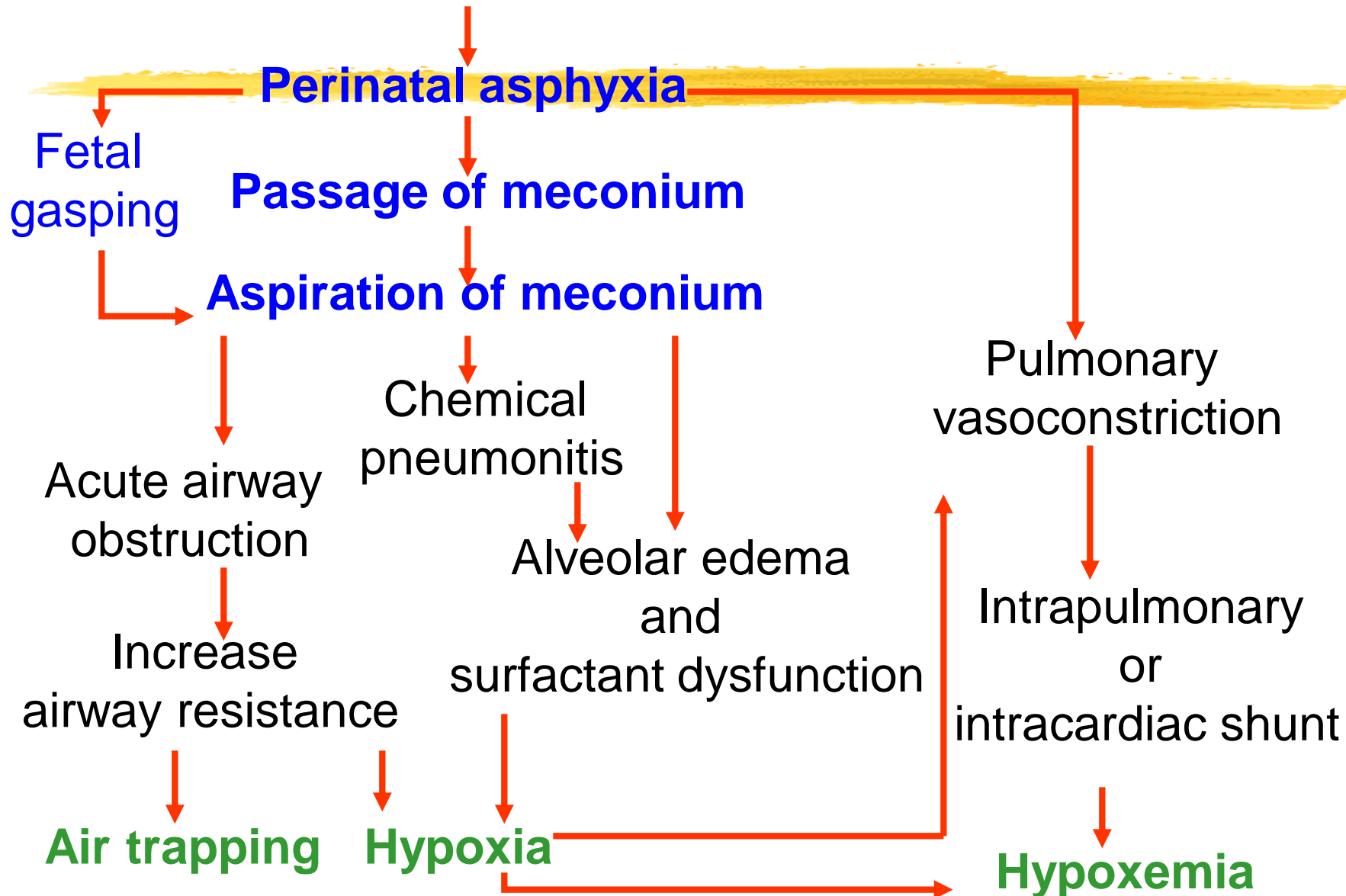
Fluid aspirated into tracheobronchial tree
in utero or during the first few breaths

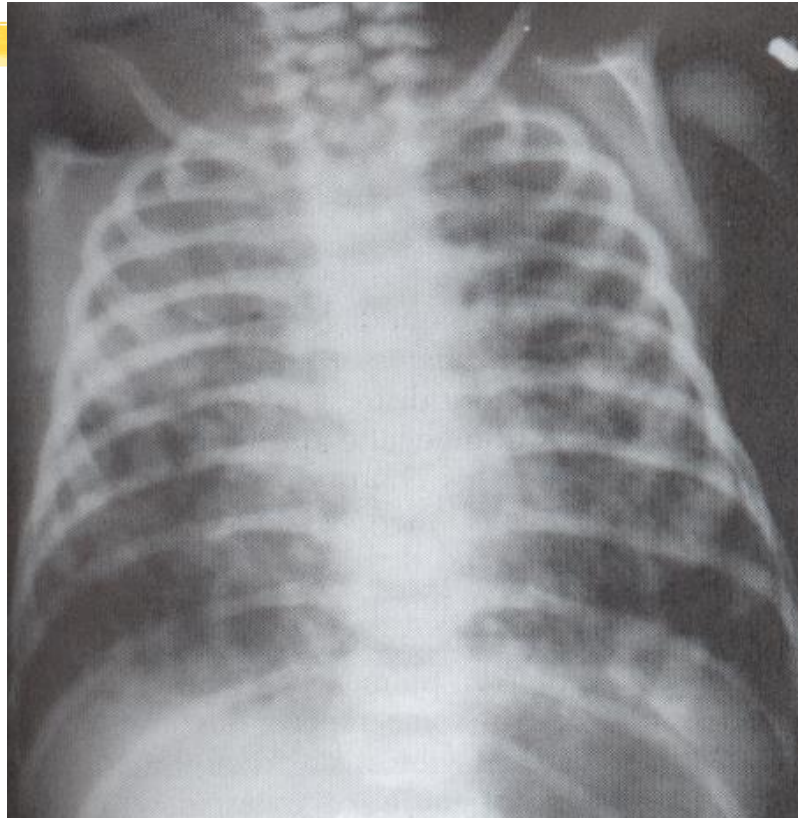
Clinical Manifestations of MAS

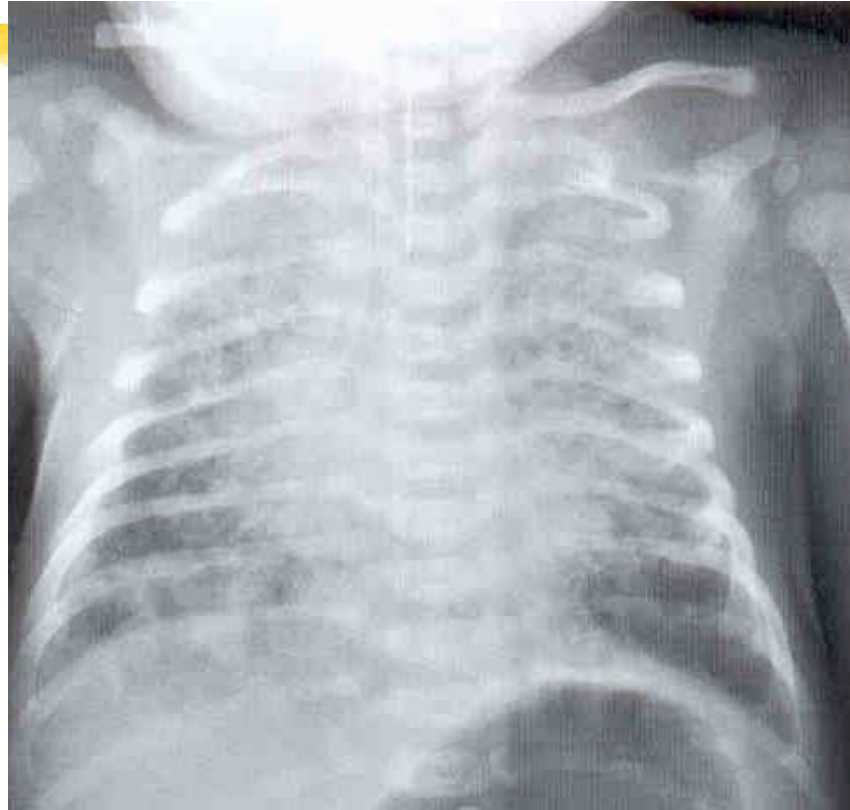


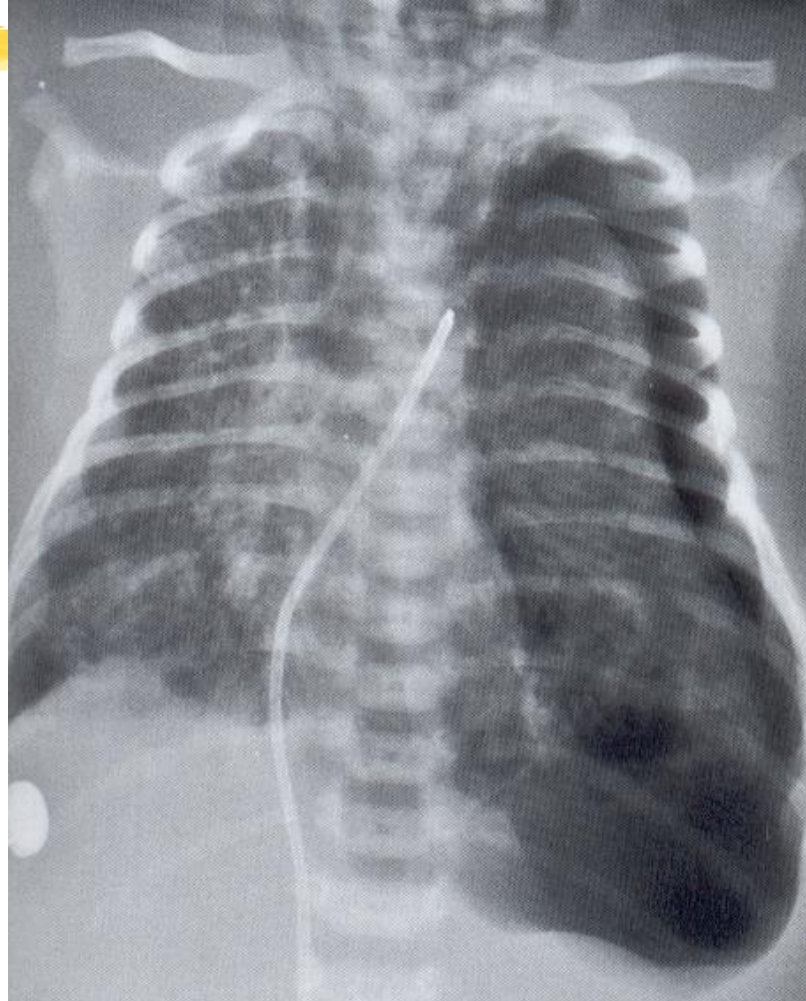
- Fetal hypoxia in utero
 - slowing of FHR or weak and irregular
 - loss of variability
 - meconium staining of amniotic fluid
- Meconium in trachea
- Signs of distress at birth
 - pallor, cyanosis, apnea, low heart rate, low Apgar
- CXR

Maternal-fetal compromise









Meconium present?

Yes

No longer advise routine intrapartum oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal suctioning

No

Baby vigorous?*

Yes

No

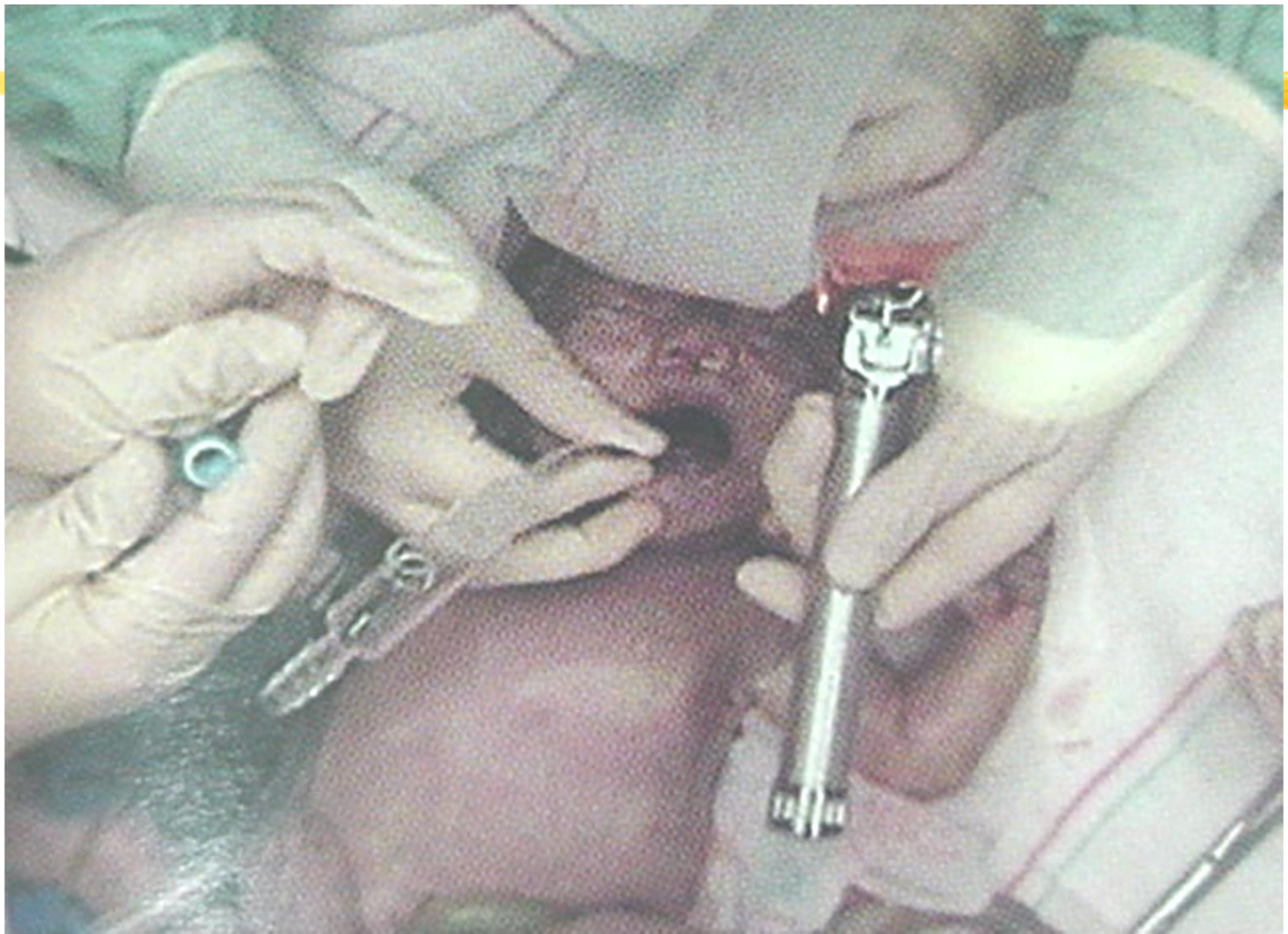
~~Endotracheal suction immediately~~

Continue with remainder of initial steps

- Clear mouth and nose of secretion
- Dry, stimulate, and reposition
- Give O₂ (as necessary)

***strong respiratory effort, good muscle tone, and HR>100 bpm**





Management of MAS

- Drug therapy : broad-spectrum antibiotics
- Routine care : thermal environment, BS
- Obstruction, Chemical pneumonitis
- Oxygen therapy, CPAP
- Mechanical ventilation if respiratory failure

$\text{PaCO}_2 > 60 \text{ mmHg}$, $\text{PaO}_2 < 50 \text{ mmHg}$

Complications



- **Air leak**
- **Pneumothorax**
- **Pneumomediastinum**
- **Pulmonary hypertension**
- **PPHN**

Case 4



Neonatal Pneumonia

- Intra-amniotic infection
- Hematogenous or transplacental spread
- Common pathogens -GBS, E.coli, Klebsiella

Risk Factors

- Rupture of membranes > 18 hours
- Maternal intrapartum fever > 38°C
- Chorioamnionitis
- Preterm



Neonatal Pneumonia



Management

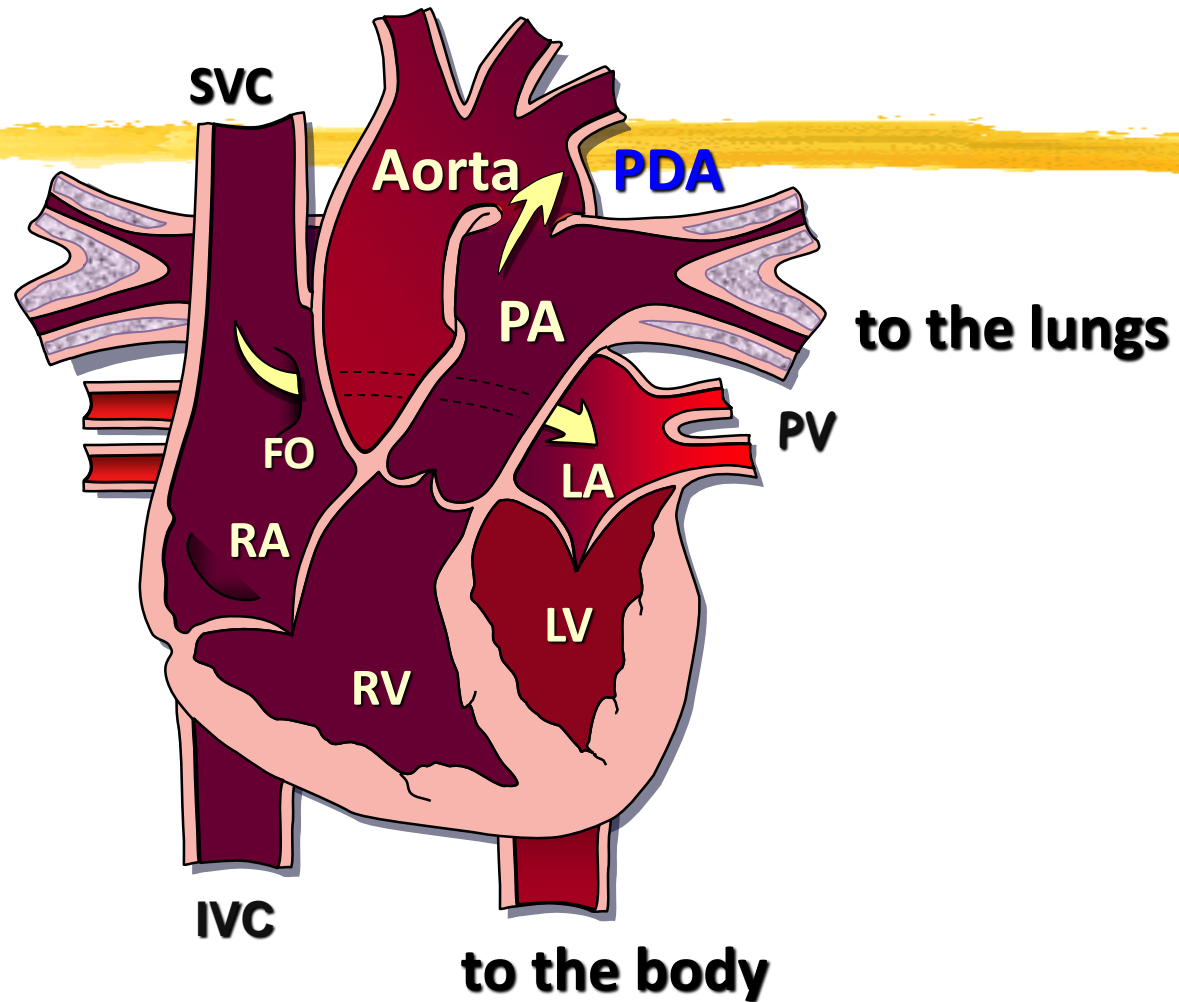
- Empirical antibiotic therapy

parenteral ampicillin and gentamicin 10 days

Case

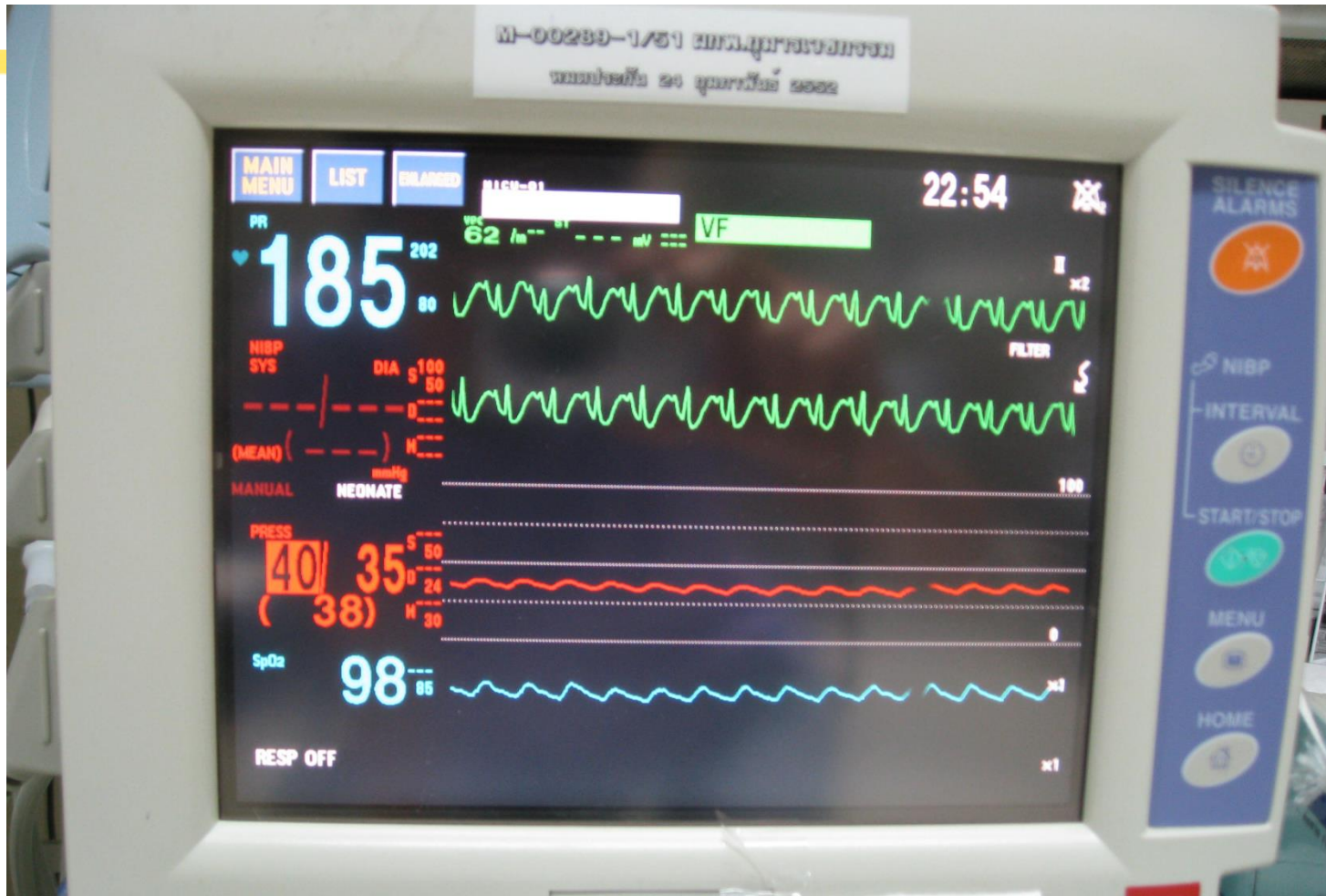




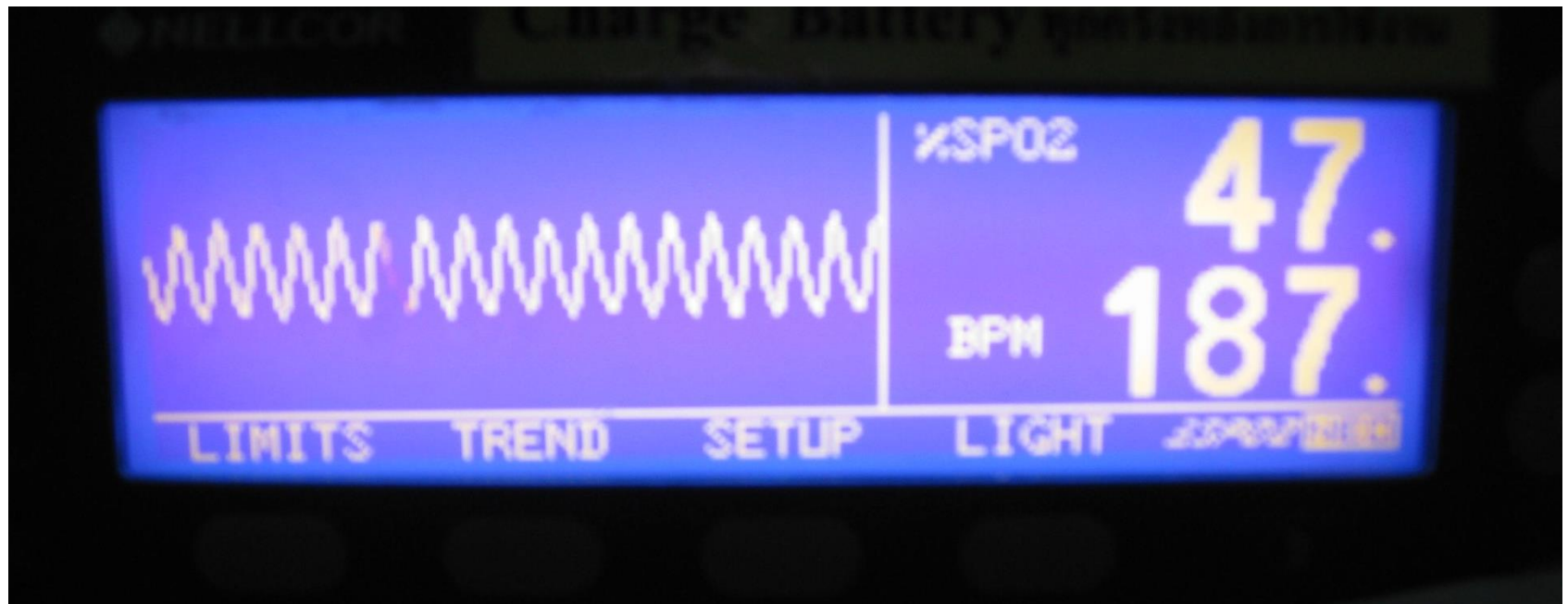


Right-to-Left Shunt

Pre-ductal SpO₂



Post-ductal SpO₂



Therapy



- Lower pulmonary vascular resistance
- Maintain systemic blood pressure
- Reverse right-to-left shunts
- Improve arterial SpO₂, O₂ delivery

Management



- Correction of acidosis, cold stress
- Minimization of stimuli, sedation
- Inotropic drugs to increase SVR
- Gentle ventilation
- High frequency ventilation
- Nitric oxide



History
Physical examination
Investigations



Diagnosis



Management

