

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

less common

congenital pneumonia
pneumothorax/air leak

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

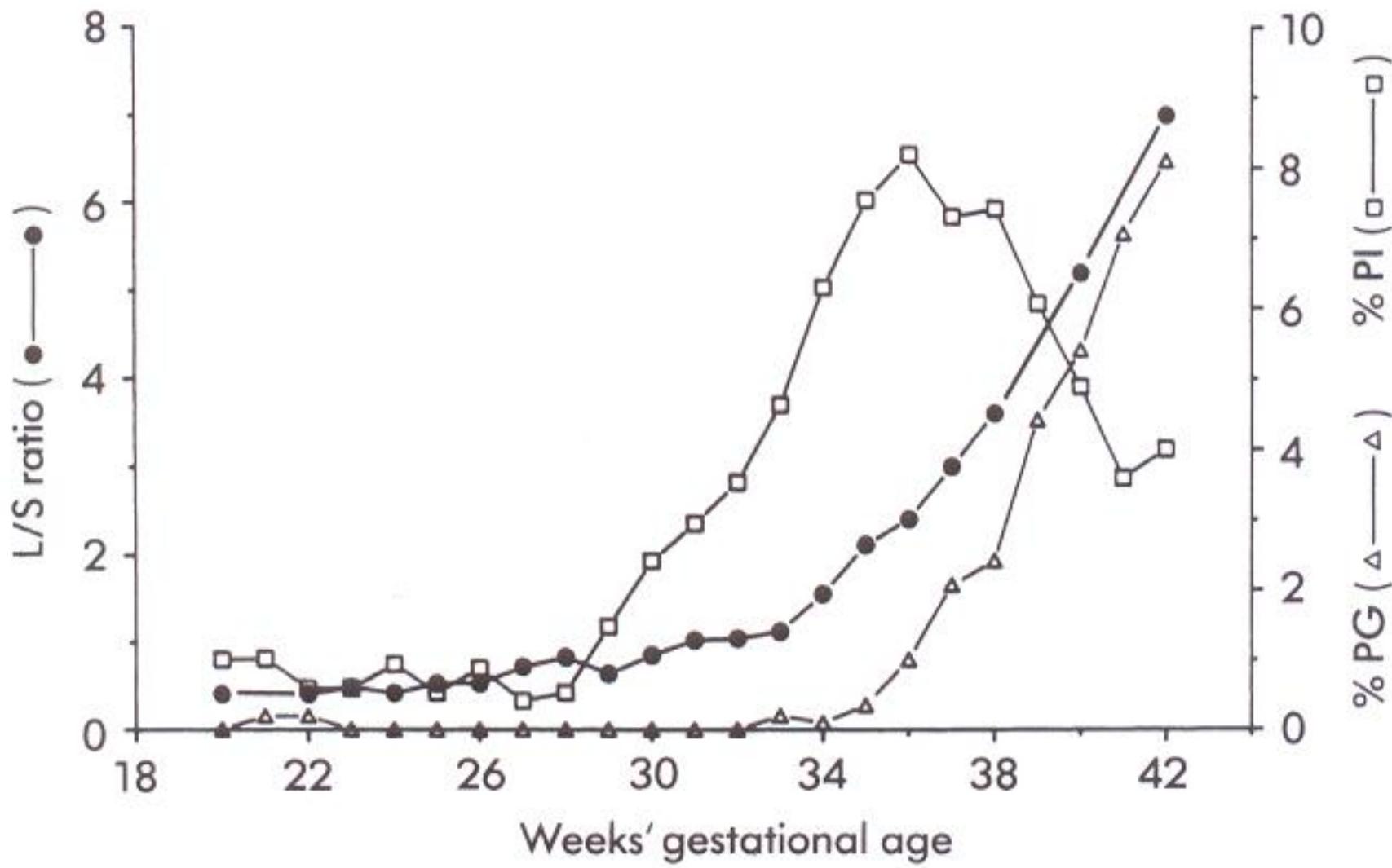
muscle disorders

spinal cord diseases

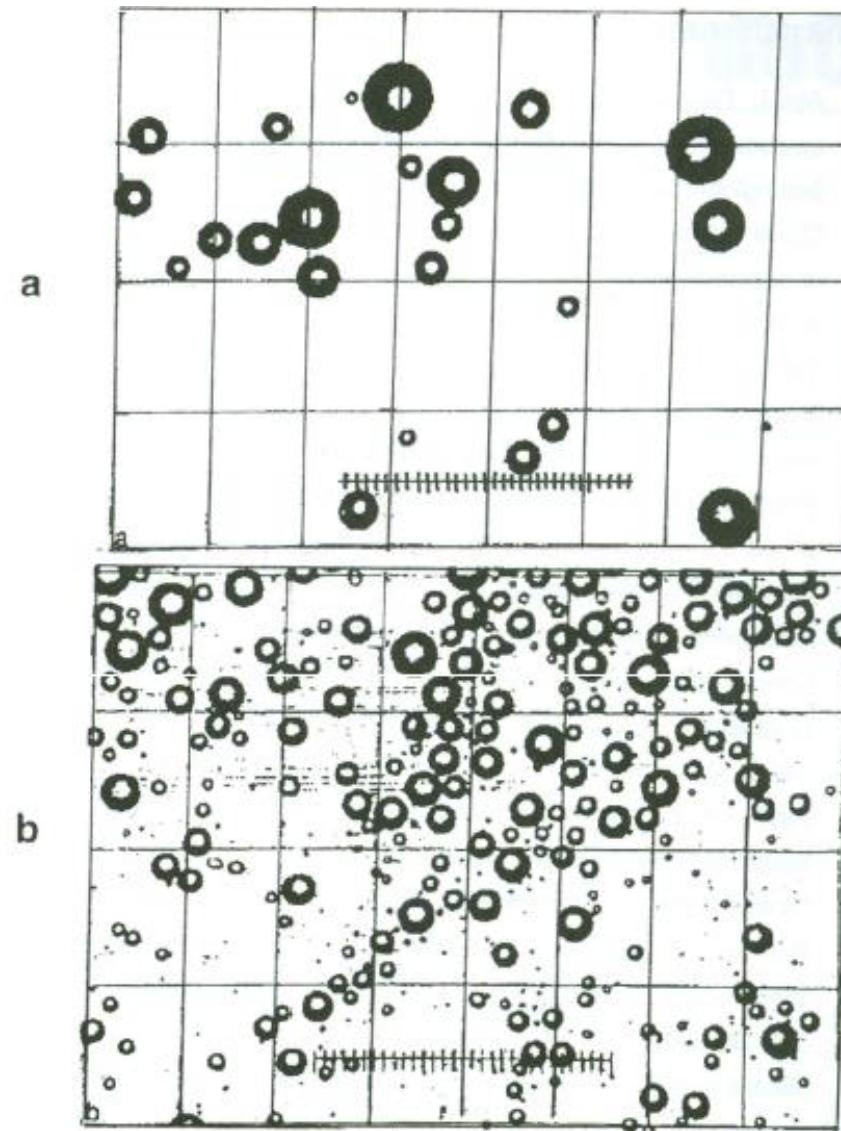
phrenic nerve damage

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**

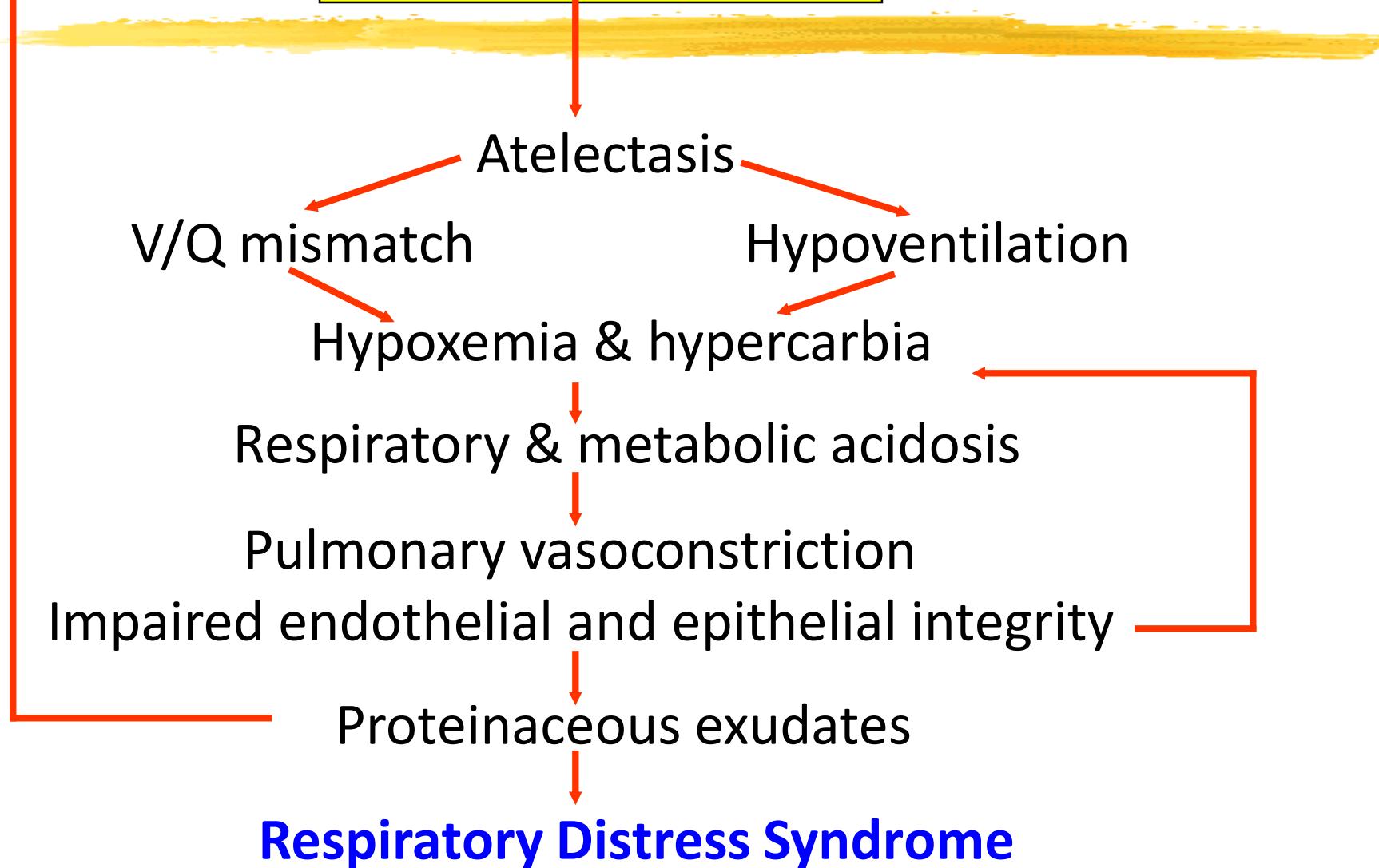
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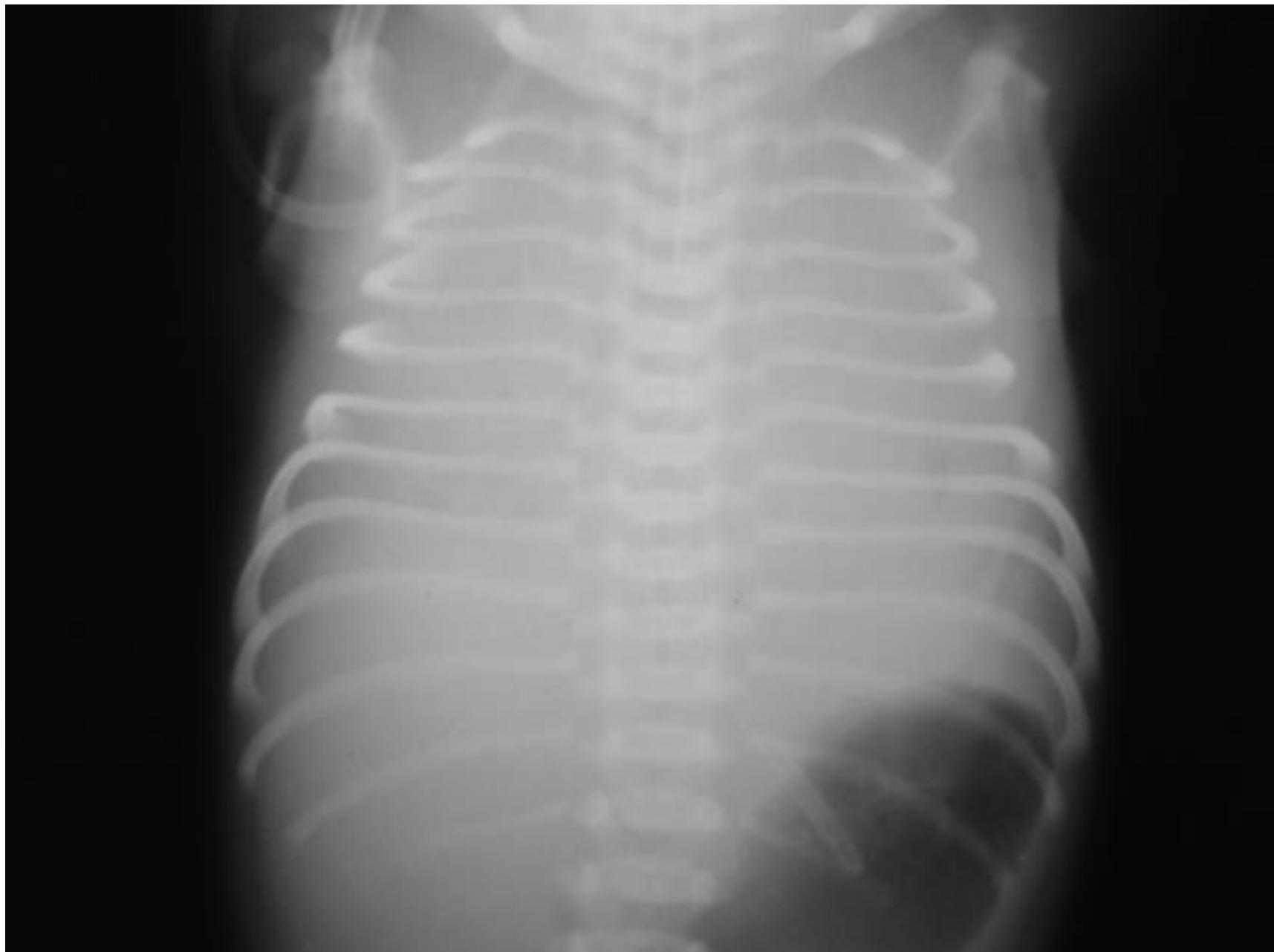
Postnatal Diagnosis

- 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







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

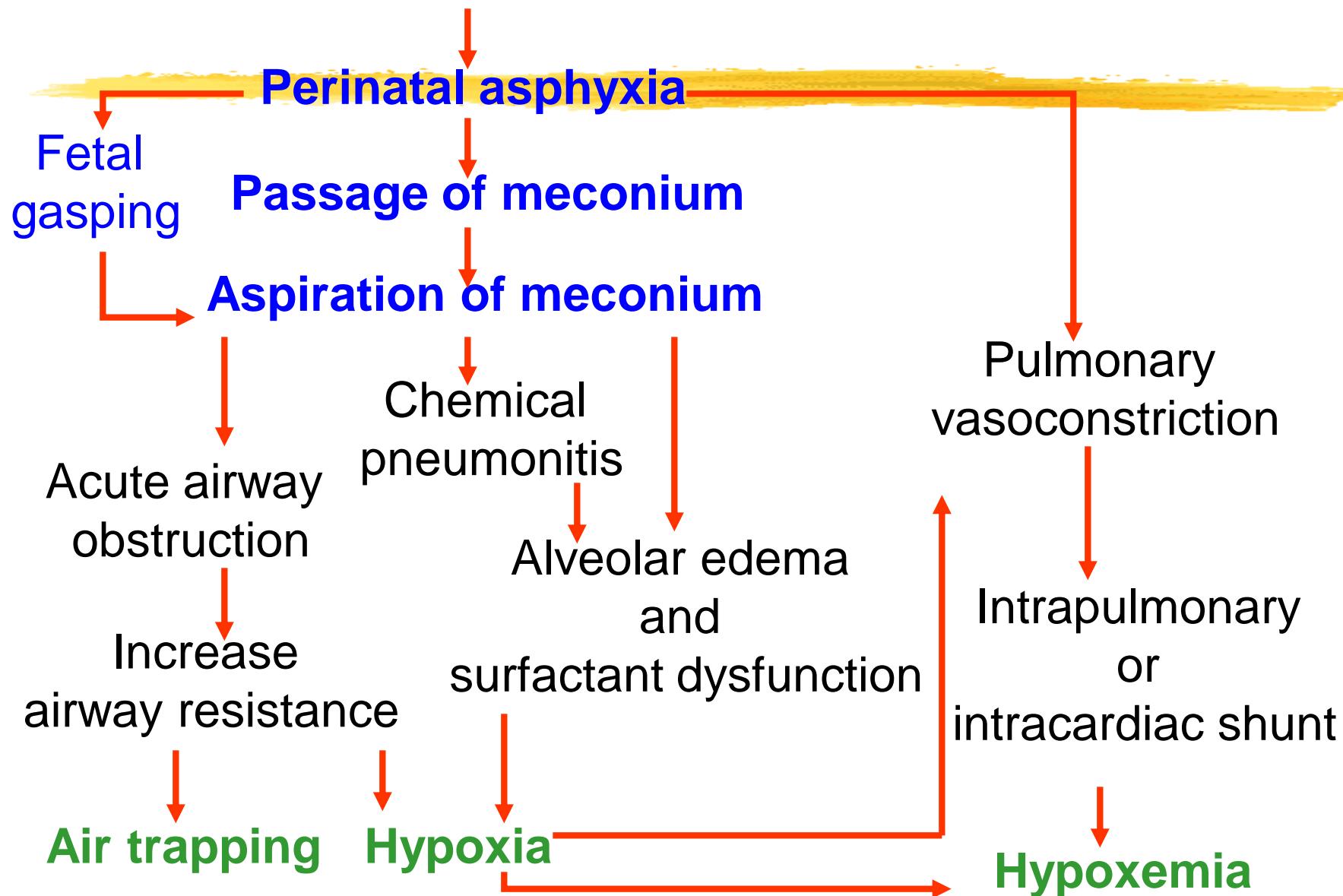
Fluid aspirated into tracheobronchial tree
in utero or during the first few breaths

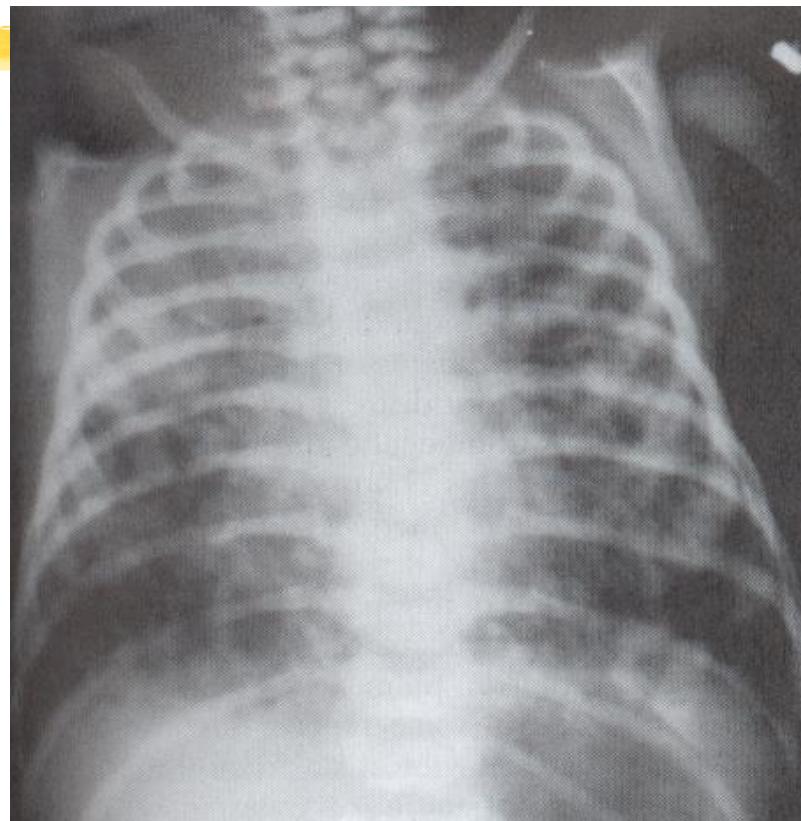
Clinical Manifestations of MAS

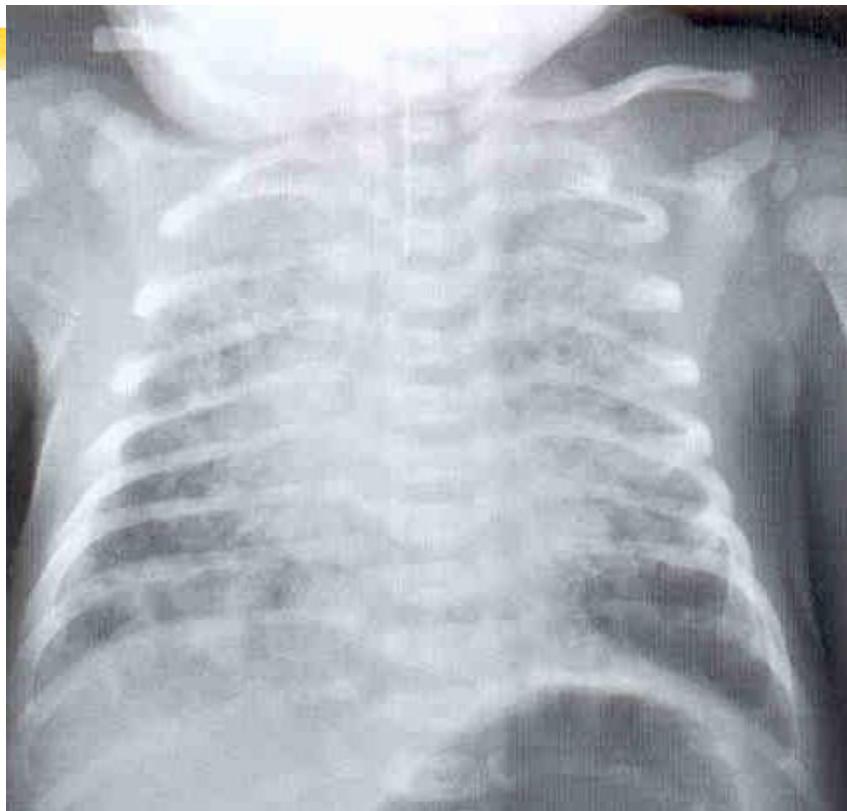


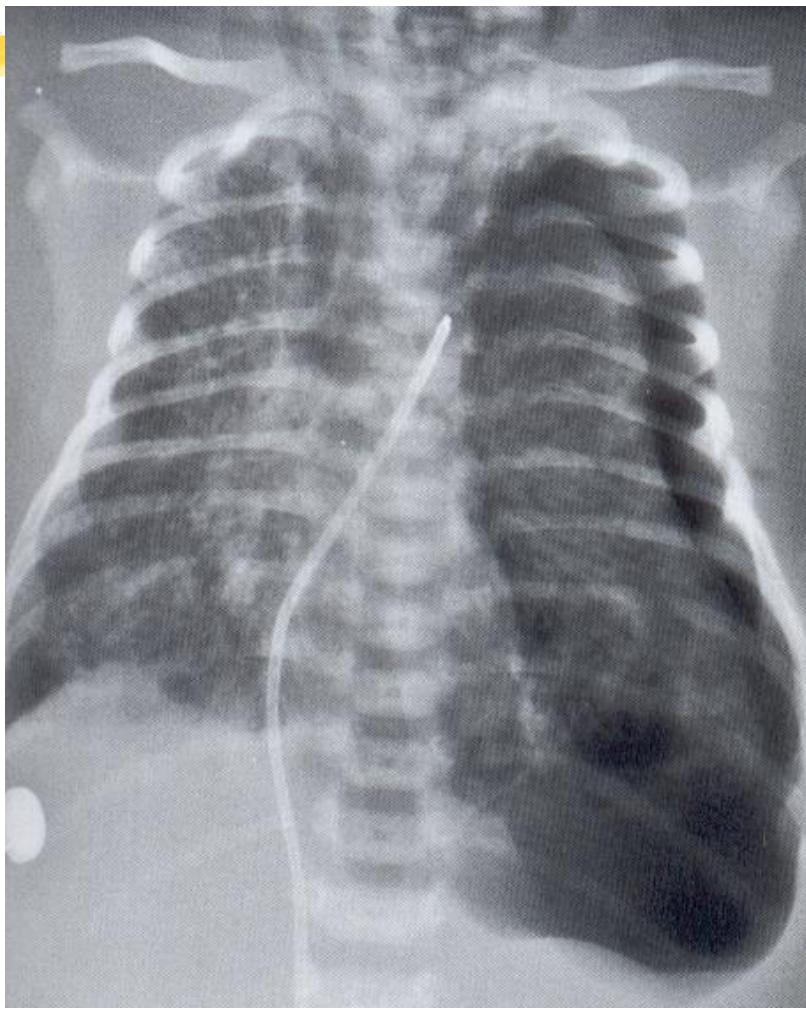
- Fetal hypoxia in utero
 - slowing of FHR or weak and irregular
 - loss of variability
 - meconium staining of amniotic fluid
- Meconium in trachea
- Signs of distress at birth
 - pallor, cyanosis, apnea, low heart rate, low Apgar
- CXR

Maternal-fetal compromise









Meconium present?

Yes

No longer advise routine intrapartum oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal suctioning

No

Baby vigorous?*

Yes

No

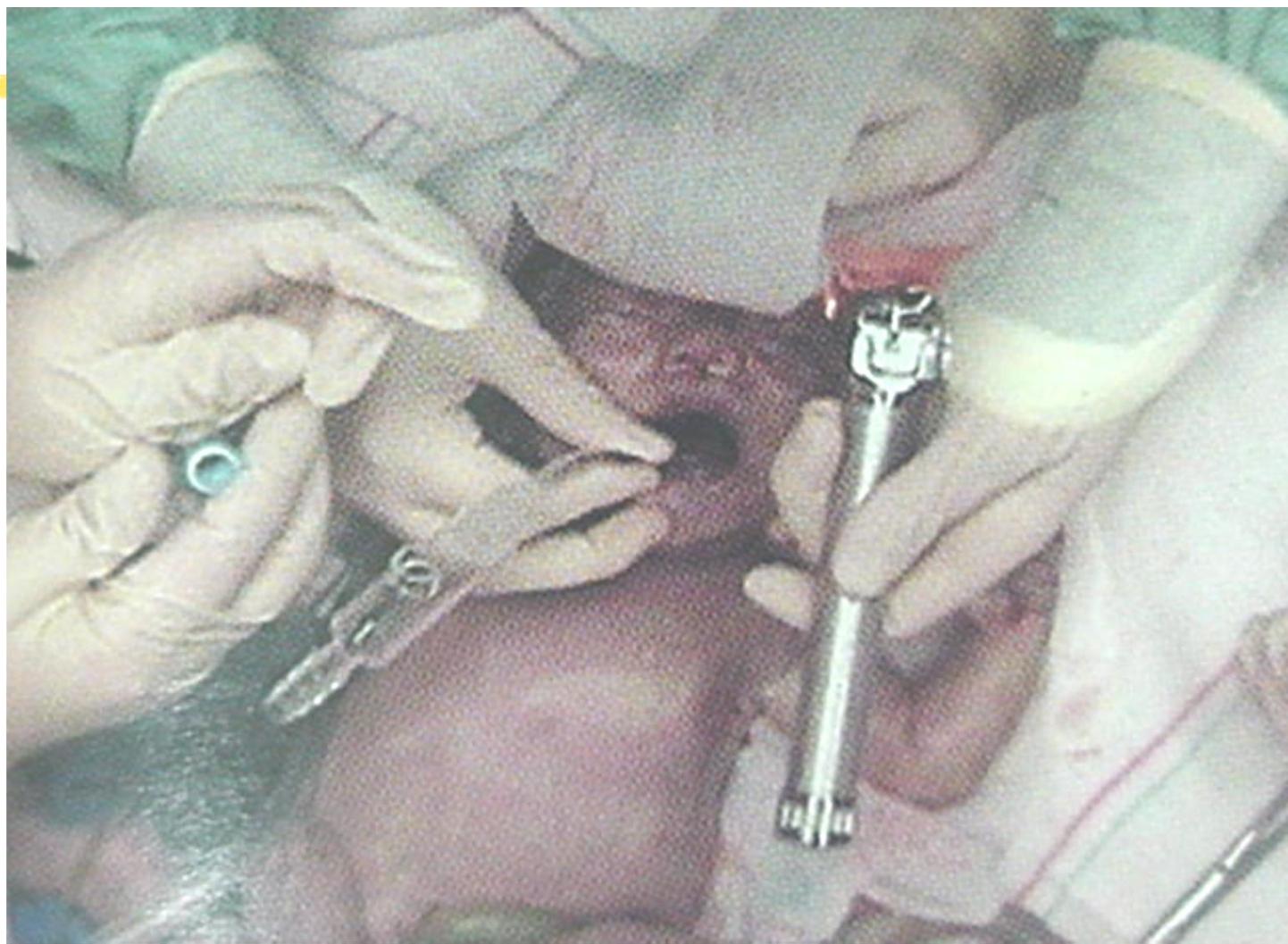
Endotracheal suction immediately

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

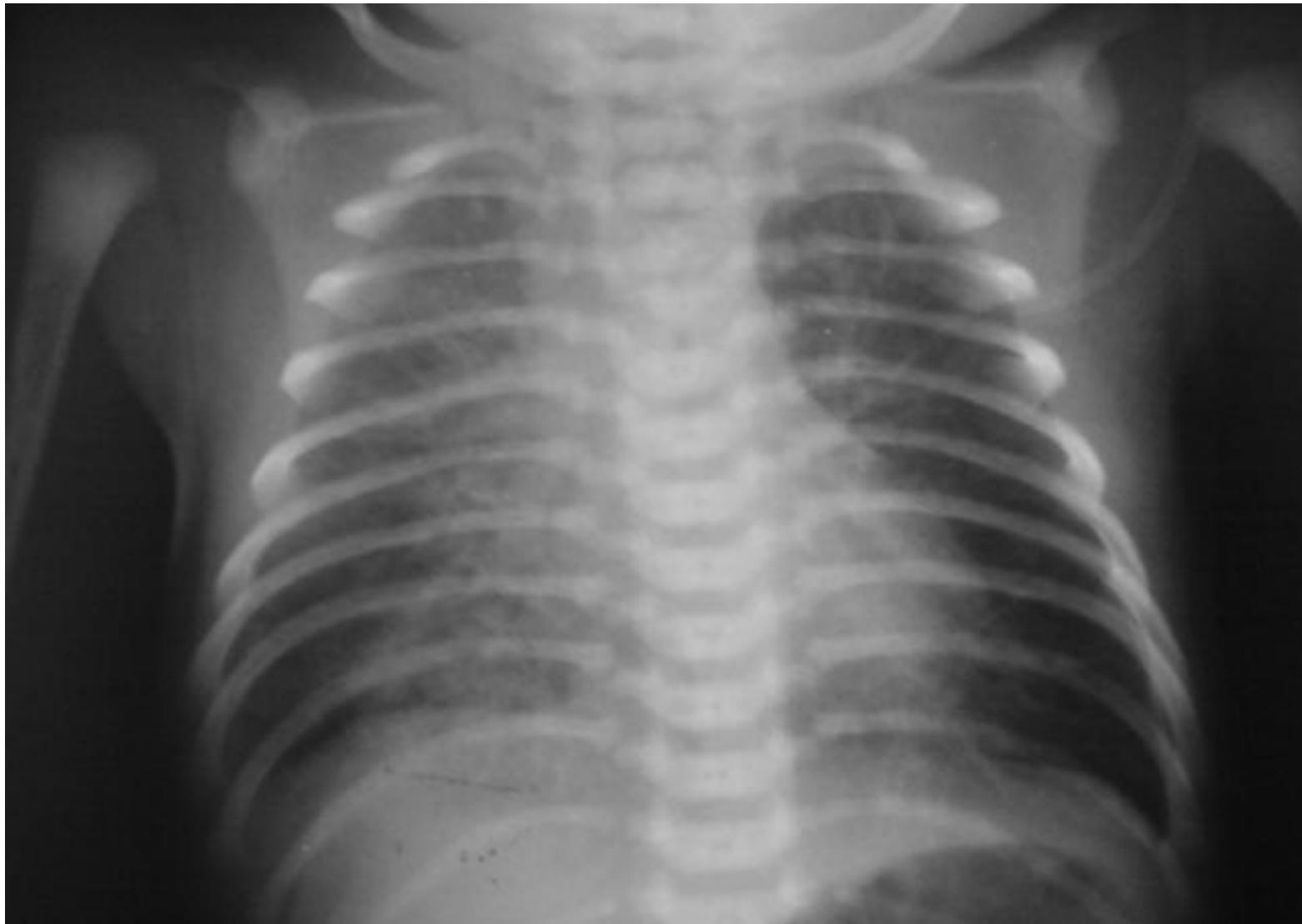
$\text{PaCO}_2 > 60 \text{ mmHg}$, $\text{PaO}_2 < 50 \text{ mmHg}$

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

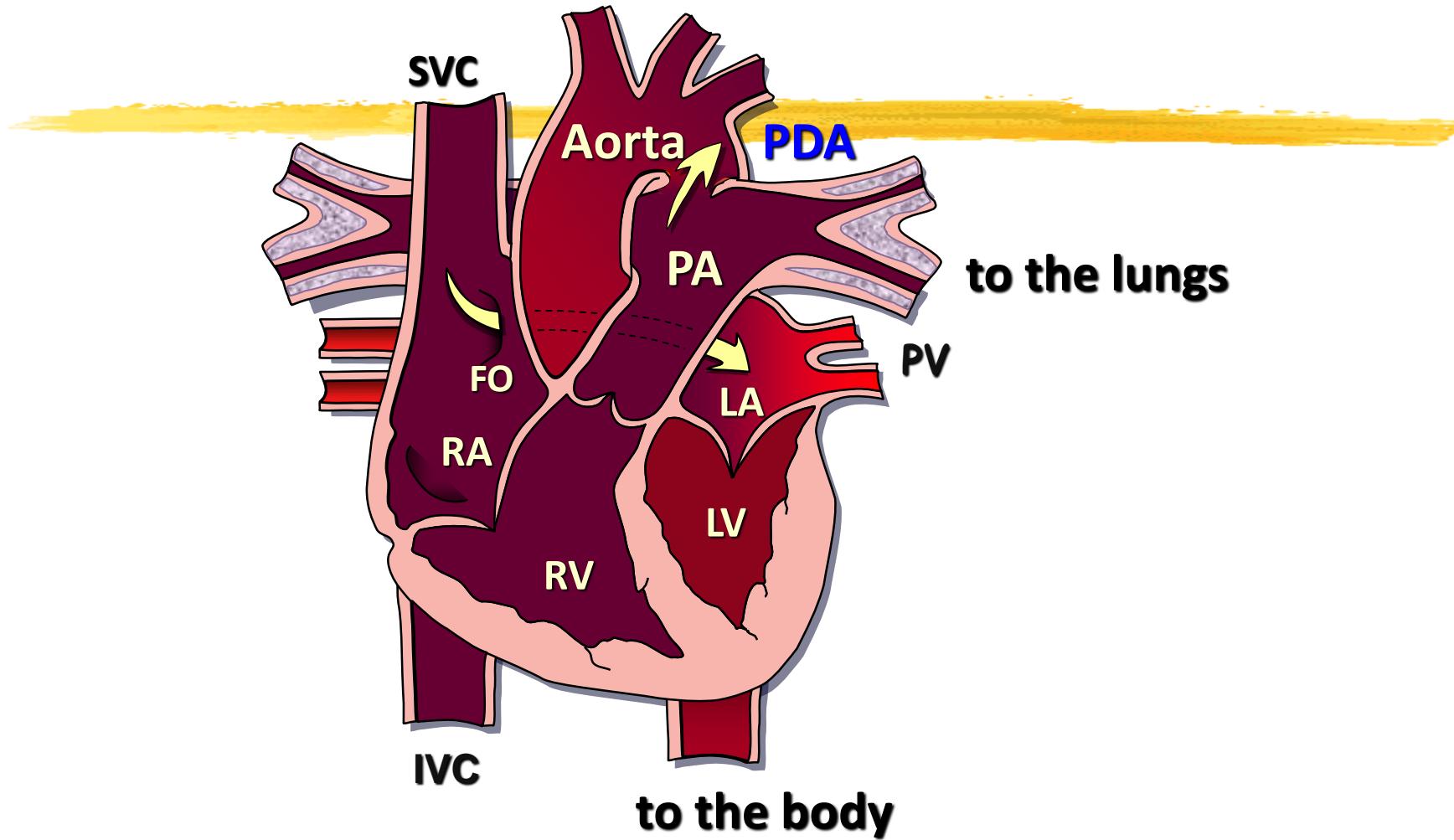
- Empirical antibiotic therapy

parenteral ampicillin and gentamicin 10 days

Case





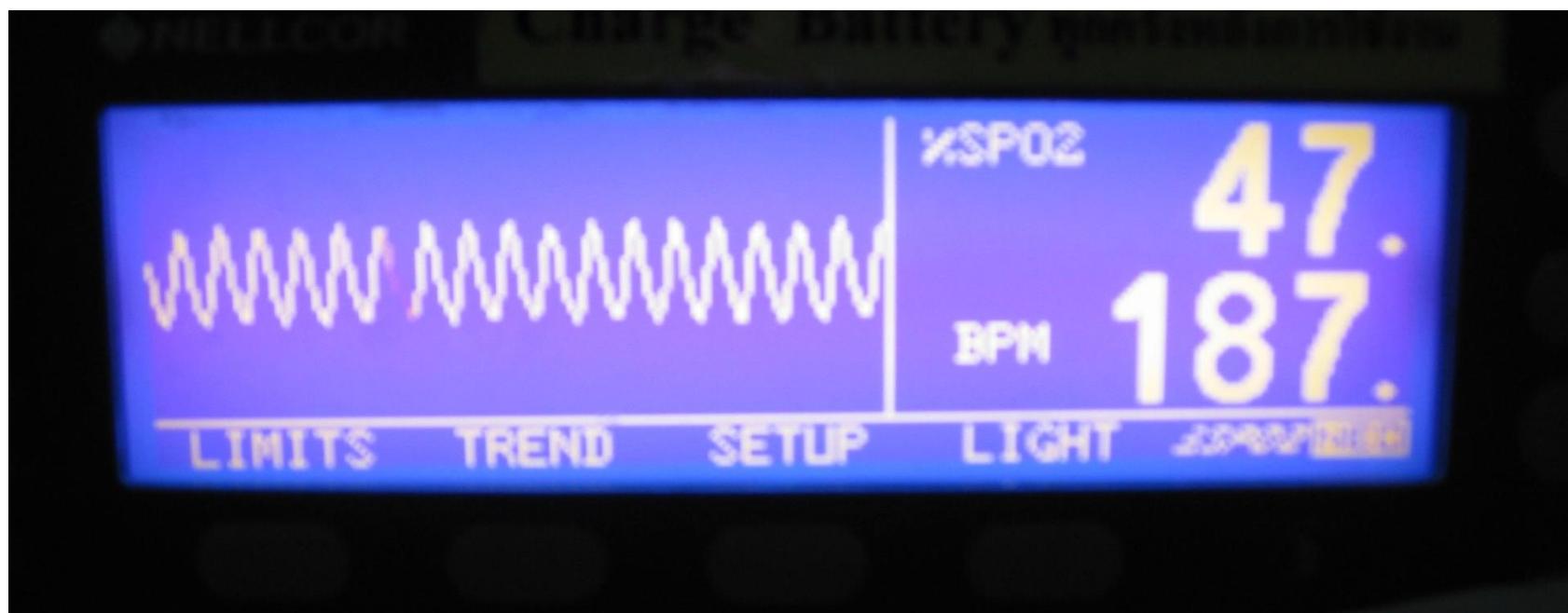


Right-to-Left Shunt

Pre-ductal SpO₂



Post-ductal SpO₂



Therapy



- Lower pulmonary vascular resistance
- Maintain systemic blood pressure
- Reverse right-to-left shunts
- Improve arterial SpO_2 , O_2 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

