



# 19 Year Old Pregnant Woman with Diabetes

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# HPI

- CC: 19yo BF - Management of uncontrolled type 1 diabetes in pregnant patient on insulin pump
- 33 weeks gestation, switched to insulin pump from MDI in first trimester
- 1-2 days before admit – pump battery dead, was off pump for ~24hrs using bolus insulin only
- Day of admit, domestic dispute with brother, was shoved in abdomen, developed vaginal bleeding
- Transferred from OSH: glucose 135, pH 7.4, bicarb 16, AG 16, B-OH 2.5 (large)

# HPI continued

		B	L	D	qhs	2a
Day 1	Glucose				135	116
	Ketones				2.5→3.2	0.7
	Insulin					gtt x4hrs
Day 2	Glucose	134	90	221	220	175
	Ketones	0.3	0.3			
	Insulin	NPH 32 Aspart 16	Aspart 4 Pump on	Aspart 12.2	Aspart 3.7	
Day 3	Glucose	263	367			
	Ketones		5.9			
	Insulin	Aspart 13.5				

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Endo Consult

# HPI & ROS

## HPI

States last Endo appt 2 wks prior

Notes that glucose has been 200's-300's x 2wks,  
occasionally with trace ketones

Pump – using R thigh, last site change 1 day ago

## ROS

- + fatigue
- contractions, - vaginal bleeding
- N/V/abd pain
- SOB, cough
- dysuria, hematuria
- fever

# PMH and Meds

## PMH

A1C 7.2%

- Diabetes type 1 since 5 yrs old
- G3P1011
- 1<sup>st</sup> preg: Preeclampsia, 37wks  
3kg



**ALLERGIES:** NKDA

## MEDICATIONS

- PNV
- Humalog insulin via Medtronic pump

Basal (40 U/d)

12a 1.6 U/hr

3a 1.7 U/hr

10a 1.5 U/hr

12p 1.7 U/hr

Bolus 1:7g CHO (avg ~60g)

1:27 mg/dL >80-120

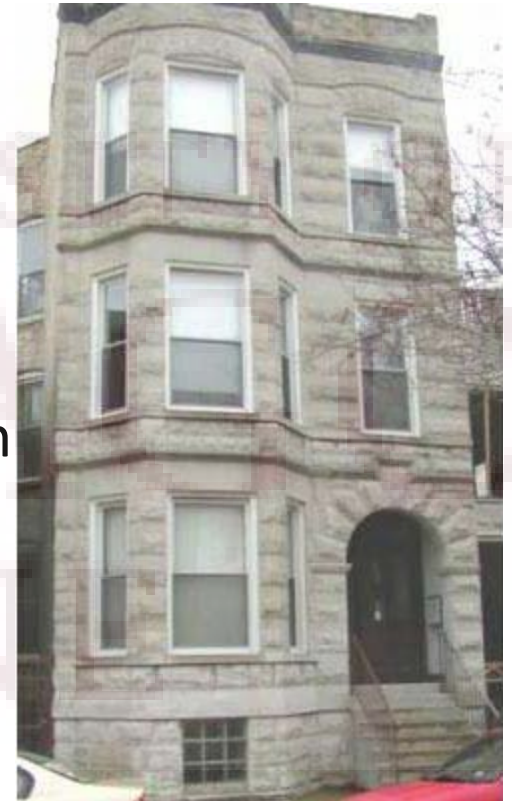
# Family and Social History

## Family

- No primary relatives with DM

## Social

- Urban apartment, lives with 2 year old son
- Father of current pregnancy uninvolved
- Finished 11<sup>th</sup> grade high school
- Denies substance abuse



# Ketone Troubleshooting

- Pump-related malfunction
- Pregnancy related stress/physiology
- Physical injury
- Underlying infection/illness
- Thyroid
- Ineffective insulin
- Poor insulin absorption

# Physical Exam

T 98.1 HR 110, BP 120/83 Wt 91.6 kg Ht 5'4"

Gen: Awake, alert, NAD

Heent: mucosa moist

Neck: no goiter, no acanthosis

Resp: clear bilaterally, unlabored

CV: RRR no m/r/g

Abd: pregnant abdomen

Derm:





+ Lipohypertrophy

# Assessment and Management

- DM1 on pump with acute DKA, likely related to poor absorption of insulin related to lipohypertrophy
- A1C 7.9%, above goal during pregnancy
- Treated with insulin gtt until following day when ketones cleared and pump restarted at separate site
- Advised continued monitoring inpatient to ensure adequate insulin dose and absorption + psychosocial concerns
- Pt left AMA

# Clinical Questions

- 1) How common is lipohypertrophy seen with newer insulin analogs?
- 2) Is there an evidence-based advantage of pump-based insulin therapy over multiple daily injections in pregnancy?
- 3) What is the incidence of DKA in pregnancy? Why are pregnant women more prone?

# Lipohypertrophy



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- Pathogenesis unclear
  - insulin lipogenic
- Incidence before analogs:
  - 29% in DM1, 3.6% in DM2
- ?Incidence in pts on analogs
- ?Incidence in pts on CSII
- Reports of benefit from change to analogs
  - structure difference?
  - decreased adipocyte exposure?



# CSII in Pregnancy

- Cochrane Systematic Review (2011 update, Farrar et al)  
5 trials, 153 women (129 with DM1)

Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Rate of caesarean section	3	71	Risk Ratio (M-H, Fixed, 95% CI)	1.09 [0.66, 1.77]
2 Perinatal mortality	3	71	Risk Ratio (M-H, Fixed, 95% CI)	2.33 [0.38, 14.32]
3 Fetal anomaly	2	61	Risk Ratio (M-H, Fixed, 95% CI)	1.07 [0.07, 15.54]
4 Maternal hypoglycaemia	2	61	Risk Ratio (M-H, Fixed, 95% CI)	3.0 [0.35, 25.87]
5 Maternal hyperglycaemia	2	61	Risk Ratio (M-H, Fixed, 95% CI)	7.0 [0.39, 125.44]
6 Maternal 24 hour mean blood glucose (mg/dl) first trimester	3	67	Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	0.12 [-7.19, 7.43]
7 Macrosomia	2	61	Risk Ratio (M-H, Fixed, 95% CI)	3.2 [0.14, 72.62]
8 Gestation at delivery	3	71	Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	-1.18 [-2.92, 0.57]
9 Neonatal hypoglycaemia	1	32	Risk Ratio (M-H, Fixed, 95% CI)	1.0 [0.07, 14.64]
10 Small-for-gestational age	2	61	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	1.40 [0.10, 18.71]
11 Mean HbA1c first trimester	1	32	Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	-0.20 [-2.13, 1.73]
12 Mean HbA1c second trimester	1	32	Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	0.70 [-2.29, 3.69]
13 Mean HbA1c third trimester	1	32	Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	0.10 [-2.38, 2.58]
14 Mean birthweight	2	61	Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	220.56 [-2.09, 443.20]
15 Maternal 24 hour mean blood glucose (mg/dl) second trimester	3	73	Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	1.77 [-5.02, 8.56]
16 Maternal 24 hour mean blood glucose (mg/dl) third trimester	3	69	Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	0.08 [-5.57, 5.72]
17 days hospitalised	1	10	Mean Difference (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	9.40 [-6.04, 24.84]

Insufficient data to support a superior method of insulin delivery

# DKA in Pregnancy

- Incidence in pregnancy 1-2%
- Maternal mortality <1%
- Fetal mortality 35% (Montoro 1993) \*highest in 3<sup>rd</sup> trim  
9% (Cullen 1996)
- Insulin resistance (HPL, GH, prolactin, progesterone)
- Progesterone-induced respiratory alkalosis with  
compensatory metabolic acidosis

# Take Home Points

- 1) Lipohypertrophy is a common cause of poor glycemic control, especially in DM1
- 2) There is presently insufficient data to support superiority of CSII in pregnant diabetics
- 3) Pregnant women with diabetes have higher risk of DKA due to physiologic changes

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