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39yo F With Low Phosphate

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Objectives

- ▶ To discuss the etiology, signs and symptoms of hypophosphatemia
- ▶ To review the clinical and laboratory findings of primary hyperparathyroidism
- ▶ To review cases reporting unusual causes for severe hypophosphatemia



HPI

- ▶ 38F with Hx of Crohn's disease (15 yrs) presented to her GI doctor for f/u & having some fatigue
- ▶ Currently Crohn's ileocolitis is in remission on treatment
- ▶ Previous Hx of intermittent hypercalcemia with normal PTH checked in 2012
- ▶ Prior Hx of anemia treated with IV iron infusions (did not tolerate PO iron)
- ▶ Prior Hx of vit D deficiency on MVI, switched to 2000 U 1 month ago
- ▶ Labs were drawn: BMP, phos, TFTs, CBC



ROS

- Constitutional: **Positive for appetite change, fatigue and unexpected weight change.**
- HENT: **Positive for mouth sores.**
- Eyes: Negative.
- Respiratory: Negative.
- Cardiovascular: Negative.
- Gastrointestinal: **Positive for abdominal distention, abdominal pain, constipation and nausea.** Negative for blood in stool.
- Genitourinary: Positive for frequency.
- Musculoskeletal: Negative.
- Allergic/Immunologic: Negative.
- Neurological: Negative.
- Hematological: Negative.
- Psychiatric/Behavioral: Negative.



PMH:

Crohn's dz
Psoriasis
HTN
Iron Deficiency Anemia
Hx of Nephrolithiasis
Hx of Gallstone Pancreatitis
Ovarian cyst

PSH:

Lap cholecystectomy
Abd hysterectomy
C section

Meds:

Azathioprine/Imuran 100mg Qd
Losartan-HCTZ 50mg-12.5mg Qd
MVI
Omeprazole 20mg Qd
Ustekinumab/Stelara 90mg Q8 wks

SH:

Married with 2 kids. She is an elementary school teacher. Non smoker

FH:

Mat GM Colon cancer
Father HTN
Mother DM
Paternal GM Wegener's

Physical Exam

- ▶ Blood pressure 130/87, pulse 73, temperature 37 °C (98.6 °F), temperature source NCIT, height 175.3 cm (5' 9"), weight 103.8 kg (228 lb 12.8 oz).
- ▶ The patient is alert and oriented x 3, in no acute distress.
- ▶ HEENT: Extraocular motion intact. Pupils equal, round and reactive to light. Oropharynx is clear. Sclerae are nonicteric. Neck: There is no lymphadenopathy; the thyroid is not palpable.
- ▶ CARDIAC: RRR, normal S1, S2. No murmurs, rubs or gallops.
- ▶ PULMONARY: Clear bilaterally to auscultation and percussion.
- ▶ BACK: No CVA tenderness.
- ▶ ABDOMEN: **Obese**. Soft, **well-healed low transverse scar; healing lap chole scars**. **Epigastric discomfort to palpation**. Bowel sounds are present. No obvious hepatomegaly, splenomegaly, or masses. No hernias or ascites.
- ▶ LYMPHATICS: No palpable nodes in the neck.
- ▶ MUSCULOSKELETAL: Normal gait and station, digits and nails. Extremities are all normal without edema.
- ▶ SKIN: No evidence of psoriasis lesions.
- ▶ NEUROLOGICAL: Cranial nerves intact, deep tendon reflexes normal.
- ▶ PSYCHIATRIC: Appropriate judgement and insight, oriented to time, place and person, has normal recent and remote memory, and appropriate mood and affect.

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3.7	25	0.7	
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Phos	1.0 → 0.6 (2.5 - 4.4mg/dL)



Continued Course

- ▶ Pt was directly admitted due to low phosphate (0.6mg/dL)
- ▶ She was started on IV phosphate
- ▶ Endocrinology was consulted

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Hypophosphatemia

- ▶ Phosphorus is a major component of bone mineral (cortical and trabecular bone), membrane phospholipids, energy storing nucleotides, and nucleic acids
- ▶ Symptoms usually arise when phosphate drops <1.0 mg/dL (0.32 mmol/L)
- ▶ Conditions associated with hypophosphatemia: chronic alcoholism, TPN without phosphate supplementation, urinary phosphate wasting syndromes, chronic ingestion of antacids or phosphate binders, HD, severe PHPT
 - ▶ Severe hypophosphatemia can also be seen in DKA during prolonged hyperventilation (very rare)
- ▶ Reduction of 2,3-diphosphoglycerate (DPG) reduces the affinity of Hg for oxygen & reduces oxygen release at the tissue level
- ▶ Intracellular fall of ATP -> failure of cellular function

Effects of Severe Hypophosphatemia

- ▶ Bone:
 - ▶ Acute: Induction of 1,25 vit D -> bone calcium release -> hypercalciuria
 - ▶ Chronic: rickets and osteomalacia due to decreased bone mineralization
- ▶ CNS: neurologic symptoms irritability, paresthesias, seizures, coma; metabolic encephalopathy from ATP depletion
- ▶ CPS: Impaired myocardial contractility, ventricular arrhythmia, impaired diaphragmatic contractility
- ▶ Muscle: proximal myopathy, dysphagia, ileus, rhabdomyolysis
- ▶ Hematologic: erythrocyte rigidity, hemolysis ($<0.5\text{mg/dl}/0.16\text{mmol/L}$), reduction in phagocytosis, chemotaxis, thrombocytopenia



Evaluation of Hypophosphatemia: Etiology

- 1. Acute movement of extracellular phosphate into the cells
- 2. Decreased net intestinal absorption
- 3. Increased urinary phosphate excretion

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Differential Diagnosis?

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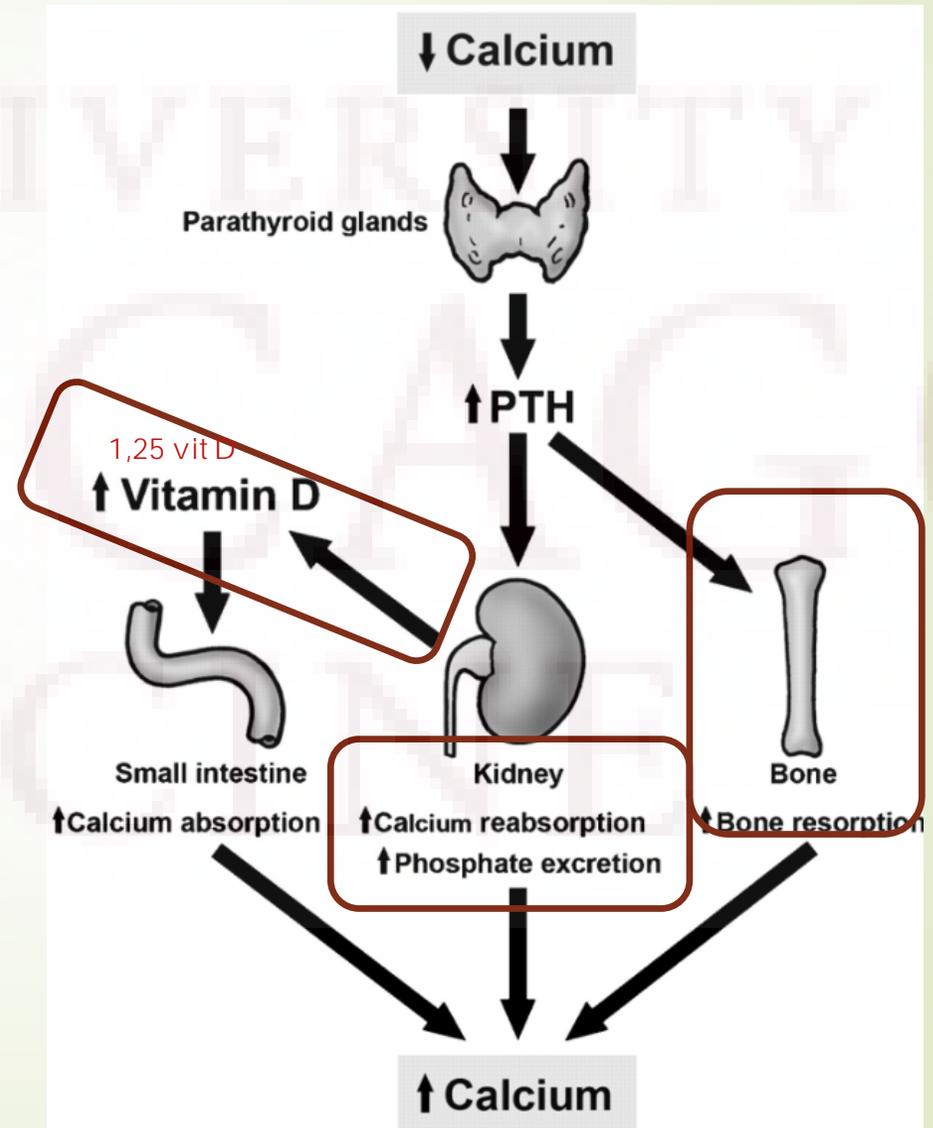
Phos

1.0

→ 0.6

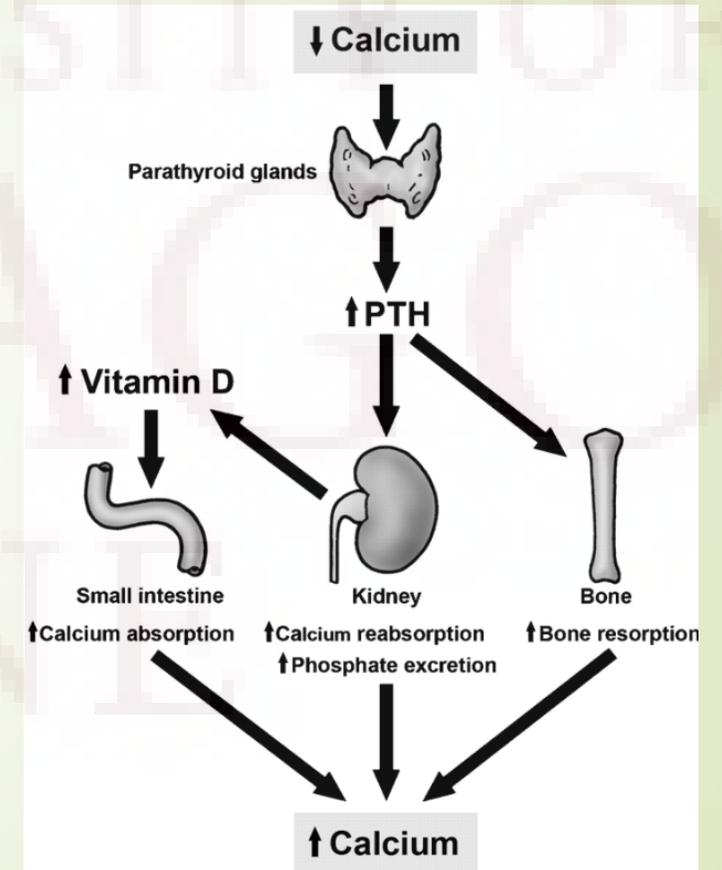
PTH Regulation of Calcium & Phosphate

- Increased intestinal calcium absorption mediated by increased renal production of 1,25-vit D (calcitriol)
- Decreased urinary calcium excretion due to stimulation of calcium reabsorption in the distal tubule
- Increased bone resorption by PTH

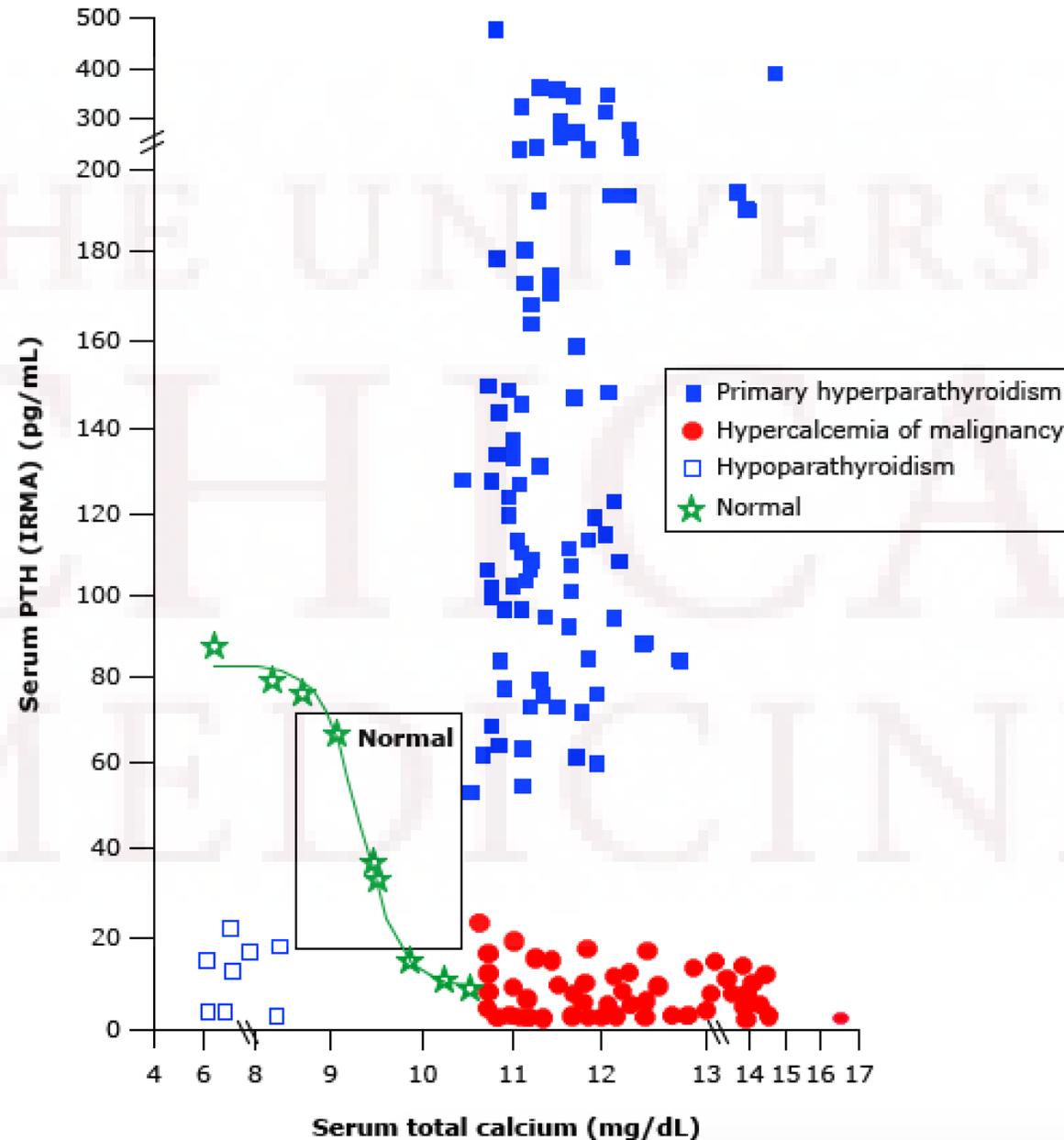


Primary Hyperparathyroidism (PHPT)

- Most common clinical presentation is asymptomatic hypercalcemia
- PHPT is diagnosed by the finding of a high PTH in a patient with hypercalcemia
 - 80-90% of patients with PHPT have serum PTH concentrations above the normal range for the assay
- The triad of hypercalcemia, hypophosphatemia, and urinary phosphate wasting is often present in primary hyperparathyroidism



Serum parathyroid hormone (PTH) concentrations in hypercalcemia and hypocalcemia



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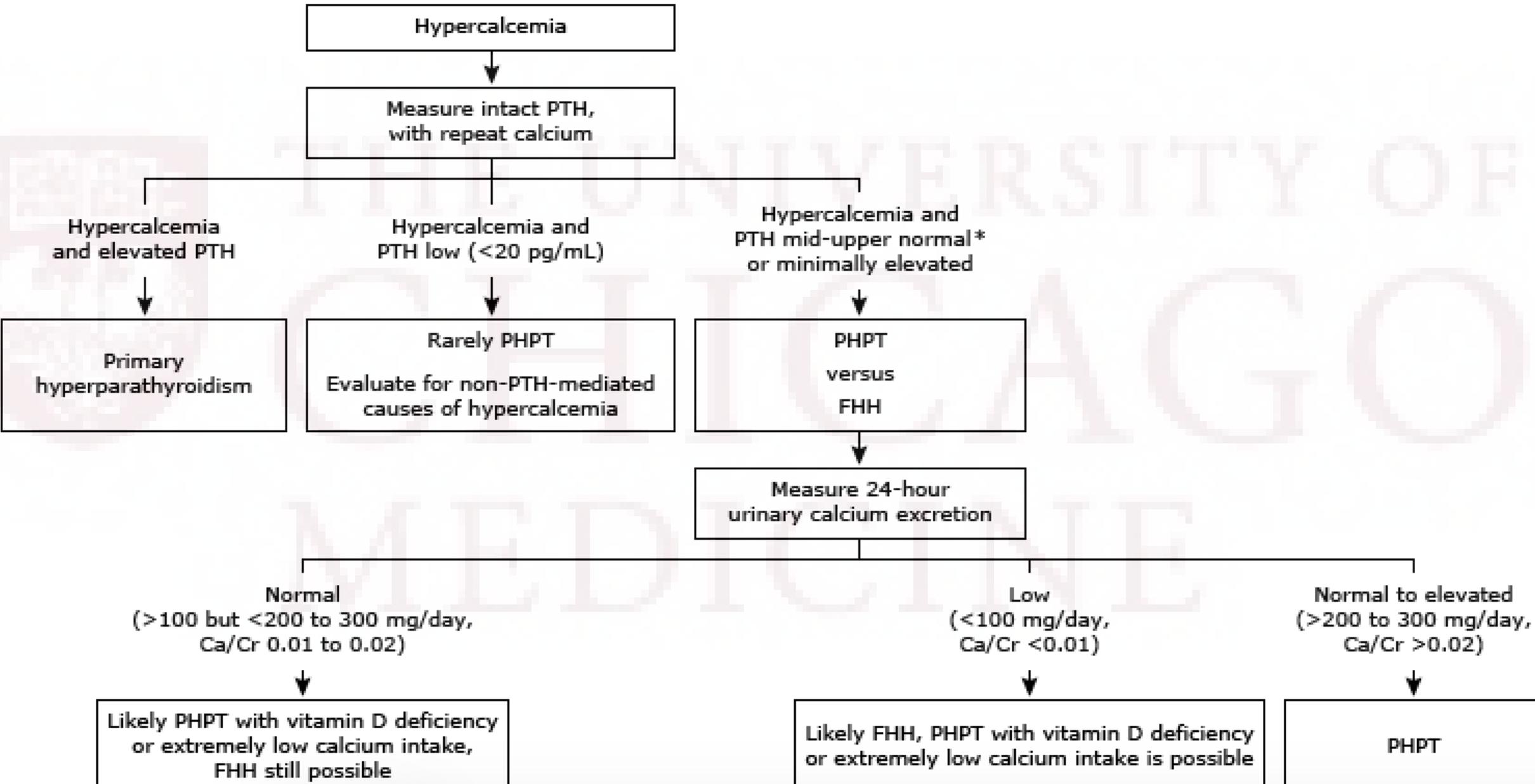
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Sodium	137 *		140	138		138	140	140
Potassium, Ser/Plasma	4.0 *		4.0	4.2		4.0	4.2	3.7
Chloride	104 *		106	102		104	101	102
Carbon Dioxide	22 * ▼		21 ▼	26		20 ▼	25	25
Anion Gap	11 *		13	10		14	14	13
BUN	8 *		6 ▼	8		8	8	7
Creatinine	0.8 *		0.7	0.7		0.7	0.6	0.7
GFR Estimate (Calc)	81 *		95 *	94 *		94 *	112 *	93 *
Calcium	10.1 *		10.3 ▲	10.2		10.6 ▲	10.7 ▲	10.8 ▲
Calcium Interface ...								
Inorganic Phosphate								
Inorganic Phosphat...								
Magnesium								
Total Protein	7.5 *	7.5	7.2	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.9	8.0
Albumin	4.3 *	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.4	4.4	4.5

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METABOLIC BONE DIS...					
Actual Ca ⁺⁺					
PTH, Intact	64			130 ▲	103 ▲

Pt reported Hx of kidney stones for the last 7 yrs, last was 3 ya

Diagnosis of primary hyperparathyroidism



EARLY

RT

LT



UC PARATHYROID
ANT EARLY

DELAY

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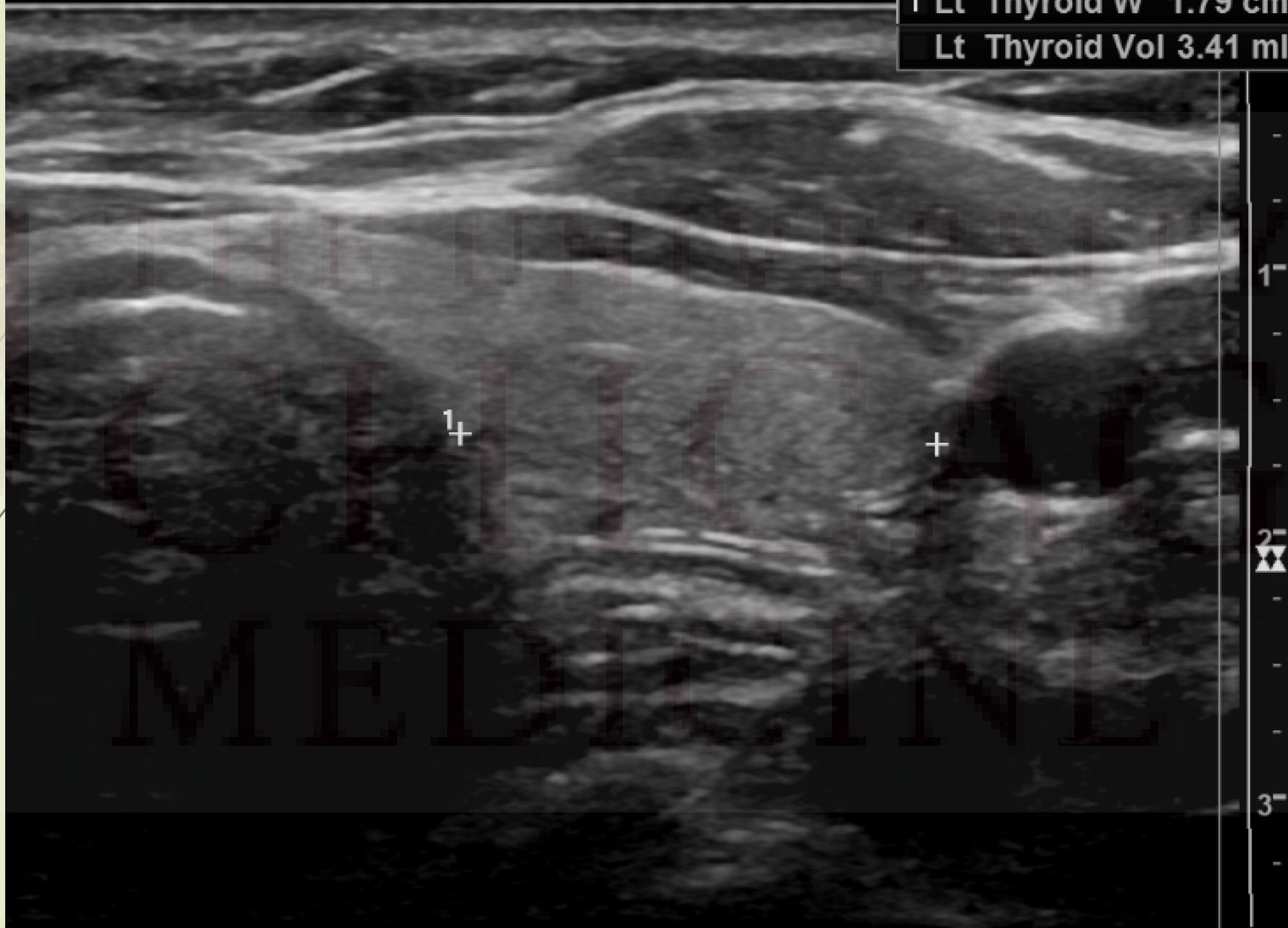


UC PARATHYROID
ANT DELAY

US Thyroid US

- ▶ RIGHT LOBE MEASUREMENTS: 4.6 x 1.4 x 1.6 cm
- ▶ LEFT LOBE MEASUREMENTS: 4.5 x 0.9 x 1.8 cm
- ▶ ISTHMUS MEASUREMENTS: 0.3 cm RIGHT LOBE: No significant abnormality noted.
- ▶ LEFT LOBE: No significant abnormality noted.
- ▶ ISTHMUS: No significant abnormality noted.
- ▶ PARATHYROID GLANDS: There is a predominantly hypoechoic extrathyroidal lesion with
- ▶ low-level internal echoes inferior to the left thyroid lobe measuring approximately 2.1 x
- ▶ 0.9 x 1.4 cm, compatible with the suspected parathyroid adenoma seen on recent sestamibi scan.
- ▶ LYMPH NODES: No significant abnormality noted.
- ▶ OTHER: No significant abnormality noted.
- ▶ **IMPRESSION: Predominantly hypoechoic lesion inferior to the left thyroid lobe compatible**
- ▶ **with the suspected parathyroid adenoma on the recent sestamibi scan.**

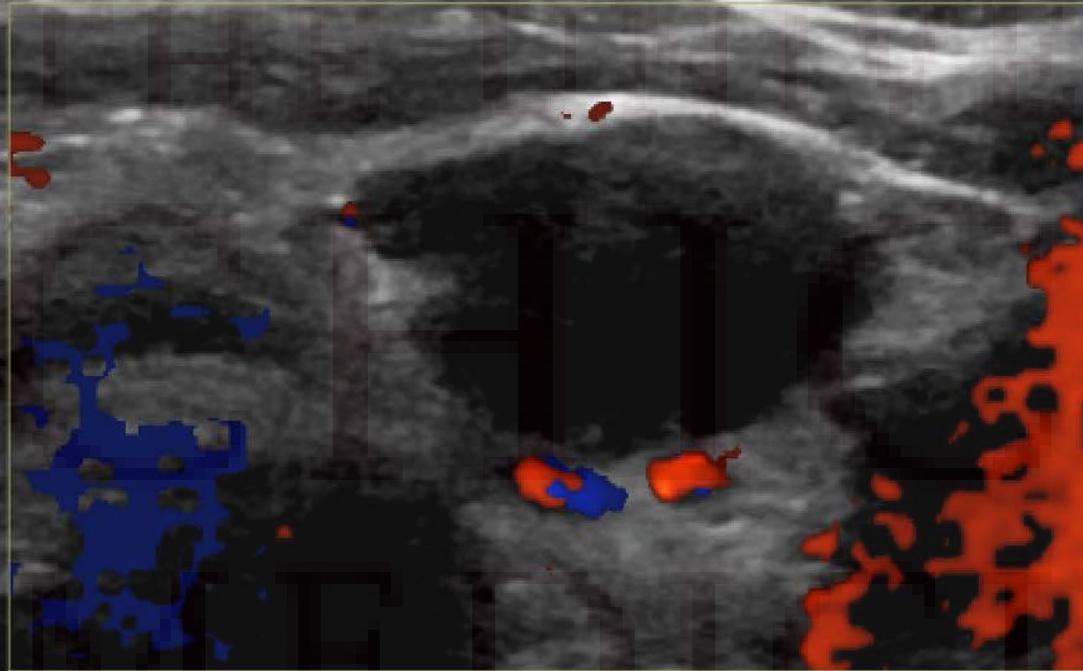
1 Lt Thyroid W 1.79 cm
Lt Thyroid Vol 3.41 ml



LEFT THYROID TRANS

OF
O

LOGIQ
E9



CHI
Frq 11.0
Gn 38
D 3.5
AO% 100

CF
1 Frq 7.5
Gn 6.0
L/A 3/6
PRF 1.2
WF 94
S/P 3/16
2 AO% 100

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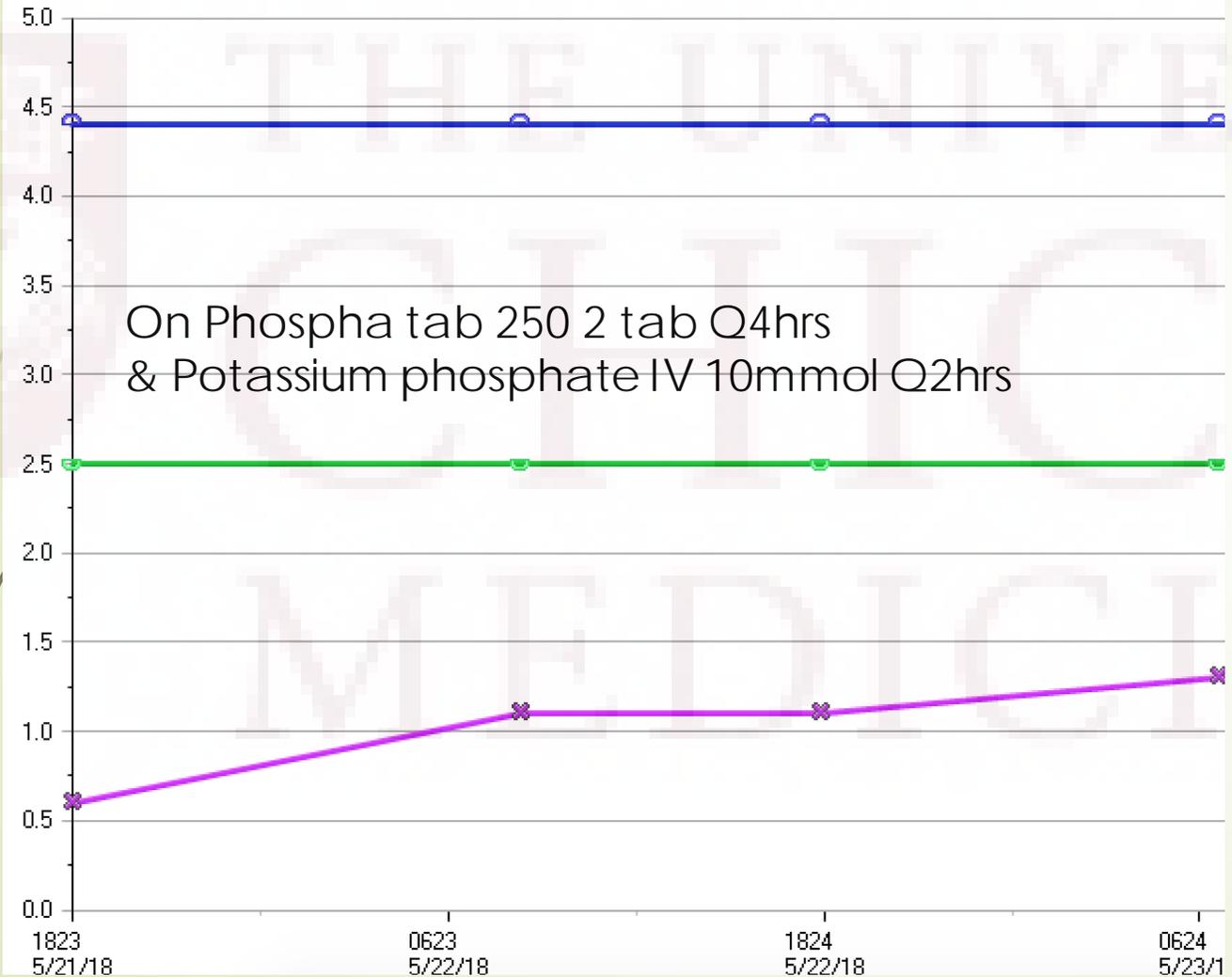
2"
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3"

LEFT PARATHYROID LONG

Patient Course

Graph (5/21/18 1823 - 5/24/18 0626)



Graph Legend

- Inorganic Phosphate (High)
- ✕ Inorganic Phosphate
- Inorganic Phosphate (Low)

PO:

Phospha tab: 250mg elemental phosphorus, 298mg Na, 45mg K

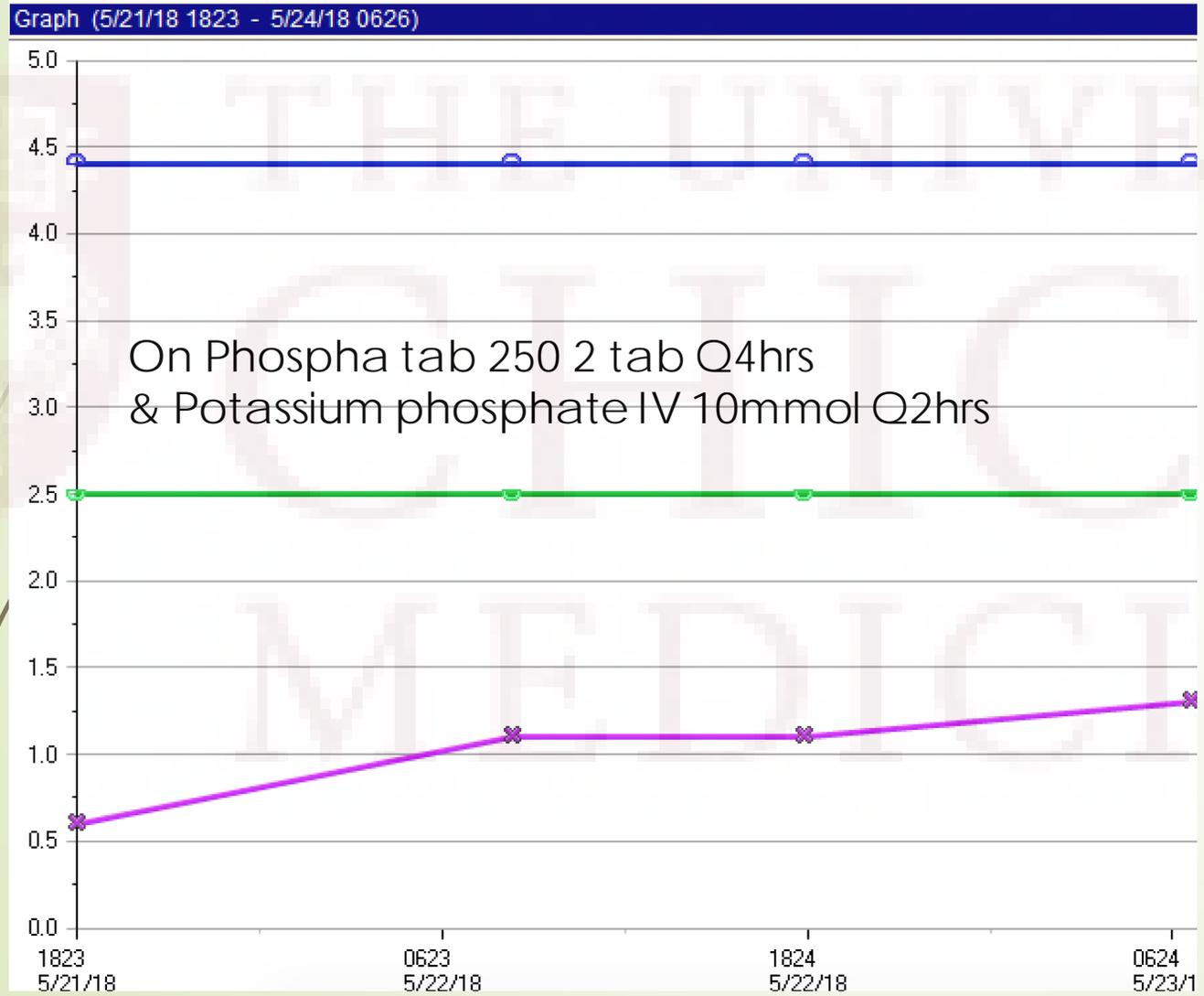
IV:

10 mmol phosphate=310mg phosphorus

**Each 3mmol IV phosphate provides 4.4 mEq potassium

Getting 5220mg el iP/d

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5/23: Started her on
0.25mcg BID calcitriol,
asked for 1, 25 vit D level

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Oncogenic osteomalacia: Mesenchymal tumors that produce FGF23 and other phosphaturic proteins



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SPECIAL ARTICLE

Severe hypophosphataemia after intravenous iron administration

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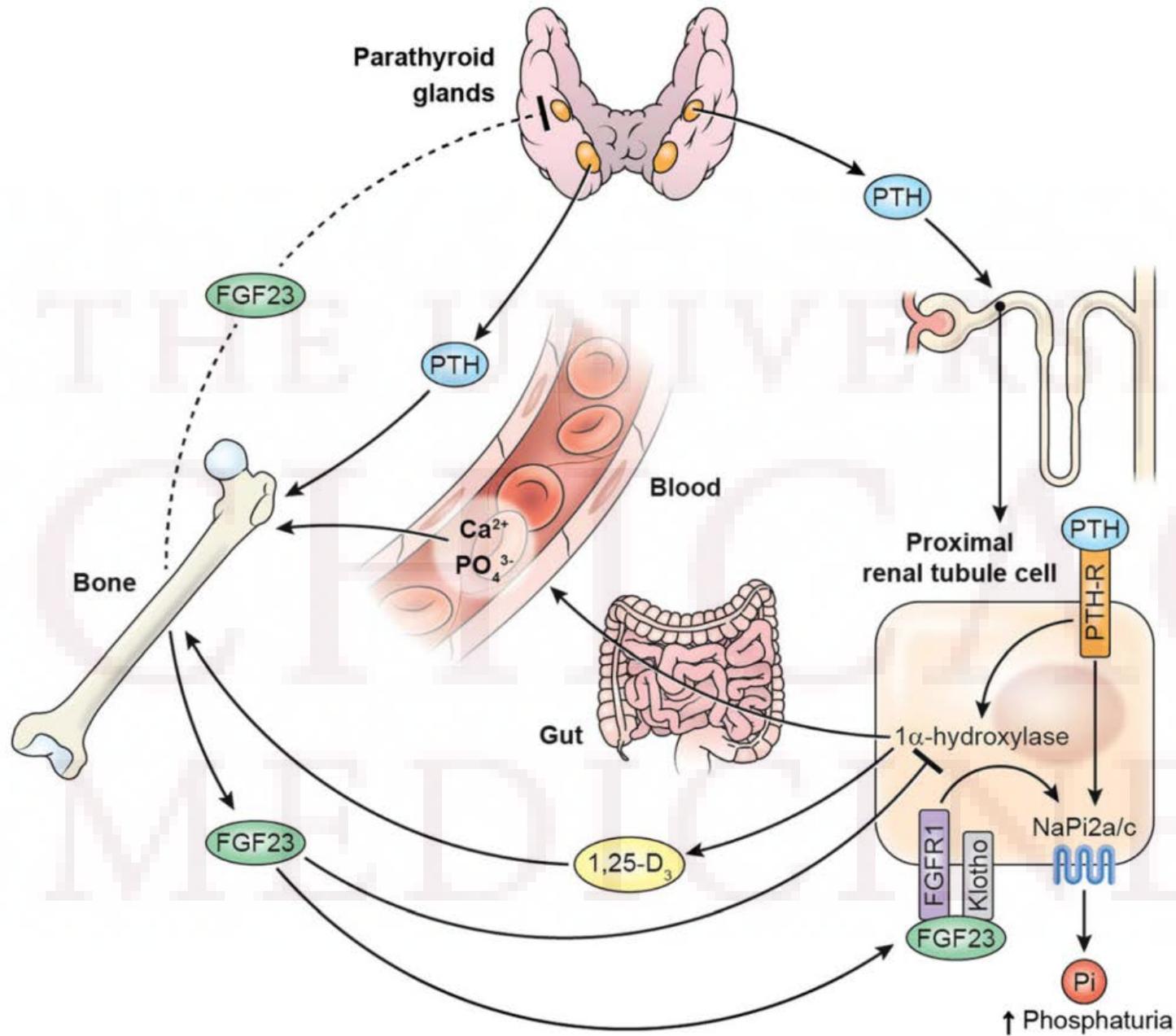


IV Iron Has Been Associated with Transient Hypophosphatemia

- ▶ 3.8% of chronic kidney patients (not on HD) receiving IV iron showed a transient serum phosphate level decrease (level not “clinically important”)
- ▶ Four cases were reported of severe and symptomatic hypophosphatemia after IV iron administration (Blazevic & Boots, 2014)
- ▶ Findings from case reports:
 - ▶ Hypophosphatemia from IV iron infusions can be severe, symptomatic and prolonged
 - ▶ 3 out of 4 cases had hyperpara (2 from vit D def); Case 2 did not have hyperpara but all 4 had inadequate phosphate excretion
 - ▶ Increased level of FGF23 thought to be mechanism

Fibroblast Growth Factor 23 (FGF23)

- ▶ Discovered when a paraneoplastic disease characterized by phosphaturia and hypophosphatemia resolved following the removal of a small mesenchymal tumor that secreted this factor (Meyer et al 1989, Cai et al 1994)
 - ▶ “rachitogenic substance”
- ▶ Elevated FGF23 found in: Autosomal dominant hypophosphatemic rickets (& in AR, X-linked), McCune-Albright syndrome, Jansen metaphyseal chondroplasia, osteoglophonic dysplasia, tumor induced osteomalacia (TIO), & renal failure.
 - ▶ Search for “phosphatonin” in these diseases lead to discovery of FGF23
 - ▶ FGF23 identified in studying 4 families with AD hypophosphatemic rickets (ADHR) (ADHR Consortium, Nature, 2000)
 - ▶ FGF23 is confirmed “phosphatonin” that is also elevated in TIO (White, JCEM 2001)
- ▶ FGF23 directly down regulates renal 1- α -hydroxylase which decreases production of 1,25-vit D thereby decreasing intestinal phosphate and calcium absorption; FGF23 also directly induces phosphate urinary excretion



FGF23 secretion from bone osteocytes acts on the kidney to induce phosphaturia via NaPi 2a/c transporters similar to PTH

In contrast to PTH to induce 1 α hydroxylase, FGF23 suppresses it thereby resulting in less active vit D



Vitamin D & PHPT

- ▶ Patients with PHPT convert more 25-vit OH to 1,25 vit D than normal individuals
- ▶ Serum concentrations of 1,25 dihydroxyvitamin D may be at upper limits of normal or elevated (measurement not needed for diagnosis however)
- ▶ 1,25 vit D did not result in our patient (insufficient material), however, we suspect it was likely very low

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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Effects of Iron Deficiency Anemia and Its Treatment on Fibroblast Growth Factor 23 and Phosphate Homeostasis in Women

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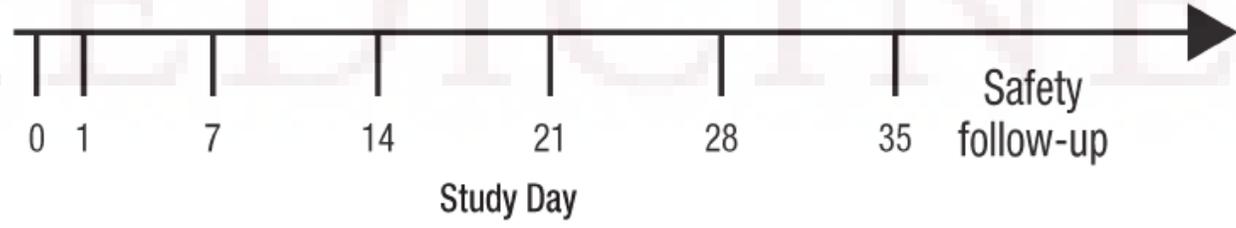
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Heavy uterine bleeding
Hgb < 12 g/dL
&
Ferritin ≤ 100ng/mL
Or
Ferritin ≤ 300ng/mL
with TSAT ≤ 30%

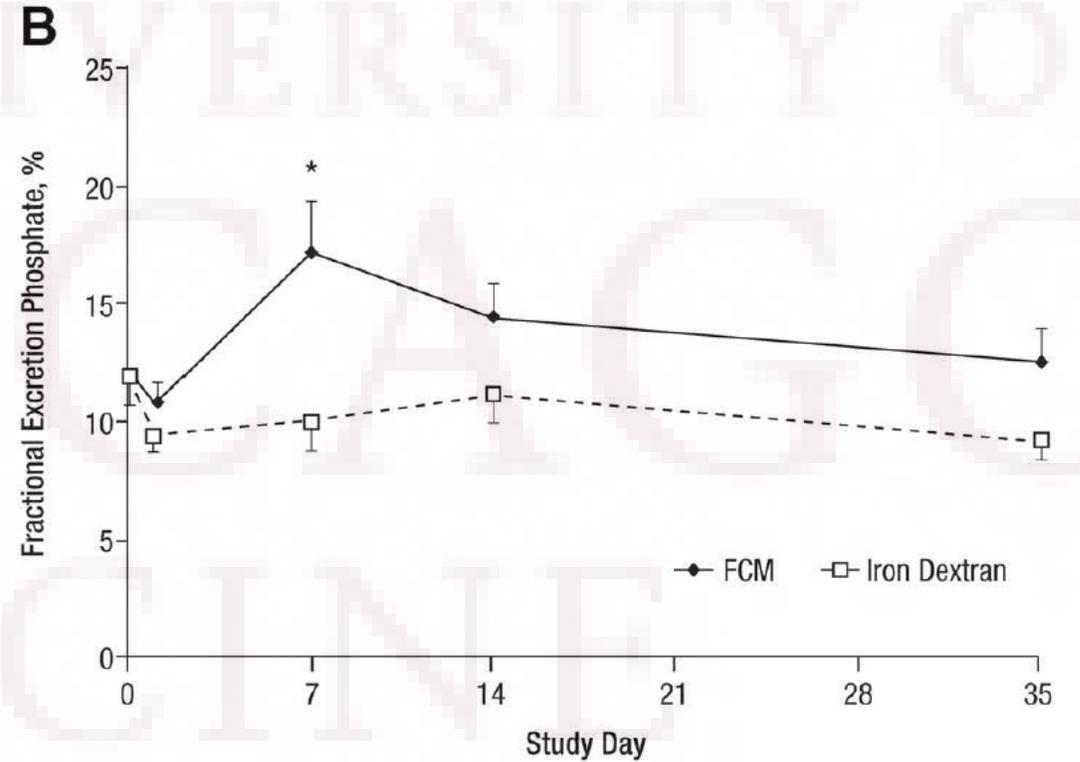
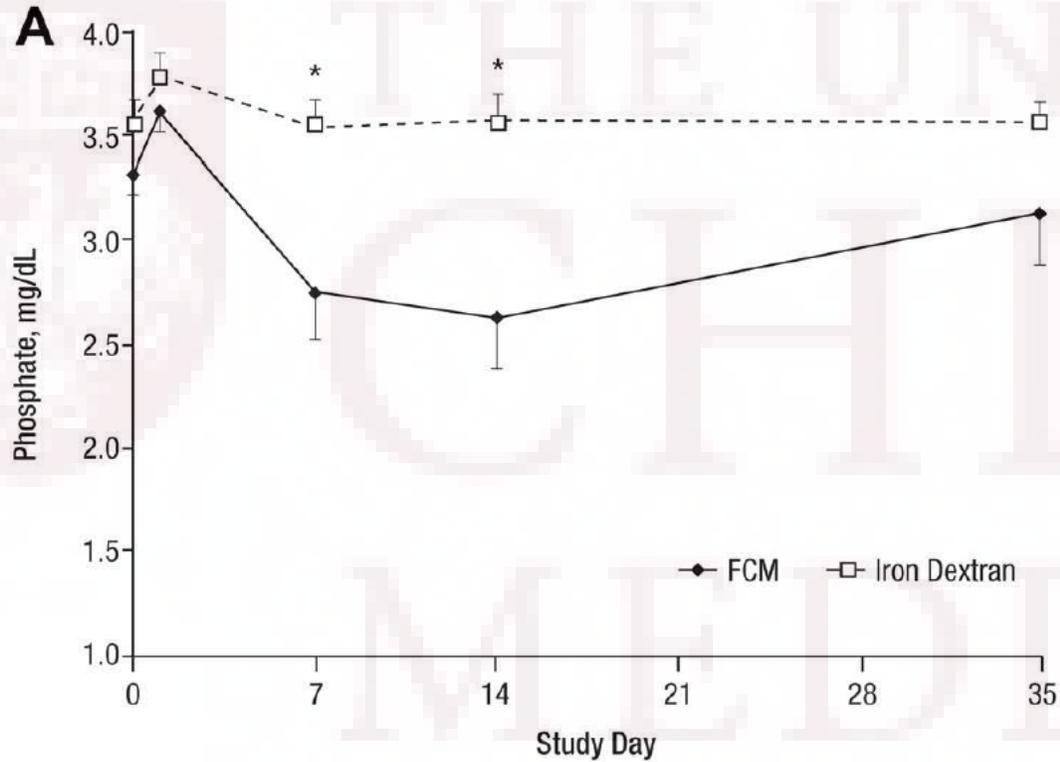
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Randomization

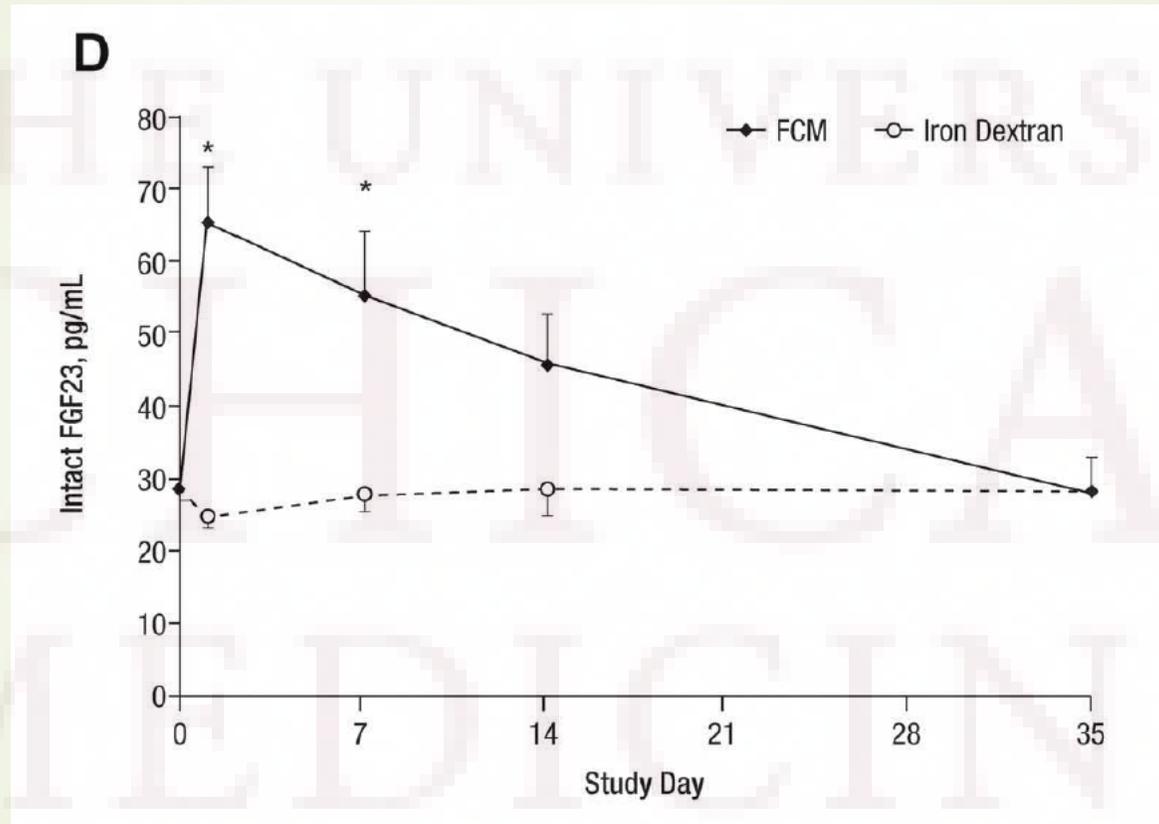
Iron dextran, 15 mg/kg up to 1000mg x 1 on study day 0



Effect of FCM and Iron Dextran on Phosphate and its Excretion



Effect of FCM and Iron Dextran on FGF23





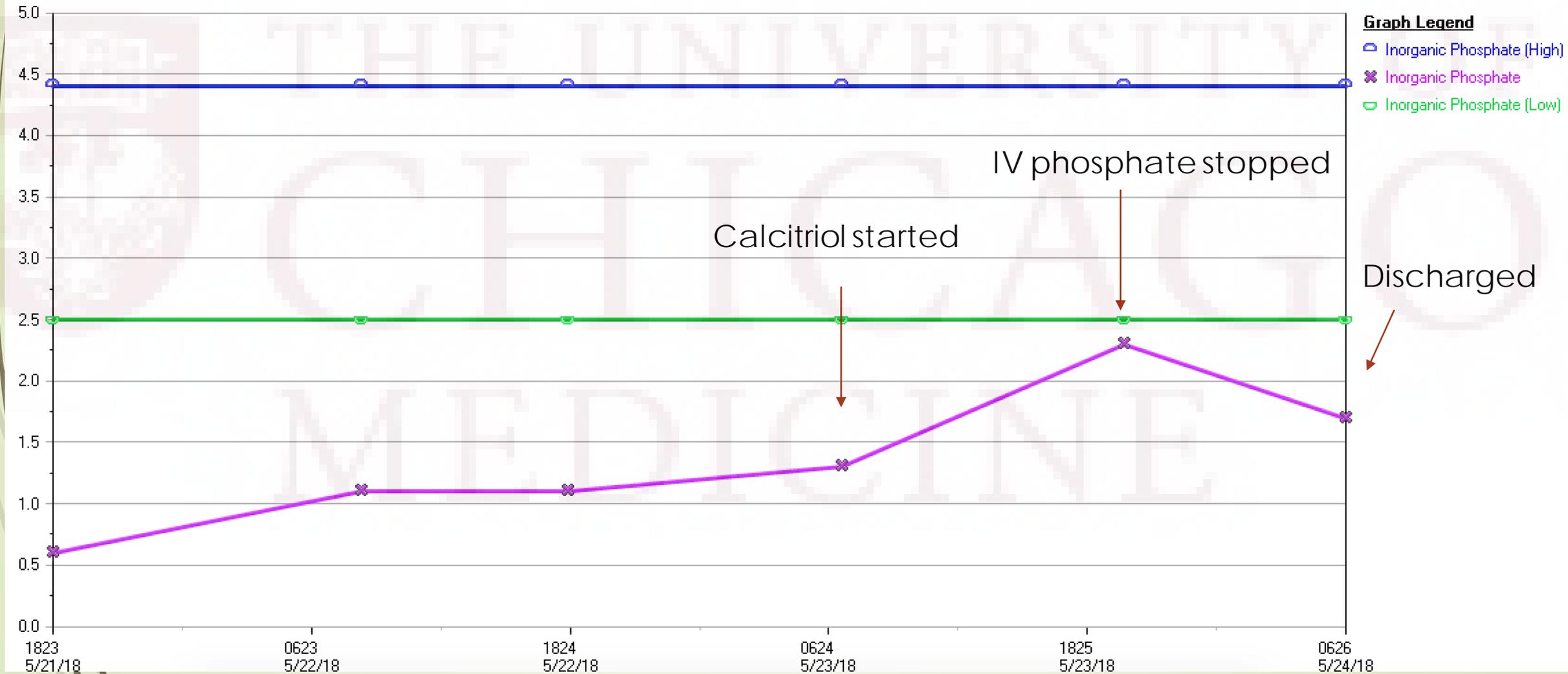
Conclusions from this study

- ▶ FCM but not iron dextran induced a significant increase in intact FGF23 by 24 hours, which was associated with an increase in fractional excretion of phosphate and decrease in serum phosphate, 1, 25 Vit D & calcium
- ▶ Level of FGF23 was increased to levels seen in renal failure or hereditary rachitic diseases
- ▶ Additional research is needed into mechanisms of FGF23 synthesis and degradation and the role of iron deficiency and its treatment

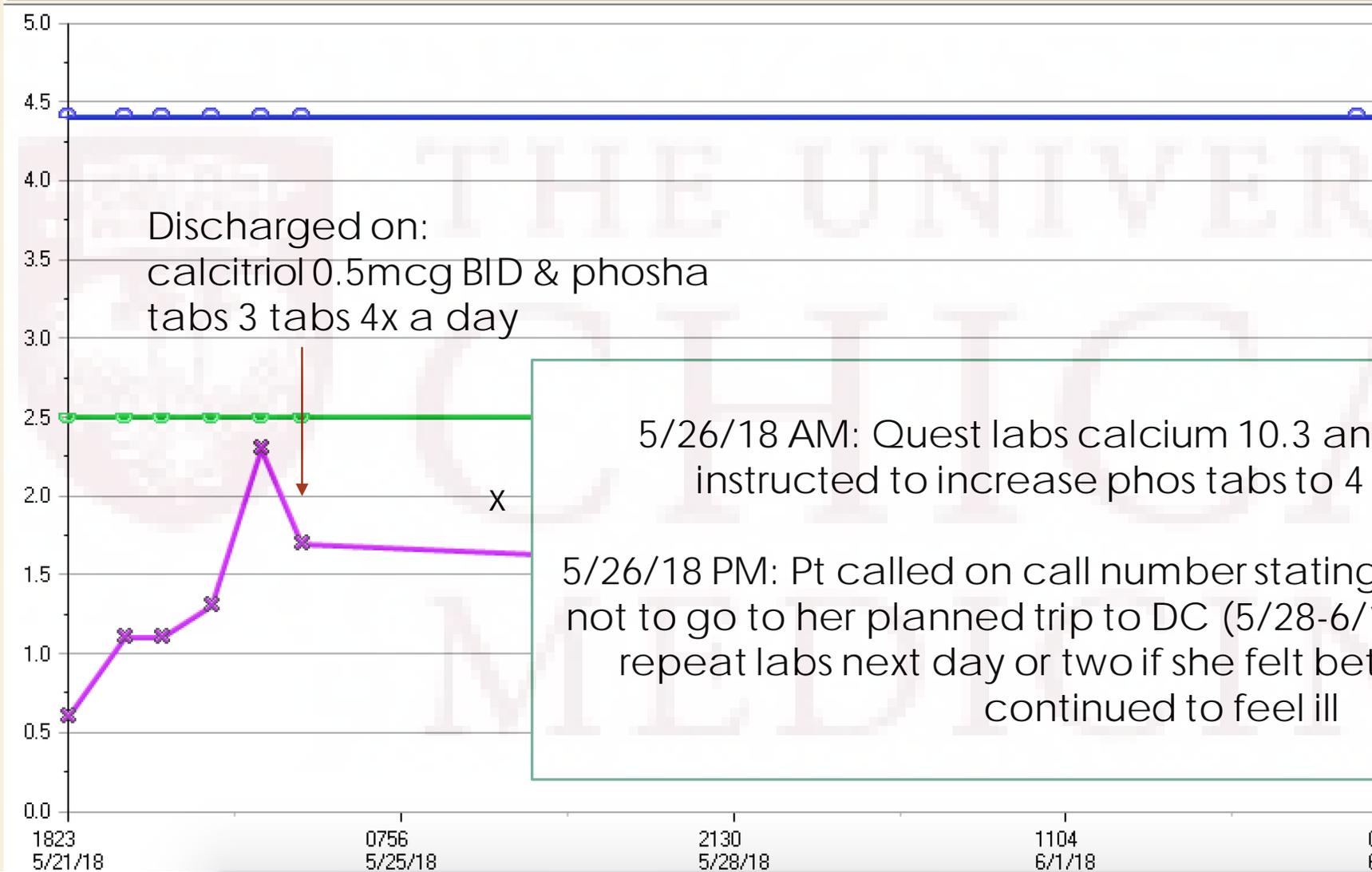
Patient Course

Graph (5/21/18 1823 - 5/24/18 0626)

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Graph (5/21/18 1823 - 6/8/18 1412)

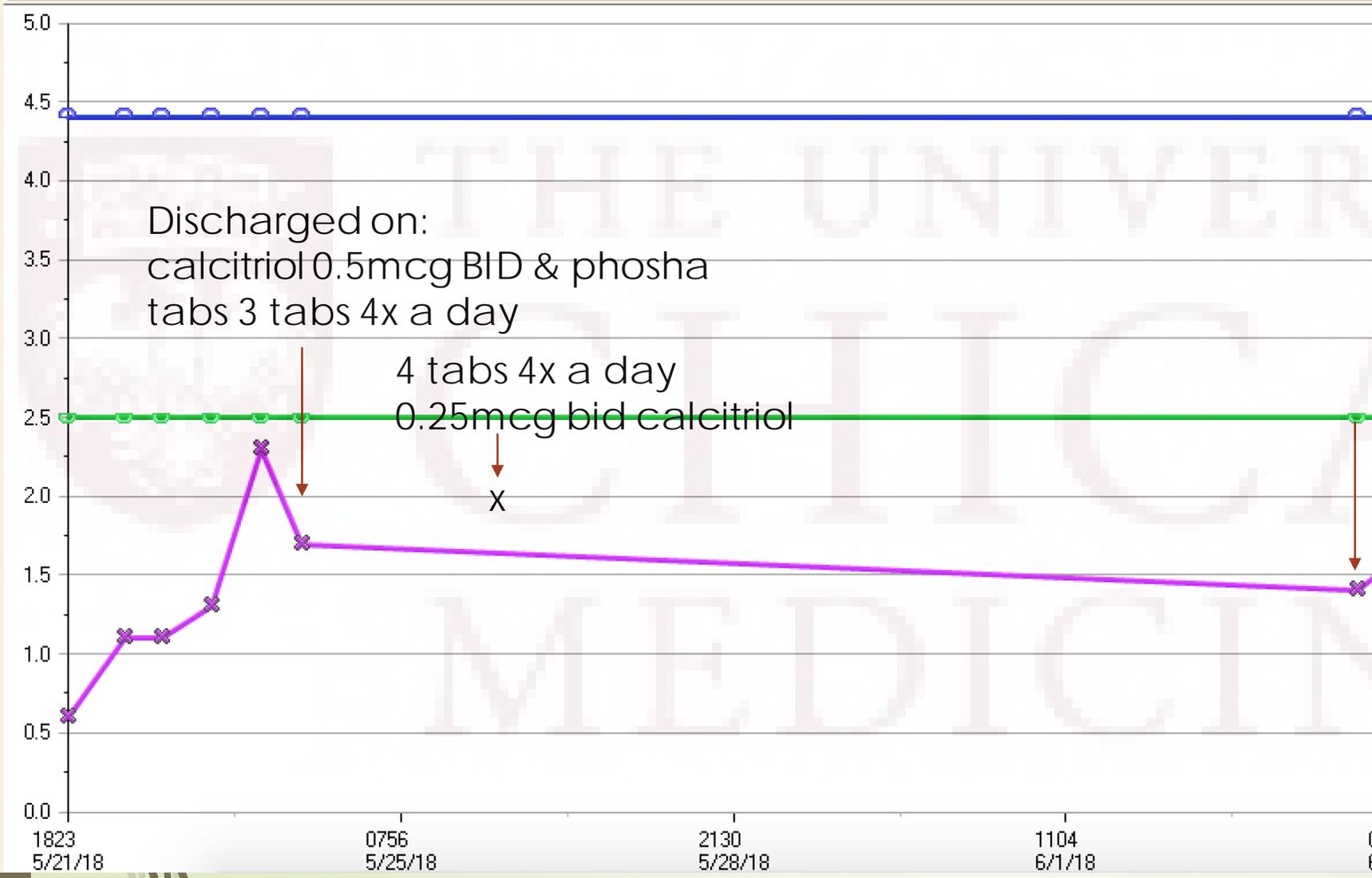


Discharged on:
calcitriol 0.5mcg BID & phosha
tabs 3 tabs 4x a day

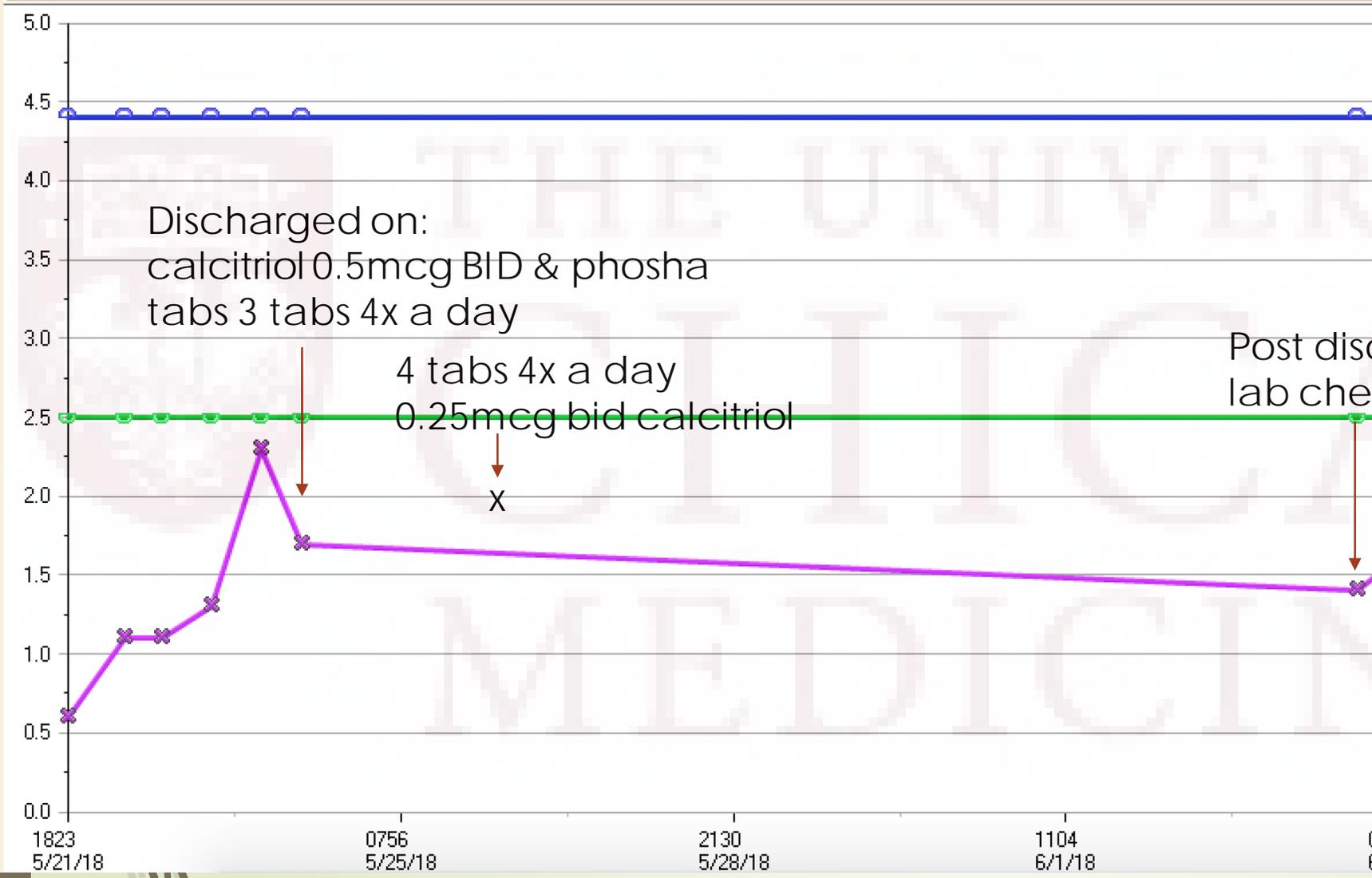
5/26/18 AM: Quest labs calcium 10.3 and phosphate 2.0;
instructed to increase phos tabs to 4 tabs 4x a day

5/26/18 PM: Pt called on call number stating she felt ill. Instructed
not to go to her planned trip to DC (5/28-6/1) and to come in for
repeat labs next day or two if she felt better or to ED now if
continued to feel ill

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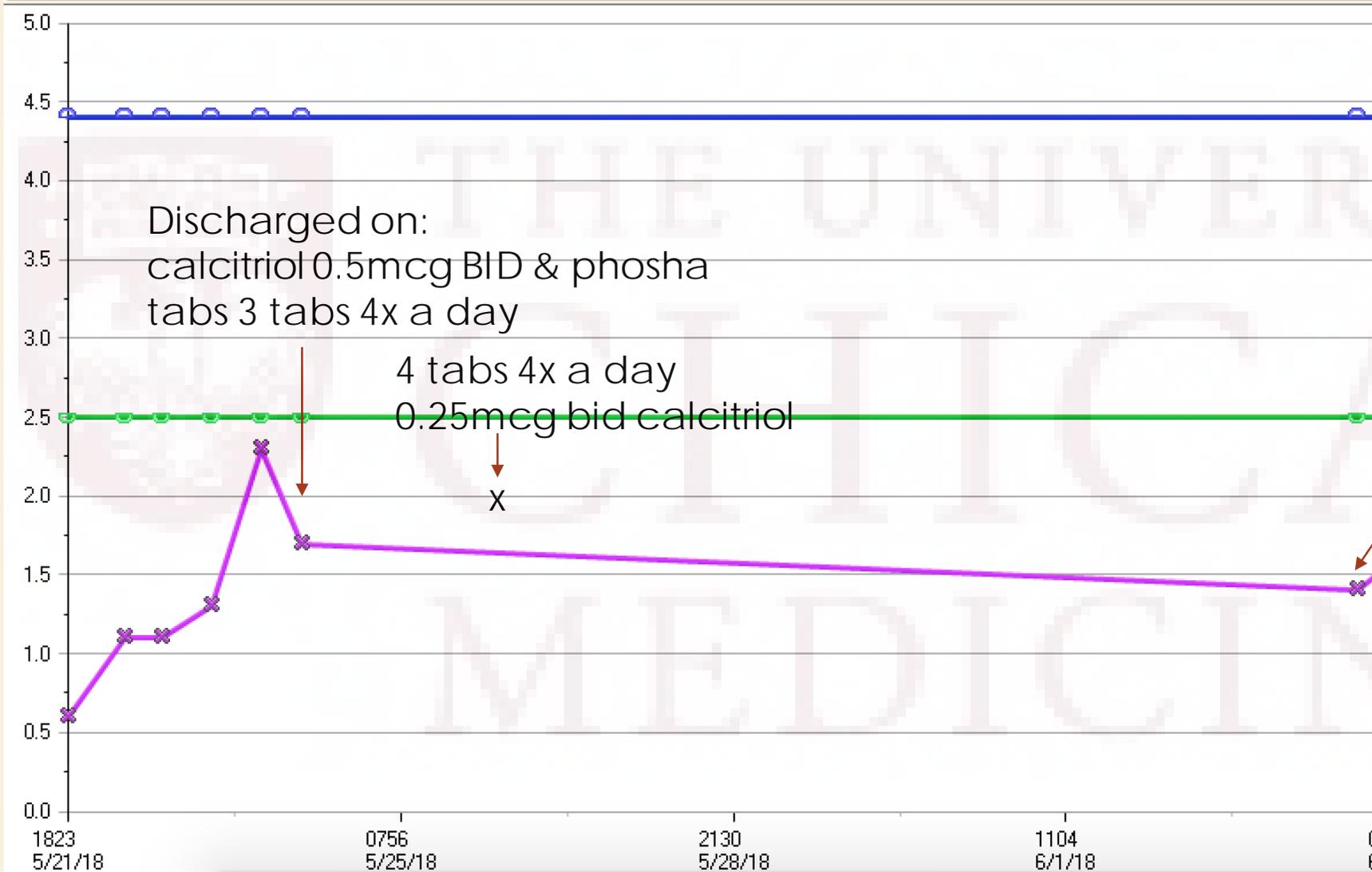
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4 tabs 4x a day
0.25mcg bid calcitriol

Post discharge
lab check

1823 0756 2130 1104
5/21/18 5/25/18 5/28/18 6/1/18 6/8/18

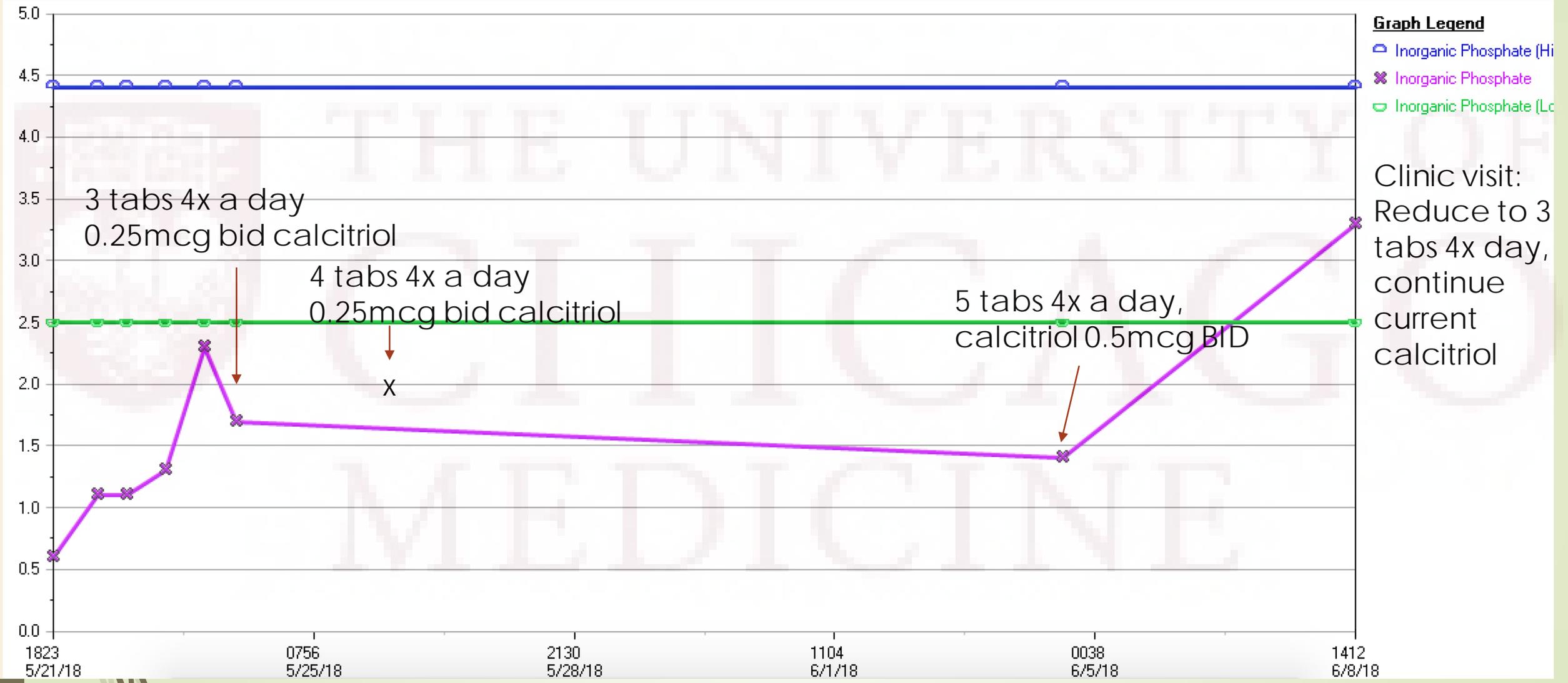
Graph (5/21/18 1823 - 6/8/18 1412)



Discharged on:
calcitriol 0.5mcg BID & phosha
tabs 3 tabs 4x a day

4 tabs 4x a day
0.25mcg bid calcitriol

Increase to 5
tabs 4x a day,
calcitriol
increased to
0.5mcg BID



Graph Legend

- Inorganic Phosphate (Hi)
- Inorganic Phosphate
- Inorganic Phosphate (Lo)

Clinic visit:
Reduce to 3
tabs 4x day,
continue
current
calcitriol



Continued Course

- ▶ 6/13/18: Repeat FGF23 from 6/8 clinic visit resulted and showed it was back down to normal (277-> 150 (nml <180); Left voicemail for Pt to stop calcitriol
 - ▶ Of note PTH is even higher now at 250 (from 103), Ca 9.5, Phos 3.3
- ▶ She was due for repeat labs today

Conclusions

- ▶ Primary hyperparathyroidism presents with an elevated calcium and PTH; Sestamibi scan is reserved for Pts who will be considered for parathyroidectomy
- ▶ Causes of hypophosphatemia can be divided into:
 - ▶ Increased phosphate redistribution
 - ▶ Decreased phosphate absorption
 - ▶ Increased phosphate excretion
- ▶ Low 1,25 vit D in the setting of PHPT is unusual, and should prompt further evaluation for a contributing factor for phosphate excretion (or a severely low phosphate <1.0 mg/dL)
- ▶ Isolated urinary phosphate wasting is rare but can be observed in patients receiving certain forms of ferric carboxymaltose therapy
 - ▶ The mechanism appears to be increased FGF23 which reduces 1,25 vit D activity by inhibition of 1α -hydroxylase which causes a reduction of phosphate absorption and by FGF23 mediated phosphaturia



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IV Iron Has Been Associated with Transient Hypophosphatemia

- ▶ Case 1: 45 Asian F with T1DM, ESRD s/p kidney Tx, iron def anemia from heavy menstrual bleeding (endometrial polyp). She received 1g infusion of Ferinject with phos of 0.25 mml/L) and high fractional excretion of phos. She was given IV phos and sent on oral supplementation. Readmitted with n/vertigo/fatigue low phos again, found to have elevated FGF23 (202, <125RU/mL), Rx 6 wks.
- ▶ Case 2: 42 Caucasian female with SLE, APL syndrome, and iron def anemia due to heavy menstrual bleeding. Received 3 infusions at 6 wk intervals of ferric carboxymaltose. 3d after last infusion developed low phos (0.32 mml/L) and high phos excretion. Rx 4 wks and increased protein diet. Got Venofer iron and happened again.
- ▶ Case 3: 33yo Hindu F w Hx of Roux-N-Y gastric bypass, iron def anemia from heavy bleeding, vit D def, 2ry hyperparathyroidism, received 2 x 1g infusions of ferric carboxymaltose and developed low phos -> Rx 2 months
- ▶ Case 4: 47yo Caribbean F with Hx Graves dz, anemia due to fibroid received 1g ferric carboxymaltose x 3 and developed severe hypophosphatemia (0.28 mml/L). Rx 3 months.