



EmCC: Emergency and Critical Care



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DKA and HHNK

Course Objectives

- Describe the management of Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA)
- Describe the management of Hyperglycemic Hyperosmolar Nonketone Acidosis (HHNK/HHS)

DKA and HHNK/HHS

In your small groups, answer the following questions and **BRING TO CLASS:**

Dalam grup kecil anda, jawablah pertanyaan dibawah ini dan **BAWA KE KELAS:**

1. What are two signs and symptoms of hyperglycemia/apa dua tanda dan gejala hiperglikemia?
2. What is the treatment for/apakah penanganan untuk:
 - a. Acute DKA
 - b. Acute HHNK/HHS
3. What are complications for/apakah komplikasi untuk:
 - a. Acute DKA
 - b. Acute HHNK/HHS
4. What are two points of advice for managing diabetes when ill/apakah dua saran untuk manajemen diabetes saat sakit?
5. What is the same with DKA and HHNK/HHS? Apakah persamaan DKA dan HHNK/HHS?
6. What is different between DKA and HHNK/HHS? Apakah perbedaan DKA dan HHNK/HHS?

Usually associated with
Type 2 diabetes

Abnormal increase in
osmolarity

Develops over days or
weeks

Minimal ketosis

Box 1. Common signs and symptoms of diabetic ketoacidosis and hyperglycaemic hyperosmolar state

Diabetic ketoacidosis

- Elevated blood glucose – greater than 12mmols/litre
- Polyuria – osmotic diuresis
- Tachycardia associated with fluid loss
- Polydipsia – increased thirst
- Glucose in urine positive
- Acidosis variable – pH 7.30–7.00, depending on the severity of DKA

Hyperosmolar state

- Usually grossly elevated blood glucose – 34mmol/litre or higher (Chiasson et al, 2003)
- Polyuria – osmotic diuresis
- Tachycardia associated with fluid loss
- Polydipsia – increased thirst
- Glucose in urine positive
- Acidosis present – pH not less than 7.30

- Convert glucose values:
 - $\text{mg/dl} \times 0.0555 = \text{mmol/l}$
 - $\text{mmol/l} \times 18.0182 = \text{mg/dl}$
- Osmotic diuresis
 - DKA: 5-7 L
 - HHNK/HHS: 7-12 L

Box 2. Differences in diabetic ketoacidosis and hyperglycaemic hyperosmolar state

Diabetic ketoacidosis

- Serum ketones positive – acetone smell on breath
- Deep rapid respirations – Kussmau breathing
- Urine ketones positive
- Can be alert or drowsy, coma in severe case
- Increased or decreased serum sodium
- Initially increased serum potassium
- Abdominal pain typically present – related to the metabolic acidosis (Umpierrez and Freire, 2002)

Hyperosmolar state

- Serum ketones usually mild or absent
- Shallow rapid respirations
- Urine ketones negative
- Stupor/coma more likely due to hyperosmolar state. Neurological problems such as seizures or transient haemiparesis
- Serum sodium elevated
- Serum potassium normal or slightly low
- Abdominal pain can be identified in some cases but not a typical presentation

Administration of
insulin

Fluid
replacement

Monitor and treat
electrolyte
imbalances

Monitor level of
consciousness

Hyperglycemic Hyperosmolar Nonketone acidosis (State) (HHNK/HHS)

In your small groups, answer the following questions and

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BAWA KE KELAS:

1. What is HHNK/apa itu HHNK?
2. What are causes for HHNK/Apa saja penyebab HHNK?
3. What are signs and symptoms for HHNK/apa tanda dan gejala HHNK?
4. What is the treatment for HHNK in the article/apa penanganan HHNK dalam artikel?
5. What treatment, if any, have you seen for HHNK/penanganan apa, jika ada, yang pernah kamu lihat untuk HHNK?



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