

Fellow on Call!

Tips for New Fellows

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GI Orientation

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Goals

- Organizational Tips
- Bleeders
- Liver Disease
- Miscellaneous



Remember

Attending is always available



Organization

■ Efficiency

- Know attending's schedule
 - Call attending Friday night or call weekend
- Call checkout promptly
 - Check out Sunday night when possible
- Schedule scopes ASAP when appropriate

■ Prioritize

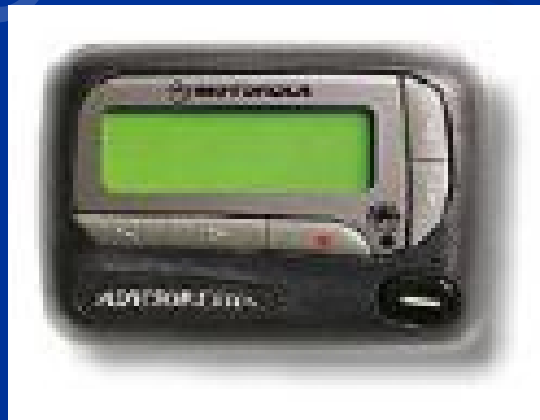
- PEG consult vs. bleeder
- Utilize resources



Enter Your Call Sign When Paging

562-6500 * 342-4110

Entire hospital number!!



Weeknight Checkout

- Tell on-call fellow about:
 - Unstable patients
 - Possible transfers
 - “Do unto others...”

Weekend Checkout

- Ideally before AIM clinic
- Make list of patients with diagnosis and treatment plan and labs/studies to check
- Check out Jewish and Norton patients to Primary call fellow (and sick UL/VA patients)
- Check out UL/VA to secondary call fellow

Weekend Call

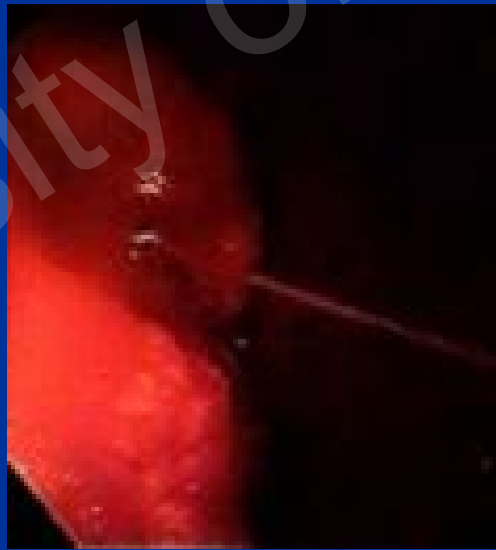
Primary Fellow

- Pager call entire weekend
- Rounds Jewish/Norton
- Sees Consults/Bleeders at all hospitals after noon
- May hold over stable UL or VA patients until next day

Secondary Fellow

- Round UL/VA 7:30-12
- Stay longer if needed to finish seeing consults

GI Bleeders



GI Bleed

- *Don't ASSume* team calling has started appropriate treatment
- 5 minute assessment
- Call attending +/- endoscopy team
- Write consult note afterwards (you will have plenty of time!)



5 Minute Assessment

- History
- PMH (including past endoscopies)
- Meds (plavix, ASA, coumadin, NSAIDS)
- PE
 - Vitals, orthostatics, stigmata, abdomen, heart, lungs, RECTAL!!!
- Labs
- Call attending!

Upper GI Bleed

- PPI drip
- 2 large bore IVs
- Fluids
- Type and cross
- IV Erythromycin
- *If cirrhotic Include:*
 - Octreotide 50mcg bolus then 50/hr
 - Daily quinolone

High Risk Patients

- Age
- Anticoagulation
- Comorbidities
- Liver disease
- Bleeding in hospital

IV PPI

Rebleeding: 6.7% vs. 22%



Lau et al NEJM 2000

IV Erythromycin

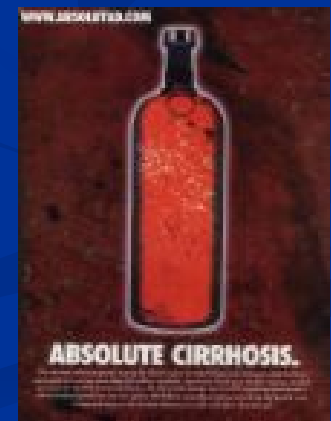
- Frossard et al, Gastro 2002
 - 105 pts 20 minutes pre-EGD 250mg vs placebo
 - Clear stomach 82% vs 33%
 - Time reduced 13 min vs. 16 min
 - Second look 6% vs. 17%

Rebleeding

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| ■ Spurting arterial bleed | ■ 85-100% |
| ■ Non-bleeding vessel | ■ 18-55% |
| ■ Adherent clot | ■ 24-41% |
| ■ Other stigmata | ■ 5-9% |
| ■ No stigmata | ■ 0% |

Active Bleeders = ICU

Cirrhotics



Diagnostic Paracentesis Supplies

- 1 inch 23 guage needle
- 1.5 inch 18 guage needle
- 4x4
- Betadine
- Sterile gloves
- Red top bottle
- 2 blood culture bottles
- Stickers and ziplock

Diagnostic Tap is Fast!
It ain't 37 liters

Lab Orders

- Cell count and diff
- TP
- Albumin
- Cultures
- ? Cytology, LDH

Remember: SAAG > 1.1 = portal hypertension (97% sn)

Total protein > 2.5 suspicious for cardiac ascites

Total protein < 1.0 needs SBP prophylaxis

PMN > 250 = SBP OR + BC = SBP

Hepatic Encephalopathy

The Concoction

- Xifaxan 400mg po tid
- Lactulose retention enema
 - 300cc lactulose
 - 700cc free water
 - Hold with rectal balloon for 30 minutes
- PO lactulose +- NG tube



Miscellaneous

Urgent vs. Emergent

- 6-12 hours urgent
- Emergent
 - Food impaction
 - Ongoing GI blood loss
 - Sharp foreign body

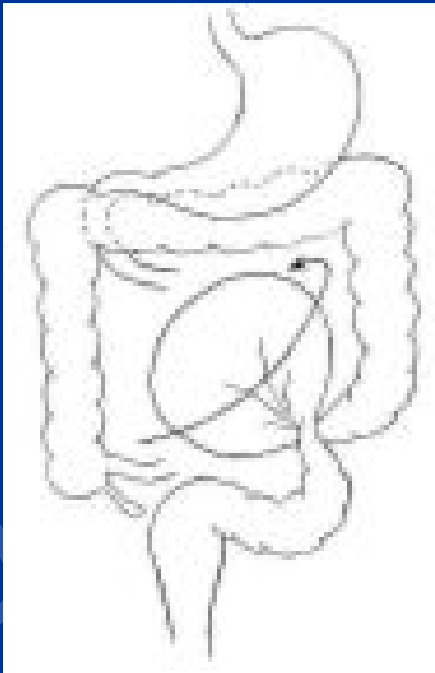
Esophageal Impaction

- Drool
- Ate pig tails
- Glucagon
- Urgent EGD
- Be careful with overtube



Volvulus

- Sigmoid- YES
- Cecal- NO



Caustic Ingestion

- Need EGD within 24-48 hours
- Risk stratify

AAA Repair

Consider aorto-enteric fistula in
diagnosis

Sentinel bleed then die

Scope to 4th portion of duodenum

Cocaine Body Packets

- EGD contraindicated
- 1-3 grams lethal
- Flush with golytely

Crohns

No steroids until abscess ruled out

Standard Colonoscopy Prep

- Golytely 1 gallon
- Dulcolax 20 mg
- Reglan 10mg
- Magnesium Citrate one 10 oz bottle in AM



Prep Questions on Call

- No solids at least 6 hours before colonoscopy
- If unable to tolerate golytely consider:
 - Fleets phosphasoda
 - 4 bottles of mag citrate
 - Beware of renal insufficiency and proper hydration

Be Prepared Before Endoscopy

- Check indication
 - Do colonoscopy 1st for double with anemia
 - Consider small bowel aspirate for bloating
 - Consider small bowel biopsy when evaluating anemia
- Talk to patient
 - Dysphagia
 - Abdominal pain
- Barretts need therapeutic scope and jumbo biopsies
- Have dilators ready for dysphagia patients

Transfers

- Always beware of weekend transfers
- Ask attending
- Make sure patient is stable

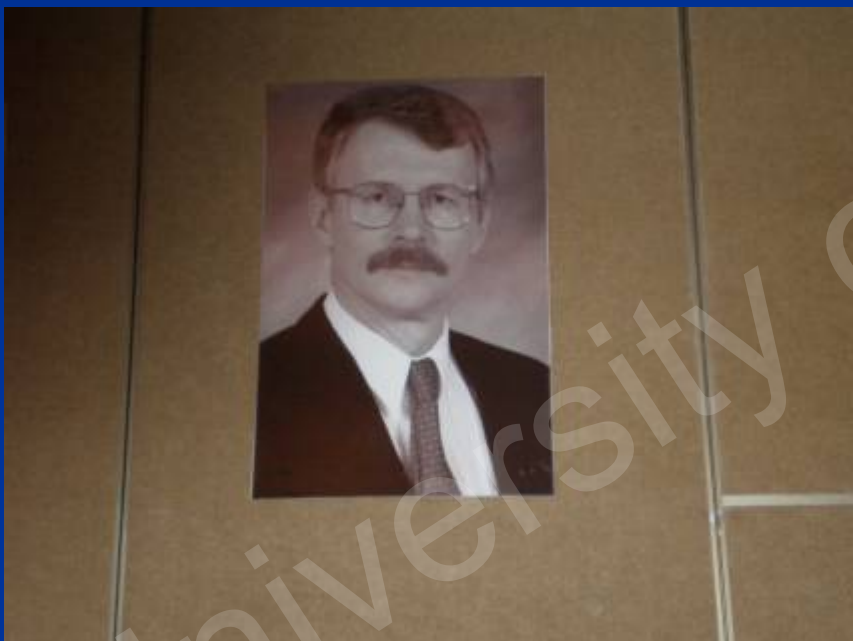
ACGME Site Visit

- New Innovations
 - Evaluations
 - Duty hours
 - Procedure log (mandatory for 1st years)
- Updated CVs
- Midmonth evaluations
- Quarterly mentor report



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Questions??