Neonatal Respiratory Distress



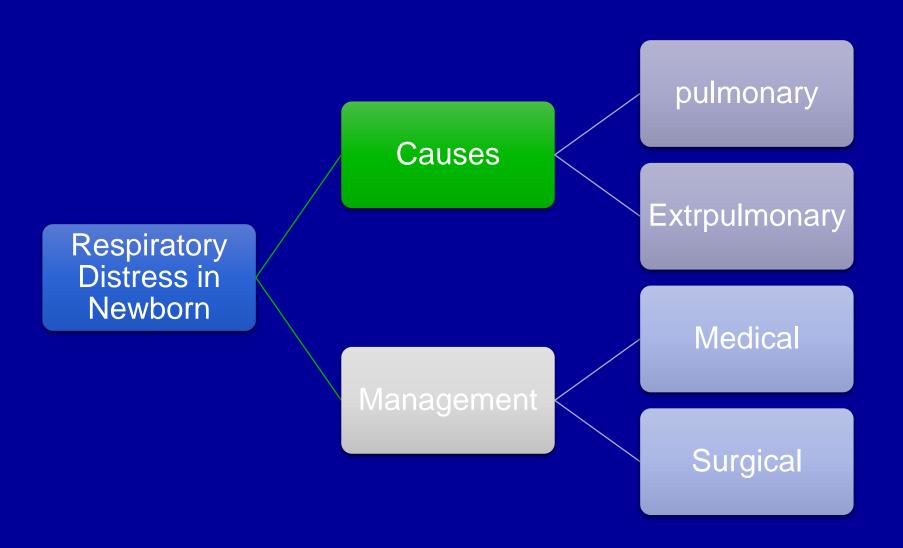
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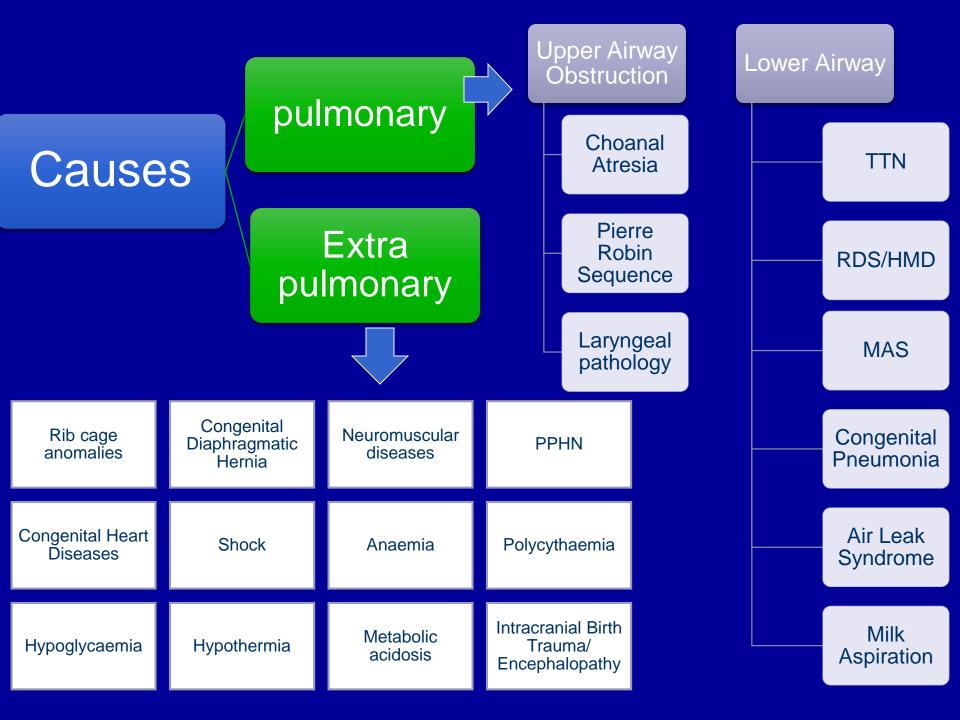
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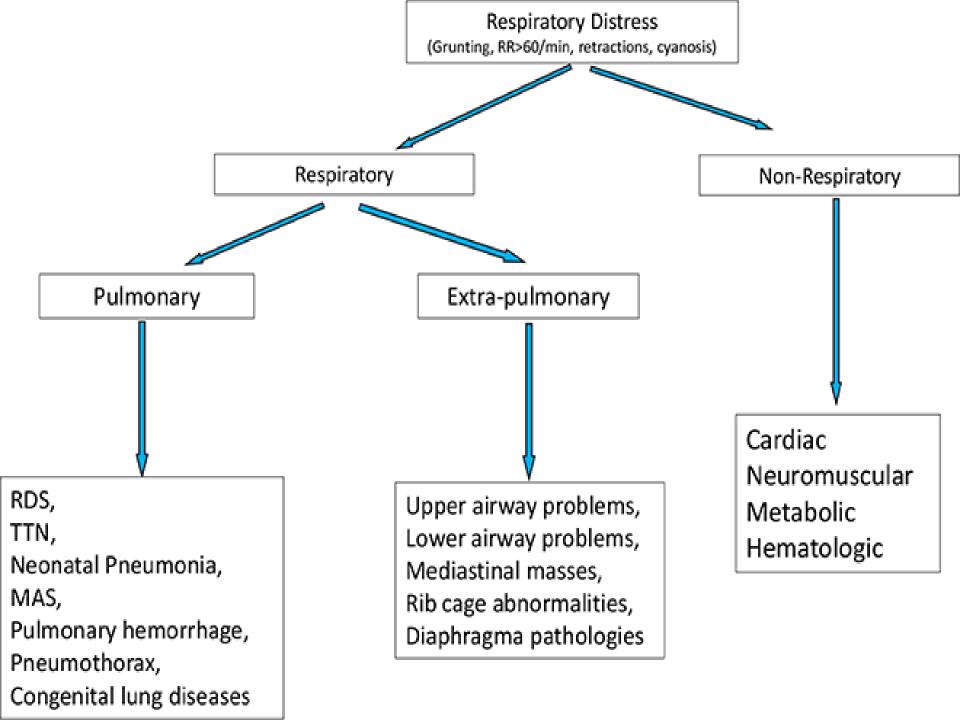
At the end of this lecture you should able to recognize:

- The causes and classification of neonatal respiratory problems
- The risk factors of RD in newborns
- Signs and symptoms of the common neonatal respiratory problems
- Prevention and management of RD in neonates

Causes and Classification

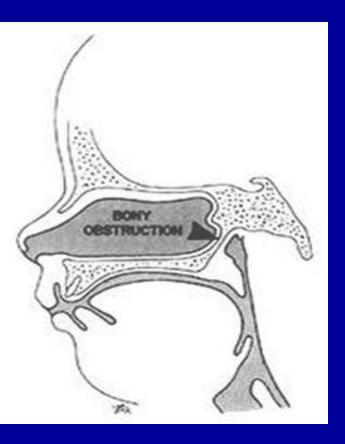






Upper Airway Disease

- Choanal atresia
- Pierre Robin sequence
- Vascular rings
- laryngomalacia



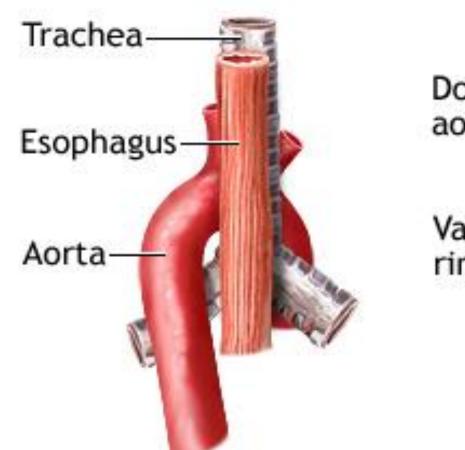
Choanal Atresia

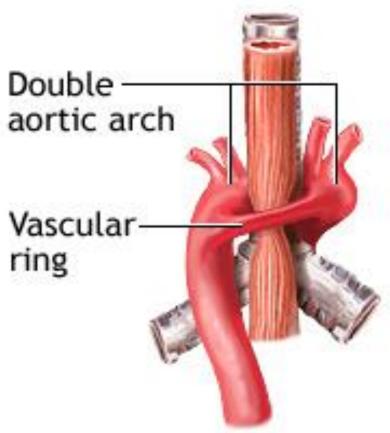
Pierre Robin Syndrome



Normal

Vascular ring



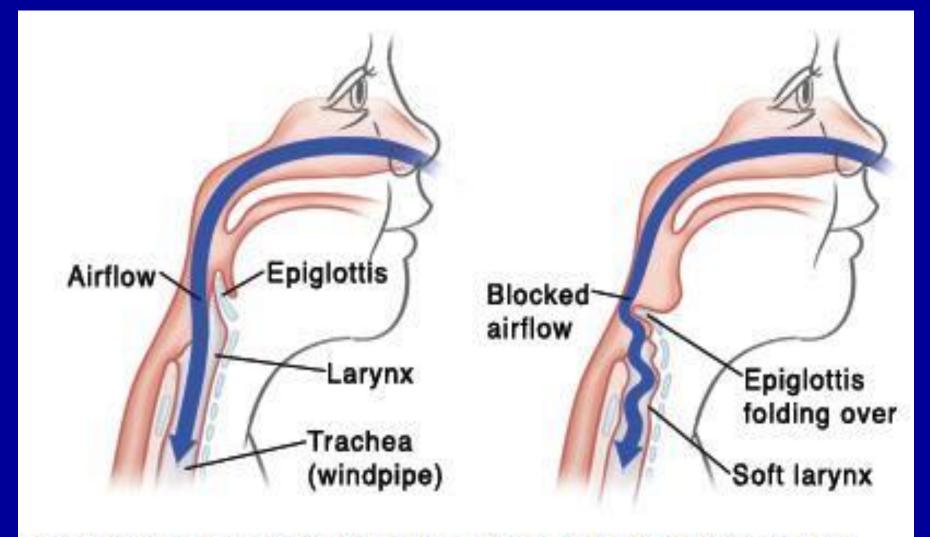


View from the back



What is laryngomalacia?

Laryngomalacia (LM) is the commonest congenital laryngeal anomaly of the newborn characterized by flaccid laryngeal tissue and inward collapse of the supraglottic structures leading to upper airway obstruction



A normal larynx and epiglottis allow air to flow freely into the trachea. With laryngomalacia, the soft larynx and epiglottis collapse as your child breathes in. This can partially block airflow, causing noisy breathing.

LARYNGOMALACIA

Normal larynx

Omega shaped larynx (Laryngomalacia)





Laryngomalacia presents with inspiratory stridor which worsens with supine position, crying & feeding & improves in prone position.

Choanal Atresia/Upper Airway Obstruction

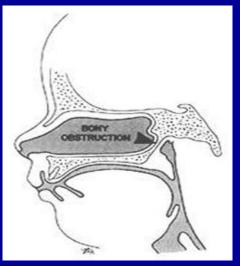
- Cyanotic when quiet or at rest, pink with crying
- Inability to pass suction catheter through nares
- Stridor

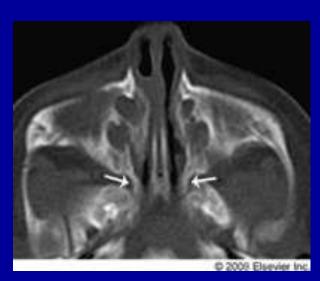
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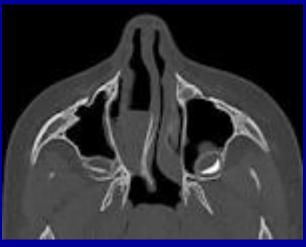
- Unilateral
- Bilateral

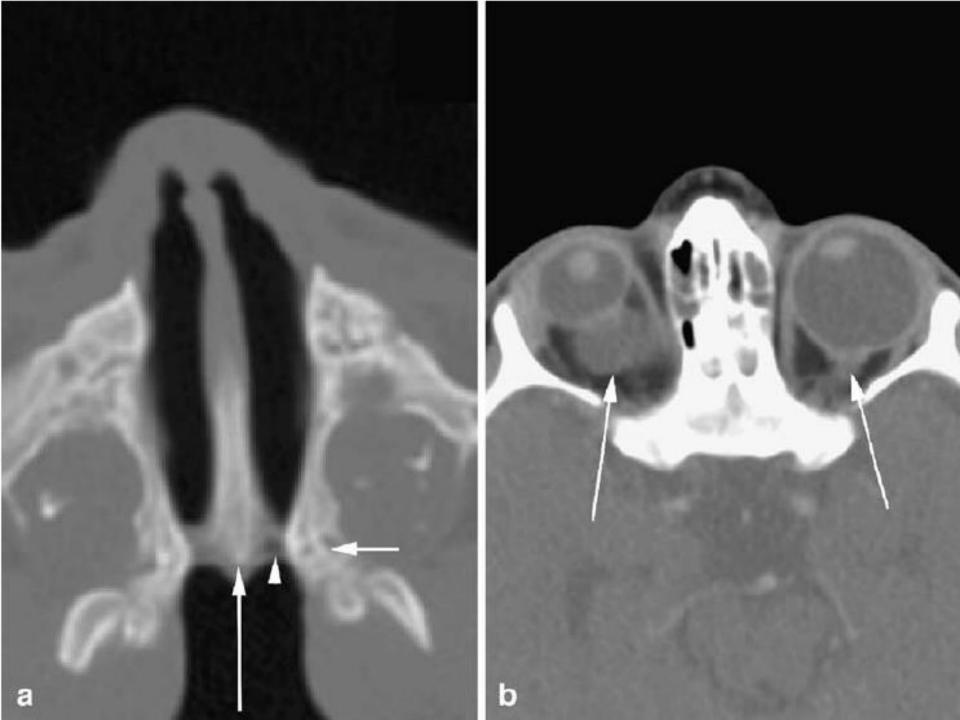
- Membranous
- Osseous

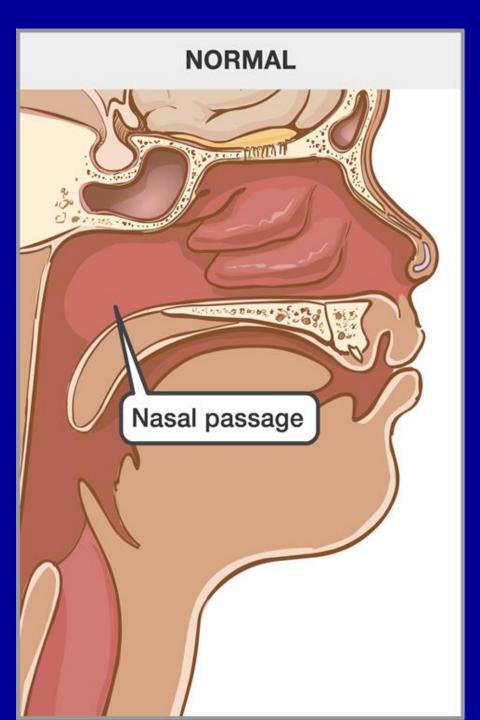


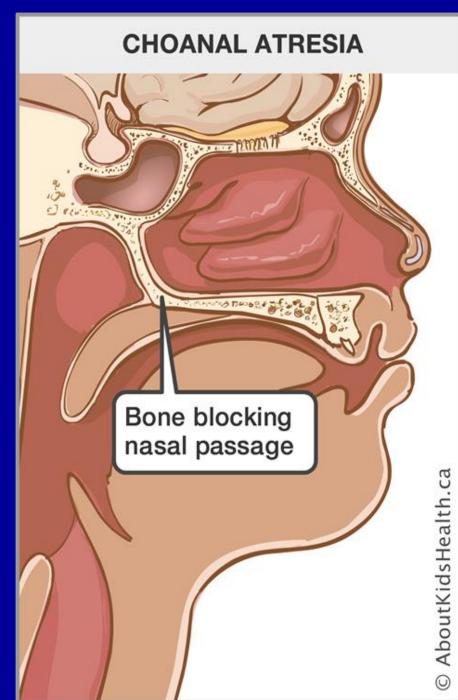












Upper airway obstruction

managment

- Insert an oral airway
- Provide oxygen
- Suction secretions
- May require intubation

Oropharyngeal airway





Fetal Lung Characteristics

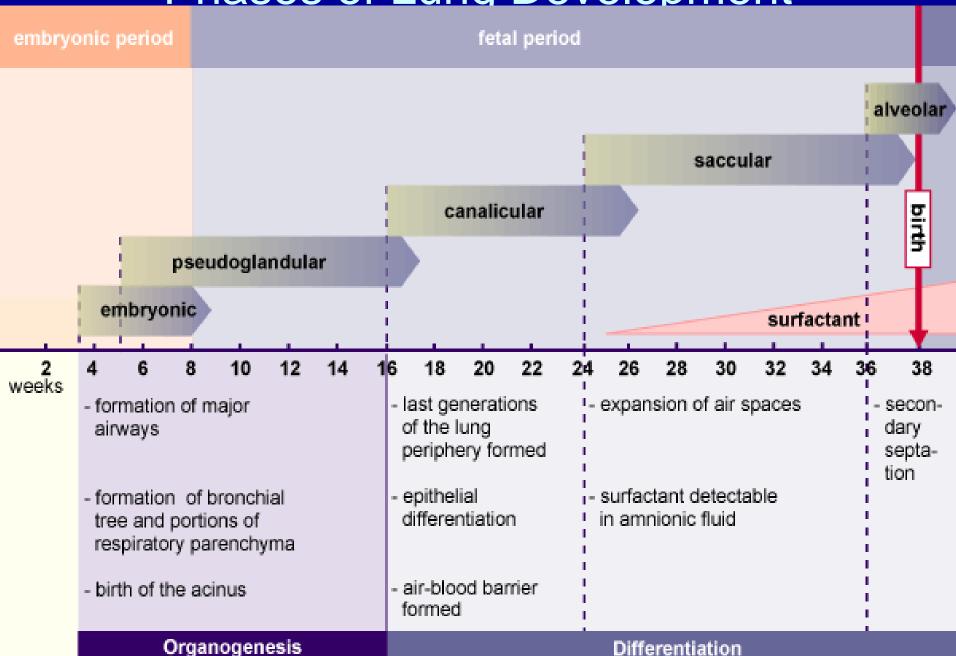
- Decreased blood flow
 - caused by compression of the pulmonary capillaries by fetal lung fluid
- Pulmonary arteries
 - thick muscular layer present, very reactive to hypoxemia
- Lung fluid secretion
 - fetal lungs secrete fluid, adequate lung volume is necessary for fetal development
- Fetal breathing
 - contributes to fetal lung development, moves fluid in and out of fetal lung
- Surfactant
 - necessary amount to support breathing after birth,
 present after ~ 34 weeks gestation



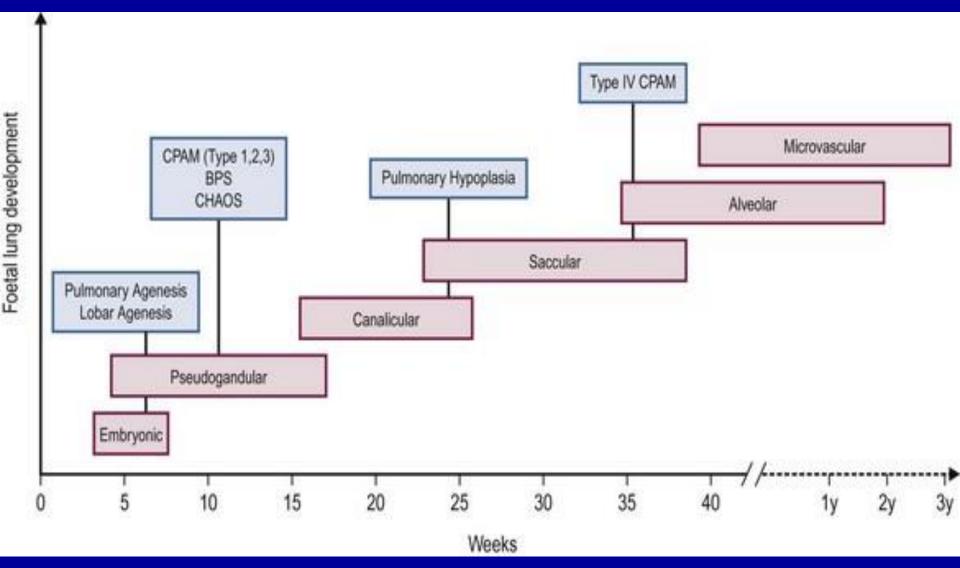
5 Major Phases Of FETAL LUNG DEVELOPMENT

Momjunction

Phases of Lung Development



Lung Development



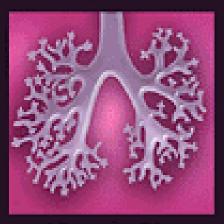
This graphic depicts milestones in fetal lung development and the timing for development of congenital bronchopulmonary malformations. CPAM, congenital pulmonary airway malformation; BPS, bronchopulmonary sequestration; CHAOS, congenital high airway obstruction syndrome.

Premature*

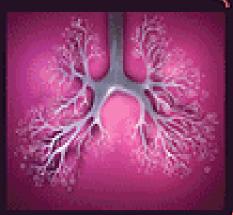




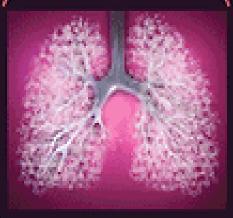




16 weeks GA



24 to 35 weeks GA



36 weeks to 3 years

Although alveoli are present in some infants as early as 32 weeks GA, they
are not uniformly present until 36 weeks GA¹

- Langston C et al. Am Rev Respir Dis. 1984;129:607-613.
- Adapted from Moore KL, Persaud TVN. The respiratory system. In: The developing human: clinically oriented embryology. 7th ed. Philadelphia: Saunders, 2003. p. 241-53.

^{*}Pictures are artistic renditions of lung development and are designed to emphasize terminal acinus development and not the entire conducting airway system.²

Assessment of Fetal Lung Maturity

- Lecithin/sphingomyelin (L/S) ratio
- Lamellar body counts
- Phosphatidylglycerol
 - After 35 weeks gestation

Fetal lung maturation tests

- Vaginal pool/amniosentesis for estimation of Phosphatidyl glycerol and L:S ratio (Lecithinspingomyelin ratio), for assessment of fetal lung maturity
- Ratio is 1 upto 32 wk GA, then Lecithin increases while shingomyelin remains nearly the same
- Ratio of 2 or more at 35wk indicates lung maturity, <1.5 ass/c high risk of infant RDS
- Centrifuge at 1000 rpm for 3-5min, then TLC (thin layer chromatography)

Transition

- Clearance of fetal lung fluid
- Increased compliance
- Increased pulmonary blood flow

Respiratory distress in newborn

Neonatal Respiratory Distress Signs and symptoms

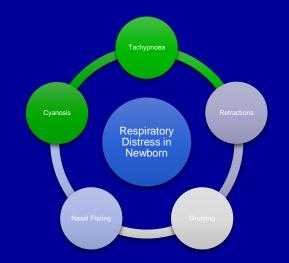
- Tachypnea (RR > 60/min)
- Nasal flaring
- Retraction
- Grunting
- Delayed or decreased air entry
- +/- Cyanosis
- +/- Desaturation

Normal nostrils



Flared nostrils







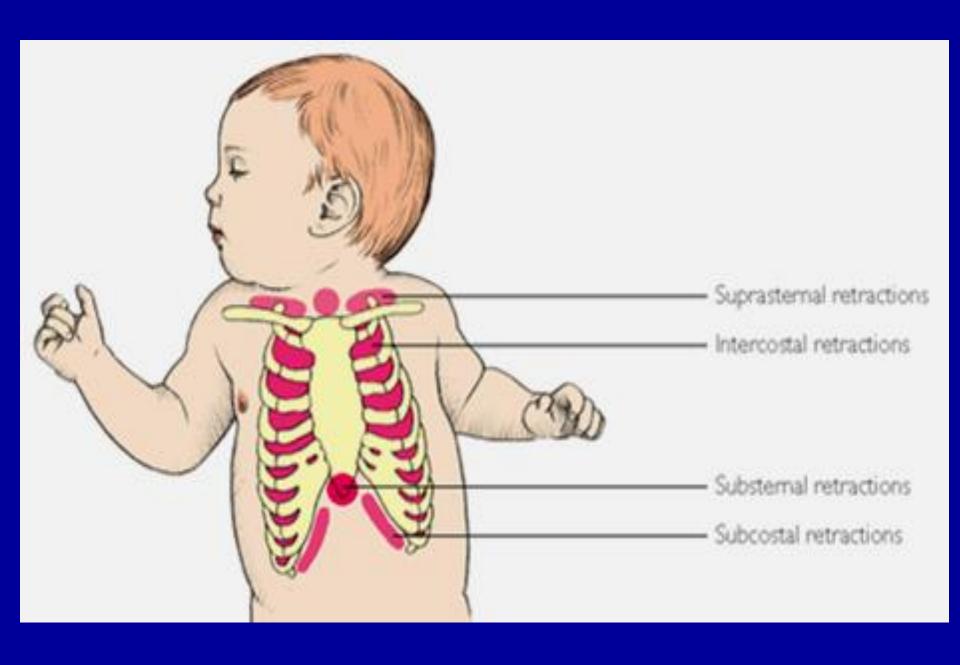
- Narrow nasal space contributes to total lung resistance
- Nasal flaring decreases the work of breathing

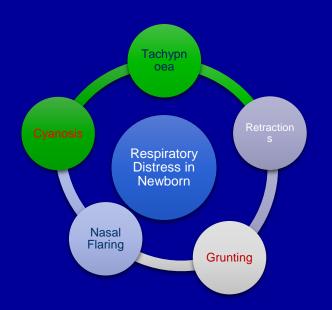


Subcostal Retraction SCR



Intercostal Retraction ICR



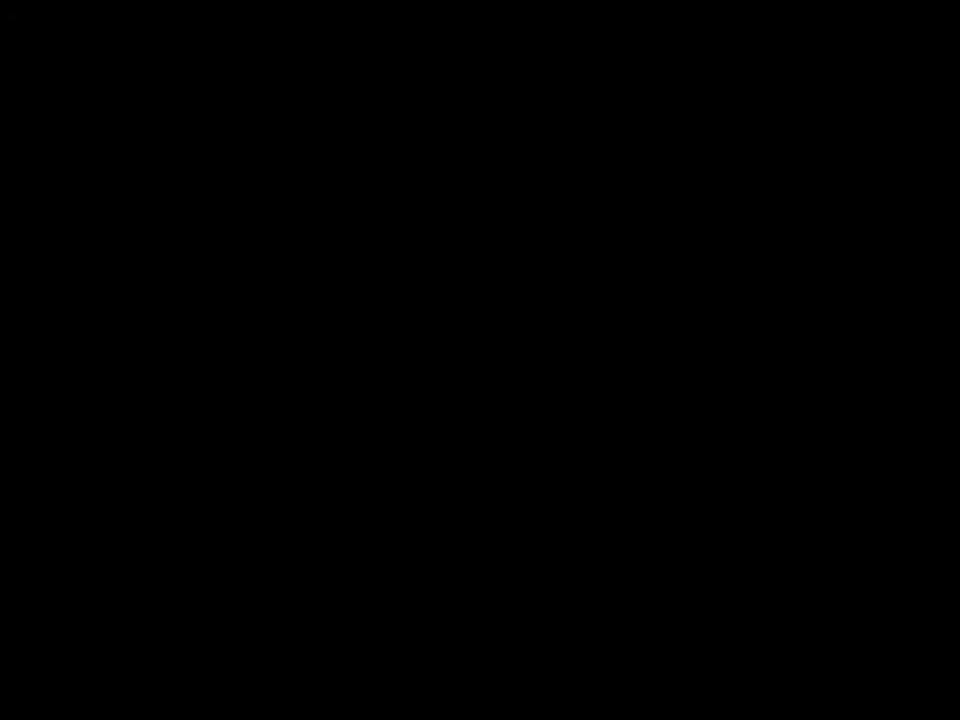


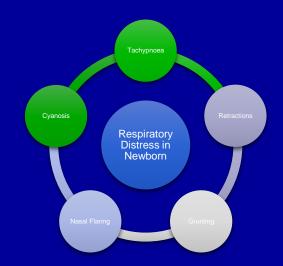


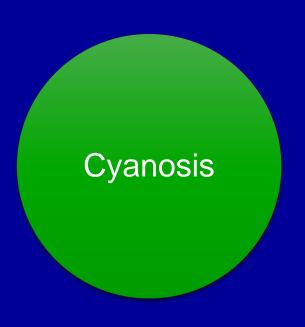
- Expiration through partially closed vocal cords to increase airway pressure and lung volume resulting in improved ventilationperfusion (V/P) ratio
- Low pitched expiratory sound.
- Protective phenomenon to prevent collapse of alveoli: PEEP

grunting









- Clinical detection of cyanosis depends on total amount of desaturated HB in blood
 - Anaemic infants may have low PaO₂ that is missed clinically
 - Polycythaemic infants with normal PaO₂ can appear cyanotic





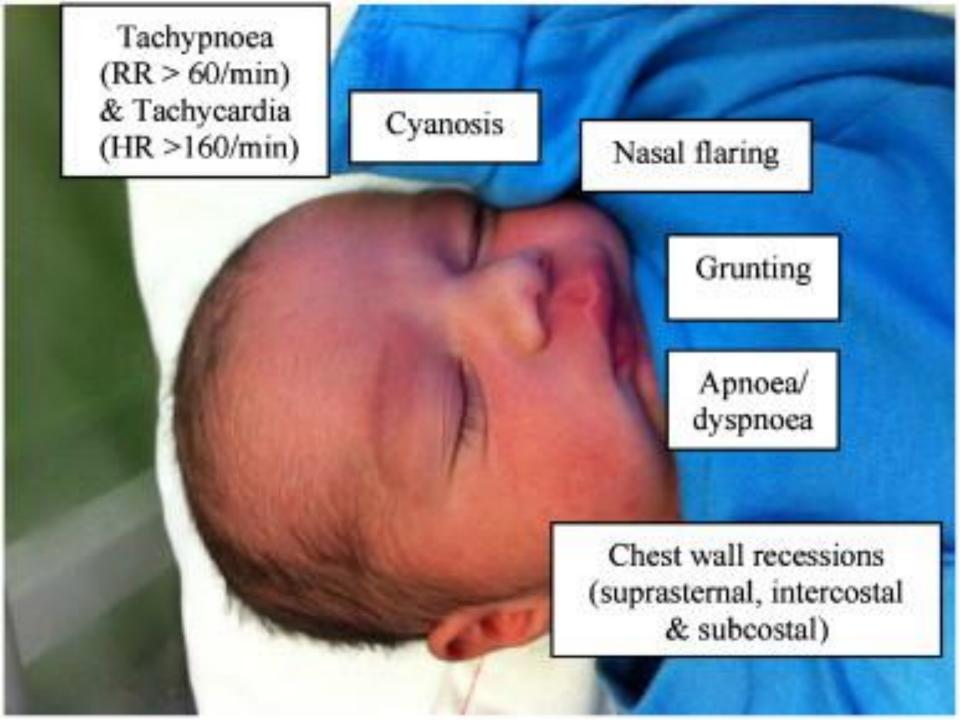
Cyanotic Baby

Pink Baby



What respiratory distress signs you can see here in this child?

Central cyanosis, +ICR, +SCR, +NF



score	0	1	2
Respiratory Rate (breaths/min)	60	60 – 80	>80 or apnea episode
cyanosis	None	In room air	In40%oxygen
r Retraction e t r	None	Mild	Moderate to severe
Grunting t i o n	None	Audible with a stethoscope	Audible without a stethoscope
Crying	clear	decreased	Barely audible

Downes' score

Score	Respiratory	Cyanos	is Air	Grunt	Retraction
	rate		entry		
0	<60/min	Nil	Normal	None	Nil
1	60- 80/min	In room air	Mild?	Ausc with stethoscope	Mild
2	>80/min	present	Marked ?	Audible with naked ear	Moderate

- Mild: 0-3, moderate: 4-6, severe: 7-10
- A score of >6 is indicative of impending respiratory failure.

Score



General: BALLARD

APGAR

Sepsis:

RODWELL

NEONATAL **SCORES**

CNS:

HIE Scoring by Sarnat & Sarnat

Metabolic:

BELL's Staging(NEC)

BIND Score(jaundic

RDS:

DOWNES SILVERMAN

CVS:

Volpes IVH Classificati on

Neonatal Respiratory Distress Etiologies

Pulmonary causes

- RDS
- Pneumonia
- TTN
- MAS
- Other aspiration syndrome
- Air leak syndrome
- Lung hemorrhage
- Lung hypoplasia
- Congenital malformations

Systemic causes

- Infections
- Metabolic causes
- Temperature
- AnemiaPolycythemia
- Congenital heart disease
- Pulmonary hypertension
- Neuromuscular disorder

Anatomic causes

- Upper airway obstruction
- Airway malformation
- Space occupying lesion
- Rib cage anomalies
- Phrenic nerve injury

diagnosis: Hx, Phx and L.F

Neonatal Respiratory Distress Algorithm

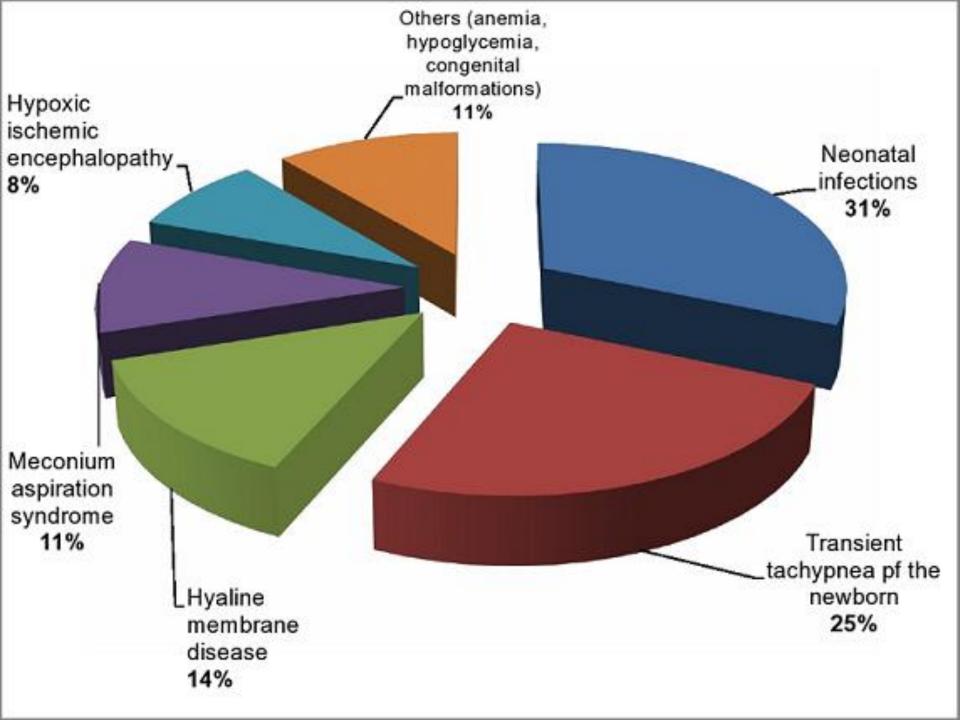
Respiratory Distress

(tachypnoea, retractions, grunt)

Preterm Term < 6hrs old < 6hrs old >6hrs > 6hrs old old Pneumonia Pneumonia TTN HMD (RDS) CHD MAS/PPHN CHD Pneumonia Pul. Hemorrhage Asphyxia Lung anomaly Lung anomaly Air leak

Differential diagnosis of Respiratory Distress in Newborn

- Most common cause
- Transient tacypnea of newborn
- Respiratory distress syndrome
- Meconium aspiration syndrome
- Less common causes
- Infection (pneumonia, sepsis)
- Pneumothorax
- Diagphragmatic hernia
- Persistent pulmonary hypertension of newborn



Respiratory Distress Syndrome

Introduction

- The most frequent cause of respiratory distress in premature infants.
- 60-80% of <28wk GA; 15-30% of 32-36wk GA;
 5% of 37wk-term.
- Classic presentation of grunting, retractions, increasing O₂ requirement, reticulogranular pattern and air bronchograms on CXR and onset < 6hrs age

Respiratory Distress Syndrome

- 0.5 (-1.0) % of all births
- Increases with decreasing gestational age (GA < 28 weeks 60%)
- Most important neonatal morbidity and mortality factor

Pathology

- Biochemical:
 - Diminished surface-active phospholipid (phosphatidylcholine)
 - Diminished apoprotein content(SP-A, B, C, D)

Pathophysiology

- Reduced lung compliance (1/5th -1/10th)
- Poor lung perfusion (50-60% not perfused), decreased capillary blood flow
- R--> L shunting (30-60%)
- Alveolar ventilation decreased
- Lung volume reduced
- Increased work of breathing
- Hypoxemia, hypercapnia, acidosis

Physiologic abnormalities

- Lung compliance 10-20% of norm
- Atelectasis...areas not ventilated
- Areas not perfused
- Decrease alveolar ventilation
- Reduce lung volume

Risk factor

Prematurity Acidosis Hypoxia Hypercapnia Hypothermia C/S Asphyxia and stress Male **Familial** DM mother

Respiratory Distress Syndrome Symptoms and Signs

- Tachypnoe > 60 breaths per min
- Expiratory grunting
- Retractions (sternal, inter- and subcostal)
- Cyanosis in room air
- Duration > 24 hrs

signs

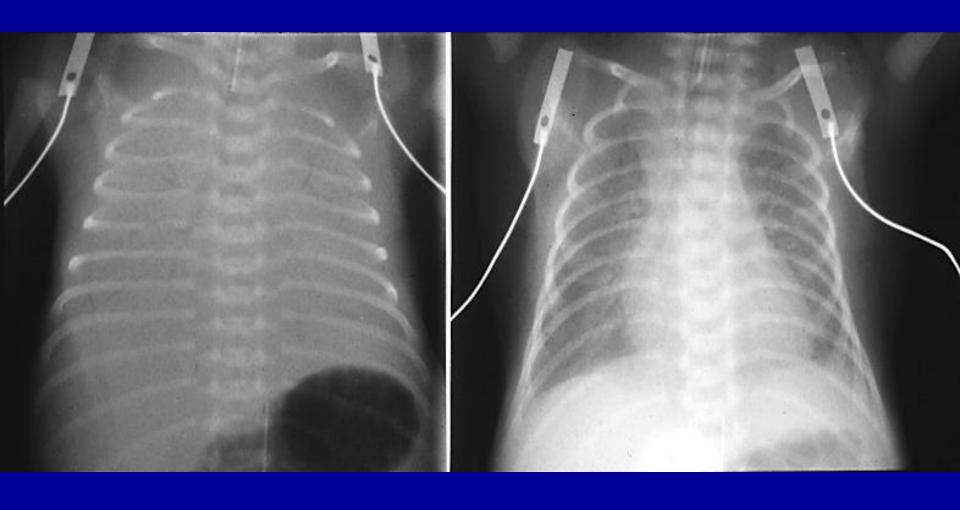
- tachypnea
- retraction
- grunting
- Nasal flaring
- apneic episode
- cyanosis
- extremities puffy or swollen

Chest X-ray

- Ground glass appearance
- Reticulogranular
- With air bronchograms

Before Surfactant

1 hr after Surfactant



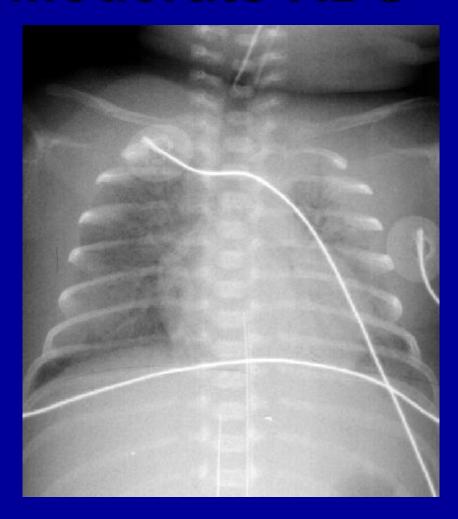




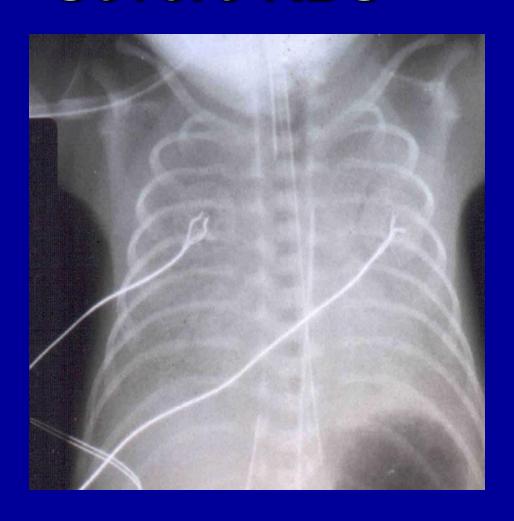
Mild RDS

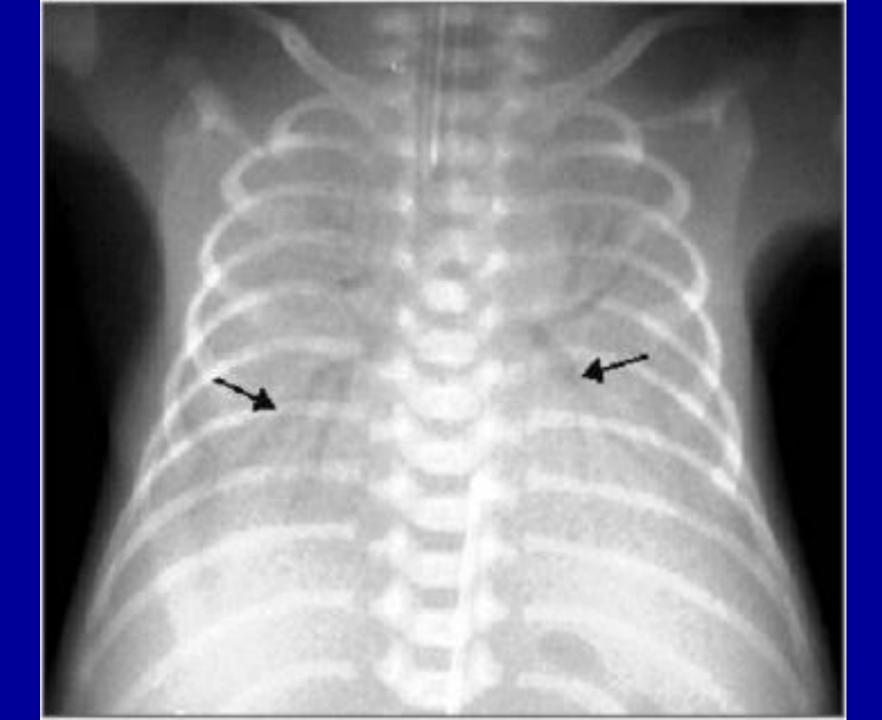


Moderate RDS



Severe RDS





The natural course of Respiratory Distress Syndrome:

- Maximum after 24 -36 hrs
- Spontaneous breathing in room air in uncomplicated cases
- Deterioration at 3-5 days due to an open ductus arteriosus

Antenatal Steroids Decrease RDS

Gest. age

Rate of RDS without steroids

Rate of RDS with Steroids

<30 weeks
30-34 weeks
>34 weeks

60%

25%

5%

35%

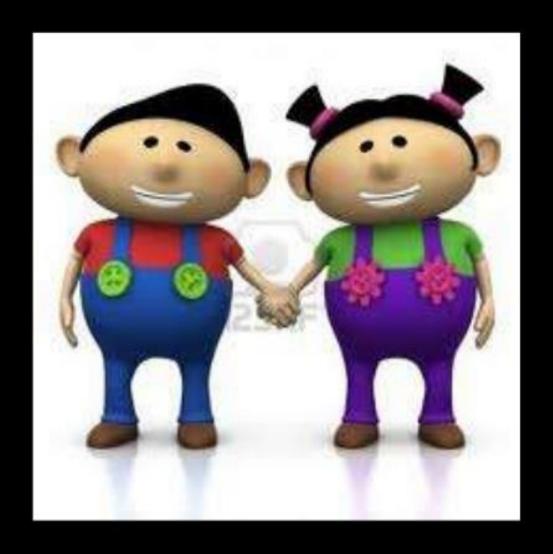
10%

5%

Effects of Corticosteroids on Surfactant Synthesis

- Increase surfactant phospholipids
- Increase CP-cytidyltransferase activity
- Increase fatty-acid synthase activity
- Increase surfactant proteins gene expression
- Induce ion and water transport proteins

Antenatal steroid and Surfactant goes hand in hand



Treatment

- Surfactant
 - Prevention
 - rescue
- Supportive
 - Thermal
 - Fluid and nutrition
 - oxygen
- Mechanical ventilation

Surfactant Therapy for RDS

Significant reduction in:

- Mortality
- Pneumothorax

Unaltered:

- Bronchopulmonary dysplasia
- Intraventricular hemorrhage
- Sepsis
- Patent ductus arteriosus

Surfactant Replacement Therapy

- Administer less than 2 hours after birth
- Consider delivery room use in infants <
 1000 grams
- Most infants require 2 doses

Surfactant deficiency is common in:

Premature babies

- Babies born from thyroid deficient mothers
- Babies born from diabetic mothers

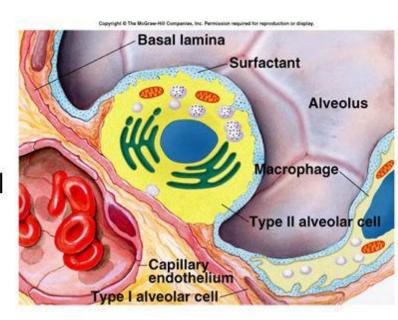
Babies born from smoker mothers (smoking decreases surfactant secretion)

Surfactant

Def:

It is the surface active agent

- <u>Composition</u>: Phospholipid (dipalmitoyl lecithin), protein and Carbohydrates
- <u>Secretion</u>: produced by alveolar type II cells.
- Action: Lowers surface tension.
- Functions of surfactant:
- 1) Facilitates lung expantion
- Prevent lung collapse As alveoli radius decreases, surfactant's ability to lower surface tension increases.
- Prevent pulmonary oedema



Surfactant Deficiency:

RDS of the newborn. The lung is rigid and oedematous and the alveoli collapse

Surfactant therapy

- Types available- Survanta (Bovine);
 Curosurf(porcine); Infrasurf (Calf); Exosurf(synth)
- Indications:
 - Prophylactic therapy immediately after birth
 - Early-rescue therapy during the 1st few hours after birth.
 - AAP recommends to give when the diagnosis of RDS is established;
 - Continued therapy clinical evidence of persistent disease





Exogenous Surfactant Administration

 Indicated for surfactant deficiency, such as in infant respiratory distress syndrome and following lung lavage





Respiratory Distress Syndrome – Therapy

- Reduce prematurity rate
- Antenatal steroids 24 168 hrs before birth gives a 50% reduction in the incidens and 40% reduction in mortality
- Surfactant therapy reduces mortality/Chronic lung disease 30-40%
- General therapy: Oxygen, respirator, fluidelectrolytes, nutrition, antibiotics

The short-term risks of surfactant replacement therapy

- Bradycardia and hypoxemia during instillation,
- Blockage of the endotracheal tube
- Increase in pulmonary hemorrhage following surfactant treatment
- However, mortality ascribed to pulmonary hemorrhage is not increased and overall mortality is lower after surfactant therapy.

complications

- Pneumothorax
- PDA
- Infection
- Line problems
- ROP
- Chronic lung disease

Meconium aspiration

composition

- Cellular particle
- Bile pigment
- Lango
- Mocus
- Vernix
- Pancreatic secretion
- One gr meconium = one mg Billirubin

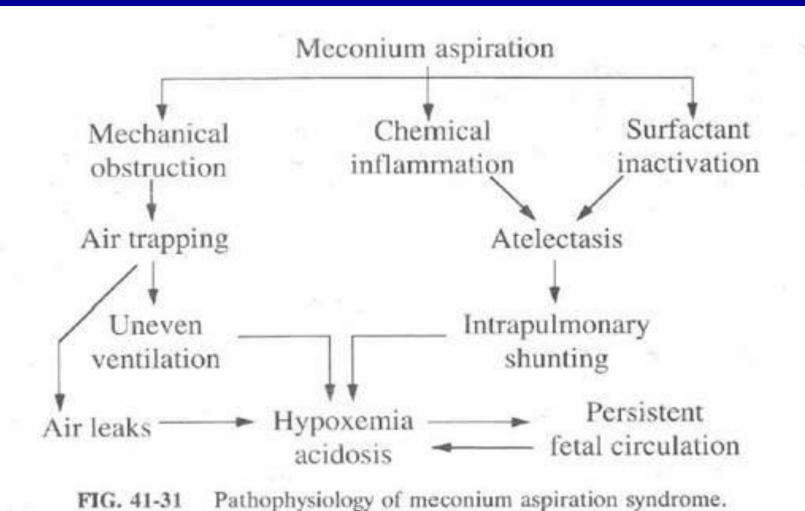
Meconium aspiration

- First stool that constitutes the GI epithilium and secretion during fetal life
- Stress and intra-uterine meconium in term infant
- Gasping cause the aspiration
- Chemical diffuse peumonitis
- Same signes of distrss and PPHN.
- Treatment maily supprtive

Meconium Aspiration Syndrome (MAS)

- 1:10 1:5 meconium stained amniotic fluid
- 1:1000 1:5000 birth develop MAS
- Term-post term children
- Inhalation before and during birth
- Plugging the airways (acute effects)
- Inflammation (later effects)
- Inactivates surfactant

pathophysiology



Alarm of MAS

1- Thick meconium

2-Fetal tachycardia

- 3- lack of increase heart rate during intra partum monitoring
- 4-Low cord PH

DETECTION OF PASSAGE OF MECONIUM

GRADE ONE

small amount of meconium staining liquor light green or Yellow

LABOUR can be allowed to progress



GRADE TWO

both liquor & meconium are drained in equal amounts giving it a dark green appearance

Fetal distress, labour allowed in selected cases only

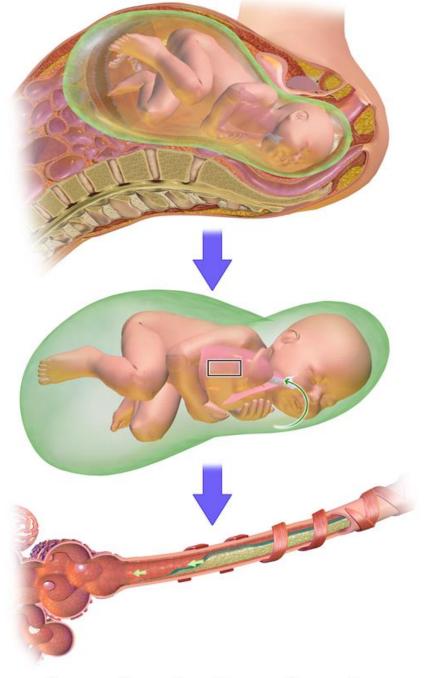


GRADE THREE

Meconium dominates over liquor passed as semisolid material or black paste

Immediate delivery is indicated





Meconium Aspiration Syndrome

MAS





Clinical sign

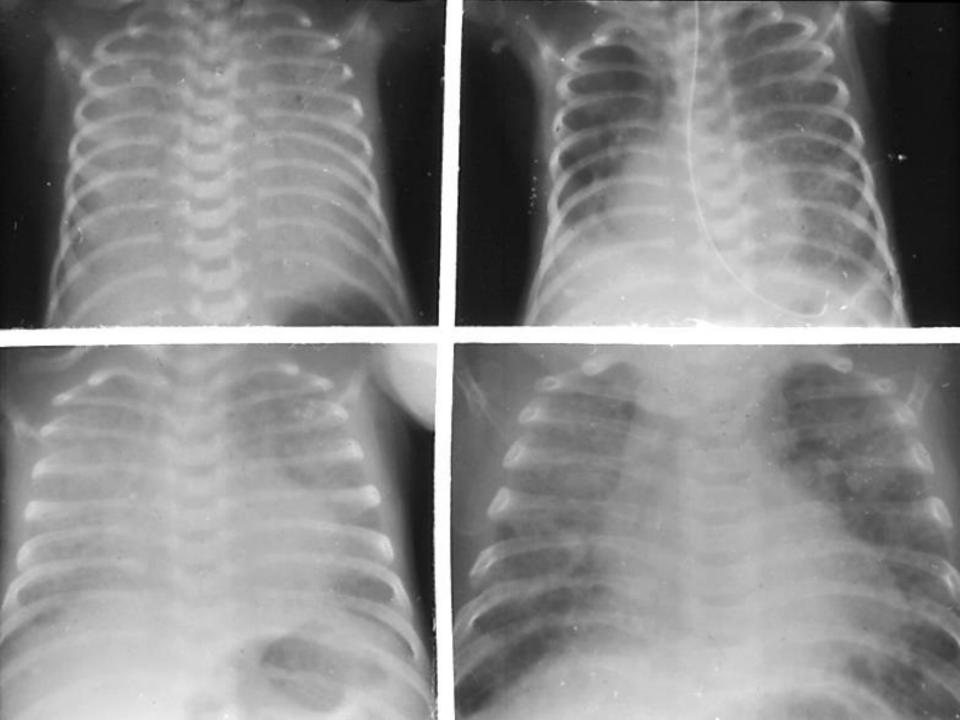
- Classic sign :Post maturity
 nail, skin, umblical cord are heavily
 stained with a yellowish pigment
- Early sign (resp. Distress): grunting & cyanosis & nasal flaring & retraction & marked tachypnea
- Characteristic sign : chest overinflation and Rale

Radiography of M.A.S

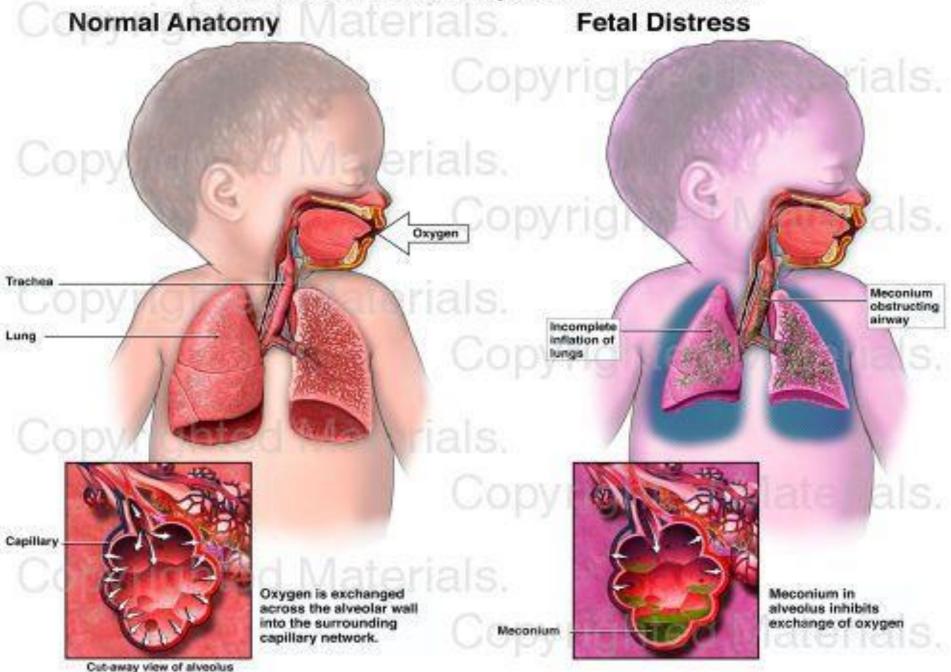
- Coarse, nodular, irregular pulmonary densities with areas of diminished aeration or consolidation.
- Hyperinflation of the chest.
- Atelectasis
- Flattening of diaphragm
- Cardiomegally (manifestation of the underlying prenatal hypoxia)







Fetal Distress Due to Aspiration of Meconium

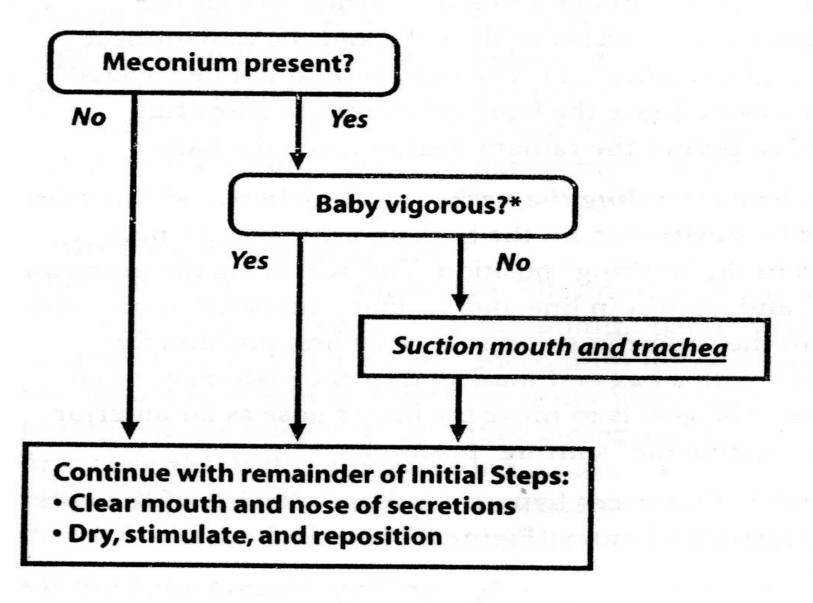


Meconium Aspiration Syndrome



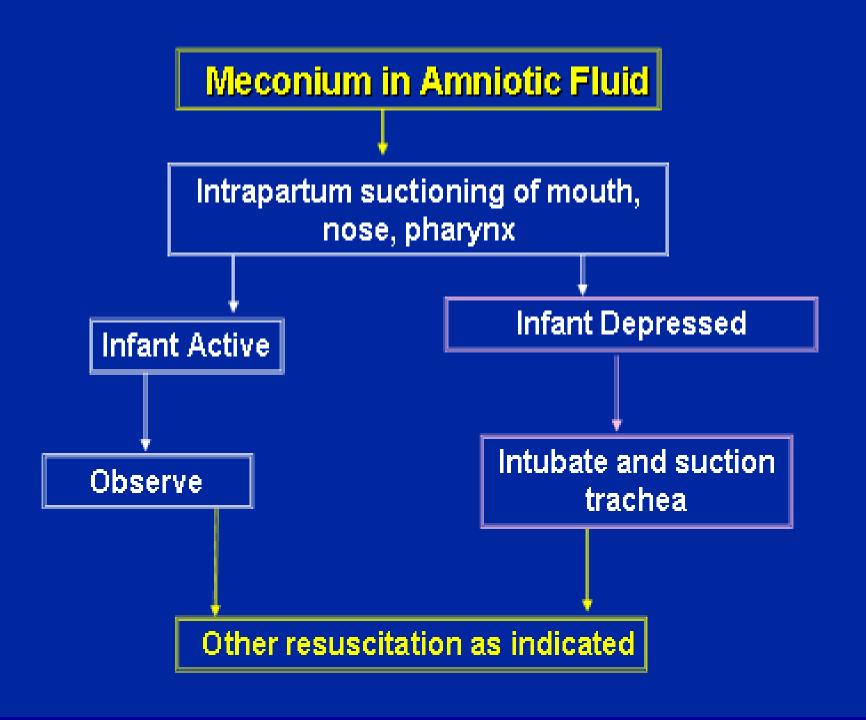
Meconium Aspiration Syndrome





^{*} Vigorous is defined as strong respiratory efforts, good muscle tone, and a heart rate greater than 100 bpm. The technique of determining the heart rate is described later in this lesson.





MANAGEMENT OF INFANTS DELIVERED THROUGH MECONIUM STAINED FLUID.

Initial assessment

Whether the infant is vigorous, demonstrated by

- heart rate > 100 beats per minute,
- spontaneous respirations, and
- good tone (spontaneous movement or some degree of flexion).
- 1. If the infant appears vigorous, provide routine care regardless of the consistency of the meconium.
- If respiratory distress develops or the infant becomes depressed intubate under direct laryngoscopy and intra tracheal suctioning.

INTRAPARTUM SUCTIONING: Result of the Trial

- The incidence of MAS did not differ between groups.
- There were no significant differences between the control and suction groups detected in any of the secondary outcomes: the need for mechanical ventilation for MAS, mortality, duration of mechanical ventilation, duration of oxygen therapy, or length of hospital stay.
- No complications of suctioning were noted.

The American Academy of Paediatrics, and the Neonatal Resuscitation Program Steering Committee, no longer recommend routine intrapartum suctioning of the oropharynx and nasopharynx of neonates delivered following labours complicated by meconium.

WYST SEED SENT

1. Prevention

- Monitor fetal status
- Amnioinfusion
- Suctioning +/- intubation and immediate suctioning
- Avoid harmful techniques

2. Intervention

- Optimal thermal environment & minimal handling
- Respiratory care, Oxygen therapy & ECMO
- Keep stable V/S
- Surfactant therapy

Steroid therapy for meconium aspiration syndrome in newborn infants

Conclusions:

At present, there is insufficient evidence to assess the effects of steroid therapy in the management of meconium aspiration syndrome

(no significant reduction in mortality, duration of hospital stay, Duration of mechanical ventilation, incidence of air leak, increase in duration of oxygen therapy was seen with the use of steroids)

Role of antibiotics in meconium aspiration syndrome

CONCLUSION:

Routine antibiotic therapy is not necessary for managing MAS. No significant difference

- period of oxygen dependency (5.8 vs 5.9 days)
- day of starting feeds (4.0 vs 4.2)
- day of achievement of full feeds (9.4 vs 9.3)
- clearance of chest radiograph (11.7 vs 12.9 days)
- duration of hospital stay (13.7 vs 13.5 days)

Surfactant for meconium aspiration syndrome in full term/near term infants

CONCLUSIONS: In infants with MAS, surfactant
administration may reduce the severity of respiratory
illness and decrease the number of infants with
progressive respiratory failure requiring support with
ECMO. The relative efficacy of surfactant therapy
compared to, or in conjunction with, other approaches to
treatment including inhaled nitric oxide, liquid ventilation,
surfactant lavage and high frequency ventilation remains
to be tested.

MAS complication

Partial obstruction

- complete obstruction
- Surfactant destruction
- Chemical pneumonitis &Bacterial pneumonia
- Asphyxia

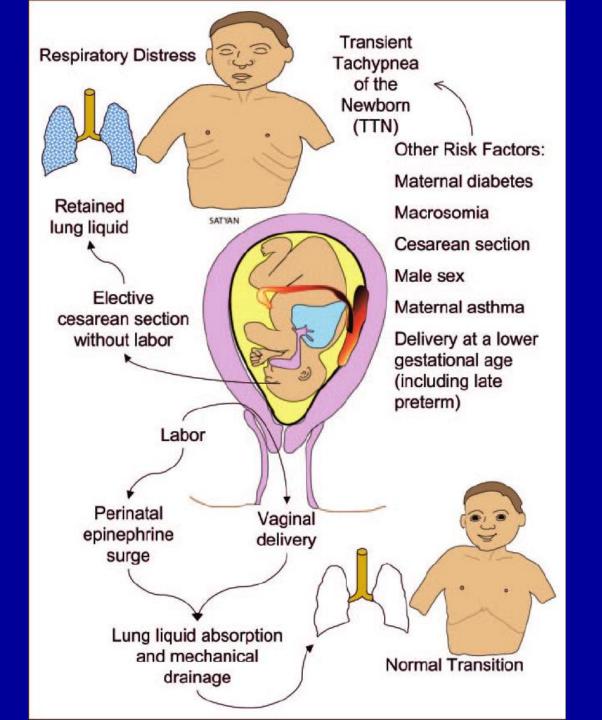
Transient tachypnea of newborn

Transient tachypnea of newborn (wet lung)

- A mild respiratory disturbancy in newborn infants occasionally seen after birth
- Unknown etiology increased lung water
- Duration max 5-6 days

Transient Tachypnea of Newborn

- Most common cause of respiratory distress.
- Residual fluid in fetal lung tissues.
- Risk factors- maternal asthma, c- section, male sex, macrosomia, maternal diabetes



Transient tachypnea

- boys > girls
- GA 32-42 weeks (average 38 weeks)
- BW (average) 3200 gr
- Resp rate at 6 hrs age: 80 per min
- Oxygen in 60% of cases
- Incidens 0.37%

Transient tachypnea of newborn

- Term
- Cesarian delivery
- Usually tachypnea without O2 requirment
- Resolve in 48-72 houres
- Lung fluid
- X-ray

TTN

- Tachypnea immediately after birth or within two hours, with other predictable signs of respiratory distress.
- Symptoms can last few hours to two days.
- Chest radiography shows diffuse parenchymal infiltrates, a "wet silhouette" around heart, or intralobar fluid accumulation

Transient tachypnea

Clinic Differential diagnosis

Tachypnea RDS

Cyanosis in room air Pneumonia

Grunting Meconium aspiration

Retractions Cong Heart disease

Duration > 3 hrs

Oxygen need not increasing

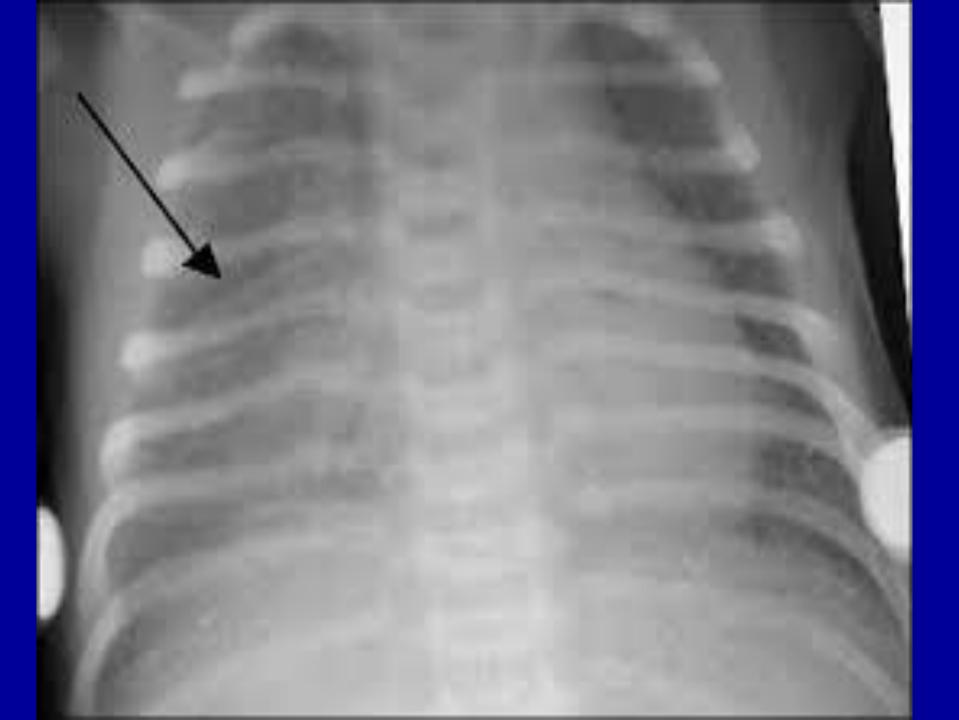
Transient tachypnea – X ray findings

- perihilar streaking, patchy infiltrates
- Pleural effusion
- Reduced air and/or reticular pattern

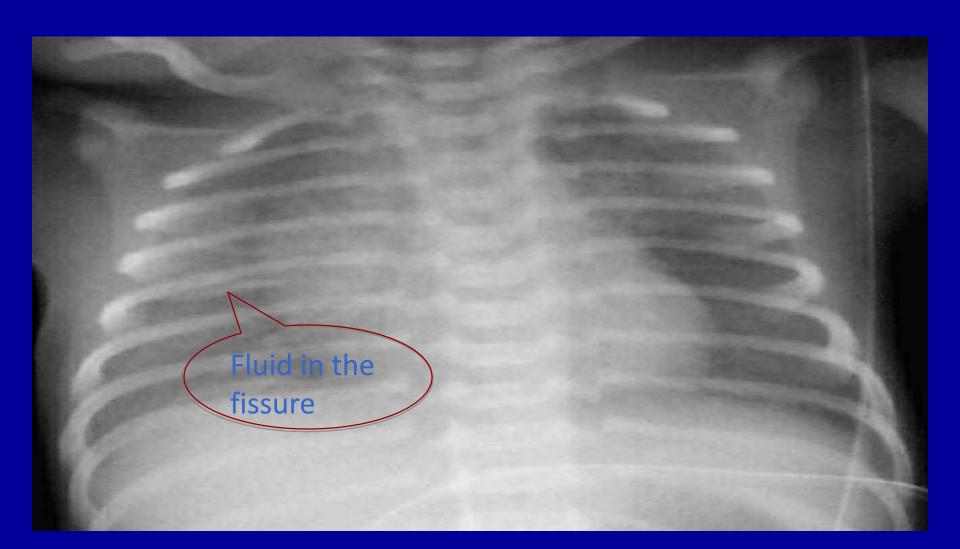
Therapy

- Observation in incubator
- Oxygen if needed
- Antibiotics until infection is excluded

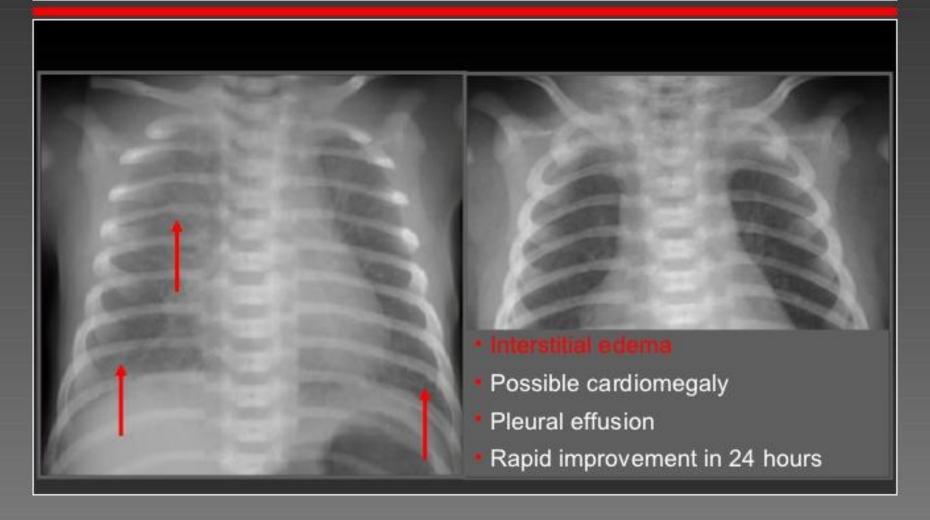
- Inhaled epinephrine for the treatment of transient tachypnea of the newborn
- B Kao, SAS de Ramirez, MB Belfort, A Hansen -Journal of Perinatology, 2008 - nature.com
- Infants with transient tachypnea of the newborn (TTN) have relatively low levels of epinephrine, which is known to mediate fetal lung fluid absorption. Providing exogenous epinephrine could be a valuable diagnostic and therapeutic intervention for this common ...
- Furosemide for transient tachypnea of the newborn



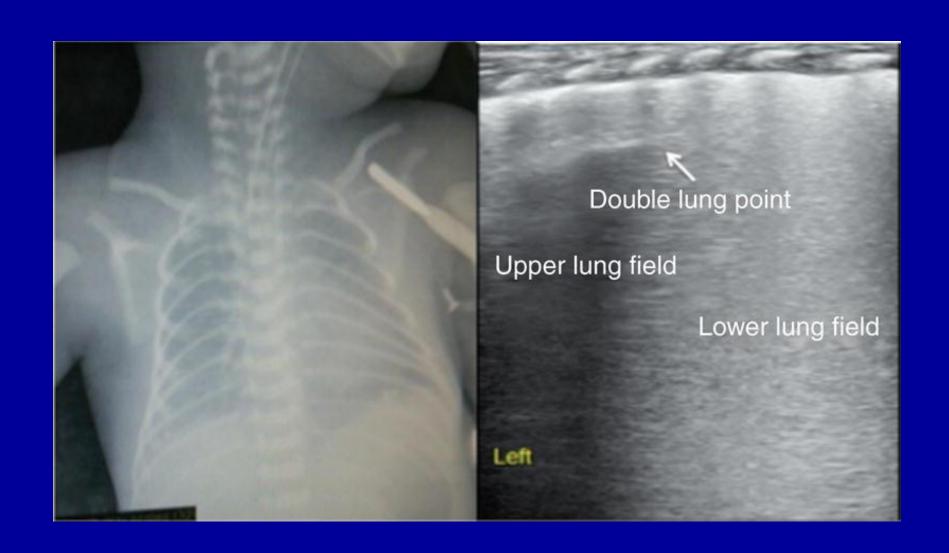
X-ray



Transient Tachypnea







Air leaks

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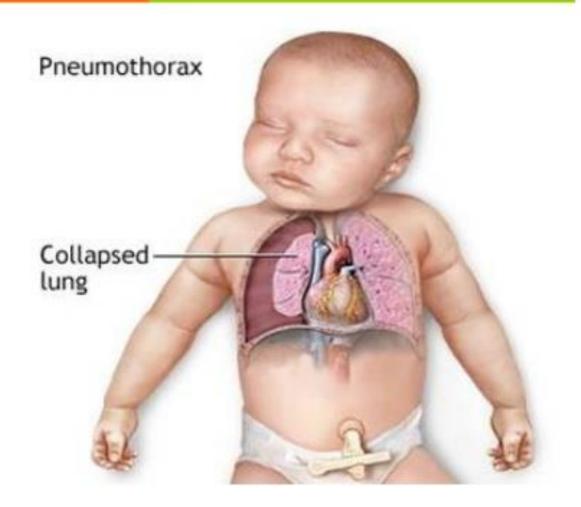
- Pneumothorax/ pneumomediastinum
- 1% of all newborn but only 1/10 are symptomatic
- Increased risk in positive pressure ventilation

Pneumothorax



Tension pneumothorax

(a lifethreatening condition) → ↓ cardiac output and obstructive shock; urgent drainage prior to a radiograph is mandatory.



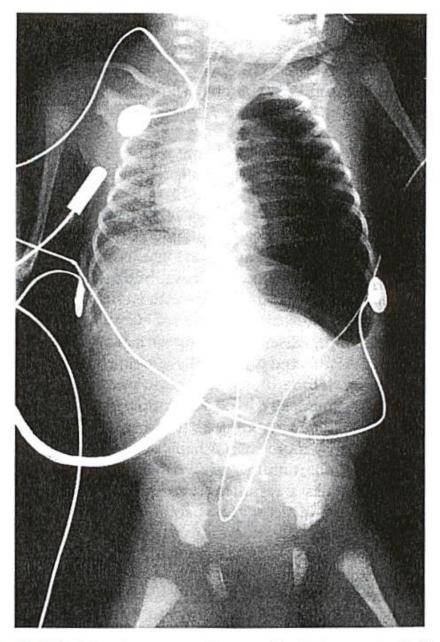


Fig. 29.43 Left tension pneumothorax, with displacement of left diaphragm downwards and mediastinum to the right. Note that the non-compliant left lung has only partially collapsed.





Diagnosis of Pneumothorax through transillumination





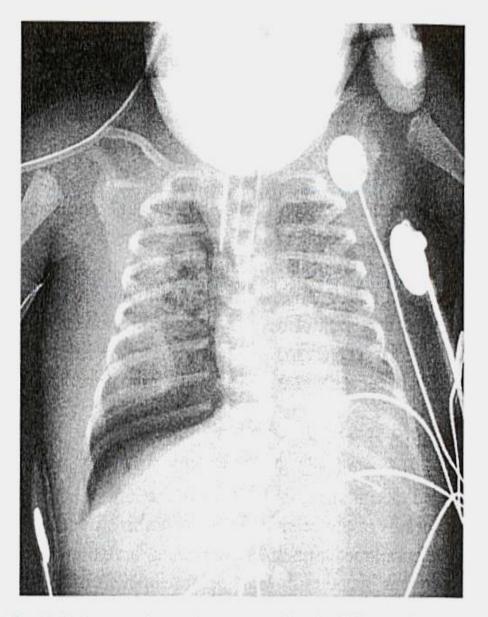
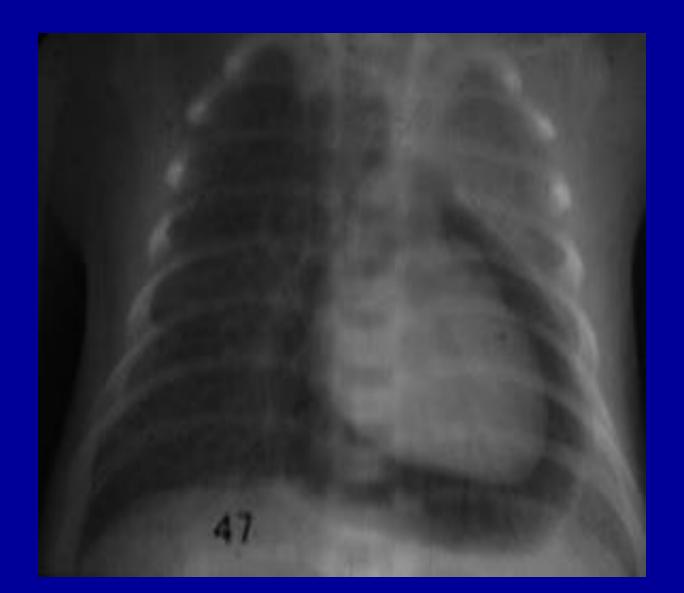


Fig. 29.42 Pneumothorax demonstrated by the difference in translucency of the two lung fields. There is also a small rim of paramediastinal and supradiaphragmatic gas.



Pneumopericardium



Other causes-

- Congenital malformations-Pulmonary hypoplasia, congenital emphysema, esophageal atresia & diaphragmatic hernia.
- Neurological causes- hydrocephalus & intracranial hemorrhage.
- Metabolic derangements-hypoglycemia, hypocalcemia, polycythemia.

Infections

Infections

- Pneumonia & Sepsis have various manifestations including typical signs of distress as well as temperature instability.
- Common pathogen- Group B
 Streptococcus, Staph aureus,
 Streptococcus Pneumonia, Gm neg. rods

Infections con...

- Risk factors- prolonged rupture of membranes, prematurity,& maternal fever.
- CXR- bilateral infiltrates suggesting in utero infection.

Congenital pneumonia

- Sepsis risk factors
 - PROM
 - Prematurity
 - Maternal fever, discharge, abdominal pain, leukocytosis
 - Colonization with GBS
- Same signs of RDS
- X-ray

GBS Pneumonia







Congenital Heart disease

Cyanotic Heart Disease-

- Tetralogy of fallot- (VSD, Pulmonary stenosis, overriding aorta, RVH)
- Tricuspid atresia
- Transposition of great vessel
- Total anomalous pul. venous return
- Truncus arteriosus.

Diaphragmatic Hernia



CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA

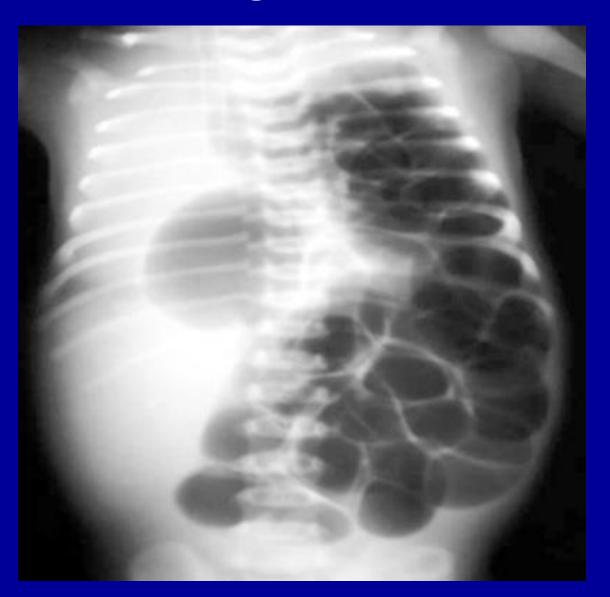
EPIDEMIOLOGY

- INCIDENCE: 1/2000- 1/5000 live births
- M:F 1:2
- Left side more common (85%)
- B/L <5%
- Sporadic(most cases)
- Familial (autosomal recessive, multifactorial)

ASSOCIATED ANOMALIES

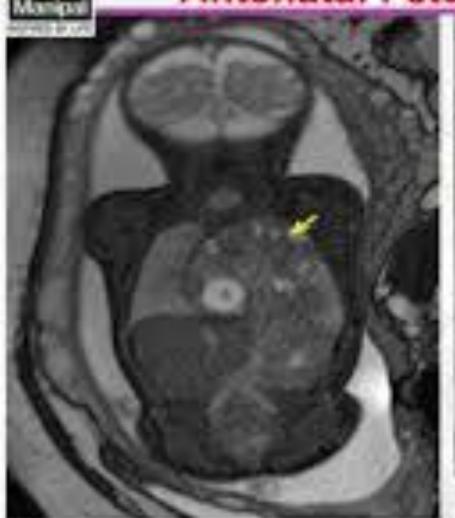
- CNS lesions
- Omphalocele
- Esophageal atresia
- Cardiovascular lesions
- Part of trisomy 21, trisomy 13, trisomy 18, fryns,

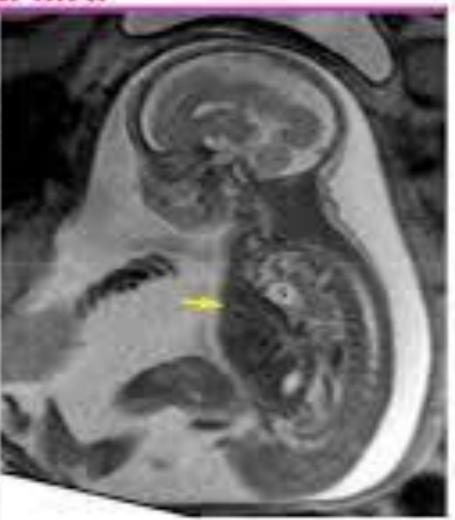
Diaphragmatic hernia

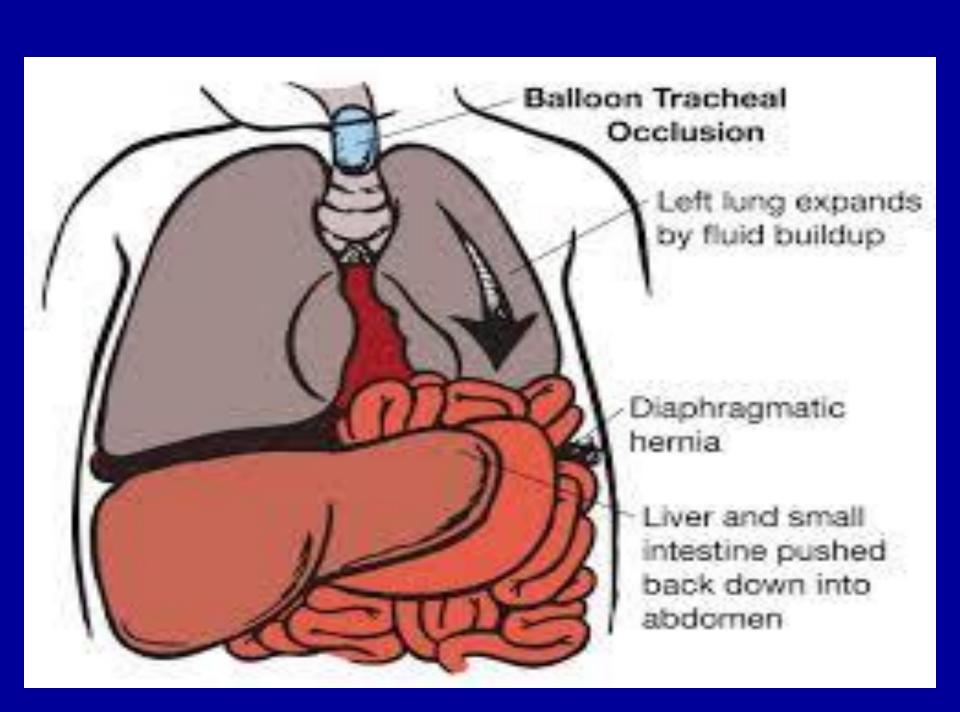


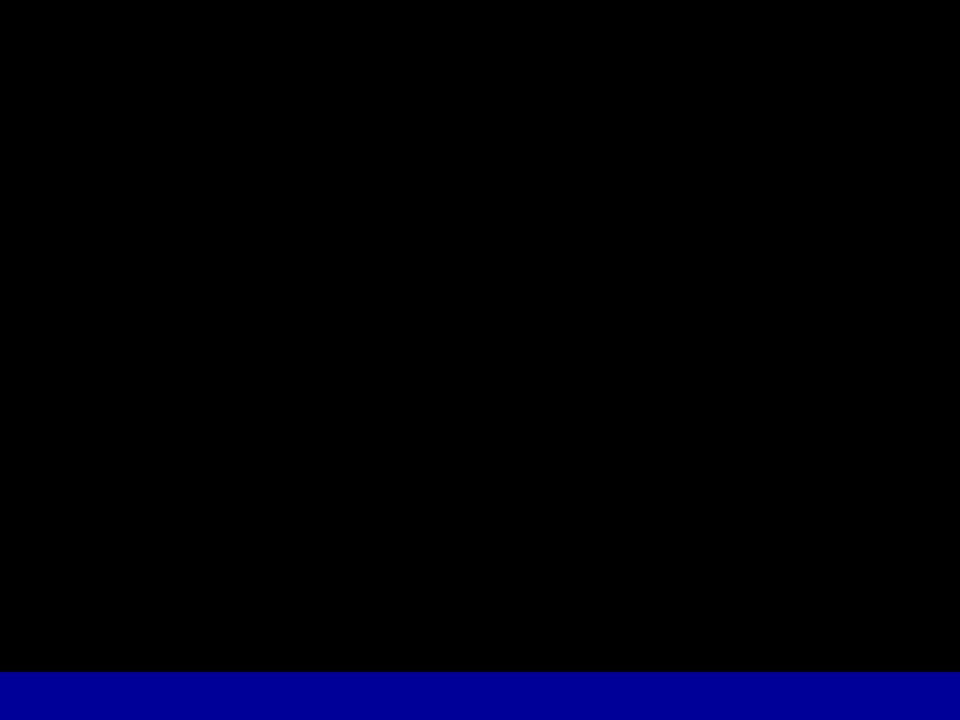


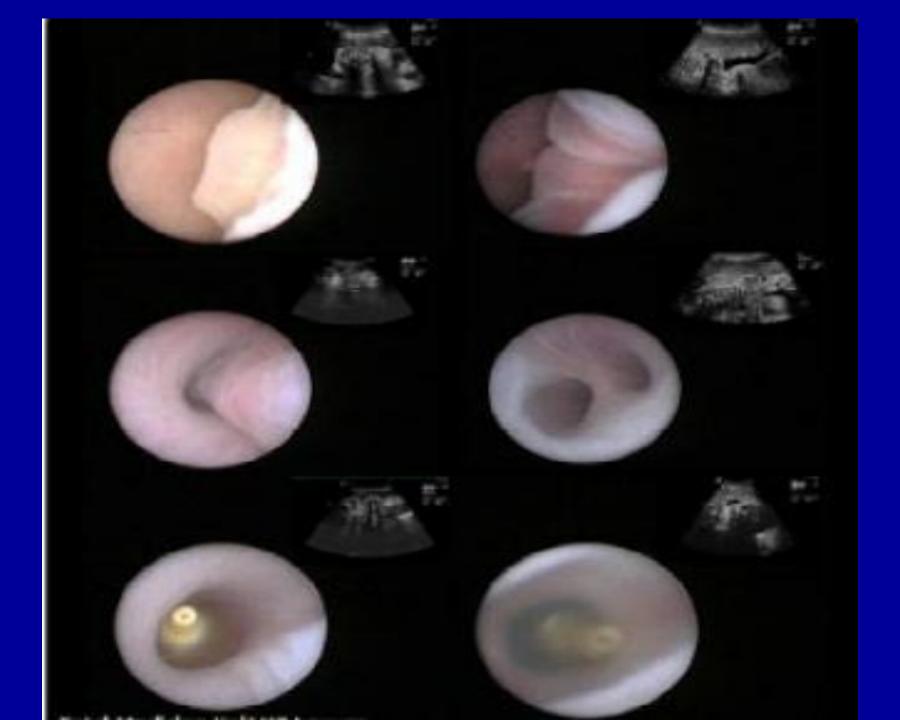
Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia— Antenatal Fetal MRI

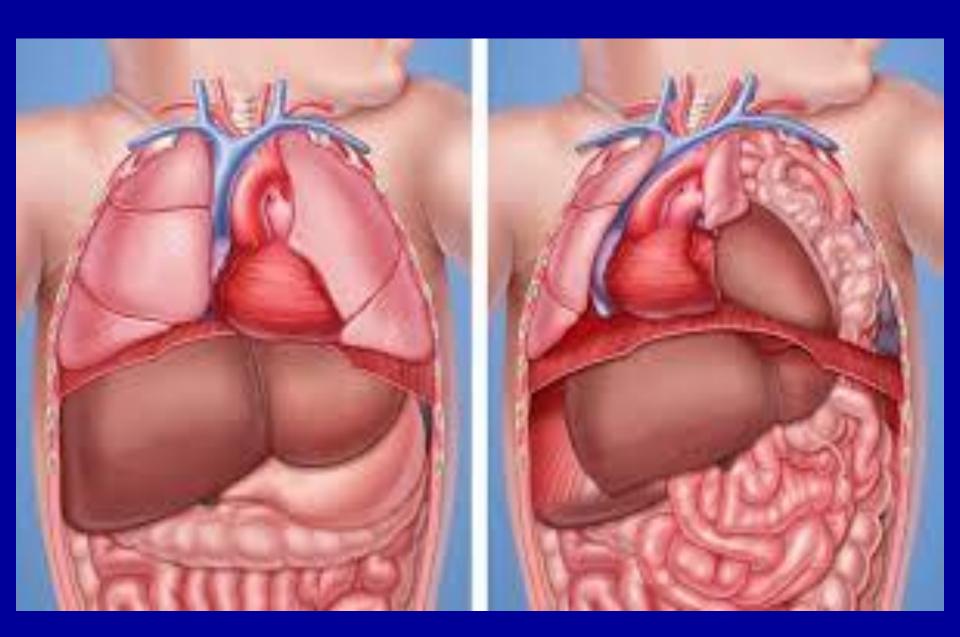












Phrenic Nerve Paralysis



Late BPD



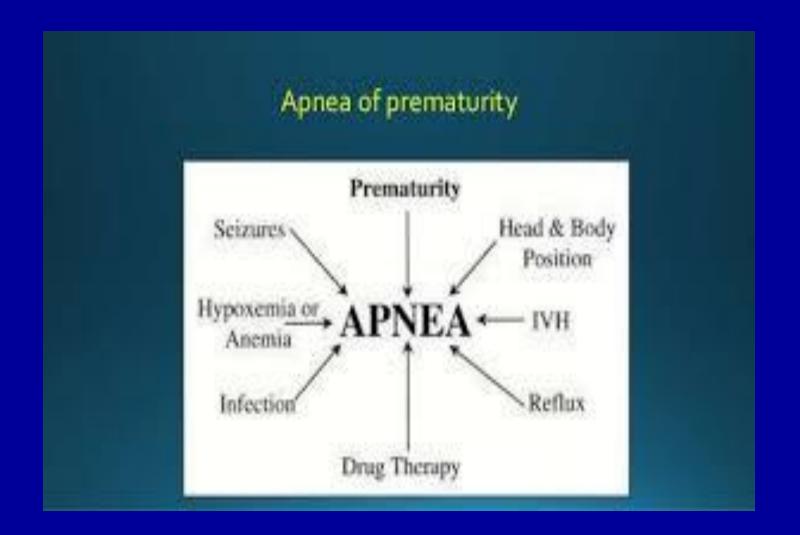
APNEA

Definition: cessation of breathing for longer than a 15 second period or for a shorter time if there is bradycardia or cyanosis

Apnea of Prematurity

- the cessation of pulmonary airflow for specific time interval, usually longer than 10-20s
- central apnea complete cessation air flow and respiratory effort with no chest movement
- obstructive apnoa no airflow but chest movement presents
- Common in premature infants, because they usually responds paradoxically to hypoxia by developing apnea rather than increasing in respiration as do mature infants

APNEA



Babies at Risk for Apnea

- Preterm
- Respiratory Distress
- Metabolic Disorders
- Infections
- Cold-stressed babies who are being warmed
- CNS disorders
- Low Blood volume or low Hematocrit
- Perinatal Compromise
- Maternal drugs in labor

Table 1. Comparison of Apnea and Periodic Breathing

Criteria	Central Apnea	Obstructive Apnea	Mixed-type Apnea	Periodic Breathing
Duration of breathing cessation	At least 20 sec ^a	At least 20 seca	At least 20 seca	5-10 sec
Respiratory effort	Absent	Present	Absent/present	Absent
Movement of air	Absent	Reduced/absent	Reduced/absent	Reduced/absent
Bradycardia/desaturation	May occur	May occur	May occur	No

^a May be less than 20 seconds if there is associated bradycardia or cyanosis. Source: Reference 4.

APNEA



Treatment

- Determine cause:
- x-ray
- blood sugar
- body and environmental temperature
- hematocrit
- sepsis work up
- electrolytes
- cardiac work up
- r/o seizure

Treatment

- CPAP
- Theophylline/Caffeine therapy, caffeine at a loading dose of 10 mg/kg followed by 5 mg/kg/day maintenance may be an adequate starting point
- theophylline use, the recommended loading dose is 5–6 mg/kg, followed by maintenance doses of 2–6 mg/kg/day divided into two or three daily doses Mechanical ventilation
- Apnea monitor
- Kangaroo mother care

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