

INTRAVENOUS FLUIDS

- (a) *To describe the composition, pH, and osmolality of crystalloids and colloids used in clinical practice.*
- (b) *To evaluate their effects and fate when used in volume replacement.*
- (c) *To compare the pharmacology of colloids such as albumin, gelatin derivatives, polysaccharide derivatives and starch solutions with crystalloids such as lactate solutions and normal saline.*

(I) Composition of 1L fluids:

Fluid type	Na ⁺ (mmol)	K ⁺ (mmol)	Ca ²⁺ (mmol)	Mg ²⁺ (mmol)	Cl ⁻ (mmol)	Other	Osmolarity (mosm/L)	pH
<i>Crystalloids</i>								
0.9% saline	154	-	-	-	154	-	308	5.0
3% saline	513	-	-	-	513	-	1027	5.0
5% dextrose	-	-	-	-	-	Glucose 50 g/L	278	4.0
4% dex. + 1/5 N/S	31	-	-	-	31	Glucose 40 g/L	282	4.5
Hartmann's	131	5	2	-	111	Lactate 29 mmol	279	6.5
Plasmalyte 148	140	5	-	3	98	Acetate 27 mmol Gluconate 23 mmol	294	5.5
Mannitol 20%	-	-	-	-	-	Mannitol 200 mg	1098	-
8.4% NaHCO ₃	1000	-	-	-	-	HCO ₃ ⁻ 1000 mmol	2000	8.0
<i>Colloids</i>								
Gelofusine	154	0.4	0.4	0.4	125	Gelatin 40 g/L	274	4.0
Voluven 6%	154	-	-	-	154	Starch 60 g/L	310	5.5
Albumin 4.5%	< 160	< 10	-	-	< 160	Albumin 45 g	< 300	6.9
Albumin 20%	< 120	< 2	-	-	< 40	Albumin 200 g	135	6.9
Haemaccel 3.5%	145	5.1	6.25	-	145	Gelatin 35 g	301	7.3
Dextran	Dextran 40 (100 g/L of dextran with avg. MWT 40 kDa in 0.9% saline or 5% dextrose) Dextran 70 (60 g/L of dextra with avg. MWT 70 kDa in 0.9% saline or 5% dextrose)							

(II) Crystalloid fluid:

Types of crystalloid fluids:

- (1) Replacement fluids
 - o Used for intravascular volume (IVV) expansion → BUT requires 3-4x volume of blood volume loss as replacement (I.e. 1L BV loss requires 3-4L replacement with crystalloids) → this is because crystalloids:
 - (i) Expand ECF compartment volume only → because they have similar (or slightly ↑) osmolality and tonicity as ECF due to their [Na⁺]
 - (ii) Distribute between ISF and plasma in 3:1 proportion (I.e. only 1/4 remains in IVV) → because they lack any oncotic pressure
 - o Types of fluids used – Hartmann's, 0.9% saline, Plasmalyte 148
- (2) Maintenance fluids
 - o Used to maintain daily requirements for H₂O (25-35 mL/kg/day), electrolytes (Na⁺ 1-1.5 mmol/kg/day, K⁺ 0.7-0.9 mmol/kg/day, Ca²⁺ 5 mmol/day, Mg²⁺ 0.5 mmol/day) and glucose
 - o Generally iso-osmotic and isotonic → do not cause haemolysis
 - o Types of fluids used – 5% dextrose, 4% dex. + 1/5 N/S, 0.9% saline + KCl (alt. can use Hartmann's or Plasmalyte 148 also)
- (3) Special fluids – Hypertonic (3%) saline, 8.4% HCO₃, Mannitol 20%

Specific crystalloid fluids:

- (1) Saline (0.9%/3%)
 - o Used for (i) IVV replacement (0.9% and 3%), (ii) maintenance fluids (0.9%), (iii) correction of $\downarrow \text{Na}^+$ (3%)
 - o Remains in IVV for 30 mins (then distributes throughout EC space)
 - o Issues:
 - (i) Hyperchloraemic metabolic acidosis (esp with renal insufficiency) due to $\uparrow$ high Cl^- content
 - (ii) Hypernatraemia due to $\uparrow$ higher Na^+ content (cf. plasma)
 - (iii) $\uparrow$ plasma osmolality due to $\uparrow$ higher Na^+/Cl^- content (cf. plasma)
 - (iv) Cerebral pontine demyelination (only with 3%)
 - Note $\rightarrow$ above issues more common with 3% saline
- (2) 5% dextrose
 - o Used as maintenance fluid and providing calories (glucose)
 - o Cannot be used as replacement fluids $\rightarrow$ because it remains very briefly in IVV, then rapidly redistributes within TBW in proportion (mainly intracellularly) as glucose is taken up avidly by cells (via insulin) for metabolism $\rightarrow$ fluid effectively becomes “pure H_2O ”
 - o Main issues is hyponatraemia and cellular oedema (rarely causes hyperglycaemia)
- (3) Hartmann's
 - o Used for both replacement and maintenance fluid therapy
 - o Remains in IVV for 30 mins (then distributes throughout EC space)
 - o Contains:
 - (a) Lactate $\rightarrow$ metabolised in liver (over 2 hrs) to produce equivalent amounts of HCO_3^- and dextrose $\rightarrow$ (i) useful in providing calories, and (ii) does NOT contribute to acidosis (as lactate (conjugate base) is given with Na^+ , and not H^+ so it cannot form lactic acid (acid); it also forms HCO_3^-)
 - (b) $\downarrow \text{Cl}^-$ content $\rightarrow$ avoid hyperchloraemic metabolic acidosis a/w N/S
 - (c) Contains Ca^{2+} and K^+ $\rightarrow$ useful for electrolyte maintenance
 - o Issues:
 - (i) Lactate $\rightarrow$ cannot be given with liver disease (lactate accumulation)
 - (ii) K^+ $\rightarrow$ risk of $\uparrow \text{K}^+$ (esp with renal disease)
 - (iii) Ca^{2+} $\rightarrow$ binds to citrate (anticoagulant) in stored blood $\rightarrow$ can lead to clotting of blood in IV giving set
 - (iv) Metabolic alkalosis
- (4) Plasmalyte 148
 - o Similar to Hartmann's except it contains:
 - (i) Mg^{2+} (instead of Ca^{2+}) $\rightarrow$ can be given with stored blood
 - (ii) Acetate and gluconate (instead of lactate) as HCO_3^- precursors $\rightarrow$ does not accumulate with liver disease as they are also metabolised by kidneys to HCO_3^- . Also does not contribute to acidosis for same reasons as Hartmann's
 - (iii) $\uparrow \text{Na}^+$ content and $\uparrow$ osmolality $\rightarrow$ hypernatraemia and $\uparrow$ plasma osmolality (but less so cf. N/S)
 - (iv) Even $\downarrow \text{Cl}^-$ cf. Hartmann's
- (6) Mannitol 20%
 - o Mannitol is LMWT monosaccharide (182 Da) used for:
 - (i) $\downarrow$ raised ICP (Ie. due to SOL)
 - (ii) Renal protection (Ie. osmotic diuresis preserves peri-op. renal function 2° jaundice or vascular surgery, and protects against ARF with rhabdomyolysis)
 - (iii) Short-term management of acute glaucoma (Ie. $\downarrow$ IOP)
 - (iv) Initiate diuresis with renal transplant

- It is given IV 1 g/kg for raised ICP over 15 mins (prior to surgery) +/- 0.25-0.5 g/kg intermittent doses. Diuretic dose is IV 0.5-1 g/kg
- Biphasic distribution to plasma and EC water → Vd 0.47 L/kg
- Clearance (7 mL/min/kg) → It is not metabolised, but instead excreted unchanged in urine (elimination t $\frac{1}{2}$ 72 mins)
- (5) NaHCO₃
 - Used to (i) correct hyperkalaemia and (ii) treat metabolic acidosis

Advantages of crystalloids:

- (1) Inexpensive and easy to store with long shelf-life → readily available
- (2) Very low incidence of adverse reactions (esp anaphylactoid and histamine release)
- (3) Effective as both replacement and maintenance fluids
- (4) No special compatibility testing required or religious objections to use

(II) Colloid fluids:

Overview of colloid fluids:

- Colloid fluids are used for IVV expansion and can replace equivalent amounts of blood volume loss (I.e. 1 L colloids can replace 1L of BV loss)
- This is because they contain large MWT substances (> 30 kDa) that exert oncotic pressure similar to (or ↑) than plasma → causes fluids to remain within intravascular compartment only
- Colloids have two types of MWT's quoted by manufacturers:
 - (i) Mw (weight average MWT) → via complex calculations → indicates viscosity
 - (ii) Mn (number average MWT) → = total weight of molecules/total # of molecules → indicates oncotic pressure

Nb. Albumin has Mw = Mn b/c all molecules have same MWT (monodisperse), while artificial colloids has Mw ≠ Mn b/c molecules have a with range of MWT (polydisperse)

Types of colloid fluids:

- (1) Albumin (4.5% or 20%)
 - Derived from human plasma → treated by heating to 60 °C for 10 hrs → eliminates risk of disease transmission
 - Cf. other colloids, its role includes → (i) Transport function (bilirubin, FFAs, Ca²⁺, thyroid hormone, cortisol, acidic drugs), (ii) Main contributor of plasma oncotic pressure (60-80%) due to ↑ plasma [] (40 g/L), ↓ MWT (69 kDa) and -ve charge (Gibbs-Donnan effect), and (iii) Cellular metabolism of a.a.
 - Expands IVV for ~ 24 hrs → majority (50-60%) exists in extravascular space (40-60% intravascular) as it gradually enters ISF from capillaries (via pinocytosis) → metabolised by tissue cells or returned to circulation via lymphatics
 - t $\frac{1}{2}$ of 20 days → metabolised by liver, kidneys, gut
 - Issues → (i) Risk of anaphylaxis/anaphylactoid reactions, and (ii) Higher cost cf. crystalloids
- (2) Artificial colloids
 - (a) Dextrans
 - Highly branched polysaccharides produced using bacteria (containing dextran sucrose) grown in sucrose medium
 - Two types → (i) Dextran 40 (Mw 40k, Mn 25k) → good for ↓ blood viscosity (as ↓ Mw), (ii) Dextran 70 (Mw 70k, Mn 39k) → good for IVV expansion (as ↑ Mn and ↑ t $\frac{1}{2}$ in IV space)

- Expands IVV for 2-4 hrs (dextran 40) or ~ 12 hrs (dextran 70) → metabolised by dextrinases (liver, lung, kidney, spleen) and also renally excreted unchanged (esp dextran 40 as tubular $T_{MAX} \sim 55$ kDa)
- Issues:
 - (i) ↑↑↑ risk of severe anaphylaxis (1:3000) → due to “dextran reactive Ab’s” → can ↓ incidence with hapten pre-treatment
 - (ii) Histamine release
 - (iii) Liver storage → limit max dose of 20 mL/kg (1.5 L)
 - (iv) Impaired haemostasis → induces acquired vWB state and platelet dysfunction
 - (v) Interferes with cross-matching (due to rouleaux formation)
 - (vi) Higher cost cf. crystalloids

O (b) Gelatin

- Large MWT protein formed from animal CT (Eg. cattle bone/collagen) → alkalise, then thermally degrade (dissolve in boiling H_2O), then cool to form new inter-chain bonds (Eg. succinylated, urea cross link, Etc. → depending on chemical conditions)
- Older gelatins had either (i) ↑ MWT (100 kDa) → good oncotic effect/IVV expansion BUT ↑ viscosity and solidification at lower temperatures, or (ii) ↓ MWT → ↓ viscosity/gelatinisation issue but poor oncotic effect/IVV expansion
- Modern gelatins have intermediate MWT (35 kDa) → compromise between oncotic pressure and melting point → 3 types exist:
 - (i) Succinylated gelatin (Eg. gelofusine)
 - (ii) Urea-crosslinked gelatin (Eg. polygeline or haemaccel)
 - (iii) Oxypolygelatin (Eg. gelifundol)
- Expands IVV for 4-6 hrs → metabolised by liver and also excreted unchanged by kidneys. It is NOT stored in body (cf. dextrin/starches)
- Also isotonic, contains ↓ Cl^- , and as some K^+ , Mg^{2+} , Ca^{2+} (cf. starches)
- Issues:
 - (i) Anaphylaxis/anaphylactoid reactions (1:10,000)
 - (ii) Histamine release
 - (iii) Coagulopathy due to haemodilution
 - (iv) Higher cost cf. crystalloids

O (c) Hydroethylstarches (HES)

- Produced from amylopectin and stabilised by hydroxyethylation to form a highly branched starch → (i) ↑ soluble and (ii) ↓ metabolism (↑ $t_{1/2}$ due to ↑ resistance to amylase)
- Several types of HES depending on → (i) [HES], (ii) Mwt of HES, and (iii) degree of substitutions (C2:C6 ratio) → HMWT HES have longest DOA (↑ $t_{1/2}$) but most side-effects while LMWT HES have very short DOA. Medium MWT HES (Eg. Hetastarch or voluven 6% or 10%; 450 kDa) provides the best balance
- Expands IVV for ~ 24 hrs → cleared from circulation via plasma amylase metabolism, renal excretion unchanged, or redistribution (taken up by reticulo-endothelial system)
- Issues:
 - (i) Anaphylaxis/anaphylactoid reactions rarer (1:20,000)
 - (ii) Severe pruritis due to storage in RE system
 - (iii) Higher cost cf. crystalloids
 - (iv) Coagulopathy (↓ vWF, CF VIII and fibrinogen levels; platelet dysfunction)
 - (v) Renal dysfunction (renal tubular swelling/tubular obstruction)

- (vi) $\uparrow$ osmolality and Cl^- content cf. other colloids

Properties on an ideal colloid fluid:

- Physico-chemical:
 - Iso-oncotic and isotonic with plasma
 - Inexpensive with easy storage (long $t_{1/2}$) $\rightarrow$ Readily available
 - No limits on volume that can be infused
 - No interference with blood grouping/cross-matching
 - Accepted by all patients (I.e. no religious objections)
- Pharmacokinetic:
 - Distributed to intravascular compartment only
 - $t_{1/2}$ 6-12 hrs $\rightarrow$ sustained IVV expansion
 - Organ independent metabolism and elimination of colloid
 - Not stored in body
 - Active but non-toxic metabolites $\rightarrow$ prolong colloid effect with toxicity
- Pharmacodynamic
 - Achieves adequate haemodynamic effect ($\uparrow$ C.O./BP and tissue perfusion)
 - No organ dysfunction (esp with repeated administration)
 - Non-pyrogenic, non-allergic, non-antigenic $\rightarrow$ low anaphylactoid risk and histamine release
 - No interference with haemostasis/coagulation
 - No agglutination or RBC damage $\rightarrow$ interferes with cross-matching
 - No acid/base disorders
 - Does not promote infections (bacterial, viral, protozoal)

(III) Body handling of 1000 mL of IV fluids:

Remember:

- TBW (42L in 70 kg man) $\rightarrow$ 33% ECF (14L) and 66% ICF (28L) $\rightarrow$ ECF:ICF is 1:2
- ECF $\rightarrow$ 25% PV (3L) and 75% ISF (11L) $\rightarrow$ PV:ISF is 1:3
- BV = 5 L and plasma osmolality = 290 mosm/kg
- Baroreceptors respond to 7-10% Δ in BV
- Osmoreceptors respond to 1-2% Δ in plasma osmolality

Body handling of 1000 mL of 5% dextrose:

- Haemodynamic effects ($\uparrow$ MSFP/RAP $\rightarrow$ $\uparrow$ preload (via FS-effect) $\rightarrow$ $\uparrow$ CO and BP) occurs with very rapid infusions but is very short-lived $\rightarrow$ this is because fluid is rapidly lost from IVV as it is rapidly distributed to ISF as per Starling forces (as has $P_{\text{ONCOTIC}} = 0$)
- Fluid is iso-osmolar and isotonic to plasma $\rightarrow$ BUT glucose is rapidly taken up into cells (via insulin) and metabolised $\rightarrow$ fluid becomes hypo-osmolar and isotonic (like “pure H_2O ”) $\rightarrow$ distributes throughout TBW compartments in proportion (esp intracellularly):

1000 mL D5W $\rightarrow$ 670 mL ICF (66%) and 330 mL ECF (33%) $\rightarrow$ 250 mL ISF (75%) and 80 mL PV (25%)

- $\uparrow$ ICFV and ISFV $\rightarrow$ but does not cause cellular swelling or interstitial oedema (as lymphatics drain excess fluid back to circulation)
- BV $\uparrow$ from 5000 mL to 5080 mL (Δ BV $< 2\%$) $\rightarrow$ does not trigger BRR
- Plasma osmolality $\downarrow$ by 7 mosm/L ($= 287 - (287 \times 3\text{L}/3.08\text{L})$) or 2.5% $\rightarrow$ triggers osmoreceptor $\rightarrow$ $\downarrow$ ADH decrease $\rightarrow$ $\uparrow$ renal H_2O excretion to clear D5W from body

Note $\rightarrow$ ADH response delayed by ~ 1 hr ($3\text{-}4 \times t_{1/2} \rightarrow t_{1/2}$ ADH = 15 mins)

Body handling of 1000 mL of 0.9% saline:

- Haemodynamic effects ($\uparrow$ MSFP/RAP $\rightarrow \uparrow$ preload (via FS-effect) $\rightarrow \uparrow$ CO and BP) occurs with acute $\uparrow$ in IVV $\rightarrow$ this is influenced by:
 - o (i) Rate of infusion speed $\rightarrow \uparrow$ infusion = $\uparrow$ haemodynamic effects
 - o (ii) Vascular compensatory mechanisms $\rightarrow$ (a) Venodilation ($\uparrow$ venous pooling in capacitance vessels), (b) $\uparrow$ fluid loss to ISF 2° to $\uparrow$ capillary $P_{\text{HYDROSTATIC}}$, (c) pressure diuresis/natriuresis ($\uparrow$ urine excretion) $\rightarrow$ very effective at minimising haemodynamic effects!
 - o (iii) Rate at which it is lost from IVV (See below) $\rightarrow \uparrow$ loss from IVV = $\downarrow$ haemodynamic effects
- Fluid has similar $[\text{Na}^+]$ to ECF $\rightarrow$ limits distribution to ECF only and distributes within it in proportion:

1000 mL N/S $\rightarrow$ 0 mL ICF (0%) and 1000 mL ECF (100%) $\rightarrow$ 750 mL ISF (75%) and 250 mL PV (25%)
- $\uparrow$ ICFV and ISFV $\rightarrow$ but does not cause cellular swelling or interstitial oedema (as lymphatics drain excess fluid back to circulation)
- Fluid excretion does not depend on hormonal mechanisms because:
 - o (i) BV $\uparrow$ from 5 L to 5.25 L (Δ BV 5% only) $\rightarrow$ does not trigger BRR
 - o (ii) Plasma osmolality unchanged as N/S is isotonic/iso-osmotic $\rightarrow$ does not trigger osmoreceptors
- Instead, fluid excretion is dependent on “glomerulotubular imbalance” as follows:
 - o N/S has $P_{\text{ONCOTIC}} = 0$ (as it has no proteins) $\rightarrow$ so plasma P_{ONCOTIC} is $\downarrow$ slightly $\rightarrow$ this causes:
 - (i) Fluid shift from IVV to ISF due to Starling’s forces
 - (ii) Glomerulotubular imbalance $\rightarrow \downarrow$ plasma P_{ONCOTIC} favours $\uparrow$ GFR and $\downarrow$ tubular reabsorption of $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{Na}^+ \rightarrow \uparrow$ urine production
 - (iii) ISF fluid then redistributes back into IVV $\rightarrow$ kidney excretes it as above process until all transfused fluid is excreted and plasma P_{ONCOTIC} normalised

Note $\rightarrow$ Excretion of N/S from body is FASTEST (cf. D5W or colloids) as it does not rely on slow hormonal response mechanisms (I.e. ADH effect)

Body handling of 1000 mL of colloids:

- Colloids remain only in IVV as they are usually iso-oncotic and isotonic to plasma:

1000 mL colloids $\rightarrow$ 0 mL ICF (0%) and 1000 mL ECF (100%) $\rightarrow$ 0 mL ISF (0%) and 1000 mL PV (100%)
- BV $\uparrow$ from 5 L to 6 L (20% $\uparrow$ BV) $\rightarrow$ causes:
 - o (i) Significant haemodynamic effects ($\uparrow$ MSFP/RAP $\rightarrow \uparrow$ preload (via FS-effect) $\rightarrow \uparrow$ CO and BP) $\rightarrow$ BUT minimised by vascular compensatory mechanisms $\rightarrow$ (a) Venodilation ($\uparrow$ venous pooling in capacitance vessels), (b) $\uparrow$ fluid loss to ISF 2° to $\uparrow$ capillary $P_{\text{HYDROSTATIC}}$, (c) pressure diuresis/natriuresis ($\uparrow$ urine excretion)
 - o (ii) Activation of baroreceptors $\rightarrow \downarrow$ ADH release $\rightarrow \uparrow$ renal H_2O excretion to clear extra fluid from the body
- Plasma P_{ONCOTIC} $\uparrow$ 2° to net H_2O loss from renal excretion (without loss of colloid from body) $\rightarrow$ then favours IVV fluid retention due to:
 - o (i) Fluid redistribution from ISF to IV space
 - o (ii) $\downarrow$ GFR and $\uparrow$ tubular reabsorption of $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{Na}^+ \rightarrow \downarrow$ urine production
 - o (iii) Retards inhibition of ADH release ($\downarrow$ H_2O excretion from body) 2° delayed $\uparrow$ plasma osmolality

- Plasma osmolality initially unchanged → BUT ↑ with ↑ plasma P_{ONCOTIC} → retards ↓ ADH release 2° to BRR activation → minimises renal H_2O retention

Note:

- Effects on BV are pronounced and prolonged (cf. N/S or D5W) → because colloids are slowly cleared (metabolised/excreted/redistributed)
- Pressure-volume/osmolality reflex mechanisms involving ADH are more vital in LT regulation of BV (despite being slow in onset of effect) → because Δ BV are significant and more prolonged

Note → These responses are similar to those when 1000 mL of blood is given → EXCEPT colloids lack O_2 carrying capacity of blood → hence, they cause ↓ [Hb] due to haemodilution

(IV) Body handling of special solutions:

Body handling of 500 mL mannitol 20%:

- Mannitol 20% causes a net fluid shift into intravascular space from ISF/ICF due to an osmotic pressure gradient established by:
 - (i) Mannitol being an obligate EC solute → it does NOT cross cell membranes
 - (ii) Mannitol 20% being hypertonic
- Effect of 500 mL infusion of 20% mannitol:

Pre infusion:

- TBW = 42 L
- Total body solute = 42 L x 290 = 12180 mosm
- ECF solute = 14 L x 290 = 4060 mosm
- ICF solute = 28 L x 290 = 8120 mosm

Post-infusion:

- TBW = 42 L + 0.5 L = 42.5 L
- Total body solute = 12180 + (1098/2) = 12729 mosm
- ECF solute = 4060 + (1098/2) = 4609 mosm
- ICF solute = 8120 mosm (same)

So:

- Plasma osmolality = 12729 mosm/42.5 L = 300 mosm/L
- ECFV = 4609 mosm/300 mosm/L = 15.4 L
- ICFV = 8120 mosm/300 mosm/L = 27.1 L

- Net effect is:
 - ↓ ICFV by 0.9 L → affects brain cells (dehydration → confusion/obtundation)
 - ↑ ECFV by 1.4 L → 1.05 L in ISF and 0.35L in PV
 - ↑ ISFV does not cause oedema → handled by lymphatic system
 - ↑ BV by 7% → triggers BRR → (i) Inhibits ADH secretion → renal H_2O excretion, and (ii) Stimulates ANP release and inhibits RAAS → natriuresis and diuresis (lose $\text{Na}^+/\text{H}_2\text{O}$)
 - ↑ plasma osmolality (3.5%) → triggers thirst and ADH release (renal H_2O retention)

Pressure receptors are less sensitive BUT more potent than osmoreceptors → thus net effect is inhibit ADH secretion (net H_2O excretion), albeit LESS than Na^+ excretion → helps to ↓ plasma osmolality

- Effects on the body (including potential hazards) include:
 - (1) Cerebral effects
 - ↓ ICFV and raised ICP → mannitol cannot cross BBB and effectively creates an osmotic gradient that draws EC brain fluid intravascularly → causes (i) Cerebral cell dehydration and (ii) ↓ CSF volume
 - CBF is preserved (assuming intact autoregulation)

- Issues – (i) Cerebral oedema can worsen → if damaged BBB (Ie. mannitol enters brain), (ii) Repeat mannitol infusion causes rebound IC HTN (Ie. mannitol enters brain), (iii) NOT definitely therapy for ↑ ICP (cf. surgery)
- (2) Renal effects
 - Causes diuresis due to:
 - (i) Osmotic diuresis → mannitol is freely filtered by glomerulus and neither secreted nor reabsorbed by tubules → osmotically active solute retains H₂O/electrolytes in urine
 - (ii) Pressure diuresis → due to ↑ RBF (a/w ↑ ECFV)
 - Beneficial in preventing tubular obstruction (Ie. due to myoglobin), maintaining renal function (Ie. during vascular surgery), and initiating diuresis with renal transplant
 - Issues – (i) Excess H₂O/solute loss (esp Na⁺) → hypovolaemia/electrolyte (↓ Na⁺/K⁺) imbalance, (ii) Disruption of medullary interstitial gradient → lose urine concentrating ability
- (3) Fluid/electrolyte imbalance
 - Tissue dehydrating effect (Ie. fluid shift into IV space) → hypervolaemia (Ie. volume overload, HTN, CCF), ↓ plasma osmolality and ↓ Na⁺/K⁺
 - Diuresis → hypovolaemia (Ie. hypotension, organ hypoperfusion), ↑ plasma osmolality (> 320 mosm/L), ↑ Na⁺/K⁺ (esp with > 3 g/kg/day)
- (4) Other effects:
 - (i) Haemodilution (2° to hypervolaemia → ↓ Hct) → improves blood flow/O₂ delivery to tissues
 - (ii) ↓ IOP (similar to ICP)
 - (iii) Cell protection (as a free radical scavenger)
 - (iv) Tissue/vein irritant (due to hypertonicity)
 - (v) Allergic reactions (rare)

Body handling of 1000 mL 3% saline:

- ↑ Na⁺ content effectively limits distribution to ECF compartment
- It is hyperosmolar cf plasma (1027 mosm/L vs 290 mosm/L) → hypertonicity causes H₂O shift from ICF to ECF → ↑ ECFV while ↓ ICFV
- Effect of 1000 mL infusion of 3% saline:

Pre infusion:

- TBW = 42 L
- Total body solute = 42 L x 290 = 12180 mosm
- ECF solute = 14 L x 290 = 4060 mosm
- ICF solute = 28 L x 290 = 8120 mosm

Post-infusion:

- TBW = 42 L + 1 L = 43 L
- Total body solute = 12180 + 1027 = 13207 mosm
- ECF solute = 4060 + 1027 = 5087 mosm
- ICF solute = 8120 mosm (same)

So:

- Plasma osmolality = 13207 mosm/43 L = 307 mosm/L
- ECFV = 5087 mosm/307 mosm/L = 16.6 L
- ICFV = 8120 mosm/307 mosm/L = 26.5 L

- Net effect is:

- ↓ ICFV by 1.5 L → affects brain cells (dehydration → confusion/obtundation)
- ↑ ECFV by 2.6 L → 2L in ISF and 0.5L in PV
 - ↑ ISFV does not cause oedema → handled by lymphatic system
 - ↑ BV by 10% → triggers BRR → (i) Inhibits ADH secretion → renal H₂O excretion, and (ii) Stimulates ANP release and inhibits RAAS → natriuresis and diuresis (lose Na⁺/H₂O)
- ↑ plasma osmolality (5%) → triggers thirst and ADH release (renal H₂O retention)

Note → Pressure receptors are less sensitive BUT more potent than osmoreceptors → thus net effect is inhibit ADH secretion (net H₂O excretion), albeit LESS than Na⁺ excretion → helps to ↓ plasma osmolality

Body handling of 100 mL 8.4% NaHCO_3 :

- (1) Effect of addition of alkali load (due to HCO_3^-):
 - o (a) Acute metabolic alkalosis
 - $\uparrow$ ECF $[\text{HCO}_3^-]$ due to administration of exogenous $\text{HCO}_3^- \rightarrow$ moreover, Na^+ in the solution will restrict HCO_3^- distribution to ECF $\rightarrow$ lead to an acute metabolic alkalosis
 - Normally, if plasma $\text{HCO}_3^- > 27 \text{ mmol/L} \rightarrow \text{HCO}_3^-$ will be rapidly excreted in urine and acute metabolic alkalosis should rapidly self-correct (unless there is underlying pathology to maintain it, such as acidosis due to cardiac arrest)
 - o (b) $\downarrow$ ECF $\text{K}^+ - \uparrow$ ECF $[\text{HCO}_3^-]$ due to exogenous administration of a base will cause an intracellular shift of EC $\text{K}^+ \rightarrow$ useful in treating hyperkalaemia during emergencies (I.e. cardiac arrest)
 - o (c) $\uparrow \text{CO}_2$ load – Addition of exogenous HCO_3^- will $\uparrow$ reassociation of HCO_3^- with H^+ to form $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 \rightarrow \uparrow \text{CO}_2$ load $\rightarrow$ this is exacerbated during asystolic arrest due to lack of cardiac output ($\downarrow \text{CO}_2$ excreted by lungs)
 - o (d) Intracellular acidosis – CO_2 diffuses intracellular and is hydrated to form H_2CO_3 , which then dissociates to form $\text{H}^+ \rightarrow$ this is exacerbated during asystolic arrest due to lack of cardiac output ($\uparrow \text{CO}_2$ diffuses into cell)
 - o (e) Effect on respiratory control $\rightarrow \uparrow$ minute ventilation due to $\uparrow \text{CO}_2$ load
 - o (f) Right shift in O_2 Hb dissociation curve $\rightarrow$ due to Bohr effect 2° to $\uparrow \text{CO}_2$ load
- (2) Addition of a salt load (due to Na^+):
 - o Solution's Na^+ content limits the distribution of fluids only to the ECF
 - o $\uparrow$ ECF $[\text{Na}^+] \rightarrow$ degree of $\uparrow$ will depend on (i) the amount of solution given, and (ii) the degree of EC shift of IC H_2O due to osmosis (2° to $\uparrow$ plasma osmolality)
 - o Useful in treating acute hyponatraemia
- (3) Addition of a hypertonic load ($2000 \text{ mosm/L} \times 100 \text{ mL} = 200 \text{ mosm}$):

Pre-infusion:

- TBW = 42 L
- Total body solute = $42\text{L} \times 290 = 12180 \text{ mosm}$
- ECF solute = $14\text{L} \times 290 = 4060 \text{ mosm}$
- ICF solute = $28\text{L} \times 290 = 8120 \text{ mosm}$

Post-infusion:

- TBW = $42 \text{ L} + 0.1 \text{ L} = 42.1 \text{ L}$
- Total body solute = $12180 + 200 = 12380 \text{ mosm}$
- ECF solute = $4060 + 200 = 4260 \text{ mosm}$
- ICF solute = 8120 mosm (same)

So:

- Plasma osmolality = $12380 \text{ mosm} / 42.1 \text{ L} = 294 \text{ mosm/L}$
- ECFV = $4260 \text{ mosm} / 294 \text{ mosm/L} = 14.5 \text{ L}$
- ICFV = $8120 \text{ mosm} / 294 \text{ mosm/L} = 27.6 \text{ L}$

o Net effects are:

- (i) $\downarrow$ ICFV by 400 mL $\rightarrow$ minimal cellular effect
- (ii) $\uparrow$ ECFV by 500 mL ($375 \text{ mL ISF} + 125 \text{ mL PV}$) $\rightarrow \uparrow$ is greater than volume of solution delivered to it $\rightarrow$ due to the extracellular shift of IC H_2O 2° to osmosis
 - $\uparrow$ ISFV does not cause oedema $\rightarrow$ handled by lymphatic system
 - $\uparrow$ BV by 2.5% only $\rightarrow$ does not trigger BRR
- (iii) $\uparrow$ plasma osmolality (1.3%) $\rightarrow$ triggers thirst and ADH release (renal H_2O retention)
- (iv) $\uparrow$ urine production 2° to $\uparrow$ ECFV $\rightarrow \uparrow$ ECFV will $\downarrow$ plasma $P_{\text{ONCOTIC}} \rightarrow$ lead to $\uparrow$ GFR and slight $\downarrow$ PCT H_2O reabsorption due to glomerulotubular imbalance $\rightarrow$ larger $\uparrow$ in urine flow and excretion of injected fluid

Body handling of 100 mL 1 N HCl:

- Used for chronic respiratory acidosis with $\uparrow$ plasma $[\text{HCO}_3^-]$ $\rightarrow$ to normalise $[\text{HCO}_3^-]$
- 100 mL 1N HCl $\rightarrow$ 100 mmol H^+ load causes metabolic acidosis $\rightarrow$ this is prevented by:
 - o (1) Buffering (immediate)
 - Rapid titration of H^+ against EC buffers (esp HCO_3^-):

$$\text{ECF } \text{HCO}_3^- \text{ pool} = [\text{HCO}_3^-] \times \text{ECFV} = 24 \text{ mmol/L} \times 14 \text{ L} = 336 \text{ mmol}$$

$$[\text{HCO}_3^-] \text{ post-buffering} = 24 \text{ mmol/L} \times (336 - 100 \text{ mmol}) / 336 \text{ mmol}$$

$$= 16.8 \text{ mmol/L (assuming all } \text{H}^+ \text{ is buffered by } \text{HCO}_3^- \text{ system)}$$
 - o (2) Respiratory compensation (hrs-days)
 - Acidosis stimulates peripheral chemoreceptors $\rightarrow \uparrow \text{MV} \rightarrow \downarrow \text{PaCO}_2$ to normalise pH
 - Compensation starts early but takes 12-24 hrs for full effect $\rightarrow$ because:
 - Initial $\downarrow \text{PaCO}_2$ causes $\downarrow$ brain ECF $\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \downarrow [\text{H}^+]$ around central chemoreceptors in medulla $\rightarrow$ this inhibits any further $\uparrow \text{MV}$
 - But HCO_3^- slowly equilibrates across BBB $\rightarrow$ gradual $\downarrow$ brain ECF $[\text{HCO}_3^-]$ and $\uparrow [\text{H}^+]$ $\rightarrow$ removes inhibition on ventilation $\rightarrow$ further compensation of acidosis by $\uparrow \text{MV}$
 - Note $\rightarrow$ partial compensation only:

$$\text{Expected } \text{PCO}_2 = 1.5 \times [\text{HCO}_3^-] + 8$$
 - o (3) Renal correction (days)
 - Renal excretion of excess acid anion (Cl^-) $\rightarrow$ equivalent to excretion of H^+ and reabsorption of $\text{HCO}_3^- \rightarrow$ eventual restoration of acid-base status
- Physiological effects of metabolic acidosis from 100 mL 1N HCl:
 - o (1) Shift in Hb O_2 dissociation curve:
 - Right shift due to acidosis $\rightarrow \downarrow \text{O}_2$ affinity (Ie. assisting peripheral O_2 delivery)
 - Left shift due to $\downarrow$ 2,3-DPG synthesis (2° to acidosis) $\rightarrow \uparrow \text{O}_2$ affinity (Ie. assisting O_2 loading in the lungs)
 - o (2) Normal anion gap $\rightarrow$ hyperchloraemic metabolic acidosis
 - o (3) Hyperkalaemia $\rightarrow$ cell membrane H^+/K^+ exchanger extrudes IC K^+ for EC $\text{H}^+ \rightarrow$ this leads to net urinary K^+ losses
 - o (4) Hypocapnoea (as part of compensatory response) $\rightarrow$ causes IC alkalosis $\rightarrow$ depresses cellular activity