

PROBLEM: Hypertensive Disorders in Pregnancy

Chronic HTN

Definition: Mild: SBP ≥ 140 -159 mm Hg, DBP ≥ 90 -109 mm Hg
Use of anti-HTN medications before pregnancy

Severe: SBP ≥ 160 mm Hg DBP ≥ 110 mm Hg
Onset of HTN before the 20th week of gestation and persists 42 days postpart.

Medications

- ☐ ASA 65-85 mg po once a day after 12 - 36 weeks GA
- ☐ Stop Anti-hypertensives initially and recheck BP in one wk
- ☐ If BP 160 / 105 mm Hg, then start
Labetolol 200-2400 mg orally in two or three divided doses
Nifedipine 30 to 120 mg qd as sustained release tablet

Labs: Baseline – Cr, CBC, LFTs, spot total P/Cr ratio

Second line Tx:

Alpha-methyldopa 250-3000 mg orally in two or three divided doses
Avoid ACE Inhibitors

Ultrasound

- ☐ 18-20 weeks
- ☐ 28-32 weeks, then every 4 weeks

Monitoring

- ☐ Kick counts
- ☐ At 36 weeks start testing with NST/AF weekly (except below)
- ☐ If FGR increase NST to twice a week, weekly Dopplers

Prenatal visits: Every 4 weeks until 32 weeks, then every 2 weeks until 36 weeks, then weekly

Delivery: No meds 39 wks / Controlled on meds 39 wks / Difficult control 37 wks - also 2x NST with weekly AF once Dx'd

Pre-eclampsia

Definition: SBP ≥ 140 mm Hg or DBP ≥ 90 mmHg, upright following a 10 minute rest (Repeat in 4 hours to confirm dx)

Total P/Cr ≥ 0.3 , or ≥ 300 mg of protein in a 24 hour urine specimen, or 1+ on urine dipstick

After 20 wks EGA

Can convert from GHTN without proteinuria if develops severe features

If Total P/C is 0.15 - 0.29, then obtain 24 urine PROT

Monitoring

- ☐ Kick counts
- ☐ NST 2x/wk and AF q week
- ☐ U/S every 3-4 weeks
- ☐ If FGR, then add Doppler q wk

Labs:

- ☐ Baseline – CBC, Cr, AST/ALT
- ☐ PLt ct, Cr, LFTs q wk

Prenatal visits: weekly and check BP twice a week

Delivery: 37 weeks

Pre-eclampsia with severe features

Definition: SBP ≥ 160 mmHg or DBP ≥ 110 mmHg on 2 occasions on bedrest

Total P/Cr ≥ 0.3 , or ≥ 300 mg of protein in a 24 hour urine specimen, or 1+ on urine dipstick

Can convert from GHTN without proteinuria if develops severe features

Severe Features

Cerebral or visual changes
Pulmonary edema
LFTs 2x normal

BP $\geq 160/110$
Creat > 1.1 or 2 x pt's normal Creat
Thrombocytopenia, platelets $< 100,000$

Plan: Admit for Delivery. Magnesium sulfate in active labor with careful fluid management (3,000 cc Total Intake /24 hrs)

If < 34 weeks start steroids –see Guideline for details.

Low dose ASA with subsequent pregnancies 12-36 weeks

Chronic HTN with superimposed Pre-eclampsia

Management for pre-eclampsia as outlined above

Delivery:

37 weeks for superimposed pre-eclampsia

If severe features < 34 weeks start steroids –see Guideline for details.

Gestational HTN

Definition: BP $\geq 140/90$ without proteinuria after 20 weeks

HTN does not persist beyond 12 weeks postpartum

Can convert to preeclampsia without proteinuria if develops severe features

Labs: Baseline – Cr, LFTs, CBC, Total P/Cr ratio

Management: Same as preeclampsia without severe features, except:

- obtain urine Preeclampsia screen q visit
- weekly NST/AFI

Ultrasound

- ☐ 18-20 weeks
- ☐ 28-32 weeks, then every 4 weeks

Monitoring

- ☐ Kick counts
- ☐ At 36 weeks start testing with NST/AFI weekly
- ☐ If FGR, then add Doppler q week

Prenatal visits: Every 4 weeks until 32 weeks, then every 2 weeks until 36 weeks, then weekly

Delivery: 37 weeks

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