HYPEREMESIS GRAVIDARUM

Definition

- Nausea & vomitting are common
- ▶ **HG** occurs only in 0.3–3% of pregnancies
- ▶ HG always in the first trimester 6-8 weeks
- HG is severe nausea & vomitting
- with weight loss (more than 5% of prepregnancy weight)
- Dehydration
- Electrolyte imbalance
- Ketonuria/ketosis

Diagnosis

- ▶ **HG** is a diagnosis of exclusion:
- 1. Multiple pregnancy
- 2. Molar pregnancy
- 3. Infections: urinary, ear, GIT
- 4. Endocrine:
 - thyrotoxicosis, hyperparathyroidism
 - DKA, addison's disease
- 5. surgical: peptic ulcer, pancreatiatis, cholycystitis
- 6. Brain tumours
- 7. Drugs: iron supplements, antibiotics

Investigations:

- CBC: raised Hct
- 2. Sr electrolytes:
 - -Hyponatremia
 - -Hypokalemia
 - -metabolic Hyochloraemia alkalosis
- 3. Thyroid function test: thyrotoxicosis
- 4. Blood sugar
- 5. Liver function test
- 6. Urine: ketonuria

- Ultrasound:
- Confirm gestational age
- Multiple pregnancy
- Molar pregnancy

Effects on pregnancy

- ▶ 1. Wernicke's encephalopathy
- Due to B1 (thiamine) deficiency
- Precipated by carbohydrate containing food
- Precipated IV fluids that contain dextrose
- Fatal but reversible
- Blurred vision, unsteadiness, confusion, memory problems
- Diagnosis is clinical:
- Nystagmus,ophthalmoplegia, hyporeflexia, gait ataxia
- Diagnosis is confirmed by MRI
- Associated with 40% fetal

Effects on pregnancy

- 2. Hyponatremia
- Lethargy & seizures
- Do not do rapid correction of hyponatremia
- 3. Mallory–Weiss tears
- 4.Thrombosis
- 5.Vitamin (B6, B12)deficiency
- 6.Psychology

management

- IV fluids & correction of electrolyte imbalance
- IV fluids that contain dextrose are inappropraite
- Give normal saline & Hartman's Infusions only

management

- Anti emetics are not teratogenic
- Proton pump inhibitors are safe
- Thiamine supplement
- Corticosteroids: in severe cases
- stop drugs that may cause nausea & vomitting
- thromboprophylaxis

Antiemetic drugs: all safe

- ▶ 1. Antihistamines: promethazine, cyclizine
- 2. Phenothiazines: chlorpromazine
- Side effect mainly drowsiness
- 3. Dopamine antagonists: metoclopromide
- Side effect mainly extrapyramidal effect
- 4. Serotonin inhibitors: ondasteron



