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2021 ASHP Clinical Skills Competition[™] NATIONAL COMPETITION CASE

Directions to Clinical Skills Competition Participants

Identify the patient's acute and chronic medical and drug therapy problems. Recommend interventions to address the drug therapy problems using the forms supplied (Pharmacist's Patient Case and Pharmacist's Care Plan).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Only the Pharmacist's Care Plan will be used for evaluation purpose.

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Demographic and Administrative Information

Name: Chispa, John	Patient ID: 210512
Sex: Male	Hospital: Orlando River Hospital
Date of Birth: 6/18/1958	Room & Bed: ICU-12
Height: 5 ft 11in / Weight: 234 lbs / Race: Undisclosed	Physician: Dr. Tanisha Freeman
Prescription Coverage Insurance: PPO-high deductible	Religion: Not reported
Copay: \$15/\$25/\$50	Pharmacy: Caiman Pharmacy
Annual Income: \$65,500	

Chief Complaint

EMS pre-alerts the Primary Stroke Center they are arriving with a patient with facial droop and slurred speech and his last known well time (LKWT) is 1 hour 15 minutes before arrival in the emergency department.

History of Present Illness

Mr. Chispa was at work 12/4/21 11am when he began experiencing symptoms typical of his migraine history. He told his coworker he was going to take his migraine medicine and an early break. The coworker went to the break room to check on him at 1145. He found the patient was not feeling better; he was experiencing facial droop and he slurred his words when trying to explain how he felt. The coworker called 911. The patient arrives to the Primary Stroke Center via EMS at 1215.

A code stroke is called immediately, and the stroke team is assembled upon patient arrival to the Primary Stroke Center's Emergency Department.

Stroke Evaluation Timeline and Imaging

Interval: Baseline	Time to evaluation and NIHSS: 1220
Time last known well: 1100	POC glucose in the ED: 160mg/dL at 1222
Time of onset: 1100	Time of CT head: 1225, read at 1238

NIH Stroke Scale (NIHSS)

Person Administering Scale: Neurologist, on site

	Category/Instructions	Patient Score/Description of Response
1a	Level of consciousness:	0=alert; keenly responsive
1b.	LOC questions:	0=Performs both tasks correctly
1c.	LOC commands:	1=Performs one task correctly
2.	Best Gaze:	1=Partial gaze palsy
3.	Visual:	0=No visual loss
4.	Facial Palsy:	2=Partial paralysis (total or near total paralysis of the lower face)
5a.	Motor left arm:	0=No drift, limb holds 90 (or 45) degrees for full 10 seconds
5b.	Motor right arm:	0=No drift, limb holds 90 (or 45) degrees for full 10 seconds
6a.	motor left leg:	0=No drift, limb holds 90 (or 45) degrees for full 10 seconds
6b	Motor right leg:	0=No drift, limb holds 90 (or 45) degrees for full 10 seconds
7.	Limb Ataxia:	0=Absent
8.	Sensory:	0=Normal; no sensory loss
9.	Best Language:	1 = Mild to moderate aphasia (this examiner feels it is at least moderate)

10. Dysarthria: 1 = Mild to moderate dysarthria 11. Extinction and Inattention: 1=Visual, tactile, auditory, spatial or personal inattention or extinction to

bilateral simultaneous stimulation in one of the sensory modalities

<u>Total</u>: <u>7</u>

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CT/CTA head/neck with and without contrast 12/4/2021 12:25pm (read at 12:38pm)

- ${\bf 1.}\ Head\ CT\ negative\ for\ intracranial\ hemorrhage.$
- 2. Large vessel occlusion is ruled out by head CTA.
- 3. CTA neck demonstrating clinically insignificant bilateral calcific stenoses at the internal carotid artery origins.

Past Medical History

Hypertension – October 2021 Migraine – 2010 Diabetes, type 2 – 2013 Gastrointestinal bleed due to gastric ulcer – Resolved 2008 Obesity

Out-patient Medication List (obtained from prescription claims database service)	Medication History (obtained from EMS documents and interview via telephone with spouse)		
	Duration Start-Stop Dates	Prescriber	Pharmacy
Metformin XL 1000 mg PO daily	Last dose unknown	Dr. Freeman	Caiman Pharmacy
Naratriptan 1 mg PO prn migraine, may repeat in 4 hours	 Last dose ~11AM per EMS report of onscene co-worker statements Migraine frequency has declined to 3 to 4 per year and is managed by naratriptan 	Dr. Freeman	Caiman Pharmacy
Blood glucose testing strips and lancets used as needed		Dr. Freeman	Caiman Pharmacy
Lisinopril/hydrochlorothiazide 10 mg/12.5 mg PO daily	Spouse states this is a new prescription and he started taking this approximately 6 weeks ago	Dr. Freeman	Caiman Pharmacy
	Over the Counter / Herbal		
Upon guery, spouse denies that he	e takes any other prescription, over the counter or	natural/herbal r	emedies.

Allergies/Intolerances

Aspirin – GI bleed due to excessive consumption for migraines. The gastric ulcer was treated with a proton pump inhibitor and resolved, 2008
Strawberries – food intolerance

Egg - hives

Surgical History

Endoscopy – February 2008 (gastric ulcer; *H. pylori* negative); May 2008 (normal, gastric ulcer resolved) Colonoscopy – May 2008 and August 2018 (normal) Vasectomy -- 1993 Tonsillectomy -- 1965

Family History

Grandmother suffered a large stroke (type unknown) at age 77, deceased age 81 Father is still alive and has COPD Mother passed away due to cancer

Social History

Alcohol, occasionally 1-2 drinks less than 3 to 4 times a month Cigarettes, quit 1988; 5 pack-year history Cigar smoking, occasionally Recreational drugs, denies

Immunization History

Influenza vaccine: Flucelvax Quadrivalent on 10/1/21

Pneumococcal vaccine: Pneumovax 23 in 2013, Prevnar 13 on 10/1/21

Zoster vaccine: Shingrix on 10/1/21

Tdap vaccine: Adacel in 2019 when granddaughter was born COVID-19 vaccine: Pfizer-BioNTech; 3/4/21 and 3/25/21

Review of Systems

Unable to obtain due to aphasia

He does minimally shake his head 'no' to questions about chest pain, shortness of breath, or palpitations

Physical Exam

General: well nourished, well developed, obese. Alert, cooperative, no apparent distress, appears stated age

Head: normocephalic, without obvious abnormality

Eyes: conjunctivae/corneas clear

Neck: supple, symmetrical. No carotid bruit

Lungs: clear to auscultation bilaterally, non-labored

CV: regular rhythm

Extremities: normal range of motion with no cyanosis

Skin: no skin lesions or lacerations

Flowsheet

	1230	1240	1250	1300	1310	1325	1340
Heart rate	70	71	71		80		
(beats per minute)							
Resp rate	23	26	21		26		
(breaths per minute)							
BP (cuff)	132/77	152/80	186/101	178/88	182/104		
(mmHg)							

Labs

	12/4/21 @ 1235	3/5/21 @ 0835
Metabolic Panel		
Na (mEq/L)	136	142
K (mEq/L)	3.8	4.1
Cl (mEq/L)	100	105
CO ₂ (mEq/L)	24	29
BUN (mg/dL)	16	10
SCr (mg/dL)	1.1	0.92
Glucose (mg/dL)	167	139
Calcium (mg/dL)	8.5	8.5
Phosphorus (mg/dL)	3.4	
Magnesium (mg/dL)	2.1	
Albumin (g/dL) 3.7		
AST (IU/L)	J/L) 19	
ALT (IU/L)	47	
Total bilirubin (mg/dL)	0.6	
CBC		
WBC (million/mm³)	5.2	6.1
Hemoglobin (g/dL)	15.5	14.5
Hematocrit (%)	43.2	40.7
Platelets (K/mm³)	170	162

Fasting Lipid Panel		
Total cholesterol (mg/dL)		207
LDL-C (mg/dL)		130
HDL (mg/dL)		30
Triglycerides (mg/dL)		236
Other		
Hemoglobin A1c (%)		8.7
aPTT (seconds)	24.5	
PT (seconds)	10.9	
INR	1.01	
TSH, ultrasensitive (mIU/L)		1.39
25 Hydroxy Vit D (ng/mL)		52
PSA (ng/mL)		1.3

Medication Admission Orders

Medication/Dose/Frequency/MAR instructions	Start Date/Time
Nicardipine infusion 20mg/200 mL in 0.9% NaCl	12/4/21 1252
Continuous IV infusion 5 mg per hour	
May increase 2.5 mg per hour if blood pressure exceeds 180	
mmHg (systolic) or 105 mmHg (diastolic)	
Lisinopril/hydrochlorothiazide 10mg/12.5 mg PO daily	Begin after the nicardipine is discontinued
Acetaminophen 650 mg Q4hrs prn PO/PR prn temperature	12/4/21 1400
>99°F or pain or headache	
Insulin glargine 10 units SQ daily	12/4/21 2100
Insulin lispro sliding scale 3 times a day with meals	12/4/21 2100
Nicotine transdermal 21 mg Apply 1 patch daily	12/5/21 0900
Atorvastatin 10 mg PO daily	12/5/21 0900
Fondaparinux 2.5 mg SQ daily	12/5/21 2100
MAR note – verify the 24 hour follow up head CT Is negative	
prior to administration	
Metformin XL 1000 mg PO daily	12/5/21 0900
Naratriptan 1 mg PO prn migraine	12/5/21 2100
Maximum 1 dose per 24 hours	

Other Diagnostic Tests

Transthoracic echocardiogram (12/5/21): Ejection Fraction is 60%. Mild aortic regurgitation.

ECG (12/4/21): normal sinus rhythm

Neurologist Notes

Assessment: Acute ischemic stroke, no evidence of cardiac involvement or actionable carotid stenoses

Patient is an IV alteplase candidate (decision time 12:40PM; 100 minutes from last known well time). He is not a candidate for mechanical thrombectomy since the CTA head shows no proximal disease in the anterior circulation. I reviewed the inclusion and exclusion criteria with the patient and his spouse Mrs. Chispa (via telephone). I specifically explained the risks and benefits of IV alteplase. The spouse and patient agreed to proceed with IV alteplase.

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Plan

Admit the patient to the Medical ICU for a minimum 24 hours during and status post thrombolysis at which time he may be transferred to the medical floor if his routine follow-up noncontrast head CT (performed 24 hours after thrombolysis) is negative for bleeding.

In addition, the following will be performed: telemetry monitoring, bedside swallow evaluation, transthoracic echocardiogram (TTE), PT/OT/SLP evaluate & treat and stroke education.

If at any time there is a change in neurological examination or a new onset headache perform a STAT head CT without contrast.

The neurologist delegated the responsibility of ED medication orders and admission medications orders to the medical resident. You are the ED pharmacist on shift and the medical resident is requesting input for the acute care of this patient and any other pharmacotherapy recommendations that need to be addressed.

2021 ASHP Clinical Skills Competition[™] NATIONAL CASE ANSWER KEY

ASHP Clinical Skills Competition - Pharmacist's Care Plan - 2021 Answer Key

Problem Identification and Prioritization with Pharmacist's Care Plan

- A. List all health care problems that need to be addressed in this patient using the table below.
- B. Prioritize the problems by indicating the appropriate number in the "Priority" column below:
 - 1 = Most urgent problem (<u>Note</u>: There can only be <u>one</u> most urgent problem)
 - 2 = Other problems that must be addressed immediately or during this clinical encounter; **OR**
 - 3 = Problems that can be addressed later (e.g. a week or more later)

^{*}Please note, there should be only a "1", "2", or "3" listed in the priority column, and the number "1" should only be used once.

Health Care Problem	Priority	Recommendations for Therapy	Therapeutic Goals & Monitoring Parameters
Acute Ischemic Stroke	1	Thrombolysis Thrombolysis Best answer: Alteplase 0.9mg/kg x 106.1 kg = 95.5mg, but the dose is actually 90mg (the maximum allowed dose) Bolus dose is 0.1 (10%) x total dose (90mg) = 9mg administered IV push Infusion dose is 0.9 (90%) x total dose (90mg) = 81mg administered over 60 minutes BONUS: Administration information When the alteplase bag is empty, use a 100ml bag 0.9% sodium chloride (only) to flush the line @ same rate as alteplase infusion. (volume needs to be at least 25ml) BONUS: revise acetaminophen order to remove headache as a prn indication Neurologist must be called if the patient has a headache	Thrombolysis Therapeutic Goals Reperfusion resulting in restored neurologic function as evidenced by a reduced or zero NIHSS score or a modified Rankin score of less than 2. Monitoring parameters Monitor for orolingual angioedema at same frequency as BP and neuro checks for 2 hours after bolus administration. Monitor BP every 15 minutes for 2 hours from the start of alteplase therapy, then every 30 minutes for 6 hours, and then every hour for 16 hours. Perform neuro checks every 15 minutes for 2 hours from the start of alteplase therapy, then every 30 minutes for 6 hours, and then every hour for 16 hours. Monitor for signs and symptoms of bleeding at same frequency as BP and neuro checks Immediately contact neurologist or ICU intensivist if bleeding, headache,

			 (systolic) or BP > 105mmHg occurs to be instructed to discontinue alteplase infusion and obtain stroke protocol head CT. NIHSS performed daily Repeat head CT (non-contrast) or MRI 24 hours after alteplase.
Venous	2	The patient should not receive any anticoagulants for a minimum of 24 hours	Venous thromboembolism prophylaxis
Thromboembol-		post IV alteplase and not until the 24 hours repeat imaging (head CTA or MRI)	Therapeutic goals
ism Prophylaxis		confirm there is no intracranial bleedingDiscontinue fondaparinux	 Prevention of DVT and/or PE
		Initiate VTE prophylaxis with intermittent pneumatic compression	Monitoring parameters
		device (PCD) 24 hours post alteplase	For all choices Source (D. 177/DE)
		OR Change only one (1)	 Signs and symptoms of DVT/PE q8-12 hours (based on nursing
		Choose only one (1)Enoxaparin 40mg SC qday	shift/handoff)
		Dalteparin 5,000 units SC qday	If heparin ordered
		Heparin 5000 units SC bid or tid	Hematocrit: baseline and every other day
			Platelet count: baseline and every other day
			 Fecal occult blood with each bowel movement
			 Signs and symptoms of
			bleeding: continuous but
			minimally at each nursing encounter for vital signs
			If LMWH ordered
			 Hematocrit: baseline and every
			other day o Platelet count: baseline and
			every other day
			 Fecal occult blood with each
			bowel movement
			 Signs and symptoms of
			bleeding: continuous but
			minimally at each nursing encounter for vital signs

			 Serum creatinine: baseline and every other day If PCDs ordered Make sure patient is wearing them! Skin integrity: q8-12 hours (based on nursing shift/handoff)
Antiplatelet Therapy, secondary stroke prophylaxis	2	Secondary stroke prevention (beyond the first 24 hours following alteplase administration) for the neurologist diagnosis of acute ischemic stroke, no evidence of cardiac involvement or actionable carotid stenoses • Timing: begin 24 hours after alteplase infusion and negative follow-up head CT • Any one (1) of the following are correct answers • Clopidogrel 75 mg PO daily • Aspirin 81 mg PO daily • Aggrenox (dipyridamole/aspirin) 1 PO twice daily	Therapeutic goals Decrease risk of a second ischemic stroke or transient ischemic attack Monitoring parameters Signs and symptoms of bleeding at least daily Hematocrit every other day while hospitalized CBC periodically as an outpatient when other laboratory parameters are checked, but not more frequently than every 6 months unless a problem is suspected
Reduce risk of gastrointestinal bleeding (GI Bleed Prophylaxis)		 Initiate gastrointestinal protection with a proton pump inhibitor in an elderly patient with a past medical history of GI bleed. Any one (1) of the following is correct: Pantoprazole 40 mg PO daily Lansoprazole 15 mg – 30 mg PO daily Rabeprazole 20 mg PO daily 30 mg PO daily Dexlansoprazole 30 mg PO daily 	Therapeutic goals Prevent gastrointestinal bleed Monitoring parameters Fecal occult testing with each bowel movement while hospitalized Instruct patient to report blood in stool or dark, tarry stools
Diabetes - type 2, secondary stroke prophylaxis	2	 ICU & stroke floor care Discontinue metformin XL while hospitalized Continue current insulin orders OR Total daily dose method insulin glargine (or other basal) 15 units qday with nutritional insulin lispro (or other rapid) select the '5 units scale' 3 times a day with meals 	Therapeutic Goals ICU & stroke floor care Target glucose range of 140–180 mg/dL Monitoring Parameters ICU & stroke floor care Fasting/pre-prandial blood glucose

		Discharge to home	Therapeutic Goals: Long Term Plan
		 Discontinue in-patient insulin regimen when writing discharge orders and reconciling medications Revise metformin XL to 1g bid upon discharge Best answer: Initiate only 1 of the following GLP-1 receptor agonist upon discharge Dulaglutide 0.75 mg SQ weekly Semaglutide 3 mg PO once daily ≥ 30 minutes before the 1st food, beverage or other medications of the day Exenatide extended release 2 mg SQ once weekly Second choice answer: Initiate only 1 of the following GLP-1 receptor agonist upon discharge Liraglutide 0.6 mg SQ daily for one week, then 1.2 mg SQ daily Lixisenatide 10 mg SQ daily for 14 days, then 20 mg SQ once daily Exenatide immediate release 5 mcg SQ twice daily within 60 minutes prior to the 2 main meals of the day Third choice answer: Initiate only 1 of the following SGLT2 inhibitors upon discharge Canagliflozin 100 mg PO once daily Dapagliflozin 5 mg PO once daily Empagliflozin 10 mg PO once daily Empagliflozin 5 mg PO once daily Ertugliflozin 5 mg PO once daily Expanding the following school and the	 A1C ≤7% Fasting/pre-prandial blood glucose: greater than 70 mg/dL but < 130 mg/dL Peak post-prandial blood glucose: less than 180 mg/dL Monitoring Parameters: Long Term Plan POC glucose 5-7 days a week, alternating the timing. For example, AM fasting 3 days a week and post-prandial (lunch or dinner) 3 times a week. A1C in 3 months Gastrointestinal disturbances with metformin and GLP-1RA (if selected) Lifestyle modifications Body weight weekly
Hypertension	2	 Continue IV nicardipine 5mg per hour IV, titrate up (or down) by 2.5mg per hour every 5–15 minutes, maximum 15mg per hour OR Labetalol 10mg IV over 1–2 min, may repeat 1 time Stroke care/floor care after the patient has left the ICU 	In-patient plan Therapeutic Goals Systolic BP > 120mmHg but < 180mmHg Diastolic BP < 105mmHg During the first 24 hours • Blood pressure: less than 140/90 mmHg
		 Bonus: Hold parameters for blood pressure below 120/80mmHg Choose only one (1) Continue lisinopril/hydrochlorothiazide 10 mg/12.5 mg PO daily 	or less than 130/80 mmHg • BONUS: but not less than 120/80 mmHg Monitoring Parameters (if ACEi/ARB/diuretic)

	 Discontinue lisinopril/hydrochlorothiazide and begin lisinopril 5 mg or 10 mg PO daily Discontinue lisinopril/hydrochlorothiazide and begin hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg or 25 mg PO daily Initiate once daily PO ACE inhibitor other than lisinopril Benazepril 10 mg, ramipril 2.5 mg, fosinopril 10 mg, moexipril 7.5 mg, perindopril 4 mg, quinapril 10 mg, trandolapril 1 mg Not captopril or enalapril (frequency) Initiate once daily PO thiazide diuretic other than hydrochlorothiazide Chlorthalidone 12.5 mg, indapamide 1.25 mg Initiate once daily PO ARB Candesartan 8 mg, irbesartan 150 mg, losartan 25 mg, olmesartan 20 mg, telmisartan 20 mg, valsartan 80 mg, azilsartan 40 mg Initiate once daily PO nondihydropyridine calcium channel blocker Amlodipine 5 mg, felodipine 2.5 mg, nisoldipine 17 mg nifedipine XL 30 mg Acceptable but not preferred: isradipine 2.5 mg PO twice daily 	 Serum creatinine, blood urea nitrogen. And potassium: baseline and every other day unless the patient has out of range results, then daily Signs and symptoms of hypotension: q4h after the acute post-thrombolysis monitoring (see problem 1) Signs and symptoms of hypertension: q4h after the acute post-thrombolysis monitoring (see problem 1) ACEi - Report cough to health care provider. Monitor q8-12 hours (based on nursing shift/handoff) (if calcium channel blocker) lower extremity edema •
Hyperlipidemia, secondary stroke prophylaxis	Discontinue atorvastatin 10 mg PO daily Atorvastatin 80 mg PO daily OR Rosuvastatin 20 mg or 40 mg PO daily Dietary recommendation: Mediterranean or DASH	Therapeutic Goals LDL-C < 70mg/dL Monitoring parameters Fasting lipid panel in 4 weeks, but may be extended up to 12 weeks Signs and symptoms of hepatic toxicity dark urine, nausea +/- vomiting, abdominal pain, lack of appetite, fatigue or yellow skins/eyes If symptoms, perform liver panel with ALT, AST, bilirubin and alkaline phosphatase

Smoking Cessation	2	Discontinue nicotine transdermal patches. Counsel patient to encourage smoking cessation	Signs and symptoms of muscle toxicity – report muscle pain, tenderness or weakness if greater than mild and/or persistent If symptoms, perform CPK lab test Therapeutic Goals Abstinence from smoking if patient is willing Monitoring Parameters Abstinence from smoking Barriers to quitting
Migraine, acute treatment	3	 Discontinue naratropin Best option (efficacy and safety) Lasmiditan 50 mg or 100 mg x1 dose; maximum 1 dose in 24 hours Second choices (in no particular order) Rimegepant 75 mg x1 dose on or under the tongue; maximum 1 dose in 24 hours Ubrogepant 50 mg x1 dose; may repeat x1 after ≥ 2 hours; maximum 100 mg in 24 hours Third choices Acetaminophen 1,000 mg q4-6 hours, maximum 4 g per 24 hours Celecoxib 400 mg x 1 dose; may repeat 200 mg in 8-12 hours if needed Rescue regimen: any one of the following may be taken following a partial response to the 1st and 2nd choices Acetaminophen 1,000 mg q4-6 hours, maximum 4 g per 24 hours Celecoxib 400 mg x 1 dose; may repeat 200 mg in 8-12 hours if needed. Maximum one day per week. BONUS: Counsel the patient that triptans are no longer migraine treatment options due to the stroke and he should not use any of the product he has at home 	Therapeutic Goals Rapid abatement of the most problematic symptom resulting in restoration of the patient's ability to function Monitoring parameters Migraine and headache quantity and quality Call neurologist for any acute unexpected changes in quantity or quality

Obesity	3	 Counsel patient on lifestyle modifications – diet and exercise; Consider referring for out-patient nutritional counseling via healthcare office or local support or on-line support (i.e. Weight Watchers, YMCA, Silver Sneakers) Initiate only one (1) of the following GLP-1 receptor agonist upon discharge (The answer should be the same agent the student selects for diabetes, if a GLP-1RA is selected.): Dulaglutide 0.75 mg SQ weekly Semaglutide 0.25 mg SQ weekly Semaglutide 3 mg PO once daily ≥ 30 minutes before the 1st food, beverage or other medications of the day Exenatide extended release 2 mg SQ once weekly Liraglutide 0.6 mg SQ daily for one week, then 1.2 mg SQ daily Lixisenatide 10 mg SQ daily for 14 days, then 20 mg SQ once daily Exenatide immediate release 5 mcg SQ twice daily within 60 minutes prior to the 2 main meals of the day 	Therapeutic Goals
Immunizations	3	 Administer second dose of Shingrix (Zoster Vaccine Recombinant, Adjuvanted) IM x 1 within 6 months of the first dose to complete the series. May be performed as an outpatient. 	 Therapeutic Goals Prevent herpes zoster (shingles) Monitoring parameters Monitor for anaphylaxis and syncope for 15 minutes following injection Injection site pain, erythema, swelling, fatigue, malaise, headache, or fever may occur. Oral acetaminophen may be administered as needed, no more than 1000mg four times (q4-6H) in 24 hours.