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# NEONATAL SCREENING FOR CONGENITAL METABOLIC DISEASES

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- What is congenital metabolic disease?



# Congenital metabolic diseases or inborn errors of metabolism



- **Accumulation** of substances which are toxic or interfere with normal function
- **Reduced ability** to synthesize essential compounds.

# Classification of CMDs

- Intoxication
- Decreased energy production
- Decreased complex molecules

# Intoxication

- Organic acidemias ( propionic acidemia, **Methylmalonic acidemia**, Isovaleric acidemia )
- Aminoacidopathies ( **PKU**, Tyrosinemia , MSUD,...)
- Urea cycle defects
- Metal intoxication (Hemochromatosis . Menkes , **Wilson D**)
- Sugar intolerance ( **Galactosemia**, HFI)
- Porphyria
- Neurotransmitter defects

# Intoxication

- Not interfere with the **embryo-fetal** development
- Present with a **symptom-free interval**
- Clinical signs of intoxication may be **acute** (vomiting, coma, liver failure, thromboembolic complications etc.)  
**or chronic** (failure to thrive, developmental delay, ectopia lentis, cardiomyopathy etc.).

## Energy production or utilization

- Deficiency in energy production or utilization within **liver, myocardium, muscle, brain** or other tissues.



## Energy production or utilization

### ■ Cytoplasm;

- Glycogen storage disease
- Gluconeogenesis defects
- Creatin transporter defects

### ■ Mitochondrial diseases

## Complex molecule defects

- Lysosomal storage diseases (Gaucher D , Neiman pick, Tay-sachs, ...)
- Peroxisomal disorders ( zellweger D. , Refsum D, ... )
- Congenital Disorders of glycosylation

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## Neonatal screening for CMDs

- Dried Blood Spot
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> day concomitant with TSH

## Causes of abnormal screening results

- **Nutritional** problems
- **Technical** issues
- **Maternal** diseases or deficiencies
- **Sepsis, prematurity,...**
- **Transient** abnormalities
- False Positive results
- Congenital Metabolic Diseases





Leucine + Isoleucine



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## Differential Diagnoses:

- MSUD
- Hydroxyprolinemolmia
- Other rare IEM

# Leucine + Isoleucine

- **Urgent** decision making
- Significant increase: may needs admission

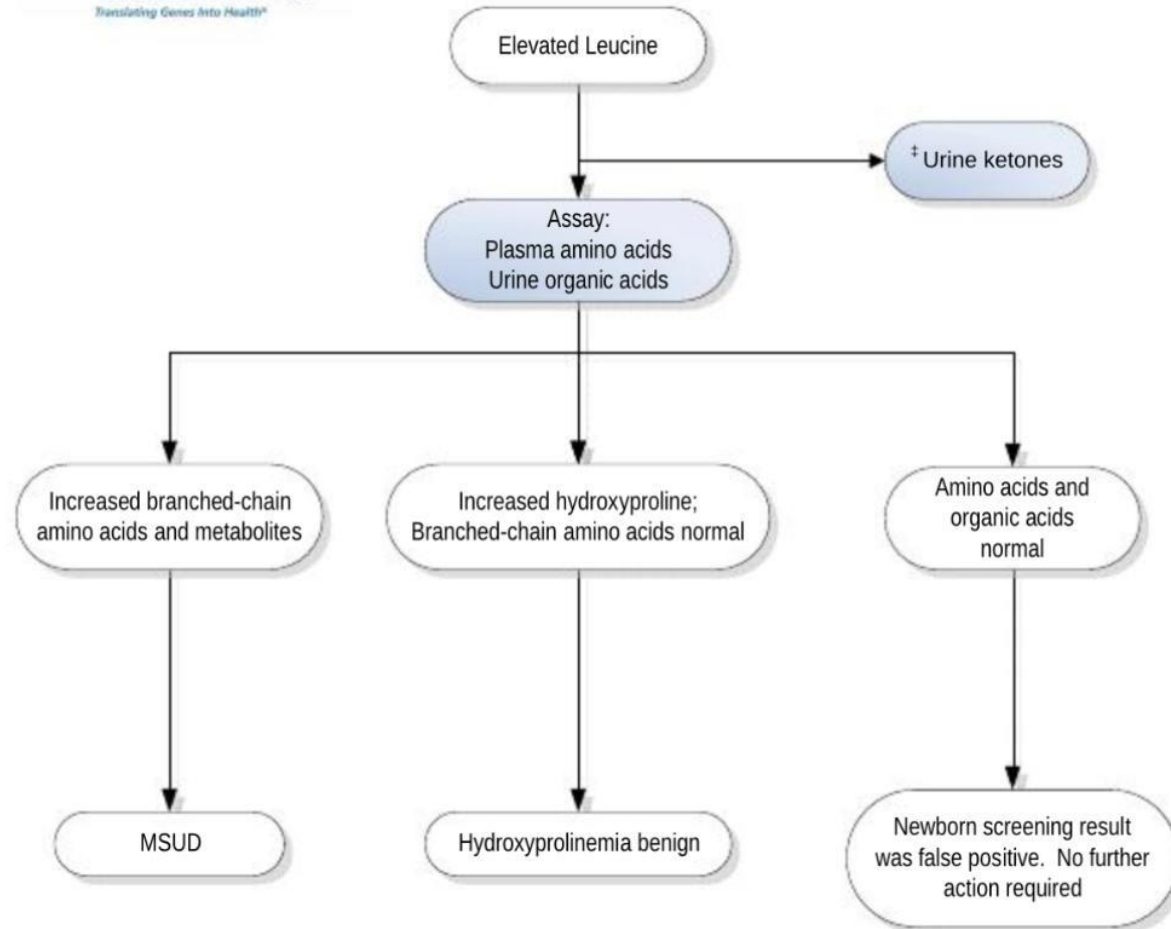
## Plan:

- Plasma **aminoacids**
- Urine organic acids
- Urine ketones

## Decision making:

- Increased BCAA and metabolites: MSUD
- **Allo-isoleucine** is more specific
- Increased **hydroxyproline**, normal BCAA: benign hydroxyprolinemia
- Normal aminoacids and organic acids : reassurance, no further action

## Leucine Elevated



REDUCED CO (FREE CARNITINE)



# Reduced CO (free carnitine)

## Differential Diagnoses:

- **Carnitine uptake defect** (primary carnitine def)
- **Maternal** carnitine deficiency
- Malnutrition
- **Other** metabolic diseases (glutaric aciduria1,...)

## Reduced CO (free carnitine)

### Plan:

- Routine lab: (BS, electrolytes, VBG, CBC, ammonia)
- Plasma **acyl carnitines**
- **Urine** free carnitine ( l-carnitine )
- Consider severity of abnormality



## Reduced CO (free carnitine)

### Decision making:

- Normal plasma and urine carnitines: reassurance
- Decreased plasma l-carnitine (severe) and increased urine l-carnitine: **carnitine uptake defect**

HOW MANY PATIENTS WITH CMD ARE LIVING IN IRAN ?



- There is no accurate registry.
- About 500 diagnosed patients?
- About 150 diagnosed by neonatal screening

## Are CMDs treatable?

- PKU
- Galactosemia
- Tyroinemia
- MSUD
- Gaucher
- Glutaric aciduria
- Cerebral Creatine Deficiencies
- Homocystinuria
- Methylmalonic acidemia

- What is the effect of **early diagnosis** of metabolic diseases on their prognosis?



# PKU, Hyperphenylalaninemia

- **CNS** involvement
- **Limitation of Phe** in diet
- Calculation of dietary phe by parents
- Frequent measurement of Phe
- Novel methods of treatment by daily SQ injections
- **Prognosis** In cooperative patients is usually good

# MSUD

- CNS involvement
- Limitation of Leucine, Isoleucine, Valine in diet
- Frequent measurement of plasma aminoacids
- Some patients have normal IQ

# Tyrosinemia type 1

- Involvement of **liver, kidney and nervous system**
- Damage is caused by **Succinyl acetone**
- Treatment with **Nitisinone** to decrease succinyl acetone level
- Limitation of Tyrosine in diet
- Frequent measurement of LFT and succinyl acetone
- Disease can be controlled successfully.



# Glutaric aciduria type 1

- **CNS** involvement
- **Limitation of Lysine** in diet
- L carnitine supplementation
- Some patients have normal IQ

# Urea Cycle Defects

- **CNS** involvement
- Limitation of some aminoacids in diet
- **Treatment with L.carnitine, Sodium Benzoate, Phenyl butyrate**
- Frequent measurement of Ammonia
- Treatment can prevent or decrease CNS damage

## Other Protein metabolism disorder

- Methylmalonic acidemia
- Propionic acidemia
- Isovaleric acidemia
- $\beta$ -ketothiolase deficiency
- 3 Methyl crotonyl coa carboxylase deficiency
- Isobutyryl coa dehydrogenase deficiency

Special formula for each disease  
compensates for lack of protein  
consumption in that disease



## Role of Pediatricians

- Psychosocial support
- Treatment may be difficult, but is **beneficial**.

## Role of Pediatricians

- Inborn errors of protein metabolism, acute illness:
  - Poor feeding, nausea, lethargy (even mild);
  - Dextrose water, preferably 10% with NaCl, even in normoglycemia
  - Stop dietary natural protein for 24-48 hr
  - Increase L.carnitine dose 1.5-2 times
  - Measure Ammonia level in Methylmalonic acidemia, Propionic acidemia, Isovaleric acidemia, Urea Cycle Defects and increase the dose of Na Benzoate and Phenylbutyrate is required

## Fat metabolism disorder

- **Primary Carnitine efficiency**, Carnitine uptake defect
- Medium chain acyl coa dehydrogenase deficiency; **MCAD**
- Short chain acyl coa dehydrogenase deficiency; **SCAD**
- Other types

## Primary Carnitine efficiency, Carnitine uptake defect

- Involvement of **heart and muscles**
- Treatment with **high doses of L.carnitine**
- Without treatment: lethal
- With treatment: Normal life



## Fatty acid oxidation defects

- MCAD def, SCAD def, VLCAD def:
- Involvement of **liver, heart, muscle and brain** (hypoglycemia)
- **Avoid fasting**
- Without treatment: sudden cardiac death, CNS involvement
- With treatment: normal life

# Galactosemia

- Screening only in Fars
- **Liver involvement, Cataract**
- Next years: renal involvement, delayed development especially speech delay, delayed puberty in girls
- Elimination of Galactose in diet (**only dairy products**)
- Without treatment: fulminant hepatic failure, cataract
- With treatment: Usually normal life

# نکات کلیدی

- غربالگری نوزادان از نظر بیماری های متابولیک ارثی در روز ۲ تا ۵ تولد انجام می شود.
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