Thyroid

Hypothyroidism	Thyrotoxicosis (any cause of TH excess) vs Hyperthyroidism (subset in which		
<ul> <li>Neuro/Ophtho/Psych: slowed mental fxn "brain fog", fatigue, increased need for sleep, apathy, depression, diminished hearing, DTRs w/ slow return to relaxed state aka "hung up", ptosis, loss of lateral 1/3 portion of eyebrows</li> <li>CV: bradycardia, systolic HypoTN / diastolic HTN, decreased cardiac contractility, overall decreased CO, pericardial effusion, accelerated atherosclerosis</li> <li>Pulm/ENT: pleural effusion, hoarse, low voice, slow speech</li> <li>MS: weakness, myalgias w/ ↑CK, arthralgia</li> <li>Derm: dry skin, cold intolerance, coarse and brittle hair/nails, myxedema (build up of matrix substances like GAGs in tissue specifically tongue, eye, hand) resulting in enlarged tongue, non-pitting edema throughout esp periorbital area, carpel tunnel syndrome</li> <li>Renal: hyponatremia 2/2 SIADH</li> <li>GI: constipation, peritoneal effusion aka ascites</li> <li>Endo: hypoglycemia, ↑LDL, ↑TG, ↓HDL, decreased metabolic rate, weight gain</li> <li>GU: menorrhagia</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>excess TH is 2/2 increased TH production and release)</li> <li>Neuro/Ophtho/Psych: nervousness, insomnia, irritable, anxiety, rapid speech, fatigue (b/c the body is chronically revved up the pt is fatigued), brisk DTRs, increased sympathetic output stimulates the levator palpabre aka wide staring eye (lid retraction) and delay in moving upper lid down as eye moves downward resulting in sclera visible above iris (lid lag)</li> <li>CV: palpitations due to tachy-arrhythmias, HTN</li> <li>Pulm/ENT: decreased capacity due to muscle weakness</li> <li>MS: jittery, tremor, hyperactive, easy fatigability, fractures 2/2 resorption (consider checking a DEXA scan)</li> <li>Derm: warm moist skin, excessive hyperhydrosis, heat intolerance, thin fine hair, hair loss, hyperpigmentation, onycholysis (separation of fingernail from bed)</li> <li>GI: diarrhea</li> <li>Endo: hyperglycemia, ↓LDL, ↓TG, ↑HDL, increased metabolic rate, weight loss despite increased appetite</li> <li>GU: amenorrhea, ED and decreased libido</li> <li>Heme: N/N anemia</li> </ul>		
Heme: N/N anemia			
NB everything hypo except LDL, TG, menses, sexual activity, for both hypo/hyper you can have Sx due to mass effect resulting in airway/esophageal			
compression			
NB higher prolactin			
<ul> <li>Myxedema Coma (Medical Emergency w/ 40% Mortality)         <ul> <li>Mech: severe hypothyroidism in a chronically untreated hypothyroid pt that experiences a precipitating event (trauma, infection, cold exposure, narcotics) esp seen in elderly women during winter time</li> <li>S/S                 <ul> <li>General: hypothermia</li> <li>CNS: depressed state of consciousness to coma</li> <li>Gl: hypoNa (b/c ~SIADH), hypoGlu</li> <li>CV: L0 CHF, bradycardia, hypoTN, pericardial effusion</li> <li>Resp: resp depression, hypoventilation, pleural effusion</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	<ul> <li>Thyrotoxic Storm (Medical Emergency w/ 20% Mortality)         <ul> <li>Mech: severe hyperthyroidism in a chronically untreated hyperthyroid pt that experiences a precipitating event (emotional stress, trauma, infection, DKA, surgery, MI, stroke, PE, childbirth, radioiodine, iodinated contrast dyes, abrupt cessation of antithyroids, vigorous thyroid palpation)</li> <li>S/S</li> <li>General: hyperthermia, exhaustion, flushing, sweating</li> <li>CNS: mild (agitation) mod (delirium, psychosis, lethargy) severe (seizure, coma)</li> <li>GI: N, V, D, ab pain, jaundice (late ominous complication)</li> <li>CV: HO CHF, tachycardia, HypoTN (not HTN)</li> <li>Tx</li> <li>cooling blankets and acetaminophen for F</li> <li>Propranolol to maintain BP</li> <li>IV fluids and glucose</li> <li>PTU</li> <li>Na lodide (very large []) to inhibit further T4 release (only start 1hr after antithyroid drugs) via Wolff-Chaikoff Effect, this effect only lasts for a few days</li> <li>dexamethasone to inhibit conversion of T4 to T3. prophylaxis against relative adrenal</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Cretinism	insufficiency		
<ul> <li>Mech: 1/4000 newborns hence part of newborn screen, it is one of the metabolic disorders that is routinely checked at birth, unique causes (congenital problems, mother's diet deficient in I, autoimmune mother transfers Abs to fetus, prenatal exposure to radioiodine or antithyroid meds aka "goitrogens")</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>DO NOT GIVE salicylates b/c increase conversion of T4 to T3 and O2 consumption</li> <li>broad culture and empiric broad spectrum abx</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>S/S</li> <li>at birth usually look normal (sometimes they have low Apgar's, prolonged jaundice, and hypotonia) regardless newborn screen is done</li> </ul>			

<ul> <li>b/c not overtly apparent early on</li> <li>if not caught then Physical: developmental delay, wide fontanel, enlarged tongue, abdominal distension, coarse facial features, umbilical herniation (everything is "big") and Mental: developmental delay, mental retardation</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>T4 aka Levothyroxine (Synthroid, Levothyroid, Levoxy, Unithroid) (mg) different brands of levothyroxine are not always interchangeable and bioequivalent therefore if you switch then check TSH, 1/2IV = PO, even though T3 is 5x more potent than T4, T4 is better b/c it has "8x the half life hence can take QD (t1/2 T4 = 8d, t1/2 T3 = 1d)</li> <li>Interfered Absorption w/ PPIs and cations (iron, antacids, calcium, sucrulfate, cholestyramine) therefore take 4hrs before or after</li> <li>Enhanced Metabolism w/ rifampin and AEDs therefore increase dose</li> <li>NB when a pt suddenly needs more HRT consider drug interaction</li> <li>T4+T3 aka Levo + Lio (Armour, Thyrolar) (grain) because TH in the blood is a mixture of T4 (80%) and T3 (20%) it was theorized that it would be best to administer HRT with this ratio but studies indicate there is little benefit except for treating fatigue and that there is actually an increased r/o arrhythmias</li> <li>T3 aka Liothyroxine (Cytomel, Triostat) (mcg)</li> <li>Treatment Strategy (adjust at 12.5mcg amounts Q4-8wks, 50mcg of levo = 65mg/Igrain of lio + levo = 25mcg of lio)</li> <li>Sub-Clinical (very controversial, all based on risk of osteoporosis/tachyarrhythmias if pt is Tx vs risks of remaining hypoTH)</li> <li>&gt;65yo OR Heart D2 OR Osteoporosis</li> <li>T5H 4.5-10 (mild) = NO Tx</li> <li>T5H &gt;10</li> <li>(severe)/Symptoms/Goiter/Pregna ncy/Infertility = Low Dose Tx (1.4mcg/kg/d) w/ Goal TSH (1.0; )</li> <li>G5yo AND NO Heart Dz AND NO Osteoporosis = Tx</li> <li>TSH 4.5-10 (mild) = Med Dose Tx (1.5mcg/kg/d) w/ Goal TSH (0.50)</li> <li>NB subclinical is usually 2/2 early Hashimoto's therefore check anti-TPO Ab and if high then follow pt closely b/c pt will likely become clinical in a very short period of time</li> <li>Clinical (always treat w/ 1.7mcg/kg/d)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>BB: used to treat CV symptoms of hyperTH and has also been found to inhibit a deiodinase converting T4 to T3         <ul> <li>Propranol0</li> </ul> </li> <li>Thionamides: inhibit (1) thyroperoxidase which iodinates and conjugates tyrosines together and (2) deiodinase (only PTU)         <ul> <li>Propyl-Thio-Uracil (PTU)</li> <li>Propyl-Thio-Uracil (PTU)</li> <li>Propyl-Thio-Uracil (PTU)</li> <li>Prospenatory</li> <li>Cother SEs: tastes bad</li> <li>Methi-Ma-Zole (MMZ)</li> <li>Long Half-Life BUT Slow Acting (Q12hrs) therefore QD dosing</li> <li>More Milk/Placenta Penetration</li> <li>Other SEs: congenital newborn scalp malformation, aplasia cutis and GI defects</li> <li>SEs: PTU/MMI have same SE profile, check CBC/LFTs/TFTS Q1-3mo</li> <li>Rare Severe (0.5%) (cannot switch to other agent)</li> <li>Agranulocytosis and Aplastic Anemia (warn pt of any fever, sore throat, mouth ulcers, etc., seen in 0.2%, since Sx of granulocytosis are acute surveillance with CBC is not recommended just tell ps to tell you about Sx, can occur at any time, higher risk in older pts and at higher doses)</li> <li>Hepatic Necrosis (warn pt of jaundice)</li> <li>Vasculitis</li> <li>Common Mild (5%) (can switch to other agent)</li> <li>Treatment Strategy</li> <li>Sub-Clinical (very controversial, all based on risk of Tx vs risks of osteoporosis/tachyarrhythmias if pt remains hyperTH)</li> <li><li><li><li></li> <li>Sub-Clinical (very controversial, all based on risk of Tx vs risks of osteoporosis/tachyarrhythmias if pt remains hyperTH)</li> <li><li><li></li> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li></li></li></li></li></li></ul></li></ul>
	<ul> <li>TSH &lt;0.1 = Large Dose Tx</li> <li>Clinical (always treat)</li> </ul>

	Thyroiditis (REMEMBER LOW RAUI)				
Туре	Autoimmune Hashimoto's	De Quervain's	Sporadic-PostPartum	Suppurative	
			(SOME SAY A VARIANT OF		
			HASHIMOTOS)		
Course	Chronic	Subacute	Subacute	Acute	
Histology	Lymphocytic	Granulomatous	Lymphocytic	Neutrophilic	
Pt	Pt: +FHx, F>M, any age but peaks at	Mechanism: summer time URT viral	Mechanism:	Mechanism: radiation,	
Mechanism	~40yo, other autoimmune conditions:	infection with coxsackie, adeno,	idiopathic/sporadic or post-	Amio, trauma, infection:	
	PGA-II, Addison's, DM, Pernicious Anemia,	measles, mumps during the summer	partum (10% of post-partum	bacterial, fungal, parasitic,	

	Sjogren's, Primary Biliary Cirrhosis, etc	time $ ightarrow$ prodromal phase (F, flu-like	mothers (autoimmunity that	ТВ
	Mechanism: autoimmune antibodies bind	illness) for 2wks $\rightarrow$ thyroid	unmasks as immune	
	peroxidase, thyroglobulin and TSH-	inflammation results in leakage of	surveillance rebounds after	
	receptor but do not stimulate activity just	stored hormone (transient	pregnancy, increased risk if	
	attract complement $ ightarrow$ thyroid	HYPERthryoidism) $\rightarrow$ as hormone	mother has + anti-TPO during	
	inflammation results in leakage of stored	begins to deplete (transient	pregnancy) $\rightarrow$ Hyperthyroid	
	hormone (rare transient	EUthyroidism) $\rightarrow$ as hormone	0-6mo after delivery $ ightarrow$	
	HYPERthryoidism) "Hashitoxicosis" $\rightarrow$ as	depletion becomes more severe	Euthyroid 6-8mo $ ightarrow$	
	hormone begins to deplete (transient	(transient HYPOthyroidism) $\rightarrow$ immune	Hyothyroid 8mo-10mo $ ightarrow$	
	EUthyroidism) $\rightarrow$ as hormone depletion	system removes virus $\rightarrow$ full recovery	Euthyroid w/ typical course	
	becomes more severe (permanent	of thyroid function (permanent	lasting ~10mo	
	HYPOthyroidism)	EUthryoid) w/ typical course lasting 2-	NB 50% will develop	
	Complication: thyroid lymphoma	12 months	Hashimoto's if +anti-TPO	
Unique	Goiter	Diffusely Painful Thyroid w/ pain		Painful
Features		radiating to the ears		
Labs	<ul> <li>variable TFTs (recheck TSH to ensure</li> </ul>	variable TFTs	variable TFTs	<ul> <li>variable TFTs</li> </ul>
(increased	chronic thyroiditis vs. transient	<ul> <li>high APRs</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>high APRs</li> </ul>
TG)	acute/subacute thyroiditis)			
	<ul> <li>Anti-Tyrosine Peroxidase (TPO) aka</li> </ul>			
	Anti-Microsomal Ab (95% sens) unlike			
	anti-TSH-receptor for Graves, anti-TPO			
	is checked because its level (also TSH) is			
	predictive for progression to overt			
	hypothyroidism			
	<ul> <li>Anti-Thyroglobulin (85% sens)</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Anti-TSH-Receptor aka Thyroid</li> </ul>			
	Stimulating Ig (15% sens)			
Тх	HRT	beta-blockers, NSAIDs to SAIDs if		" " + Abx
		severe, HRT is recommended for 3-		
		6mo after which it should be		
		withdrawn to see if the pt has fully		

Hypothyroidism

• Late Thyroiditis (refer above)

Meds (Type II Amiodarone, Lithium, Hyperthyroidism Meds, Iodine Deficiency)

- Amiodarone (can cause two very different disease (one hyper the other hypo) and some pts can have elements of both, check TFTs prior and at 4mo intervals and for 1yr after amio stopped)
  - Type I (Goitrous, 3% of pts, increased/homogenous RAIU/Scan, tends to occur in pts w/ pre-existing thyroid disease) Mech: high iodine content upregulates sodium-iodide symporter resulting in thyroid stimulation (Jodbasedow Effect), Tx: similar to Graves
  - Type II (Non-Goitrous, 10% of pts, decreased/homogneous RAIU/Scan, tends NOT to occur in pts w/ preexisting thyroid disease) Mech: high iodine content downregulates sodium-iodide symporter resulting in thyroid rest (Wolf-Chaikoff Effect), but this effect lasts ~1mo unless pt has underlying thyroid disease, NB Wolf-Chaikoff Effect can be used as a treatment against hyperthyroidism by infusion of a large amount of iodine to shut down the hyperfunctioning thyroid gland, NB there can also be a destructive effect of amiodarone on the thyroid resulting in a thyroiditis, Tx: similar to De Quervain's
- Infiltration (Malignant Thyroid Cancer, Metastatic, Riedel's w/ scar tissue, Amyloidosis, Hemachromatosis, Sarcoidosis, Scleroderma, etc, firm gland on PEx, can compress trachea/esophageal/parathyroids)
- Head & Neck Surgery/Radiation
- Congenital (Problem with Formation: Agenesis (does not form) vs Dysgenesis (forms improperly), Hormone Enzyme Synthesis Disorder: Pendred Syndrome (+ hearing loss), Peripheral Thyroid Gland Hormone Resistance, Genetic Syndromes: Down's, Turner's, Kleinfelter's)
- Secondary (Hypothalamic-Pituitary Failure)

Hyperthyroidism

- **Early Thyroiditis** (in general the thyrotoxicosis caused by thyroiditis is less severe than that seen with causes below, RAIU is low, only treatment during these brief thyrotoxic states is beta-blocker to mainly treat symptoms otherwise do not use thionamides b/c not helpful b/c it is not a problem of over production but of destruction and spilling out of TH)
- Autoimmune Grave's Disease
  - Pt: other autoimmune disease, 0.5% of the population, ~50yo (but in general younger than Plummer's), F>M, +HLA, often triggered by childbirth, life stressors, infection, et al, if + maternal relatives then increased incidence and at a younger age
  - Mechanism: antibodies bind TSH receptor and actually act as an agonist  $\rightarrow$  EVERY follicular cell is hyperfunctioning  $\rightarrow$  HYPERthyroidism
  - o PEx

- Goiter w/ Bruit (increased blood flow on Doppler US)
- Thyroid Associated Ophthalmopathy (TAO) (50% clinically and 90% on imaging) abs against TSH-receptor cross react with periorbital connective tissue, retroorbital fat, and extraocular muscles resulting in exophthalmos/proptosis (eyes bulge out w/ sclera visible b/t lower iris and lower lid), lagophthlamos (inability to close eyes), optic neuritis, diplopia [TAO DOES NO DISAPPEAR AFTER YOU TREAT AND FIX THE THYROID PROBLEM B/C THE PROBLEM IS NOT ELEVATED T3/T4 BUT THE ANTIBODY] Tx options include intraocular steroid, antiinflammatory, immunosuppressive injections, radiation, and surgery, refer to ophthalmologist
- Pretibial Myxedema (1%) scaly, doughy, indurated, non-pitting edema skin overlying shins with violaceous nodules vs Eye, Hand, Tongue Myxedema seen in hypoTH
- Acropachy (0.1%) aka digital clubbing
- o Studies
  - lg
- Anti-TSH Receptor aka TSI (Thyroid Stimulating Ig) (sens 90%, very expensive and not needed to make dx thus not checked only during pregnancy b/c high titers is linked to neonatal hyperTH)
- TBII (Thyroid Binding Ig)
- Anti-Thyroglobulin (sens 60%)
- Anti-TPO (sens 60%, if + more associated w/ TAO) aka Anti-Microsomal-Ab
- RAUI/Scan: Increased/Homogenous
- Tx: you can be cured w/ meds but after 1yr of Tx there was a 50% relapse rate if meds are stopped therefore lifelong vs another option is surgery or radioactive ablation. After diagnosis you start a thionamide and a beta-blocker, then taper off beta-blocker after 1-2mo, continue thionamide until euthyroid which takes ~1yr so that thyroid storm does not occur during the surgery or ablation, then proceed with surgery or ablation.
  - 1° Radioactive Ablation: everyone except pregnant, child, suspect cancer b/c of nodule, compressive symptoms, TAOs (NB for some reason after radiation 15% of Grave's pts get worse eye symptom for a few months which is mild, returns to normal in 2 mo, effect may be decreased with corticosteroid use, if preexisting TAO is severe do surgery, smoking cessation decreases risk), single oral capsule 10-30 mCi of <sup>131</sup>I, ionizing iodine causes cancer but radioactive iodine does not, hypothyroid in 2mo, 7d pre-op stop thionamide, 20% relapse rate, SEs: transient neck tenderness, transient decrease in testosterone, there was some concern that there were increased episodes of CV disease and certain cancers but that was never confirmed
     2° Surgery: for the exceptions, subtotal (keep ~4-5g to prevent hypoTH), 5% relapse rate, Pre-Op: continue drugs, give KI (Wolff-Chaikoff Effect) 7-10d before surgery to decrease r/o thyroid storm and to decrease size/vascularity as much as possible, Post-Op Complications: HypoTH, HypoPTH (many times you can transplant the glands to the SCM and forearm if vascular supply is compromised), Hemorrhage leading to
    - airway obstruction, Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve (Uni Damaged: hoarse x3mo, Bi Damaged: hoarse x6mo, Uni Cut: hoarse lifelong, Bi Cut: airway obstruction 2/2 vocal cord paralyzed in the midline adducted position, Tx: emergency intubation followed by lateral fixation of arytenoids cartilage)
- Plummer's Disease aka Toxic Multinodular Goiter

## Pt: elderly

- Mechanism: autonomous hyperfunctioning of SOME follicular cells  $\rightarrow$  HYPERthyroidism (BUT the non functioning normal follicular cells actually atrophy b/c the increased TH from the hyperfunctioning cells feedback and inhibits TSH release)
- o PEx
  - Multinodular
    - Apathetic Thyrotoxicosis: very slow progression unlike Graves, thyroid goes from euthyroid to subclinical hyperthyroid to clinical hyperthyroid to overt thyrotoxicosis over many years hence it really manifests clinically when old and when they do the pt is usually lethargic, depressed, decreased appetite, etc aka opposite of what you would think hence called "apathetic thyrotoxicosis"
    - Pemberton's Sign: goiter extends into the mediastinum compressing substernal contents trachea (dyspnea), esophagus (dysphagia), great vessels (venous congestion, facial flushing, and lightheadedeness)
- Studies
  - RAIU/Scan: normal/heterogenous (some parts nl/cold/hot)
- Tx: similar treatment to Graves but unlike in Graves where the entire gland is ablated in Plummers the hypofunctioning tissue returns back to normal and pt might not need HRT (if Pemberton's Sign than surgical removal is necessary)
- NB increased risk for iodine-induced thyrotoxicosis and thus should be monitored after exposure to iodinated contrast or iodine rich medications
- Functioning Adenoma (hot single nodule, usually an activating mutation of the TSH receptor, TH production is proportional to size such that overt hyperthyroidism manifests when nodule is >3cm, Normal-Increased RAIU "Hot/nl" + Single Nodular Scan, develop very slowly (like Plummer's) manifesting in the elderly, Tx: hemithyroidectomy)
- Ectopic
  - Struma Ovarii (autonomous thyroid tissue in ovarian teratoma)
  - HCG-Secreting Tumor (HCG is similar to T4 in structure and action)
- Exogenous
  - Prescribed
  - Factious
- Iodine (Jodbasedow Effect)
- Secondary

• TSH Secreting Pituitary Adenoma (TSH is a dimer of alpha/beta, in adenomas there is an increase in ratio of alpha to beta, Tx: resection then somatostatin analogues then XRT)

0	Resistance to Thyroid Hormone	(TH receptor in pituitary is	s mutated resulting in constantly increased TSH)
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Type	Malignanov	Grado	Mutation	Notos	Motastasis	Trootmont
(Frequency)	10vr Survival	Graue	withation	Notes	Pre-On: Neck US and	Surgery (below)
(irrequency)	10yi Sulvival				CT Chest to check for	• Surgery (Delow)
NB unlike						<ul> <li>PostOn Radiation</li> </ul>
most other						$w/\frac{131}{1}$ that is 5-
cancers						10v higher than
thyroid cancer						ablation used for
continues to						Graves (excent
rise in						for MTC)
incidence over						HRT to suppress
the past few						TSH (~0 3mU/I
decades						not 0) effects on
						hidden cancer
						(except for MTC)
						Eollow markers
						(thyroglobulin/ca
						(city) ogloballity og
						whole body
						scanning using
						tracer doses of
				X 75	1 × 1	<sup>131</sup> I (except for
						MTC)
Papillary	+	I	RET	• 0-30yo Sp	pread via lymphatics to	<1cm: Lobectomy
Carcinoma	98%			Cytology: Orphan Annie Eye Nuclei pa	alpable cervical LNs (no	
(80%)				Histology: Psommoma Bodies     or	rgan involvement)	>1cm or Radiation
				3F:1M due to expression of ER		Exposure: Total
				RFs: radiation and familial colon		Thyroidectomy
				cancer syndromes		
Follicular	++		RAS	• 30-40yo Sp	pread via blood to 1°	
Carcinoma	92%			Cytology: NORMAL hence diagnosis bo	one, 2° brain, lung, liver	
(15%)				cannot be made on FNA you need a (n	no LN involvement)	
				large needle biopsy to look at		
				histology		
				Histology: capsular/vascular		
				invasion		
				<ul> <li>3F:1M due to expression of ER</li> </ul>		
		_		RFs: iodine deficient areas		
Hurthle Carcinoma		Cop	yright	2015 - Alexander Ma	ntas MD PA	
Medullary	+++	П	RET	• 40-50yo Sp	pread via both	Total Thyroidectomy
Thyroid	80%			Cytology: ?	mphatics AND blood	w/ Central LN
Carcinoma				<ul> <li>Histology: amyloid deposition</li> </ul>		Dissection
(MTC) (5%)				<ul> <li>all others are tumors of follicular</li> </ul>		
				cells, this one is a tumor of the		
				PARA-follicular C-cells that secrete		
				calcitonin		
				RFs: 25% sporadic vs 75% genetic		
				(MEN IIa/b)		
Anaplastic	++++	111	P53	• >50yo	terally just eat through	Total Thyroidectomy
Carcinoma	13%			Cytology: very anaplastic, giant all	ll adjacent tissue	w/ Surrounding
(~0%)				cells, spindle cells		lissue Resection
		1		Histology: ?		