

**USMLE PREP LECTURE
SERIES
Lecture 3.1**



ELITE MEDICAL PREP

Elite Medical Prep Guide for Ben
Gurion Students

Objectives

- 📌 Background
- 📌 Resources
- 📌 Challenge Questions
 - 📌 Peds Hepatobiliary
 - 📌 Peds Neuro
- 📌 Next Lecture

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Our Team

We are a group of healthcare professionals who have attained exceedingly high scores on our USMLE exams, and have dedicated our time to helping medical students achieve their own testing and professional goals. We want our students to see the USMLE as an opportunity to shine rather than as a barrier to residency acceptance.



Our team has published more than 95 academic and research papers



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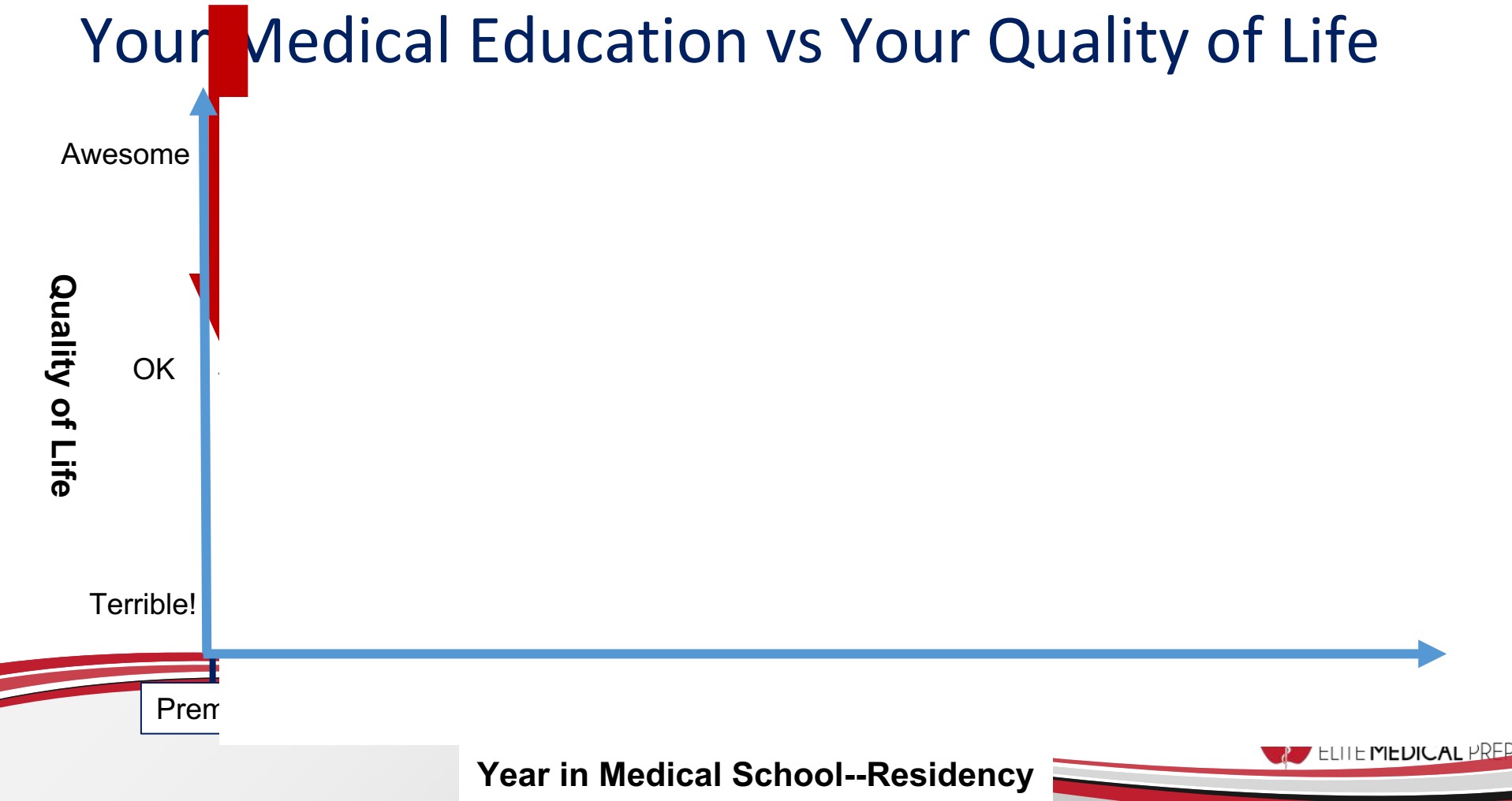
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With nearly 17 years and 10,000+ hours of combined USMLE teaching and tutoring experience, the founders of Elite Medical Prep (“Elite”), Kenneth Rubin, MD and Marcel Brus-Ramer MD/PhD, have developed a unique system of 1-on-1, small group and lecture-based instruction to maximize USMLE preparedness for students of all levels and backgrounds.

Your Medical Education vs Your Quality of Life



USMLE Step 2 CK Basics

- 318 multiple-choice test items
- 8 x ~40-question/60-minute blocks in a 9-hr testing session
- Scoring – 3-digit; mean 242, SD 17, Pass > 209.
 - Compare w/ Step 1: mean 228, SD 21, Pass > 192
- 45-60 min of breaks—to use as you wish between blocks
 - Focused on diagnosis and management
 - Tests ability to: “apply medical knowledge... of clinical science *essential for... patient care under supervision*, with an emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention”
 - Questions require linking together various pieces of knowledge

Why is Step 2 CK Important (or less important)

Residency in the USA

- Step 1 and Step 2 CK are **important**.
 - Step 1 >> Step 2 CK
- Step 2 CK can help compensate for a weaker Step 1 score
- However...
 - Step 2 CK has increased importance now that avg. Step 1 scores continue to increase
- FMGs:
 - Good to show a solid Step 2 CK score (>220)
 - Better to show a strong Step 2 CK score (>240)

Fellowship in the USA

- Step 1 and Step 2 CK are **necessary**.
 - Step 1 = Step 2 CK
- However...
 - Failing the exam multiple times can cause problems with licensing
 - Medical licensing is state by state; rules vary
- Do these tests during medical school
 - The material only gets harder to remember/relearn

License in Israel

- Can replace Israeli exams
 - **Only** if Israeli exams have not already been attempted
- Step 1 & Step 2 CK for Internship
- Step 1, Step 2 CK & CS, Step 3 for License

Roadmap to Step 2 Success

Step 2 Prep is 65% during 3rd year, 35% before the exam... So start on your first rotation!

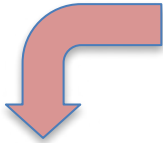
Do the Qbank questions related to your clinical rotation throughout 3rd year –you'll have done most of Q's by study time



Do the NBME practice exams during 3rd year– to prepare for shelf exams and get NBME style question practice for Step 2



After 3rd year, review the practice NBME shelf exams to identify your strengths and weaknesses to prioritize your schedule



Take a Baseline practice exam. Decide on a test date based on where you are now and how much work you have to do to get the score you want



Set your schedule. Prioritize your weaknesses to study first. Divide up Qbank to get through it a second time (1st time was during 3rd yr)



Limit other resources outside of Qbank/NBME questions. Have an available written/video resource.



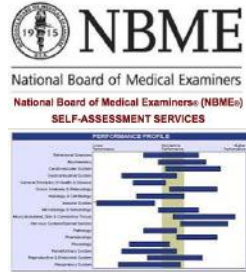
Make/Edit/Do flashcards for topics you have trouble with; review nightly



Take more practice exams to gauge readiness and reach out for support if you need it

The more questions you do, the better!





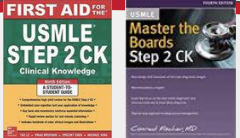
Limit Your Resources

- 📌 Qbank should comprise >90% of your study efforts
- 📌 Get through Qbank **at least 2x** before taking the exam
 - 1st Pass: mixture of TUTOR mode & TIMED mode
 - Reset the Qbank
 - 2nd Pass: TIMED MODE

We recommend taking notes or making flashcards on missed questions

Test questions and question prompts are frequently recycled with minor adjustments

- 📌 NBMEs and UWorld Self Assessments: 2 PURPOSES
 1. Objective assessment of where you are, and if you are ready to sit for the exam
 2. Exposes you to question prompts from the actual test writers
- 📌 A reference video series/resource/book is helpful to have for review & to understand the scope and depth of knowledge required.



3rd year students should have a Qbank, possibly 2, and a some kind of reference source



Platform

✓ Key Positives



- ✓ Best illustrations
- ✓ Comprehensive without being overly detailed
- ✓ Study schedule tool is unmatched
- ✓ User friendly; Integrated with key resources
- ✓ Mobile friendly



- ✓ Comprehensive, but overly detailed
- ✓ Guidance Mode in Qbank
- ✓ Embedded key resources



- ✓ User friendly
- ✓ Great illustrations
- ✓ Integration with key resources



- ✓ Presents path/pathophys in manageable chunks
- ✓ Passive learning with variable detail



- ✓ Well organized and integrated with key resources
- ✓ Good second source for tough topics
- ✓ Good integration of pharmacology and physiology



- ✓ User friendly
- ✓ comprehensive for shelf exams
- ✓ Excellent videos











- ✓ Large question bank and practice exams
- ✓ Mobile friendly



- ✓ Good review of basic USMLE tenets with references to First Aid

Exams we recommend for these platforms...

Platform	Step 1	Step 2	Shelf Exams	Coursework
	✓	✗	✗	✓
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USMLE Practice Question Breakdown

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Challenge Questions and breakdowns



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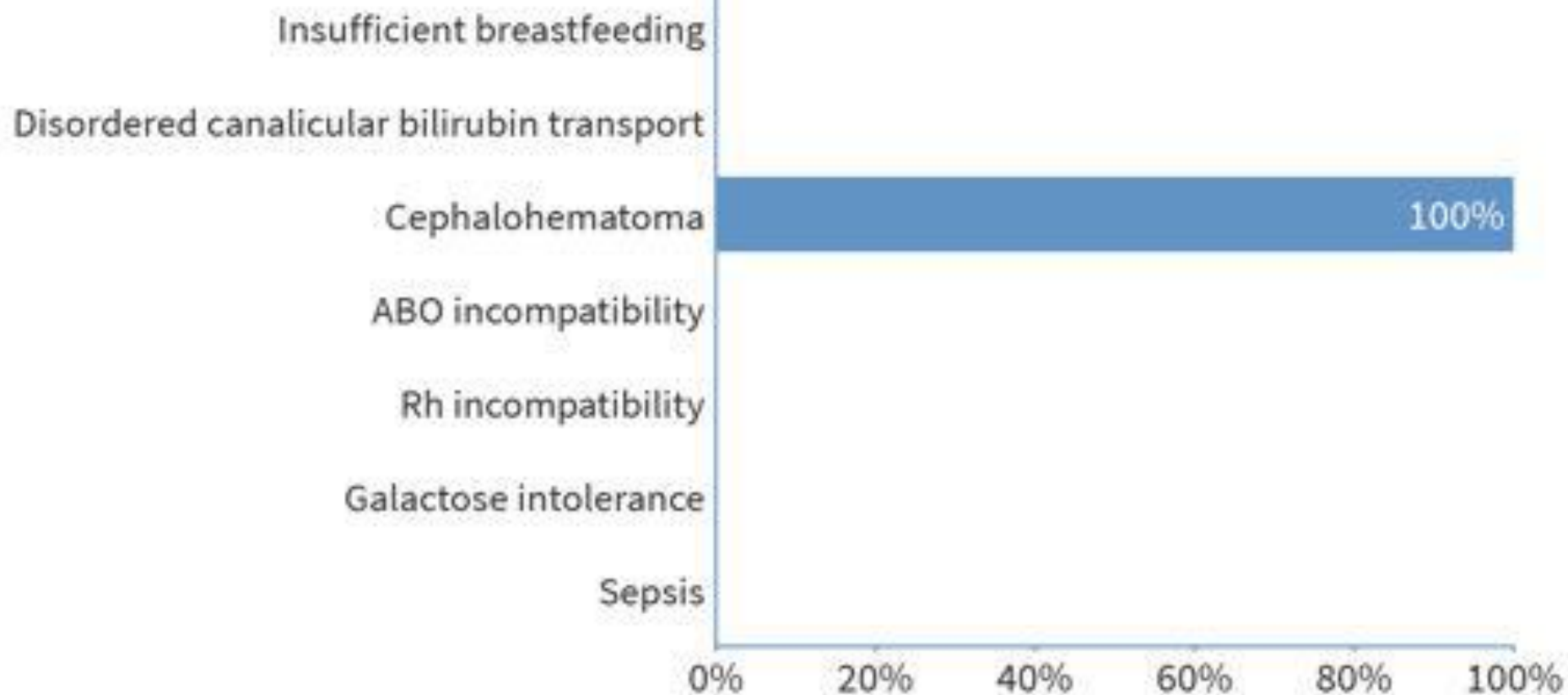
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4-day-old newborn with jaundice, unconjugated hyperbilirubinemia, feeding well (normal stools / UOP), blood type O+ born to A+ mother, negative DAT, has scalp swelling



What would we expect with each of the answers?

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What would we expect with each of the answers?

- A. **Insufficient breastfeeding** – hx difficulty feeding, decreased stools/UOP, typically within first week of life, improves w/ better feeding patterns, **unconjugated** HB
- B. **Disordered canalicular bilirubin transport** – Dubin-Johnson (darkly pigmented liver) or Rotor (normally pigmented liver) syndrome, **conjugated** hyperbilirubinemia
- C. **Cephalohematoma** – sub-periosteal hemorrhage that **does not cross suture lines**, **unconjugated** HB 2/2 elevated Hgb burden from bleed
- D. **ABO incompatibility** – maternal blood Type O (much less common with blood types A, B, and AB) with baby blood type A, B, or AB (mom makes anti-A / anti-B Abs), **positive Coombs**, **unconjugated** HB, generally mild hemolysis as most anti-A/B Abs are IgM (cannot cross placenta)
- E. **Rh incompatibility** – maternal blood type Rh (-), baby blood type Rh (+), second pregnancy (need prior exposure to Rh antigen to develop anti-Rh antibodies), severe fetal anemia / **hydrops fetalis** (anti-Rh antibody is IgG and therefore can cross placenta), **severe unconjugated** HB, positive Coombs, poor prenatal care / lack of RhoGAM in prior pregnancy
- F. **Galactose intolerance** – vomiting, failure to thrive, *E Coli* sepsis, reducing substances in urine, cataracts, improvement of symptoms with elimination of lactose from diet, **conjugated** HB
- G. **Sepsis** – neonatal **fever** or hypothermia, tachycardia, hypotonia, signs of focal infection, history of maternal fever or PROM/PPROM, mother GBS+ or unknown, **conjugated** HB (sepsis-induced cholestasis), hypoglycemia, metabolic acidosis, stupor/lethargy

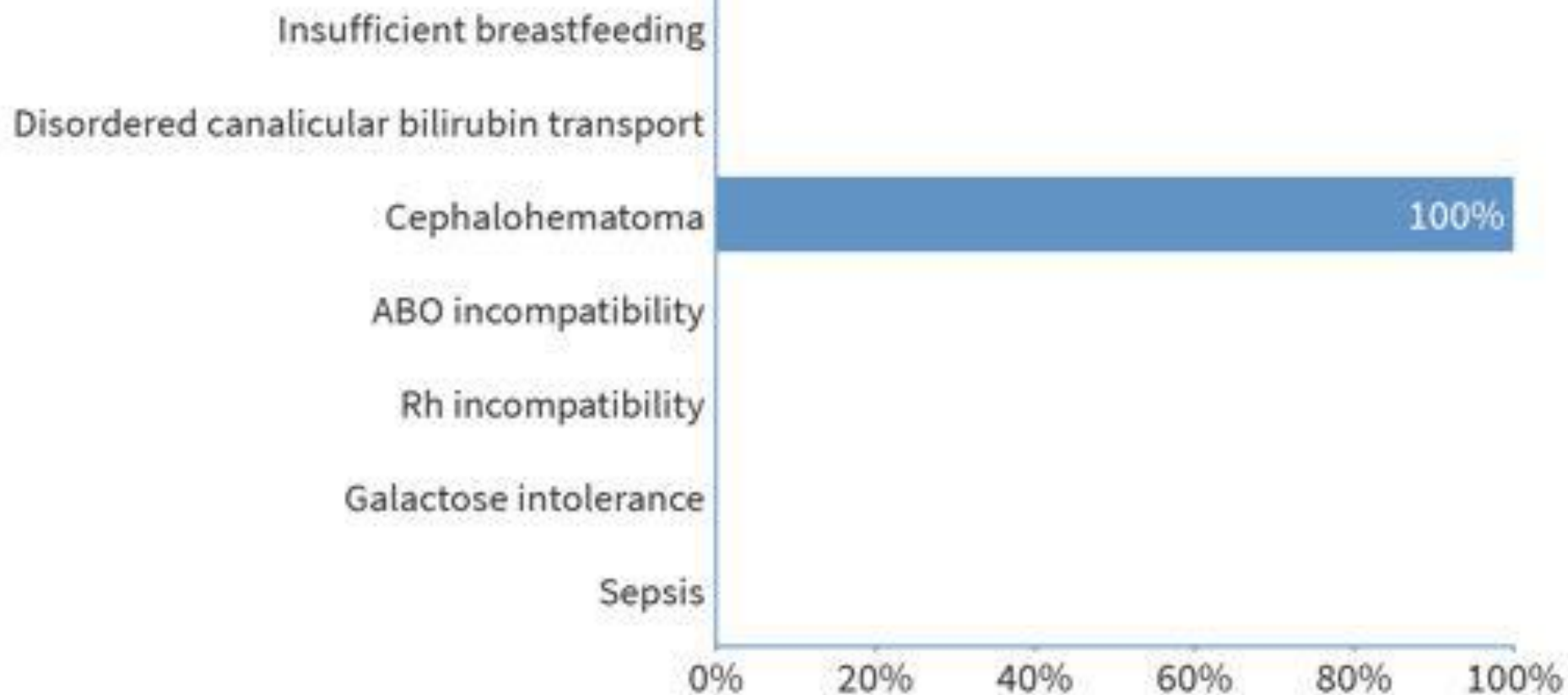
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An AST/ALT ratio > 2 suggests alcoholic hepatitis



Some 80% of patients with HCV infection will develop chronic hepatitis

DIAGNOSIS

- Dramatically ↑ ALT and AST and ↑ bilirubin/alkaline phosphatase are present in the acute form.
- In chronic hepatitis, ALT and AST are ↑ for > 6 months with a concurrent ↑ in alkaline phosphatase/bilirubin and hypoalbuminemia. In severe cases, PT will be prolonged, as all clotting factors except factor VIII are produced by the liver.
- The diagnosis of viral hepatitis is made by hepatitis serology (see Table 2.6-7 and Figure 2.6-12 for a description) and by liver biopsy in chronic or severe cases.
- ANA, anti-smooth muscle antibody, and to autoimmune hepatitis. Iron saturation plasmin (Wilson's disease) can identify other causes.

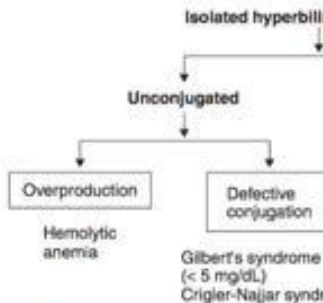
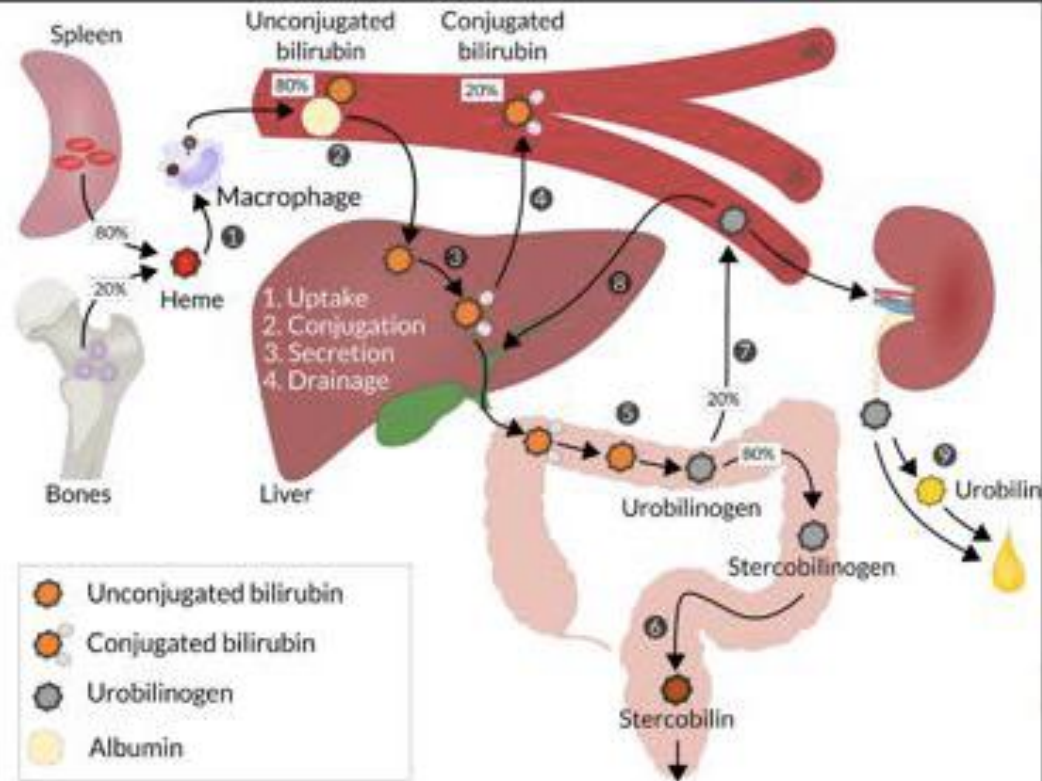


FIGURE 2.6-11. Approach to isolated hyperbill



PRE - Mixed (Conjugated + Unconjugated)

POST - Conjugated

Handwritten notes:

- Unconjugated:** Hemolysis, Hemorrhage, Gilbert's syndrome, Crigler-Najjar, Rotor's, Neonatal cholestasis, Breastfeeding jaundice, Formula intolerance.
- Conjugated:** Hepatitis, Biliary atresia, Neonatal cholestasis.
- Phys:** onset > 72 hrs, Resolution < 1wk (2 wks), Bil: rising, Risk: ↑ < 5/day
- High, High**

JAUNDICE = ↑CB **↑UCB** **↑BOTH**

GENETIC DEFECTS

GILBERT'S SYNDROME

Infection
Stress
Starvation

↑HEMOLYSIS

↑UCB in BLOOD

MAX: 6 mol. ex. in

Yellow baby

BF Quantity ↓ 1st 10d

BF Quality ↓ 1st 10d

↑ Resorb'd unconjugated Bil

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Bilirubin Algorithm

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    graph TD
      A(Isolated Hyperbilirubinemia?) -- Yes --> B(Direct Dubin-Johnson Rotor's)
      A -- Yes --> C(Indirect Hemolysis Drugs Gilbert's Crigler-Najjar Neonatal)
      A -- No --> D(Evaluate AST/ALT Alk Phos)
      D --> E(↑AST/ALT > ↑AlkP)
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      F --> H(Cholestatic Pattern Gallstones Pancreatic Mass)
    
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Review: Genetic Disorders of Bilirubin metabolism

Condition	Defect	Bilirubin	Clinical Clues
Crigler-Najjar Syndrome – Type I	Severe defect in UDP-glucuronyltransferase	Severe increase in unconjugated bilirubin	Profound neurologic dysfunction (kernicterus), early death
Crigler-Najjar Syndrome – Type II	Moderate defect in UDP-glucuronyltransferase	Moderate increase in unconjugated bilirubin	Severe neonatal jaundice requiring phototherapy/exchange transfusion, may survive past infancy
Gilbert Syndrome	Mild defect in UDP-glucuronyltransferase	Mild increase in unconjugated bilirubin	mild jaundice, often appears with stress / fasting / infection
Dubin-Johnson	Impaired excretion of conjugated bilirubin (MRP2 / ABCC2 mutation)	Mild increase in conjugated bilirubin	Mild jaundice, darkly pigmented liver
Rotor Syndrome	Impaired excretion of conjugated bilirubin (OATP1B1/3 mutation)	Mild increase in conjugated bilirubin	Like DJS, just with a normally pigmentd liver

Most commonly asked on USMLE

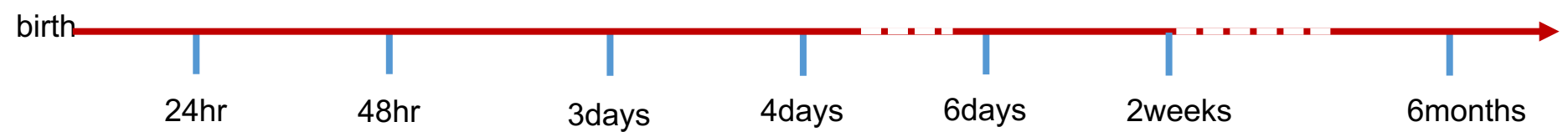
Review: breastfeeding failure vs breast milk jaundice

Condition	Pathophysiology	Presentation	Treatment
Breastfeeding failure jaundice	Inadequate feeding → decreased gut motility → increased enterohepatic circulation of bilirubin / decreased bilirubin excretion → unconjugated HB	Neonate with signs of poor feeding (improper latch, poor suck, decreased stooling / urine output, dehydration, excessive weight loss) within 1st week of life	Establish proper feeding
Breast milk jaundice	High beta-glucuronidase in breast milk → deconjugation of intestinal bilirubin → increased enterohepatic circulation → unconjugated HB	Neonate with adequate feeding and weight gain, normal exam, and unconjugated hyperbilirubinemia, usually begins day 3-5 and peaks week 2	No specific treatment – phototherapy, exchange transfusion as per nomogram



Pediatric Jaundice—Time & Bili levels

- < 24 hr of life: jaundice is always pathologic
 - think: galactosemia, hemolytic dz of newborn
- Physiologic jaundice
 - starts around 72hr after birth
- Total Bilirubin > 20 mg/dL is (almost) always abnormal
 - Peak physiologic level is > 15
 - Direct should be 10% or less of Total
- Look for relevant physical exam findings/history
 - Cephalohematoma or other source of extravascular blood--> Hbg breakdown products
 - Liver size: can be palpated up to 2cm below ribs
 - Breast fed?
 - Stools: yellow or white? Normal # (i.e. is the baby well hydrated)?



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PEDS #4

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Infant with unusual neurologic symptoms (startles easily with sudden jerking motion), a heart murmur, hypopigmented skin spots, and nodules in the brain



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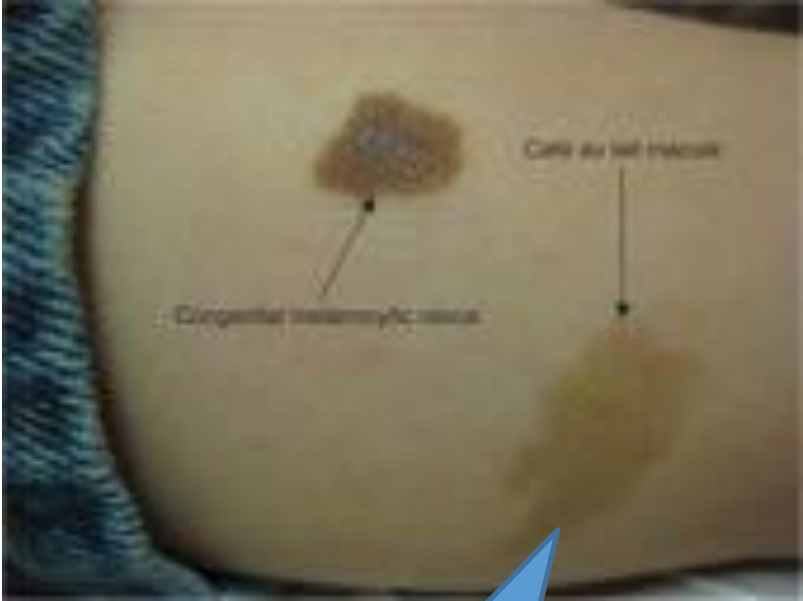
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What do we know about the answers?

- A. **Duchenne muscular dystrophy** – muscular weakness due to defective cytoskeletal element (**dystrophin**) that particularly affects the pelvic girdle muscles (Gower sign), XLR inheritance
- B. **Facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy** – AD inherited weakness of face, scapula, and upper arm muscles, hearing loss
- C. **Hepatolenticular degeneration (Wilson disease)**– AR inherited defect in Cu metabolism that leads to cirrhosis, corneal deposits (Kayser-Fleischer rings), cognitive problems, extrapyramidal symptoms (wing-flapping tremor) and renal disease
- D. **Myotonic dystrophy** – Myo = muscle, tonic = contraction. Disorder of muscle that contracts, but doesn't release (i.e., can make a hand grip, but can't release), AD inheritance (DMPK gene), a/w **testicular atrophy**, balding, cataracts, arrhythmias
- E. **NF1** – AD inheritance, café-au-lait spots, neurofibromas, optic pathway gliomas, axillary freckling, macrocephaly, feeding intolerance, short stature
- F. **Tuberous sclerosis** – AD inheritance with hypopigmented/ash-leaf spots, developmental delay, heart/lung/kidney issues (cardiac rhabdomyoma, renal angiomyolipomas, pulmonary lymphangiomyomatosis), cortical tubers, subependymal giant cell astrocytomas (SEGAs), subependymal ventricular nodules, Shagreen patches

Café-au-lait spots vs “ash-leaf” spots



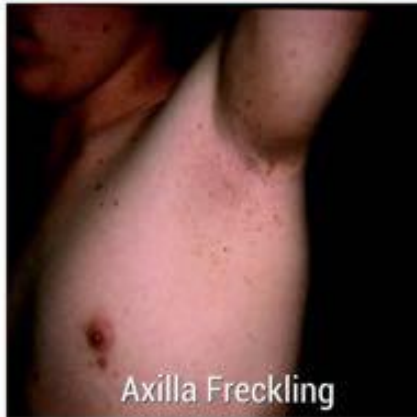
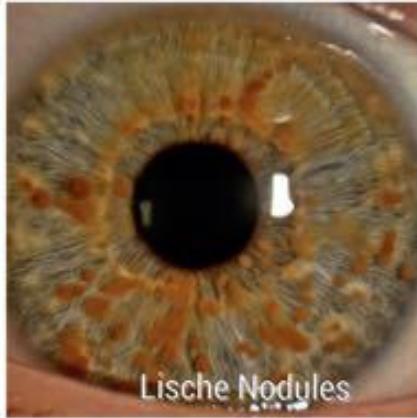
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NF1 vs TS

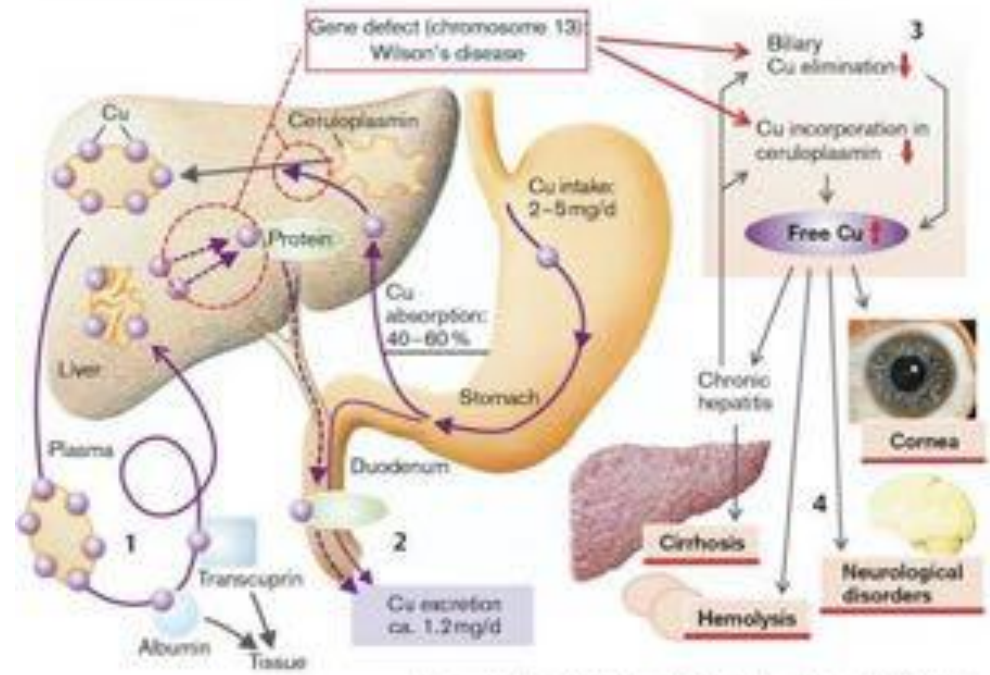
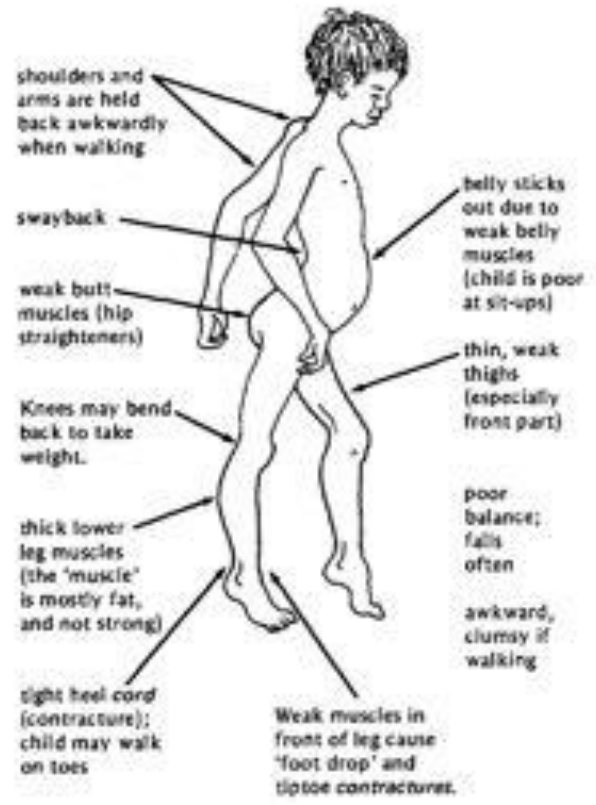


Tuberous sclerosis



Duchenne's & Wilson's

Usually presents in adolescence



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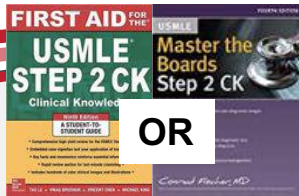
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What You Need



Uworld QBank

- Go through the corresponding Qbank questions with the rotation you are studying
- Tutor mode is best as it allows you to fully read the explanations and learn without time pressure
- The scores aren't as important as the exposure to real test material and high-yield topics



Review Resource:

- Regularly use a video series—become comfortable with the coverage, style, & content
- Read the First Aid chapter that corresponds with the rotation you are on



Leveraging Qbank and First Aid as a supplement to regular studying

Maximize your learning

- Make flashcards of key topics and facts you want to remember; especially drugs
- As you study the pathophysiology of disease, refer back to first year lectures to first review the normal physiology

Look for patterns

- The USMLE tends to utilize the same phrases/words to describe certain disease processes (i.e fatty-greasy stools = malabsorption) – take note of these
- While reviewing Qbank questions, determine what you would expect the prompt to have given you to if the wrong answers were correct

The goal right now is **QUALITY**, not quantity.



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How you can get the most out of every question?

- A. Acute infarction. Ischemia
- B. Acute myocarditis. Inflammatory
- C. **Amyloid infiltration.** Amyloid
- D. Cardiomyopathy. Genetic/Intrinsic
- E. Plasma cell infiltration Immune

- A. Antinuclear antibodies
- B. Heterophile antibodies
- C. Increased leukocyte alkaline phosphatase activity
- D. **Kappa light chain proteinuria**
- E. Atypical lymphocytes with plentiful basophilic cytoplasm
- F. Reciprocal chromosomal translocations (9;22)

- Lupus
- Mononucleosis
- Leukemoid reaction in Neutrophils
- Amyloidosis
- EBV
- Philadelphia chromosome CML

Practice decoding the answer choices on every question

FAQs about Setting your study calendar

🍎 How detailed should I make the calendar at this time?

- **Planning down to the hour each day rarely works out**
 - causes more anxiety than it's worth
- **Stick to the “topic” level. Supplement your rotations w/ few daily Qs and limited reading.**
- **Try to cluster information to refine your ability to distinguish between associated pathologies**

🍎 What if I get behind?

- **Focus on your rotations**
- **Now is not the time to cram for the USMLE. Slow and steady work is the key here**



Next Steps in our engagement

- ❶ We are available for feedback and questions. A dedicated email has been created for students in your class year at Ben Gurion.
bgu2020@elitemedicalprep.com
- ❷ Please send questions and comments after the sessions to this email. Responses will be prompt and questions relevant to the group will be summarized and shared
- ❸ Collect feedback from you and the students regarding our service, so that we may better serve you all moving forward



The background of the slide is a composite image. On the left, a woman with long dark hair, wearing blue scrubs and a headset, is sitting on a rocky beach with the ocean in the background. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. On the right, a man with short blonde hair, also in blue scrubs, is shown in a clinical setting, looking down at something in his hands. A large, semi-transparent red square with a white border is centered over the image, containing the text "Thank You." in a black, italicized font.

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