

# Ahsip, Tommy

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## General Internal Medicine Inpatient Consult Note

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### Consultation Request

**Reason for Consult?** Hypoxia and Calf pain

**Level of Consultation:** Consult and Transfer of Care

### Consultation Purpose

This 83 y.o. man was brought from temporary lodging to the EDM WMC University of Alberta Hospital 783 days ago because of 1 week worsening exertional dyspnea, was admitted for respiratory support, and is seen by the General Internal Medicine consultation team for review of new combined heart and respiratory failure for assessment and management.

### Hospital Problems

Principal Problem:

Respiratory failure with hypoxia

Active Problems:

Type 2 diabetes mellitus

CKD (chronic kidney disease)

COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)

HFrEF (heart failure with reduced ejection fraction)

Hypertension

GERD (gastroesophageal reflux disease)

### Course in Hospital

This 82 y.o. man was brought from home (family care) to the EDM WMC University of Alberta Hospital because of 1 week worsening exertional dyspnea and was admitted for respiratory support. Key hospital milestones include:

- Stabilized with fluid, electrolyte and glucose management (brief ketoacidosis), coupled with short term speculative antibiotics

- Recovered baseline organ function within 48 hours while mild delirium cleared within 72 hours
- Remainder of hospitalization focused on re-calibration of medications and reactivation for deconditioning

### Consultation Assessment & Recommendations

#### \* **Respiratory failure with hypoxia**

Multifactorial acute respiratory failure on baseline borderline exercise tolerance related to COPD, HFrEF and increasing pulmonary hypertension.

Presentation and imaging consistent with non-specific COPD/CHF with no findings consistent with ischemia or sepsis.

- Transition to low flow supplementation and wean O2
- No further loop diuretics until volume stabilized.

#### **HFrEF (heart failure with reduced ejection fraction)**

*Followed by:* Heart function clinic, Dr. Wirzba

*Status:* key CHF (HFrEF <41%) events include prior MI; causes include hypertension; and complications include serosal effusions.

*Function:* NYHA class III-A, with last ejection fraction of 28% (noted on 2020) classified as Severely reduced (< 31%)

*Interventions:* ICD

*Therapies:* ACE, Loop diuretics

*Course:* improving

Co-managed with respiratory failure.

#### **COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)**

*Followed by:* Ron Damant

*Status:* key risks include never intubated, 2 hosp/yr; causes include 50 py smoking; complications include pulmonary hypertension

*Function:* outcome markers include FEV1 0.8L, follows own peak flow

*Interventions:* has attended pulmonary rehabilitation

*Therapies:* triple puffers, compliant

*Course:* stable

Stable without evidence of exacerbation. At baseline.

- No new interventions or investigations and no change in physical findings

#### **CKD (chronic kidney disease)**

*Followed by:* Nephrology (KEC)

*Function:* outcome markers include baseline creatinine ~150

*Course:* stable

Worsening renal failure indicators likely transient with expectation of return to baseline.

- ACE inhibitor held till Cr within 10% of baseline

### **Type 2 diabetes mellitus**

*Followed by:* internal medicine

*Status:* key problem-related risks/events include 3 prior admissions for hypoglycemia, brittle control; causes include metabolic syndrome and history of pancreatitis; and complications include vasculopathy, retinopathy and gastroparesis.

*Function:* problem-associated functional impacts include medication and diet supervision.

- [Edmonton Frailty Score](#) (1 Y look-back) 12 (Severe Frailty)
- [ADL/IADLs](#) moderate assistance

*Interventions:* cannot manage more than daily cap glucose check

*Therapies:* insulin dependent

*Course:* stable

Hyperglycemia with mild ketoacidosis likely multifactorial triggered by stress, medication (short term steroid) and hydration.

- Fluid and metabolic resuscitation, with improvement apparent while temp hold of metformin.
- Resume home hypoglycemic/insulin regimen.

### **GERD (gastroesophageal reflux disease)**

Stable on intermittent PPI. Followed by family physician.

### **Hypertension**

Stable with lifestyle and diuretic management (overview)

### **Follow Up**

- The General Internal Medicine service will continue to follow Tom in hospital and will make arrangements for follow up after discharge.
- Any tests ordered by General Internal Medicine will be reviewed by the service.
- Medications recommended by General Internal Medicine and prescribed at discharge will not be followed and refilled by the service.

### **Subjective**

#### **History**

Tom was last well 1 week prior to presentation when he experienced exertional dyspnea that has since worsened. Change in sputum quantity or quality is denied and there has been no new or worsened orthopnea, PND or ankle edema. The recent heat wave has been associated with increased fluid consumption and some medication non-compliance.

Review of Systems

Constitutional: Positive for **activity change** and **fatigue**. Negative for chills, diaphoresis and fever.

HENT: Negative for congestion, rhinorrhea, sinus pain, sneezing, sore throat and trouble swallowing.

Respiratory: Positive for **shortness of breath**. Negative for apnea, cough, chest tightness, wheezing and stridor.

Cardiovascular: Negative for chest pain, palpitations and leg swelling.

Gastrointestinal: Negative for vomiting.

Endocrine: Negative for polyuria.

Genitourinary: Negative for dysuria.

Musculoskeletal: Negative for myalgias.

Skin: Negative for rash.

Allergic/Immunologic: Negative for immunocompromised state.

Neurological: Negative for dizziness, syncope, light-headedness and headaches.

## Medications

*Adverse Reactions:* Penicillin g and Avocado

### *Hospital Medications:*

- BUPivacaine 250 mg in NaCl 0.9% 250 mL (1 mg/mL) infusion, infiltration, continuous
- buPROPion, long acting (ZYBAN) tablet 150 mg, oral, bid
- capTOPRIL tablet 25 mg, oral, tid
- cetirizine tablet 5 mg, oral, daily
- furosemide tablet 20 mg, oral, bid
- gentamicin 120 mg in NaCl 0.9% 100 mL bag, intravenous, q8h
- hydrocortisone sodium succinate 100 mg bag 100 mg, intravenous, q8h
- LORazepam tablet 1 mg, oral, q6h PRN
- metFORMIN tablet 750 mg, oral, bid with breakfast & supper
- morphine, preservative free injection 2 mg, intravenous, q4h PRN
- pantoprazole magnesium tablet enteric-coated 40 mg, oral, daily 30 min before breakfast
- tuberculin purified protein derivative 5 unit/0.1 mL injection 0.1 mL, intradermal, once
- fentaNYL injection, intravenous, PRN

**Medical History:** has a past medical history of Arthritis, Hypertension (01/08/2019), Insomnia (01/08/2019), Sleep apnea, and Type 2 diabetes mellitus (01/08/2019).

**Surgical History:** has a past surgical history that includes Appendectomy.

**Family History:** family history includes Alzheimer's disease in his mother; Diabetes (age of onset: 50) in his mother; Emphysema in his father; No Known Problems in his sister.

Social History

Social History Narrative

Needs walker to ambulate

**Substances:** reports that he has quit smoking. His smoking use included cigarettes. He has a 5.00 pack-year smoking history. He has never used smokeless tobacco. He reports current alcohol use. He reports that he does not use drugs.

## Objective

### Physical Examination

*Vitals:* BP: 95/55, Pulse: 95, Temp: 37 °C, Resp: (!) 24, SpO2: 92 %, O2 Delivery Method: Nasal cannula, O2 Flow Rate: 3 L/min

### Physical Exam

#### Constitutional:

Appearance: Normal appearance.

#### HENT:

Mouth/Throat:

Mouth: Mucous membranes are moist.

#### Cardiovascular:

Pulses: Normal pulses.

Heart sounds: Normal heart sounds.

#### Pulmonary:

Effort: No respiratory distress.

Breath sounds: No wheezing.

#### Chest:

Chest wall: No tenderness.

#### Abdominal:

Palpations: There is no mass.

Tenderness: There is no guarding.

#### Neurological:

Mental Status: He is oriented to person, place, and time. Mental status is at baseline.

### Investigations:

#### *Labs:*

Hematology: Hb -, WBC -, Platelets -, Neutrophils -, Immature granulocytes -, Basophils -, Eosinophils -, Monocytes -, Lymphocytes -

Renal: Lytes -/-/-/, Anion Gap -, Lactate -, Creatinine -, GFR -

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Admission (Current) on 1/8/2019