

Case Presentation

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PG in Psy

Name : XYZ

Age : 35 years

Sex : Female

Religion : Hindu

Marital status : Married

Residence : Nalgonda

Education : Intermediate

Occupation : House-wife

Socio-economic status : Lower middle

- A 35 year old female was admitted on 10/6/17 with complaints of
 - c/o Loss of Appetite 6 months
 - Cough – 4 months
 - Breathlessness – 4 months
 - Fever – 2 days

With a working diagnosis of Fever and Anaemia under evaluation

On the 5th day of admission the patient started behaving abnormally in ward for which consultation of psychiatry department was done and the history was noted

On talking to the patient, she appeared to be confused about her whereabouts, not realizing that she is in a hospital and talking as if she is at home

She was fearful at times and at other times she was trying to get away from bed, telling that she was at home and she wants to cook for her children which was unlike her previous self

As the evening progressed this behaviour increased and she started telling that some one may come and harm her or kill her.

- She was seen speaking to herself even with no one present and was seen using abusive language
- On being asked whom she was speaking to she appeared confused and did not reply relevantly

- While taking the history she was irritable and speaking relevantly only on occasions
- When her relatives visited she was not recognizing them and asking them who they are
- She has no history of any such complaints in the past
- No history of any psychiatric illness in the past

GENERAL EXAMINATION on 20th June

- Thin built and BMI of 16.2
- Sweating – present

- Febrile, pallor- present, no icterus, no cyanosis, edema absent , no clubbing, no lymphadenopathy

- Pulse- 90bpm
- BP- 110/70 mm Hg
- RR- 28 per min

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SYSTEMIC EXAMINATION

- Respiratory system :
- On Inspection – chest bilaterally symmetrical ,trachea midline
respiratory movements decreased on both sides
Palpation – inspectory findings are confirmed
Percussion – resonant note heard on both sides
Auscultation – decreased vesicular breath sounds heard on left side
- Cardiovascular system : S1S2 +, no murmurs
- Gastrointestinal system : NAD
- Central nervous system : No focal neurological deficit
- Fundoscopy : Normal

MENTAL STATUS EXAMINATION on 20/06/17

- General Appearance , Attitude & Behavior:

A middle aged female looking appropriate to her age, lying on bed looking confused, occasionally talking to herself, not recognizing people around her and trying to remove the iv cannula. Psychomotor activity increased and rapport was not established

- Speech :

Increased tone & volume

Reaction time variable

occasionally relevant

- Mood: labile irritable

- Thought:

Stream – rapid tempo

Content - Delusions of persecution present
which is fleeting and fragmented

Possession - No thought broadcasting phenomenon
No obsessions and compulsions

Form - no formal thought disorder

- Perception :

Hallucinatory behavior observed.

No illusion

- Other cognitive functions –

a. Impaired consciousness and not Oriented to time, place and person.

b. Attention- arousable but inattentive

c. Concentration-poorly focused and Ill-sustained

d. Memory –

Immediate – Impaired

Recent – Impaired

Remote – Impaired

- Judgement–

Test – impaired

Social – impaired

Personal – impaired

Insight – grade 1

Complete Blood Picture

- **Hb 6.5gm% (12-15gm%)**
- **Total count 11,600/cumm (4000-11000/cumm)**
- **Neutrophils 86 % (40 -80%)**
- Lymphocytes 10 % (20-40%)
- Eosinophils 2 % (1-6%)
- Monocytes 2% (2-10%)
- Basophils 0% (0-2%)
- **PCV 21.1 vol % (36-46 vol %)**
- MCV 95.9 FL (83 – 101 FL)
- **MCH 25.5 PG (27 – 32 PG)**
- MCHC 30.8 % (31.5- 54.5%)
- **RBC count 2.2 Million (3.8 – 4.8 million)**
- Platelet Count 1.55 Lakhs/cumm (1.5-4.1 Lakhs/cumm)

Fluid and Electrolytes

- **Serum Na⁺ 130 mmol/L (135-145 mmol/L)**
- **Serum K⁺ 2.7 mmol/L (3.5-5 mmol/L)**
- **Serum Cl⁻ 99 mmol/L (98 -109 mmol/L)**

ABG

- **pH 7.47 (7.35-7.45)**
- **pCO₂ 24.9 (35 – 45 mmHg)**
- **pO₂ 91.2 (85 – 95 mmHg)**
- **HCO₃ 20.6**
- **O₂ stat 96.8**

Chest X- Ray

Left Lower Lobe Pneumonia



- Patient was diagnosed with having
Delirium due to General Medical Condition(

- The patient was advised

Pharmacological Managment

- Tab Haloperidol 1mg QID
- Inj Haloperidol 5mg + Inj Promethazine 25mg i.m. stat and SOS

Non-Pharmacological Management

- To correct medical causes of delirium such as electrolyte imbalance ,fever etc
- To maintain adequate hydration
- Keep repeating orientation cues
- To maintain dim lighting
- To use restrains if necessary

On 2nd Day

The patient reportedly slept well the previous night ; was not agitated
However she still continued to speak as if she was at home and self
talking behaviour was still there

o/E

GAB patient was lying on bed trying to remove the iv and seemed
to be agitated

PMA increased

Speech – occasionally relevant

Mood – Labile

Thought – Delusion of Persecution

Perception – Auditory Hallucinations Present

Inattentive and not oriented to time place person

Management

- The patient was continued on
- T Haloperidol 1mg QID
- Inj Haloperidol 5mg + Inj Promethazine 25mg i.m. SOS
- Fluid and electrolyte correction was done the previous day

On 3rd Day

The patient reportedly slept well the previous night ; was not agitated

She started recognizing her family members and acknowledged that she was in hospital

o/E

GAB was lying comfortably on bed

PMA normal

Speech – relevant

Mood – normal

Thought – NAD

Perception – NAD

Oriented to time place and person

Thank You