

APPROACH TO DENGUE FEVER IN PRIMARY CARE USING DENGUE ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

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Dengue mimics many clinical syndromes

Flu-like illness

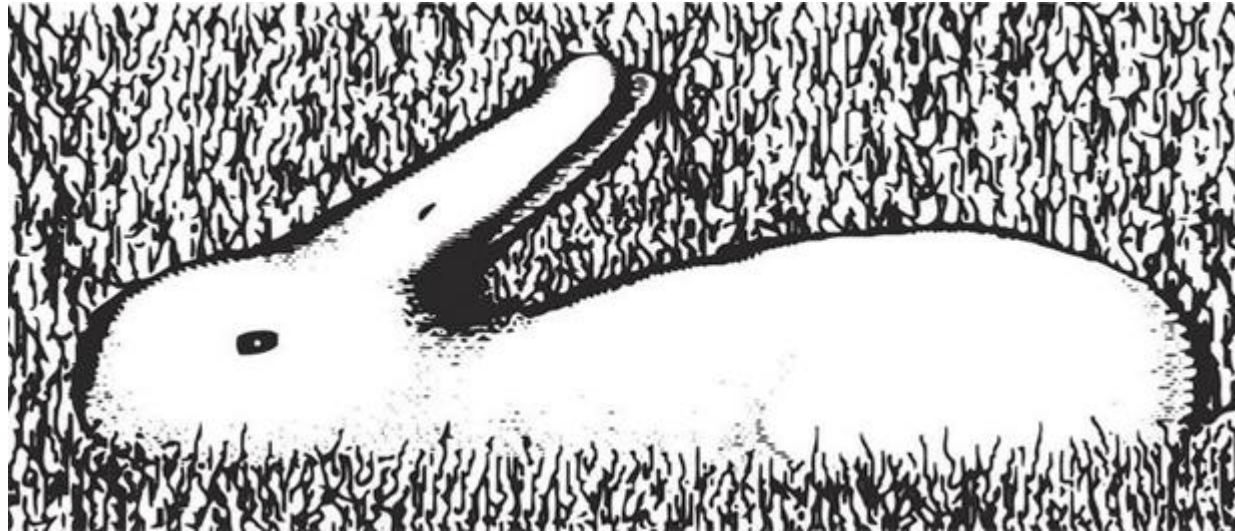
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diseases

Haematological
disorders



CLUES TO DIAGNOSE DENGUE:

Understanding the **dynamic and systemic nature** of dengue

Knowing its various manifestations as the **disease progresses** from febrile phase to critical phase and evolves into recovery phase

INTRODUCTION

Dengue patient seek medical attention **early in the febrile phase.**

Why do patients die if they seek treatment early?

Failure to suspect dengue sufficiently early in illness

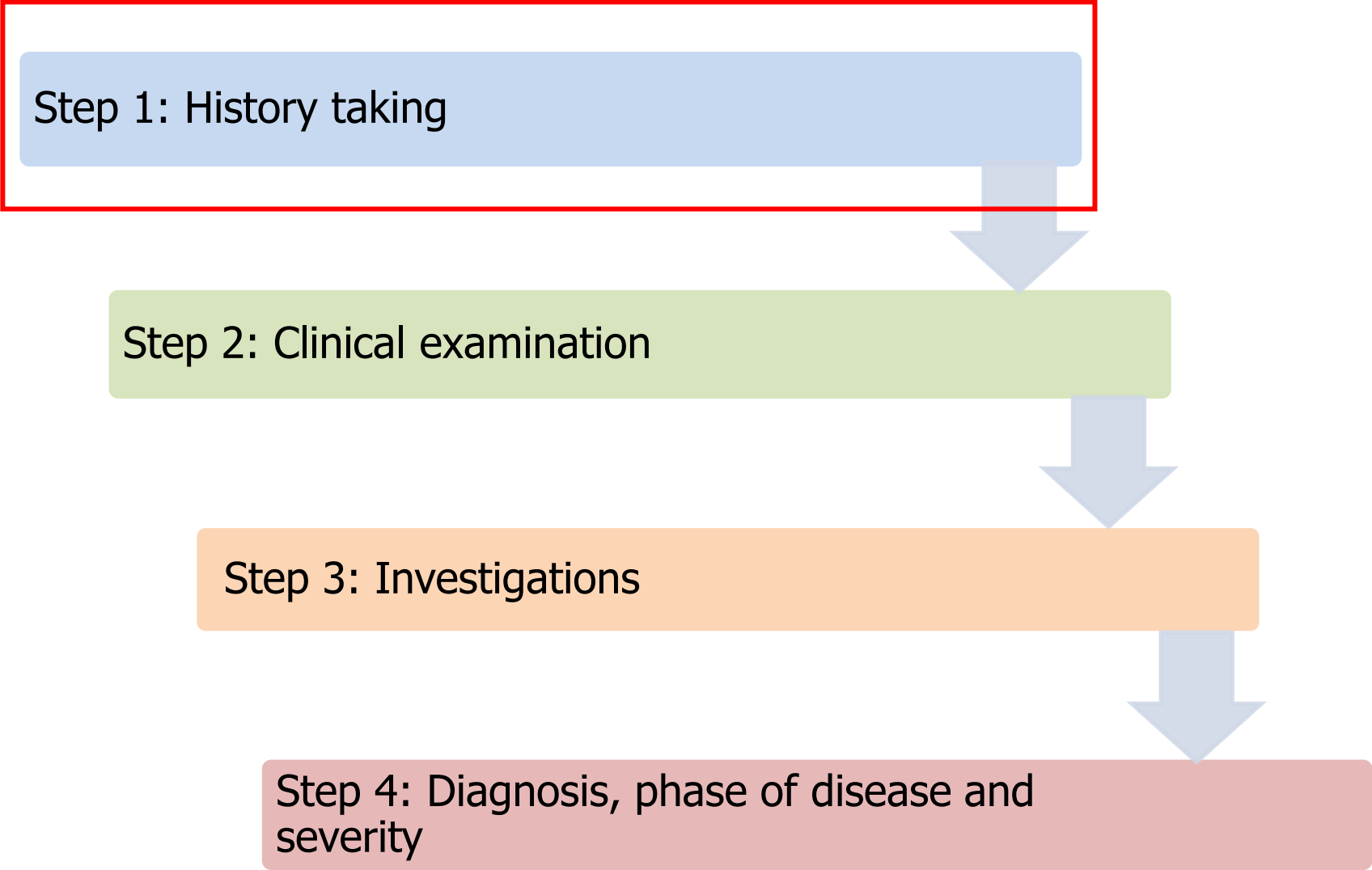
Failure to identify cases at increased risk for severe disease for referral

* major contributors to poor outcome.

The key to achieve a good clinical outcome is to have an **understanding of the different phases** of the disease and be alert to the **clinical problems** that could arise during these phases.

Patient assessment: four important steps

Step 1: History taking



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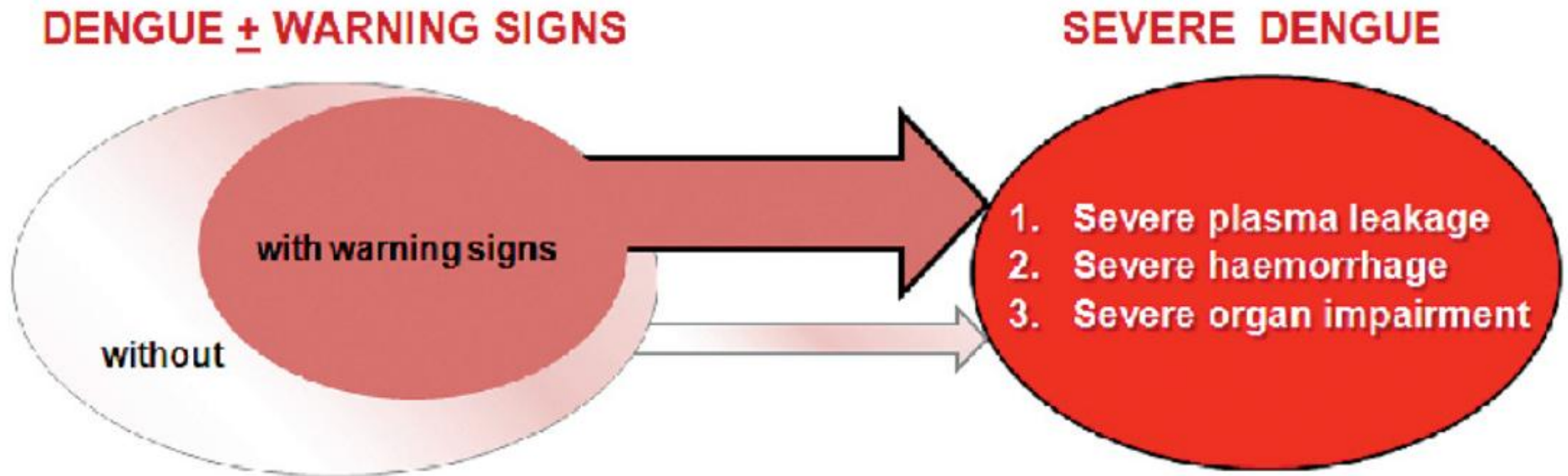
The diagram illustrates a four-step process for patient assessment. It begins with 'Step 1: History taking' in a blue box, which is highlighted by a red border. A large blue arrow points down to 'Step 2: Clinical examination' in a green box. Another large blue arrow points down to 'Step 3: Investigations' in an orange box. A final large blue arrow points down to 'Step 4: Diagnosis, phase of disease and severity' in a red box. The steps are arranged vertically, showing a sequential flow.

Step 2: Clinical examination

Step 3: Investigations

Step 4: Diagnosis, phase of disease and severity

2009 WHO DENGUE CLASSIFICATION AND LEVEL OF SEVERITY



DENGUE ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

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RECOGNITION			
CRITERIA	Yes	No	Details
Fever	☐	☐	
Aches & pains	☐	☐	
Nausea and/or vomiting	☐	☐	
Rash	☐	☐	
Leucopenia	☐	☐	
Any Warning Signs	☐	☐	
Warning Signs		Yes	Details
Persistent vomiting/diarrhoea ($\geq 3x$ over last 24h)		☐	
Any abdominal pain/tenderness		☐	
Lethargy/restlessness/confusion		☐	
Tender liver		☐	
Third space fluid accumulation		☐	
Spontaneous bleeding tendencies		☐	
Raised Hct with rapid drop in platelet		☐	(In the absence of baseline values)
Male ≤ 60 : Hct >46			
Male >60 : Hct >42			
Female all ages: Hct >40			
Other criteria for admission		Yes	Details
Syncope		☐	
Diarrhoea		☐	
Social factor		☐	
Special group		Yes	Details
Obese		☐	
Pregnant		☐	
Heart failure/CKD/CLD		☐	
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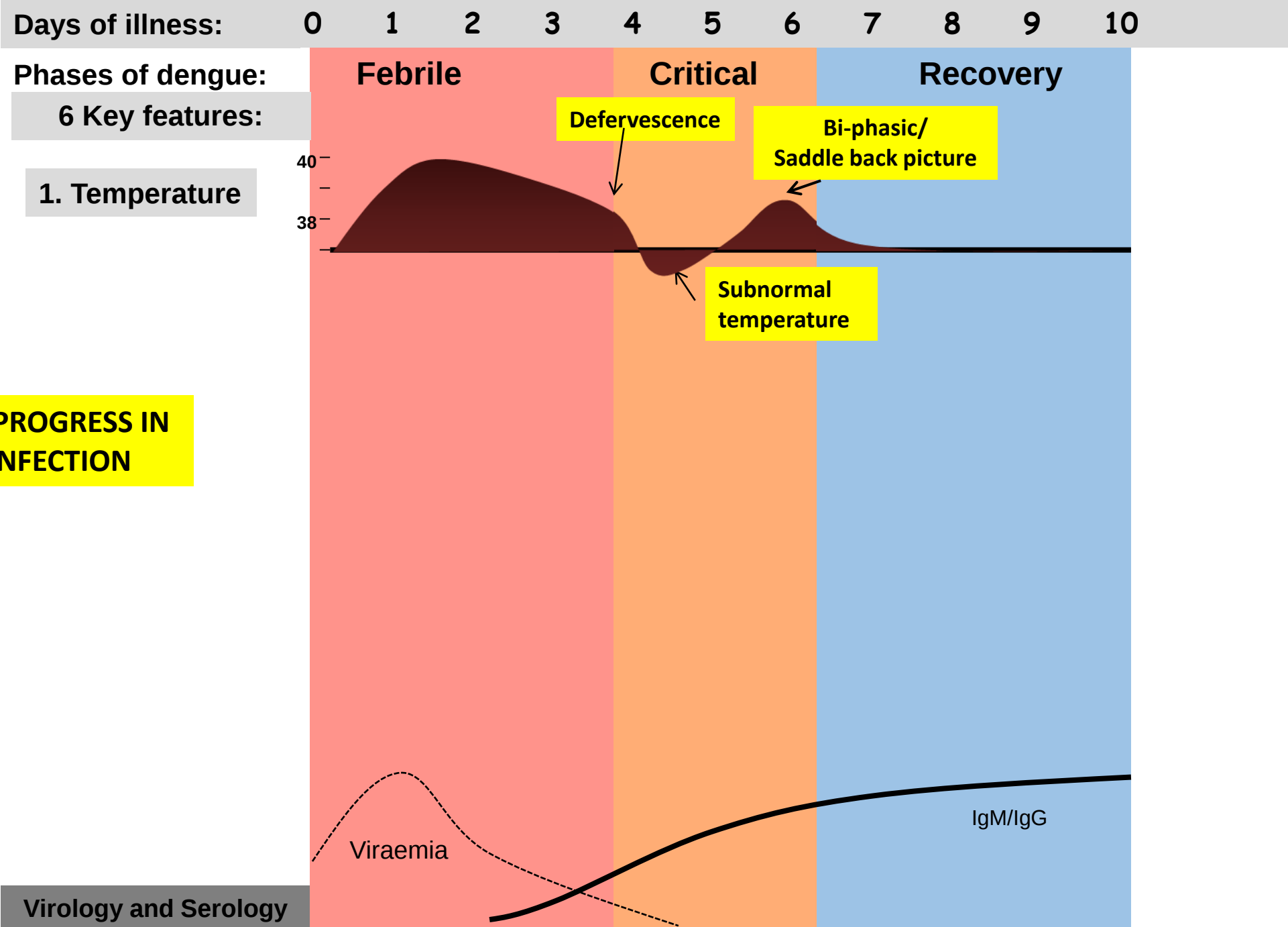
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Name :		
IC No / MRN :		
WCC:	Temp:	
Hb:	BP/MAP:	
Hct:	HR:	
Pit:	CRT:	
RR:		
SEVERE DENGUE		Yes
Hypotension SBP <90 or MAP <60 or SBP drop >40 mmHg from known baseline		☐
Shock index: HR $>$ SBP or impaired perfusion		☐
Third space fluid accumulation with respiratory distress		☐
Disturbed conscious level		☐
Any bleed GI/ non-mucosal and non-cutaneous/ supra-physiological		☐
Specific organ dysfunction (job specify)		☐
CRITICAL CARE REVIEW & FAST-TRACK		
Instructions		
1. Review features of severe dengue present.		
2. Specify start and end time of fluid regime		
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Fever onset:		
Critical phase onset:		
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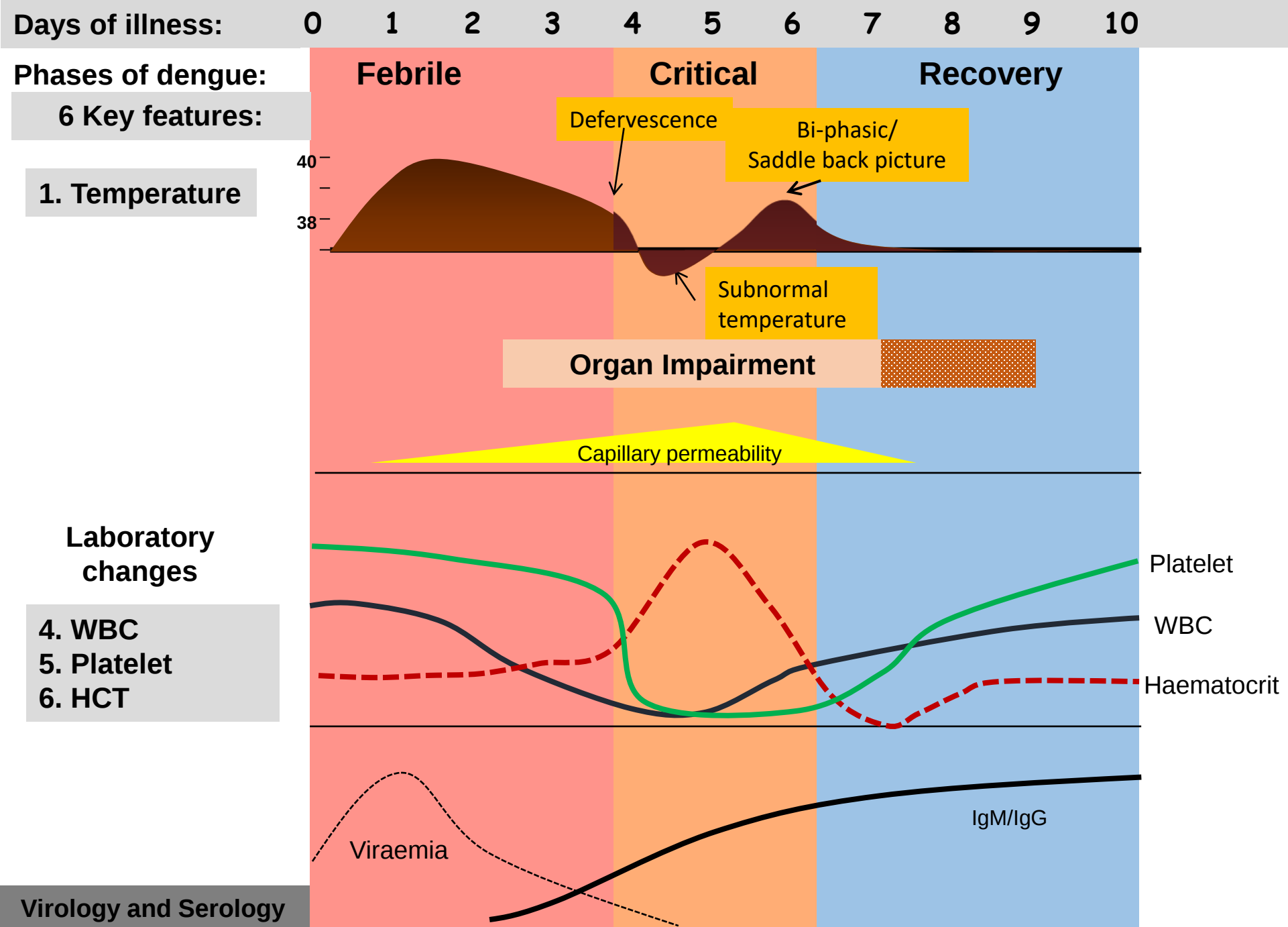
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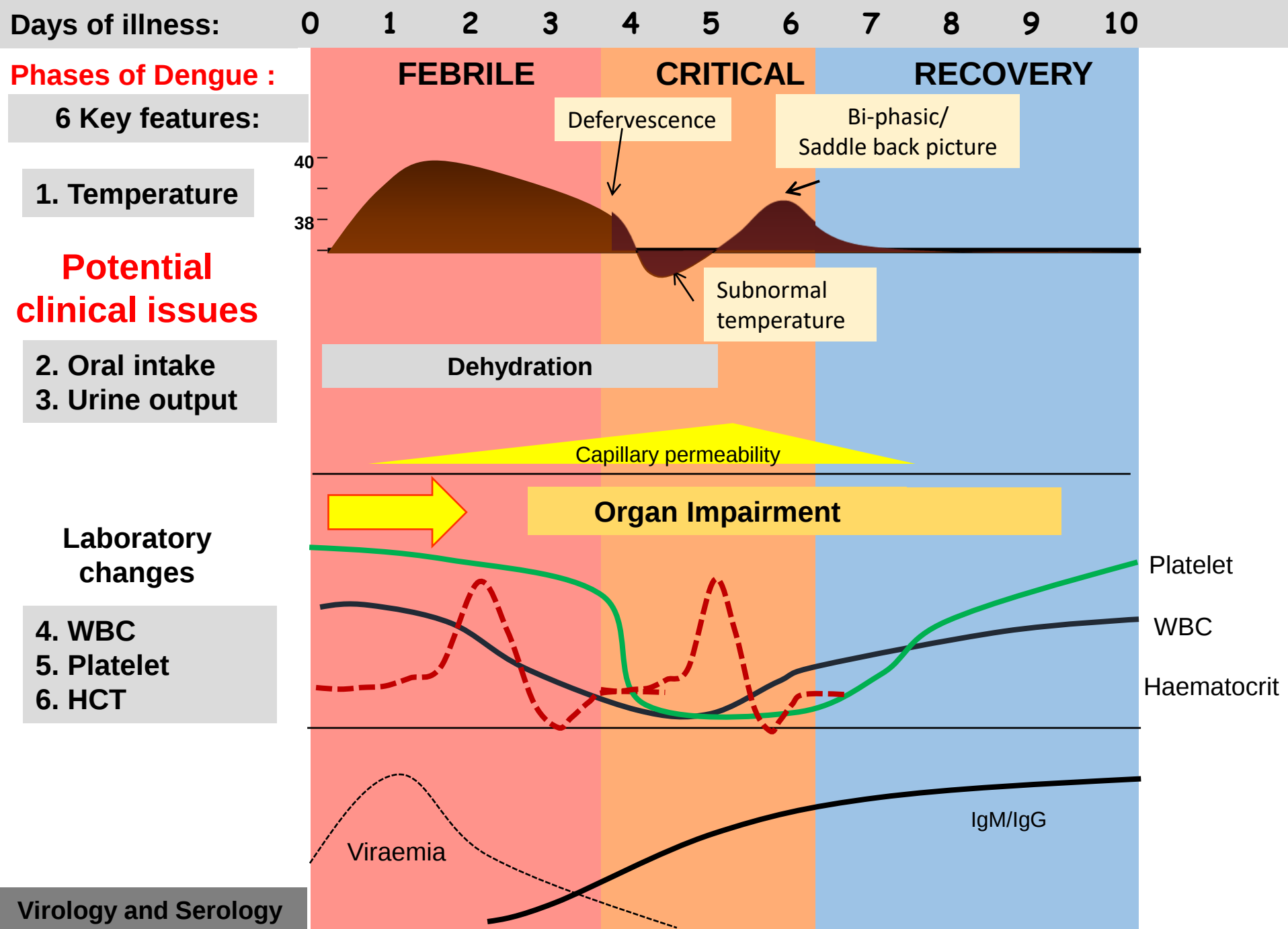
- Dengue assessment checklist should be filled by the attending doctor for all patients with suspected dengue infection (refer to **Appendix 8**).
- All dengue patients requiring admission should be **immediately** started on an appropriate fluid therapy [oral or intravenous (IV)].
 - When indicated, IV fluid therapy should be initiated and adjusted accordingly.
- In monitoring of dengue patients, the following must be done and documented:
 - serial monitoring of vital signs
 - strict monitoring of ongoing fluid losses and hourly fluid input/output charting
- Dengue patients with deteriorating vital signs must be uptriaged accordingly.

APPROACH TO OUTPATIENT EVALUATION OF DENGUE

1. Does the patient have dengue or other illnesses?
2. Which phase of dengue (febrile/critical/recovery)?
3. What is the hydration state?
4. Are dengue warning signs present?
5. What is the haemodynamic state?
6. What is the best medical plan for the patient?







HYDRATION ASSESSMENT

3 golden questions:

- How much oral fluid intake?
- How much urine output?
- What activities they can do during the febrile illness?

HYDRATION ASSESSMENT

3 **GOLDEN QUESTIONS TO ASK IN DENGUE INFECTION :**

1. How much oral fluid intake: quantity and quality?

NORMAL FLUID INTAKE : 2 – 3 LITRES PER DAY

6 – 8 GLASSES PER DAY FOR ADULTS

What types of fluid?

Milk, coconut water, fruit juice (caution with diabetes patient), oral rehydration solution, barley water, rice water, clear soup

Water alone may cause electrolyte imbalance.

HYDRATION ASSESSMENT

3 **GOLDEN QUESTIONS TO ASK IN DENGUE INFECTION :**

2. How much urine output:

- What is frequency, volume and time of most recent voiding?
 - Normal frequency 3 – 4 times per day
 - To check if urine is concentrated = sign of dehydration

IMPORTANT TO CHECK when was last time pass urine to detect early oliguric kidney failure.

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– To detect lethargy

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REMEMBER: ALWAYS LOOK OUT FOR THE WARNING SIGNS OF DENGUE

“ALL LOVES”

- Abdominal pain
- Liver TENDER
- Laboratory - ↓ platelet + ↑ Haematocrit
- Lethargy/restlessness/confusion / fainting (CNS)
- Open Bowel - Diarrhoea
- Vomiting & Diarrhoea
- Effusion (pleural effusion/ascites)
- Spontaneous bleeding tendency

Table 3: Warning Signs

- Any abdominal pain/tenderness
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Dengue Warning signs

Pearls: persistent vomiting

What is persistent vomiting?

- **Three or more times per day** (Muntah lebih dari 3 kali dalam sehari)
- **Patient is not able to tolerate oral fluid.**

(Pesakit tidak boleh minum/muntah selepas minum air)

What does persistent vomiting signify?

Important sign of **plasma leakage**

Dengue Warning signs

Pearls and pitfalls: abdominal pain

What is “significant” abdominal pain?

- Severe enough to be patient’s **chief complaint** (**Aduan yang utama**)
 - **patient complains** , but not as an answer when asked during history taking
- Could be mistaken as surgical condition

What does significant abdominal pain signify?

Severe abdominal pain is associated with increased vascular permeability and/or shock in the defervescence phase.

Pitfall:

Tense abdomen due to ascites + liver congestion can cause abdominal pain;

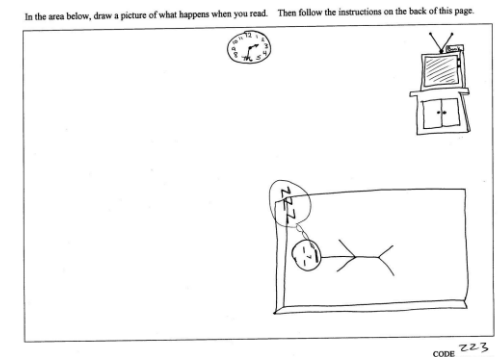
Consider fluid overload instead!

If IV fluid therapy increases, this can cause acute pulmonary oedema

Pearls: lethargy

When is lethargy is more than usual?

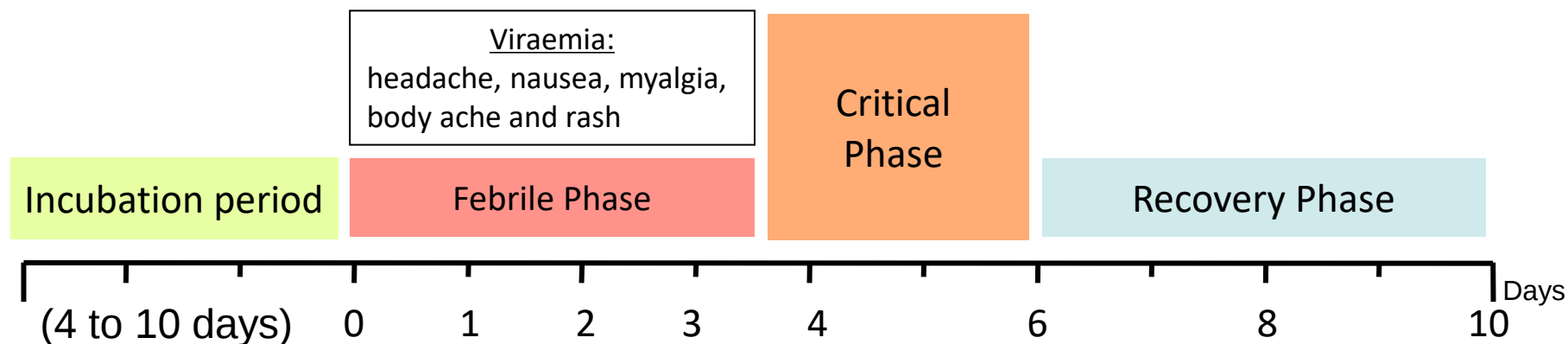
- **Patient sleeps most of the time.** (Pesakit sentiasa tidur)
- **Confined to bed for most of the day.**
- **Patient is uninterested in food / television / handphone**
- **Patient is too weak to walk to toilet.** (Need assistance)



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Remember:
restlessness = severe shock + cerebral hypoperfusion

Clinical course of dengue



After the incubation period, the illness begins abruptly.

It is characterized by 3 phases:

Febrile phase – commences at symptom onset. Usually lasts 2 to 7 days

Critical phase – commences around time of defervescence*

Defervescence * Defined as when body temperature drops to less than 38°C and remains below this level.

Recovery phase – commences when plasma leakage resolves

Transition from febrile phase to critical phase

- Usually day 4 to day 7 of illness
- **Could be as early as day 3 or as late as day 7 or 8**
- **Coincides with defervescence**

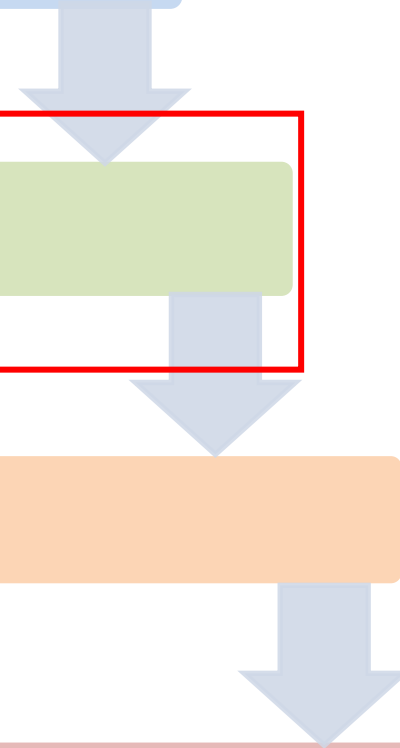
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Monitoring vital signs

BACK TO BASIC

HEIGHT
WEIGHT
BMI
IBW
ABW



RASA NADI UNTUK 60 SAAT :
RATE : LAJU ? NORMAL ? LAMBAT ?
VOLUME : GOOD ? WEAK ?
TREND : SEMAKIN LAJU ?

PEGANG TANGAN DAN RASA :
IS THE PERIPHERIES WARM OR COLD?
WHAT IS THE CAPILLARY REFILL TIME ?



BLOOD PRESSURE
- SBP LOW ?
- INCREASING DBP?
- NARROWING PULSE PRESSURE?
- MAP LOW ?

RESPIRATORY RATE FOR 60 SECONDS
IS IT FAST?



ORAL FLUID INTAKE
IV FLUID
URINE OUTPUT
ANY DIARRHOEA / VOMITING



MAKE SURE VENOUS ACCESS IS FUNCTIONING

Hemodynamic Assessment - Clinical Parameters

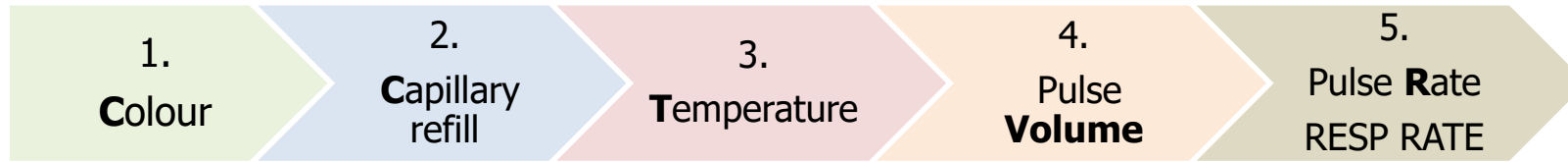
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Conscious level	←	3a. Organ perfusion (brain)	
Capillary refill time	}		
Extremities (color, temp)		1. Peripheral perfusion	
Peripheral pulse volume			
Heart rate (HR)	}		
Pulse pressure (PP)		2. Cardiac output	
Blood pressure (BP)			
Respiratory rate (RR)	←	4. Respiratory compensation for tissue hypoxia	
Urine output	←	3b. Organ perfusion (kidney)	

HEMODYNAMIC ASSESSMENT- CCTVR

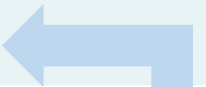
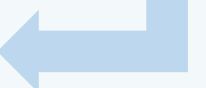
Save Lives in 30 seconds to recognise SHOCK

The "5-in-1 maneuver" magic touch – CCTV-R

Hold the patient's hand to evaluate peripheral perfusion.



Hemodynamic Assessment - Compensated Shock (cont.)

Parameters	Stable Circulation	Compensated shock	
Conscious level	Clear and lucid	Clear and lucid	 Note that changes are seen in all parameters <u>except</u> conscious level and systolic blood pressure
Capillary refill time	Brisk (<2 sec)	Prolonged (>2 sec)	
Extremities	Warm and pink	Cool peripheries	
Peripheral pulse volume	Good volume	Weak & thready	
Heart rate (HR)	Normal HR for age	Tachycardia for age	
Blood pressure (BP)	Normal BP for age	Normal systolic pressure, rising diastolic pressure	
Pulse pressure (PP)	Normal PP for age	Narrowing PP Postural hypotension	
Respiratory rate (RR)	Normal RR for age	"Quiet" tachypnea	
Urine output	Normal	Reducing trend	

Hemodynamic Assessment – Hypotensive Shock (cont.)

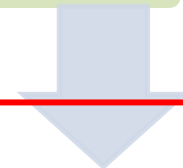
Parameters	Stable Circulation	Compensated shock	Hypotensive shock	
Conscious level	<i>Clear and lucid</i>	<i>Clear and lucid</i>	Restless, combative	Reduced brain perfusion
Capillary refill time	<i>Brisk (<2 sec)</i>	<i>Prolonged (>2 sec)</i>	Very prolonged, mottled skin	Reduced peripheral perfusion
Extremities	<i>Warm and pink</i>	<i>Cool peripheries</i>	Cold, clammy	
Peripheral pulse volume	<i>Good volume</i>	<i>Weak & thready</i>	Feeble or absent	
Heart rate (HR)	<i>Normal HR for age</i>	<i>Tachycardia for age</i>	Severe tachycardia or bradycardia in late shock	Reduced cardiac output
Blood pressure (BP)	<i>Normal BP for age</i>	<i>Normal systolic pressure, rising diastolic pressure</i>	Hypotension Unrecordable BP	
Pulse pressure (PP)	<i>Normal PP for age</i>	<i>Narrowing PP Postural hypotension</i>	Narrowed pulse pressure (≤ 20 mmHg)	
Respiratory rate (RR)	<i>Normal RR for age</i>	<i>"Quiet" tachypnea</i>	Kussmaul breathing	Severe tissue acidosis
Urine output	<i>Normal</i>	<i>Reducing trend</i>	Oliguria or anuria	No kidney perfusion

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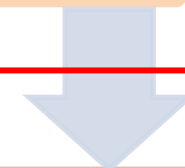
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Step 2: Clinical examination

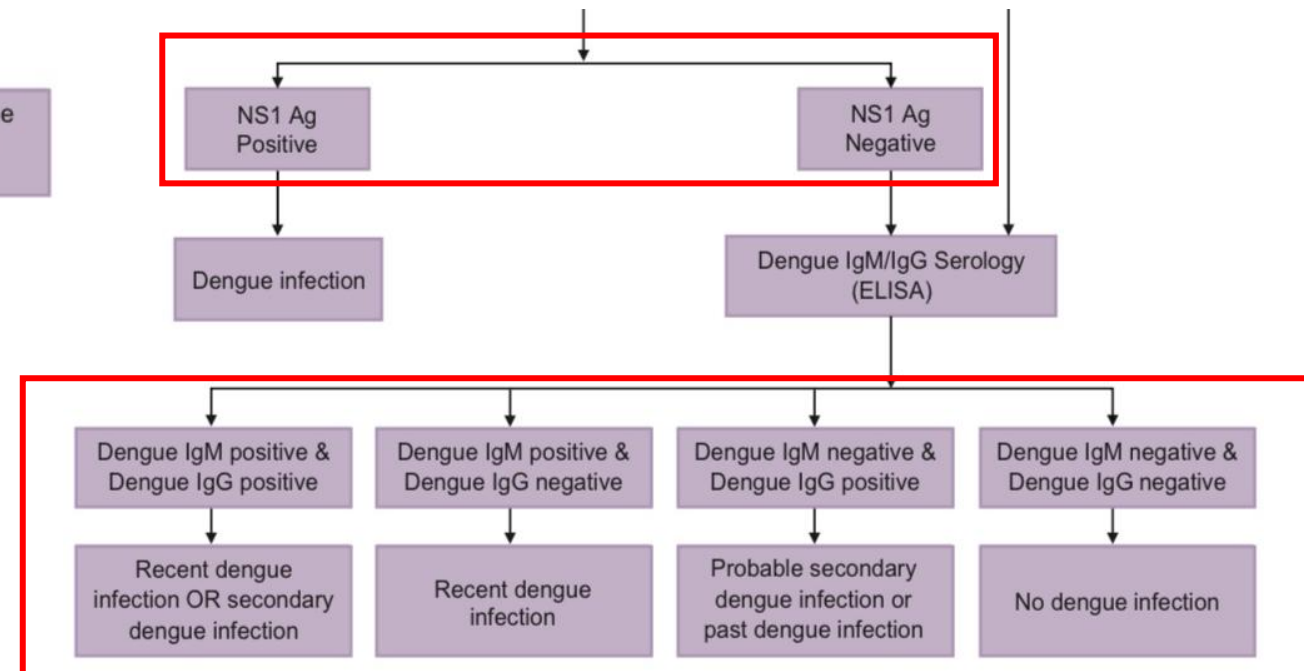
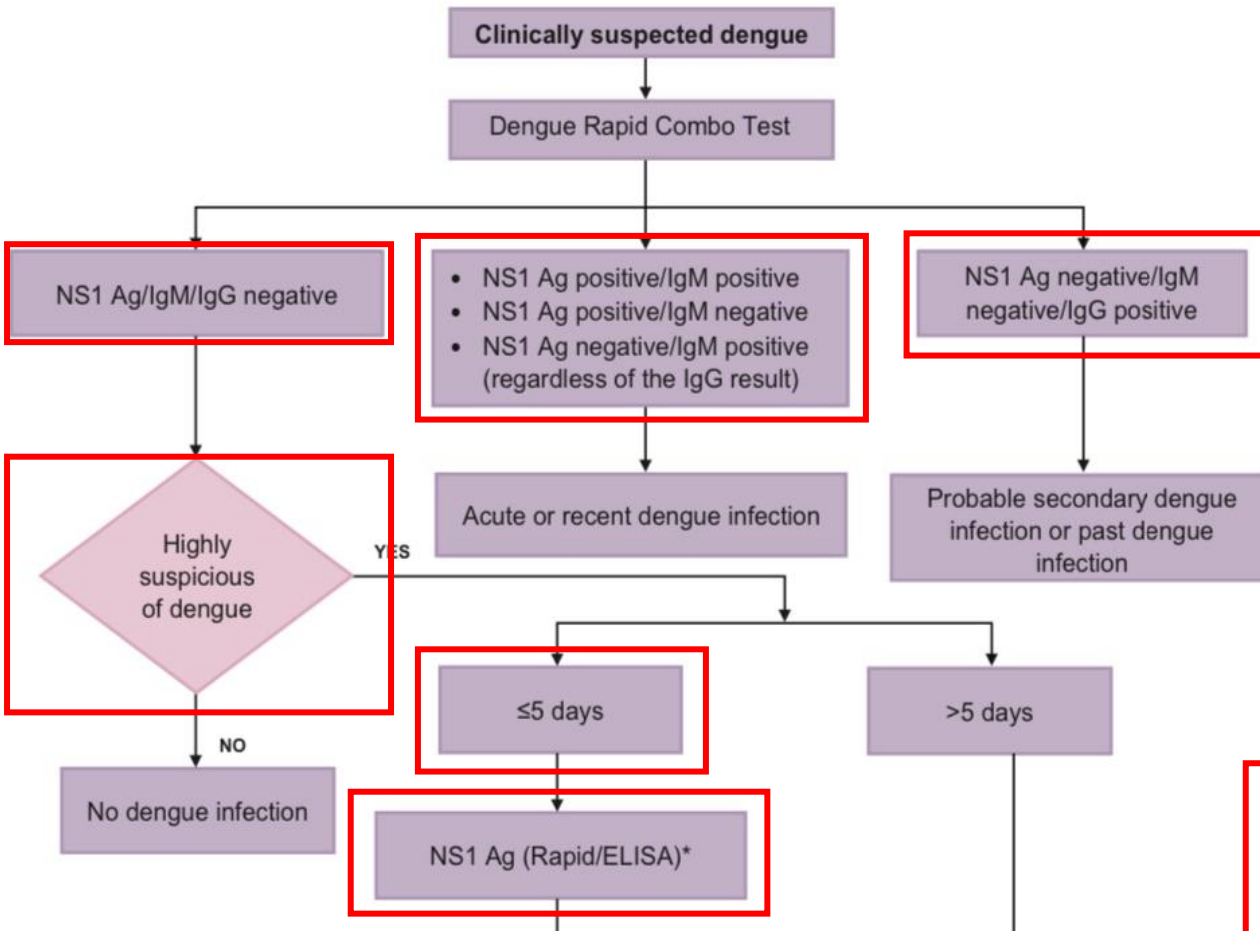


Step 3: Investigations



Step 4: Diagnosis, phase of disease and severity

Algorithm 1: Dengue Laboratory Diagnosis



*Alternatively, Dengue Rapid Combo Test may be repeated

- PCR should be sent if NS1 Ag/serology is negative in suspected severe dengue or mortality cases.
- ELISA for dengue may be used in centres where combo test is not offered.

ELISA - enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
IgG - Immunoglobulin G
IgM - Immunoglobulin M
NS1 Ag - Non-structural protein 1 Antigen
PCR - polymerase chain reaction

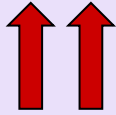
Disease factors that change HCT levels

Haematocrit levels	Increase	Decrease	NO CHANGE
Disease progression	Plasma leakage	1. Bleeding 2. Reabsorption	Plasma leak + Bleeding “BLEAKER”
Treatment related			
Disease + Treatment			

Treatment factors that change HCT levels

Hematocrit levels	Increase	Decrease	NO CHANGE
Disease progression	Plasma leakage	1. Bleeding 2. Reabsorption	Plasma leak + bleeding
Treatment related	Blood transfusion	IV fluid therapy: Crystalloids Colloids Plasma	
Disease + Treatment			

Disease and treatment factors that change HCT levels

Haematocrit levels	Increase	Decrease	NO CHANGE
Disease progression	Plasma leakage	1. Bleeding 2. Reabsorption	Plasma leak + bleeding
Treatment related	Blood transfusion	IV fluid therapy: Cyrstalloids Colloids Plasma	
Disease + Treatment	Plasma leakage + blood transfusion 	Bleeding + IV fluids 	Plasma leak + IV fluids OR Bleeding + blood transfusion

Source: Tan LH & Lum LCS

Haematocrit should not be interpreted on its own

Haematocrit should always be interpreted **in the context of** and **“in phase” with:**

1. **Haemodynamic evaluation** at time of sampling
2. Before or after IV fluid therapy?
3. Before or after transfusion with whole blood or packed cells?
4. Phase of disease, where in the clinical course is the patient: day 2 vs day 5

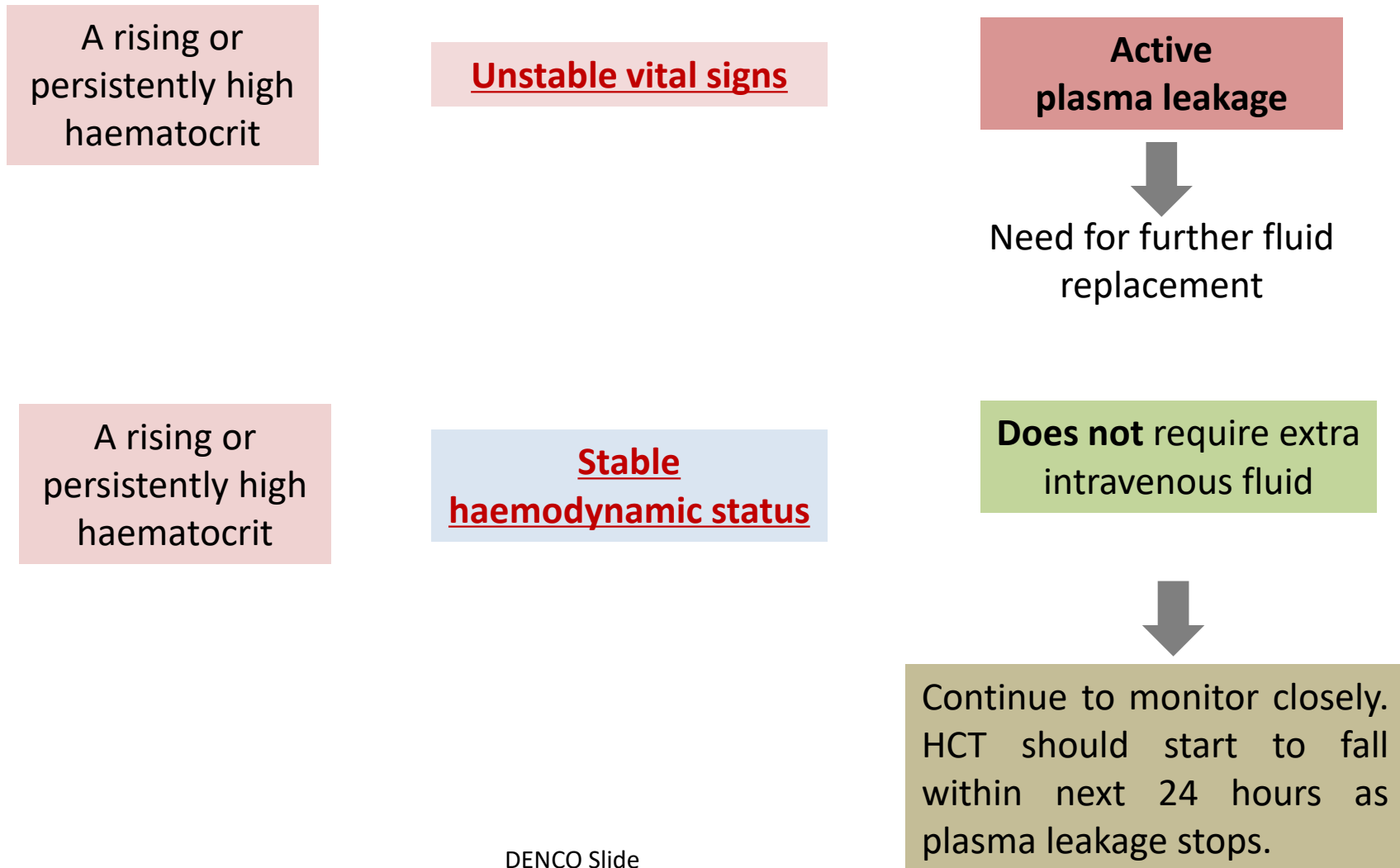
IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Haemodynamic state should be the principal driver of IV fluid therapy

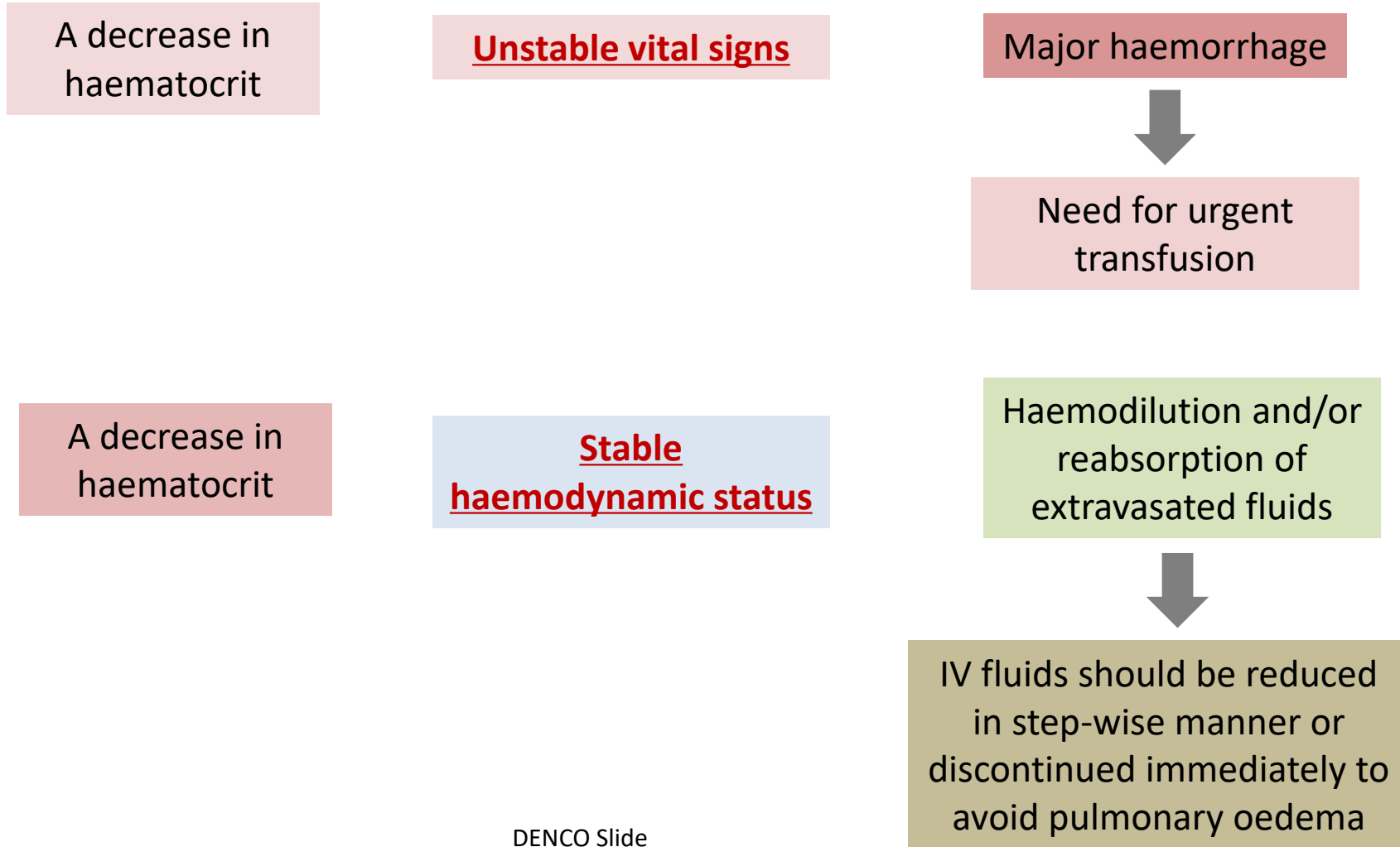
Haematocrit level should only be a guide

NOT the other way around!

Interpretation of rising or persistently high haematocrit



Interpretation of a decrease in haematocrit

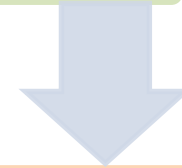


Patient assessment: four important steps

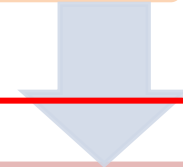
Step 1: History taking



Step 2: Clinical examination



Step 3: Investigations



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Step : Diagnosis, phase of disease and severity

- 1 • DAY ____ ILLNESS (DATE OF ONSET , TIME : AM, PM , ON)
- 2 • DF WITHOUT / WITH WARNING SIGNS : SPECIFY _____
OR
• SEVERE DENGUE : PLASMA LEAKAGE / HAEMORRHAGE / ORGAN
Specify _____
• Please mention if there is SHOCK that responded to fluid resuscitation
- 3 • What PHASE is it ? FEBRILE / CRITICAL ____ HOURS OF DEFEVERSCENCE / RECOVERY
- 4 • ANY COMPLICATIONS ? Specify _____
- 5 • Co-morbidities / risk factors



Question: do you know the patients groups a , b and c category ?



Which patient is in category a ?

Which patient is in category b ?

Which patient is in category c ?

MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR DENGUE PATIENT

Group A

- Send home

Group B

- Refer for in-hospital management

Group C

- Require emergency treatment and urgent referral

GROUP A- OUTPATIENT MANAGEMENT

Patients who are able to
"drink enough to pee enough"

Group A – Send home if patient meets all of the following

Intake: Getting adequate volume of oral fluids

Output: Passing urine at least once every 4 to 6 hours

Does not have any warning signs

Has stable haematocrit and hemodynamic status

Does not have co-existing conditions



1. Give anticipatory guidance before sending home
(see patient handout)

1. Follow up daily

2. Do serial CBCs

3. Identify warning signs early

CRITERIA OF PATIENTS THAT CAN BE TREATED AT HOME

1. Able to tolerate orally well, good urine output and no history of bleeding
2. Absence of warning signs (refer to Table 3)
3. Physical examination:
 - Haemodynamically stable
 - No tachypnoea or acidotic breathing
 - No tender liver or abdominal tenderness
 - No bleeding manifestation
 - No sign of third space fluid accumulation
 - No alterations in mental state
4. Investigation:
 - Stable serial HCT
5. No other criteria for admission (i.e. co-morbidities, pregnancy, social factors)

DENGUE ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST			
CRITERIA	RECOGNITION		Details
	Yes	No	
Fever	☐	☐	
Aches & pains	☐	☐	
Nausea and/or vomiting	☐	☐	
Rash	☐	☐	
Leucopenia	☐	☐	
Any Warning Signs	☐	☐	
Warning Signs			Yes Details
Persistent vomiting/diarrhoea (≥3x over last 24h)	☐		
Any abdominal pain/tenderness	☐		
Lethargy/ restlessness/ confusion	☐		
Tender liver	☐		
Third space fluid accumulation	☐		
Spontaneous bleeding tendencies	☐		
Raised Hct with rapid drop in platelet	☐		(In the absence of baseline values)
			Male ≤60: Hct >46
			Male >60: Hct >42
			Female all ages: Hct >40
Other criteria for admission			Yes Details
Syncope	☐		
Diarrhoea	☐		
Social factor	☐		
Special group			Yes Details
Obese	☐		
Pregnant	☐		
Heart failure/ CKD/ CLD	☐		
DM	☐		
HPT	☐		
IHD	☐		
COPD	☐		
Age >65	☐		
ADMIT if ANY WARNING SIGNS present or presence of other criterion for admission. CONSIDER admission for patients in the special group even in the absence of warning signs.			
Instructions			
1. Please notify			

PATIENT DETAILS		
Name :		
IC No / MRN :		
WCC:	Temp:	
Hb:	BP/MAP:	
Hct:	HR:	
Pit:	CRT:	
	RR:	
SEVERE DENGUE		
Hypotension SBP<90 or MAP<60 or SBP drop >40mmHg from known baseline	☐	Details
Shock index: HR > SBP or impaired perfusion	☐	
Third space fluid accumulation with respiratory distress	☐	
Disturbed conscious level	☐	
Any bleed GI/ non-mucosal and non-cutaneous/ supra-physiological	☐	
Specific organ dysfunction (pls specify)	☐	
CRITICAL CARE REVIEW & FAST-TRACK		
Instructions		
1. Review features of severe dengue present.		
2. Specify start and end time of fluid regime		
Date & Time of:		
Fever onset:		
Critical phase onset:		
Phase:		
Febrile	☐	Critical ☐ Recovery ☐
DIAGNOSIS		
DENGUE FEVER WITHOUT WARNING SIGNS		☐
DENGUE FEVER WITH WARNING SIGNS		☐
SEVERE DENGUE		☐
Dr:		
Date:		

OUTPATIENT DENGUE MONITORING RECORD

DENGUE MONITORING RECORD

Patient's name : I/C No. / Passport :
Address : Date of onset of fever :

RAPID TEST result

Date	Day of fever	Temp (°C)	BP (mmHg)	PR (min)	Hb (g/dL)	Hct (%)	WCC ($\times 10^3/\mu\text{l}$)	Platelet ($\times 10^3/\mu\text{l}$)	Attending Clinic/Tel. No.	Next Appointment

HOME CARE ADVICE LEAFLET

Front View

HOME CARE ADVICE FOR DENGUE PATIENTS

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

- Adequate bed rest
- Adequate fluid intake (more than 8 glasses or 2 litres for an average person).
 - Milk, fruit juice (caution with diabetes patient) and isotonic electrolyte solution (ORS) and barley water.
 - Plain water alone is not sufficient and may cause electrolyte imbalance.
- Take paracetamol (not more than 4 gram per day).
- Tepid sponging.
- If possible, use mosquito repellent or rest under a mosquito net even during day time to prevent mosquito bites.
- Look for mosquito breeding places in and around the home and eliminate them.

WHAT SHOULD BE AVOIDED?

- Do not take non steroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAIDS) eg. aspirin / mefenamic acid (ponstan) or steroids. If you are already taking these medications, please consult your doctor.
- Antibiotics are not required
- Do not take injection
- Do not do massage / cupping / quasa

Back View

THE DANGER SIGNS OF DENGUE INFECTION (IF ANY OF THESE ARE OBSERVED, PLEASE GO IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL / EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT)

1. **Bleeding**
for example :
 - Red spots or patches on the skin
 - Bleeding from nose or gums
 - Vomiting blood
 - Black coloured stools
 - Heavy menstruation / vaginal bleeding
2. Frequent vomiting and/or diarrhoea
3. Abdominal pain / tenderness / diarrhoea
4. Drowsiness or irritability
5. Pale, cold or clammy skin
6. Difficulty in breathing

Keys to good home care

1. Bed rest

2. Encourage oral intake

What is adequate oral intake?

6 to 8 glasses of fluid for adults and accordingly in children

What types of fluid?

Milk, coconut water, fruit juice (caution with diabetes patient), oral rehydration solution, barley water, rice water, clear soup

Water alone may cause electrolyte imbalance.

3. Manage fever

Give paracetamol if fever is higher than 38°C

Adult - not more than 4 g per day

Child - 10 mg/kg/dose, not more than 4 times a day

Tepid (lukewarm water) sponging

Do not give ibuprofen or aspirin (or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs)

Keys to good home care (cont.)

4. Reduce breeding habitats around the home and kill adult mosquitoes

5. Return to **hospital IMMEDIATELY** if no improvement or warning signs appear

Frequent vomiting, unable to drink or scanty urine

Severe abdominal pain

Severe tiredness, drowsiness, mental confusion or seizures

Bleeding:

Red spots or patches on the skin

Bleeding from nose or gums

Vomiting blood

Black coloured stools

Heavy menstruation or vaginal bleeding

Pale, cold or clammy hands and feet

Breathing difficulty

[illegible]

OUTPATIENT MANAGEMENT

- Symptomatic and supportive
- **Daily** follow up especially D3 onwards **until afebrile at least 48 hours** without antipyretics
- Use dengue clerking sheet
- Provide outpatient dengue monitoring record and homecare advice leaflet for dengue patients
- Advice patient to return to hospital as soon as warning signs arise

FOLLOW UP VISITS

Ask the **3 golden questions**:

- How much oral fluid intake (in the last 12-24 hours)?
- How much urine output? Other fluid losses?
- What activities can the patient do?

Monitor disease progression:

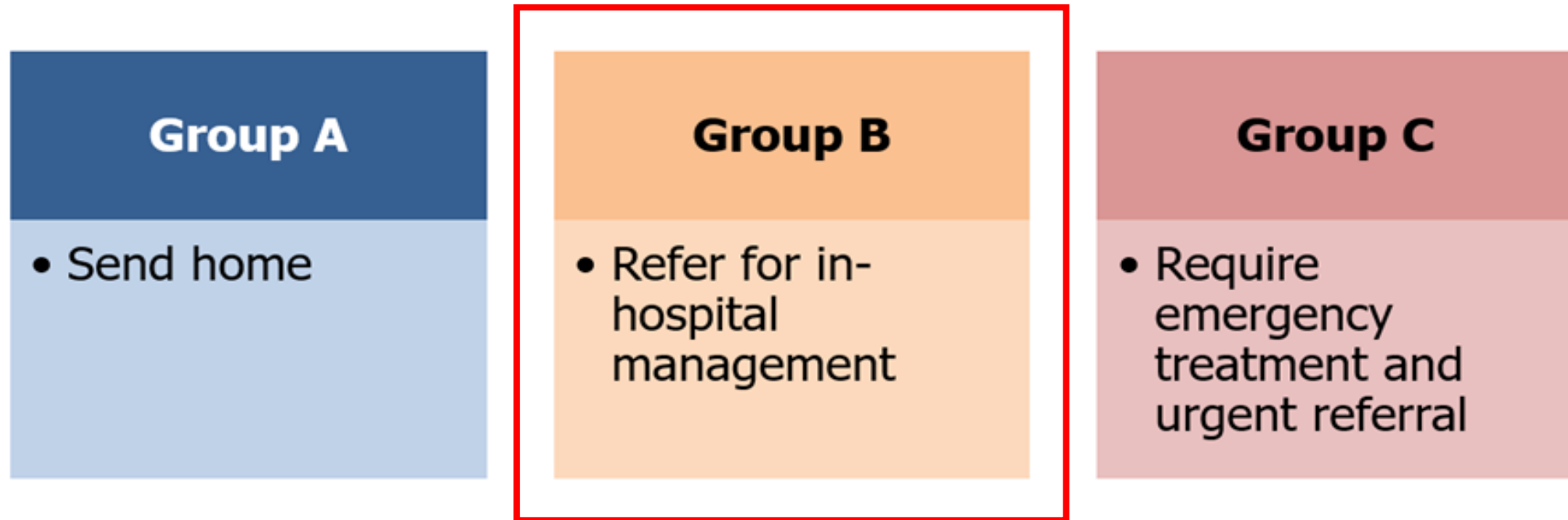
- Fever or defervescence?
- Development of warning signs?

Assess hemodynamic state: **5-in-1 magic touch**

Conduct serial CBCs until patient is out of the critical phase:

- Decreasing WBC
- Rising HCT with concurrent rapid fall in platelet count

MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR DENGUE PATIENT



GROUP B- REFERRAL FOR ADMISSION

Group B (any of following)

Has warning signs

Has co-existing condition:
Diabetes mellitus

Renal failure

Pregnancy

Infant

Elderly

Has social circumstances:

Living alone

Living far away without
a reliable means of
transport



1. Admit for inpatient care
2. Monitor hemodynamic status frequently
3. Use HCT to guide interventions
4. Use isotonic IV fluids judiciously
5. Correct metabolic acidosis, electrolytes as needed

Warning Signs	Yes	Details
Persistent vomiting/ diarrhoea ($\geq 3x$ over last 24h)	☐	
Any abdominal pain/ tenderness	☐	
Lethargy/ restlessness/ confusion	☐	
Tender hepatomegaly	☐	
Third space fluid accumulation	☐	
Spontaneous bleeding tendencies	☐	
Raised Hct with rapid drop in platelet	☐	(In the absence of baseline values)
Male ≤ 60 : Hct >46		
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Female all ages: Hct >40		

Other criteria for admission	Yes	Details
Syncope	☐	
Diarrhoea	☐	
Social factor	☐	
Special group	Yes	Details
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Heart failure/ CKD/ CLD	☐	
DM	☐	
HPT	☐	
IHD	☐	
COPD	☐	
Age >65	☐	

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CONSIDER admission for patients in the special group even in the absence of warning signs.

Instructions

1. Please notify

GROUP C- EMERGENCY REFERRAL TO HOSPITAL

Group C (any of following)

Severe plasma leakage
with shock and/or fluid
accumulation with
respiratory distress

Severe bleeding

Severe organ
impairment:

AST or ALT ≥ 1000
and/or impaired
consciousness



Requires emergency treatment
and urgent referral

SEVERE DENGUE	Yes	Details
Hypotension SBP<90 or MAP<60 or SBP drop >40mmHg from known baseline	☐	
Shock index: HR > SBP or impaired perfusion	☐	
Third space fluid accumulation with respiratory distress	☐	
Disturbed conscious level	☐	
Any bleed GI/ non-mucosal and non-cutaneous/ supra-physiological	☐	
Specific organ dysfunction <i>(pls specify)</i>	☐	
CRITICAL CARE REVIEW & FAST-TRACK		
Instructions		
1. Review features of severe dengue present. 2. Use colloid-incorporated regime early 3. Specify start and end time of regime		

Date & Time of:					
Fever onset:					
Critical phase onset:					
Phase:					
Febrile	☐	Critical	☐	Recovery	☐
DIAGNOSIS					
DENGUE FEVER WITHOUT WARNING SIGNS					☐
DENGUE FEVER WITH WARNING SIGNS					☐
SEVERE DENGUE					☐
Dr:					
Date:					

PREREQUISITES FOR TRANSFER

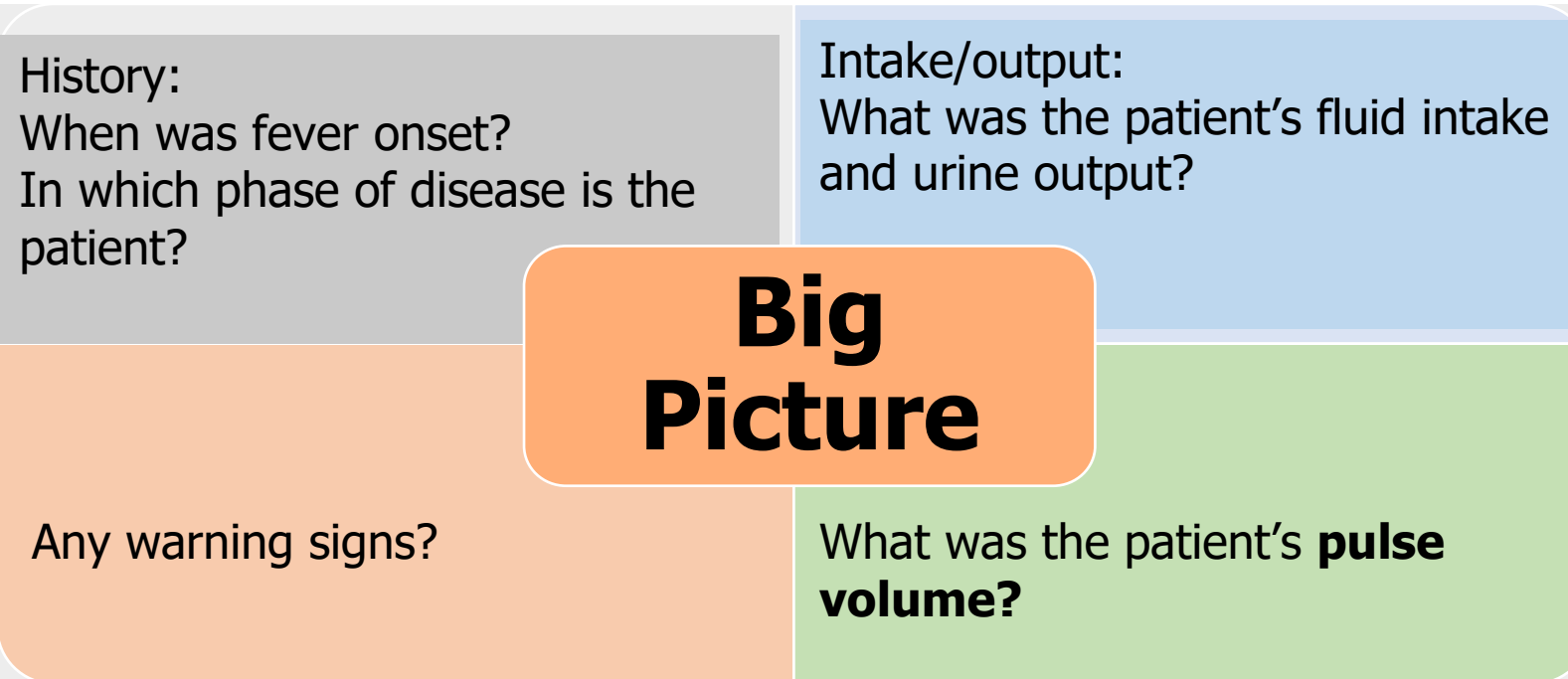
- All efforts must be taken to optimise the patient's condition before and during transfer
- The ED, ICU and Medical Department of the receiving hospital must be informed prior to transfer
- Adequate and essential information must be sent together with the patient that includes fluid chart, monitoring chart and investigation results

SUMMARY MANAGEMENT OF DENGUE

Group A (all of following)	Group B (any of following)	Group C (any of following)
Getting adequate volume of oral fluids Passing urine at least once every 4 to 6 hours No warning signs Has stable haematocrit and haemodynamic status Does not have co-existing conditions	Has warning signs Has co-existing condition: Diabetes mellitus, renal failure, pregnant, infant or elderly Has social circumstances: Living alone or living far away without a reliable means of transport	Severe plasma leakage with shock and/or fluid accumulation with respiratory distress Severe bleeding Severe organ impairment: AST or ALT ≥ 1000 and/or impaired consciousness
1. Give anticipatory guidance before sending home (see patient handout) 2. Follow up daily 3. Do serial CBCs 4. Identify warning signs early	1. Admit for inpatient care 2. Monitor hemodynamic status frequently 3. Use HCT to guide interventions 4. Use isotonic IV fluids judiciously 5. Correct metabolic acidosis, electrolytes as needed	Requires emergency treatment and urgent referral

Pitfalls in clinical examination of dengue patients

Always look at the **BIG picture** before “zooming in”.



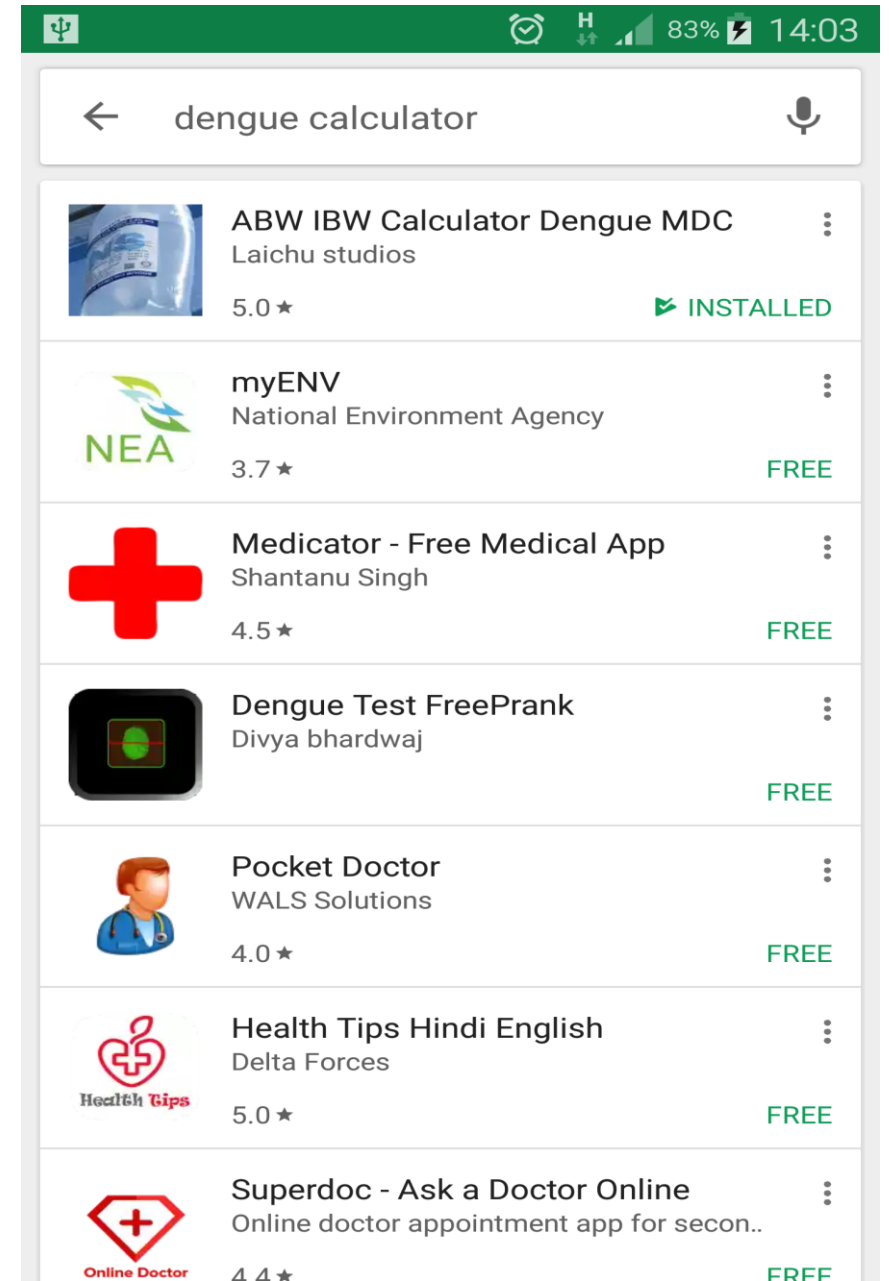
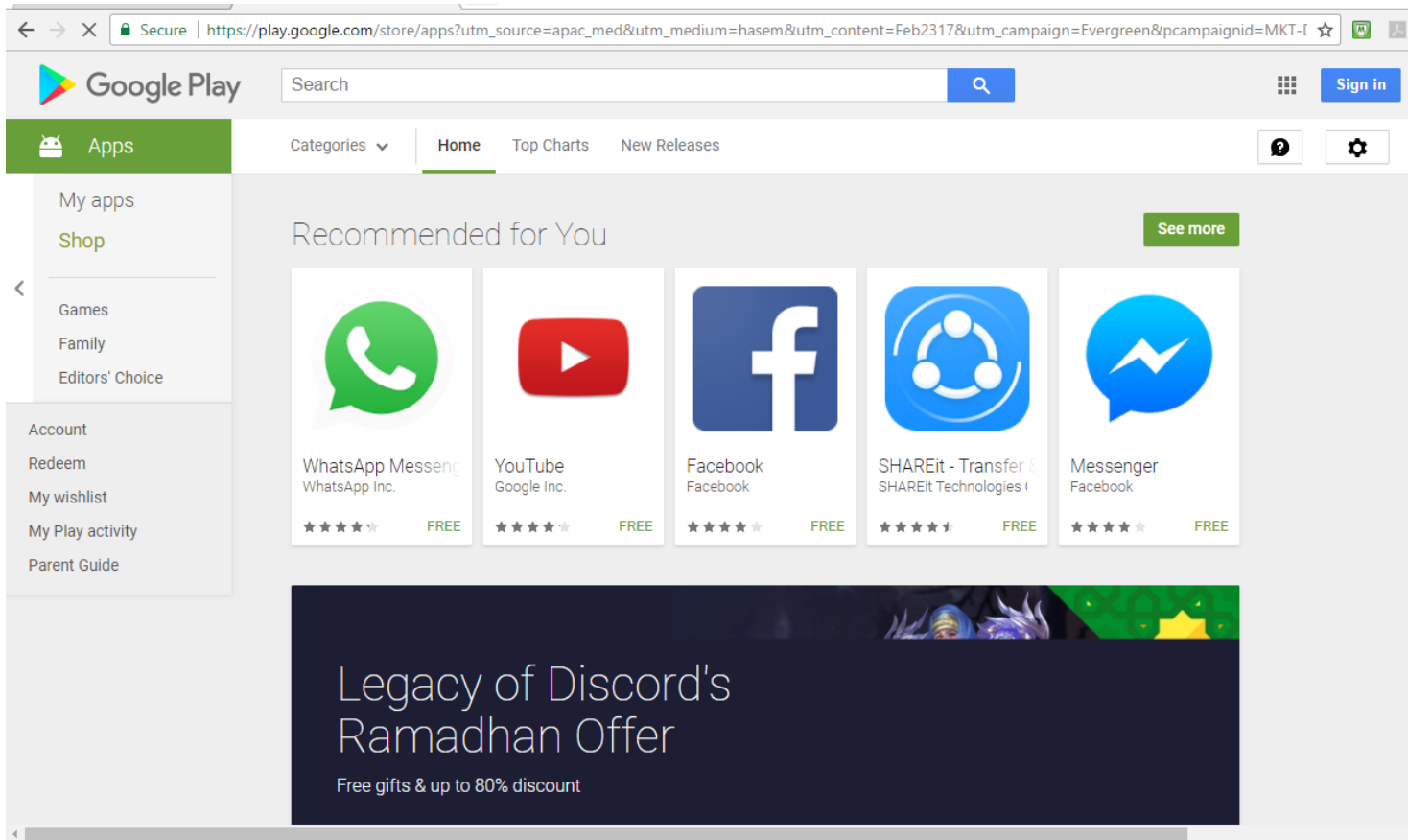
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Clinical features come as a “package”, not in isolation.

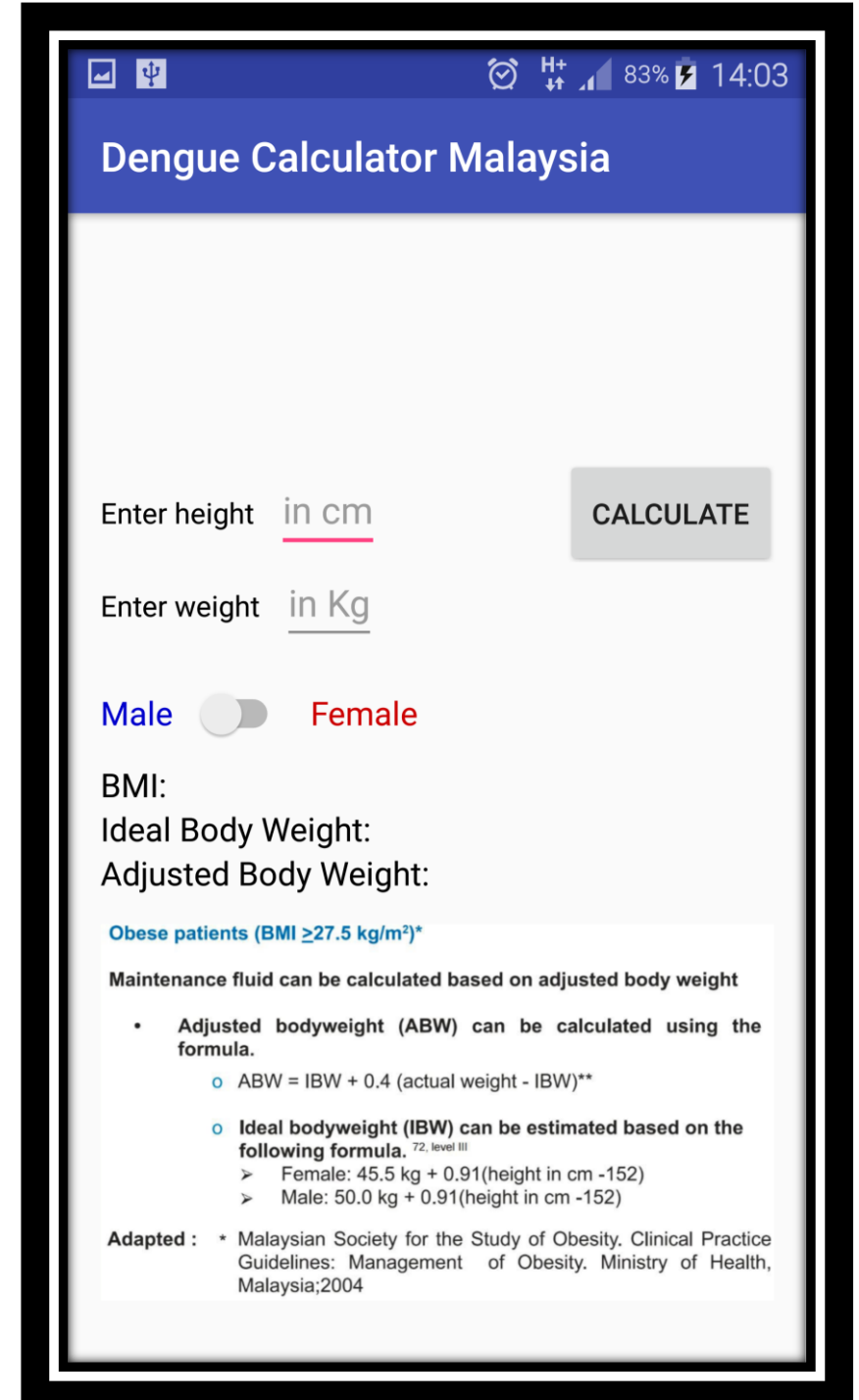
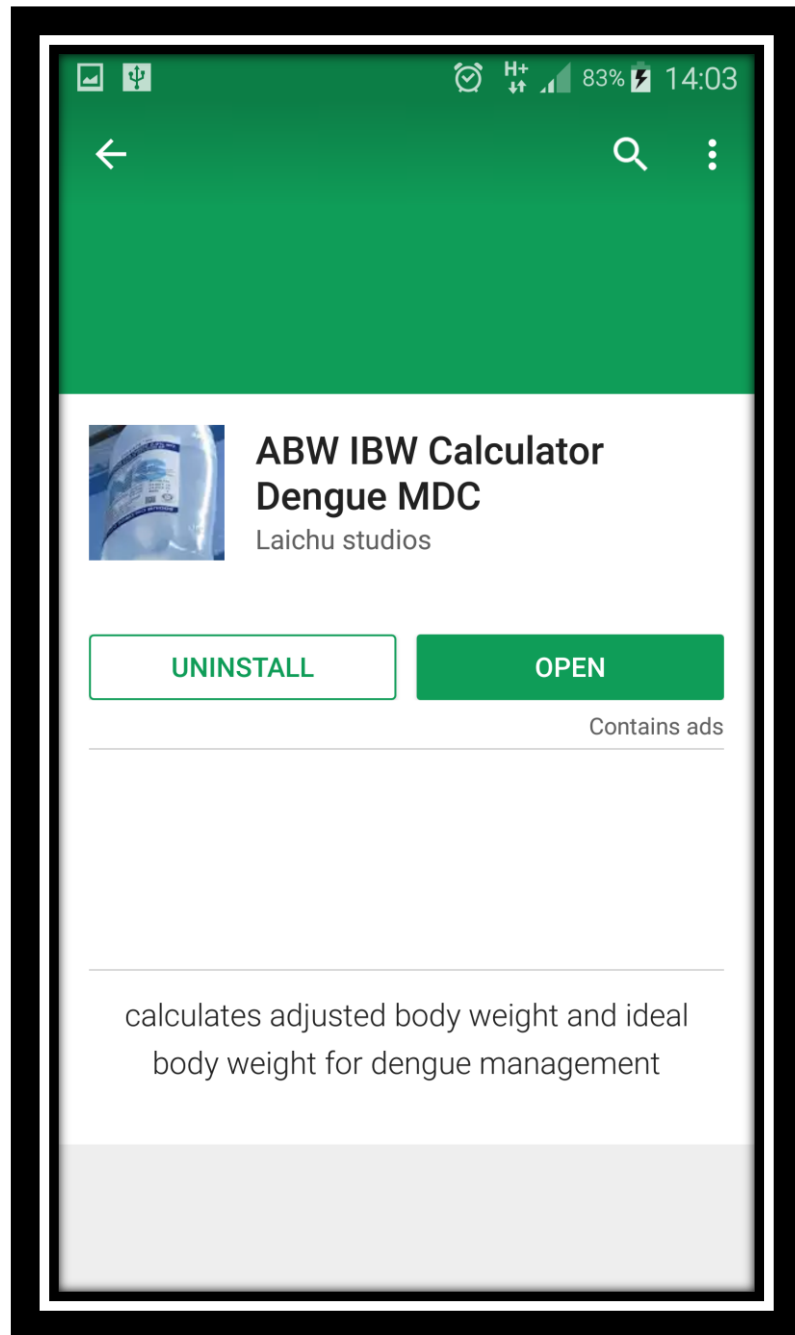
TO MANAGE AN ADULT DENGUE INFECTION A PERSON SHOULD HAVE

1. A SMART PHONE – TO DOWNLOAD CPG GUIDELINES
2. A SMART PHONE – THAT HAS A CALCULATOR
3. A SMAFT PHONE – TO DOWNLOAD APP TO CALCULATE BMI
4. PENS – BLACK OR BLUE INK
5. A RED INK PEN
6. A TORCHLIGHT

LAST AND MOST IMPORTANT

BRAIN AND WISDOM & KNOWLEDGE TO USE ALL THE ABOVE.....







- 22 years old, university student, male, day 2 of illness
- Presenting complaint:
 - Sudden onset fever- started yesterday, taken paracetamol 1g this morning at 6am, associated with headache, nausea, joint pain and muscle ache



What further
history would you
like to ask?

History



- No known medical illness
- Recent fogging at college
- No recent travelling or jungle tracking
- No URTI symptoms
- Able to take orally, taking 2 glasses of water since this morning with bread, passed urine once this morning, and he attended class yesterday

What is the
clinical
diagnosis?

CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS



- Probable Dengue
- Without warning sign
- Febrile phase
- Day 2 of illness

EXAMINATION



- Pink, alert, facial flushing, hydration status: normal
- Hand: pink, CRT<2 sec, warm periphery, good pulse volume and HR:94bpm
- BP: 118/ 70mm Hg
- Temperature: 38.6°C
- Lung: clear, normal air entry
- CVS: S1S2 no added sound
- Abdomen: Soft, non tender, no palpable liver

What is the
assessment of his
hemodynamic
status?

What is your
further
management?

Select 2 options

- Full blood count
- Renal profile
- Urine FEME
- Chest X-Ray
- Full blood picture
- Dengue Combo Test
- Blood C&S



Investigation Results

- FBC

- Hb: 14.5g/dL
- HCT: 43.3%
- TWBC: 5.5
- Platelet: 156

- Dengue Combo

- NSI: positive
- IgG: Negative
- IgM: Negative

What is your final
diagnosis?

FINAL DIAGNOSIS



- Dengue Fever
- Without warning sign
- Febrile phase
- Day 2 of illness

What is your next
action?

PLAN



- Notification
- Allow home
- Advice on elimination of mosquito breeding
- Dengue monitoring card (to bring cards to each clinic visit)
- PCM 1g PRN; No NSAIDs
- TCA hospital stat if warning sign
- Ensure good hydration
- Daily FBC / review

PROGRESS



- On day 4 of illness, fever subsided since yesterday night
- Poor oral intake, mild epigastric discomfort, claimed maybe having gastric pain
- General condition: conscious and alert
- Hand: warm and good pulse volume, CRT <2 sec, pulse volume poor, HR:98, BP:120/74mmHg
- Urine output: slightly reduce

What is your
current
diagnosis?



DIAGNOSIS

- Dengue Fever
- With warning sign
- Critical phase
- Day 4 of illness

What is your next
action?

Warning signs*

- Abdominal pain or tenderness
- Persistent vomiting (≥ 3 times per day)
- Persistent diarrhoea (≥ 3 times per day)
- Clinical fluid accumulation
- Mucosal bleed
- Lethargy, confusion, restlessness
- Tender liver
- Laboratory: increase in HCT
concurrent with rapid decrease in
platelet count

*(requiring strict observation & medical intervention)