

Neonatal Jaundice

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Definition



Neonatal jaundice:

Yellowish discoloration of the skin and/or conjunctiva caused by bilirubin deposition

Definition

Hyperbilirubinemia

Bilirubin > normal level

- ◉ The state of excessive amount of bile pigment bilirubin in the blood visibly manifested as jaundice.



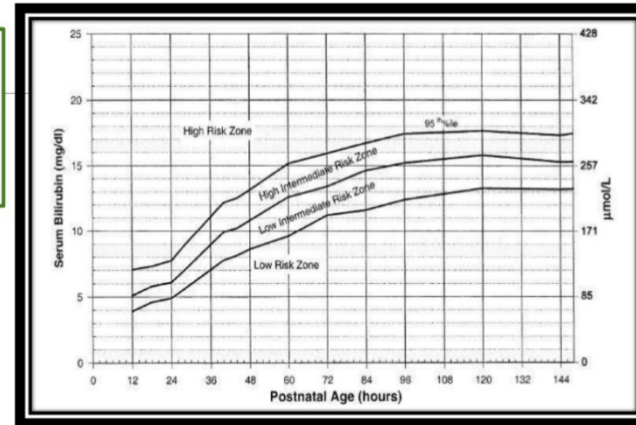
Definitions

Other Defenentions

Neonatal hyperbilirubinemia in infants ≥ 35 weeks gestational age (GA)

Normogram for designation of Hyperbilirubinemia risk based on hour specific bilirubin values.

Adapted from bhutani et al.



Diagnose hyperbilirubinemia

Bilirubin measured at >95th percentile for age in hours. Using Bhutani nomogram

Definitions

Severe neonatal hyperbilirubinemia

Defined as a Total serum Bilirubin

>25 mg/dL (428 micromol/L) in Term Newborns .

Ref

A Bhutani VK, Johnson LH

Clin Chem. 2004 Mar; 50(3):477-80.

It is associated with an increased risk for bilirubin-induced neurologic dysfunction (BIND).

Real Life Scenario

- 3 days old (73 hrs),
- 2.7 kg
- male,
- born at 36 wks.
- Mom is primi,
- group A +.

- He is breast feeding exclusively.
- Mother brings him to your office because he is sleepy and feeding less today.
- Exam: he is hard to arouse and has shrill cry.
- looks jaundiced.
- Weight 2.3kg.

- ✓ Total bili 25 mg/ dl (425 μ mol/L).
- ✓ Indirect 23 mg/dl (391 μ mol/L).
- ✓ Hgb 13.5 gm/dl
- ✓ direct Coombs is negative.

What is your diagnosis? (BIND)

Bilirubin-Induced Neurologic Dysfunction (BIND)

Acute signs = Acute Bilirubin Encephalopathy (ABE) include: **poor feeding, lethargy**, hypertonia and retrocollis, opithotonus, **shrill cry**; and irritability alternating with **increasing lethargy**.

Acute advanced signs are cessation of feeding, bicycling movements, inconsolable irritability and crying, possible seizures, fever, and coma

Kernicterus is the chronic and permanent sequelae of BIND.

Objectives

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Bilirubin metabolism

What special in neonates

Types and Causes of neonatal Jaundice

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Epidemiology of Jaundice



- 85% of infants > 35 weeks gestation have visible jaundice due to hyperbilirubinemia in the first week after birth — Bhutani, Stark et al, J Pediatr 2012 Epub
 - Nearly all preterm newborns have hyperbilirubinemia
- However 10% term -25% of late preterm require intervention

Has a complication

Bilirubin-Induced Neurologic Dysfunction (BIND)

- ***Acute sequelae*** of BIND :

Acute signs (Acute Bilirubin Encephalopathy)

- ***Chronic and permanent sequelae*** of BIND

Kernicterus :it is chronic sequelae

Neonatal Jaundice is HOT topic in Paediatric Journals

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Is Neonatal
A Systemic

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Sanjiv B. A

Early intravenous immunoglobulin (two-dose regimen) in the management of severe Rh hemolytic disease of newborn—a prospective randomized controlled trial

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ASD than the general population (Buchmayer et al. 2009; Johnson et al. 2010; Mester et al. 2008).

Severe Neonatal Hyperbilirubinemia and Adverse Short-Term Consequences in Baghdad, Iraq

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Key Words

Severe neonatal hyperbilirubinemia · Newborn jaundice · Acute bilirubin encephalopathy · Kernicterus

Abstract

Background: Severe neonatal hyperbilirubinemia, when unmonitored or untreated, can progress to acute bilirubin encephalopathy (ABE). Initiatives to prevent and eliminate post-icteric sequelae (kernicterus) are being implemented to allow for timely interventions for bilirubin reduction. **Objectives:** We report an observational study to determine the clinical risk factors and short-term outcomes of infants admitted for severe neonatal jaundice. **Methods:** A post-discharge medical chart review was performed for a cohort of infants admitted for management of newborn jaundice to the Children Welfare Teaching Hospital during a 4-month period in 2007 and 2008. **Immediate outcomes included** severity of hyperbilirubinemia, association of ABE, need and impact of exchange transfusion, and survival. Short-term post-discharge follow-up assessed for post-icteric sequelae. **Results:** A total of 162 infants were admitted for management of severe jaundice. Incidences of severe sequelae were: advanced ABE (22%), neonatal mortality within 48 h of admission (12%) and post-icteric sequelae (21%). Among the cohort, 85% were <10 days of age (median 6 days, IQR 4–7

days). Readmission total serum bilirubin ranged from 197 to 770 μM ; mean 386 ± 108 SD μM (mean 22.6 ± 6.3 SD mg/dl; median 360, IQR 310–445 μM). The major contributory risk factor for the adverse outcome of kernicterus/death was admission with advanced ABE (OR 8.03; 95% CI 3.44–18.7). Other contributory factors to this outcome, usually significant, but not so for this cohort, included home delivery, sepsis, ABO or Rh disease. Absence of any detectable signs of ABE on admission and treatment of severe hyperbilirubinemia was associated with no adverse outcome (OR 0.34; 95% CI 0.16–0.68). **Conclusions:** Risks of mortality and irreversible brain injury among healthy infants admitted for newborn jaundice are urgent reminders to promote education of communities, families and primary health care providers, especially in a fractured health system. Known risk factors for severe hyperbilirubinemia were overwhelmed by the effect of advanced ABE.

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Introduction

All newborns are at risk for jaundice or some degree of hyperbilirubinemia [1, 2]. Extreme neonatal hyperbilirubinemia, especially when unmonitored or untreated, is associated with chronic bilirubin encephalopathy or

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Association of a Delayed Cord-Clamping Protocol With Hyperbilirubinemia in Term Neonates.

Yang S¹, Duffy JY, Johnston R, Fall C, Fitzmaurice LE.

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OBJECTIVE: To evaluate the implementation of a delayed cord-clamping protocol at an academic medical center, and its short-term associations on term neonates.

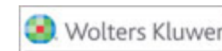
METHODS: This was a retrospective cohort study of women aged 18 years or older delivering a term neonate at an academic medical center before and 5-7 months after implementation of a universal delayed cord-clamping protocol (October-December 2015 and October-December 2016, respectively). The primary outcome measure was the mean peak neonatal transcutaneous bilirubin level, with secondary outcome measures including mean initial transcutaneous bilirubin levels, mean serum bilirubin levels, number of serum bilirubin levels drawn, incidence of clinical jaundice, and phototherapy.

RESULTS: Protocol adherence was 87.8%. Data are presented on 424 neonates. The mean peak neonatal transcutaneous bilirubin levels were significantly higher among neonates in the postprotocol group (10.0±3.4 mg/dL vs 8.4±2.7 mg/dL, P<.01). More neonates in the postprotocol group were diagnosed with jaundice (27.2% vs 16.6%; odds ratio [OR] 1.88; 95% CI 1.17-3.01) and required serum blood draws (43.7% vs 29.4%; OR 1.86; 95% CI 1.25-2.78). However, there were no differences in mean peak serum bilirubin levels between groups (9.7±3.0 mg/dL vs 9.1±3.1 mg/dL, P=.17) or need for phototherapy (5.2% vs 6.6%, OR 1.28; 95% CI 0.57-2.89).

CONCLUSION: Implementation of a delayed cord-clamping protocol for term neonates was associated with significantly higher mean transcutaneous bilirubin levels, an increased number of serum blood draws, and more clinical diagnoses of jaundice, although there was no increase in the incidence of phototherapy.

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A young child with brown hair is swimming in a pool, wearing blue and red goggles. The child is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The water is clear and blue.

Life long complication of Severe Neonatal hyperbilirubinemia

BIND

Can be preventable by **early**
recognition and prompt **early**
treatment

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Why to know the bilirubin production and metabolism

To Know the cause

- Physiologic

- Pathologic

Bilirubin production: Source

80-90%

- ▣ 80% of bilirubin
 - ▣ Degradation of the hemoglobin
 - ▣ Old or injured RBCs

-Or from Ineffective erythropoiesis

10 -20%

- ▣ Breakdown of hemoproteins in the liver
 - ▣ Catalases
 - ▣ Cytochrome oxidases

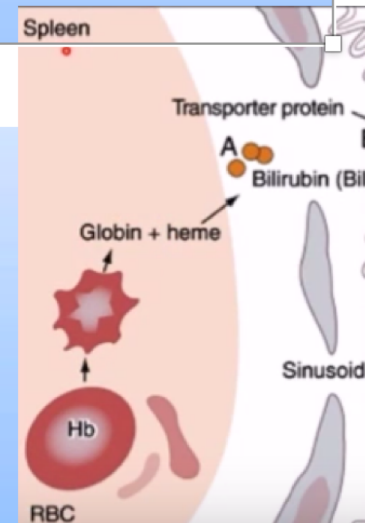
Note:

Ineffective erythropoiesis = Destruction of newly formed RBC in bone marrow itself

Site of bilirubin metabolism

- Reticuloendothelial system
- Consists primarily of monocytes and macrophages

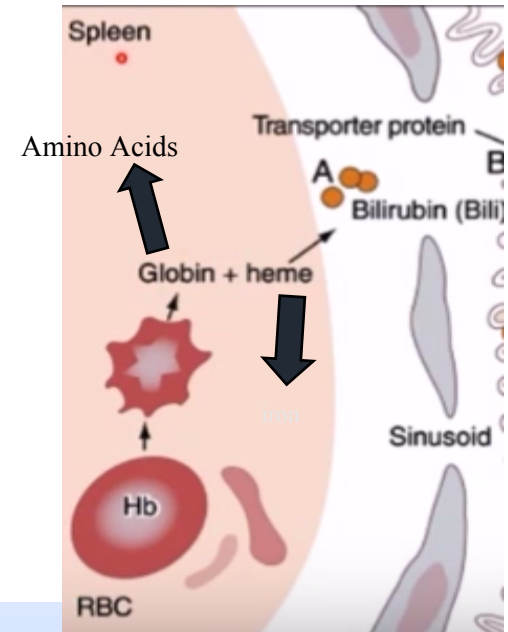
- Spleen
 - Largest unit
- Liver
- Bone marrow

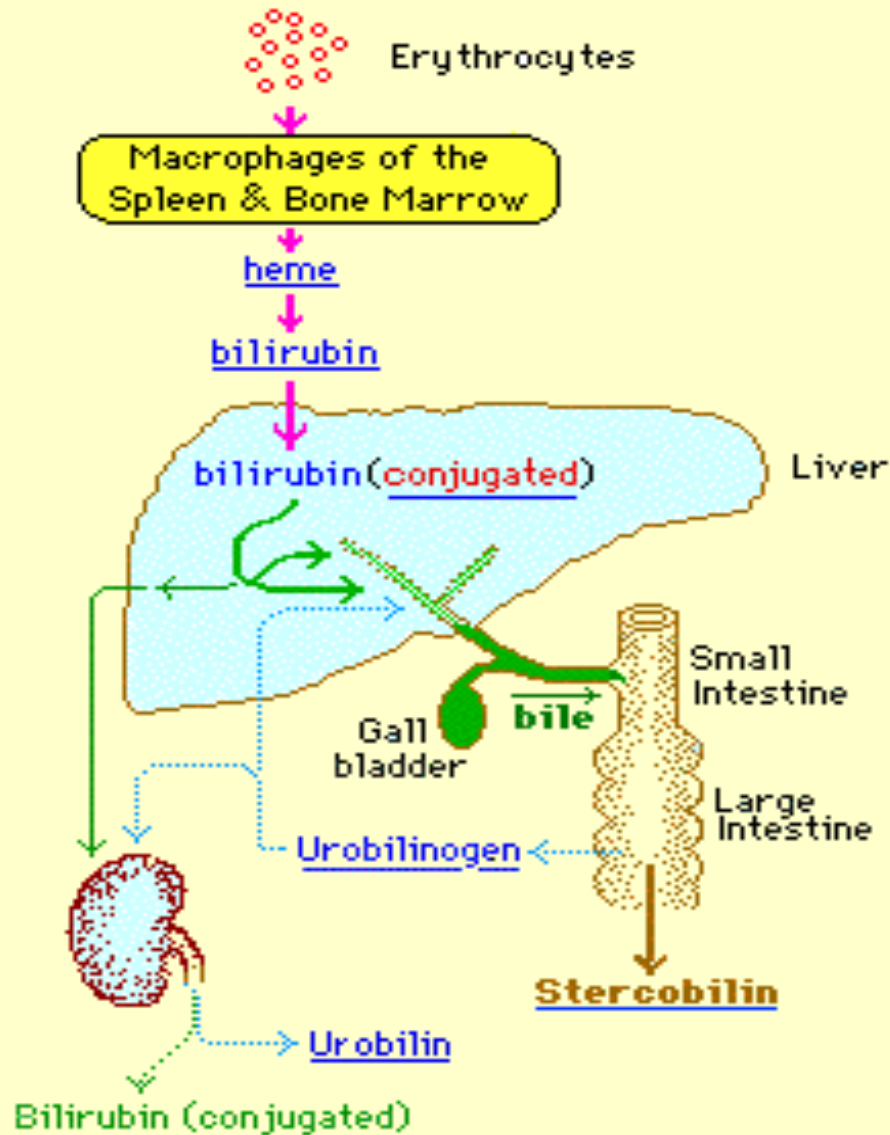


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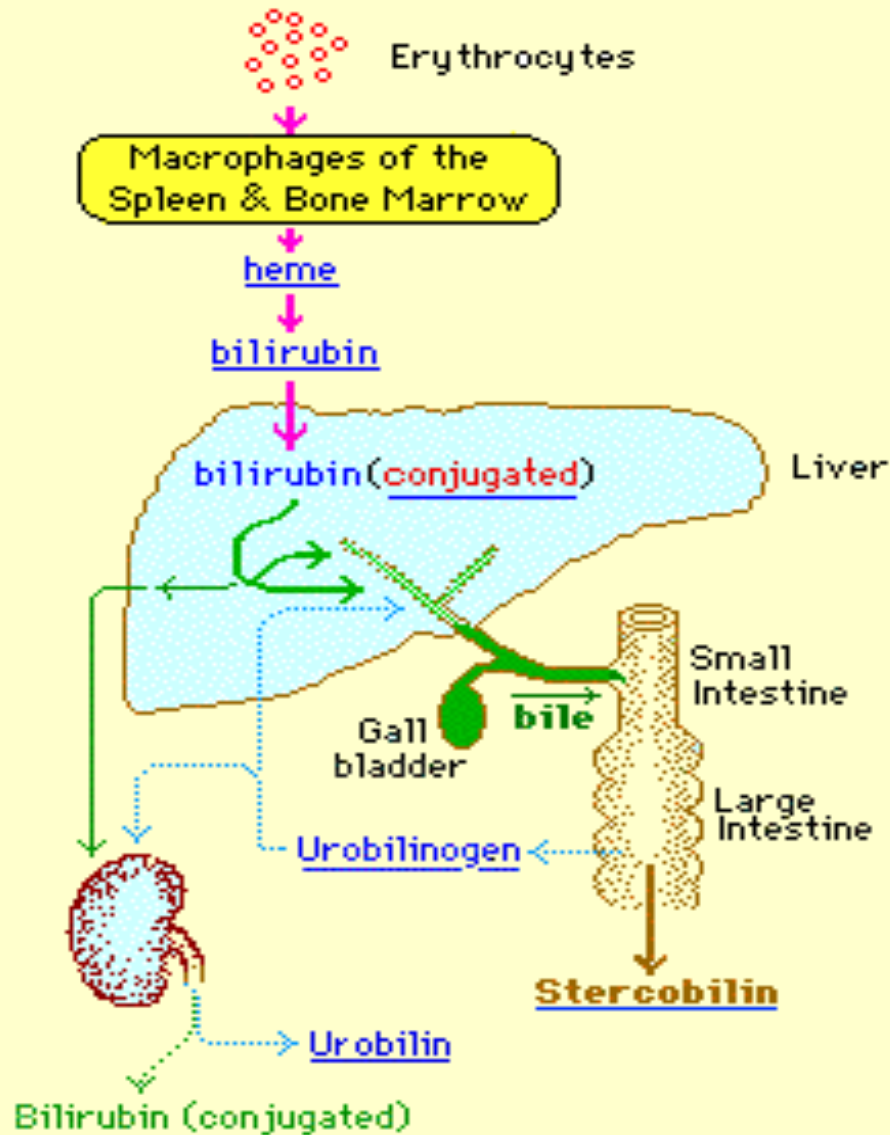
Macrophages

- Remove old erythrocytes from the circulation
 - Lifespan of RBCs = 120 days
- Hemoglobin broken down into
 - Iron
 - Reutilized
 - Globin
 - Degraded and returned to the amino acid pool



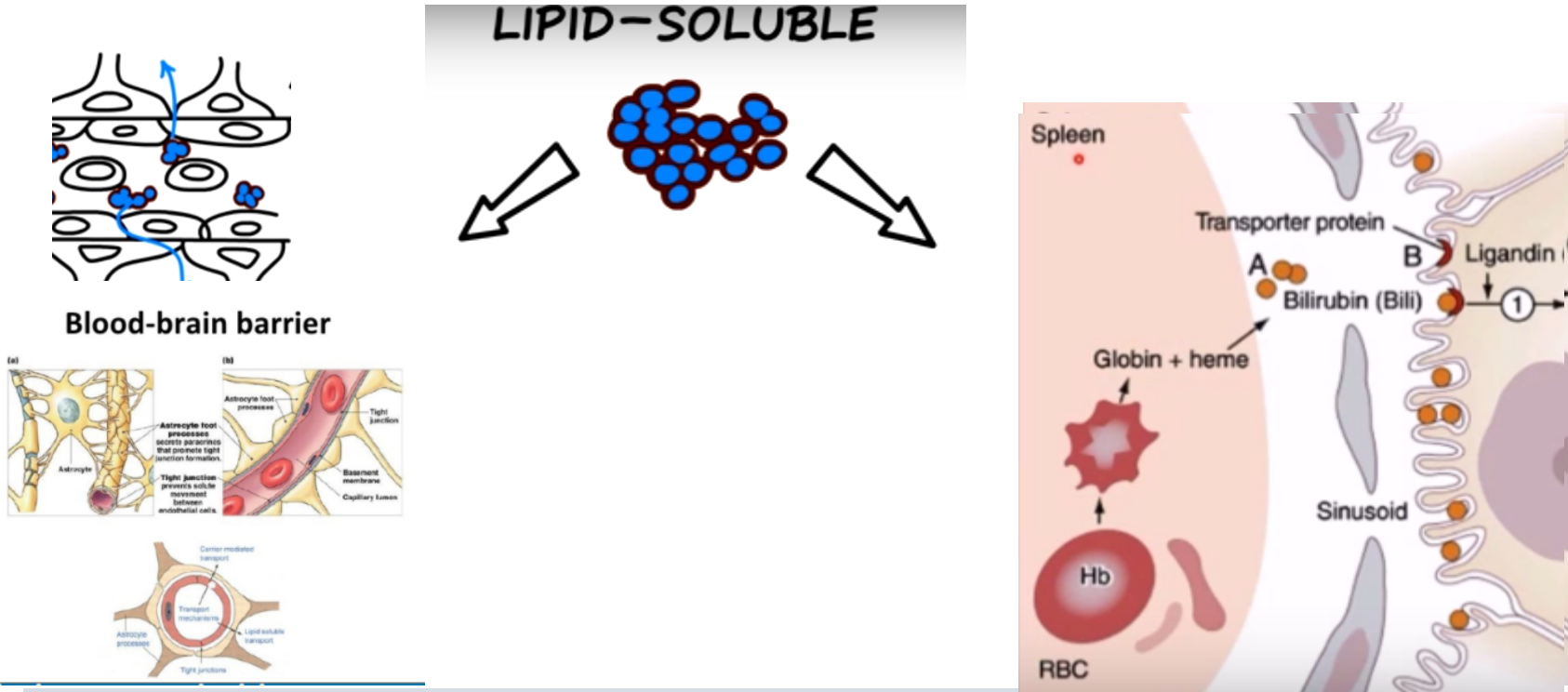


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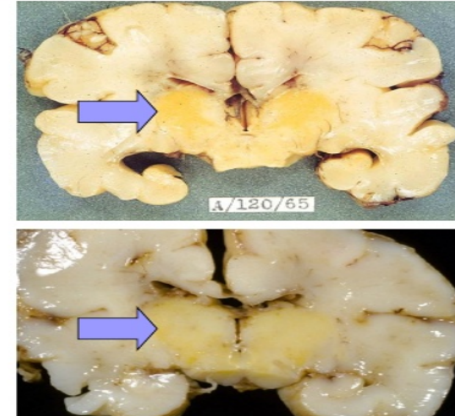
Why to know the **Bilirubin Production & Metabolism**

Unconjugated Bilirubin in plasma



- Bound to albumin (reversible binding)
- Can be displaced if
 - Drugs (valium, ceftriaxone, sulfa)
 - Free fatty acids

Unconjugated Bilirubin (UB)



- ▣ Not soluble in water
- ▣ Potentially toxic
- ▣ Made soluble and less toxic by its reversible, binding to albumin

No bilirubin in urine

- ▣ Bilirubin in blood tightly bound to albumin
- ▣ Cannot appear in the urine
 - ▣ Albumin not filtered by glomerulus
- ▣ Liver disease
- ▣ Biliary obstruction

Unless

Normal level

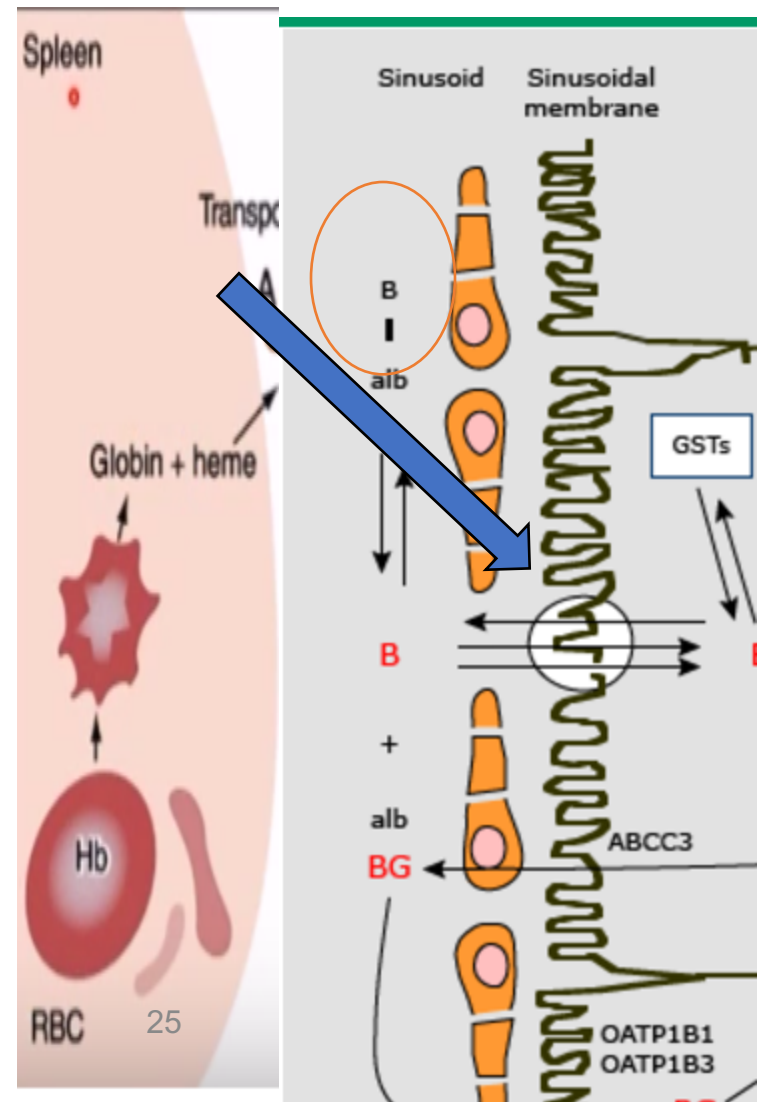
▣ $< 1.5 \text{ mg/dL}$

- ▣ Almost entirely bilirubin (unconjugated)
 - ▣ Tightly but reversibly bound to albumin

Hepatic uptake – Circulating bilirubin

Hepatocyte

- Bilirubin is transported to the liver Through carrier proteins
 - organic anion transporter protein OATP-2



Role of uridine diphosphate glycosyltransferase

conjugation is catalyzed by the enzyme **U**ridine diphosphate
glycosyl **t**ransferase 1A1

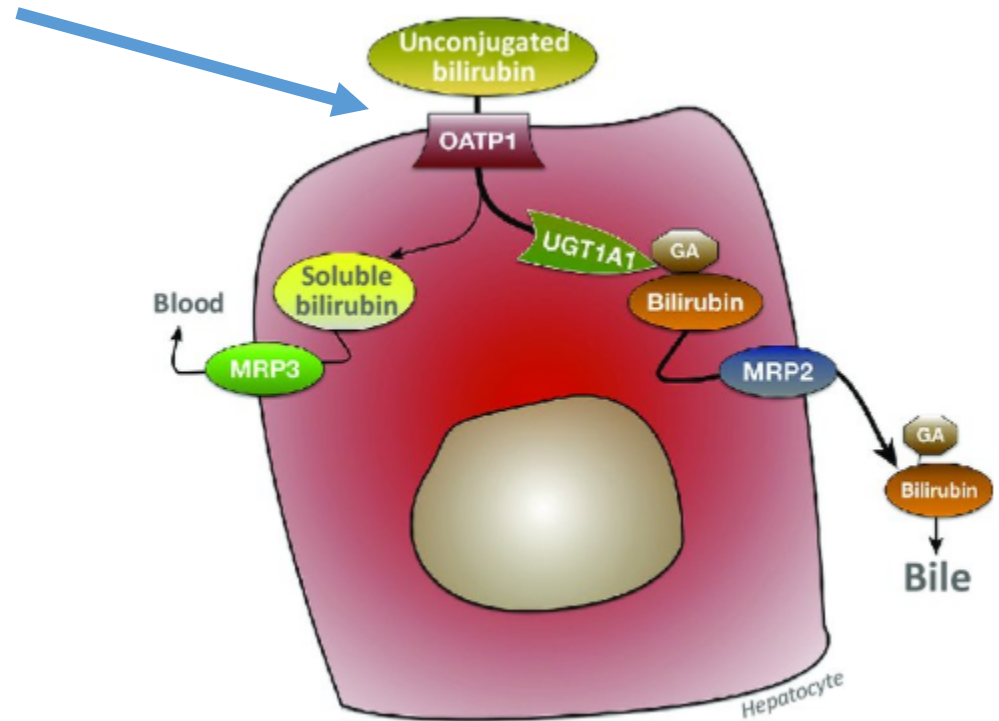
” *UGT1A1* gene (ID: 54658) is a **part of a complex locus**
encoding 13 UDP-glucuronosyltransferases)

What does UGT1 stand for?

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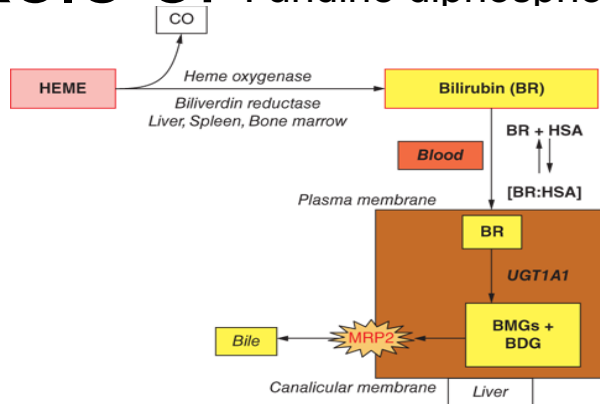
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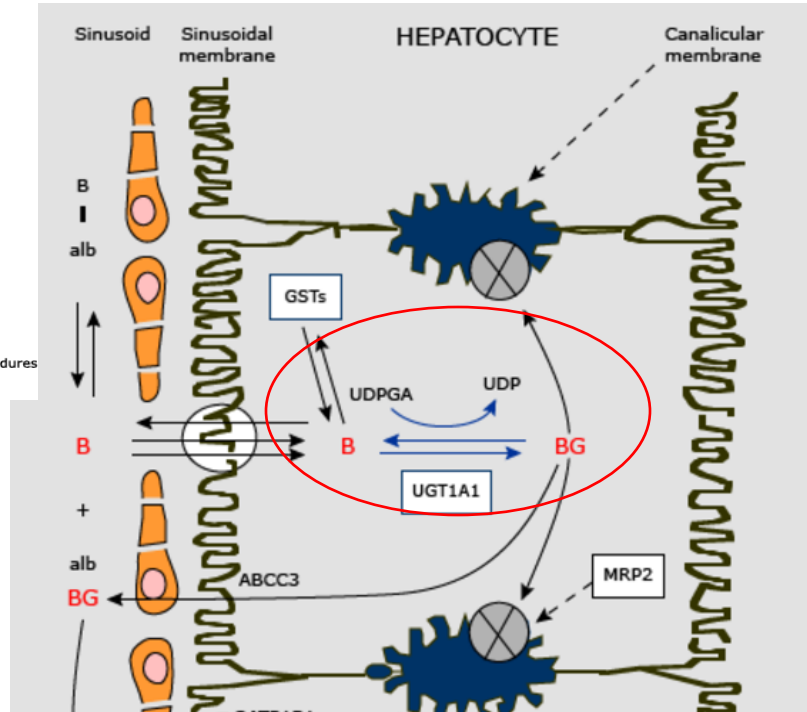


Conjugation – In Hepatocytes

Role of : uridine diphosphogluconurate glucuronosyltransferase (UGT1A1)



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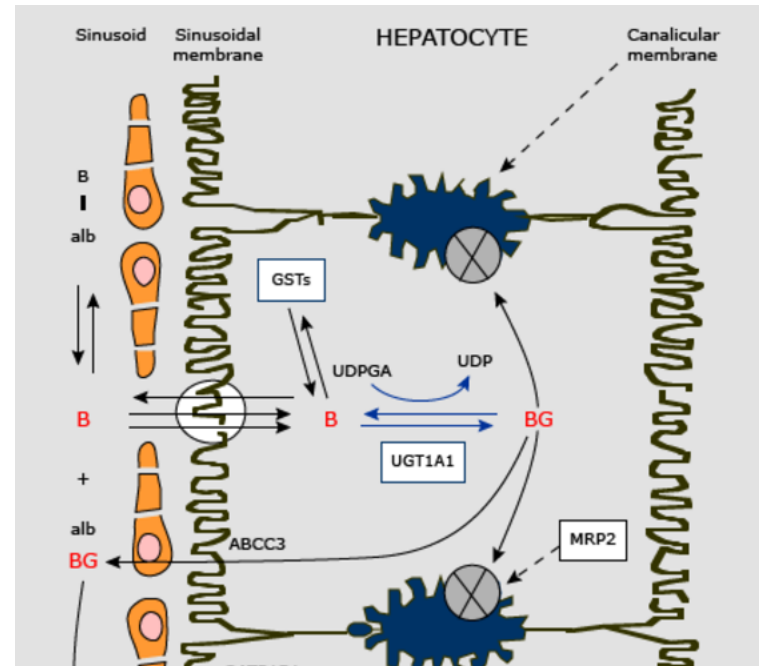
Actively excreted into bile

Bilirubin in bile

- 85%
 - Diglucuronides
- 15%
 - Monoglucuronide

Ethnic variation in conjugation ability

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 - Due to differences in the number of thymine-adenine (TA) repeats in the promoter region of the gene
 - vary among individuals of Asian, African, and Caucasian ancestry
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Bilirubin Conjugation abnormalities in liver

Conjugation abnormalities:

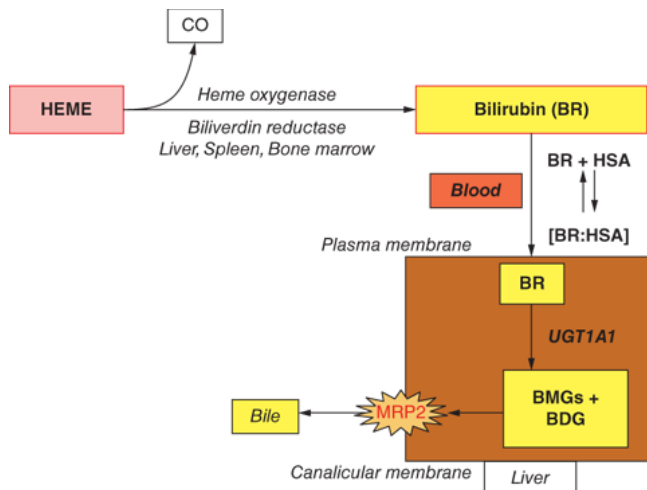
- UGT1A1 polymorphism
- Crigler –Najar Syndrome
- Gilbert Syndrome
- Inhibitory factors for hepatic UGT1A1!

Inhibitory factor(s) for hepatic UGT1A1

- Can be secreted in the milk of some mothers (breast milk jaundice).
- Can be present in maternal plasma may be transplacentally transferred to the fetus (the Lucey Driscoll syndrome).

Biliary excretion –for Hepatocytes

Role of : Multi resistant associated proteins 2 (MRP2)



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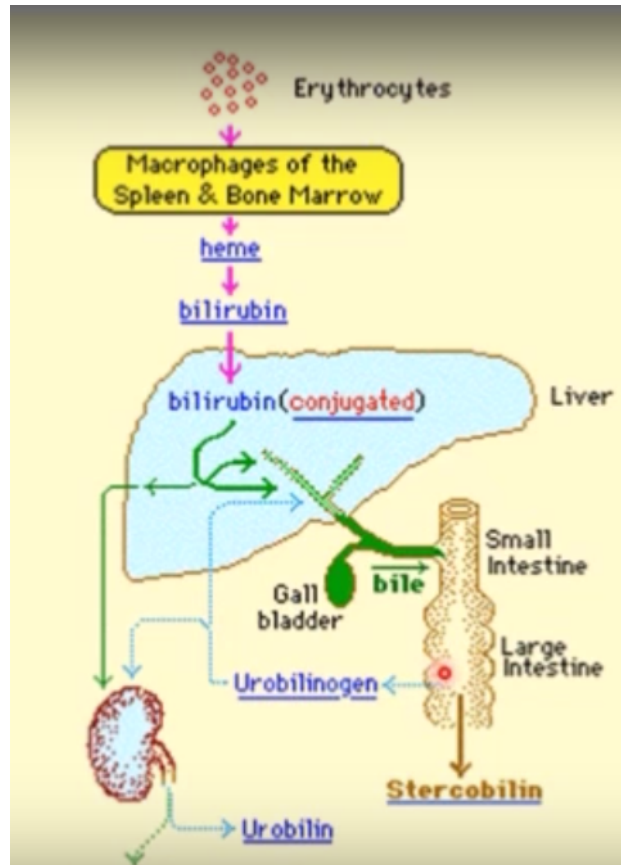
- ▣ Actively transported into the bile canaliculus
- ▣ ATP-dependent export pump
- ▣ Protein in the hepatocyte apical membrane
- ▣ Multidrug resistance-associated protein 2

Enhanced bile flow
 by phenobarbital

Dubin-Johnson syndrome

- ▣ **Abnormal MRP2 (multidrug resistance-associated protein 2)**
- ▣ **Failure to actively excrete conjugated bilirubin into the biliary canaliculi**
 - ▣ **Conjugated bilirubin increases in the blood**

Bilirubin metabolism In adult



Some is urobilinogen go to the blood reach the kidney and excreted as urobilin that give yellow color.

Unconjugated bilirubin

- ▣ Reduced by normal gut bacteria
 - ▣ Colorless urobilinogen

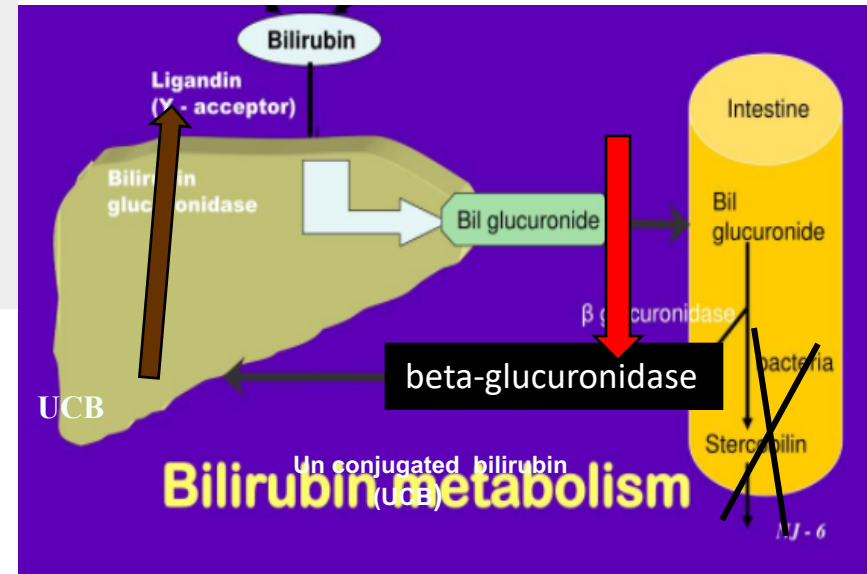
Urobilinogen

- ▣ Oxidized in the colon to colored stercobilin
- ▣ 85%
 - ▣ Excreted in feces as stercobilinogen
- ▣ 15%
 - ▣ Enterohepatic circulation
 - ▣ Passively absorbed into the portal venous blood
 - ▣ Enter the liver
 - ▣ Re-excreted by liver into the intestine

Bilirubin metabolism in **neonate** (Entero hepatic circulation **EHC**)

- Neonates have beta-glucuronidase in the intestinal mucosa
- It deconjugates the conjugated bilirubin to **unconjugated bilirubin (UCB)**

UCB fraction is partially reabsorbed through the intestinal wall and recycled into the circulation, a process known as the "EHC of bilirubin".
undergoes EHC



Excessive amounts of bilirubin are available for reabsorption in : obstruction of the upper intestinal tract, delayed passage of meconium, or fasting (decrease transient time)

Bilirubin
measurement

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graph LR; A[Bilirubin measurement] --> B[Transcutaneous bilirubinometer]; A --> C[Total serum bilirubin levels (TSB)];
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Transcutaneous
bilirubinometer

Total serum
bilirubin levels
(TSB)

Transcutaneous bilirubinometer (TcB)

Clip slide

- TcB is a useful adjunct to TSB measurement and routine employment of TcB can reduce the need for blood sampling.
- TcB can be used in infants of 35 wks or more gestation & after 24 hrs of life.
- TcB has a good correlation with TSB levels but becomes unreliable once the TSB level goes beyond 14 mg/dl.
- Trends in TcB values 12 hrs apart have a better predictive value than a single reading.
- A TcB value more than 12 – 14 mg/dl needs confirmation by TSB examination.



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Types of Neonatal Jaundice

Physiological Jaundice

Pathological Jaundice

Breast-milk Jaundice

Breast-feeding Jaundice

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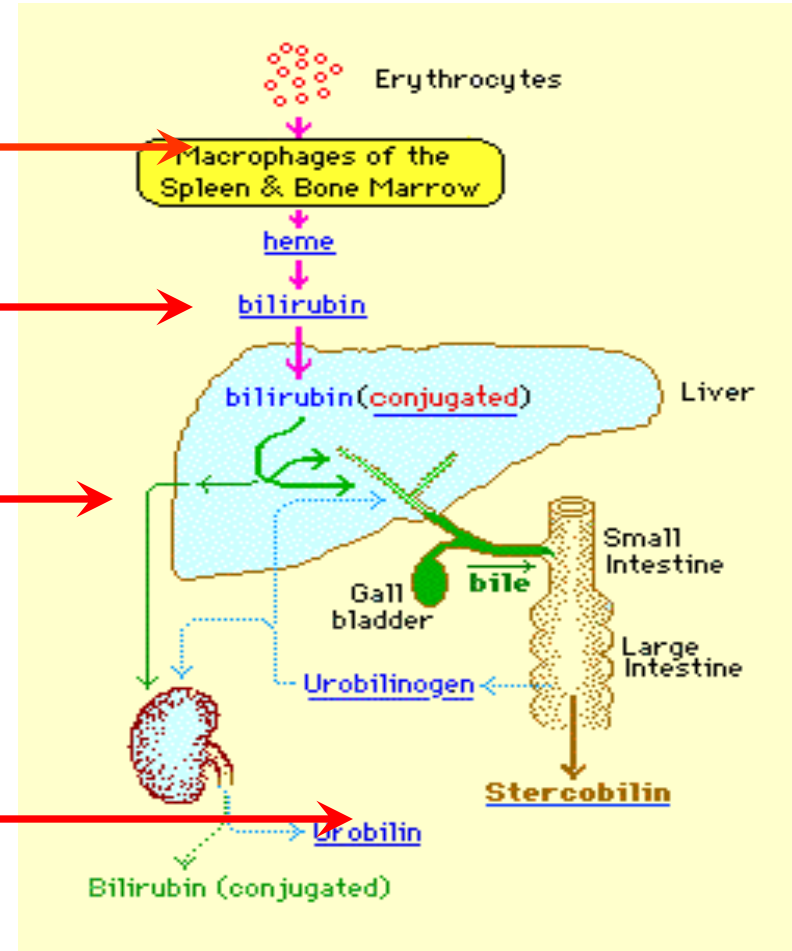
Mechanism of Physiologic Jaundice

Increased rbc's
and ineffective erythropoiesis

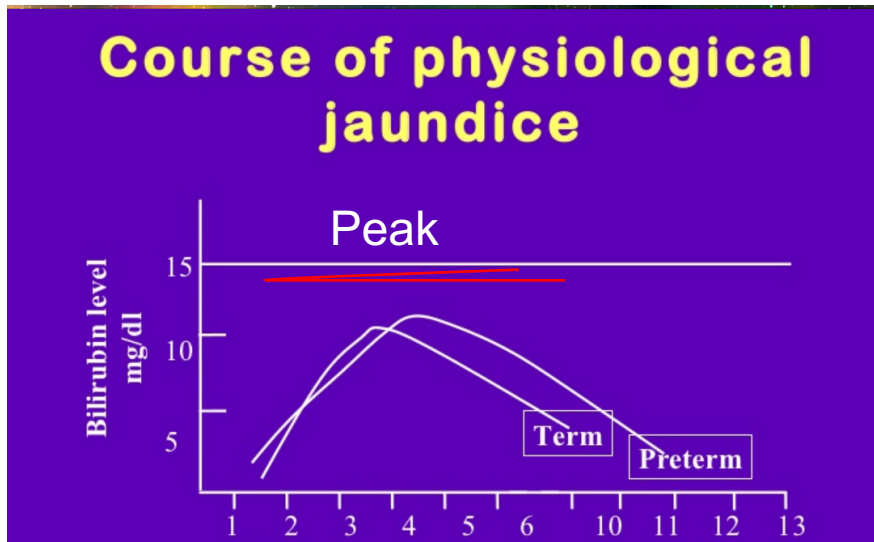
Shortened RBC lifespan

Immature hepatic uptake &
conjugation (paucity of ligandin
and decrease UGTA1)

Increased enterohepatic
Circulation
(Increase B glucuronidase)



Physiologic Jaundice: Has Pattern



- usually *disappear*
- by 4 – 5 days (rarely by 7 -10 days) in full term
- & usually by 7 - 9 days (rarely by 10 days - 2wk) in preterm .

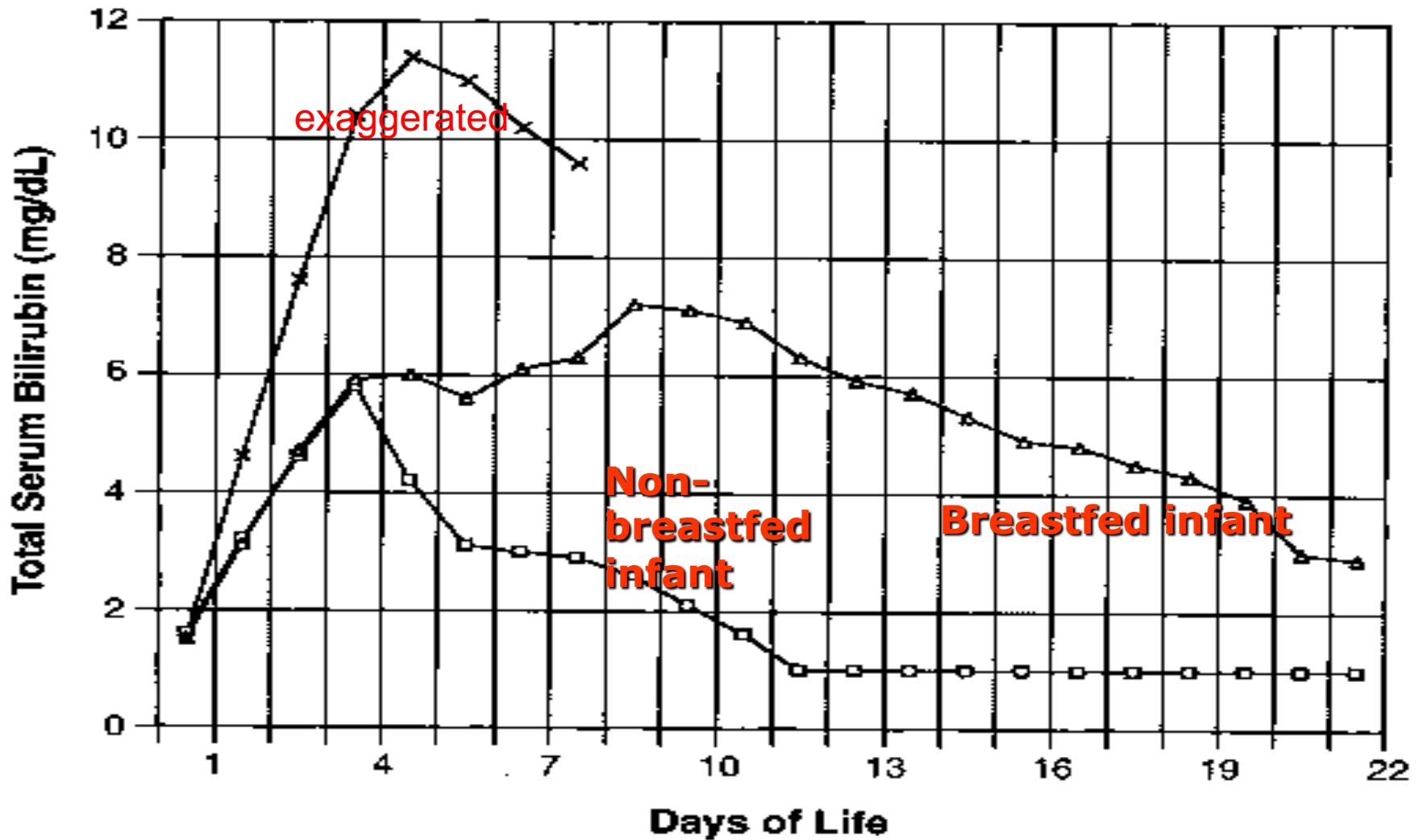
Peak 5- 7 days in preterm

Physiologic Jaundice

Increase should <than 0.2 mg/dL / hour.

- Rate of rise should <5 mg/dL per Day
- Mean Peak is according to race (less than 15)
- May be exaggerated

Physiologic Jaundice: pattern



Physiological jaundic may be exaggerated (increase peak & duration)

- when there is a risk factors as ; breast feeding , male sex , cephal hematoma , cutanouse bruising , polycythemia , weigh loss , dehydration , caloric deprivation , delay bowel movement , maternal DM , drug (K3 , novobiocin oxytocin), trisomy

Breast feeding Jaundice

- Elevated unconjugated bilirubin
 - (can exaggerate Physiologic Jaundice)
- There is mild dehydration and weight loss + low caloric intake
 - Weight loss more than 8% of birth weight
 - **May** associated with increase serum Na level and fever
- Elevated bilirubin in the 1st week of life
 - in the first few days of life
- Mandates improved/increased breastfeeding (for hydration)
 - No water or dextrose supplementation
 - Formula (OK)
 - May need phototherapy
 - Give feed every 2-3 hours

Physiologic Jaundice

Clinical jaundice should resolve within the first one to two weeks after birth,

Persistence of hyperbilirubinemia beyond two weeks of age merits further evaluation.

this is called

Prolonged Jaundice

Prolonged Jaundice

>2 weeks in term
> 3 weeks preterm

■ Common & important causes

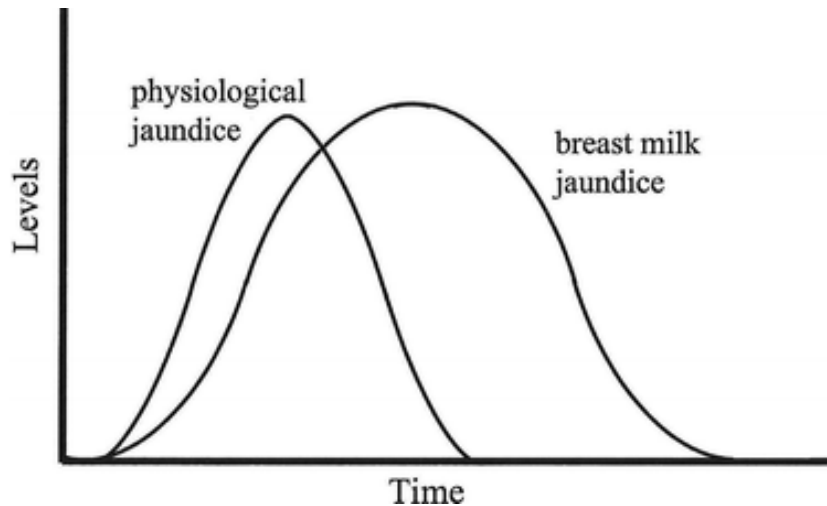
- Breast milk jaundice
- Obstructive jaundice
- Neonatal hepatitis
- Haemolysis
- Metabolic - Hypothyroidism

Work UP

- ✓ CBC & reic
- ✓ BBG \$ MBG
- ✓ DCT
- ✓ TSB& direct
- ✓ G6PD
- ✓ TFT
- ✓ Urine (Reducing substances)
- ✓ urine culture

- Urinary tract infection
- Erly galactosemia

Breast Milk Jaundice



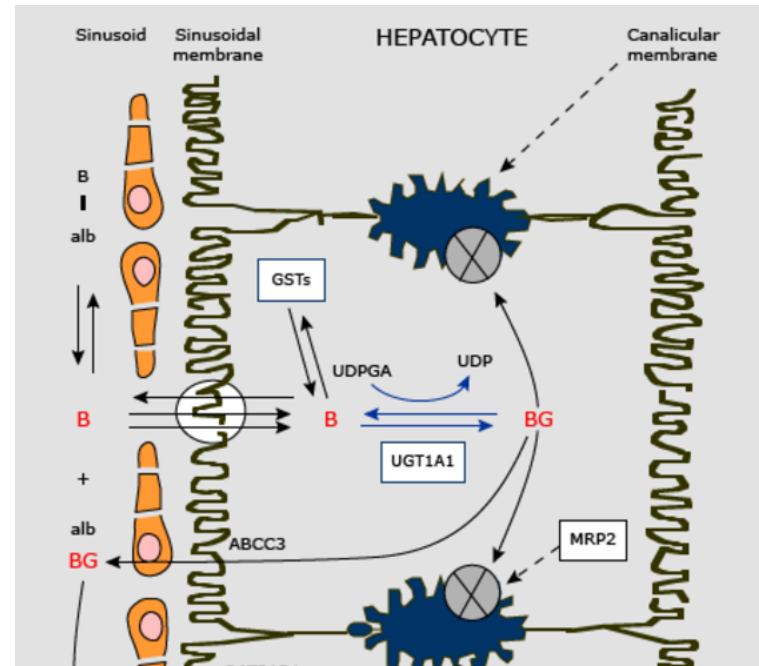
- Type of neonatal Jaundice
- Associated with breastfeeding
- characterized by indirect hyperbilirubinemia in an otherwise healthy breastfed newborn

- Develops after the first 4-7 days of life, persists longer than physiologic jaundice
- May be Familial
- May last 3-12 weeks
- Rare to cause BIND unless bilirubin > 25 mg/dl
- has no other identifiable cause
- main cause of prolonged Jaundice
- ?Milk inhibitors and genetic factor
 - substances in the breast milk that inhibit (UDPGA1)
 - beta glucuronidase activity in breast milk

Ethnic variation in conjugation ability

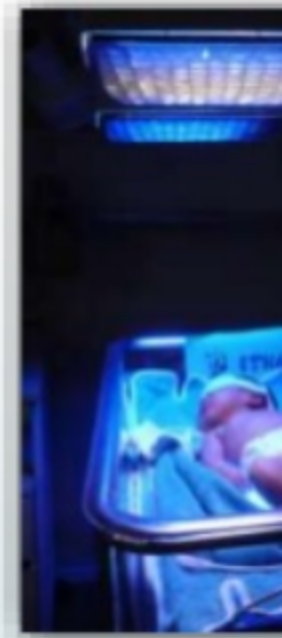
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○ **MANAGEMENT OF BREASTMILK JAUNDICE:**

- Phototherapy is indicated, if serum bilirubin exceeds 20 mg/dl. →
- Exchange transfusions, if serum bilirubin reaches 25-30 mg/dl. →
- Temporary interruption of breastfeeding may be followed by fall in serum bilirubin values.
- However, in majority of cases the jaundice can be managed without need of stopping breastfeeding.



Jaundice and Breast milk

Breastfeeding Jaundice versus Breastmilk Jaundice

| Parameters | Breastfeeding Jaundice | Breastmilk Jaundice |
|-----------------|--|---|
| Onset | 3 rd -4 th day of life | defined as the persistence of "physiologic jaundice" beyond the first week of age |
| Pathophysiology | <p>Low caloric intake</p> <p>Dehydration</p> <p>Increase EHC</p> | <p>Unknown; probably due to B-glucuronidase in breastmilk which increase enterohepatic circulation;</p> <p>Normal Liver Function Test, (-)</p> <p>Hemolysis</p> <p>Genetic cause</p> |
| Management | <p>Fluid and caloric supplementation</p> <p>Feed every 2-3 hours</p> | <p>Stop breast milk ??</p> <p>Manage by photo if needed</p> |

polymorphisms of the UGT gene
Gilbert syndrome
 is the most common inherited disorder of bilirubin glucuronidation. It results from a mutation in the promoter region of the UGT1A1 gene

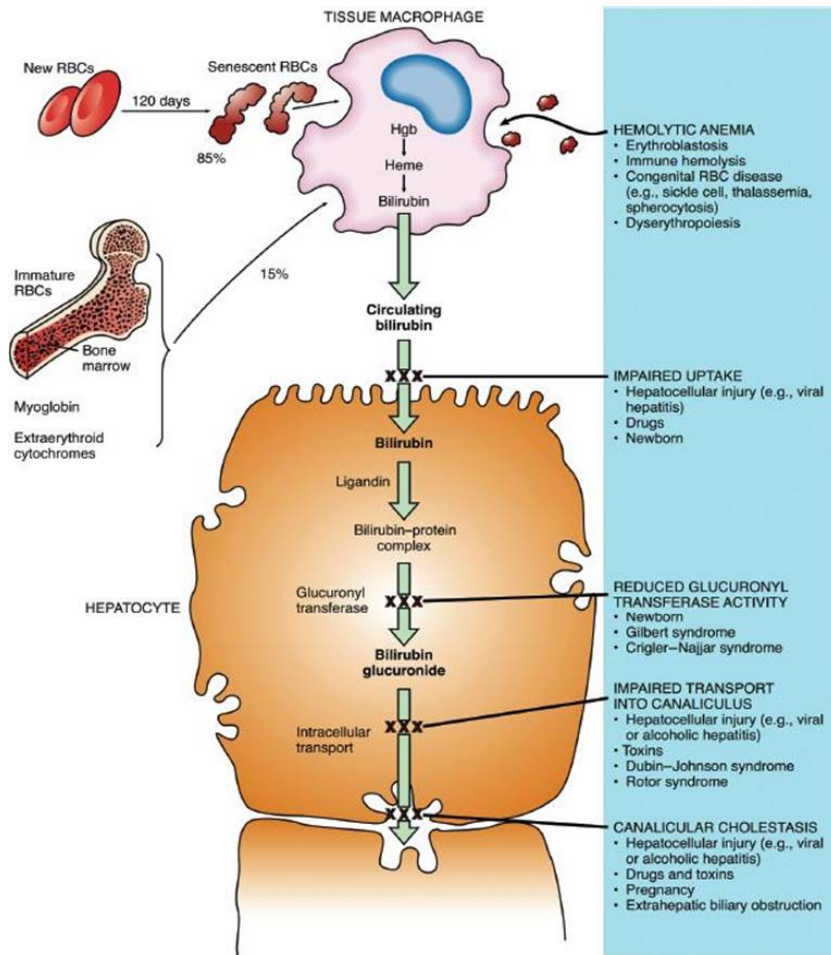
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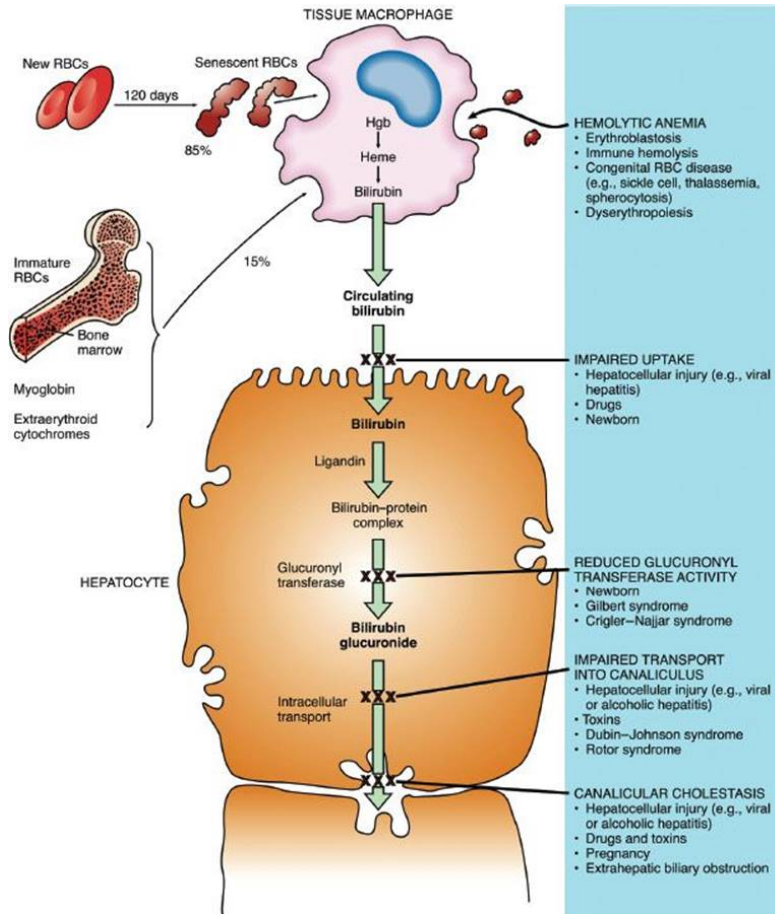
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Pathologic Jaundice

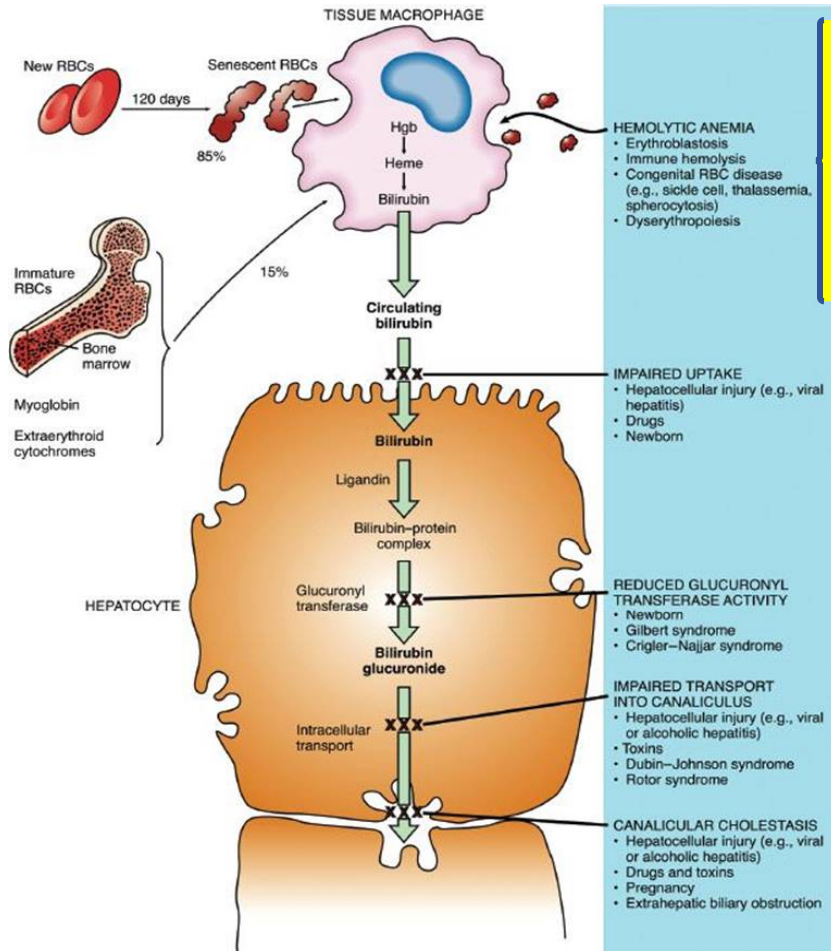


- is a medical emergency.-

Causes of Pathologic indirect hyperbilirubinemia causing Jaundice



Pathologic Jaundice: Causes



Increased production

•Hemolysis

- - Isoimmune-mediated hemolysis (eg, ABO or Rh(D) or minor blood group incompatibility)
- - Inherited red blood cell membrane defects (eg, hereditary spherocytosis and elliptocytosis-

- -- Erythrocyte enzymatic defects (eg, glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase [G6PD] deficiency, pyruvate kinase deficiency, and congenital erythropoietic porphyria)

•Sepsis

•increased red blood cell breakdown

- -polycythemia
- - sequestration of blood within a closed space, which occurs in cephalohematoma.

•Ineffective erythropoiesis)-

•Galactosemia

Causes of unconjugated hyperbilirubinemia in neonates⁴⁻⁶

| Increased bilirubin production | Increased enterohepatic circulation | Decreased clearance of unconjugated bilirubin | Metabolic conditions | Inborn errors of metabolism |
|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Hemolysis (immune-mediated, heritable) Extravasation (cephalohematoma) Polycythemia Sepsis Disseminated intravascular coagulation Macrosomic infants of diabetic mothers | Insufficient breast milk/feeding Pyloric stenosis Bowel obstruction Ileus | Prematurity G6PD deficiency | Hypothyroidism Hypopituitarism | Galactosemia Gilbert syndrome Crigler-Najjar syndrome (I and II) Breast milk jaundice due to other bilirubin UGT1A1 mutations Tyrosinemia Hypermethioninemia |

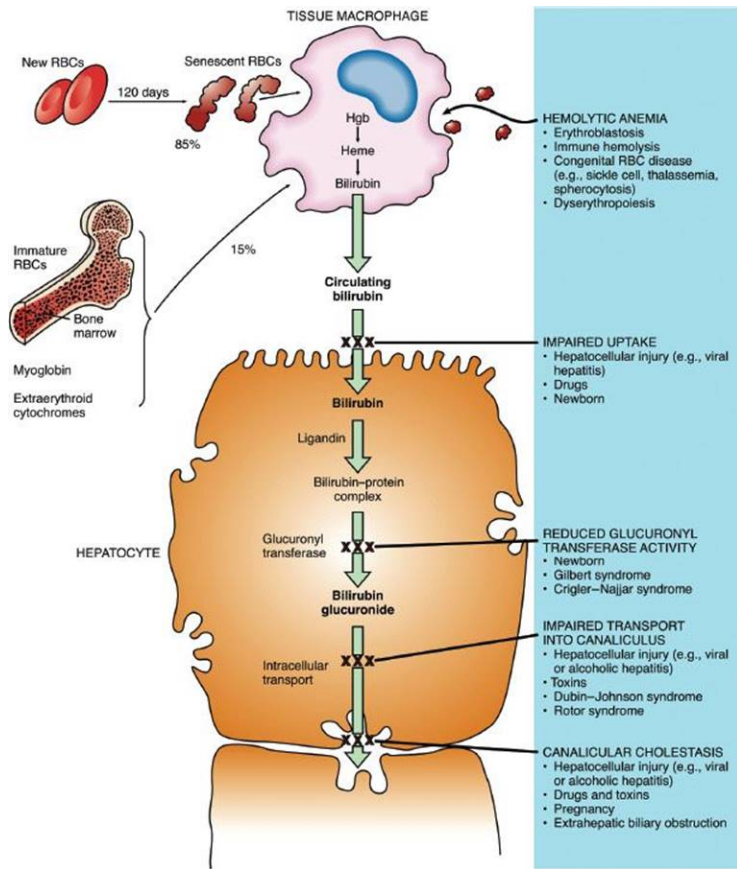
G6PD, glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase; UGT1A1, uridine diphosphate-glucuronosyltransferase, family 1, polypeptide A1.

Examples Of increased production

ABO Incompatibility

- Early onset jaundice – within 24 hour after birth
- Baby blood group A or B, Mother blood group O
- Direct Coomb's test +ve
- Blood smear show increase spherocytes
- Usually can be controlled with phototherapy

Pathologic Jaundice Causes



Decreased clearance

And excretion

Inherited

- Galactosemia

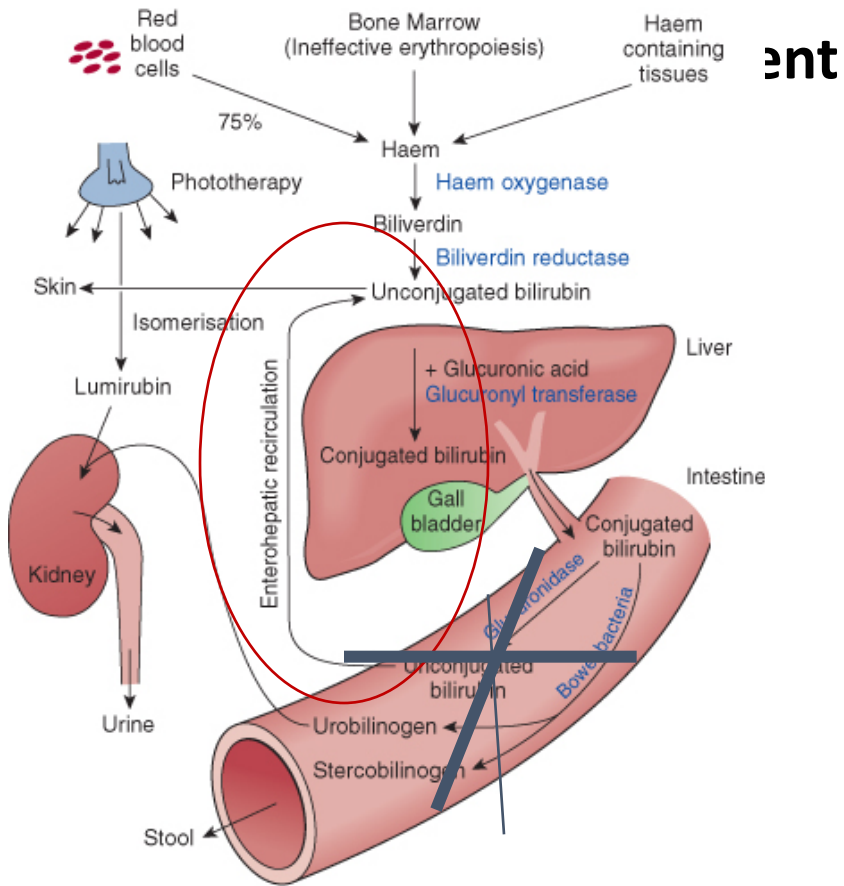
- Defects in the gene that encodes UGT1A1

- Crigler-Najjar syndrome types I and II
- Gilbert syndrome, I.
- OATP-2 polymorphism

Other causes —

congenital hypothyroidism

Pathologic Jaundice Causes: increase in enterohepatic circulation (EHC)



- NPO
- Obstruction

Pathologic jaundice: How to recognize

Suspicion 1:

Cord blood
TSB at 24 hour

Pathologic jaundice: How to recognize

Jaundice
in 1st 24
hrs

Table-3: Means standard deviation of cord blood and 1st day TSB levels

| | Cases developed significant hyperbilirubinemia | Cases did not develop significant hyperbilirubinemia | P value |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---------|
| Cord bilirubin mg/dL | 2.68± 1.2 | 1.24±0.38 | <0.01 |
| 1 st day bilirubin mg/dL | 6.41±1.8 | 3.2±1.32 | <0.01 |

P value <0.01 is highly significant

Cord blood bilirubin level of >2.38 mg/dL cut off value is achieved by ROC curve analysis (figure 1) with sensitivity (83.3%), specificity (88.8%), positive predictive value (58.1%) and negative predictive value (96.6%) are shown in table 4, also the cut off point of first day bilirubin >5 mg/dL shows sensitivity (91.1%), specificity (79.8%), positive predictive value (46.3%) and the negative predictive value was (97.7%).

Figure-1: ROC curve for cut off value of the cord blood bilirubin for prediction of significant hyperbilirubinemia

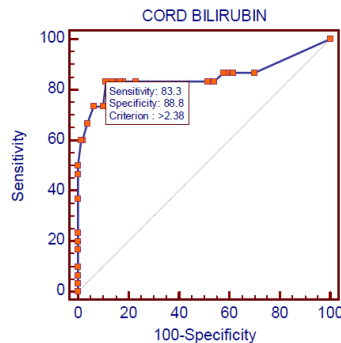


Table-4 :Sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value and negative predictive values of cord and 1st day bilirubin levels for prediction of hyperbilirubinemia

High sensitivity and specificity to develop severe hyperbilirubinemia if

- Cord total bilirubin > 2.38mg\dl**
- Total Serum bili level at 24 hor of life > 5 mg\dl**

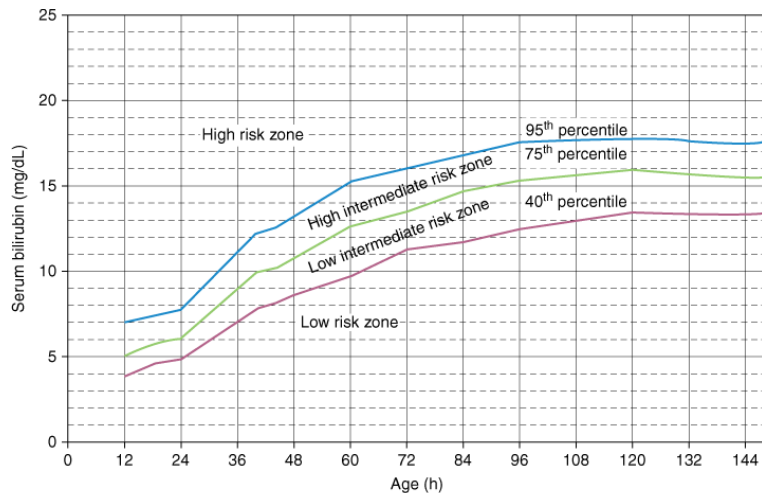
Suspicion 2: Pattern of rise

Pathologic Jaundice: How to recognize

• Pattern of rise

- Rapidly rising TSB (> 5 mg/dL per day)
- > 0.2 mg/dl/hour
- TSB high risk zone (> 75Th)

Study 1



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| Total | 5706 | 270 (4.73) |

Suspicion 3:
COAURSE

Pathologic Jaundice: How to recognize

- Jaundice in a term newborn after two weeks of age.

Suspicion 4:
Type

Pathologic Jaundice: How to recognize

- Direct (conjugated) bilirubin concentration

Definition of direct bilirubin

- Direct Bilirubin more than 20 percent of the total bilirubin if the total bilirubin is >5 mg/ dL
- Direct bilirubin > 1 mg/ dL if the total bilirubin is <5 mg/ dL

Suspicion 5 :
Assess Risk factors

Pathologic Jaundice: How to recognize

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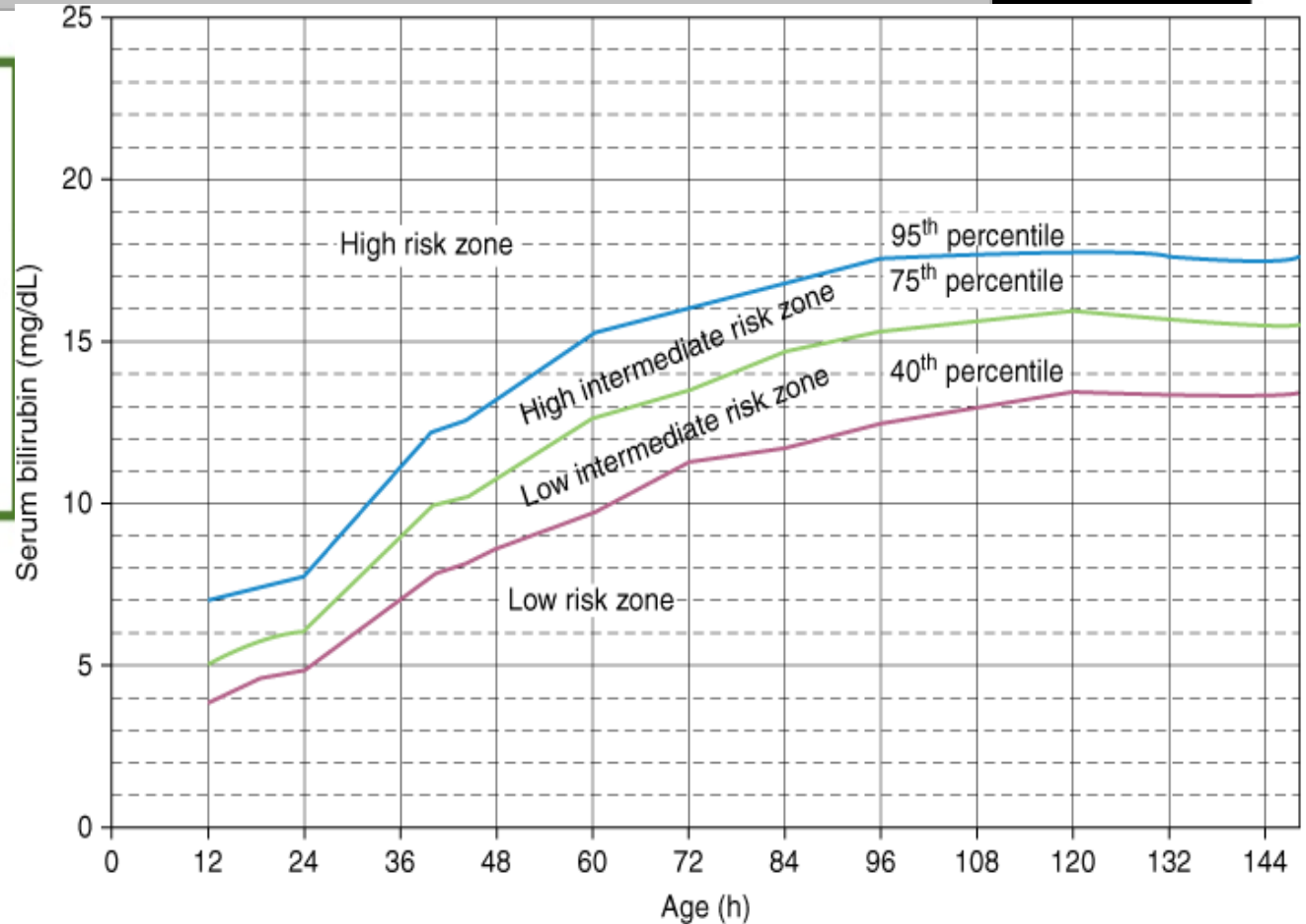
treatment

1-Assess the risk Zone

1- Hyperbilirubinemia risk factor by Nomogram for those > 35 weeks

Normogram for designation of Hyperbilirubinemia risk based on hour specific bilirubin values.

Adapted from bhutani et al.



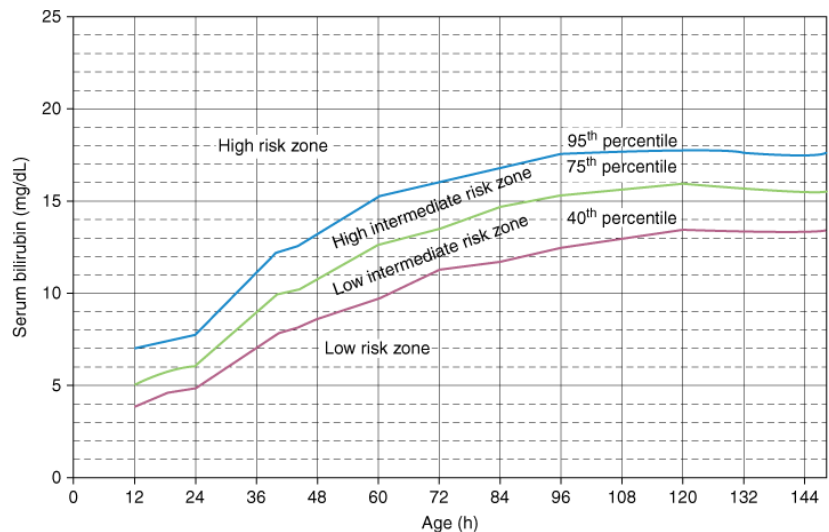
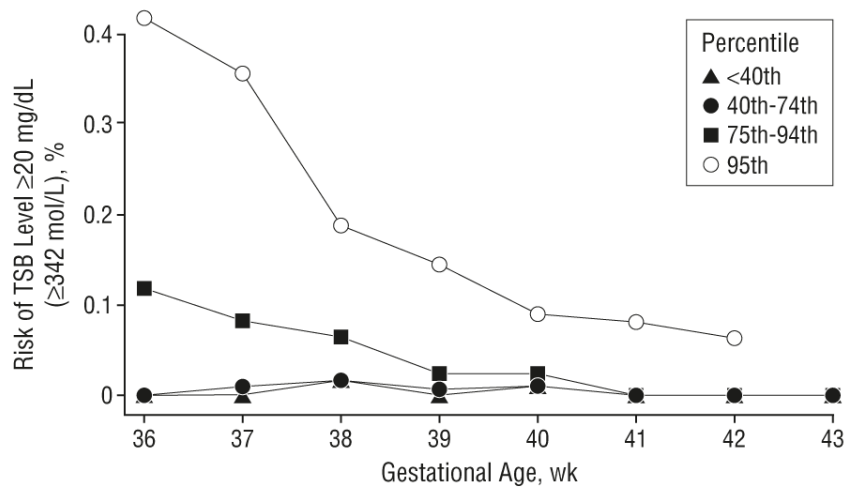
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1-Assess the Gestation Age

Risk of Jaundice By gestation age (GA)

Clinical risk factor



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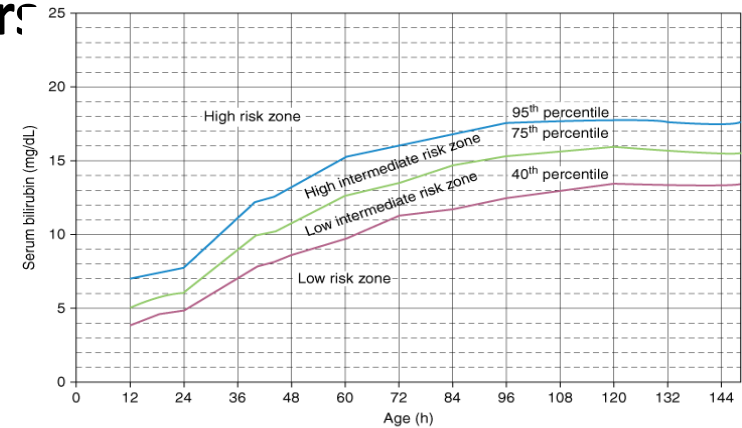
Increase risk of severe hyperbilirubinemia risk with decrease GA
Study on those >36 weeks

At Discharge

- Assess risk
 - 1.. Do Predischarge bilirubin (serum or transcutaneous)
 - Use nomogram to determine risk zone
 - **2. And/or Assessment of risk factors**

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2. Do Clinical Risk Factors Assessment for Severe

Hyperbilirubinemia

- **Major risk factors**

-
- Predischarge bili in high-risk zone
- Jaundice in 1st 24 hrs
- **Blood group incomp** with + direct antiglobulin test, other known hemolytic disease (eg, G6PD deficiency)
- Gestational age 35–36 wk
- **Previous sibling** received phototherapy or exchange
- **Cephalohematoma** or significant bruising
- **Exclusive breastfeeding**
- East Asian race

4-Assess the other

- Minor risk factors

-
- Bili in high intermed-risk zone
- Gestational age 37–38 wk
- Jaundice before discharge
- Previous sibling with jaundice
- Macrosomia infant with diabetic mother
- Maternal age ≥ 25
- Male

- **Decreased Risk**

- Bili in low-risk zone
- ≥ 41 wks gestation
- Exclusive bottle feed
- Black race
- D/c from hospital > 72 hrs

Why to know risk factors

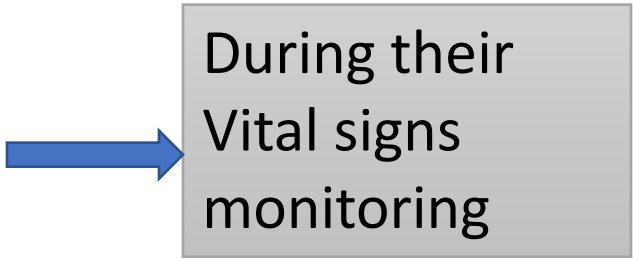
potentially correctable causes: Kernicterus cases

- **Failure to check bilirubin level if onset in first 24 hours**
 - Early discharge (<48hrs) without f/u within 48 hrs
 - Visual assessment underestimate of severity
 - Delay in testing jaundiced newborns or treating elevated levels
 - Lack of concern for presence of **jaundice** or parental concern
 - ***Failure to note risk factors***
-
- Pediatrics 2001; 108:763-765

Monitoring

After Birth

- All newborns should be routinely assessed for jaundice.
- Jaundice is visible when Sr. Bilirubin $>5\text{mg/dl}$.
- Newborns to be observed for 72 hrs for jaundice appearance. In case of discharge before 48hrs, Bilirubin risk factors and Hyperbilirubinemia risk as per Normograms should be assessed and followup to be advised accordingly.
- A predischarge TSB or Transcutaneous bilirubin reading to be done if discharge is before 72 hrs of life.



During their
Vital signs
monitoring

2- High bilirubin clinical Risk factor

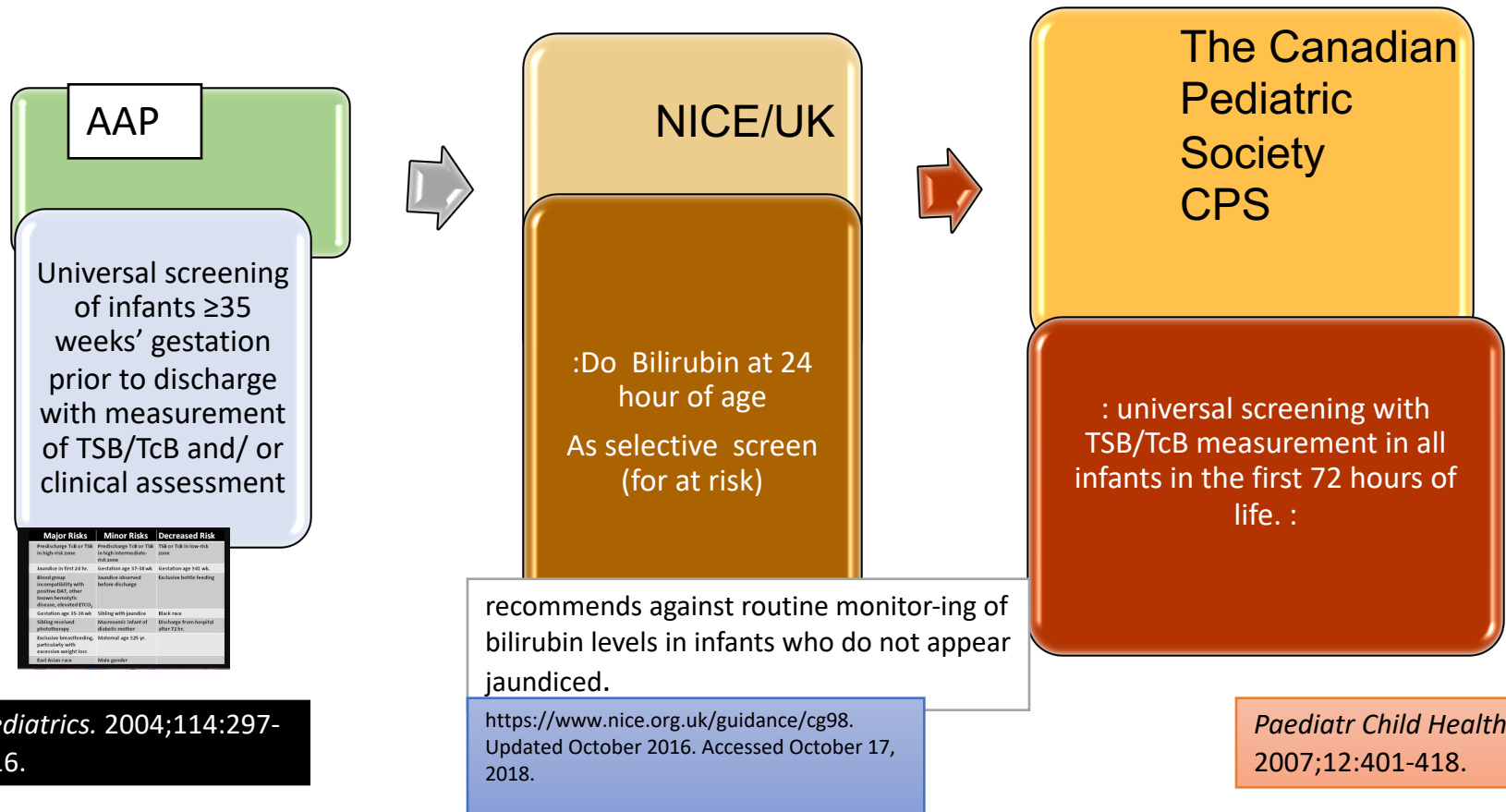
(risk for sever hyperbilirubinemia)

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| Major Risks | Minor Risks | Decreased Risk |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| Prevalence 18-24 hr in high-risk zone | Prevalence 24-36 hr in high-intermediate-risk zone | 36-48 hr in low-risk zone |
| Jaundice by first 24 hr | Generation age 37-38 wk | Generation age 34-35 wk |
| Blood group incompatibility with partner (A1, other known hemolytic disease, rhesus, ETOC) | Jaundice observed before discharge | Exclusive bottle feeding |
| Generation age 41-44 wk | Sibling with jaundice | Black race |
| Sibling hospital admission | Maternal history of diabetes mother | Discharge from hospital after 72 hr |
| Exclusive breast feeding, particularly with excessive weight loss | Maternal age > 25 yr | |
| First Asian race | Male gender | |

Screening recommendations lack consensus

NEED TO SCREEN :128,600 to prevent 1 case of kernicterus (COST ISSUE)



| Major Risks | Minor Risks | Decreased Risk |
|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Headache 1st or 2nd day In high risk cases | Prebilirubin 1st or 2nd day in high intermediate zone | 1st or 2nd day in low risk zone |
| Jaundice in first 24 hr | Gestational age 37-38 wk | Gestational age 39 wk |
| Blood group incompatibility with mother, BAC, other known hemolytic disease, decreased G6PD | Exclusion before hospital | Black race |
| Gestational age 35-36 wk | Discharge from hospital after 72hr | Discharge from hospital after 72hr |
| sibling with jaundice | Diabetic mother | Male gender |
| sibling jaundiced | Maternal age 35 yr | |
| phototherapy | | |
| exclusive breastfeeding, particularly with excessive weight loss | | |
| 1st Akin's sign | | |

Pediatrics. 2004;114:297-316.

Paediatr Child Health. 2007;12:401-418.

Diagnosis & Evaluation

- History and Physical Exam
 - Jaundice = Bilirubin > 5 mg/dL
- Laboratory
 - Blood
 - Transcutaneous
 - Generally within 2mg/dL of serum test
 - Most useful if serum bili < 15



Mobile Application to assess risk factors : AAP

BiliTool™
Hyperbilirubinemia Risk Assessment for Newborns

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Hour-specific Nomogram for Risk Stratification

Infants age: 18 hours
 Total bilirubin: 8 mg/dl
 Risk zone: High Risk

Risk zone is one of several [risk factors](#) for developing severe hyperbilirubinemia.

AAP Phototherapy Guidelines (2004)

| Neurotoxicity risk zone | Start phototherapy? | Approximate threshold 18 hours of age |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Lower Risk <small>(≥ 35 weeks and well)</small> | No | 10.4 mg/dl |
| Medium Risk <small>(≥ 38 weeks + neurotoxicity risk factors OR 35 to 37 6/7 weeks and well)</small> | No | 8.8 mg/dl |
| Higher Risk <small>(35 to 37 6/7 weeks and neurotoxicity risk factors)</small> | Yes | 7 mg/dl |

It is an option to provide conventional phototherapy in the hospital or at home at TSB levels 2-3 mg/dl (35-50 µmol/L) below those shown. Home phototherapy should not be used in infants with risk factors.

Recommended Follow-up

A follow-up visit and/or a recheck bilirubin value is recommended within 24 hours (high risk)

References

[Hour-specific nomogram](#)
[Phototherapy nomogram](#)
[Risk factors for developing severe hyperbilirubinemia](#)

Input:

Infant age

84

Hours ▼

Total bilirubin

13

mg/dL ▼

Clinical risk group Group 1: Gestation ≥38 weeks and medically well

Group 2: Gestation ≥38 weeks and clinical risk factors

Group 2: Gestation 35 to 37.9 weeks and medically well

Group 3: Gestation 35 to 37.9 weeks and clinical risk factors

Results:

The bilirubin level is in the **LOW-INTERMEDIATE RISK** zone (between the 40th and 75th percentiles for this age: 11.60 mg/dL [198.4 µmol/L]-14.70 mg/dL [251.4 µmol/L])

When to Do Lab Investigation

- **Clinical Jaundice**
- **Screen at 24 hoarse**
- - **If MBG is Rh Negative**
- - **ABO**
 - (follow Hospital Protocol) : **AS SUGGETED BY AAP**
- - **Baby expected to have isoimmune H anemia**
- **bilirubin concentrations reach phototherapy levels Do more tests**

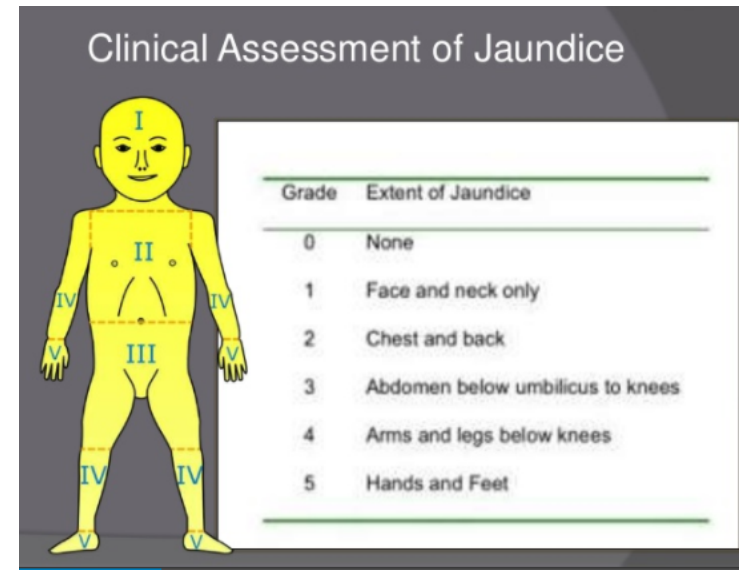
Post-discharge follow-up

Infants discharged before 72 hours of life should be seen within 2 days of discharge.

Those infants with significant risk factors for development of severe hyperbilirubinemia should be seen within 1 day.

Assessment of hyperbilirubinemia by visual assessment

- Unreliable
- Testing bilirubin level is more correct



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How to manage if baby is Jaundice

Use A guideline

NICE guidelines (UK)

Measuring bilirubin in all babies with jaundice

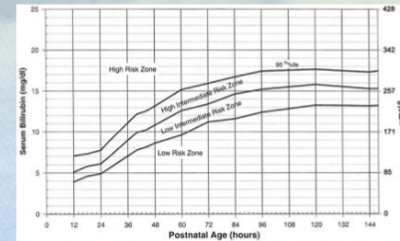
Do not rely on visual inspection alone to estimate the bilirubin level in a baby with jaundice.



AAP guidelines (USA)

AAP Clinical Practice Guideline

- ◆ Management of Hyperbilirubinemia in the Newborn Infant 35 or More Weeks of Gestation



Nomogram for designation of risk in 2840 well newborns at 36 or more weeks' gestational age with birth weight of 2000 g or more or 35 or more weeks' gestational age and birth weight of 2500 g or more based on the hour-specific serum bilirubin values.

AAP Subcommittee on Hyperbilirubinemia. *Pediatrics*. 2004;114:297-316

Help to diagnose , investigate and treat

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Therapeutic Options

- Phototherapy for neonates with mild jaundice

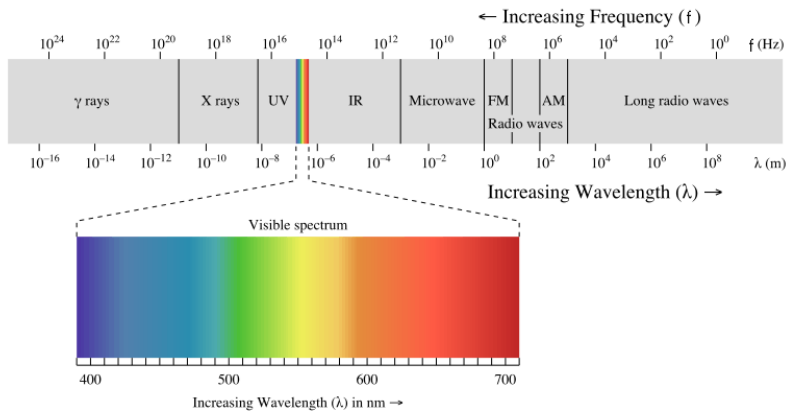


- Exchange transfusion in severe cases



Intravenous [Immune globulin](#)

Phototherapy



- Goal: to treating neonatal hyperbilirubinemia and prevent related neurotoxicity
- Decreases the need for exchange transfusion
- Exposure of the skin of the jaundiced baby to blue or cool white light of wavelength 425-475 nm
- Toxic bilirubin molecule isomerizes to non-toxic product

Bilirubin chart

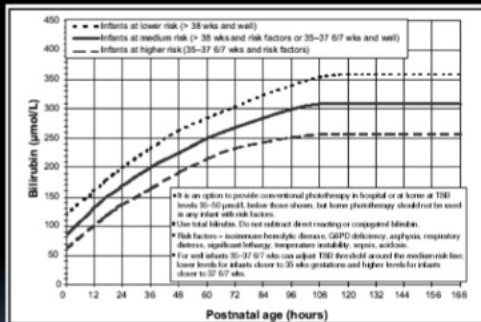
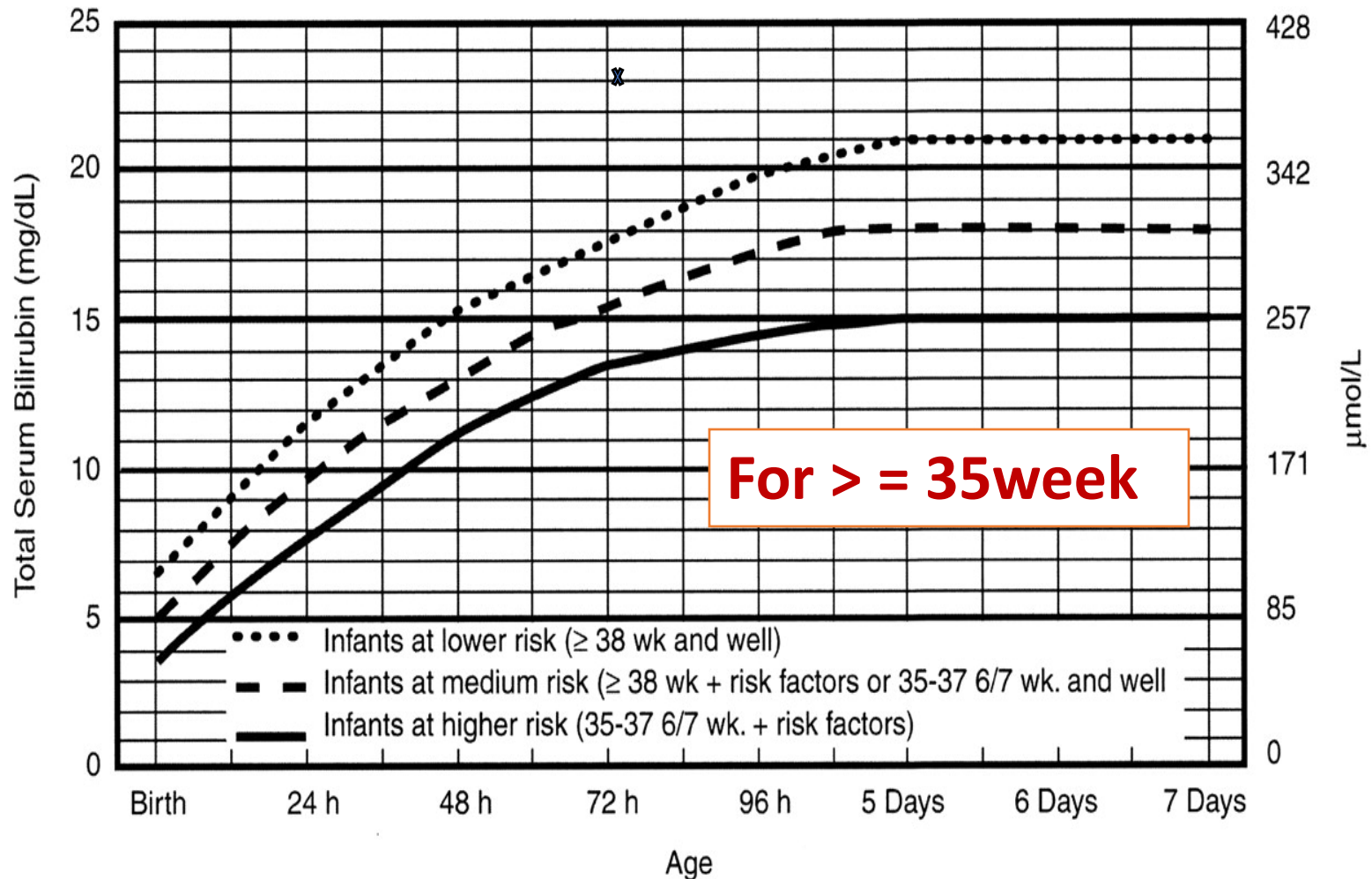


Figure 2) Guidelines for intensive phototherapy in infants of 35 or more weeks' (wk) gestation. These guidelines are based on limited evidence and the levels shown are approximations. Intensive phototherapy should be used when the total serum bilirubin (TSB) concentration exceeds the line indicated for each category. G6PD Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase



Guidelines for Phototherapy in infants of 35 or more weeks' gestation



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Who need photo therapy ?

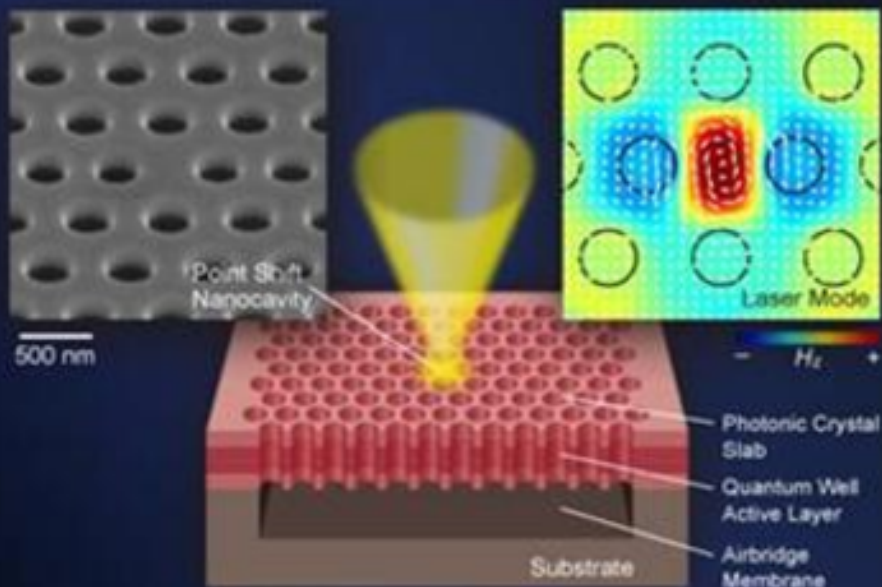
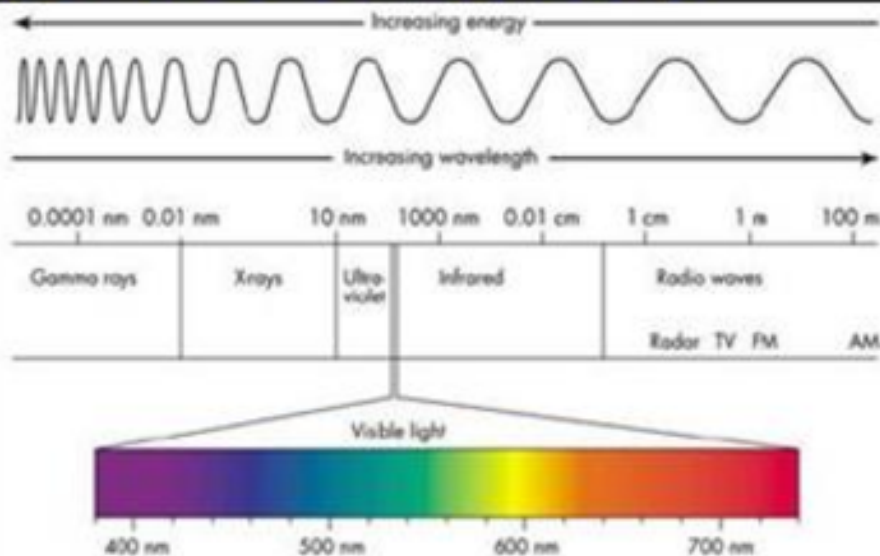
Factors affecting Phototherapy

Wavelength

Narrow spectrum of wavelengths at approximately 450 nm (425-475 nm)

light used in wavelengths

White Blue Green



Microwatts / Irradiation

8 -12 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2/\text{nm}$

Irradiance of 25 μW in the 425-475 nm range, TSB can be decreased by 50-60% in a 24-hour period

Phototherapy – Mechanism of action

3 reactions can occur when unconjugated bilirubin is exposed to light

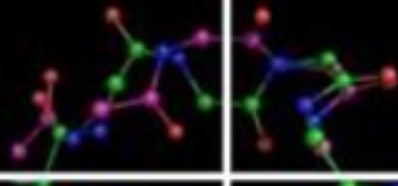


Photo oxidation

The process is slow
believed to contribute only minimally to the therapeutic effect

Configurational Isomerization

very rapid process

Changes bilirubin isomer to *water-soluble isomers*

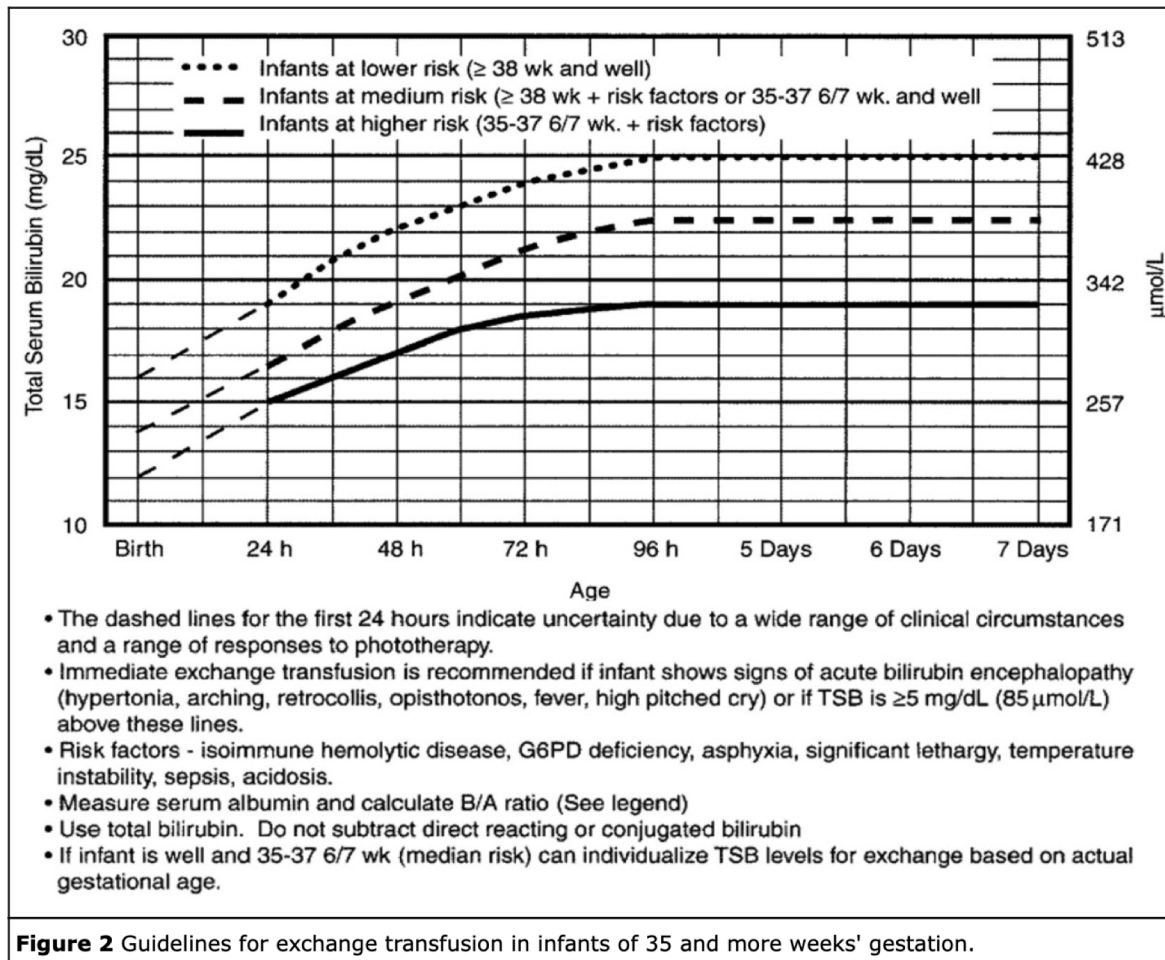
Not influenced significantly by the intensity of light.

Structural Isomerization

Intramolecular cyclization resulting in the formation of lumirubin

Enhanced by increasing the intensity of light.

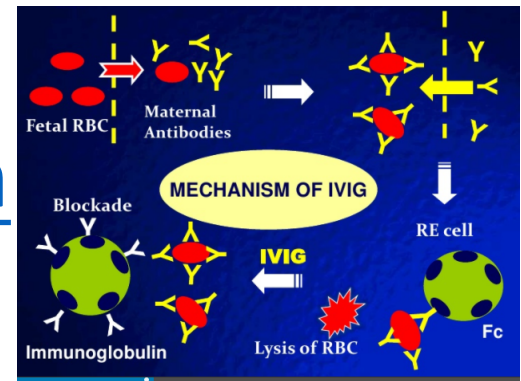
Exchange photo therapy



Exchanges transfusion: indication

- bilirubin levels >25 mg/dL,
- those who are not responding to phototherapy,
- those with evidence of acute bilirubin encephalopathy

Intravenous immune globulin



- Dose
 - (IVIG; dose 0.5 to 1 g/kg over two hours)
 - The dose may be repeated in 12 hours if necessary
- is recommended in
 - infants with **isoimmune hemolytic** disease and if the **TSB level is rising despite phototherapy**
 - or is within 2 or 3 mg/dL of the threshold for exchange transfusion.

- Thank you