

Syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion treatment

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Management

Management is based on the **severity** and **duration** of **hyponatremia**, and the presence of **symptoms**.

Two caveats:

1. be sure that hyponatremia is not due to **CSW** before restricting **fluids**.
2. avoid too rapid correction and avoid correcting to normal or supranormal (overcorrection) **sodium** to reduce the risk of **osmotic demyelination syndrome**.

The only definitive treatment is treatment of the underlying cause

- if caused by **anemia**: usually responds to **transfusion**.
- if caused by malignancy, may respond to antineoplastic therapy.
- most drug-related cases respond rapidly to discontinuation of the offending drug.

Aggressive treatment **protocol**.

Indications

1. severe **hyponatremia** (serum $[Na^+] < 125$ mEq/L).
2. AND either
 - a) duration known to be < 48 hours
 - b) or severe symptoms (**coma**, **seizures**).

Treatment

- transfer patient to [ICU](#).

3% saline: start infusion 1–2 ml/kg body weight per hour (infusion rate may be doubled to 2– 4 ml/kg/hr for limited periods in patients with coma or seizures) ¹⁾ and [furosemide](#) (Lasix®) 20 mg IV q d (furosemide accelerates the increase in [Na+] and prevents volume overload with subsequent increase in atrial natriuretic factor and resultant urinary dumping of the extra Na+ being administered).

- monitoring and adjustments

- Check serum [Na+] every 2–3 hours and adjust infusion rate of 3% saline

- goal: raise serum sodium by 1–2 mEq/L/hr ²⁾ (use the lower end of the range for hyponatremia > 48 hours duration or unknown duration)

- limits: do not exceed 8–10 mEq/Lin 24 hrs and 18–25 mEq/Lin 48 hrs ³⁾ (use the lower end of these ranges for hyponatremia >48 hours duration or unknown duration)

measure K+ lost in the urine and replace it accordingly

- if symptoms of [osmotic demyelination](#) occur (early symptoms are lethargy and affective changes, usually after initial improvement): deficits may improve by stopping treatment and modestly relowering the serum sodium e.g. with [DDAVP](#) ^{4) 5)}.

Intermediate treatment protocol.

Indications

1. symptomatic non severe hyponatremia (serum [Na+]=125–135mEq/L),or
2. severe hyponatremia (serum [Na+]<125 mEq/L),AND
 - a) duration >48 hours or unknown AND
 - b) only moderate symptoms or nonspecific symptoms (e.g. H/A, or lethargy)

Treatment

1. interventions

- a) 0.9%saline (normal saline) infusion
- b) and furosemide(Lasix®)20 mgIV q d
- c) consider conivaptan for refractory cases

2. monitoring: check serum [Na+] every 4 hours and adjust infusion rate of normal saline

goals: [Na+] increase of 0.5–2 mEq/L/hr

limits: do not exceed 8–10 mEq/Lin 24 hrs and 18–25 mEq/Lin 48 hrs ⁶⁾

Routine treatment protocol and maintenance therapy.

Indications : asymptomatic nonsevere hyponatremia (serum [Na⁺]=125–135 mEq/L),or severe hyponatremia (serum [Na⁺]<125 mEq/L) AND

a) duration >48 hours or unknown AND

b) asymptomatic

Treatment 1. interventions

a) fluid restriction for adults, for peds: 1 L/m²/day) while encouraging use of dietary salt and protein. Caution restricting fluids in hyponatremia following SAH.

b) for refractory cases, consider

● demeclocycline: a tetracycline antibiotic that partially antagonizes the effects of ADH on the renal tubules ^{7) 8) 9)}

Effects are variable, and nephrotoxicity may occur. 300–600 mg PO BID

● **conivaptan** (Vaprisol®): a nonpeptide antagonist of V1A & V2 vasopressin receptors. FDA approved for euvolemic and hypervolemic moderate-to-severe **hyponatremia** in hospitalized patients (NB: severe symptoms of seizures, coma, delirium... warrants aggressive treatment with hypertonic saline ¹⁰⁾ .

Use in the neuro-ICU has been described for treating elevated ICP when serum [Na] is not responding to traditional methods ¹¹⁾ (off-label use – use with caution). loading dose of 20 mg IV over 30 minutes, followed by **infusions** of 20 mg over 24 hours × 3 days. If serum [Na⁺] is not rising as desired, the infusion may be increased to the maximal dose of 40 mg over 24 hours. Use is approved for up to 4 days total. Caution re drug interactions

● **lithium**: not very effective and has many side effects. Not recommended

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