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# **TRAUMA SIMULATIE 4**

## Simulation focus - Splenic laceration (Analgesia - discussion)

#### **Expected outcomes**

**Team Leader** - Guides the faculty helper through the initial ABCDE assessment (primary survey), direct team and lead care – taking over any skills as necessary. Identify that the child has suffered a likely splenic injury and will need analgesia, would benefit from TXA and possibly blood products.

**Team/More experienced candidate** -The role of imaging in such a case – POCUS will not rule out a splenic injury and there will be need for definitive imaging with a CT scan. Awareness that a balanced approach to blood and blood products is needed and that many cases can be managed conservatively.

#### **Assessment**

This simulation allows for discussion around major haemorrhage and analgesia.

### **History**

#### **Emergency staff**

Pre-alert from a private ambulance crew has been received from a mountain bike competition. They are en-route with a Sam, a 9-year-old who has come off his bike earlier today. Initially was fine on scene and up and walking around but is now complaining of abdominal pain, he thinks he may be unwell.

#### Ward staff

Sam, a 9-year-old, has just been transferred from ED/ trauma unit directly to the ward for the surgical team to review. He came off a bike earlier today and is now complaining of abdominal pain. As you move him onto the bed, he collapses in pain so you think he may be unwell.

#### Immediately apparent

Please ensure the prompt card with global overview is placed on the manikin for the start of the sim.

As you approach the child you notice he looks pale, is moaning in pain and holding the left side of his abdomen.

#### Clinical course (to be given as the simulation progresses)

Assess	Features	Action	Key treatment points
<c></c>	No signs of external bleeding	Assess	
A	Child is moaning in pain	Establish airway patency	MILS (cannot clear the neck as in pain) Apply high flow O <sub>2</sub>
В	RR 30/min, SpO <sub>2</sub> 90% (poor trace), symmetrical air entry, splinted pattern, no increased WOB	Recognise abnormal "B" likely secondary to circulation issue	Full breathing assessment Apply high flow O₂ via non breathe mask.
С	HR 130/min, CRT 3 sec, BP 100/60 mmHg Bruised and tender left upper quadrant	Look for sites of bleeding	IV access Bloods Fluid bolus Analgesia - IV morphine (caution with CRT) or IV/IN ketamine or IN opioids Consideration of TXA
D	GCS 15, PEARL, BM 148mg/dl (8.2mmol/l)	Assess	

Е	Bruising noted to left upper	Assess level of pain	Pain score
	quadrant if not stripped		
	previously. Temp 36		
	Minor abrasions to limbs		
	Pain score 9/10		

#### Reassessment

NB	•	If the candidate does not give a fluid bolus on the first assessment the child's circulatory numbers should worsen slightly to prompt them that the child has a splenic laceration.  The child requires IV or IN analgesia in the form of opiates or ketamine as per local severe pain protocols
	•	If analgesia not given at the end of primary survey the child should become more agitated and hypo ventilate with corresponding drop in SpO <sub>2</sub>

## With fluid bolus:

Assess	Features	Action	Key treatment points
A	Patent, states pain has improved (if analgesia has been given)	Reassess	MILS continued
В	RR 25/min, SpO <sub>2</sub> 98% (good trace), chest examination normal	Reassess	Oxygen to remain at 15L
С	HR 110/min, CRT 2sec, BP 105/62mmHg	Recognise response to fluid bolus	No further fluid required  Analgesia - IV morphine (caution with CRT) or IV ketamine or intranasal opioids
D	GCS 15, PEARL, BM 148mg/dl (8.2mmol/l)		
E	No further findings. <b>Temp 36 Pain score 4/10</b>	Pain score repeated	Pain score repeated prior to further analgesia

## Without fluid bolus:

Assess	Observation	Action	Key treatment points
Α	Intermittently moaning in pain		MILS continued
В	RR 32/min, SpO <sub>2</sub> 89% trace intermittent. Chest examination normal, splinting abdomen a lot when he breathes	Recognise abnormal " <b>B</b> " likely secondary to circulation issue	Oxygen to remain at 15I/min
С	HR 140/min, CRT 3sec, BP 96/62mmHg Bruised left upper quadrant	Look for sites of bleeding Recognise need for fluid bolus and analgesia	Fluid bolus Analgesia - IV morphine (caution with CRT) or IV/IN ketamine or IN opioids Consideration of TXA
D	GCS 15, PEARL, BM 148 mg/dl (8.2 mmol/l)		
Е	No further findings. <b>Temp 36</b>		

#### **Debrief**

Using the learning conversation, discuss the technical and non-technical elements of the simulation

#### **Discussion Points**

- Use of TXA will cause no harm and may well be beneficial.
- Child may only need one fluid bolus and given numbers would benefit from point of care testing such as ROTEM to establish any need for clotting factors rather than a major haemorrhage approach.
- Limitations of POCUS in encapsulated splenic lacerations and also abdominal trauma in children in general as may well be falsely reassuring. CT scan is definitive diagnosis.
- Disposition; child may well need transfer to paediatric MTC even just for monitoring as all relevant services readily available.

#### **Assessment**

This station makes up part of the continuous assessment process, therefore candidates need to know whether they are meeting the standard.

At the end give the opportunity for candidates to ask questions, answer these and then summarise the key points.

# Trauma 4 - Globaal overzicht (op oefenpop)

Het kind ziet er bleek uit.

Hij kreunt van de pijn.

Hij houdt de linker kant van zijn abdomen vast.

## Trauma 4 - Resultaten:

## Veneus Bloedgas

pН	7.28	
pCO <sub>2</sub>	24 mmHg (3.2kPa)	
pO <sub>2</sub>	60 mmHg (8.0kPa)	
HCO <sub>3</sub> -	22mmol/l	
BE	-4.5mmol/l	
Lactaat	3.6mmol/l	
Kalium	4.1mmol/l	

Glucose 148 mg/dl (8.2mmol/l)

## Faculty helper information - Trauma 4

When candidate requests information regarding observations please give the following in "real-time" (e.g., wait for blood pressure to cycle, saturation trace to be achieved). If key treatment points are not undertaken, consider a "prompt" that would be visible in a child.

Assess	Observation	Example prompt
<c></c>	No signs of external bleeding	Assess
Α	Child is moaning in pain	"What was the mechanism" – for MILS
В	RR 30/min, SpO <sub>2</sub> 90% (poor trace),	"His hands are cold when I put saturation probe
	symmetrical air entry, splinted	on"
	pattern, no increased WOB	"Should we give something to help his breathing"
С	HR 130/min, CRT 3sec, BP	"He keeps saying his tummy hurts"
	100/60mmhg	"His hands are still cool"
	Bruised and tender left upper	"What's his pain score?"
	quadrant	
D	GCS 15, PEARL, BM 148 mg/dl	"Do you want a bloodgas?"
	(8.2mmol/l)	
E	Bruising noted to left upper quadrant	"Does he have any injuries we can see?"
	if not stripped previously	"What's his pain score?"
	Minor abrasions to limbs	
	Pain score 9/10	

#### Reassessment

Assess	Observation	Example prompt
Α	Patent, states pain has improved (if	
	analgesia has been given)	
В	RR 25/min, SpO <sub>2</sub> 98% (good trace),	
	chest examination normal	
С	HR 110/min, CRT 2sec, BP	"Why are we giving more fluid?"
	105/62mmHg	
D	GCS 15, PEARL, BM 148 mg/dl	"Do you want the venous gas"
	(8.2mmol/l)	
E	No further findings	"What's his pain score now?"
	Pain score 4/10	

If the candidate does not give a fluid bolus on the first assessment the child's circulatory numbers should worsen slightly to prompt them that the child has a splenic laceration. Numbers below are for this situation.

Assess	Observation	Example prompt
Α	Intermittently moaning in pain	"Do you think he is more settled or getting worse?"
В	RR 32/min, SpO <sub>2</sub> 89% trace	"His breathing appears to be getting worse but
	intermittent. Chest examination	he's not got any recession"
	normal, splinting abdomen a lot when	
	he breathes	
С	HR 140/min, CRT 3 sec, BP	"What could he have injured to cause bruising
	96/62mmHg	here?"
	Bruised left upper quadrant	
D	GCS 15, PEARL, BM 148mg/dl	
	(8.2mmol/l)	
E	No further findings	

## **Algoritmes**:

## Analgesie en pijn scores

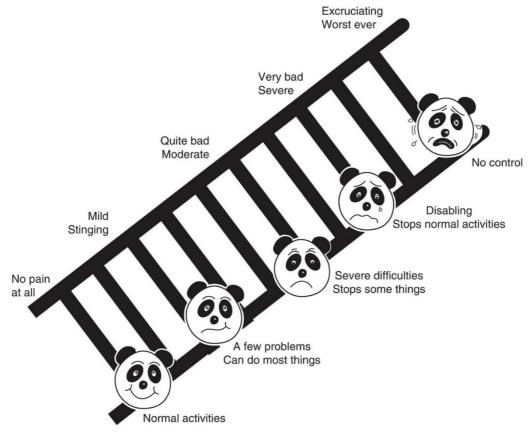


Figure 7.1 Faces scale and pain ladder

<u>Table 7.1</u> The Alder Hey Triage Pain Score: reference scoring chart

Response	Score o	Score 1	Score 2
Cry/voice	No complaint/cry	Consolable	Inconsolable
	Normal conversation	Not talking/negative interaction	Complaining of pain
Facial expression	Normal	Short grimace or similar less than 50% of time	Long grimace more than 50% of time
Posture	Normal	Touching/rubbing/sparing Defensive/tense	
Movement	Normal	Reduced or restless	Immobile or thrashing
Colour	Normal	Pale	Very pale/'green'

# Morphine and intranasal fentanyl (Zie kinderformularium)

FENTANYL		From 7 kg to 18 years	
Acute management of pain IN		1.5 micrograms /kg	Single dose
		Notes: Prepare using 100 micrograms/2 ml (Minimum of 0.2 ml due to atomiser)	
Induction of anaesthesia IV		1 microgram/kg repeated as necessary	

MORPHINE		Birth to 1 month	1 month to 2 years	2–12 years	12–18 years	
Control of severe pain	IV infusion	Preterm: 25–50 micrograms/kg	_	-	-	Single dose Loading dose
		Then: 5 micrograms/kg/h	_	_	_	Continuous
		Term: 50 micrograms/kg	_	_	_	Single dose Loading dose
		Then: 10–20 micrograms/kg/h	_	-	-	Continuous
	IV bolus	_	100 micrograms/kg		5 mg every 4 hours adjusted according to response	<6 months: up to 4 times in 24 hours >6 months: up to 6 times in 24 hours
	Give IV over at le		oring is mandatory st 5–10 minutes wer stated dose and consider oxyg	gen saturation mo	nitoring	
	IV	_	10–30 micrograms/kg/h			Continuous
	infusion	n	<6 months: initial rate is 10 micrograms/kg/h			
		Notes: Use IV bolus as sta 1 mg/kg body weig	arting dose first ght in 50 ml saline, infused at 1 ml	/h = 20 microgra	ms/kg/h	