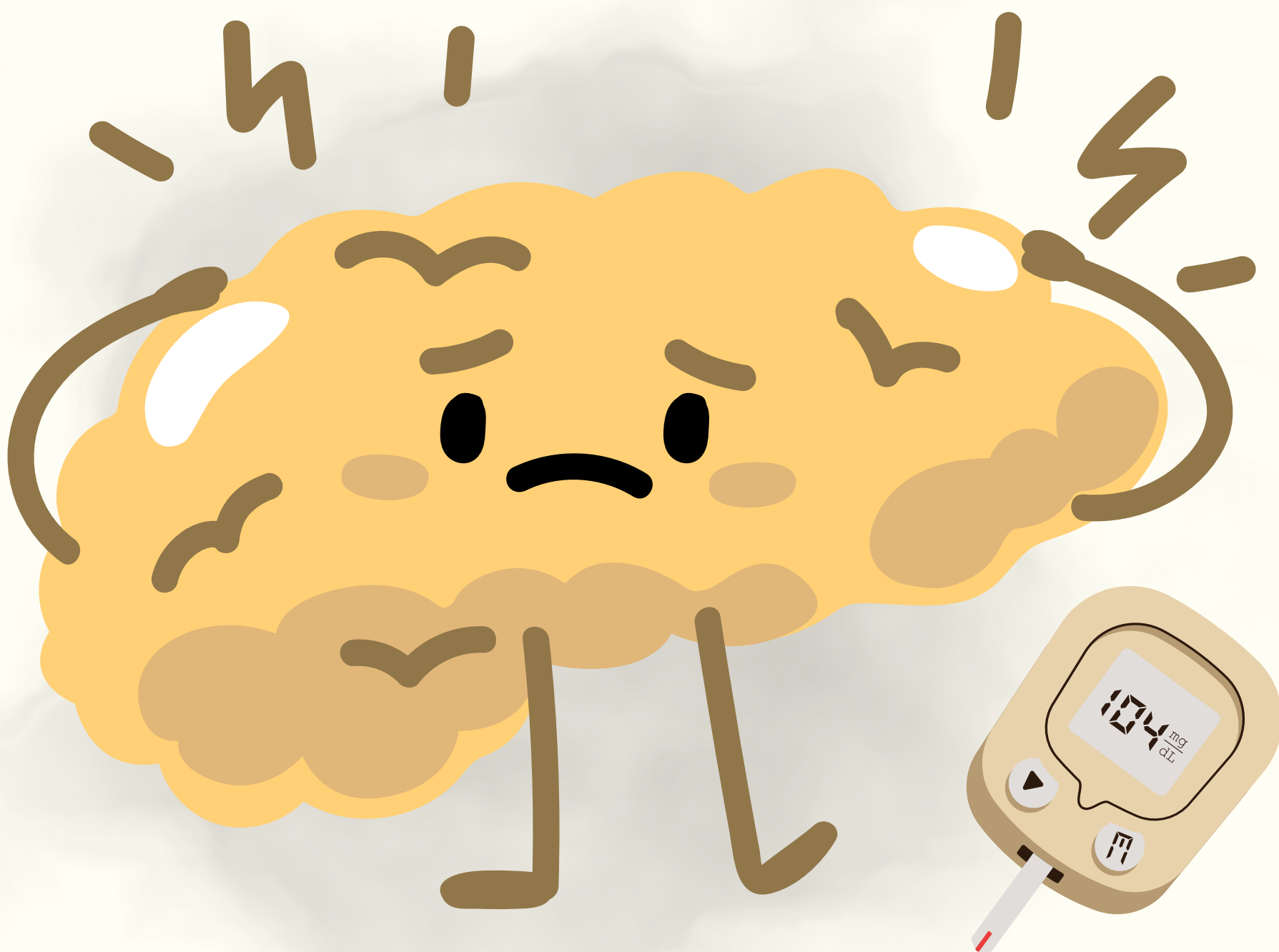


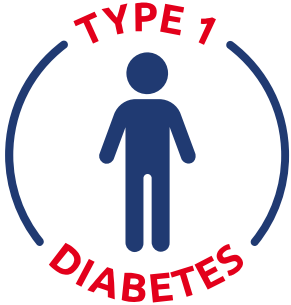
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DKA VS HHS



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DKA VS HHS

Diabetic ketoacidosis		Hyperosmolar hyperglycemic state
	More common in	
Absolute deficiency	Insulin status	Relative deficiency
Present	Ketones	Absent/minimal

Precipitants - Mnemonic “5I’s”

Infection

Insulin omission

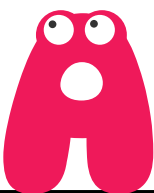
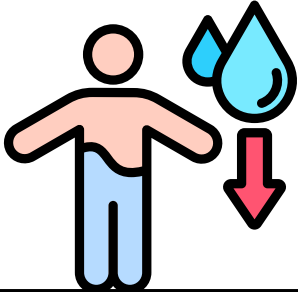
Ischaemia (myocardial infarction, cerebrovascular events)

Inflammation (pancreatitis)

Intoxication (steroids, cocaine, alcohol use)



DKA VS HHS

Diabetic ketoacidosis <i>Rapid onset (hours/days)</i>	Hyperosmolar hyperglycemic state <i>Gradual onset (days/weeks)</i>
Mnemonic “DKA” Deadly, Delirium, Dehydration  Kussmaul breathing with fruity breath odour (exhaled acetone)  Abdominal pain/Aching muscles & fatigue 	Clinical features • Polyuria  • Polydipsia • Neurological deficits (confusion, seizures, coma) • Signs of profound dehydration 



Pathogenesis

Diabetic ketoacidosis

Lack of insulin

Lipolysis

Free fatty acids

Metabolic acidosis

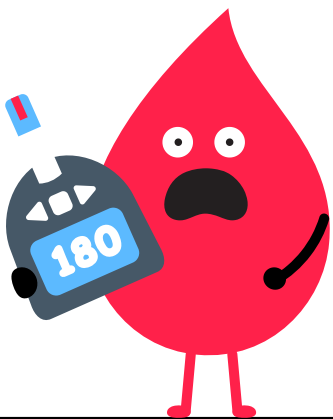


Hyperosmolar hyperglycemic state

Severe hyperglycemia

Osmotic diuresis

Profound dehydration and
increased serum osmolarity



and

Some insulin present

Inhibits lipolysis / ketogenesis

Diagnostic criteria



Diabetic ketoacidosis

- ✓ Capillary plasma glucose > 11.1 mmol/L
- ✓ Capillary ketones > 3 mmol/L or urine ketones $\geq 2+$
- ✓ Venous pH < 7.3 and/or bicarbonate < 15 mmol/L

Hyperosmolar Hyperglycemic State

- ✓ Severe dehydration
- ✓ Plasma glucose > 30 mmol/L
- ✓ Increased serum osmolarity (> 320 mOsm/kg)

Management

IV fluid resuscitation

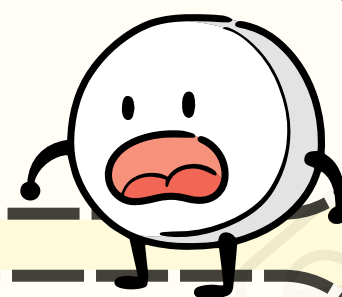
- 0.9% normal saline bolus, then maintenance
- Target SBP > 90 mmHg
- Switch to 5% dextrose + saline once glucose < 14 mmol/L (to prevent hypoglycemia)



Insulin Therapy

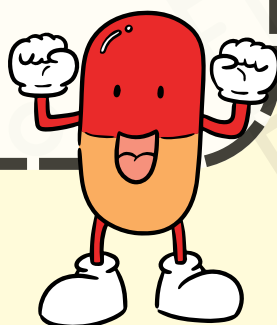
- IV insulin infusion (0.1 U/kg/hr)
- Transition to subcutaneous insulin when patient is alert and able to eat
- Avoid rapid correction of fluids and insulin → risk of cerebral edema

Potassium replacement (if $K^+ < 5.5$ mmol/L)



Treat underlying cause/precipitants

(e.g. antibiotics for infection)



Prophylactic low molecular weight heparin (LMWH)

Recommended for HHS unless contraindicated (dehydration effects of HHS increases thromboembolism risk)

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