

Dengue hemorrhagic fever and shock syndromes



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Outline: *management of DHF/DSS*

1. Brief overview: Epidemiology, Virology and transmission

3. Clinical syndromes

4. Pitfalls in diagnosis and treatment

5. Fluid management 1: what fluid, how much?

6. Titrating endpoints of fluid therapy:

7. Complications in sick patients

8. Can we decrease the burden of disease and improve outcome?

9. Conclusion

Factors Responsible for the dramatic resurgence and emergence of epidemic DHF

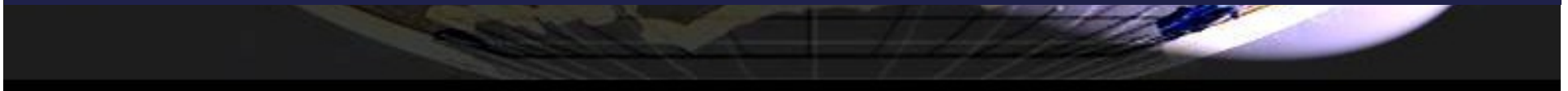
Resurgence closely associated with demographic and societal changes over the past 50 years.

Unprecedented global population growth and the associated unplanned and uncontrolled urbanization, especially in tropical developing countries. This has created ideal conditions for increased transmission

- **Lack of effective mosquito control** in areas where dengue is endemic

- **Increased air travel**, which provides the ideal mechanism for the transport of dengue worldwide.

- *DUANE J. GUBLER. Dengue and Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever, July 1998*



Global Significance Of The Problem

Dengue viral syndromes

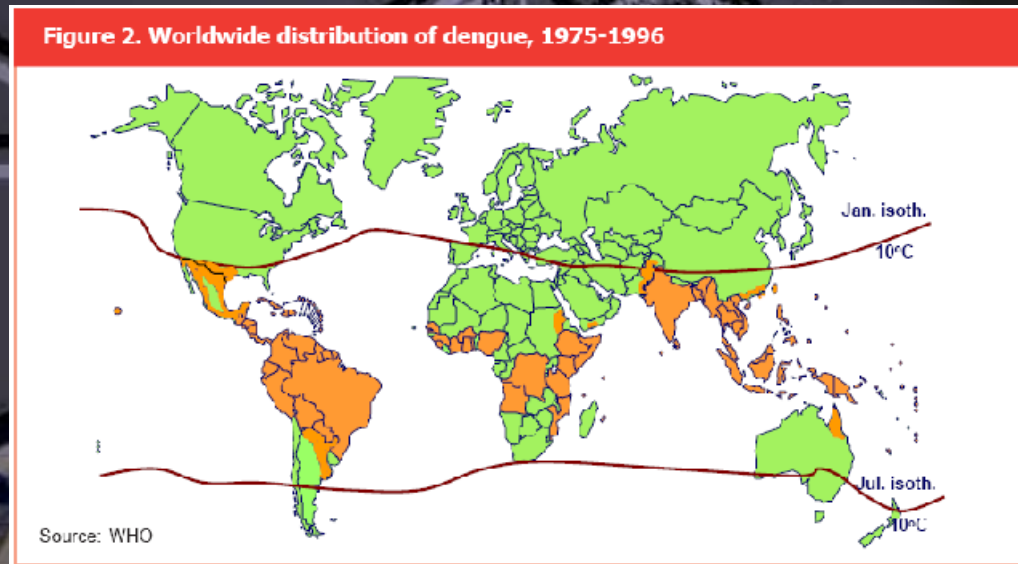


- Leading cause of death and disability amongst children in the tropics
- Most important vector borne disease after malaria
- Classified by WHO as “newly emerging /re-emerging arthropod borne viral disease of global importance”

Gibbons, BMJ 2001

WHO 2001

A newly emerging /re-emerging arthropod borne viral disease of global importance



- Prior to 1970, only 9 countries had a dengue epidemic
- Now, epidemic in >100 countries
- 2/5th of world's population are at risk of getting dengue
- 50 million cases each year, with 500,000 requiring hospitalization

Dengue: *Virology and Transmission*

- Dengue is caused by infection with one of **four dengue virus serotypes**, i.e. DEN 1-4.
- Infection with one serotype provides life-long immunity against the same serotype, but not against the others
- Most infections are **asymptomatic** but a **small proportion** can progress to **severe disease**.
- **Severe DHF/DSS** is more prevalent in secondary infection with different serotype of dengue virus
- **Infants** can manifest with **severe disease** with 1st infection

A close-up, high-contrast image of a mosquito, likely Aedes aegypti, is used as the background for the slide. The mosquito's head and thorax are visible, with its legs and wings partially shown. The image is dark and grainy, emphasizing the insect's form.

Transmission: *the vector*

- *Aedes aegypti*

- *Aedes aegypti* bite during the daytime.

- *Aedes aegypti* adapted to breed around human dwellings

Pathogenesis

- DHF/DSS pathogenesis is a **complex, multifactorial process** involving co-circulation of various dengue virus serotypes and the interplay of host and viral factors

risk of severe disease is increased at least 15-fold during secondary infections

Differences in virulence of viral genotypes

Halstead SB. Dengue virus infection, shock, and hemorrhage: a pathogenic cascade. Reviews of Infectious Disease 1989; 11 (suppl 4) S830-39.



Pathogenesis.... (2)

Complex interplay of host and viral factors that results in immune potentiation with secondary infections → severe forms of DHF

1. Antibody dependent enhancement (ADE)
2. T-cell activation and destruction
3. Release of inflammatory cytokines and coagulation cascades

Halstead SB. Immunological parameters of togavirus disease. Biology, structure, replication. NY: Academic Press, 1980: 107-73.

antibody enhancement (ADE),

During secondary infection:

Pre-existing antibodies

Instead of neutralizing

Protect the virus from destruction

Then enhance its uptake

unchecked virus replication

vasoactive mediators

*The non-neutralizing antibodies thus impart a
“double blow”*

Pathogenesis(4) (contd)

The T- cell: *A major contributor to severe dengue manifestations*

- Profound T-cell activation and programmed T-cell death
- Original antigenic sin in the T-cell responses may suppress viral elimination

End result: *with second infection*

- Higher viral loads and
- Shortened incubation times
- Increased immunopathogenicity and severity of infections

Original antigenic sin of the T cell response

- The propensity of the body's immune system to **preferentially utilize immunological memory based on a previous infection** when a second slightly different serotype is encountered.
- This leaves the immune system **"trapped" by the first response** and unable to mount potentially more effective responses during subsequent infections.

It is named by analogy to the theological concept of original sin.

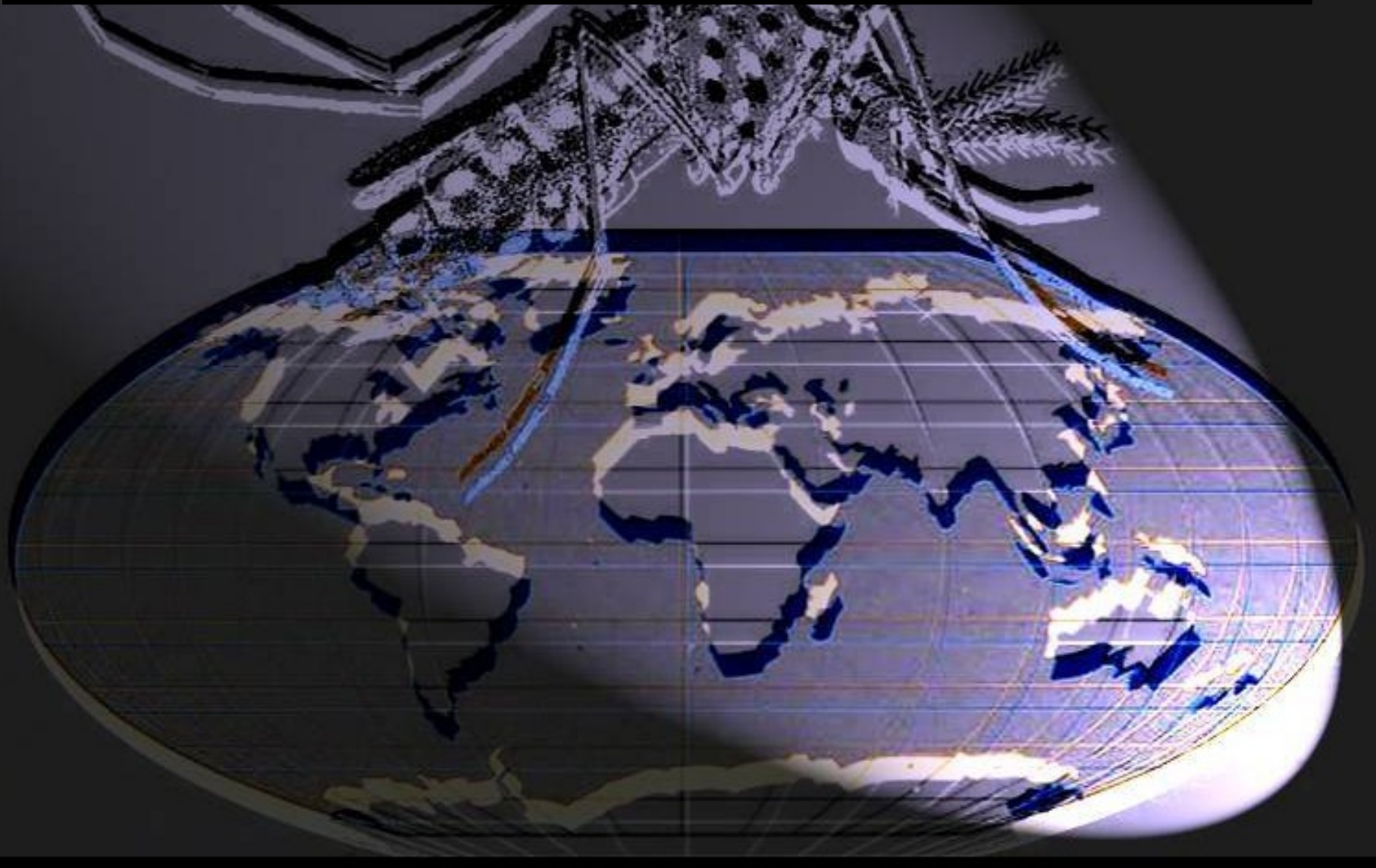
Thomas Francis. On the Doctrine of Original Antigenic Sin
Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, Vol. 104, No. 6 ,1960

Release of inflammatory mediators *Of cascades and perfect storms....*

*ultimately cause an increase in vascular permeability and
coagulopathy*

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Pathogenesis of bleeds in DHF



Hemorrhage in DSS is multi-factorial

- **Vasculopathy:**
- **Thrombocytopenia:**
- **Platelet dysfunction:**
- **Coagulopathy:**

- Wills BA et al. Coagulation abnormalities in DHF: Serial investigations in 167 Vietnamese children with DSS. *CID* 2002; 35: 277-85.
- Srichaikul .Platelet function during the acute phase of dengue hemorrhagic fever. *Southeast Asian J Trop Med Public Health* 1989; 20

Hemorrhage in DSS is multi-factorial

Patients with severe dengue have coagulation abnormalities but these are not severe enough to cause major bleeding.

Risk for major DIC and uncontrollable bleeds :

Profound shock

Wills BA et al. Coagulation abnormalities in DHF: Serial investigations in 167 Vietnamese children with DSS. CID 2002; 35: 277-85.

Factors that predispose to severe manifestations
(*shock, hemorrhage*)

serotype 2

Good nutritional status

Thisyakorn U, Nimmannitya S. Nutritional status of children with dengue hemorrhagic fever. *Clin Infect Dis*

Risk factors for mortality



duration of hypovolemic shock



late presentation



Early identification and prompt correction of shock will improve outcomes

Lucy Chai See Lum, Personal communication to IMCI, WHO, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Deen JL. Late presentation and increased mortality in children with DHF
Tropical Doctor 2000; 30:227-8.

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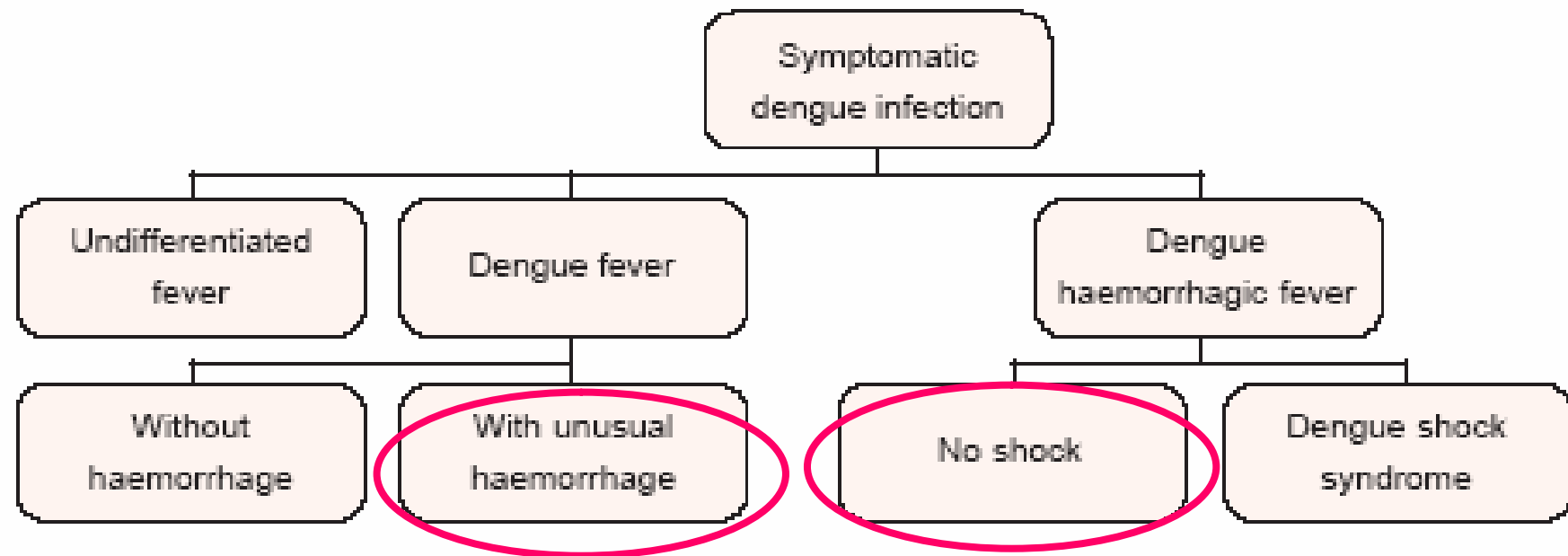
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THE WHO CLASSIFICATION AND CASE DEFINITIONS

The WHO guidelines propose the following classification for symptomatic dengue infection (68):



*The pathological hallmark that sets apart DHF is the presence of **increased vascular permeability***

Clinical Case Definition for Dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) (WHO 1999)

4 Necessary Criteria:

- Fever, or recent history of acute fever
- Hemorrhagic manifestations
- Low platelet count ($100,000/\text{mm}^3$ or less)
- Objective evidence of “*leaky capillaries*:”
 - elevated hematocrit (20% or more over average for age, sex and population)
 - low albumin
 - signs of plasma leakage such as pleural effusion, ascites, and hypoproteinemia
 - a drop in the hematocrit following volume-replacement (= 20% of baseline.)

Severity grading of dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) and dengue shock syndrome (DSS)

4 grades of severity

■ Grade 1

■ Grade 2

■ Grade 3 (DSS)

- Signs of shock, BP normal or reduced

■ Grade 4 (DSS)

- Profound shock (undetectable pulse and BP)

Unique temporal sequence of DHF

To diagnose DHF, documenting the *timing of clinical manifestations* is as important as documenting their occurrence.

Fever x 2-7 days

- Defervescence
- Rise in hematocrit
- Hemorrhagic manifestations
- Drop in platelets

Laboratory Diagnosis of DHF

The diagnosis of dengue is based on clinical criteria and may be confirmed by

- **Virus isolation** using culture or polymerase chain reaction (early febrile stage)
- **Serological studies** a fourfold or more increase in the hemagglutination inhibition (**HAI**) test between acute and convalescent sera
- **Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)** test for dengue-specific IgM/ IgG

Danger signs requiring urgent hospitalization

Emphasis on signs

- **Abrupt change from fever to hypothermia**
- **Shock:**
- **Lethargy:**
- **Bleeding:**
- **Severe abdominal pain** and vomiting

Simoes et al. DHF study group. Evaluation of signs and symptoms for the clinical diagnosis of dengue hemorrhagic fever. Unpublished data. IMCI, WHO 2005

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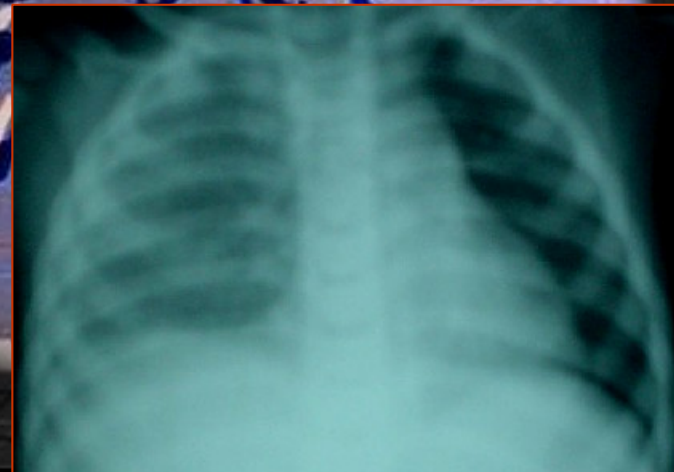
Pitfalls in the recognition & management of Dengue shock

■ *Delayed diagnosis:*

- Failure to recognize temporal sequence of DHF

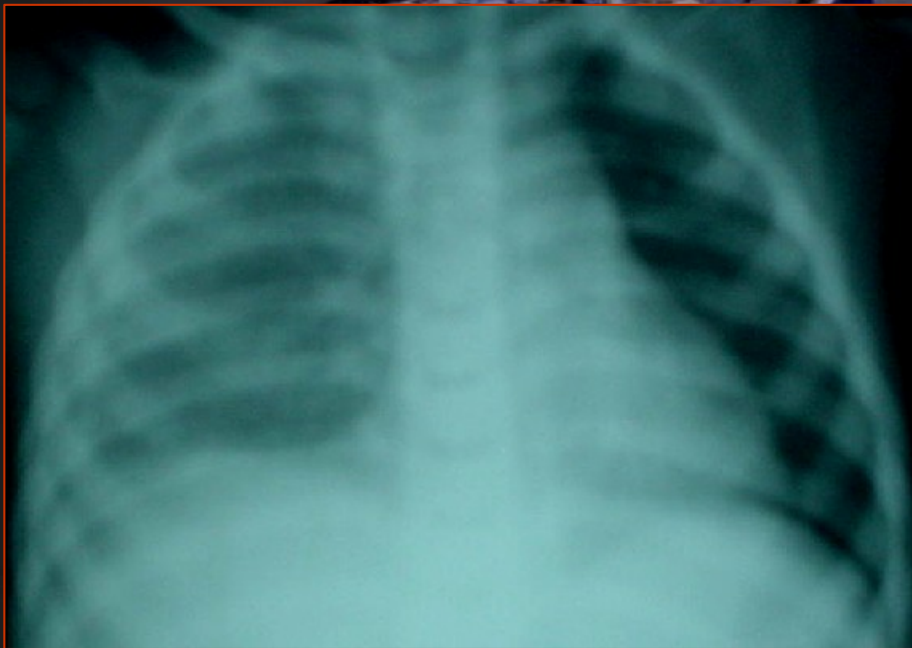
■ *Hypovolemic shock (with a difference)*

- No measurable losses
- Features of dehydration absent
(edema, large liver, lung crackles may suggest over-hydration)

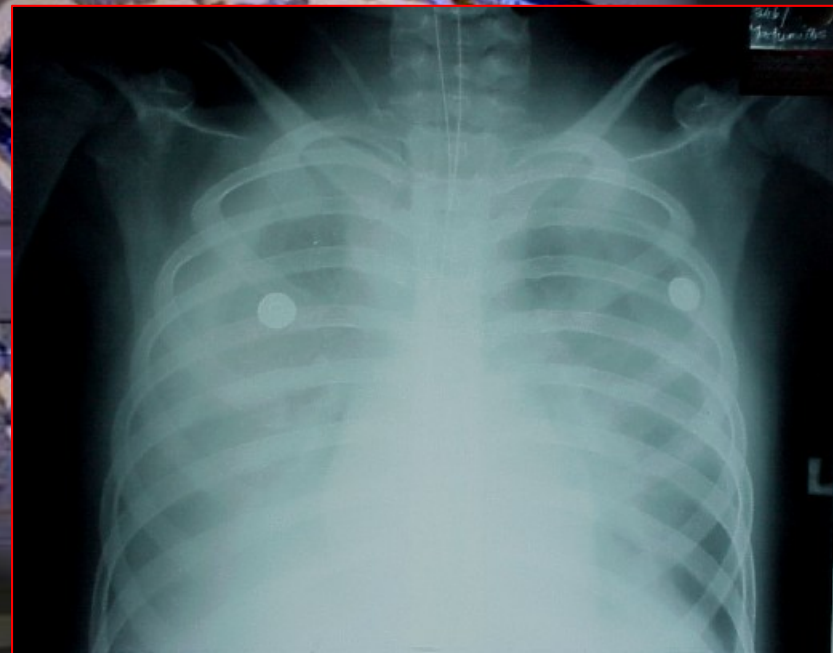


Pitfalls in recognition and management (cont'd)

- Smooth slide from fluid responsive shock to fluid overload



At admission



12 hrs later

Many infections can result in fever, shock and bleeding amongst children in the tropics

Dengue

- **Malaria**
- **Bacterial septic shock**
- **Leptospirosis**
- **Typhus**

Can the ACCM/PALS Guidelines be applied for severe Dengue Shock Syndrome?

Aggressive management of dengue shock syndrome may decrease mortality rate: A suggested protocol*

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Maintain airway, breathing and establish access according to PALS guidelines		
Rapid 20ml/kg boluses (40-60ml/kg) followed by colloid till better		
Further fluids and vasoactive agents guided by CVP and hemodynamic status		
Serial ECHO for filling, LV function (systolic and diastolic)		
Continue fluids at 5-10 ml/kg until hemodynamics improve or CVP > 8		Epinephrine or epinephrine ± vasodilator (if perfusion remains impaired after restoration of BP)
<u>Not improved</u> If HCT low, transfuse whole blood, evaluate for occult blood loss. Consider assisted ventilation		
Echocardiographic assessment of left-sided chambers for volume status		
Fluid removal therapies (diuretic/ dialysis)		
"Underfilled"		Systolic dysfunction
Continue slow fluids until hemodynamics	Milrinone, tachycardia control, slower fluid	Epinephrine + vasodilator, optimize pre-load

PICU mortality reduced 16.6% vs. 6.3%, $p < .05$

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improved outcomes 45/ 86

patients needed therapies to remove fluid

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Comparison of Three Fluid Solutions for Resuscitation
in Dengue Shock Syndrome

Bridget Wills et al

Mortality 0.2% !!

Fluids in Dengue shock

- 25ml/kg over 2 hours (Gr III)
- Ringers Lactate as good as colloid for moderate shock
- Colloid may be preferred in severe shock

The 2 types of pediatric shock probably distinct and early differentiation between them may be important

ORIGINAL ARTICLE: The most injured child

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Early Differentiation Between Dengue and Septic Shock
by Comparison of Admission Hemodynamic,
Clinical, and Laboratory Variables

A Pilot Study

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Rajeshwari N, MD,* and Shrishu R. Kamath, MD**

- Fluid required for shock reversal in DSS significantly less
- Predominant vasoconstrictory state

	Septic shock N=16	Dengue shock N=16	Significance
Presence of SIRS	15	9	0.04
HR > 95th centile for age	25	4	0.01
Temperature (<36.8 C or >38.58C)	12	0	0.00
Pulse pressure mm Hg	42.7 ± 8.2	24.7 ± 7.7	0.00
Extremity hypoperfusion	9	16	0.009
Initial fluid resuscitation volume (mL/kg)	57.5ml/kg (40–70)	28.5ml/kg (20–47.5)	0.03
Vasopressor ± inotrope use	11	3	0.003
Steroids	6	0	0.007
Mortality	2	1	NS

Dengue shock vs septic shock: *Twins or distant cousins? (contd...)*

Patients with Dengue Shock Syndrome

- Usually **apyrexial** at onset of shock
- **Relative bradycardia** for degree of shock
- Cytokine mediated \uparrow vascular permeability, but other features of “**SIRS**” may not be not prominent
- Shock with **predominant vasoconstriction** (vs vasodilatory/vasoconstrictory septic shock)

- **No role for steroids**

Tassniyom et al: Failure of high-dose methylprednisolone in established DSS. A placebo-controlled, double-blind study. *Pediatrics* 1993; 92:111–115

Research in dengue: *Vietnam leading the way*

- The clinical studies from Drs Bridget Wills and Jeremy Farrar group in Children's Hospital, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in have clarified many issues in the treatment of DHF, more good quality studies ongoing

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Dengue shock vs septic shock: *putting it all together*
Approach is similar yet different:
Emphasis on early filling but at slower controlled rates

- Educate 1^o caregivers to diagnose, **initiate fluid early** and refer
- **Gr III shock:** 20ml/kg crystalloid over 30-60 mins
- **Severe/Gr IV DSS :** 20ml/kg colloid over 30 mins, repeat as indicated
- Volume should be **just sufficient to maintain effective circulation** during the period leakage
- **With improvement, fluid rates should be gradually decreased** discontinued after 24 to 48 hours

Fluid overload as important a cause of death as intractable shock

Management of DHF Grade III and IV (DSS)

NS (Gr III), / Hetastarch (Gr IV) 10-20 ml /kg boluses x 1-2
Correct glucose, calcium, acidosis, *HCT*, insert urine catheter

Cardiopulmonary assessment, HCT

Improvement

NS 10 ml/kg /hr
Gradually ↓ fluid rate
10 → 7 → 5 → 3 ml / kg

No improvement

HCT, ECHO , check for occult hge

Shock + high HCT >38

Starch 10 ml/kg/hr
2 - 3 boluses

Improvement: ↓ fluid

No improvement
CVP, Echo, HCT

CVP Low:
Fluids/blood, ventilation,
echo

Shock + HCT < 35

Packed RBC 10 ml/kg

Improvement: ↓ fluid

CVP high:
Inotropes, ventilation, echo

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Titration fluid therapy in DSS

Objective end-points

- Improved perfusion and blood pressure with widening/normalization of pulse pressure
- Steady fall in hematocrit = 20% (*if not bleeding*)
- Adequate urine output (*aim for low normal*)
- Demonstration of IVC and chamber filling on ECHO

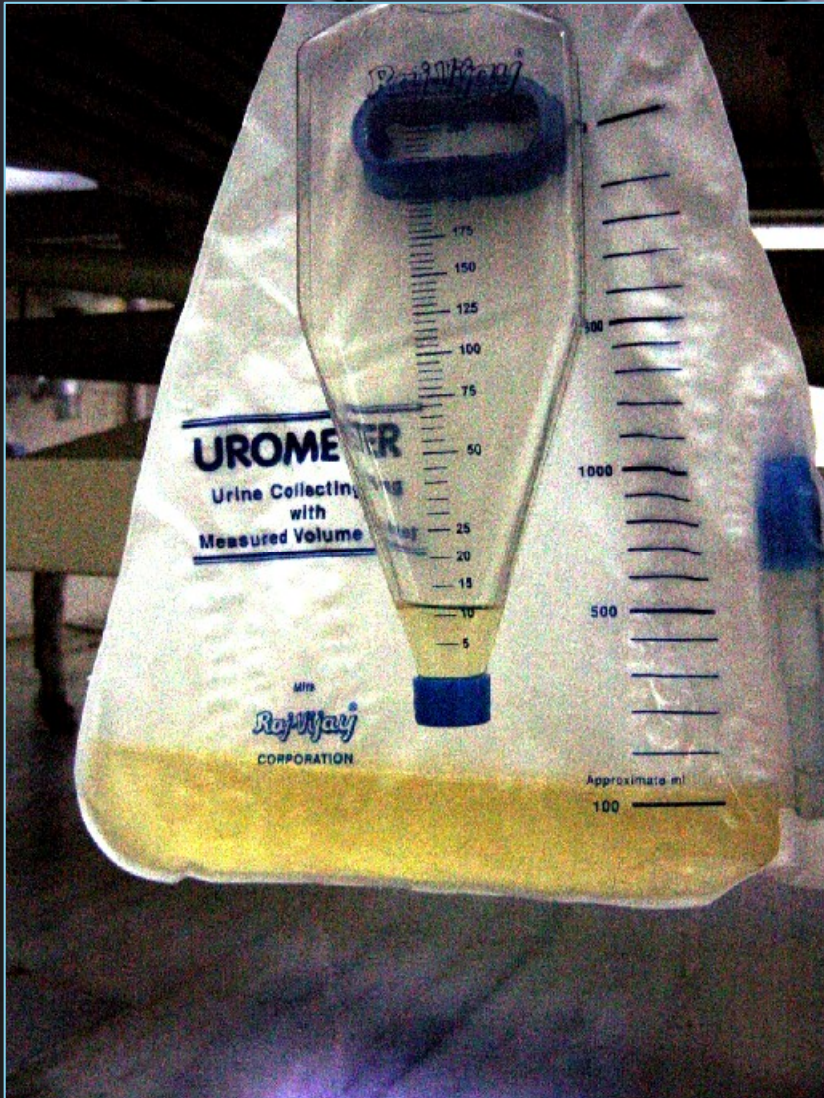
Role of CVP

- Aim of measurement: determine intravascular volume status
- *Useful if low in the presence of shock*
- May be 'falsely' high due to large pleural and ascitic collections

- Insertion may be **hazardous** in the bleeding shocking patient
- Other surrogates of filling more relevant



Low tech CVP equivalent 1 : *The urinary catheter*



Hourly output
measurement

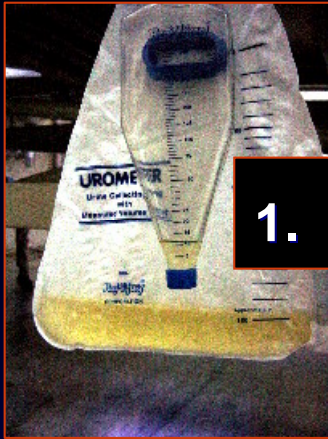


Renal blood flow

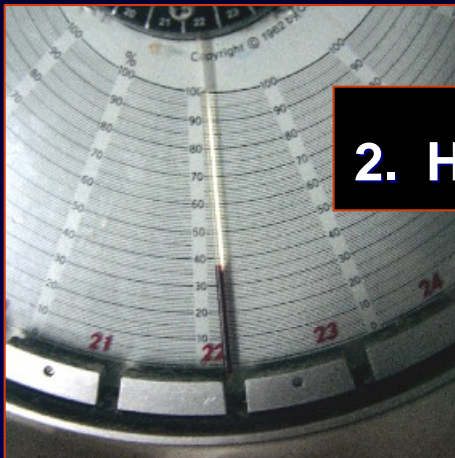


Perfusion status

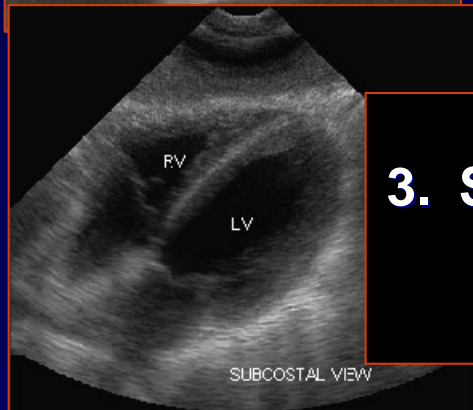
Titrating fluid therapy in DSS: *Objective end-points*



1. Hourly urine ✓ ✓



2. Hematocrit ✓ ✓ ✗



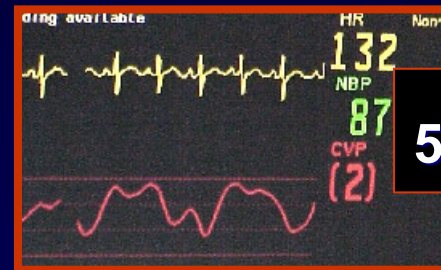
3. Serial ECHO

✓ ✓ ✗

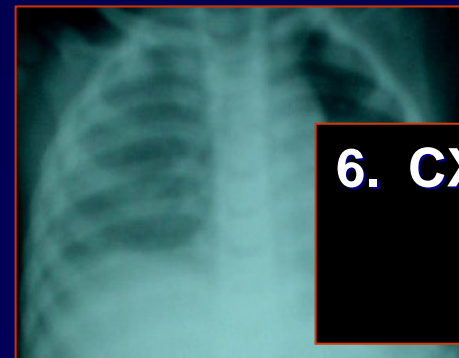


4. BP, clinical exam

✓ / ✗



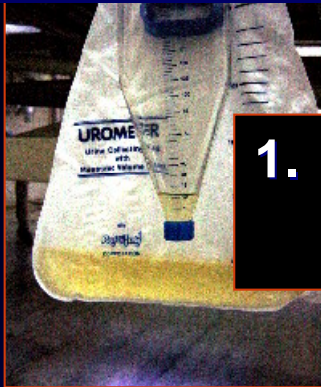
5. CVP ✗ / ✓



6. CXR, resp exam

✗ ✗ / ✓

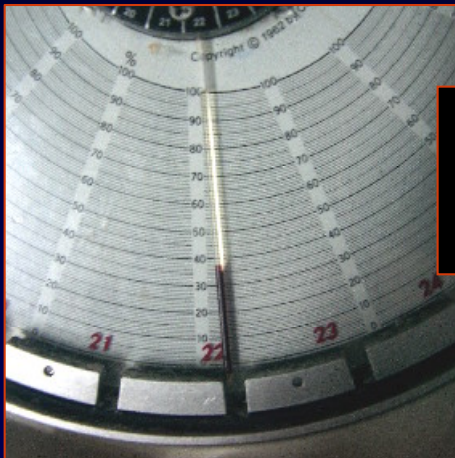
Also important to monitor for fluid over load



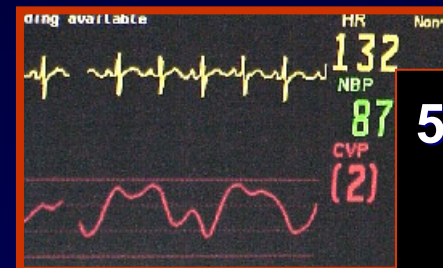
1. Hourly urine
> 3ml/kg/hr ✓ ✓



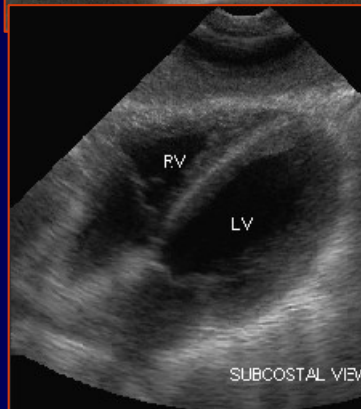
4. BP, clinical exam
✓ / ✗



2. Hematocrit fall
> 20% ✓ ✓ ✗

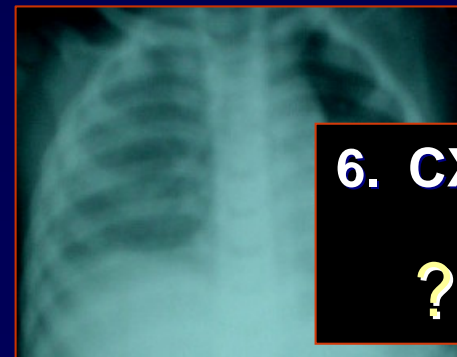


5. CVP high
? / ✗ / ✓



Serial ECHO:
overfilled

✓ ✓ ✗



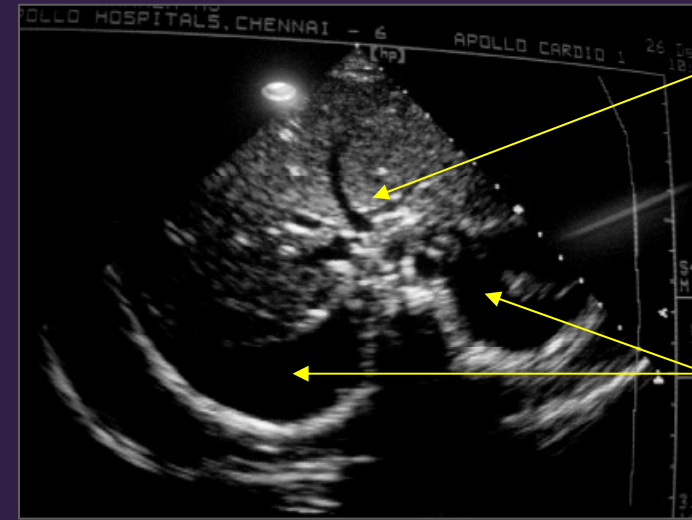
6. CXR, resp exam

? / ✗ ✗ / ✓



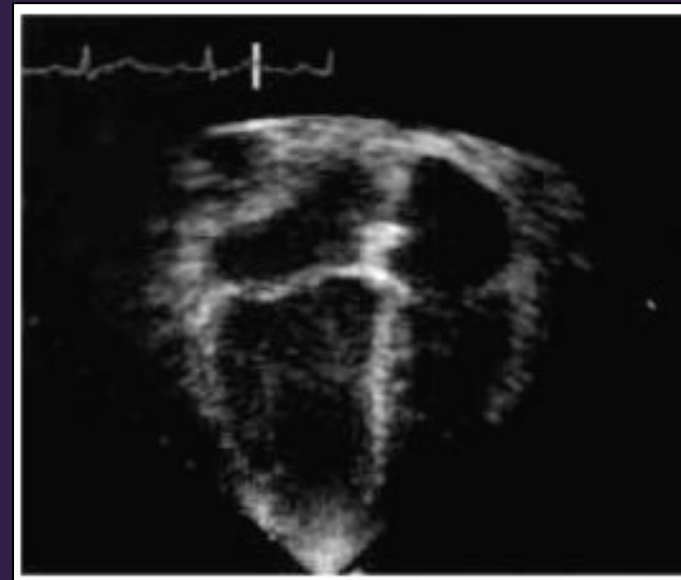
Serial bedside ECHO:

Helps to titrate fluid & inotrope infusions



Hepatic
veins, IVC

Bilateral
pleural
effusion



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Indications for platelet transfusion /FFP

Indications for platelets

- Active significant bleeds
- $>50,000 \text{ mm}^3$ for invasive procedures
- $<20,000 \text{ mm}^3$ in the acute phase

FFP/ cryoprecipitate

- Significant bleeds
- DIC

Therapies that have also been tried in uncontrollable bleeding...

The role of recombinant activated factor VII life-threatening bleeding in Dengue Shock Syndrome

rFVIIa appears to be a useful adjunctive treatment to blood component transfusion for controlling active bleeding in children with DHF especially when platelet concentrate is not readily available.

Chuasumrit A. et al. The use of recombinant activated factor VII for controlling life-threatening bleeding in Dengue Shock Syndrome . Blood Coagul Fibrinolysis. 2004 Jun;15

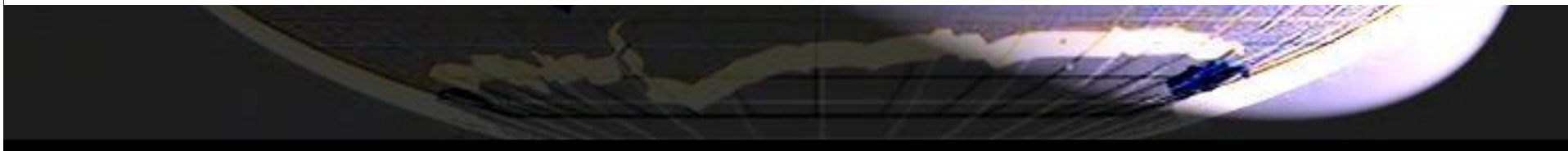
De Castro DA et al. Am J Trop Med Hyg. 2007 Apr;76

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Complications can occur in any organ/system



DIC with life threatening hemorrhage



Triad of severe shock, acidosis and DIC

Need for multiple blood products:

Risk of fluid overload

Srichaikul T, Nimmanitya S. Hematology in dengue and dengue haemorrhagic fever. Baillieres Best Pract Res Clin Haematol 2000

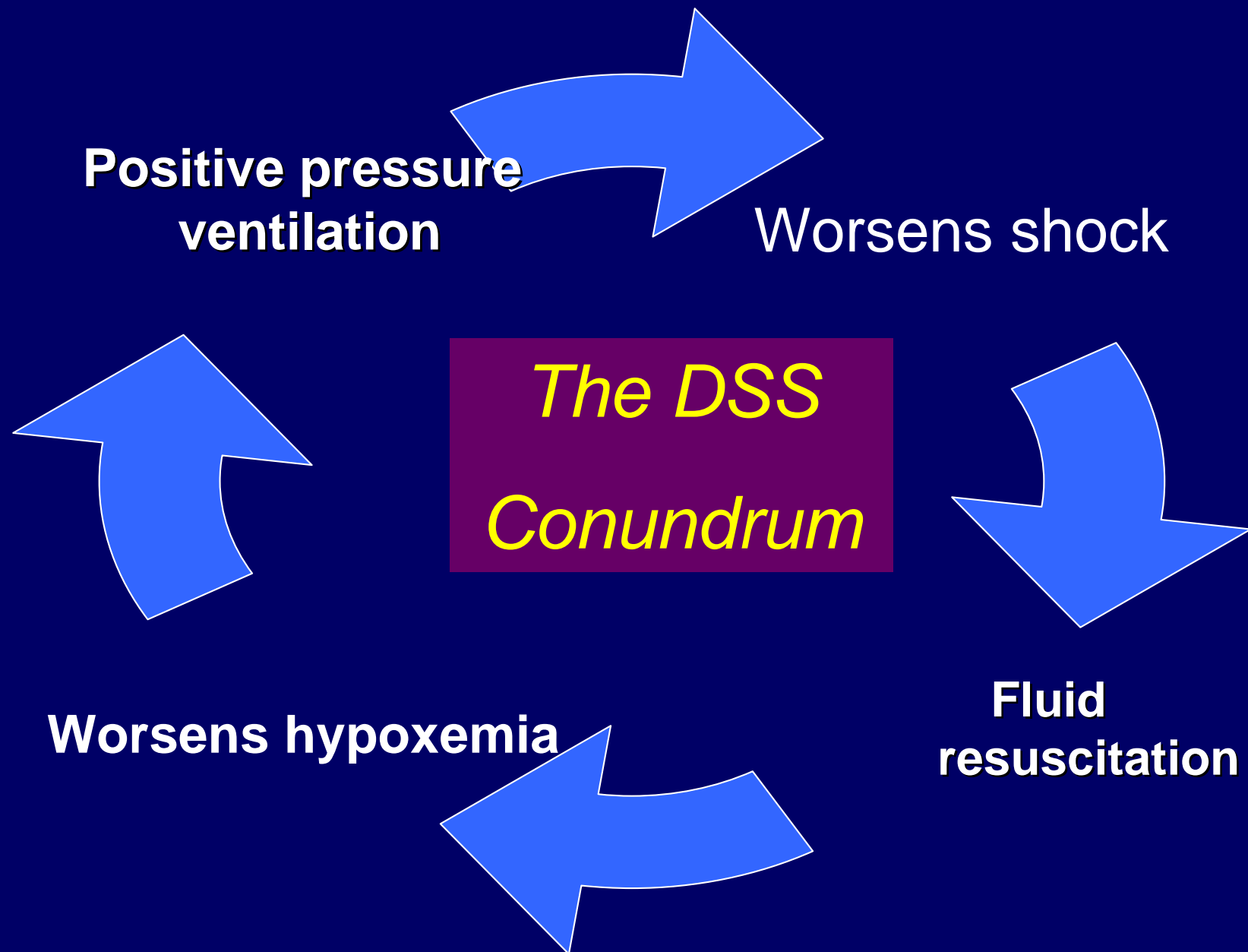
DSS complications: **Fluid overload**

Water, water everywhere, but not enough in the right place....

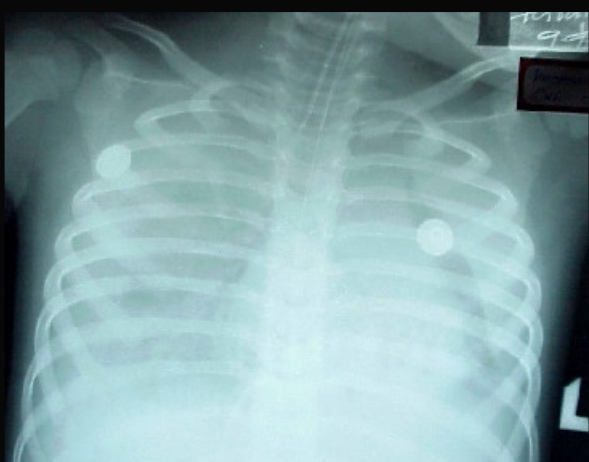
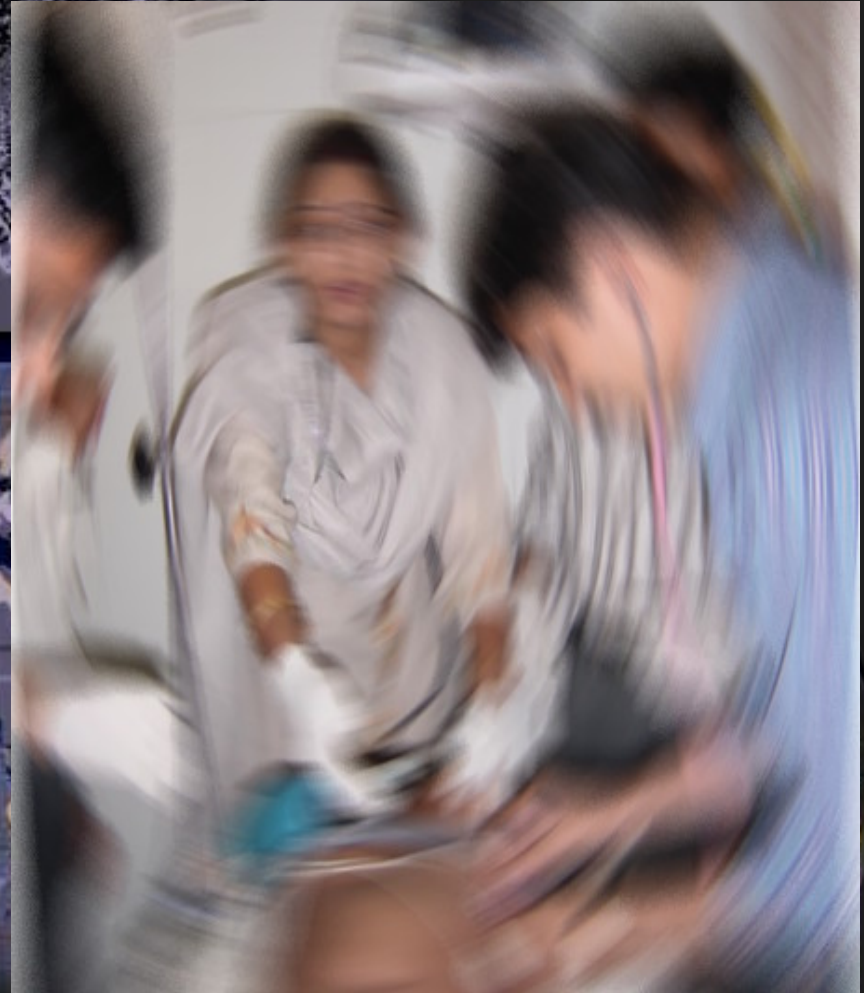
- **Fluid overload is as important cause of mortality as uncorrected shock**

no specific therapy,





Shock, DIC and ARDS: *Not a happy triad*



The challenge: Fluid overload in DSS

- “*Post-resuscitation fluid removal*” may be indicated in refractory overload
- i.e., overload that worsens cardio-pulmonary function or causes abdominal compartment syndrome (ACS)
- Controlled gentle *ascitic/ pleural* fluid drainage
- Low dose *furosemide* infusion/ *peritoneal dialysis*

Dengue Hemorrhagic fever

Furosemide infusion

When?

How?

Why?

Dengue H

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Ped Crit Care Med 2005; 6(4): 412-419*

Peritoneal dialysis

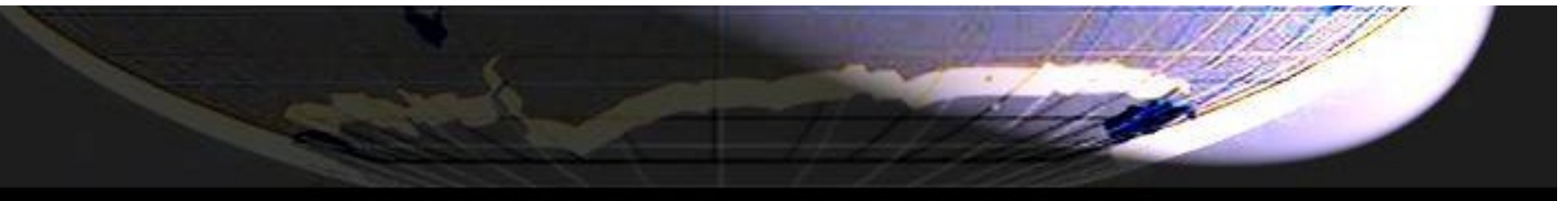
Who

How

*Most useful for tense large volume collections that compromise
cardio-resp status*

Refractory shock

Single most important cause is late presentation



Diastolic dysfunction

- *Catecholamines main culprit*

Management

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DSS complications: *Abdominal compartment syndrome*

ACS defined as abdominal distention with

- oliguria or anuria
- respiratory decompensation
- hypotension or shock
- metabolic acidosis



Abdominal compartment syndrome in children. Pediatr Crit Care Med. 2001 Jan;2(1):51

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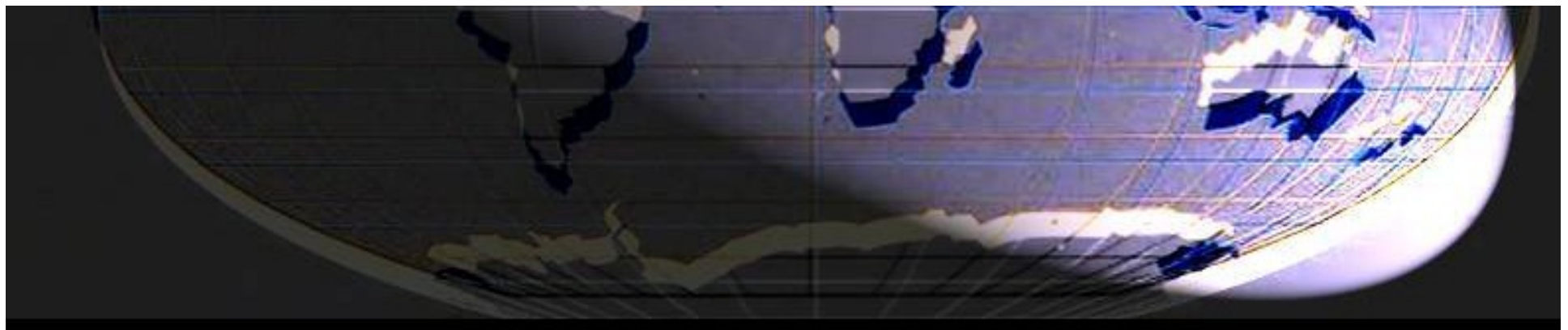
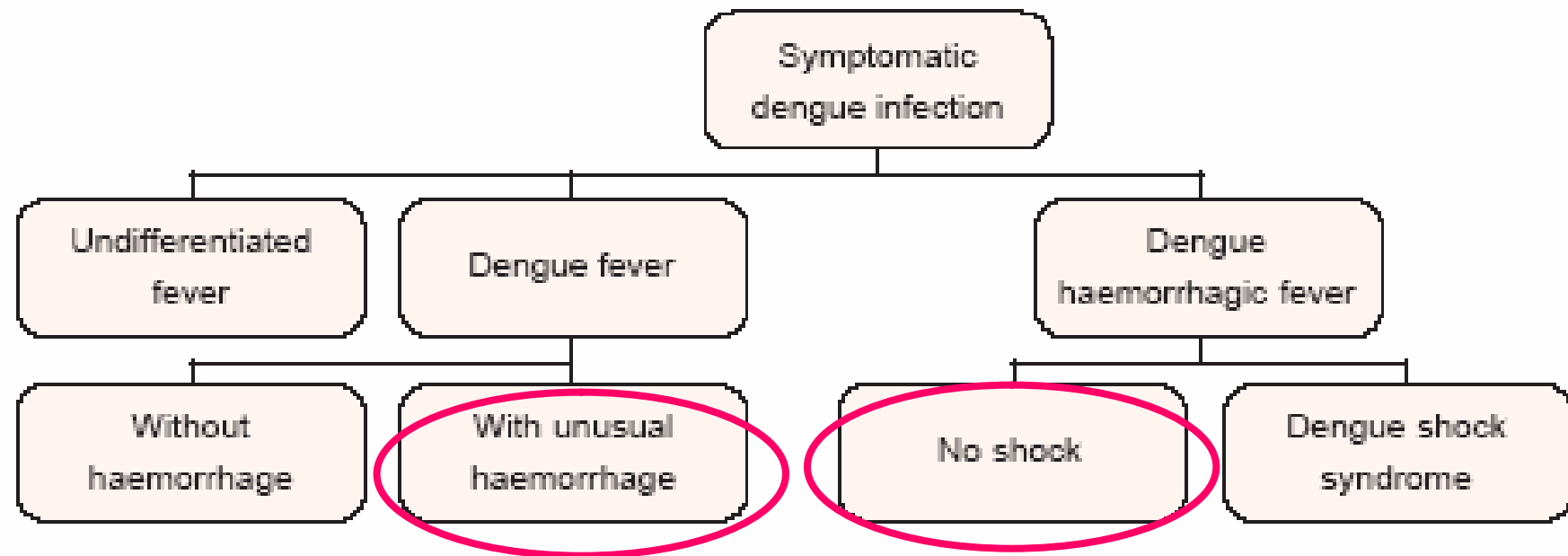
WHO classification may be inappropriate for the following reasons: ...

5. The term “DHF” puts undue emphasis on haemorrhage:

- The **hallmark of severe dengue** (and the manifestation that should be watched for) is **not haemorrhage but vascular permeability** leading to shock.
- **Haemorrhage may or may not be present in severe dengue** and conversely may occur in children with otherwise uncomplicated dengue.
- **When life-threatening haemorrhage does occur in severe dengue, it is almost invariably a late manifestation and associated with profound or prolonged shock**

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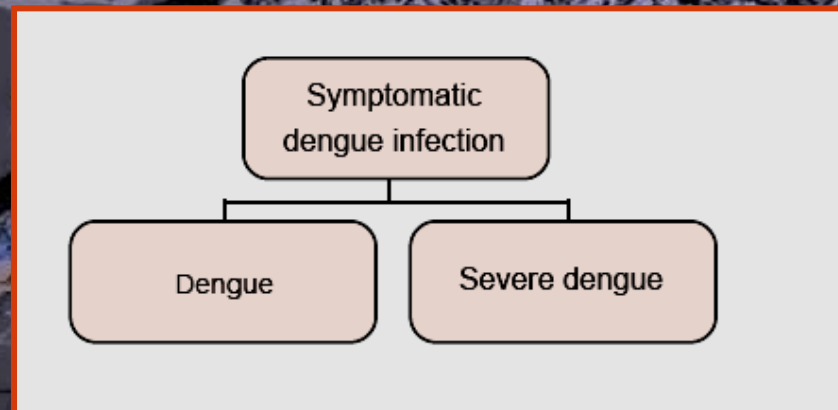


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It may probably be better to use the terms

Dengue and severe dengue

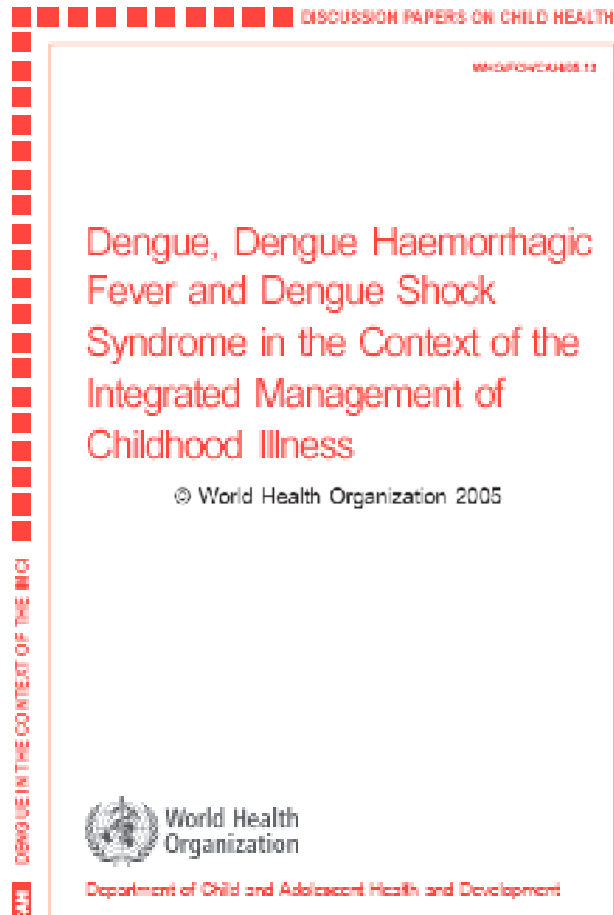
as shown below, with no emphasis on bleeding or on a specific platelet count cut-off



In this simplified classification system, vascular permeability resulting in plasma leakage would be the hallmark of severe dengue.

Danger signs of severe dengue would include

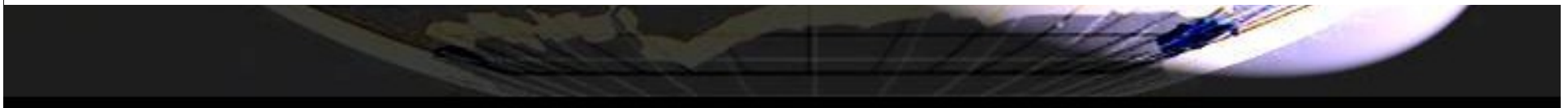
- Circulatory compromise
- Altered sensorium (unconscious, lethargic, combative),
- Abnormal bleeds
- Unusual manifestations (hepatic damage, cardiomyopathy, encephalopathy)



Prediction of Severe Disease



If the early determinants of disease severity were understood in detail, more effective and less costly case management might be devised.





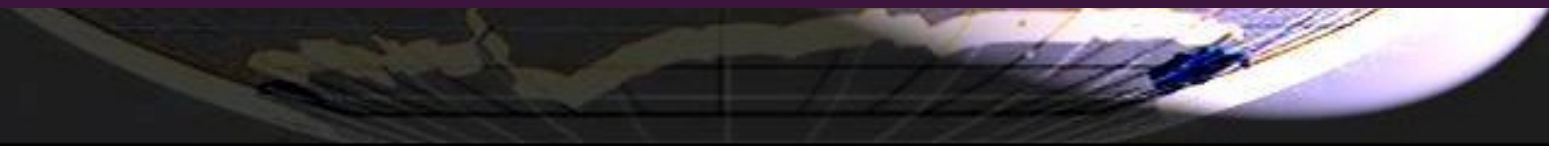
Outline: *management of DHF/DSS*

1. Overview and epidemiology
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6. Titrating fluid therapy: CVP, urinary catheter and serial hematocrit
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Prevention and public health

- Aim is to maintain a low incidence of dengue through an integrated mosquito control programme
- Source reduction, health education and law enforcement
- A very high degree of elimination of the vector in dengue-prone areas needs to be achieved and sustained in order to control transmission





Pediatric **DENGUE**
VACCINE INITIATIVE

PDVI Mission:

To accelerate the development and introduction of affordable dengue vaccine(s) for children in endemic countries.

The Pediatric Dengue Vaccine Initiative (PDVI) is embarked on a quest to accelerate the development, evaluation, and introduction of vaccines that will help

control one of the world's most important and rapidly spreading tropical infectious diseases

Conclusion

- ✓ Sick children with DHF/DSS are amongst the most challenging patients encountered by pediatric acute care givers in the tropics
- ✓ Dengue Shock syndrome is likely a different entity from bacterial septic shock; fluid resuscitation rates and volumes are different (less)
- ✓ Earlier detection and supportive treatment can prevent complications and improve outcome

