

RAISED ICP

CAUSES



VENOUS SINUS OBSTRUCTION
- Venous sinus thrombosis
- depressed skull fracture



INTRACRANIAL BLEED
- extra dural
- subdural
- intracerebral
- secondary oedema



CSF CIRCULATION DISTURBANCE
- hydrocephalus



TUMORS



IDIOPATHIC



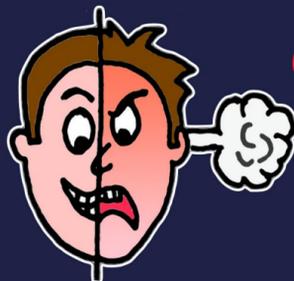
INFECTIONS
- abscess

SIGNS + SYMPTOMS



HEADACHE

- worse in the morning
- worse on coughing
- worse on movement



CHANGE IN MENTAL STATUS

- Irritability
- lethargy
- coma



VOMITING



LATE SIGNS

- Hypertension
- Bradycardia
- Irregular respiratory pattern

↳ sign of brainstem distortion / ischaemia



EYE SIGNS

- papilloedema
 - pupillary dilatation
 - ptosis
 - Ophthalmoplegia
- } signs of tonsillar herniation rather than level of ICP

TREATMENT

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1st Tier

- DIURETICS e.g. mannitol
- HYPERTONIC SALINE as per local guideline
- CONTROL CO₂ (hyperventilation - PaCO₂ 4-4.5 kpa)
- TEMPERATURE CONTROL (avoid pyrexia)
- SEIZURE CONTROL
- HEAD ELEVATION (bed head to 30°)
- ANALGESIA
- maintain EVOVOLAEMIA
- maintain NORMOGLYCAEMIA

MANNITOL

ADULTS

- 0.25-2g/kg over 30-60 mins
- repeated if necessary 1-2 times after 4-8 hrs

CHILDREN 1 MONTH - 11 YEARS

- 0.25-1.5g/kg over 30-60 mins
- repeated if necessary 1-2 times after 4-8 hrs

CHILDREN OVER 12 YEARS

- As per adult dose

2nd Tier

- BARBITURATE COMA (e.g. thiopentone infusion titrated to burst suppression on EEG)
- 1.5-3mg/kg in ADULTS.

- HYPOTHERMIA (cooling to 34°C)
- DECOMPRESSIVE CRANIECTOMY