# Acute states in stomatology

## **Circulatory collapse**

- Frequent Indications for EMS Dispatch
  - Under 18 years: 15%
  - 18-26 years: 25%
  - ▶ 40-59 years: 16-19%
  - Over 70 years: 23%
- Collapse and Syncope Are Not Synonyms!!!
  - Both represent symptoms, not diseases!!!

#### Syncope

- Sudden, temporary, complete loss of consciousness, associated with a loss of postural tone, followed by a rapid spontaneous recovery.
- Caused by a sudden and transient reduction in brain perfusion in areas controlling consciousness.
- Collapse
- A broader and less precisely defined term—short-term, sudden loss of consciousness, actual or apparent.
- Collapse encompasses syncope as well as syncope-like states, with multiple causes.



## **Circulatory collapse**

- Cardiac Arrest
- A. long-term
- Without CPR, it leads to death.
- Oxygen reserves in the brain last up to 10 seconds.
- Glucose reserves for anaerobic glycolysis last 4-5 minutes.
- At normal brain temperature, apoptosis and necrosis of neurons occur.
- Asystole and absence of pulse, loss of consciousness.
- Loss of electrical and contractile activity.
- Severe arrhythmias, electrical shock, or acute myocardial infarction (AMI) can cause it.
- **B.** short-term
- Includes syncope and syncope-like states
- Non-syncope-related loss of consciousness



**B. short-term - syncope**, syncope-like states,

Non-syncope-related loss of consciousness

Tab. 1. Diferenciácia krátkodobej poruchy vedomia

Synkopa	Nesynkopálne straty vedomia	Stavy pripomínajúce synkopu bez straty vedomia (pseudosynkopa)
1) Reflexná synkopa	1) Epilepsia	1) Pády starých ľudí
2) Ortostatická synkopa	<ol> <li>Metabolické príčiny (hypoglykémia, hypo- kapnia)</li> </ol>	2) Drop attack
3) Postprandiálna synkopa	3) Intoxikácie	3) Katalepsia, narkolepsia
4) Kardiogénna synkopa (mechanická, arytmogénna)	4) Trauma hlavy	4) Psychogénna "synkopa"
5) Vaskulárna synkopa		5) Vertiginózne stavy

**B. short-term - syncope**, syncope-like states,

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Tab. 1: Differentiation of Short-term Impairment of Consciousness

Syncope	Non-syncope-related loss of consciousness	States Resembling Syncope Without Loss of Consciousness	
1. Reflex syncope	1. Epilepsy	1. Falls of old people	
2. Ortostatic syncope	<ol> <li>Metabolic causes</li> <li>(hypoglycemia, hypocapnia)</li> </ol>	2. Drop attack	
3. Postprandial syncope	3. Intoxication	3. Katalepsy, narcolepsy	
4. Cardiogenic syncope (mechanic, arythmogenic)	4. Head injury	4. Psychogenic "syncope"	
6. Vascular syncope		5. Vertigo states	

#### B. Syncope

- symptom, not disease
- A state of sudden, temporary, short-term loss of consciousness that is not caused by head injury or muscle spasms and is associated with a loss of postural tone
- Transient event
- Rapid spontaneous recovery
- Generalized weakness
- Inability to remain in an upright standing position
- Loss of consciousness of varying degrees
- Transient brain ischemia caused by a huge drop in blood pressure (to 50 mmHg) that the body cannot compensate for.

#### Diferential diagnostics of syncope from transient loss of consciousness (according Blanc)



A. Non-cardiac
 B. Cardiac
 Clinical Presentation of Syncope Depends on the Cause

- A. Non-cardiac syncope
  - without organic heart disease
  - > Types:
    - > organic
    - orthostatic
    - > postprandial

B. Cardiac syncope
 Organic heart and vascular disease

- > Types:
  - > cardiac
  - > vascular



## **Classification of syncopal states**

#### A) Reflex syncope

- 1. vasovagal syncope
- > 2. situational syncope
  - caughing, sneezing
  - gastrointestinal (defecation, visceral pain, vomiting)
  - urination
- ▶ 3. carotic syncope
- 4. glossopharyngeal and trigeminal syncope
- B) Ortostatic syncope
  - 1. failure of ANS (asympaticotonic, orthostatic hypotension)
    - primary autonomic disorders (Shy-Drager syndrome, Bradburry-egllestone syndrome, Parkinson disease)
    - secondary autonomic disorders ( diabetic neuropathy, amyloidosis, alcoholism)

- Orthostatic hypotension not related to autonomic disorder (symaticotonic orthostatic hypotension)
  - volume depletion (bleeding, diarhoea, dehydration, analbuminemia)
  - vasodilatatory drugs and alcohol
  - endocrine related hypotension states (Addison disease, feochromocytoma, carcinoid, systemic mastocytosis, Verner-Morrison syndrome)
- C) Postprandial syncope
- D) Cardiogenic syncope arrhytmogenic
  - sick sinus syndrome
  - AV block
  - paroxysmal supraventricular and ventricular tachycardia
  - defect of implanted cardiostimalator or cardioverter defibrilator

## **Classification of syncopal states**

- E) Cardiogenic syncope mechanical (organic heart disease)
  - valvular diseases
  - hypetrophic obstructive kardiomyopathy
  - atrial myxoma
  - acute ischemia
  - pericardial effusion/tamponade
  - lung embolia/lung hypertension

- F) Vascular syncope
  - aortal dissection
  - steal syndrome (subclavian steal syndrome)
  - vertebrobasilar transient ischemic attack
  - migraine
  - compression of vena cava inferior in pregnancy

## **Reflex syncope**

Abnormal reflex activity

#### Vasovagal syncope

- The most common type of syncope, occurring in healthy individuals, usually with a psychogenic origin (e.g., pain, fear, hunger, suffocation, horror, disgust, seeing blood, venipuncture, etc.).
- Vagus nerve stimulation triggers bradycardia (a cardioinhibitory response) and vasodilation, leading to hypotension (a vasodepressor response). This causes reduced venous return to the heart and a decrease in cardiac output, resulting in autonomic symptoms.
- The condition usually resolves quickly when the person lies down, returning to baseline.
- **Benign** in nature, meaning it is not usually life-threatening and typically does not indicate any underlying heart disease.

#### Situational syncope

- coughing, sneezing, defecation, urination, swallowing, vomiting
- These actions can lead to sudden changes in blood pressure and heart rate, potentially causing a transient loss of consciousness

## **Reflex syncope**

#### Carotid sinus syndrome

- Compression or massage of the carotid sinus (located in the neck, where the carotid artery branches) stimulates the baroreceptors, triggering a bradycardia (slow heart rate), hypotension (low blood pressure), and a loss of consciousness (syncope)
- ► The **carotid sinus reflex** can be triggered by activities such as turning the head, wearing a tight collar, or by certain age-related factors (older age), as well as conditions like **atherosclerosis (ATS)** and **hypertension**

#### Trigeminal Neuralgia

- A disorder of the **trigeminal nerve**, characterized by intense, stabbing pain, typically on one side of the face.
- The trigeminal nerve irritation leads to an abnormal reduction in sympathetic tone, causing vasodilation, which in turn can result in hypotension and bradycardia.
- The neuralgia also increases parasympathetic activity, leading to hypoperfusion (reduced blood flow) to the brain.

#### Glossopharyngeal Neuralgia

- This condition affects the glossopharyngeal nerve, causing severe, sharp pain in the throat, ear, and tongue
- Similar to trigeminal neuralgia, it involves irritation of the sensory nerve endings:
  - decrease in sympathetic tonus
  - vasodilation
  - hypotension, bradycardia
  - increase of parasympathetic activity
  - hypoperfusion of brain

## **Ortostatic syncope**

#### Ortostatic / postural hypotension

- A drop in systolic blood pressure (SBP) by 20 mmHg (within 3 minutes) upon standing - Orthostatic Hypotension
- > Hypotension in positions other than upright Postural Hypotension
- Insufficient autonomic nervous system (ANS) activity characterized by -Decreased sweating, Fixed heart rate, decreased catecholamines, decreased activation of RAA, predominance of vagal vasodepressor effects

#### A. autonominc failure (asympathetic)

- primary causes syndromes such Parkinson
- secondary causes diabetes mellitus, alcoholism
- **B.** not related to autonomic dysfunction (sympathetic)
- **volume depletion** diarrhea, dehydration
- drug induced (vasodilatatory drugs) levodopa, antidepressants, diuretics, alcohol
- endocrine related Addison disease, pheochromocytoma, carcinoid syndrome

## Cardiac syncope

- A. Arrhythmogenic
  - Bradycardic forms
    - Asystole
    - A-V block Adams-Stokes syndrome
    - SA node dysfunction

#### Tachycardic forms

- > Any tachycardia with a rapid rate
- Ventricular tachycardia, flutter, fibrillation
- Atrial tachycardia
- Flutter
- Fibrillation
- Pacemaker malfunctions



## Cardiac syncope

- B. Mechanical (organic)
  - Aortic stenosis and mitral stenosis
  - Obstructive lesions of outflow from left ventricle
  - Primary pulmonary hypertension
  - Obstruction of the pulmonary circulation
  - Pericardial tamponade
  - Disorders of cardiac dynamics

- C. Dysfunction of the venous system with reduced venous return
  - Varicose veins of the lower extremities
  - Compression of the inferior vena cava by an enlarged uterus in pregnant women in a supine position
  - Vertebrobasilar insufficiency
  - ► Migraine

Tab. 3: Differential diagnostics of cardiac and vasovagal syncope based on anamnesis data (Mitro et al, Vnitřní lékařství 2006, 52 (11): 1030-1036)

Relevant anamnesis data	Cardiac	Vasovagal
	syncope	syncope
Personal anamnesis		
Age over 60	+	
Cardiac disease	+	
High blood pressure	+	
Cardiovascular drugs medication	+	
Occurrence of syncope		
In the morning		+
Not related to daytime	+	
Without obvious trigger/cause	+	
Occurrence in the supine position	+	
Triggering factor		
Prolonged standing as a trigger		+
Hunger as a trigger		+
Without obvious trigger	+	
Prodromal symptoms		
Disturbances of vision		+
Sweating		+
Without prodromes	+	
Phase of loss of consciousness		
Pallor during loss of consciousness		+
Bradycardia	+	
Not important anamnesis data		
Occurrence in standing or sitting position	+	+
Emotions as trigger	+	+
Palpitations in prodromal phase	+	+
Nausea in prodromal phase	+	+
Seizures and incontinence during loss of	+	+
consciousness		
Palpitations/tachycardia upon regaining	+	+
consciousness		



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## Epilepsy

- An epileptic seizure is a sudden, transient, and involuntary dysfunction of the nervous system of various types. Seizures can affect sensory, motor, or autonomic functions, consciousness, emotional state, behavior, cognition, or memory. (5 minutes)
- Epilepsy, migraine, narcolepsy, panic disorder, trigeminal neuralgia...
- It is the most common condition; it is not a single disease but a large group of diseases and syndromes that manifest as epileptic seizures.
- In children, generalized seizures are more common, while in older adults, focal seizures are more frequent.
- Status epilepticus

#### Status epilepticus

An abnormally persistent seizure lasting longer than 30 minutes or a series of seizures lasting more than 30 minutes, during which the patient does not regain consciousness.

#### Patogenesis

- Functional changes in receptors and ion channels, which affect the function of the cell membrane, making it more excitable
- Dysregulation of inhibition and excitation leads to the spread of abnormal activity, its synchronization, and the emergence of pathological paroxysmal activity (discharge on EEG)

#### Causes

- > Genetic
- Structural and metabolic (injuries, infections, cerebrovascular accidents, tumors)
- Unknown cause (70%)

#### Classifications

 According to the site of origin: generalized and focal.

## **Classification of Epilepsy**

#### > Generalized Epileptic Seizure

- > Originates from one area and rapidly spreads bilaterally through neuronal networks
- > Quantitative impairment of consciousness
- A. Non-convulsive (Absences)
- > Older term: petit mal



Loss of awareness of the surroundings, impaired consciousness, short duration (about 10 seconds), interruption of activity, may include a clonic or tonic component - blinking of eyelids, head drooping, eye deviation, head tilting back... vegetative symptoms such as mydriasis, pallor...

#### B. Convulsive

- Motor component always present seizures include tonic, clonic, tonic-clonic, and myoclonic seizures.
- Generalized tonic-clonic seizure (grand mal)

### Štádiá epileptického záchvatu





## **Classification of Epilepsy**

#### Focal Epileptic Seizures

- Originates from the neuronal network of one hemisphere; the source can be narrowly localized or more widely distributed
- Can also arise in subcortical structures
- A. Without impairment of consciousness and ability to respond
  - Older term: simple partial seizures (motor or autonomic symptoms present)
  - Older term: aura (subjective sensory or psychological phenomena)
- B. With impairment of consciousness and ability to respond
  - Older term: complex partial seizures
- C. Progressing to a bilateral convulsive seizure
  - Older term: secondary generalized seizure
  - Includes tonic, clonic, and tonic-clonic components
- By Localization:
  - Frontal, temporal, parietal, occipital (mesiotemporal)
  - Temporal (hallucinations, dream-like states, visual disturbances...)
- By Cause:
  - Genetically conditioned, structurally or metabolically conditioned, unknown cause
- By Age:
  - Neonatal, infantile, childhood, adolescence-adulthood

## Classification (ILAE 2017)

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## Non-syncope related loss of consciousness

- 2. Metabolic, hormonal, effects of drugs, intoxications, head trauma
  - Hypoglycemia, DM (Diabetes Mellitus)
  - Adrenocortical insufficiency
  - Diabetes insipidus
  - Effects of barbiturates and other drugs
  - Alcohol poisoning





## Hypoglycemia

- Diabetes mellitus
- Insulin

- Hypoglycemia
- Insulin antagonists:
  - glucocorticoids
  - adrenaline
  - glucagone
  - somatotropine
  - glucose consumption



## Aspiration

- Inhalation of a foreign body causing obstruction in the airways:
  - Acute shortness of breath, irritating cough, cyanosis, unconsciousness, death by suffocation
  - Tooth, part of a dental prosthesis, small instrument, impression material, aspiration of vomit
  - Stridor, shortness of breath, cyanosis, hypoxemia, restlessness
  - Cough, suction device, head tilt forward, and Gordon maneuver (5x between the scapulas)
- Heimlich maneuver epigastrium
- Triple maneuver: head tilt, jaw thrust, mouth opening



## Anafylaxia

- Acute, life-threatening condition
- Rapid release of mediators (histamine, serotonin, bradykinin) from mast cells and basophils due to an antigen-antibody reaction
- Vasodilation, drop in blood pressure, increased vascular permeability, plasma loss, hypovolemia, reduced venous return
- Hypoxemia, bronchospasm, laryngeal edema
- Rapid progression, cardiovascular and respiratory symptoms
- Itching and tingling of lips, face, erythema, generalized pruritus, dizziness, feeling of anxiety, headache, nausea, vomiting, upper airway and lower airway obstruction, respiratory insufficiency, suffocation
- Chest pain, hypotension, tachycardia, palpitations
- **Therapy:** Adrenaline, Corticosteroids, Antihistamines



## Local anestesia

- Reversibly inhibit nerve impulse conduction through nerve fibers by blocking sodium channels in nerve fiber membranes
  - **Examples:** Procaine, Tetracaine, Mesocaine, Lidocaine
    - > Toxicity to the cardiovascular system (CVS): Increased vasodilation
      - Adrenaline is added as a vasoconstrictive agent
        - CVS effects: Tachycardia, increased blood pressure, arrhythmia, glaucoma, diabetes mellitus
- Quincke's edema:
  - Non-inflammatory, rapidly developing edema of the face, lips, eyes, and larynx
- Anaphylactic shock:
  - Triggered by drugs or allergens
  - Symptoms: Restlessness, anxiety, shortness of breath, drop in blood pressure, tachycardia, unconsciousness, rash, swelling



## Local anestesia

#### Toxic Reaction

- Causes: High dose, injection into a blood vessel, liver metabolism issues
- CNS Symptoms: Euphoria, restlessness, tremors, twitching, tonic-clonic seizures, tachycardia, later drop in blood pressure, bradycardia, cardiac arrest, and circulatory failure

#### Allergic Reaction

- Mechanism: Antigen-antibody reaction
- Symptoms: Itching, swelling, difficulty swallowing, shortness of breath, spasmodic breathing

#### Local Complications

- Nerve injury
- Vessel injury
- Muscle injury
- Infection introduction during anesthetic administration
- Needle breakage during injection