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Newborn Screening ACT Sheet

[Elevated C4 Acylcarnitine]

Short-Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase (SCAD) Deficiency

Differential Diagnosis: Short-chain acyl CoA dehydrogenase (SCAD) deficiency; Isobutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase (IBDH) deficiency (also known as isobutyrylglycinuria (IBG)); ethylmalonic encephalopathy (EE).

Condition Description: SCAD deficiency disrupts fatty acid oxidation at the level of short chain fatty acids, leading to elevated C4 acylcarnitine (as butyrylcarnitine). IBDH is a disorder of valine metabolism leading to elevated C4 acylcarnitine (as isobutyrylcarnitine). Both conditions have limited, if any, clinical significance. EE is a disorder caused by variants in a gene coding for a mitochondrial enzyme. In EE, potentially toxic metabolites accumulate preventing the mitochondria from producing energy.

You Should Take the Following Actions:

- Inform family of the newborn screening result.
- Ascertain clinical status (typically asymptomatic; rarely lethargy, hypotonia, vomiting).
- Consult with pediatric metabolic specialist.
- Evaluate newborn for signs of hypoglycemia, lethargy, or metabolic acidosis. If any of these findings are present or if the newborn is ill, transport to a hospital for further treatment in consultation with a metabolic specialist.
- Initiate confirmatory diagnostic testing and management, as recommended by the specialist.
- Provide the family with basic information about these conditions and their management.
- Report final diagnostic outcome to newborn screening program.

Diagnostic Evaluation: Plasma acylcarnitines: C4 is elevated in both SCAD and IBDH deficiencies. C4 (+/- C5) is elevated in EE. **Urine organic acids** demonstrate elevated ethylmalonic acid in SCAD and isobutyrylglycine in IBDH deficiency. EE is associated with elevated ethylmalonic acid and mild elevations of glycine conjugates. **Molecular genetic testing** may be required to differentiate these disorders.

Clinical Considerations: SCAD deficiency and IBDH deficiencies are typically benign. EE can present in infancy with developmental delay, diarrhea and petechiae.

Additional Information:

How to Communicate Newborn Screening Results

Emergency Protocols (New England Consortium of Metabolic Programs)

Gene Reviews (SCAD | EE)

Medline Plus (SCAD | EE | IBDH)

Condition Information for Families- HRSA Newborn Screening Clearinghouse (SCAD | EE | IBDH)

Referral (local, state, regional, and national): Find a Genetics Clinic Directory Genetic Testing Registry

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State and Other Resources

State Newborn Screening Program

Newborn Genetic Screening, New Mexico Department of Health 877-890-4692, www.nmhealth.org/about/phd/fhb/cms/nbgs/

Genetics/Metabolic Consultants

Michael Marble, MD University of New Mexico Metabolic Clinic 505-272-6631, hsc.unm.edu/directory/marble-michael.html

Information for Clinicians and Families

New Mexico Medical Home Portal (see Newborn Disorders and Parents & Families sections) nm.medicalhomeportal.org/newborn/short-chain-acyl-coa-dehydrogenase-deficiency

Parent/Family Support

FOD Family Support Group – fodsupport.org/ United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation – www.umdf.org Organic Acidemia Association – www.oaanews.org/

National Resources (with web addresses)

Additional Information

How to Communicate Newborn Screening Results www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hrsa/advisory-committees/heritable-disorders/Resources/achdnc-communication-guide-newborn.pdf

Emergency Protocols (New England Consortium of Metabolic Programs) www.newenglandconsortium.org/scadd

Gene Reviews

- www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK63582/
- www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK453432/

Medline Plus

- medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/short-chain-acyl-coa-dehydrogenase-deficiency/
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