

# Pediatric Hypocalcaemia

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HYPOCALCEMIA

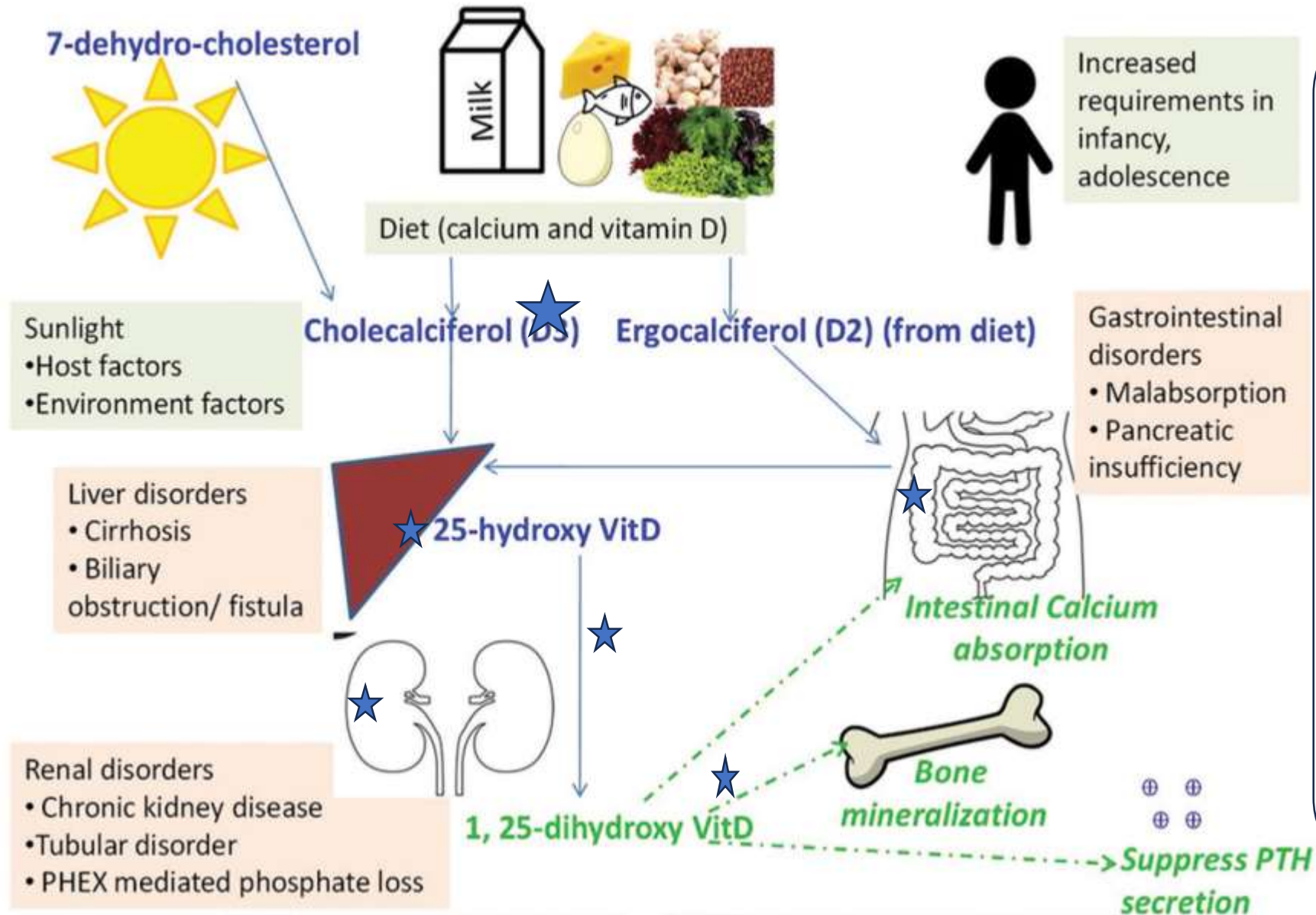
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A flowchart with a central blue box at the top labeled 'HYPOCALCEMIA'. A vertical line descends from the bottom center of this box and splits into two horizontal lines. Each horizontal line leads to a blue box below. The left box is labeled 'VITAMIN D' and the right box is labeled 'PARATHYROID'. All boxes have a slight 3D effect with a darker top and lighter bottom.

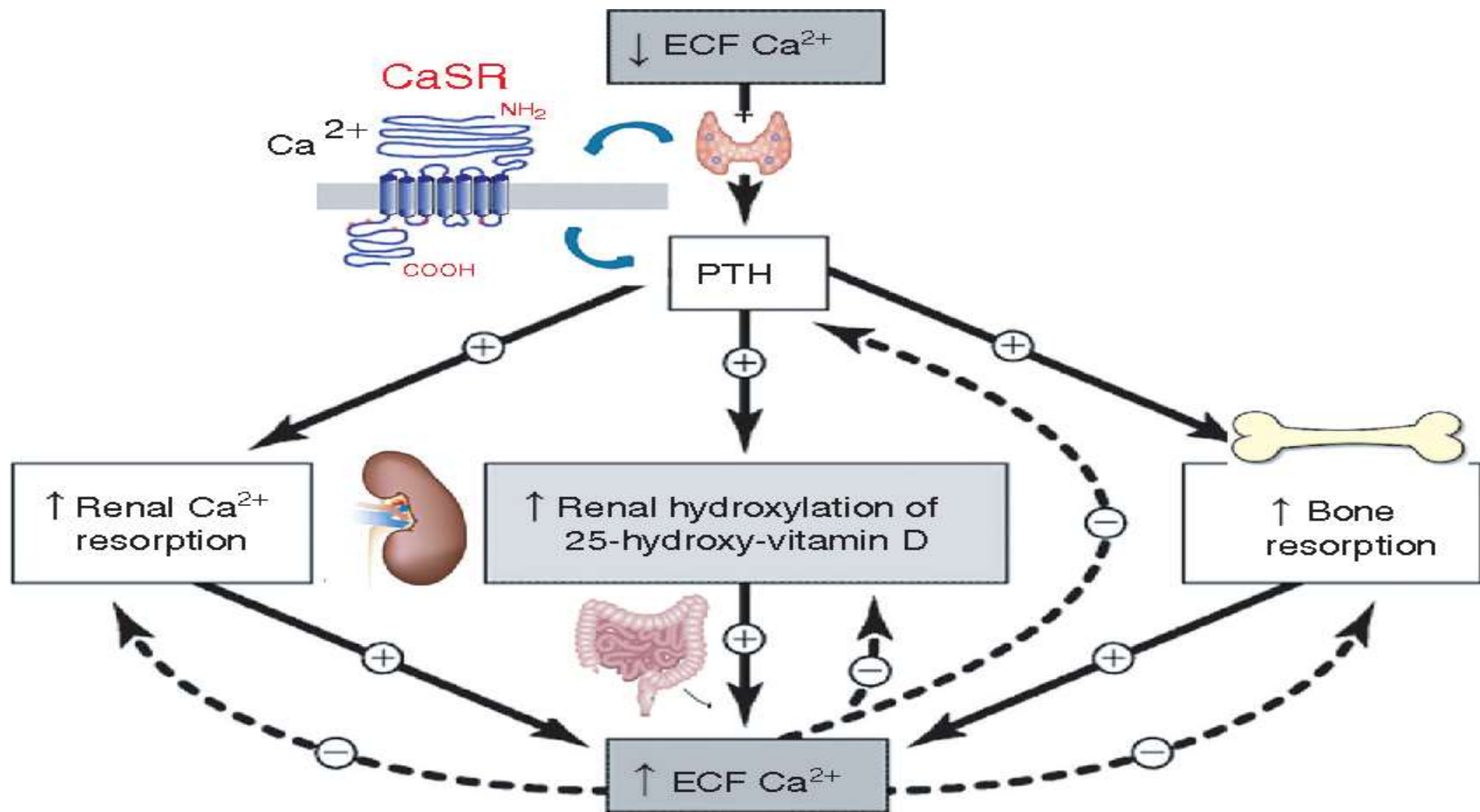
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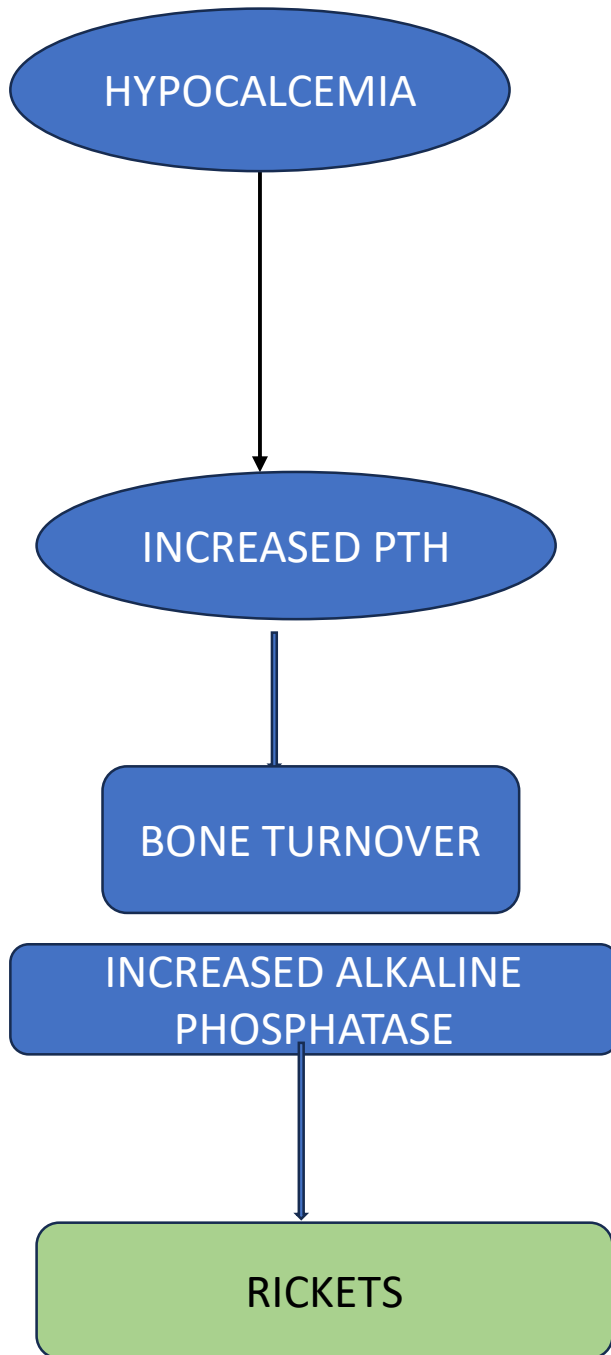
PARATHYROID

# Etiology of vitamin D related Hypocalcemia



- Nutritional
- VDDR 1
- VDDR 2
- Chronic liver disease
- Gastro intestinal disorders
- Chronic renal disease





Increased PTH → decreased phosphorous  
Decreased PTH → increased phosphorous

Increased PTH → decreased calcium excretion  
Decreased PTH → increased calcium excretion

# Case 1

2 years old male child ,hailing from Chennai, born to 3<sup>rd</sup> degree consanguineous couple, presented with complaints of progressive Bowing of legs and not able to walk. He weighs 10.5 kgs(3<sup>rd</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> centile), and height is 80cms(<3<sup>rd</sup> centile).

He is an active child and examination shows frontal bossing, widened wrists, rachitic rosary and genu varum(bowing of legs).

# Questions:

1. What are the additional history you would like to elicit?
2. What are the 1<sup>st</sup> line of investigation you would like to send?
3. What is the management of nutritional rickets?
4. When do you suspect non nutritional rickets?
5. How do you approach hypocalcemia and rickets?

# HISTORY

- Pre term, LBW
- Vitamin D prophylaxis
- Sunlight exposure- urban / rural
- Diet history
- Drugs
- Malabsorption syndromes

- Consanguinity
- Family history of rickets
- Alopecia
- Dental abnormalities



# INVESTIGATIONS

## 1<sup>ST</sup> LINE

- Calcium(Albumin)
- Phosphorous
- Magnesium
- Alkaline phosphatase
- 25 OH Vitamin D
- Creatinine
- X ray wrist
- Intact PTH

## 2<sup>ND</sup> LINE

- 1, 25 OH Vitamin D
- Electrolytes with bicarbonate
- Urine calcium and creatinine ratio
- USG abdomen
- evaluate for bicarbonaturia, phosphaturia, glycosuria, aminoaciduria, hyperuricosuria, (Fanconi syndrome)
- Clinical Exome Sequencing (if indicated)

# In our case

- Calcium :7.2mg/dl
- Albumin: 4g/dl
- Phosphorous: 3.9mg/dl
- Alkaline phosphatase: 1100 IU/L
- 25 OH Vitamin D: 28 ng/dl
- Intact PTH: 324 pg/ml
- Creatinine : 0.3mg/dl
- Magnesium 2.2 mg/dl
- X ray wrist



# In our case

- 1, 25 OH Vitamin D- 115 pg/ml
- Urine calcium and creatinine ratio-0.03
- Clinical Exome Sequencing: homozygous mutation in VDR gene in chromosome 12(AR)
- DIAGNOSIS: VDDR 2A

# MANAGEMENT OF NUTRITIONAL RICKETS

AGE	DAILY DOSE - 12 WEEKS	INTERMITTENT DOSE	MAINTENANCE DOSE
<6 MONTHS	2000 IU	-	400
6-12 MONTHS	2000 IU	EQUIVALENT OF 2000 IU/DAY MAY BE GIVEN ON A MONTHLY OR WEEKLY BASIS	400
>12 MONTHS	3000 IU	6000 IU FORTNIGHTLY -5 DOSES	600

## MONITORING

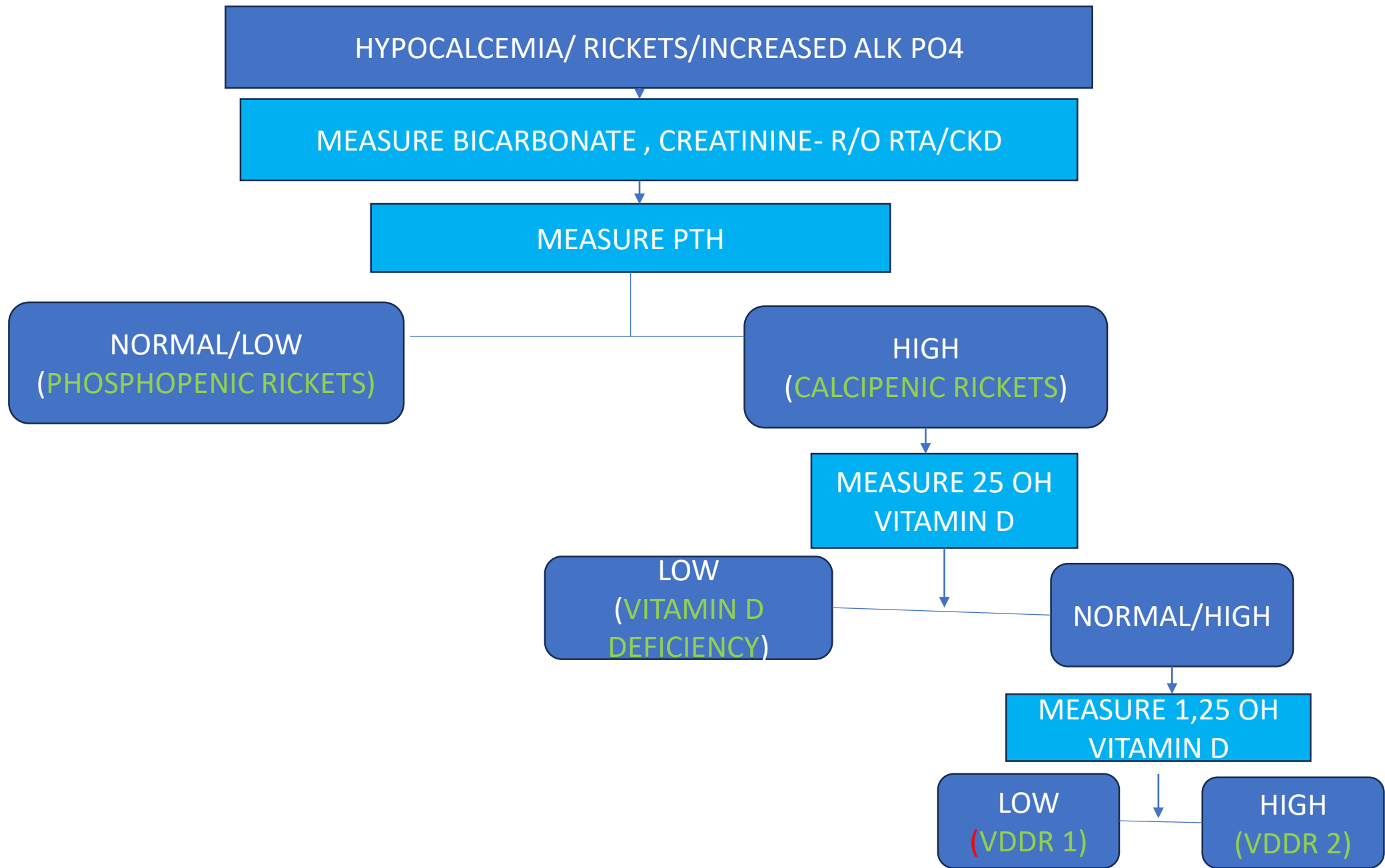
At 12 weeks: S.calcium, phosphate,  
Alk PO<sub>4</sub>, 25 OH Vit D

X Ray at 4 weeks and 12 weeks

# NON NUTRITIONAL RICKETS

- Family clustering of cases of rickets especially in the setting of parental consanguinity
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Malabsorption states
- Alopecia • Cataract and/or intellectual disability
- Failure to thrive with polyuria
- History of prior vitamin D intake with no clinical or laboratory improvement
- Other features e.g., jaundice, metabolic acidosis, nephrocalcinosis

# APPROACH TO RICKETS AND HYPOCALCEMIA



## Case 2:

9 years old female child presented to ER with GTCS , preceded by history of muscle cramps and tingling around the mouth for past 1 week. Mother gives a history of mild motor and speech delay. There is no past medical illness , on normal diet and not on any medications.

On examination, she has a round face , short stubby fingers and weighs 38kgs(at 90<sup>th</sup> centile) , height is 117cms(<3<sup>rd</sup> centile). Her mother also appears short.

Her initial labs shows ionized calcium of 0.5 mmol/L with normal CBC and renal function tests.



# Questions

1. What are the signs and symptoms of hypocalcaemia in children?
2. What are the ECG manifestations of Hypocalcaemia?
3. How will you manage acute symptomatic hypocalcaemia and chronic hypocalcaemia?
4. How will you evaluate this child?

# CLINICAL FEATURES

## **Acute**

- Paraesthesia, a tingling sensation around the mouth, fingers .
- Muscle cramps
- focal or generalised convulsions(infancy/ adolescents)
- laryngospasm, stridor and apnoea ( neonates).
- Cardiac arrhythmia

## **Chronic**

- basal ganglia calcification, subcapsular cataracts, dental enamel hypoplasia, particularly of the primary dentition
- Short stature, rickets
- Dry skin and hair

**SIGNS:** Chvostek and Trousseau

# ECG ABNORMALITIES

**prolongation of the QT interval** as a result of  
lengthening of the ST segment

Decreased T wave voltage, T wave flattening,  
terminal T wave inversion, or deeply inverted T  
waves-severe hypocalcemia



# MANAGEMENT

## **Acute symptomatic hypocalcaemia:**

(seizures, broncho- or laryngospasm, tetany, impaired cardiac contractility, and/or prolongation of the QT interval)

- 20 mg/kg elemental Ca mixed with 5%D slowly I.V over 10 to 20 min under cardiac monitoring ( 2 mL/kg of 10% Ca gluconate or 0.7 mL/kg of 10% Ca chloride)

## **Asymptomatic**

Oral calcium-50 to 100mg/kg three divided dose

## **Hypoparathyroidism**

- Calcitriol and calcium supplementation

Monitoring for hypercalciuria

If troublesome hypercalciuria synthetic PTH- twice daily injection or continuous infusion

## **VDDR 1, 2**

Calcitriol and calcium supplementation

## **Vitamin D deficiency**

- Cholecalciferol and

Calcium supplementation

# OUR CHILD

- Managed with I.V calcium gluconate and then changed to oral calcium carbonate

## Labs:

- Ionized calcium- 0.5 mmol/L
- Po4- 5.9mg/dl
- 25 OH vitamin D-22 pg/ml
- PTH-215
- SAP- 105 IU/L
- Creatinine- 0.6mg/dl
- 1,25 OH vitamin D- 24 pg/ml
- Urine Calcium and creatinine ratio- 0.3

PSEUDOHYPOPARATHYROIDISM  
TYPE 1 A  
(ALBRIGHT'S HEREDITARY  
OSTEODYSTROPHY)

# APPROACH TO HYPOCALCEMIA

# HYPOCALCEMIA

## VITAMIN D

RICKETS  
INCREASED  
SAP

1. VITAMIN D DEFICIENCY
2. 1, ALPHA HYDROXYLASE DEFICIENCY (VDDR 1)
3. RESISTANCE TO VITAMIN D(VDDR 2)
4. CHRONIC LIVER/KIDNEY DISEASE

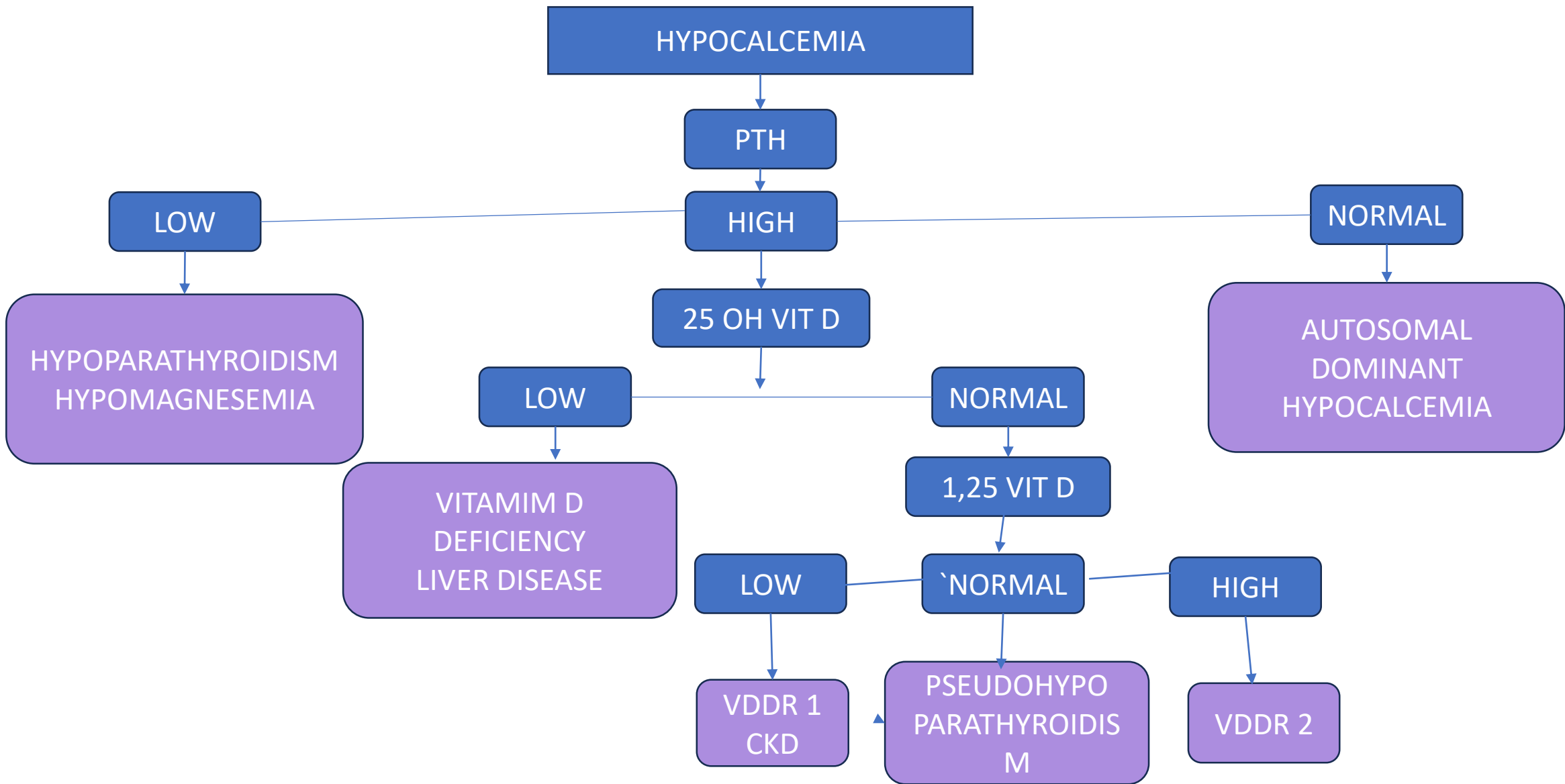
## PARATHYROID

1. HYPOPARATHYROIDISM (CONGENITAL/ ACQUIRED)
2. PSEUDOHYPOPARATHYROIDISM (PTH RESISTANCE)

NO RICKETS  
NORMALL  
SAP

## CaSR

CONGENITAL  
OR ACQUIRED





# EXERCISE

DISEASE	CALCIUM	PHOSPHOROUS	ALKALINE PHOSPHATASE	PTH	25 OH VIT D	1,25 OH VITD
NUTRITIONAL	low	Low/normal	high	High	low	low
VDDR 1	low	Low/normal	high	High	normal	low
VDDR 2	low	Low/normal	high	High	normal	high
HYPOPHOSPHATEMI C RICKETS	normal	low	high	Normal/Mild elevated	normal	normal
HYPOPARATHYROIDI SM	low	High	normal	low	normal	Normal or low
PSEUDO HYPOPARATHYROIDI SM	low	high	normal	High	normal	normal
CaSR mutation(FHH)	low	high	normal	normal	normal	Normal
CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE	low	high	high	high	normal	low
HYPOMAGNESEMIA	low	normal	normal	low	normal	normal

**THANK YOU**

