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Preface

A practicing nephrologist is expected to have a firm grasp of a large array of potentially life-threatening electrolyte and acid–base disturbances, a multitude of acquired and inherited kidney diseases, acute kidney injuries, complex chronic kidney disease–related metabolic, endocrinologic, skeletal/mineral, and cardiovascular complications, difficult-to-treat hypertension, kidney stones, all forms of renal replacement therapy including kidney transplantation, among many other topics.

Mastering the wide knowledge base and current literature required for the routine practice of nephrology can be a difficult task, particularly for those working in hectic private settings.

We intended to write this book as an abbreviated review for renal fellows and general nephrologists who have limited time to study for the nephrology board certifying examination or who simply wish to review and update their nephrology knowledge. The content presented herein closely reflects the American Board of Internal Medicine blueprint outlined for the Nephrology Certifying Examination.

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Abbreviations

Na⁺; K⁺: exchangeable Na ⁺ ; exchangeable K ⁺	ATIN: acute tubulointerstitial nephritis
[HCO₃⁻]: serum bicarbonate concentration	ATN: acute tubular necrosis
a.k.a.: also known as	ATP: adenosine triphosphate
Ab–Ag: antibody–antigen complex	AV: atrioventricular
ACC/AHA: American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association	AVF: arteriovenous fistula
ACEI: angiotensin-converting-enzyme inhibitor	AVG: arteriovenous graft
ACKD: acquired cystic kidney disease	AVN: avascular necrosis
ACR: acute cellular rejection	AVP: vasopressin
ACS: acute compartment syndrome	AVR: vasopressin receptor
ACTH: adrenocorticotrophic hormone	AVS: adrenal venous sampling
AD: autosomal dominant	AZA: azathioprine
ADAMST13: a disintegrin and metalloproteinase with a thrombospondin type 1 motif	BKN: BK nephropathy
ADH: antidiuretic hormone	BMI: body mass index
ADHF: acute decompensated heart failure	BP: blood pressure
AE-1: anion exchanger I	BUN: blood urea nitrogen
AER: albumin excretion ratio	CA: cancer
AFLP: acute fatty liver of pregnancy	CABG: coronary artery bypass grafting
AG: anion gap	CAD: coronary artery disease
AGE: advanced glycosylated end product	CAII: carbonic anhydrase II
AGE:RAGE: advanced glycosylated end-product interaction with AGE receptor	CAIV: carbonic anhydrase IV
aHUS: atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome	CAPD: continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
AngII: angiotensin II	CaSR: calcium-sensing receptor
AKI: acute kidney injury	CCB: calcium channel blocker
AKIN: Acute Kidney Injury Network	CCT: cortical collecting tubule
ALT: alanine aminotransferase	CDC: complement-dependent cytotoxicity
AME: apparent mineralocorticoid excess	cDI: central diabetes insipidus
AMR: acute antibody-mediated rejection	CHF: congestive heart failure
ANCA: antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibody	CI-AKI: contrast-induced acute kidney injury
ANP: atrial natriuretic peptide	CKD: chronic kidney disease
APP: abdominal perfusion pressure	CKD-EPI: chronic kidney disease epidemiology collaboration
APS: antiphospholipid syndrome	CMV: cytomegalovirus
AQP: aquaporin	CNI: calcineurin inhibitor
AR: autosomal recessive	CNS: central nervous system
ARB: angiotensin-receptor blocker	CO: cardiac output
ARDS: acute respiratory distress syndrome	COPD: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
ARR: aldosterone–renin ratio	C_{OSM}: osmolar clearance
AST: aspartate aminotransferase	CPK: creatine phosphokinase

cPRA: calculated cytotoxicity panel of reactive antibodies	FeHCO₃: fractional excretion of bicarbonate
CR: complete remission	FeMg: fractional excretion of magnesium
CrCl: creatinine clearance	FeNa: fractional excretion of sodium
CRRT: continuous renal-replacement therapy	FePO₄: fractional excretion of phosphate
CRS: cardiorenal syndrome	FeUrea: fractional excretion of urea
CSA: cyclosporine	FGF-23: fibroblast growth factor 23
CSW: cerebral salt wasting	FHH: familial hyperkalemic hypertension (Gordon) or familial hypocalciuric hypercalcemia
CT: computed tomogram	Fio₂: fraction of inspired oxygen
CTG: chronic transplant glomerulopathy	FLC: free light chain
CTIN: chronic tubulointerstitial nephritis	FMD: fibromuscular dysplasia
CTLA-4: cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated antigen-4	FSGS: focal segmental glomerulosclerosis
CVD: cardiovascular disease	FWC: free water clearance
CVP: central venous pressure	GBM: glomerular basement membrane
CVVH or CAVH: continuous venovenous (or arteriovenous) hemofiltration	GFR: glomerular filtration rate
CVVHDF: continuous venovenous hemodiafiltration	GI: gastrointestinal
CYC: cyclophosphamide	GN: glomerulonephropathy
D5: 5% dextrose solution	GRA: glucocorticoid remediable aldosteronism
DBP: diastolic blood pressure	GU: genitourologic
DCT: distal convoluted tubule	HAART: highly active antiretroviral therapy
DDAVP: desmopressin acetate	hANP: human atrial natriuretic peptide
DDD: dense deposit disease	Hb: hemoglobin
DEXA: dual energy X-ray absorptiometry	HbA1C: hemoglobin A1C
DGF: delayed graft function	HBV: hepatitis B virus
DHP: dihydropyridine	HCTZ: hydrochlorothiazide
DI: diabetes insipidus	HCV: hepatitis C virus
DIC: disseminated intravascular coagulation	HD: hemodialysis
DKD: diabetic kidney disease	HDL: high-density lipoproteins
DM: diabetes mellitus	HELLP: hemolysis, elevated liver enzymes, low platelets syndrome of pregnancy
DOPPS: dialysis outcomes and practice patterns study	HF: heart failure
DR: diabetic retinopathy	HIT: heparin-induced thrombocytopenia
dRTA: distal renal tubular acidosis	HIV: human immunodeficiency virus
DSA: donor-specific antibodies	HLA: human leukocyte antigen
DVT: deep vein thrombosis	HMGCoA: hydroxymethylglutaryl-CoA
EBV: Epstein-Barr virus	HPF: high power field
ECG: electrocardiogram	hPTH: hyperparathyroidism
EF: ejection fraction	HR: hazard ratio
EFWC: electrolyte-free water clearance	HRS: hepatorenal syndrome
EGF: epithelial growth factor	HSP: Henoch-Schölein purpura
eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate	HSS: hypertonic saline
eKT/V: equilibrated KT/V	HTN: hypertension
EM: electron microscopy	HUS: hemolytic uremic syndrome
ENaC: sodium epithelial channel	IAH: intra-abdominal hypertension
EPO: erythropoietin	IAP: intra-abdominal pressure
ESA: erythropoiesis-stimulating agent	IC: immune-complex
ESRD: end-stage renal disease	ICP: intracranial pressure
ESWL: extracorporeal shock-wave lithotripsy	ICU: intensive care unit
ET: endothelin	IDH: isolated diastolic hypertension
EVAR: endovascular aortic aneurysm repair	IDWG: interdialytic weight gain
FBS: fasting blood sugar	IF: immunofluorescent microscopy
	IgAN: IgA nephropathy
	IGIV: intravenous immunoglobulin

iMGN: idiopathic membranous glomerulonephropathy	NSF: nephrogenic systemic fibrosis
INR: prothrombin time/international normalized ratio.	NSIAD: Nephrogenic syndrome of inappropriate antidiuresis
IRRT: intermittent renal-replacement therapy	NT-proBNP: N-terminal of the prohormone brain natriuretic peptide
ISH: isolated systolic hypertension	ODS: osmotic demyelinating syndrome
IV: intravenous	OGTT: oral glucose tolerance test
IVC: inferior vena cava	OPTN/UNOS: Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network/United Network of Organ Sharing
KDIGO: kidney disease: improving global outcomes organization	PK⁺: plasma potassium
KDOQI: kidney disease outcomes quality initiative	P[Na⁺]: plasma sodium concentration
LDH: lactate dehydrogenase	PA: pulmonary artery
LDL: low-density lipoproteins	PAI-I: plasminogen-activating-factor inhibitor
LM: light microscopy	PAN: polyarteritis nodosa
LN: lupus nephritis	PAoP: pulmonary arterial occlusion pressure
LVEAD: left ventricular end diastolic area	PaO₂: arterial partial pressure
MAG3: mercaptoacetyltriglycine (used in nuclear renal scanning)	PCR: polymerase chain reaction
MAHA: microangiopathy ad hemolytic anemia	PCR: protein-to-creatinine ratio
MAP: mean arterial pressure	PD: peritoneal dialysis
MARS: molecular adsorbent recycling system	PDG: phosphate-dependent glutaminase
MBD: mineral bone disease	PEEP: positive end-expiration pressure
MCD: minimal change disease	PEPCK: phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase
MDRD: modification of diet in renal disease study	PGL: paraganglioma
MELD: model for end-stage liver disease	PGNMID: proliferative glomerulonephropathy with monoclonal Ig deposits
MFI: mean fluorescence intensity	PH: primary hyperoxaluria
MGN: membranous glomerulonephropathy	PHA: pseudohypoaldosteronism
MHC: major histocompatibility complex	PHEO: pheochromocytoma
MM: multiple myeloma	PMN: polymorphonuclear leukocytes
MMF: mycophenolate mofetil	POSEIDON trial: left ventricular end-diastolic pressure-guided fluid administration among patients undergoing cardiac catheterization trial
MPA: mycophenolic acid	PPAR: peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor
MPGN: membranoproliferative glomerulonephropathy	PPV: pulse pressure variation
MPO: myeloperoxidase	PR: partial remission
MRA: mineralocorticoid-receptor antagonist	PR3: proteinase 3
MRI: magnetic resonance imaging	PRA: cytotoxicity panel-reactive antibodies
mTOR: mammalian target of rapamycin	PRA: plasma renin activity
NBC: sodium bicarbonate cotransporter	PRCA: pure red cell aplasia
NCC: sodium chloride cotransporter	PRES: reversible posterior leukoencephalopathy syndrome
nDI: nephrogenic diabetes insipidus	pRTA: proximal renal tubular acidosis
NE: norepinephrine	PTF: pentoxifylline
NFAT: nuclear factor of activated T cells	PTH: parathyroid
NHE3: sodium-hydrogen exchanger 3	PTHrp: parathyroid hormone-related peptide
NODAT: new-onset diabetes mellitus after transplant	PTLD: posttransplant lymphoproliferative disease
NOS: not otherwise specified	PTRA: percutaneous transluminal renal angioplasty
NPT: sodium-phosphate transporter	
NS: normal saline	
NSAIDS: nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs	

PTT: activated prothrombin time	t_{1/2}: half-life
PVR: peripheral vascular resistance	TAC: tacrolimus
RAAS: renin–angiotensin–aldosterone system	TB: tuberculosis
RBC: red blood cells	TBM: tubular basement membrane
RCC: renal cell carcinoma	TBMN: thin basement membrane nephropathy
RIFLE: risk, injury, failure, loss of kidney function classification of acute kidney injury, and end-stage renal disease	TEB: thoracic electrical bioimpedance
ROMK: renal outer medullary kidney channel	TG: triglycerides
RRT: renal-replacement therapy	TGF: tumor growth factor
RTA: renal tubular acidosis	TIPS: transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt
RUA: routine urinalysis	TLS: tumor lysis syndrome
S[K⁺]: serum potassium	TMP: transmembrane pressure
S[Na⁺]: serum sodium concentration	TRALI: transfusion-related acute lung injury
SAG: serum anion gap	TRIM: transfusion-related immunomodulation
SBP: systolic blood pressure	TRPV5: transient receptor potential cation channel, subfamily V, member 5
SCa: total serum calcium	TSAT: serum transferrin saturation
SCD: sickle cell disease	TTP: thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura
SCr: serum creatinine	TZD: thiazolidinedione
SCUF: slow continuous ultrafiltration	U[K⁺]: urine potassium concentration
SCvO₂: central venous oxygen saturation	U[Na⁺]: urine sodium concentration
sFlt1: soluble fms-like tyrosine kinase 1	UCreat: urine creatinine concentration
SGLT2: sodium–glucose cotransporter 2	UF: ultrafiltration
SIADH: syndrome of inappropriate secretion of antidiuretic hormone	U_{GLUCOSE}: urine glucose concentration
SLE: systemic lupus erythematosus	U_{OSM}: urine osmolality
SLEDD: sustained low-efficiency daily dialysis	uPCR: urine protein-to-creatinine ratio
SNAT3: sodium-dependent amino acid transporter	UPEP: urine protein electrophoresis
SNS: sympathetic nervous system	U_{PO₄}: urine phosphate concentration
SOG: serum osmolality gap	URR: urea-reduction ratio
S_{OSM}: serum osmolality	UT: urea transporter
SPEP: serum protein electrophoresis	U_{UREA}: urine urea concentration
S_{PO₄}: serum phosphate concentration	Vd: volume of distribution
SRC: scleroderma renal crisis	VDRA: vitamin D-receptor agonist
SSRI: serotonin reuptake inhibitors	VEGF: vascular endothelial growth factor
SVR: systemic vascular resistance	VZV: varicella zoster
SV: stroke volume	WBC: white blood cells
SVV: stroke volume variation	WCH: white coat hypertension
	WNK: with-no-lysine kinase
	WRN: warfarin-related nephropathy
	XO: xanthine oxidase



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Sodium/Water

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HYPONATREMIA

Background

- Plasma sodium concentration ($P[Na^+]$) refers to $[Na^+]$ in the plasma in vivo or in the plasma of anticoagulated blood ex vivo. Serum sodium concentration ($S[Na^+]$) refers to $[Na^+]$ measured in the serum of coagulated blood ex vivo. $P[Na^+]$ and $S[Na^+]$ are often used interchangeably. Hyponatremia is typically defined as having $S[Na^+] < 136$ mEq/L.
- Clinical significance of hyponatremia:
 - Increased mortality
 - Impaired attention, mentation slowing even with mild hyponatremia
 - Predictor of hepatorenal syndrome (HRS), hepatic encephalopathy, and death in patients with liver disease
 - Increased risks for osteoporosis, gait instability, fall, and fracture
 - Associated with marked bone loss, myocardial fibrosis, and evidence of early senescence in rats
- The early Edelman equation predicts $P[Na^+]$ as follows:

$$P[Na^+] = 1.11 \times (Na_e^+ + K_e^+) / (\text{total body water}) - 25.6,$$

where $(Na_e^+ + K_e^+)$ represents the sum of total body *exchangeable* Na^+ and K^+ and the *constant* 25.6 represents the pool of *osmotically inactive* Na^+ and K^+ (e.g., “*inexchangeable*” Na^+ and K^+ sequestered in bones, nonfluid phase).

- The Edelman equation indicates that disorders of water balance can cause changes in $P[Na^+]$. Indeed, “sodium disorders” typically reflect disorders of water balance.
- Note that body fluid tonicity = plasma tonicity = cell tonicity. Cell tonicity reflects plasma tonicity. Any change in plasma tonicity leads to a matching change in cell tonicity via free water shift, thus cell volume. Essentially, plasma tonicity determines cell volume.
- In acute hyponatremia, free water shifts into brain cells causing brain swelling. Severe neurologic complications and death can ensue due to the confinement of the brain within the skull.
- Two major determinants of body tonicity: antidiuretic hormone (ADH), a.k.a. arginine vasopressin and thirst
- Arginine vasopressin (AVP):
 - Synthesized in the paraventricular neurons of hypothalamus as pre-pro-AVP and proteolytically cleaved into vasopressin (a.k.a. ADH), neurophysin II, and *copeptin*. These molecules are stored in secretory granules in the posterior

pituitary and released upon osmotic (e.g., hyperosmolality) and nonosmotic stimuli (e.g., volume depletion, stress, drug-induced, nausea, etc.).

- ADH may be seen as a “pituitary bright spot” or hyperintense T1 signal within the posterior pituitary on brain MRI. The loss of this “pituitary bright spot” is consistent with the lack of ADH, thus central diabetes insipidus (cDI).
- *Copeptin* as a surrogate for ADH:
 - Blood levels of copeptin are more easily measured than ADH (greater stability than ADH) and have been suggested to be a good ADH surrogate.
 - Copeptin levels have been shown parallel to ADH levels in various clinical settings, including increased levels in heart failure (HF), syndrome of inappropriate ADH secretion (SIADH), and sepsis, and reduced levels in cDI.
 - Copeptin level has been shown to increase earlier than troponin in acute myocardial infarction and has been suggested to be used as an early marker for its diagnosis.
 - Copeptin measurement is not yet commercially available in the United States.

Clinical Manifestations

- Risk and severity of neurologic effects depend on the degree and rate of change of $S[Na^+]$.
- Mild: $S[Na^+] \geq 125$ mEq/L: usually asymptomatic to minimally symptomatic
- Moderate: lethargy, headaches, nausea/vomiting, disorientation, muscle cramps, reduced reflexes
- Severe: hyponatremic encephalopathy, seizures, coma, respiratory arrest, brain stem herniation, death

Broad Categorization of Hyponatremia

- Pseudohyponatremia:
 - Refers to falsely low-measured $S[Na^+]$. Flame photometric assay is an old method used to detect sodium content via intensity of flame color divided by serum volume. In patients with falsely elevated serum volume due to space-occupying paraproteins or lipids, the $S[Na^+]$, defined as sodium content \div serum volume, will be falsely low. Newer methods of measuring $S[Na^+]$ are now widely used to avoid pseudohyponatremia:
 - Ion-specific electrodes which measure $S[Na^+]$ directly from the serum
 - Supracentrifugation of serum to remove paraproteins/lipids prior to measuring $S[Na^+]$
 - Conditions with falsely high plasma volume leading to “pseudohyponatremia”:
 - Severe hyperlipidemia
 - Hyperparaproteinemia (multiple myeloma, Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia)
- Hyponatremia due to extracellular free H_2O shift with osmotically active agents:
 - Hyperglycemia
 - Hypertonic mannitol
 - Sucrose, maltose (mixed in intravenous IgG solutions)
- True hyponatremia: truly low Na^+ content per unit volume, due to increased free water retention, excessive Na^+ loss, or both leading to a hypoosmolar state

Differential Diagnoses of True Hyponatremia

Hypovolemic hyponatremia:

- Appropriate increase in ADH secretion + high H_2O intake + increase renal salt reabsorption (Table 1.1):
 - Bodily fluid loss, chronic diuretics (thiazides), third-spacing

- Typical presentation: hypovolemia, urine Na^+ concentration ($\text{U}[\text{Na}^+]$) $< 20 \text{ mEq/L}$ (unless poor kidney function with inability to maximally reabsorb Na^+), urine osmolality (U_{OSM}) typically $> 300 \text{ mOsm/kg}$
- Renal salt wasting \rightarrow volume depletion \rightarrow appropriate increase in ADH secretion + high H_2O intake:
 - Acute, recent diuretic use
 - Mineralocorticoid insufficiency
 - Cerebral salt wasting (CSW)
- Typical presentation: hypovolemia, $\text{U}[\text{Na}^+] > 20$ to 30 mEq/L , U_{OSM} typically $> 300 \text{ mOsm/kg}$

Euvolemic hyponatremia:

- ADH-dependent, but ADH secretion is inappropriate (i.e., ADH is not secreted in response to volume loss or hyperosmolar state):
 - SIADH: central nervous system (CNS) or pulmonary pathology, drugs affecting CNS, antipsychotics, antiepileptics, antidepressants, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), cyclophosphamide, acute pain, nausea/vomiting, symptomatic HIV
 - Severe hypothyroidism (myxedema coma or thyroid-stimulating hormone $> 50 \text{ mIU/mL}$) \rightarrow reduced cardiac output, peripheral vascular resistance, and renal perfusion $\rightarrow \uparrow$ ADH secretion

Table 1.1

Differential diagnoses of true hyponatremia

	ADH-Dependent $\text{U}_{\text{OSM}} > 100\text{--}150 \text{ mOsm/kg}$		ADH-Independent Variable U_{OSM}	
	Appropriate ADH secretion	Inappropriate or dysregulated ADH secretion	$\text{U}_{\text{OSM}} < 100 \text{ mOsm/kg}$	$\text{U}_{\text{OSM}} > 100 \text{ mOsm/kg}$
Sodium retention $\text{U}[\text{Na}^+] < 20 \text{ mEq/L}$	Chronic thiazides Bodily fluid losses Third-spacing Mineralocorticoid deficiency	SIADH + low salt intake Congestive heart failure Cirrhosis Nephrotic syndrome		Nephrogenic SIAD + low salt intake
No sodium retention $\text{U}[\text{Na}^+] > 30$ to 40 mEq/L	Mineralocorticoid deficiency Renal salt wasting Recent diuretic use Bodily fluid loss + poor kidney function Cerebral salt wasting	SIADH + normal salt intake Hypocortisolism Severe hypothyroidism		Kidney failure (U_{OSM} is typically $\sim 300 \text{ mOsm/kg}$) Nephrogenic SIAD + normal salt intake
Variable sodium excretion: Diet-dependent	Pregnancy (physiologically appropriate—see text)		Polydipsia Low solute intake Hypotonic fluids	
			Reset osmostat	

- Hypocortisolism \rightarrow \uparrow synthesis of corticotropin-releasing hormone, which is co-expressed with ADH, hence \uparrow ADH
- Pregnancy: reduced threshold for ADH secretion + increased thirst
- Typical presentation for all conditions associated with “inappropriate” ADH secretion above: euvolemia, $U[Na^+] > 30$ to 40 mEq/L (on normal dietary water and sodium intake), $U_{OSM} > 100$ mOsm/kg, low serum uric acid. NOTE: In the presence of hyponatremia, the kidneys are expected to maximally dilute the urine to <100 mOsm/kg. Any urine osmolality > 100 mOsm/kg indicates sub-optimal urine dilution, which implies either presence of ADH or poor kidney function.
- For the diagnosis of SIADH: In addition to typical presentation above, hypothyroidism, hypocortisolism, diuretic use (particularly thiazides), and renal insufficiency must also be ruled out.
- ADH-independent:
 - Reset osmostat: normal variant (lower osmotic threshold for ADH release), hypothalamic injury, malnutrition. Urine sodium and osmolality vary according to volume status and serum osmolality (S_{OSM}).
 - Primary polydipsia (psychogenic polydipsia – psychiatric patients +/- phenothiazines with associated dry mouth, hypothalamic infiltrative disease such as sarcoidosis affecting thirst center)
 - Tea and toast syndrome, beer potomania: insufficient solute intake to provide the necessary solute load required by kidneys to excrete water. Kidneys cannot excrete pure free water. Kidneys need a minimum of 50 to 100 mOsm of solute to excrete every 1 L of water (i.e., maximal diluting capacity of healthy kidneys is typically 50 to 100 mOsm/kg).
 - Increase H_2O absorption from the use of irrigation fluids with various procedures (transurethral resection, hysteroscopy, nephrolithotomy):
 - Hypoosmotic 1.5% glycine solution, osmolality = 200 mOsm/kg. Of interest, the use of >1.5 to 2.0 L of 1.5% glycine solution may also directly stimulate ADH.
 - Hypoosmotic 3% sorbitol, osmolality = 165 mOsm/kg. Sorbitol is metabolized to glucose + fructose in liver, then to CO_2 and H_2O .
 - Isoosmotic 5% mannitol, osmolality = 275 mOsm/kg. 5% mannitol solution usually does not cause hyponatremia because it is isotonic to plasma.
 - Typical presentation for all ADH-independent conditions above: euvolemia, $U[Na^+]$ variable depending on sodium intake; $U_{OSM} < 100$ to 150 mOsm/kg.
 - Constitutively activated ADH-receptor without presence of ADH: Nephrogenic syndrome of inappropriate antidiuresis (NSIAD). Not to be confused with SIADH
 - X-linked gain of function mutation of vasopressin 2 (AVP2) receptor
 - Clinically, patients resemble those with SIADH, but no stimulus for the ADH secretion is found and plasma ADH level is undetectable (in contrast to SIADH where ADH levels are high). In SIAD, the ADH receptor is activated without actual ADH binding. Diagnosis of SIAD is possible in older age (e.g. 70's).
 - Typical presentation: similar to SIADH, except ADH level is undetectable
 - Diagnosis requires sequencing of the AVP2 receptor gene.
 - Carriers of the mutation have abnormal response to water-loading test.

Hypervolemic hyponatremia:

- ADH-dependent: dysregulated continuing ADH secretion due to conditions associated with reduced effective circulating volume (e.g. heart failure, cirrhosis, nephrotic syndrome)
- ADH-independent: kidney failure with poor diluting capacity.