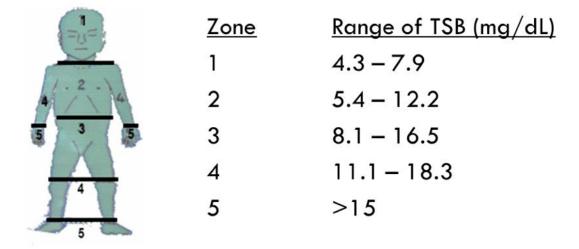


#### Visible Jaundice:

- Adults: >1.3
- Infants: >5

#### **Dermal Zone of Hyperbilirubinemia**



### Workup

- Total and direct serum bili
- Blood type
- Rh
- Coombs on infant and mother
- Smear
- Reticulocyte count
- H&H
- If Prolonged or >2 weeks consider:
  - o LFTs
  - TORCH workup
  - Sepsis workup
  - Thyroid studies (hypothyroid)
  - Metabolic workup
  - Liver Ultrasound

## **Phototherapy**

Blue light is best!

- Increase fluids by 10-20%
- Check bilirubin q12-24 hours
- Stop when bill level is at 13±1mg% in term and 10±1mg% in preterm
- Check 12-24 hours later for rebound
- After phototherapy have to do serum

#### Side effects of phototherapy:

- Increased water loss
- Diarrhea
- Retinal damage

- Bronze baby, tanning
- Mutations in DNA? Shield the scrotum
- Disturbance of mother/baby contact

## **Exchange Transfusion**

Technique

Make the infant NPO Place UAC/UVC Use type specific pRBC (Rh- in Rh sensitized, O type in ABO sensitized) Double volume exchange: Weight (kg) x 80cc/kg x 2 Exchange in 5-20cc increments depending on baby size (<5% of blood volume)

Indications for Early Exchange

- Hydrops in known sensitized infant
- In Hemolytic disease: Cord bili >4.5 and Hb <11
- Serum bili rising >1mg/dl/hr on Phototherapy
- Hb 11-13 and bili rising 0.5mg/dl while on phototherapy

Complications

Bleeding, Thrombocytopenia, loss of factors Infections Hemolysis GVHD

# Neonatal Jaundice: Other treatments

- Oral agar:  $\downarrow$  enterohepatic circulation
- Metalloporphyrins: inhibit bilirubin production.
  - competitors of heme oxygenase
- IVIG: inhibits hemolysis.
  - (binds to FC receptor of reticuloendothelial cells)