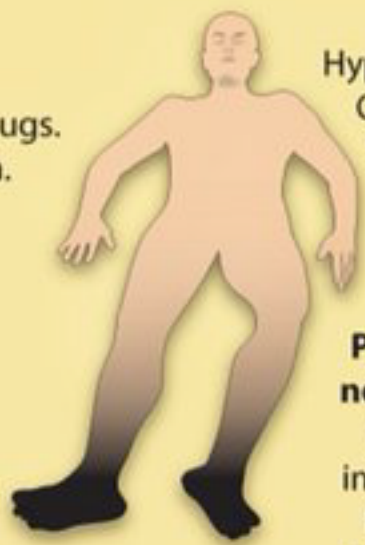


Acute Porphyria

A number of different types of acute porphyria exist (autosomal dominant). All are caused by an error in the **haem biosynthesis pathway**. This leads to the accumulation of **toxic porphyrin precursors**. Toxins include **porphobilinogen** and **delta-aminolaevulinic acid**. An acute neurovisceral crisis can result.

Intermittent porphyria

Attacks can be precipitated by various drugs. Attacks occur more commonly in women. Autosomal dominant.



Hypotension
Collapse
Shock

Peripheral neuropathy

Sensory impairment.
Paralysis.
Hypotonia.

Hereditary Coproporphyria

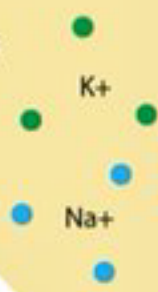
Causes photosensitive skin blisters. Cutaneous manifestations can occur.



Psychosis
Odd behaviour
Seizures

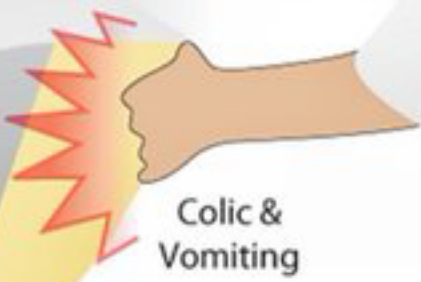
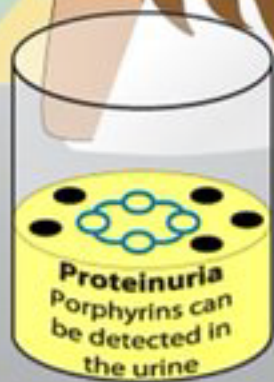
Fever

Hyponatraemia
Hypokalaemia



Sight affected
(hallucinations)

Can present with **Acute Abdominal Pain**
Beware - anaesthesia can be disastrous!



Colic & Vomiting