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Acute Intermittent Porphyria

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A genetic metabolic disorder inherited in an autosomal dominant pattern. It is caused by a deficiency of the enzyme porphobilinogen deaminase, which is involved in heme biosynthesis. Signs and symptoms include nausea, vomiting, severe abdominal pain and distension, urinary retention, port-wine urine discoloration, hypertension, tachycardia, muscle weakness, loss of sensation, anxiety, depression, and arm, leg and back pain.