

NORMAL VALUES

pH	PCO2	HCO3
7.35 - 7.45	35 - 45	21 - 28

METABOLIC ACIDOSIS

pH:	PCO2:	HCO3:
< 7.35	Normal (35-45)	< 21

RISK FACTORS

Diarrhea	Fever
Hypoxia	Starvation
Seizure	Renal failure
DKA	Dehydration
Overdose (salicylates or ethanol)	

MANIFESTATIONS

Bradycardia	Weak pulse
Hypotension	Tachypnea
Flaccid paralysis	Confusion
Hyporeflexia	Lethargy
Warm, flushed, dry skin	Kussmaul respirations

INTERVENTIONS

Treat underlying cause
Administer fluids, electrolytes

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