

Thiamine Deficiency

- In addition to being caused by a poor diet, thiamine deficiency most commonly occurs as a result of alcoholism, since ethanol interferes with thiamine absorption
- Thiamine deficiency is commonly associated with Wernicke’s encephalopathy
- Chronic alcoholism is a well-known and common cause of Vitamin B deficiency

Consider the diagnosis of Thiamine Deficiency when you order a BANANA BAG

NOT SICK	SICK (CC)	VERY SICK (MCC)
	Thiamine Deficiency	
	Beriberi	
	Wernicke’s Encephalopathy	Hepatic Encephalopathy with Coma

***Remember: “possible,” “probable,” “likely” or “suspected” diagnoses are acceptable**