Question 6 – September 10

Which of the following is not a known precipitating factor of hepatic encephalopathy?

A. Excessive paracentesis
B. Constipation
C. Diarrhea
D. Sedative drugs
E. Hypocalcemia

Answer: E

Hypocalcemia is not a known precipitating factor of hepatic encephalopathy. Excessive paracentesis, constipation, diarrhea, sedative drugs along with infection and gastrointestinal bleeding are all common precipitating factors for hepatic encephalopathy.