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Ziel des Projektes ist die Veröffentlichung von Handlungsempfehlungen zur anästhesiologischen Betreuung von Patienten mit seltenen Erkrankungen. Damit will Orphan Anesthesia einen wichtigen Beitrag zur Erhöhung der Patientensicherheit leisten.

Patienten mit seltenen Erkrankungen benötigen für verschiedene diagnostische oder therapeutische Prozeduren eine anästhesiologische Betreuung, die mit einem erhöhten Risiko für anästhesieassoziierte Komplikationen einhergehen. Weil diese Erkrankungen selten auftreten, können Anästhesisten damit keine Erfahrungen gesammelt haben, so dass für die Planung der Narkose die Einholung weiterer Information unerlässlich ist. Durch vorhandene spezifische Informationen kann die Inzidenz von mit der Narkose assoziierten Komplikationen gesenkt werden. Zur Verfügung stehendes Wissen schafft Sicherheit im Prozess der Patientenversorgung.

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The target of OrphanAnesthesia is the publication of anaesthesia recommendations for patients suffering from rare diseases in order to improve patients' safety. When it comes to the management of patients with rare diseases, there are only sparse evidence-based facts and even far less knowledge in the anaesthetic outcome. OrphanAnesthesia would like to merge this knowledge based on scientific publications and proven experience of specialists making it available for physicians worldwide free of charge.

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Anaesthesia recommendations for Amniotic band syndrome

Disease name: Amniotic band syndrome

ICD 10: P02.8

Synonyms: Amniotic band constriction, ADAM complex (amniotic deformities, adhesion, mutilation), amniotic band sequence, congenital constriction bands, pseudoainhum, limb body wall complex, amniotic disruption complex, annular grooves, congenital amputation, Streeter's bands, Streeter's anomaly, transverse terminal defects of limb, aberrant tissue bands, amniochorionic mesoblastic fibrous strings, amniotic bands.

Disease summary: Amniotic band syndrome (ABS) consists of a wide spectrum of congenital malformations depending on the affected body part(s).

There are two hypotheses on the formation of amniotic bands and ABS. The "extrinsic model" theory explains the rupture of the amnion without the rupture of the chorion which leads to transient oligohydramnios due to a loss of amniotic fluid through the initially permeable chorion. The foetus passes to the extraembryonic coelom through the defect and comes in contact with 'sticky' mesoderm on the chorionic surface of the amnion resulting in entanglement of foetal parts and skin abrasions. Entanglement of foetal parts by amniotic bands causes constriction rings and amputations, whereas skin abrasions can lead to disruption defects, such as cephaloceles and swallowing of the bands will cause asymmetric clefts on the face. The "intrinsic model" by Streeter suggests that the anomalies and the fibrous bands have a common origin, caused by a perturbation of developing germinal disc of the early embryo. Most cases of ABS are not of genetic origin, and occur sporadically with no recurrence in siblings or children of affected adults. Maternal trauma, teratogenic insult, oophorectomy during pregnancy, intrauterine contraceptive device, amniocentesis and familial incidence of connective tissue disorders (Ehlers-Danlos syndrome) are some of the implicated aetiopathological factors [1].

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Perhaps the diagnosis is wrong



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Disease summary

It affects both sexes equally with an incidence of 1 in 1,200 to 15,000 live births [2] and 1 in 70 stillbirths [3].

Due to possibility of different combinations of anomalies, there are no two identical cases of ABS. Children with ABS have very polymorphic clinical findings:

Craniofacial defects: vertical and oblique facial cleft, cleft lip and palate, orbital defects (anophthalmos, microphthalmos, enophthalmos), corneal abnormalities, microtia, central nervous system malformations (anencephaly, encephalocele, asymmetric meningocele) and calvarial defect [4].

Truncal defects: chest wall defect with heart extrophy, lung hypoplasia, scoliosis, abdominal wall defect, abdominal organs extrophy, umbilical cord strangulation with often lethal outcome [5].

Limb defects: constriction rings, lymphoedema of the digits, shortening of the limbs or intrauterine limb amputation, amputation of the digits (most often 2nd, 3rd and 4th fingers) and toes, syndactyly, hypoplasia of the digits, club foot, pseudarthrosis, hip dislocation, peripheral nerve palsy.

Other anomalies: gastroschisis, small intestinal atresia, renal agenesis, Patau syndrome, septo-optic dysplasia.

In 1961, Patterson described a classification [6] that is still relevant today:

- a) Simple ring constrictions;
- b) Ring constrictions accompanied by deformity of the distal part with or without lymphoedema;
- c) Ring constrictions accompanied by fusion of distal parts ranging from mild to severe acrosyndactyly and
- d) Intrauterine amputations.

ABS is often difficult to diagnose before birth. Prenatal ultrasound can help in visualisation of amniotic bands attached to a foetus with restriction of motion, constriction rings on extremities and irregular amputations of fingers and/or toes with terminal syndactyly. Recently 3D and 4D ultrasound techniques contribute to more sensitive prenatal diagnostics of ABS. Foetal MRI can be helpful in complicated cases. Doppler study of the constricted limb could be of use in the diagnosis of in-utero amputation as well as to take decisions regarding in-utero treatment. Physical examination is the main way of postnatal diagnosis of ABS, with a search to establish potential malformations of different organs and body parts. Ultrasound, echocardiography, and x-ray films may help to diagnose or rule out other associated anomalies.

The management strategy of ABS depends on the extent of the associated anomalies. Treatment is mostly surgical with an individual approach to every single case. Most references recommend the use of Z-plasty or W-plasty after the excision of the constriction band, in a one- or two-stage approach. Termination of pregnancy is usually proposed at the time when severe craniofacial and visceral abnormalities are diagnosed, whereas minor limb defects can be repaired with postnatal surgery. Lately, there have been some attempts of

prenatal ABS treatment – foetoscopic laser cutting of amniotic bands, before their compression on the foetus makes malformations [7]. Patterson in his study of 52 patients with congenital constriction rings had reported only two cases of below-knee amputations in addition to other musculoskeletal defects [6]. In 1983, Zych et al. reported a case of involvement of congenital bands, pseudarthrosis and impending gangrene of leg, which was salvaged with multiple Z-plasty [8]. Greene et al. had advised a one-stage release for circumferential congenital constriction bands which was performed in all four extremities [9]. In 2006, Samra et al. reported a case of severe constricting amniotic band with a threatened lower extremity in a neonate, which was salvaged with multiple Z-plasties over a 6-year functional follow-up [10]. Recently, Choulakian et al. has described a two-staged approach of direct closure after excision of the constriction band [11]. So, the outcome of the disease depends on the gravity of the malformation associated with it.

Typical surgery

Surgery is usually performed for cosmetic reasons and a staged correction may ensure the adequacy of vascularity to the residual limb or digit. Mainly release of contraction bands of the affected limbs. In-utero surgery, syndactyly, congenital amputation, 3D printing of prosthetics, cleft lip and palate repair, strabismus, clubfoot.

If the constriction is present around the digits or extremities, urgent surgical treatment may be necessary because of vascular compromise.

Type of anaesthesia

No specific recommendation for either general or regional anaesthesia. General anaesthesia along with regional anaesthesia or local anaesthesia would be a better choice in view of paediatric patients and post-operative pain management.

Necessary additional pre-operative testing (beside standard care)

A detailed history, clinical evaluation and appropriate laboratory investigations help to detect any systemic anomaly. Anaesthetic records of previous surgeries are helpful to get an idea of airway management.

ABS patients with severe scoliosis may be associated with cardiac or pulmonary diseases because of restricted thoracic size [12]. Pre-operative assessment by a paediatrician, cardiologist or pulmonologist should be considered in ABS patients to rule out any congenital anomalies or diseases, to assess readiness for surgery and to optimise the patient before surgery.

Particular preparation for airway management

Anaesthetists should always be prepared for difficult airway in cases with craniofacial involvement. In addition to deformities in ABS, the paediatric airway is challenging because of its unique anatomy (smaller size, vocal cord between C1–C4 with an anterior angulation, a

large and floppy epiglottis, a large occiput) and physiology (frequent upper airway obstruction under GA, higher metabolism, and faster desaturation during period of apnoea).

Difficult airway cart with different sizes of endotracheal tubes, laryngeal mask airway, video laryngoscope, paediatric fiberscope etc. should be kept ready.

Limb reduction defects may make vascular access difficult.

Many times ABS patients are associated with cleft lip or cleft palate [13]. In patients with large cleft palate, a piece of gauze is placed to fill the gap to improve visualisation of glottis during direct laryngoscopy.

Particular preparation for transfusion or administration of blood products

The need for perioperative transfusion depends on the condition of the patient at the time of presentation. Borkar et al. reported a case of ABS in an adult female with severe anaemia (haemoglobin 5.1 gm%) and thrombocytosis (platelet count – 785,000/mm³). Two units of whole blood were transfused to the patient [14].

Particular preparation for anticoagulation

Not reported.

Particular precautions for positioning, transportation and mobilisation

Positioning or mobilisation of ABS patients with abnormal contracture of extremity can be difficult. Consequently, utmost care must be taken to support the limbs, and pressure points should be padded with cotton rolls or gel pads appropriately prior to surgery.

Interactions of chronic disease and anaesthesia medications

Not reported.

Anaesthetic procedure

As cooperation is often limited in paediatric patients, sedative pre-medication and the presence of the parents during induction may be helpful.

Each patient with ABS needs an individual anaesthetic plan. The decision of gaseous induction or intravenous induction should be based on an individual basis.

Muñoz et al. reported a case of amniotic bands encompassing the umbilical cord and left lower limb which was freed by foetoscopic laser surgery at 21 weeks of gestation, under intramuscular anaesthesia in the foetus and epidural anaesthesia with sedation in the mother

[15]. Atropine (10 µg/kg), fentanyl (15 µg/kg) and vecuronium (0.1 mg/kg) were administered intramuscularly in the foetus.

Particular or additional monitoring

To prevent hypothermia, several measures like adequate covering of extremities with warm blankets, elevation of room temperature and warm intravenous fluids can be taken. Extubation should be done when there is regular spontaneous breathing, vigorous movements of all limbs, good oxygen saturation and absence of significant hypothermia.

Possible complications

The management of this disease must be multidisciplinary and the outcome depends on the severity of malformations.

Post-operative care

Routine post-operative care and pain management protocols should be followed.

Disease-related acute problems and effect on anaesthesia and recovery

Not reported.

Ambulatory anaesthesia

This option depends on surgical procedure, patient's condition, distance between patient's home and hospital.

Obstetrical anaesthesia

None.

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