

Femoral Vein versus Jugular and Sub-clavian Vein Catheterization in ICU

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Abstract:

The rise in cases of infections resulting from the bacteria has created the need for more investigation to be done. In addition, conditions from the bacteria are common in critically ill patients and those immune-compromised individuals; thus, it is primarily an opportunistic pathogen. Patients at risk can also be given antibiotics for prophylaxis to prevent them from contracting the infection. For those patients who have infections from pseudomonas aeruginosa, frequent assessment should be done to note the progress of the diseases and determine the effectiveness of the drugs; this will also help detect resistance to the drug.

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I. Introduction:

Patients in intensive care or immunocompromised patients with CVC lines are at higher risk of developing HAI. APIC and many others are urging national and even international efforts to reduce this risk and minimize the possibility of device-related infections. Infection control programs everywhere should adopt practices that demonstrate constant precautions to keep patients safe. CVC lines are an essential tool for providing specific medical treatments, but all healthcare professionals must be provided with the equipment to ensure patient safety and satisfaction (Kim et al., 2022). There is no excuse for infection. We have to speak up, and we have to work to protect our entire patient population. The first rule in health care is "no harm" (Gupta et al., 2018). Our patients come to us to alleviate the disease, not acquire a new one. So if we can all follow simple precautions like washing hands before and after helping our patients, we can all make a difference.

In the ICU, large epidemics concerning colonization of the bacteria due to contaminated respiratory equipment have greatly decreased. Most of the transmissions are have attributed to health care workers with 24% in hand cultures and about 30% being from the uniform cultures and the health care environment (Kinsey et al., 2017). The rise in cases of infections resulting from the bacteria has created the need for more investigation to be done. In addition, conditions from the bacteria are common in critically ill patients and those immune-compromised individuals; thus, it is primarily an opportunistic pathogen.

II. Analysis/Discussion

Epidemiological method

In the United States, pseudomonas aeruginosa can be rated as the number one cause of ICU related pneumonia. It has also been ranked as the significant cause of osteochondritis and other infections such as urinary tract infections, nosocomial infections, surgical site infections, and bacteremia (Zhou et al., 2022). According to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Nosocomial Infections Surveillance System, this is according to data. A retrospective analysis done by the United States national hospital discharge surveys done between 1996 to 2010, indicates that the incidences of septicemia resulting from the pseudomonas aeruginosa declined from 6.5 per 10,000 in 1996 and settled at 3.1 per 10,000 in 2001. Still, in 2010 it raised to 6.5 per 10,000. The mortality rates associated with the bacteria are high, with the mortality rates of pseudomonas aeruginosa exceeding 50% (Noaman et al., 2018). The mortality involving pseudomonas pneumonia typically happens within 3-4 days after the initial symptom of pulmonary involvement. Ventilator-associated pneumonia resulting from pseudomonas aeruginosa has been estimated to be as high as 68% more than those caused by other pathogens.

The infections affect individuals of all races, but the black race has an increased incidence rate in pseudomonas endocarditis. The ratio of pseudomonas aeruginosa endocarditis in men to women has been indicated by most studies at 5.4:1 (Deere, Singh & Burns, 2021).

Case definition of Pseudomonas Aeruginosa

The confirmed case for pseudomonas aeruginosa is isolation of the bacteria from the blood or cerebrospinal fluid. There is confirmed presence of grape-like or fresh-tortilla odour on the bacteriological media and production of a blue-green pigment pyocyanin and growth at 42°C on a cetrimide agar in the lab (Kolikof, Peterson & Baker, 2020).

The pseudomonas aeruginosa is often carried by the individual who has the infections, and it can be found in hospital equipment, sewerage, plants, animals, food, water and soil. The individual who has the infection can contaminate the hospital equipment or even transmit it to the nurses or the healthcare workers, who then become the source for transmission. The bacteria can survive in very harsh conditions and therefore stay on the surfaces for a very long time (Dalip et al., 2018). The healthcare workers' hands and even the uniforms can also act as bacteria reservoirs. The vectors for the bacteria is a common human being as they are involved in the day to day transmission of the bacteria. The bacteria are transmitted from one person to another through contact following a decrease in defence of the susceptible individual. If a person comes in contact with contaminated water, soil or even contaminated medical equipment, they become a vector and therefore, they can transmit to other individuals through contact (Millington et al., 2019).

Lifecycle

There is the initial attachment of the bacteria which requires the need of the flagella to promote the attachment of the surface. During this phase of attachment, particular genes, such as algC, algD and algU, are necessary for forming the extracellular polysaccharide involved in encasing the biofilm (Tjiang & Prayoga, 2021). Their next thing is the formation of microcolonies, specifically a small group of bacteria. This formation requires the presence of type IV pili which is then involved in a 'twitching', believed to be important in aggregating the cells into the microcolonies.

The microcolonies are then differentiated into actual biofilms. The quorum involved in the sensing of signals between the cells may affect the timing of the differentiation and coordination building of the biofilm into more complex structures (Lee & Zhang, 2015). Lastly, planktonic cells separate and differentiate from the biofilms. This might occur such that a part of the biofilm breaks from it, this can be regulated detachment, and it looks like a programmed separation from the planktonic bacteria.

Pathophysiology

Pseudomonas aeruginosa is a bacteria commonly found on the skin's surface, especially the axillary and anogenital region. Most of the infections occur in immune-compromised patients, including those with intravenous lines, burns, dialysis patients, and those with a dysfunctional immune system (Lockwood & Desai, 2019). When the skin integrity interferes, for example, through the insertion of the central venous device, the microorganism enters the body through the skin, resulting in the release of toxins and proteases. It is both invasive and toxigenic. The organism first attaches itself to the site of invasion. Then colonization occurs, thus causing a local infection of the skin. It can spread through the bloodstream and cause systemic diseases such as pneumonia, peritonitis, meningitis, endocarditis, ecthyma gangrenosum, and bacteremia (Safety Committee of Japanese Society of Anesthesiologists *anzen@anesth*, 2019).

Manifestation

The bacteria are prevalent in the hospital environment, and it is sometimes difficult to distinguish between infections from colonization. The bacteria emit a characteristic sweet odour and are responsible for many diseases. It is involved in AIDS-related conditions such as pneumonia infection. In the case of bacteremia and sepsis, it can present with fever which usually comes as the initial symptoms and may be accompanied by tachycardia and tachypnea (Kang & Ma, 2021). There are also signs of shock such as sweating, confusion, redness of the eyes, vomiting and hypotension. The patient can also present with yellowing of the skin and eyes. In the case of meningitis, the client can present with non-specific symptoms, including a stiff neck, lethargy, disorientation, nausea, vomiting, and fever. It can also present with purulent cough, chills, fever, severe dyspnea and can also present with cyanosis and mental confusion in extreme cases (Patel et al., 2019).

Sites of Central Line Placement

There are commonest center line insertion points. These places are the veins under the clavian, inner neck and femur.

The Subclavian Vein

The subclavian vein is one of the commonest sites for midline insertion. Subclavian vein is a continuance of axillary vein. At the adjacent border of the first rib, the axillary vein will become a subclavian vein. The vein then endures down the scapula towards the sternum until it captures the central edge of the scalene anterior (Garcia-Leal et al., 2021). A vein under the jugular vein merges with an internal jugular vein and becomes a jugular vein. Centerline insertion is usually performed with a subclavian approach. The physician stands on the same side of the desired vein and shifts the patient's head in the opposite direction. The skin is then pierced about one centimeter with the needle at the junction of the middle part and the middle third of the skull with the needle directly to the sternum. The right midline of the lower back has fewer defects than the left midline of the lower back (Baker, Anjum & de la Cruz, 2021).

The Internal Jugular Vein

The internal carotid artery is another site where the midline is inserted. The internal jugular vein originates in the sigmoid sinus in the posterior fossa and then exits the skull using the jugular foramen. It then slopes further down, at the junction of the neck and chest, where it will merge into a vein for developing a brachiocephalic vein. At its dissection, several vital structures are located near a vein. The internal jugular vein is located in front of the vagus nerve during the operation. It is also located laterally and anterior to the interior and common carotid arteries (Kochuba, Rozycki & Feliciano, 2021). Any errors in the installation of the centerline elevate the risk of injury to these mechanisms. The supplement of the midline into the internal jugular vein was performed using a central approach. The indicator was aimed at the ipsilateral papilla and inserted into the top of the triangle. With the increasing use of ultrasound-guided insertion, centralized approach technology has become obsolete. The right jugular vein is used more often than the left jugular vein because the right jugular vein flows directly into the upper jugular vein, but the left jugular vein does not. The left lung apex is also located higher than the right lung. This anatomical difference indicates an increased risk of pneumonia at the centre of the left neck (Leibowitz, Oren-Grinberg & Matyal, 2020).

The Femoral Vein

The joint femoral vein, also known as the femoral vein, is the last of the most typical sites for midline insertion. The femoral vein obtains drainage from the junction of superficial and deep femoral arteries in the upper thigh. When the pubic ligament is crossed, the femoral vein endures as the external pelvic vein (Gutiérrez, Sánchez & Patiño, 2019). Internal hip haemorrhage is related to the external hip haemorrhage for forming a common pelvic vein, which merges with the opposite pelvic vein to create a lower venous artery (IVC). IVC flows into the right atrium. The femoral vein is positioned in the femoral triangle. This is an anatomical area with the groin above, the adductor longus muscle centrally and the sartorius muscle to the side (Mengetal., 2022). The doctor will first palpate the femoral artery utilizing the lumbar ligament and the anatomical point between the anterior lumbar spine and puberty. Once the pulse has been detected, it is easy to determine a location where the femoral artery is always central to the femoral artery in the femoral triangle. An ultrasound can guide the operation if the test results need to be confirmed before proceeding.

Treatments

Different interventions are usually employed to treat the condition depending on the severity of the infection and even the system affected. In drug administration, antimicrobials are generally used, and combined therapy is usually prescribed for the initial empiric treatment for the infection. A beta-lactam antibiotic together with an aminoglycoside is the one mainly used, and they are used to cover the infection involving the upper respiratory system, bacteremia, sepsis and even neutropenia (Wagner et al., 2016). All the central line catheters should be removed immediately, and also treatment is prompt to avoid the incidences of high mortality.

It is necessary to initiate combination therapy for patients with severe infections and high risk. The treatment needs two anti-pseudomonal antibiotics that do not have the same mode of action and are mostly combined with an aminoglycoside. The combination therapy will reduce the chance of choosing the resistant mutant, which is usually reserved for more severe cases and renal disease to avoid nephropathy related to aminoglycoside (Wagner et al., 2016). It is also important to note the current pseudomonas drug resistance when prescribing. In the case of bacteremia, empiric antibiotics are usually initiated before identifying the microorganism for at least two weeks. In the presence of skin infections and bone, aminoglycoside antibiotics course for four weeks. It is effective in managing osteomyelitis. For the more severe osteomyelitis, a

combination of aminoglycoside and anti-pseudomonas penicillin and surgical intervention is indicated. Surgical care is also done in the most severe case to promote good health; for example, those who develop a brain abscess will require surgical drainage. Other surgical procedures done include surgical debridement of wounds, tympanomastoid surgery, valvectomy in case of persistence of bacteremia beyond two weeks, heart and lung transplant. Regular consultation is also necessary with diet to prevent malnutrition and prevent complications that may result from it. Individual activity restriction depends on the nature of infection.

Prognosis

Depending on the severity of the disease, a good prognosis can be made concerning the condition because most of the infections concerning the bacteria can be successfully treated with antibiotics and surgery.

However, immune-compromised patients such as those living with HIV have a high mortality rate, especially in the case of bacteremia and infections of the lower lung. Those with severe heart infections also have significant mortality of 15 to 20% while it can reach mortality of 89% or those with the left side of the heart infections.

Risk factors

The compromised immune system, individuals with HIV, and those who have undergone an organ transplant or those on immunosuppressive agents usually have lowered body defence system and thus they are likely to develop infections that result from the *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* because it is almost everywhere in the hospital (Taj et al., 2018). Another risk factor is recent hospitalization; recent studies show that healthcare workers play a key role in transmitting the bacteria to other patients. So, recent hospitalization will put the person at higher risk for developing *Pseudomonas* infection.

Insertion of central venous devices is also a risk factor for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* infection. Usually, the bacteria are found on the skin surface, and a break created by the insertion of the central venous device promotes the entry of the bacteria into the bloodstream. Thus it is a high-risk factor. The length of stay in the hospital also facilitates the spread of the microorganism to the person because the contact period has also been prolonged.

Indwelling devices also put the patient at higher risk because it provides a surface for colonization which then facilitates the entry of the microorganism from the skin surface into the body, resulting in infections. ICU patients are also at higher risk due to the presence of numerous devices used to provide support to the client. This might include prolonged intubation and enteral feeding, which provides the surface for colonization. Individuals with a previous history of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* infections are also at high risk of recurrent infection. This might be due to ineffective treatment or immunosuppression, resulting from disorders or drug therapy.

Confirmation of diagnosis

Laboratory studies that were done suggest *Pseudomonas* infection due to the following findings

- CBC reveals bandemia and leukocytosis with the left shift. This shows the possible availability of toxic vacuoles or granulations
- Elevated levels of ESR and CRP
- Presence of electrolyte abnormalities in the metabolic profile with dehydration
- Culture of shows involvement of the *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

From the data above, it is clear that the incidence of the infection increased from 19 to about 41%. This shows that there might be an increase in the amount, virulence and transmission of the bacteria.

Recommended Infection Prevention and Control Strategies

Pseudomonas aeruginosa is very common in the hospital, and therefore it is a bacteria almost present everywhere in the hospital facility. Provision of information concerning the condition will initiate keenness in using the protective measures. Patients and other clients can also perform personal efforts to prevent infections to other high-risk patients (Simões et al., 2016). Appropriate steps, including client education, are essential in this case.

Samples should be taken for all the individuals suspected to have the condition and lab tests should be done to rule out the presence or confirm diagnoses for the condition. Notification of the healthcare staff is also essential, including the support staff. This will help reduce the transmission rate and lower the rate of new incidences in the hospital. Initial screening is also done for all newly admitted individuals to the facility; this will act as baseline data to determine the hospital-acquired cases and those who came to the facility with the infection (Taj et al., 2018). It also enables the caregivers in the hospital to initiate the necessary treatment earlier to prevent the development of complications. Isolation of the individuals and Sterilization of the equipment is vital in lowering the number of bacteria in the environment. It also reduces the chances of transmission from the

infected individuals to the uninfected patients at risk. The nurses and other health care staff who will be involved in the care delivery to the clients should use protective equipment, practice hand hygiene and be involved in all aseptic techniques when providing care to the clients. This will prevent transmission. Patients at risk can also be given antibiotics for prophylaxis to prevent them from contracting the infection. For those patients who have infections from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, frequent assessments should be done to note the progress of the diseases and determine the effectiveness of the drugs; this will also help detect resistance to the drug.

III. Conclusion:

Pseudomonas aeruginosa is common bacteria in the hospital and patients in the ICU and those with central venous catheters are at high risk for developing complications from its infection. Therefore, it is necessary to perform necessary preventive measures to prevent the spread to other patients and lower the incidences in hospital.

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