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Escherichia coli (e. Coli) associated hematogenous sternoclavicular joint osteomyelitis: a rare condition with a rare causative pathogenic microorganism

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Escherichia coli is the most common microorganism that causes urinary tract infections (UTIs), including acute prostatitis. However, E. coli osteomyelitis, especially ones that involve sternoclavicular joint, are rare hematogenous complications. We present a case of an immunocompetent man who presented with symptoms of UTI and right shoulder pain. Urine cultures and blood cultures grew E. coli. There was also radiographic evidence of a large prostatic abscess and a right sternoclavicular joint osteomyelitis. Our patient was treated with antibiotic and improved clinically. This case is noteworthy given the rarity of both the condition as well as the causative pathogenic agent. It is important for clinicians to be aware of E. coli sternoclavicular osteomyelitis in adults with preceding bacterial prostatitis.

Biography

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De-adoption of routine skin test for cephalosporin prescribing in a tertiary hospital in China

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Although most hospitals perform cephalosporin skin test in China for various reasons. Studies suggest that cephalosporin skin tests are not effective in predicting immediate allergic reactions, leading to unnecessary skin testing procedures, resulting in unnecessary drug consumption. Second-line or high-grade antimicrobials will be selected after a positive cephalosporin skin test, and treatment of severe allergic reactions will be ignored. The National Health and Health Commission of China published Principle for Skin Testing of β -Lactam Antibacterial Drugs in 2021, in which pointed out that there is no need for skin test before cephalosporin use. We launched an AMS programme to cancel cephalosporin skin test in our hospital, in which we implemented several interventions, including education programmes for prescribers and nurses, order review-feedback, regular drug use surveillance in cephalosporin skin test, and updated the Regulation for Skin Testing of β -Lactam Antibacterial Drugs in our hospital. Our data show that the AMS programme has a significant impact on the de-adoption of routine skin test for cephalosporin prescribing, the cephalosporin skin test operations reduced and consumption structure of antibiotics was improved in our hospital.

Biography

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Ocular symptoms as atypical presentation of re-emerging pathogen

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We present an unusual case of a patient presenting with blurry vision, and rapid visual loss over two days as their main symptom. Examination demonstrated a maculopapular rash, which the patient had previously dismissed. Opthalmology examination showed significantly reduced visual acuity in left eye 1.06 logMAR, and features consistent with uveitis. A broad differential diagnosis was considered. Investigations showed Treponema pallidum IgM positive,VDRL/ RPR positive, titre 1:32. HIV negative. Lumbar puncture was performed with CSF PCR treponema pallidum positive VDRL 1:80. Treated with IV benzathine penicillin 2.4g six times a day, for fourteen days, in addition to high dose steroids. Rapid improvement in visual acuity and end of treatment, and resolution of rash. Partner also successfully treated. Syphilis is a disease caused by the spirochete treponema pallidum, which is transmitted sexually, and from mother to child. This organism has the ability to affect any body system, which explains why it presents a diagnostic headache for clinicians, as it can present itself in a multitude of ways. The incidence of syphilis cases is at its highest since WW2. Syphilis contributes to approximately 2% of uveitis cases, and forms an important part of a differential diagnosis. There are infrequent case reports in the literature presenting this way. Investigation and interpretation of lab results can be difficult, and these must always be interpreted in context of clinical picture. This case highlights the importance of taking a sexual history as part of a routine systemic enquiry, as this can direct us towards possible diagnoses, and guide investigation. The rising incidence highlights a need for clinicians to be vigilant of this infection, as it is highly difficult to diagnose. But importantly, it is also highly curable.

Biography

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Antibiotic Effects on Outcomes of Patients with Post Treatment Lyme Disease Syndrome

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Post-treatment Lyme disease syndrome (PTLDS) is debilitating, chronic condition affecting increasing amounts of people throughout the United States. Controversy surrounds the topic of PTLDS as numerous agencies disagree on proper treatment guidelines. Treatment with antibiotics for patients diagnosed with PTLDS is widely debated related to the risks that may occur with long-term antibiotic therapy. Oppositely, several studies site the chronic symptoms that patients with PTLDS experience daily and that affect their ability to live healthy, quality lives. In this paper, the varying studies with be both synthesized and critiqued, and gaps in the literature and implications for the future will be discussed. The clinical relevance for all providers is significant, as they must meticulously evaluate the research for reliability and determine their own opinions regarding PTLDS therapy. The overall goal of this paper is to educate providers with a thorough review of the research on PTLDS and inform them on best treatment options for improving patient outcomes.

Biography

Lauryn Ciszek has completed her MSN at the age of 30 year from MCPHS University. She is a registered nurse who travels around New England and is currently fighting the pandemic of COVID19 within the United States. This is her first research paper on the topic of Lyme disease.

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Improving hand hygiene compliance rate in intensive care unit

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Hand hygiene is one of the most important infection prevention and control strategies. Increasing compliance to Hand hygiene is challenging, in fact health care worker are not always aware of their incompliance to Hand hygiene practice and usually overestimate their commitment to infection control policies. This study aimed at improving Hand hygiene compliance in intensive care unit of a curative foundation hospital in Cairo. Measurement of Hand hygiene compliance rate was done pre and post intervention through WHO observation tool, fish bone analysis, data collection in the form of (HCW interview and survey, , previous infection control records) was done.Pareto chart was plotted to address intervention panes . Method of intervention included [on job training, education (videos), reminders (posters)]. Post intervention assessment indicated improved Hand hygiene compliance from 26% to 50% in 4 months periods. Applied improvement plan based on HCW perception of the problem aimed at their engagement and positive involvement. Although cost effectiveness of Hand hygiene campaigns is still under investigation, the outcome of increasing Hand hygiene compliance and subsequent decrease in infection rate justify their use.

Biography

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Glutathione Pathway and GST Polymorphisms in the Immune Response to SARS-CoV-2: The Missing Piece of the COVID-19 Puzzle?

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The pandemic of COVID-19 disease, a respiratory condition caused by a novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) in December 2019, has been evidently effectively controlled by vaccines. As of 31st May 2021, there are 170,189,835 confirmed cases in over 240 countries with over 3,538,196 deaths. It is characterized by a myriad of both respiratory and non-respiratory symptoms. Most individuals with the infection will have mild symptoms that are naturally resolved by an active immune system. However, a subset of people with a higher risk of infection are the elderly and those with comorbidities such as heart disease, diabetes, asthma, and cancer. The human immune response against viral infection is mainly dependent on active T cell function. Glutathione (GSH), a ubiquitous tripeptide antioxidant known for homeostasis regulation and important in oxidative stress response, is essential for T cell effector functions through its regulation of metabolic activity. Glutamyl cysteine ligase (GCL) catalyzes the rate-limiting step of glutathione synthesis. Polymorphisms in this enzyme impedes glutathione synthesis. Glutathione S-transferases (GSTs) catalyze the conjugation of glutathione to xenobiotics, reactive oxygen species (ROS), toxins, and other cellular by-products. Alterations in the structure, function, or level of expression of GST genes could alter the ability of the cell to inactivate toxins, thereby aggravating the progression of infection. GST polymorphisms have been clearly associated with such comorbidities including various cancers and respiratory diseases. It is well known that oxidative stress is a major factor in the pathogenesis of viral respiratory infections. Evidently, full dosed individual is still susceptible to infection and severe illness from the virus with possible hospitalization. Recovery from infection is associated with traumatic pain and fatigue, breathlessness, and negatively impacted morbidity. It is therefore possible that GST polymorphisms may impair immune response against the coronavirus. To the best of our knowledge, the potential implications of GCLC & GST gene polymorphisms on SARS-CoV-2 infection have not been elucidated.

Biography

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