Clinical Considerations for Revascularization Therapy in Acute Ischemic Stroke

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Case 3

- 78 M< 3 hours L HP, gaze deviation to R
- CTA distal ICA occlusion, normal intracranial vasculature
- **Revascularization?** Yes/no



TO TREAT OR NOT TO TREAT

- MCA reocclusions
- proximal basilar/distal vertebral/VB junction occlusions
- No Treatment: improved/stable
- No Treatment: worse •
- Treatment: worse •
- Treatment: better
- isolated extracranial ICA disease



"HERMES" TRIALS FOR ENDOVASCULAR STROKE TREATMENT

- Trials: MR CLEAN, REVASCAT, SWIFT PRIME, EXTEND-IA, ESCAPE, *NEJM* 2014-15
- 50-80% recanalization rates
- · Less infarct growth
- 30-50% greater odds of functional independence w/thrombectomy + standard care
- Similar risk of ICH as w/ IV tPA alone (0-6%)

Updated AHA 2018 guidelines for care of acute ischemic stroke patients Level IA Evaluation for mechanical

- thrombectomy
 - w/in 6 hours
 - mRS 0-1, ICA/M1, NIHSSS>/=6, ASPECTS >/=6
 - 6-24 hours
 - Also must meet other eligibility criteria
- Mechanical thrombectomy evaluation is simultaneous with IV tPA

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• Level IIA recommendation for M2/distal MCA occl.

Additional eligibility criteria for patients presenting b/w 6-24 hours

- DAWN 6-24 hours
- Clinical-core mismatch
 - Minimum NIHSSS 10
 - Core volume through DWI MRI, CTP (CBF/CBV)
 - RAPID software
- DEFUSE 3 6-16 hours
- Core-penumbral mismatch
 - No minimum NIHSSS
 - Core infarct < 70 mL and penumbra 1.8x larger</p>

MCA REOCCLUSION

NO TREATMENT BETTER NO TREATMENT WORSE TREATMENT WORSE TREATMENT BETTER

No Treatment: better, example???

- Overall risk: ?increased risk of ICH
- EVT risk w/stentriever-endothelial damage?
- Hernandez-Perez et al, *J Neuroimaging*, 2014. natural history of MCA/intracranial ICA occlusions: poor outcome among 74% of 120 patients
 - Intracran. ICA, n=13 (11%), poor outcome 92%
 - Prox MCA, n=69 (56%), poor outcome 87%
 - Distal MCA, n=38 (32%), poor outcome 47%











Updated IV tPA guidelines

- REMOVED: caution/exclusion for 'minor stroke' or NIHSSS>22, rapidly improving symptoms, major surgery w/in 14 days, previous ischemic stroke w/in 3 months, prior ICH
- May be considered in pregnancy if benefit outweighs increased risk uterine hemorrhage

Pt 2: 52 F, hypertrophic CMP, AFIB, defib., aphasia, therapeutic warfarin,NIHSSS 10, CTA, "+/-M2 branch attenuation rltd. to prior infarct"

















Repeated IV tPA for early recurrent Stroke

- Kahles et al, Stroke, 2016; 47:2133-5.
- 19 patients. Mean age 68 years, median inter-tPA interval 30 days.
- Functional independence achieved in 79% post tPA 1 and 47% post tPA 2. NO Sx ICH

Repeat EVT

- Fandler et al, *Front Neurol*, 2018: repeat R MCA, etiology ulcerated non stenosing plaque prox ispilateral ICA, good outcome
- Bouslama et al, *Interv Neurol*, 2018, 15/697 (2%) pts, median time b/w EVT 18 days.
 Cardioembolism (66%) most common cause, 60% w/mRS 0-2 post last thrombectomy
- Laible et al, Case Reports Vasc Med, 2015. recurrent L MCA w/3 IA TPA Txs w/in 72 hrs. 2 days later R MCA. Poor prog (adenoCA), no Tx. Outcome=death

















BAO not routinely included in recent RCTs

- Endostroke registry, 129 pts.
 - Good outcome 34%, moderate 42%, mortality 35%
- BASICS registry data, 619 pts, med. NIHSS 22 68% poor outcome irresp. Tx (AT/IVT/EVT)
 - 202 (33%) distal 1/3rd
 - 143 (23%) middle 1/3rd
 - 274 (44%), proximal 3rd



























Patient 6: next day worsened R HP, NIHSSS 17. CTA partial bas. thrombus









Improvement in filling defect mid basilar New filling defect distal basilar Occlusion R PCA, SCA, distal L PCA

Patient 6: final R VA angio





Anticoagulation for post. Circ. stroke

- WARRS subgroup, post hoc. Better outcome post. circ. stroke sparing brainstem
- Acute studies of IV heparin negative
 - van Merwijk et al. Cerebrovasc Dis, 1991, 61 pts, no difference
 - Kunze et al, Nervenarzt, 1991. 25/28 BAO Tx w/heparin. 22 deaths
 - Martin-Polo et al, *Revista de Neurologia*. Case report recan BAO on MRA w/IV AC

Patient 7: 46 M R HP, vertical gaze palsy, anarthria, CTA mid basilar occl.















Basilar Artery International Cooperative Study (BASICS)

- 268 pts randomized
- Inclusion: 18+ yrs BAO by CTA or MRA
- Initiation of IAT w/in 6 hours est.BAO
- Exclusion: mRS>2, pregnant/lactating, terminal illness, in another research drug study, hemorrhage, significant cerebellar mass effect/acute hydrocephalus, B extended brainstem ischemia













ICA occlusion in AIS

- In MR CLEAN, 108/476 (23%) w/prox ICA occls (pICAO). DSA in 46: 13 (38%) athero, 16 (35%), dsxn, 17 (37%) pseudooccl.
- variable practice for ICA or MCA intervention first and primary PTA vs CAS. CAS, 12.9%
- OR for benefit 1.85 vs 1.43 w/ or w/o pICAO
- ESCAPE: OR 9.6 vs 2.2 benefit
- EXTEND-IA pICAO 31%, CAS 8.6%
- REVASCAT, CAS 8.7%, OR 4.3

ICA occlusion in AIS, ctd

- Tandem occlusion (pICAO and intracranial ICA or MCA), Tx as per prox intracranial anterior circulation occlusion
- Sole extracranial ICA occlusion included in DEFUSE

Patient 9: 78 M R HP, CTA axial shows no R ICA at skull base and sag shows fetal R PCA



Patient 9

- intracranial CTA, no occlusion
- Initial NIHSSS 17s/p IV tPA NIHSSS
- improved to 13

































Conclusion

- Proximal MCA/intracranial ICA per guidelines unequivocal data to treat
- Reocclusion of MCA may occur in about 1-2%, Tx decision based on clinical recovery/stroke size
- IV TPA also a consideration
- Basilar artery: no clear data, ongoing trials
- Isolated extracranial ICA occlusion: mixed outcomes