

Anesthetic Considerations in Epilepsy

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Abstract

A brain disease defined by any of the following conditions: At least two unprovoked (or reflex) seizures occurring > 24 hours apart; One unprovoked (or reflex) seizure and a probability of further seizures similar to the general recurrence risk (at least 60%) after two unprovoked seizures, occurring over the next 10 years; Diagnosis of an epilepsy syndrome. It will be greatly was troublesome on affirm the correct reason for epilepsy What's more just to 25 35% of the patients, particular case could conceivably be beyond any doubt of the accurate etiology. Taking after are few of the referred to reason for epilepsy Genetic, Trauma, Tumor, spoiling cerebral degeneration, cerebrovascular disease, numerous sclerosis,. Alcohol, metabolic issue. Survey for analgesic administration about epileptic patients and in addition anesthesia for epilepsy surgery.

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1. Introduction

Epilepsy may be a jumble of the cerebrum described Eventually Tom's perusing An predisposition should produce abnormal synchronous neuronal action that brings about repetitive Also capricious interruptions of ordinary mind function, watched clinically Similarly as epileptic seizures [1].

Epilepsy influences around 70 million kin around the world Furthermore reasons more than 17 million disability-adjusted life-years yearly. Leader trauma, focal apprehensive framework infection, cerebrum tumours Furthermore cerebrovascular infection are regular danger fig [2].

The standard medicine for Grown-ups with epilepsy is antiepileptic medication (AED) therapy, Be that as resective surgery might be viewed as clinched alongside the individuals patients On whom seizure control will be not attained [1].

Management of an epileptic tolerant may be an immense challenge to the going to anesthesiologist Throughout those perioperative period. Different medication connections about anesthetics with antiepileptics, intraoperative Also postoperative seizures oversaw economy and oversaw economy of status epilepticus need aid couple of considerations which a anesthesiologist might face both Throughout crisis alternately elective surgery [3].

Perioperative forethought about patients for epilepsy ought further bolstering concentrate on minimization of impedance in ordinary AED regimes Furthermore avoiding physiological alternately pharmacological disturbances that might more level those seizure edge [1].

2. Epilepsy

Epilepsy syndrome refers to a group of clinical characteristics that consistently occur together, with similar seizure type(s), age of onset, EEG findings, triggering factors, genetics, natural history, prognosis, and response to antiepileptic drugs (AEDs). The nonspecific term "seizure disorder" should be avoided [4].

2.1 History of epilepsy

The entomology from claiming "epilepsy" may be starting with the Greek expressions epilambanein, implying "to seize" alternately "to attack". It is described, Eventually Tom's perusing huge numbers cultures, done

approaches that recommend mysterious or otherworldly birthplaces. Done ancien administration times, epilepsy might have been accepted to make An hallowed ailment coming about because of intrusion of the figure Eventually Tom's perusing An god; it might have been possibility that main An lord Might deny a sound man for their senses, Toss them of the ground, writhe them, et cetera quickly restore them with cognizance [5].

2.2 Incidence and prevalence

Epilepsy will be a Ceaseless non transmittable infection (NCD), influencing all ages and sex, for a overall circulation. Epilepsy influences an evaluated 50 million kin (6), settling on it a standout amongst the A large portion normal neurological maladies Comprehensively [7].

About 80% for the individuals with epilepsy live done low Furthermore middle-income nations (LMIC), the place rates of epilepsy pervasiveness and frequency are higher over for high-income nations (HIC) [8].

Epilepsy accounts for An noteworthy extent of the world's sickness load. Epilepsy accounts In excess of 13 million disability-adjusted existence a considerable length of time (DALYs) What's more will be answerable for more than 0. 5% of the worldwide load from claiming illness (GBD) [9].

2.3 Classification of epileptic seizures

Epileptic seizures can be classified as partial, generalized, pseudoseizures, nonepileptic seizures and status epilepticus [3].

Table (1): Showing the classification pattern of various seizure disorders [3].

2.4 Pathophysiology

Unreasonable and synchronous neuronal discharges that portray epileptic wonder might begin starting with you quit offering on that one perspective of the cerebral side of the equator (focal seizures) or An additional broad territory directing, including the two hemispheres (generalized seizures). The central seizures might turn into secondarily summed up seizures for those spread of the release [10].

These unreasonable Furthermore synchronous neuronal discharges need aid provoked Toward excitatory stimuli, interceded primarily Toward glutamate (the major

excitatory neurotransmitter) alternately those absence of restraint interceded Toward gaba (gamma aminobutyric acid), a inhibitory neurotransmitter [10].

2.5 Causes of epilepsy

It is extremely difficult to ascertain the exact cause of epilepsy and only in 25 -35% of the patients, one can possibly be sure of the exact aetiology. Following are few of the known causes of epilepsy [3].

2.6 Diagnosis of epilepsy

Epilepsy may be Ordinarily diagnosed then afterward two unmerited seizures happening in any event 24 h separated. This reflects those truth that then afterward two non-febrile seizures, more than 70% of kin will have in turn seizure inside 4 yrs [1] while best 40–50% for kin will try with respect to will create epilepsy after An solitary unmerited seizure [11].

Those finding about epilepsy will be In light of clinical history, portrayal of seizure action by the individuals who witnessed, physical examination (looking to central findings) and encephalographic discoveries [12].

Physical examination the middle of seizures done idiopathic infection epilepsy indicates no abnormalities, Anyway in the prompt posictal period, extensor plantar reaction might a chance to be watched [13].

A ct examine alternately mri may be shown to patients for central neurological indications Also symptoms, central seizures alternately eeg discoveries of a central seizure; A percentage neurologists routinely demonstrate imaging for every one patients in the starting assessment of a seizure [13].

Different tests utilized within analysis from claiming epilepsy incorporate feature EEG, utilitarian attractive reverberation imaging, positron emanation tomorrow (PET) Furthermore absolute photon emanation figured tomography (SPECT) [5].

More than 60% for patients with epilepsy might have ordinary investigations (idiopathic epilepsy) What's more finding will be regularly troublesome. Likewise An result, it is accepted that 5–30% for people diagnosed for epilepsy in the uk might bring a inaccurate finding [14].

2.7 Differential diagnosis

It is extremely essential to diagnose a case of epilepsy for an appropriate and timely therapeutic management. The diseases which are important for differential diagnosis of epilepsy includes syncope, transient ischemic attack, migraine, hyperventilation, narcolepsy, cataplexy, and nonepileptic seizures [15].

2.8 Prevention of epilepsy

Table (1) Summary of preventable causes of epilepsy and interventions [16].

| Cause | Estimated attributable fraction | Primary preventive measures |
|---|---------------------------------|--|
| Pre- and perinatal insults E.g. prematurity, fetal exposures to infections, toxins, cerebral haemorrhage or infarction, hypoxic - ischaemic ericephalopathy | 5% (HIC) 11% (LMIC) | Maternal and child health care systems with universally available: screening for pregnancy complications; trained birth attendants and hygienic birthing environments; referral to obstetrical and neonatal care as needed; and standardized protocols for care during the pre-, peri- and postnatal periods |
| Central nervous system infections E.g. bacterial meningitis, viral encephalitis, parasitosis | 2% (HIC) 5% (LMIC) | Communicable disease control programmes making universally available: immunizations for <i>H. influenzae b</i> , <i>N. meningitidis</i> and <i>S. pneumonlae</i> ; malaria control programmes in endemic areas; and hygienic pig husbandry programmes and human sanitary waste management |
| Traumatic brain injury E.g. attributable to road traffic collision, falls and violence | 5% (HIC) 4% (LMIC) | Multiple road traffic safety measures and programmes; fall prevention measures for children, older adults and high-risk occupations: violence prevention programmes |
| Stroke Cerebral infarction and haemorrhage | 12% (HIC) 3c70 (LMIC) | Individual interventions and community programmes to reduce cardiovascular risk factors: e.g. hypertension, diabetes mellitus, hyperlipidaemia, obesity and tobacco use |
| Total Combined pre- and perinatal insults, CNS infection, traumatic brain injury and stroke | 253 (HIC) 24% (LMIC) | See above |

2.9 Management of epilepsy

Patients with poor seizure control despite AED polytherapy should be referred to a specialist

multidisciplinary epilepsy clinic. Epilepsy surgery is a treatment option in these cases and may be curative or palliative [1].

Surgical options include implantation of a vagal nerve stimulator to reduce seizure frequency, curative respective surgery such as an anterior temporal lobectomy, or disconnective procedures that interrupt the propagation of seizures such as a corpus callosotomy or a multiple pial transection [1].

2.10 Prognosis for patients with epilepsy

On the individuals patients with a defined epilepsy aetiology, their prognosis will rely on upon those underlying result in. Patients with idiopathic infection epilepsy have an ordinary lifespan Assuming that their seizures would great controlled, in any case this falls whether seizure control is not attained. This reflects those higher occurrence of mishaps and suicides in this aggregation and likewise the danger of sudden passing unforeseen demise On epilepsy (SUDEP) [1].

SUDEP will be those sudden newborn child demise syndrome of a apparently sound unique with epilepsy, generally happening during, or instantly after, a tonic-clonic seizure. Those components are incompletely understood, Anyhow seizure-related respiratory depression, cardiovascular arrhythmias, cerebral depression, Also autonomic brokenness are the greater part embroiled [17].

Danger figures to SUDEP incorporate male sex, long span of epilepsy, incessant event for tonic-clonic seizures, What's more AED polytherapy. Patients ought further bolstering be counselled Furthermore provided for exhortation in regards medication What's more lifestyle decisions will stay away from poor seizure control What's more minimize those danger of SUDEP [1].

3. Pharmacology of antiepileptic drugs

3.1 Antiepileptic drugs (AEDs)

Epilepsy is one of the most common neurological diseases; its first-line treatment is the administration of antiepileptic drugs (AEDs) [18]. AED therapy should only be started once the diagnosis of epilepsy is confirmed. The decision to initiate AED therapy should be taken between the child, young person or adult, their family and/or carers (as appropriate) and the specialist after a full discussion of the risks and benefits of treatment. The AED treatment strategy should be individualised according to the seizure type, epilepsy syndrome, co-medication and co-morbidity, the child, young person or adult's lifestyle, and the preferences of the person and their family and/or carers as appropriate [1].

The AEDs are divided into first, second, and third generation AEDs. first-generation include AEDs [carbamazepine (CBZ), clobazam (CLB), clonazepam (CZP), ethosuximide (ETS), phenobarbital (PB),

phenytoin (PHT), sulthiame (STM), valproic acid (VPA)] and second-generation AEDs [felbamate (FBM), gabapentin (GPT), lamotrigine (LTG), levetiracetam (LEV), oxcarbazepine (OXC), pregabalin (PGB), tiagabine (TGB), topiramate (TPM), vigabatrin (GVG), zonisamide (ZNS) [19].

The most recently approved drugs, referred to as third-generation or newer AEDs, include eslicarbazepine acetate (ESL), lacosamide (LCS), perampanel (PER), retigabine (RTG), rufinamide (RUF), and stiripentol (STP). Most of the second- and third-generation AEDs are licensed as an adjunctive treatment of epilepsy [20].

3.2 Anesthetic drugs and epileptic patient

Numerous drugs used in anesthesia have potential drug interactions with anti-epileptic agents which can be highly detrimental during surgical procedures [3]. Also Many of the Anesthetic agents used possess both pro-convulsant and anticonvulsant properties, which could impact on the choice of anaesthetic agents [21].

3.3 anaesthetic agents

The effects of i.v. anaesthetic agents on the EEG are complex, but they are generally proconvulsant at low levels and anticonvulsant at doses used for general anaesthesia [1].

3.4 Local anesthetics

local anesthetics have pro-convulsant and anticonvulsant properties due to the stabilizing effect of the membrane. In small doses, local anesthetics reduce cerebral blood flow and metabolism, as well as brain electrical activity, and act as anticonvulsants, sedatives and analgesics, while at high doses it act as pro-convulsant drug, lowering the seizure threshold in the cerebral cortex, amygdala and hippocampus, leading to generalized convulsions [22].

The systemic toxicity associated with regional anesthesia is a cause of seizures in approximately 5/10.000 patients, which can be found even with local anesthetics for use later. It is more frequent with bupivacaine and those regional anesthesia techniques in which large doses of local anesthetics such as epidural and caudal are employed [10].

4. Perioperative management for patient with epilepsy

Perioperative mind of the patients with neurological sicknesses camwood a chance to be testing. The vast majority significant thought may be the oversaw economy Also understanding about pathophysiology of these issue and assessment of new neurological progressions that happen perioperatively. Perioperative by and large alludes will 3 stages from claiming surgery: preoperative, intraoperative, What's more postoperative [23].

The hazard of perioperative seizures is subject to benchmark control for patients for seizures What's more epilepsy (24). Anesthesia, metabolic derangements, medication regardless What's more liquor withdrawal, intracranial surgery, Also benchmark control for seizures are the factors creating seizures in perioperative patients. Seizures puckering intraoperatively might a chance to be

soporific related, Anyhow postoperative seizures need aid by not identified with the impacts from claiming anesthesia, which warrants examination in patients without obscure underlying epilepsy [23].

4.1 Preoperative assessment and premedication

In the preoperative oversight economy about epileptic patients, it may be important, At whatever point possible, an sufficient control of the disease, constantly key An watchful survey for restorative history, antiepileptic medications (AEDs), including dosages and adherence, seizure type, frequency, Furthermore date for mossycup oak late seizure [25], particularly for respect to the advancement of the disease, Components activating those seizures (fasting, stress, rest deprivation, liquor and drugs), Furthermore comorbidities Also their medication. The vicinity of mental retardation, hypotonia, Furthermore danger figures for desire Furthermore aviation route hindrance ought make inspected [12].

A preoperative assessment of the neurologist answerable for those tolerant is recommended, particularly on account from claiming later transforms clinched alongside infection advancement [26]. Those premedication will be as a rule conveyed crazy with the utilization of a benzodiazepine, midazolam continuously those the vast majority broadly utilized because of its powerful anticonvulsant What's more anxiolytic impacts. It will be imperative should underscore that some anticonvulsants, and the ketogenic diet could result in sedation Also connect for benzodiazepines [10].

4.2 Anesthetic considerations in epilepsy surgery

Patients with poor seizure control despite AED polytherapy should be referred to a specialist multidisciplinary epilepsy clinic. Epilepsy surgery is a treatment option in these cases [11].

Table (2) Proconvulsant and anticonvulsant effects of anesthetic agents in epileptic patients [27].

| Agent | Praconvulsant | Anticormulsant |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Intravenous agents | | |
| Thiopental | — | + |
| Iviethohexital | + | + |
| Et omi da tie | + | + |
| ketanaine | + | + |
| Propofol | | + |
| Ben zod iaze pin es | | + |
| In Ka lational agents | | |
| Nitrous Oxide | | — |
| Halo(ha ii e | + | + |
| Enfl u ran e | | + |
| Isoflurane | + | + |
| Sevoriurane | — | ? |
| Desilurane | — | + |

(+) — present, {•—} — it bs en t . (?) — Information nut available.
Proconvulsant .— Provoke seizures. Anticonvulsant-suppress status epilepticus.

4.2.1 Preoperative Localization of Epileptogenic Focus

Success of the epilepsy surgery depends on the precise localization of epileptogenic foci. A multidisciplinary approach with both noninvasive and invasive investigations is performed to identify the location of the seizure foci as well to determine the feasibility to resect the epileptogenic foci safely without major neurological or cognitive deficits [28].

5. Status epilepticus

Status epilepticus may be a standout amongst the the vast majority feared therapeutic emergencies which an anesthesiologist could experience Throughout crisis or elective surgery in an instance for known epileptic tolerant [3]. Status epilepticus might have been characterized Toward those global association Against epilepsy (ILAE) more than 20 quite some time back Concerning illustration An solitary epileptic seizure of >30 minutes span or an arrangement about epileptic

seizures Throughout which capacity is not regained the middle of ictalurus occasions On An 30 moment period [29].

The new recommended operational definition to status epilepticus Eventually Tom's perusing (ILAE) will be a state coming about whichever starting with the disappointment of the components answerable for seizure end alternately from the start for mechanisms, which prompt abnormally, prolonged seizures (after duration of the time perspective t1). It is a condition, which could bring long haul results (after the long haul side of the point t2), including neuronal death, neuronal injury, What's more modification from claiming neuronal networks, relying upon those sort Also span about seizures” table (11, 30).

5.1 Etiology

The main causes of status epilepticus are low blood concentrations of antiepileptic drugs in patients with chronic epilepsy (34%), metabolic causes (including hypoxia, electrolyte imbalance and alcohol and drug withdrawal) (30%) remote symptomatic causes (24%), cerebrovascular accidents (22%). Additionally in studies from India central nervous system infections contribute to 28–67% of the etiologies. No clear aetiology can be identified in 20% of cases [31].

5.2 Physiological changes seen in status epilepticus

During the first stage of convulsive status epilepticus (CSE), there is an increase in cerebral metabolism, increased blood flow, and increased glucose and lactate concentration. This is associated with massive catecholamine release, raised cardiac output, hypertension, tachycardia, and increased central venous pressure. These compensatory mechanisms prevent cerebral damage in the first 30–60 min [32].

Table (3) Drug administration details for CSE. Doses are i.v. unless stated otherwise [33].

| Drug | Dose | Other information |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Premonitory stage of status | | |
| Midazolam | 10 mg nasal or buccal | Dose can be repeated if necessary |
| Diazepam | 10-20 mg pl. or 0.2-0.3 mg kg ⁻¹ | Dose can be repeated if necessary |
| Early status epilepticus | | |
| Lora zepam | 0.1 mg kg ⁻¹ : or 4-8 mg i.v. bolus | Dose can be repeated if necessary |
| Diazepam | I.V.—same dose as above | |
| Established CSE | | |
| Phenytoin | 15-18 mg kg ⁻¹ loading dose given at 50 mg min ⁻¹ | Administer slowly through a large-bore cannula via a 0.2 grn filter, immediately after reconstitution |
| Phenobarbital | 10-15 mg kg ⁻¹ given at 100 mg min ⁻¹ | Risk of respiratory depression |
| Sodium | 25 mg kg ⁻¹ over 30 min ⁻¹ then 100 mg h ⁻¹ for 24 h | |
| Levetiracetam | 20-3000 mg day ⁻¹ Vaproate ¹⁰⁷ | |
| Refractory CSE | | |
| Thiopental | 100-250mg i.v. bolus (then 50 mg increments until seizures controlled) then 3-5 mg kg ⁻¹ h ⁻¹ | Adjust dose to maintain burst suppression. All will require intensive care and ventilatory support Titrate infusion doses to EEG burst suppression Corticosteroid replacement required if etomidate infusion is used |
| Midazolam | 0.1-0.3 mg kg ⁻¹ bolus then 0.05 -0.4 mg kg ⁻¹ h ⁻¹ infusion | Consider as an alternative to barbiturates |
| Propofol | 2 mg kg ⁻¹ i.v. bolus, then 5-10 mg kg ⁻¹ h ⁻¹ | |
| Ketamine | 0.4 mg kg ⁻¹ 1-1 then titrate up to response | Dose from case reports up to 7.5 mg kg ⁻¹ h ⁻¹ 109 |

5.3 Refractory status (30–60 min)

Refractory status epilepticus is defined as the failure of adequate doses of two intravenous drugs to stop seizures [31], is associated with a high risk of complications. These include tachyarrhythmias, pulmonary oedema, hyperthermia, rhabdomyolysis, and aspiration pneumonia. RSE has a high mortality rate and less than one-third of patients recover to their pre-morbid level of functioning [34].

In patients not responding to other measures, general anaesthesia should be induced and maintained with

midazolam, propofol, or barbiturates (thiopental or pentobarbital) [32].

Maintenance Therapy

Along with emergency treatment, attention must be given to maintenance AED therapy to prevent recurrence of seizures. In patients with known epilepsy, their usual AEDs must be continued and dose adjustments made by monitoring AED levels. In patients presenting with new onset of status epilepticus, the AEDs, phenytoin or valproic acid, which are given as an initial IV loading must be continued as oral maintenance therapy [35].

5.4 Non-convulsive status epilepticus

NCSE is the term applied to the finding of electrographic seizure patterns on EEG without clinically detectable seizure phenomena. In the intensive care setting, such patients are usually unconscious [36]. Such cases may represent advanced CSE, where the motor activity has become attenuated over time. This is a grave situation with almost uniformly poor outcome. A variety of acute neurological insults (encephalitis, stroke, trauma, and post-cardiac arrest) may also present with coma and electrographic seizures on EEG [37].

6. Summary

Epilepsy: A mind ailment characterized by whatever of the taking after conditions: in any event two unmerited (or reflex) seizures happening > 24 hours apart; person unmerited (or reflex) seizure and a likelihood about further seizures comparative of the general repeat danger (at minimum 60%) after two unmerited seizures, happening over the following 10 years; finding of an epilepsy syndrome.

It is greatly troublesome should affirm those accurate reason for epilepsy What's more just clinched alongside 25 35% of the patients, one camwood potentially be certain of the accurate etiology. Accompanying would few of the referred to reason for epilepsy Genetic, Trauma, Tumor, spoiling cerebral degeneration, cerebrovascular disease, different sclerosis,. Alcohol, metabolic issue.

Those standard administration about Grown-ups for An affirmed analysis for epilepsy will be antiepileptic pills treatment. Those AEDs are partitioned under In second, Furthermore third era AEDs.

There would paramount pharmacokinetic What's more pharmacodynamics connections between AEDs Also pills regularly utilized in anesthesia. These influence both medication regardless viability and the danger for seizure movement intraoperatively. Also a lot of people of the analgesic operators utilized have both pro-convulsant and anticonvulsant properties, which Might sway on the decision for soporific operators.

Surgical alternatives incorporate implantation of a vagal nerve stimulator to decrease seizure frequency, corrective particular surgery suchas ananterior fleeting lobectomy, alternately disconnective methods that intrude those propagationof seizures suchas a corpus callosotomy or An different pial transection. Status epilepticus ought to be figured out how Similarly as initial Likewise could be allowed as it may be connected with noteworthy horribleness Furthermore mortal sin. Benzodiazepines need aid the medication about decision for out-of-hospital medication. Since iv entry might not make could be allowed in the home setting, other modes of organization for example, rectal, buccal Furthermore nasal need aid encouraged.

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