Pharmacotherapy and Interventional pain management

Pain Management

- Pain is subjective
- Physical, Psychological, Social, Spiritual issues
- Treatment :- Understanding pathophysiology of pain (Neuropathic, Nociceptive or Mixed)

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs

- M.O.A.-Inhibits COX,
- Guidelines:Non selective NSAIDs,first line agent .
- Benefit vs risk ratio non selective NSAIDs
- Renal function monitoring,GIT effects.

PHARMACOTHERAPY

- Opioids with NSAIDs tramadol,codeine,hydrocodone,oxycodone
- CODEINE-Dose -30 to 60 mg every 4th hourly.

Activation by CYP2D6-Absent in 15%white population. Oral bioavailability 40%,peak effect in 1 hour.

TRAMADOL

- Mild to moderate nociceptive and neuropathic pain
- Dose -50 to 100 mg orally, every 4 to 6th .
- Maximum recommended dose-400mg/day
- Side effects-dizziness, nausea constipation.

ADJUVANTS

- TCAs- amitriptyline,10 to150mg
- SNRIs duloxetine,60mg/day
- Anticonvulsants-gabapentine,100 to1200mg ,max;3600mg
 Pregabalin,25 to 200 mg,max 600mg
 Carbamazepine,200 to 800mg,1600mg

Neuropathic pain

- Nerve compression
- Nerve injury
- Central pain.

NSAIDs and opioids – D.O.C.

TREATMENT PLAN

- STEP 1- Cortisones.
- STEP2- TCAs or anti-epileptic.
- STEP3- TCAs and anti-epilelptic.
- STEP4- NMDA receptor antagonist.
- STEP5-Spinal analgesia.

Nociceptive pain

- Cramps
- Somatic eg.soft tissue,bone pain.
- Visceral eg liver capsule pain.

-Muscle relaxant -NSAIDs +opioids

-Opoids+NSAIDs

Stimulation of nerve endings.

EQUIANALGESIC DOSE

- Morphine-10 mg
- Meperidine-100 mg
- Oxycodone-7.5 mg
- Methadone-10-20 mg
- Codeine-80 mg
- Tramadol-40 mg

Cancer Pain Syndromes

- Bone metastasis
- Tumor compression of an organ
- Plexopathies
- Peripheral neuropathies
- Postherpetic neuralgia
- Mucositis



Advanced Treatments

- Intraspinal opioid administration
- Radiofrequency ablation
- Vertebroplasty/kyphoplasty
- Neurolytic blocks
- Compounded medication

Intraspinal Opioids

- Intrathecal vs epidural opioid administration
- Dose conversion intrathecal to po 1mg : 300mg
- Implanted programmable pump with several programming options
- Fewer side effects

Intraspinal Opioids

Patient Selection: Intractable pain > 5/10
Daily PO MSO4 equivalent of > 200mg w/ or w/out intolerable SEs
Intolerable SEs @ lower doses

Radiofrequency Ablation

- High frequency, alternating current emitted through electrode placed w/in tumor via probe Tissue heated to 113° for 10-15 min
- 1st reported 1990
- Liver, lung, kidney, bone, heart, breast, adrenals
- Leads to cell death through heat

Radiofrequency Ablation

- Local tumor debulking w/ pain relief
- Percutaneous guided
- Outpatient
- No bone marrow exposure to external beam radiation
 Minimal SEs

Neurolytic blocks

Phenol 5%to 6%-painless injection
Alcohol 95%and above-painful.
Patient identification

Neurolytic Blocks

- Injection of alcohol or phenol to deaden the nerve causing pain
- Celiac plexus block (pancreatic CA, CA of upper abdomen);T12-L1

 Superior hypogastric plexus block (pelvic tumors),L5-S1

Partnering with Other Specialists for Pain Management

 Pain Management Specialist is valuable resource in pain physiology/ pharmacology & providing additional treatments

Interventional Radiologist is valuable resource in providing additional treatments

- T-Together
- E-Everyone
- A-Achieves
- M More

Pain management is TEAM work.





