



Short Note on Gastroesophageal Reflux in Premature Infants

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DESCRIPTION

Gastroesophageal Reflux (GER) is defined as the retrograde passage of the esophagus and possibly the stomach in the oral cavity, and if the annoying symptoms are sustained for these events, Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) [1-3]. Infant Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), there is various aerodigestive, cardiorespiratory and somatic symptoms. It is often unclear whether these symptoms are by GER an annoying symptom/addition that is tested by an observer with GERD with GERD is customary for NICU or non-verbal developed patients. Based on subjective definitions, the use of pharmacological and non-pharmacologic therapy is based on conventional practices. Conventional practical customary changes occur. Movement in many NICU defines acid suppressing therapy for the treatment of suspicion of GERD [4, 5]. These and other pharmacological approaches, including physiological and instability, are associated with heavy pumpkin and long-term effects [5, 6]. In addition, a therapy that has been used to use empirically and overwritten and used treatments, it increases effort and contributes to unintended long-term effects [7].

The symptoms includes hypersensitivity babies with reflux disease may appear noisy or irritable, especially after feeding. Pain seems to occur when the contents of the stomach are swallowed or exhaled up the esophagus. Food intolerance food intolerance is a common symptom of GERD. Some babies may need to use special formulas that are already partially digested to help the body digest faster and prevent milk residues from returning from the stomach. Underweight gain NICU premature babies are given a specific amount of milk calculated to ensure proper weight gain. However, at home, GERD babies may refuse to eat or take small doses if they have pain. Chronic Lung Problems GERD can exacerbate chronic lung disease and cause chronic lung problems. When food frequently regurgitates into the esophagus, some of the food may be inhaled into the lungs. It irritates sensitive lung tissue and can cause inflammation and coughing. Cardiopulmonary events in some infants, GERD can cause apnea or bradycardia. Many intensive care unit staff over estimate the number of apneas or bradycardia attacks caused by reflux, and many studies has shown that the majority of babies with reflux are more apnea than babies without reflux.

Several methods were used to diagnose GER in the preterm population, including contrast fluoroscopy, pH monitoring and Multichannel-Intraocular Impedance (MII) monitoring. Contrast fluoroscopy can be used to indicate reflux episodes, but it cannot be used clinically significant GER from slight GER. PH monitoring in the lower esophagus was used classically to diagnose old children and adult GERs. Reflux of acid stomach content results in a transient oxide in a lower esophagus. For joint measurement obtained from PH probe monitoring, there is a total number of reflux episodes, the duration of the lowest reflux episode, and "Reflux Index" (RI), which is a total recording time with a pH-esophageal pH<4. In pH studies, an RI>7% is considered abnormal. RI<3% and RIs between 3% and 7% are considered undefined. However, the sign of "abnormal" survey does not prove that the problem of problem is caused. Measuring esophageal pH is not a reliable method for diagnosing GER in preterm infants. Stomach pH rarely drops below 4 due to frequent breast feeding and elevated baseline pH. In addition, abnormal esophageal pH does not correlate well with the severity of symptoms. Other measurements studied include the presence of pepsin in saliva and the pH of oropharyngeal secretions. These measurements can correlate with acid reflux, which in cases correlates with the severity of symptoms.

Currently, the most accurate method of detecting GER is MII monitoring, often combined with simultaneous pH measurements. You can use 2MII to track the movement of liquids, solids, and air in the esophagus. Changes in electrical impedance are measured among multiple. MII can be used to distinguish whether a fluid bolus is moving antegrade (swallowing) or retrograde (retrograde) in the esophagus, and can be used to determine the amount of retrograde bolus. This is a reliable and reproducible method for diagnosing GER in preterm infants, which can be combined with a pH meter to determine if GER is acidic, weakly acidic, or alkaline. Measured 24-hour MII and pH in healthy preterm infants with a median postmenstrual age of 32 weeks. The average number of backflow episodes recorded in 24 hours was 71. 25.4% was acidic, 72.9% was weakly acidic, and 2.7% was alkaline. In particular, the pH of the stomach was above 4 at almost 70% of the recording time. Not surprisingly, the feeding period was associated with a high number of total reflux events per hour.

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In practice, GER is most commonly diagnosed in infants based on clinical and behavioral signs and/or response to studies with pharmacological or non-pharmacological interventions. Signs due to GER include food intolerance, growth retardation, apnea, desaturation and bradycardia. Exacerbation of lung disease and signs of non-specific behavior such as swelling, irritability and overt discomfort from food intake. However, there is no evidence that these signs are temporarily associated with the measured episodes of GER. MII/pH test signs (including hypersensitivity, bradycardia, and satiety or food intolerance) were rarely associated with documented reflux events. The general behavior of the score did not change during the episode of esophageal acidification. In addition, infants frequently exhibited GER-induced behaviors (apparent discomfort, head withdrawal, and “mouthing”) that were not related to GER episodes recorded at pH. These results suggest that preterm infant behavior, generally due to reflux disease, is not actually associated with GER and that treatment should not be based solely on clinical symptoms.

GER and GORD diagnosis and treatment considerations in NICU infants can be difficult. Symptoms of newborns are not as typical as older babies and children with GERD. Symptom-based diagnosis and empirical pharmacological therapy are not appropriate. Developmental pathologies and deficiencies in maturation in the mechanism of cause and improvement of GER may be associated with risk of GERD. If necessary, GERD structural abnormalities and risk factors need to be addressed. First, we need to focus on optimal nutrition, feeding practices, growth, conservative management, and sedation. Symptoms are non-specific and other etiologies and diagnoses disguised as GERD should be considered. Minimizing the use and duration of acid suppression therapy is reasonable and weighs the benefits and risks. Further studies of this high-risk infant population at NICU include screening, diagnostic algorithms, objective criteria, and non-pharmacological and drug treatments for objectively determined acidic or non-acidic GERD or its sequelae. There is an urgent need in connection with the physical approach.

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