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Background Duct dependent congenital heart disease (DDCHD) may be difficult to distinguish from other diagnoses, notably persistent pulmonary hypertension (PPHN). Affected infants born in regional hospitals require transfer to a tertiary paediatric centre for echocardiographic diagnosis. Identification of predictive factors to distinguish DDCHD would assist in appropriate early management during transport.

Aims To describe transport of infants with suspected DDCHD and investigate early predictors of DDCHD.

Methods A retrospective study of infants with suspected DDCHD/PPHN transferred by NETS. Clinical, physiological and investigation data were compared between DDCHD and non-DDCHD (including PPHN) groups.

Results Of 142 eligible infants, 81 had DDCHD and 61 had non-DDCHD, of whom 51 had PPHN. There was no significant difference in median gestation, birth weight, sex, or distance of transfer between DDCHD and non-DDCHD groups. DDCHD infants were more often transferred by air than land.

At univariate analysis, presence of heart murmur, abnormal pulses, upper and lower limb BP difference > 10 mmHg, cardiomegaly, initial SpO₂ of < 92% and pre-post ductal SpO₂ difference > 10% were significantly associated with DDCHD. Labile SpO₂, abnormal lung parenchyma, mean blood pressure < 40 mmHg, pH < 7.25, lactate > 5, PaO₂ < 50 mmHg and FiO₂ > 0.5 were significantly associated with non-DDCHD.

On multivariate analysis, only labile SpO₂ and mean BP < 40 mmHg were significantly associated with non-DDCHD.

Conclusion Labile saturations and mean BP < 40 mmHg at the time of referral were significantly associated with non-DDCHD/PPHN. Other clinical features and physiological measures did not distinguish DDCHD from non-DDCHD.

1144 CARDIAC INVOLVEMENT IN NEWBORN OF DIABETIC MOTHER: DIAGNOSIS AND FOLLOW UP OF EVOLUTION

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Objectives To present the main aspects of diagnosis and follow up of cardiac involvement in newborn of diabetic mothers (IDMs).

Methods/patients 84 IDMs investigated in the first week of life and re evaluated at 6–12 month (49), by clinical exam, ECG, cardiothoracic radiography (Rx.CT) and Doppler echocardiography (Echo). Fetal echo was performed in 38 cases.

Results Fetal Echo showed: cardiomegaly and myocardial hypertrophy of left ventricle (LV) (11 cases) confirmed by postnatal Echo. Clinical exam in newborn: macrosomia (40%), systolic murmur (32 cases), signs of heart failure (3), others being asymptomatic or non cardiac symptoms. ECG: LV hypertrophy (14 cases). Rx.CT: cardiomegaly (12). Echo showed: non obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCMP) with asymmetric IVS hypertrophy (42%), arterial pulmonary hypertension (6), LV diastolic dysfunction with normal systolic function (52%) and congenital cardiac anomalies in 17% cases. HCMP was not correlated with the type of mother's diabetes, before pregnancy or gestational, but rather to an inadequate control of disease. Control performed at 6–12 months (21 cases): normal morphological cardiac aspect (14) or significant reduction of HCMP (7), with normal diastolic and systolic LV function.

Conclusions IDMs presents a high risk for cardiac involvement, either cardiac congenital malformations (17%) or acquired cardiac pathology: HCMP (43%) and disturbances of diastolic function of LV (54%) and justify early cardiologic screening for all of these newborns with or without of cardiac suffering symptoms. Fetal and

post natak Echo are the most sensitive and noninvasive methods of diagnostic and follow up on IDMs cardiac diseases.

1145 EFFECTS OF IBUPROFEN ON CEREBRAL AND SOMATIC REGIONAL TISSUE OXYGENATION, USING NIRS IN PRETERM INFANTS WITH A SIGNIFICANT PDA

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Introduction To investigate the impact of a haemodynamically significant patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) and its treatment with ibuprofen on regional tissue oxygenation, both cerebral and somatic (gut) using near infrared spectroscopy (NIRS).

Method Prospective observational study in the neonatal intensive care unit of Rotunda Maternity Hospital from May 2011 to April 2012. Infants < 34 weeks and < 1500g with a haemodynamically significant PDA confirmed on echocardiogram by Consultant Paediatric Cardiologist (OF) were eligible for the study. The machine used was the Somanetics INVOS system. NIRS sensors were applied to the head and liver for a minimum of 5 hours pre and 12 hours post treatment. Control patients were infants who met the above criteria but had a contraindication to ibuprofen therapy.

Results Total of 18 recordings for 15 infants, 10 in treatment group and 8 in control group. 2 infants received ibuprofen on 2 occasions. 9 male, 6 female. The mean gestational age was 26.63 (23.71–28.12) weeks and birth weight 798(550–1230)grams. The average recording was 13.46 hours pre-treatment, 39.78 hours post treatment and 39.97 hours in the control group. The median [range] cerebral regional oxygenation (cRO) pre-treatment was 68 [60–79] and post treatment was 70 [56.6–78.5]. The median [range] somatic regional oxygenation (sRO) pre-treatment was 50 [15–79] and post treatment was 54 [15–69.5]. In the control group, the median [range] cRO was 69.75 [62–78] and sRO was 40 [14–71.5].

Conclusion There was no statistically significant difference in regional tissue oxygenation (cerebral and somatic) pre and post treatment with ibuprofen.

1146 PERFUSION INDEX VARIABILITY AND N-TERMINAL PRO-BRAIN NATRIURETIC PEPTIDE LEVELS BEFORE AND AFTER CARDIAC INTERVENTIONS IN CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

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Background and Aims Congenital heart diseases (CHD) are the most common life-threatening anomalies with significant morbidity and mortality in newborns. The aim of this study was to evaluate perfusion index variability (PI) and pro-Brain Natriuretic Peptide (NT-proBNP) levels before and after cardiac interventions.

Methods A prospective study was performed on hospitalized newborns diagnosed with CHD. Oxygen saturation (SaO₂), PI, heart rate and serum NT-proBNP levels were obtained before and 6th hour after cardiac interventions (catheterization or surgery) in all patients, by using Masimo Rainbow SET Radica 17 Monitor (Masimo Corp., Irvine, CA, USA). Duration of mechanical ventilation, morbidity and mortality rates were documented.

Results Thirty-four CHD diagnosed newborns were included. Pulmonary atresia (20.6%), aortic coarctation (14.7%), and transposition of great arteries (11.82%) are the most common diagnoses.