KERION: A NASTY SCALP INFECTION

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Background/Aims Kerion is a scalp condition that occurs in 10.1136/archdischild-2019-epa.910 UHL, Limerick, Ireland

Discussion There is no specific treatment for NPD. Orthoptopic liver transplantation in an infant with type A disease and cord blood transplantation in several type B NPD patients has been attempted with little or no success. BMT in a small number of type B NPD patients has been successful in reducing the spleen and liver volumes, the sphingomyelin content of the liver, the number of Niemann-Pick cells in the marrow, and radiologically detected infiltration of the lungs. ERT with recombinant human ASM is currently in clinical trials for the treatment of type B patients

Conclusion Niemann-Pick disease types A and B is estimated to affect 1 in 250,000 individuals. Chronic visceral ASMD could have a mild course with a relatively good outcome. Other factors such as environmental ones could contribute to the disease severity.

P576 JOINT MANIFESTATIONS AS A FORM OF ONSET IN CROHN’S DISEASE

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Crohn’s disease (CD) is an inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) of multifactorial etiology that affects all segments of the gastrointestinal tract and is associated with multiple extra-intestinal manifestations. Spondyloarthropathies are the most common extra-digestive manifestation of IBD’s. Spondyloarthropathies primarily involve the axial skeleton, but may also be associated with peripheral symptoms such as synovitis, dactylitis or enthesitis.

Objectives Case presentation of a teenager, aged 14, diagnosed with CD A1 L3L4B1p-score PCDAI 45, (November 2018) that presented with joint manifestations as a form of onset.

Case presentation The patient exhibits joint pain at the level of large joints of self-limiting character, as well as pain at the level of the costochondral joints associated with fever spikes. In recent history, over a period of two months, the patient presented up to 10 stools/day, without pathological features, with consecutive weight loss. An infectious etiology was suspected and empiric antibiotic treatment was instituted, with the evolution being unfavorable.

She is admitted to the clinic for further investigation and treatment. Biologically she presented: marked inflammatory syndrome, reactive thrombocytosis, hypochromic microcytic anemia, positive calprotectin. The suspicion of an IBD, is raised, multiple biopsies from the upper digestive tract being performed. The macro and microscopic appearance suggested Crohn’s disease in the stage of active lesions. Induction therapy with exclusive enteral nutrition (EEN) is established, as well as asazthioprine, to maintain remission. Evolution is favorable with the remission of joint symptoms in the first 2 weeks of EEN.

P578 INTRAVENOUS MAGNESIUM SULPHATE INFUSION IN THE MANAGEMENT OF SEVERE TETANUS: A CASE SERIES

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Background Tetanus is still prevalent in developing countries. In the management of tetanus, eradication of bacteria from the wound and neutralization of remaining toxins are detrimental. However, supportive management especially control of muscle spasm and airway protection is equally important. We
report the use of intravenous magnesium sulphate in two cases of severe tetanus at our centre.

**Case report** Case 1. A 1-year-old unimmunised Indonesian boy presented with one week history of lethargy and reduced oral intake with multiple episodes arching of back and limbs stiffness. We achieved good spasm control with intravenous Magnesium Sulphate, Diazepam, Phenytoin and oral Baclofen. He was asymptomatic upon discharge, with no neurological deficit. Both patients received intramuscular Tetanus Toxoid and Tetanus Immunoglobulin.

**Case 2.** A 2-year-old unimmunised Burmese-Indonesian girl presented with 3 days history of neck stiffness, trismus, abdominal rigidity and opisthotonus position. She had no autonomic dysfunction. She required intravenous (IV) infusion of Magnesium Sulphate, and high doses of IV Midazolam, Diazepam, Baclofen and Chlorpromazine to control her spasm. She underwent tracheostomy after 30 days of mechanical ventilation. She was spasm free after 39 days of treatment and all medications were gradually weaned off. She was discharged home after 83 days of admission with tracheostomy but with no neurological deficit. Both patients did not develop any autonomic dysfunction and magnesium toxicity.

**Conclusion** The use of intravenous Magnesium sulphate infusion was proven to be beneficial in achieving muscle spasm control in both patients, sparing the use of paralyzing agent and mechanical ventilation in one of the patients. However, monitoring for magnesium toxicity remains a challenge.

P579 **TWO CASES OF HYPOTHALAMIC HAMARTOMA: CORRELATION BETWEEN CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS AND IMAGING FEATURES**

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Hypothalamic hamartomas are rare neuronal migration anomalies (incidence 1–2 per 100 000 newborn). These benign malformations are morphologically divided into sessile and pedunculated.

Over the past 2 years in our clinic two patients with both morphological forms were diagnosed by using MR imaging.

We report the case of a newborn, who presented with moderate seizures in NICU department. MRI was performed to assess severity of brain damage due to assumed HIE. Sessile hypothalamic hamartoma 1 cm in diameter was an incidental finding. Patient also had a minor intraventricular hemorrhage. On follow-up examination in a year hamartoma increased in size, however its relative size to the brain was the same. Few episodes of seizures (with gelastic component) were noted during the first year of life. No evidence of precocious growth.

A 12-year-old girl presented with signs of precocious puberty. Routine MR imaging of the brain showed large pedunculated hamartoma instead of presumed pituitary microadenoma. Neurological signs, seizures are absent.

According to these cases, clinical phenotypes and morphological types of hamartomas are highly correlated. Accurate prognosis and proper treatment can be provided for the patients with similar forms of malformations.

P580 **PARENTS PERSPECTIVE ON INTRODUCING NASOGASTRIC TUBE FEEDING AT HOME FOR BABIES WITH BRONCHIOLITIS**

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**Introduction** Telephone interviews with parents were conducted as part of a hospital-wide, multi-professional pilot project to introduce nasogastric tube (NGT) feeding at home for babies with feeding difficulties due to bronchiolitis, with the aims of improving parent experience, shortening length of stay in hospital and empowering parents to participate in their child’s care.

**Method** We identified 42 patients who met our inclusion criteria of being admitted to hospital for NGT feeding due to bronchiolitis from September 2017 – March 2018. A survey letter to parents explained the project intentions, reason for the interviews and an option to opt out.

The interview comprised 5 closed questions, followed by open questions to explore the answers. Questions were targeted at understanding ideas, concerns and expectations of the proposed project, with respect to parents’ previous hospital experience.

**Key response themes** Overall response to the project was positive, with the concept of NGT feeding at home being welcomed by most interviewees. Reasons included being able to care for baby in a relaxed environment with less disruption to daily routine, feeling empowered and reduced risk of exposure to other infections in hospital. 18 interviewees said they would take up the offer to be NGT trained in order to increase the likelihood of early discharge from hospital, provided sufficient training was provided. Negative reasoning included their baby being too young, being first time parents, or previous bad experiences with their baby pulling out the NGT or being very unwell with bronchiolitis.

Parents’ main concerns revolved around points of contact outside weekday hours, especially for accessing trouble-shooting advice (e.g. NGT blockage/dislodgement). Interviewees were asked for views on how they could feel comfortable and supported at home, with the main themes including 24-hour contact (including a pathway for trouble-shooting) and written material. The proposition of training packs to be given as part of the service, covering these matters, was welcomed.

All parents were happy to have a member of the community nursing team contact them and/or visit them at home to give advice and support in managing NGT feeds at home.

**Outcome** These responses were shared at the final multi-professional meeting for the project, which included representatives of hospital management. This contributed to approval and progression of the pilot project which ran from October 2018 to March 2019.

P581 **THE IMPACT OF HAVING PEDIATRIC CLOSE OBSERVATION BEDS: A CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY**

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**Objective** To determine the importance of Paediatric Close Observational Beds (COBs) in the treatment of sick children