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PATHOLOGY OF HEART

TOPIC : ANGINA AND ITS TYPES & MANAGEMENT



Angina Pectoris



- Type of **chest pain**
- Not a disease, its a symptom of an underlying heart problem specially IHD
- Described as 'heavy', 'tight' or 'gripping'.
- Mild ache to most severe that provokes **sweating and fear.**
- Associated breathlessness





Angina Pectoris



- Angina pectoris is a clinical syndrome of IHD resulting from transient myocardial ischemia.
- It is characterised by paroxysmal pain in the **sub-sternal or precordial region** of the chest which is aggravated by an increase in the demand of the heart







Radiation of Pain



The pain radiates to the,

- Left arm
- Neck
- Jaw
- Right arm.



It is more common in men past 5th decade of life.





Patterns of Angina



There are 3 overlapping clinical patterns of angina pectoris with some differences in their pathogenesis:

- Stable or typical angina
- Prinzmetal's variant angina
- Unstable or crescendo angina





Stable or typical angina



- This is the most common pattern.
- Stable or typical angina is characterised by attacks of pain following physical exertion or emotional excitement and is relieved by rest.





Pathogenesis



Chronic stenosing coronary atherosclerosis

Workload of the heart increases Hypo-perfusion of myocardium





Identification



- There is **depression of ST segment** in the ECG due to poor perfusion of the sub-endocardial region of the left ventricle
- But there is no elevation of enzymes in the blood as there is no irreversible myocardial injury.





Prinzmetal's variant angina



This pattern of angina is characterised by **pain at rest** and has no relationship with physical activity.





Pathogenesis



- The exact pathogenesis of Prinzmetal's angina is not known.
- Coronary atherosclerosis & or may be due to release of hormonal vasoconstrictors by mast cells in the coronary adventitia

• Sudden vasospasm of a coronary trunk

- Vascular smooth muscle and hyperactivity of coronary arteries
- Imbalance between vagus and sympathetic tone will precipitate spasm



Identification



- ECG shows **ST segment elevation** due to transmural ischemia.
- These patients respond well to vasodilators like nitroglycerin.







Unstable or crescendo angina



- Also referred to as **'pre-infarction angina'** or **'acute coronary insufficiency'**, this is the most serious pattern of angina.
- It is characterised by more frequent onset of pain of prolonged duration and **occurring often at rest.**
- It is thus indicative of an impending acute myocardial infarction.





Pathogenesis



Multiple factors are involved in the pathogenesis of unstable angina

- Stenosis of coronary atherosclerosis
- Complicated coronary plaques (e.g. superimposed thrombosis, haemorrhage, rupture, ulceration etc.,)
- Platelet thrombi over atherosclerotic plaques
- Vasospasm of coronary arteries.



Identification



Acute MI characterised by ST segment elevation while unstable angina may have **non-ST segment elevation MI**.

Resting ECG

The most convincing evidence of myocardial ischemia - reversible ST segment depression or elevation, with or without T-wave inversion, at the time the patient is experiencing symptoms





Investigation



Exercise ECG

- Exercise tolerance test (ETT) standard treadmill or bicycle while monitoring the patient's ECG, BP and general condition.
- **Planar or down-sloping** ST segment depression of ≥ 1mm is indicative of ischemia
- **Up-sloping** ST depression is less specific and often occurs in normal individuals



Investigation



Other forms of stress testing

- Myocardial perfusion scanning
- Stress echocardiography

Coronary arteriography

- Detailed anatomical information about the extent and nature of coronary artery disease
- Indicated when non-invasive tests have failed to establish the cause of atypical chest pain
- Under local anaesthesia
- Requires specialised radiological equipment, cardiac monitoring and an experienced operating team





Medical management



Antiplatelet therapy

- Low-dose (75 mg) aspirin
- Clopidogrel (75 mg daily)

Anti-anginal drug treatment

- Nitrates
- β-blockers
- calcium antagonists
- potassium channel activators







Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)

- Passing a fine **guide-wire** across a **coronary stenosis** under radiographic control
- **Balloon** is placed and then inflated to dilate the stenosis
- Then a coronary stent is deployed on a balloon
 maximise and maintain dilatation of a stenosed vessel
 reduces both acute complications and the incidence of clinically important restenosis
- Mainly used in single or two-vessel disease





CABG (Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting)



- Stenosed artery is by-passed with
 -internal mammary arteries
 -radial arteries
- -reversed segments of the patient's own **saphenous vein**
- Major surgery under cardiopulmonary bypass





ASSESSMENT



- What is Angina?
- What are the types of Angina?
- What ECG Changes can be seen in Myocardial Infarction?



THANK YOU



Reference:

Text book of Pathology, Harsh Mohan