

PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- At the conclusion of this talk, the learner will be able to:
 - Identify illnesses that predominate with rash and fever
 - Distinguish bullous from non-bullous impetigo and how their treatments differ
 - Differentiate causes, treatment modalities and prognosis for meningitis and encephalitis
 - Manage wheezing in the context of bronchiolitis
 - List the common etiologies of osteomyelitis and infectious arthritis in children







MEASLES (RUBEOLA)

- Single-stranded RNA paramyxovirus
- Infects the upper respiratory tract and regional lymph nodes
- Virus is passed through respiratory secretions, blood and urine



- Four phases
 - Incubation
 - Prodromal (catarrhal)
 - Exanthemous (rash)
 - Recovery



- Incubation Phase
 - 8 to 12 days from exposure to onset of symptoms



- Prodromal Phase
 - Cough
 - Coryza
 - Conjunctivitis
 - Koplik spots



- Exanthemous Phase
 - High fever
 - Rash spreads in a cephalad to caudal manner
 - Patients may develop cervical lymphadenopathy, splenomegaly and mesenteric lymphadenopathy with abdominal pain



- Work Up
 - Leukopenia
 - Thrombocytopenia
 - Serologic testing for IgM antibodies confirms clinical diagnosis



- Treatment
 - Maintain hydration
 - Antipyretics
 - Supplemental Vitamin A



- Complications
 - Otitis Media
 - Pneumonia
 - Encephalomyelitis
 - Activation of latent TB
 - Myocarditis (rare)
 - Mesenteric Lymphadenitis (rare)
 - Subacute Sclerosing Panencephalitis



- Also known as the German measles/3-day measles
- Single-stranded RNA virus with a glycolipid envelope
- Invades the respiratory epithelium and disseminates via primary viremia



- Presentation
 - Incubation period is typically 16-18 days
 - Mild prodromal symptoms may go unnoticed
 - Retroauricular, posterior cervical and posterior occipital lymphadenopathy with rash are characteristic
 - Forchheimer spots
 - Rash



Work Up

- Routine labs are non-specific and generally not helpful
- Diagnosis is confirmed by serology testing for IgM antibodies or by a fourfold or greater increase in specific IgG antibodies
- Cases should be reported to the health department immediately



- Treatment
 - Supportive care
 - Maintain hydration
 - Antipyretics



- Complications
 - Rare postnatally
 - Congenital Rubella Syndrome
 - Intrauterine growth retardation
 - Cataracts
 - Deafness
 - Neurologic deficits
 - PDA



- Caused by HHV-6 and HHV-7
- Enveloped doubled stranded DNA viruses
- Infect mature mononuclear cells
- Transplacental protection until about 6 months of age
- Essentially all children are seropositive by 2-3 years old



• Presentation

- High fever starts abruptly and lasts 3-5 days
- Fever ceases then rash appears
- Rash lasts 1-3 days but is not present in all infants with HHV-6 infection
- URI and GI symptoms can occur



- Work Up
 - Routine labs are non-specific and generally not helpful
 - HHV DNA detection via PCR



- Treatment
 - Supportive Care
 - Maintain Hydration
 - Antipyretics



- o Caused by human parvovirus B19, a single stranded DNA virus
- Produces a benign exanthem in healthy children
- Causes aplastic crises in patients with hemolytic anemias
- Causes fetal anemia and hydrops fetalis if acquired during pregnancy



• Presentation

- Incubation period is usually 4-14 days
- Initially patients will have non-specific symptoms such as fever, headache, malaise and myalgias
- Rash generally appears 7-10 days later
- Transient aplastic crisis



- Work Up
 - Mild leukopenia early
 - Parvovirus B19 can be identified by PCR



Treatment

- Supportive care
- Transfuse transient aplastic crises
- IV immunoglobulin for immunocompromised patients with severe anemia
- Intrauterine transfusion for hydrops fetalis



- Complications
 - Prognosis is generally excellent
 - Fatalities associated with aplastic crises are rare
 - Greatest risk is to pregnant women







- Staphylococcus aureus or group A Streptococcus
- Non-bullous versus Bullous
- Fever is uncommon
- Most commonly on face and extremities



DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

- Non-Bullous Impetigo:
 - Contact dermatitis
 - Tinea
 - Eczema
 - Herpetic infection

- Bullous Impetigo:
 - Bullous pemphigoid
 - Drug eruption
 - Varicella
 - Burns



- o Ecthyma
- Cellulitis



- Treatment
 - Cephalexin
 - Clindamycin if MRSA suspected
 - Outbreaks
 - Coinfection with scabies



- Outbreaks
- Co-infection with scabies
- Follow up
- Return to school







MENINGITIS

- Inflammation of the leptomeninges
- Bacterial, viral and fungal (rare) etiologies
- Historic bacterial etiologies were Haemophilus influenzae, Streptococcus pneumoniae and Neisseria meningitides
- Staphylococcus aureus meningitis occurs mainly in those who have undergone neurosurgery or suffered penetrating head trauma



MENINGITIS

 Viral meningitis is primarily caused by enteroviruses and parechoviruses



MENINGITIS

- Epidemiology
 - Incidence of bacterial meningitis is highest among children less than one year of age
 - Native Americans, Alaskan Natives and Australian Aboriginals are disproportionately affected



- Presentation
 - Preceding URI type symptoms are common
 - Symptoms
 - HA, nausea, stiff neck, lethargy, photophobia, vomiting, fever
 - Kernig's/Brudzinski's signs in children older than 12 months
 - Infant presentation



- Presentation
 - Illness progression
 - Papilledema uncommon



- Work Up
 - Lumbar Puncture
 - CSF analysis includes WBC count, differential, protein and glucose levels and a Gram stain
 - CSF culture can determine specifics
 - CBC
 - Leukocytosis



- Differential Diagnosis
 - Encephalitis
 - Hemorrhage
 - Rheumatic diseases
 - Malignancies
 - Intracranial Brain Abscess



- Treatment
 - IV Antibiotics
 - Empiric treatment until susceptibilities obtained
 - Duration of treatment
 - N. meningitidis: 5-7 days
 - H. influenzae: 7-10 days
 - S. pneumoniae: 10-14 days
 - Dexamethasone
 - Supportive therapy



- Complications and Prognosis
 - Subdural effusions
 - Persistent fever
 - Mortality rate (even with proper antibiotics)
 - \circ S. pneumoniae : 25%
 - N. meningitidis: 15%
 - H. influenzae: 8%
 - 35% of survivors encounter some sequelae



- Prevention
 - Vaccination
 - H. influenzae and S. pneumoniae beginning at 2 months of age
 - Quadrivalent vaccine against *N. meningitidis* for adolescents, college freshman, military personnel and for people who travel to endemic areas
 - Chemoprophylaxis for close contacts of the index case



- Inflammatory process of the brain parenchyma leading to cerebral dysfunction
- May be diffuse or localized
- Two mechanisms
- Viruses are the primary cause
- Subacute encephalitis may result from HIV, measles, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease



- Epidemiology
 - Arboviral and enteroviral etiologies
 - Arbovirus is limited to certain geographic areas
 - California encephalitis
 - Eastern equine encephalitis virus
 - Western equine encephalitis virus
 - West Nile Virus



- Presentation
 - Prodromal, non-specific symptoms
 - Progresses to lethargy, behavioral changes and neuro deficits
 - Seizures are common



- Work Up
 - CSF
 - EEG is definitive
 - Neuroimaging
 - Serologic testing
 - Viral cultures
 - PCR
 - Brain biopsy



- Differential Diagnosis
 - Reye's Syndrome
 - Hypoglycemia
 - Collagen vascular disorders
 - Drugs
 - Hypertension
 - Malignancies

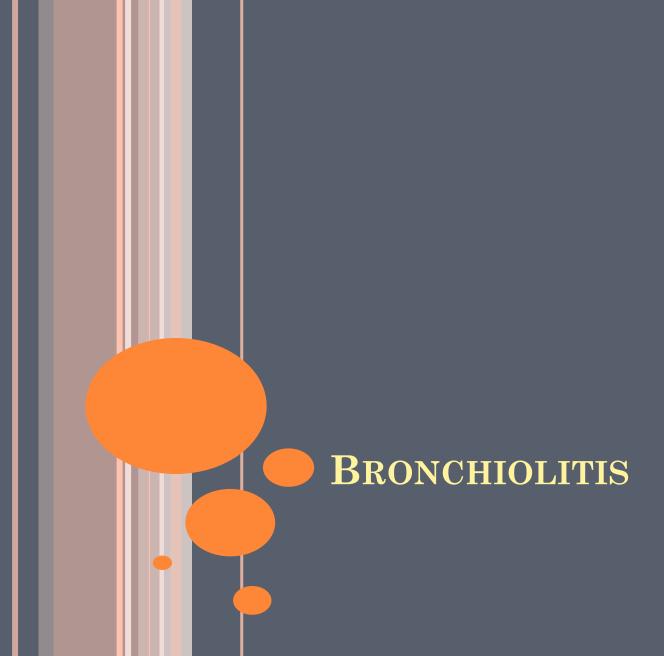


- Treatment
 - Specific treatment for HSV, varicella-zoster, cytomegalovirus and HIV
 - Otherwise, no particular therapy for viral encephalitis
 - Reduce ICP and maintain adequate cerebral perfusion pressure



- Complications and Prognosis
 - Overall mortality is 5%
 - Symptoms usually resolve after 2-3 weeks
 - HSV and Eastern equine encephalitis etiologies have a worse prognosis







BRONCHIOLITIS

- Respiratory tract inflammation with airway obstruction resulting from swelling of the bronchioles
 - Leads to inadequate expiratory flow
- RSV is the primary cause



BRONCHIOLITIS

- Epidemiology
 - Leading cause of hospitalization in infants
 - Approximately 50% of children will have bronchiolitis by age 2
 - Peak presentation of 2-6 months old
 - Males are affected 1.5:1 to females



Bronchiolitis

- Presentation
 - Cough
 - Coryza
 - Rhinorrhea
 - Audible wheezing
 - Low grade fever



BRONCHIOLITIS

- Work Up
 - Monitor pulse ox
 - Cardiorespiratory monitoring
 - Routine lab tests are not helpful
 - Antigen or PCR tests for etiology
 - CXR often shows hyperinflation from air trapping
 - Lung ultrasound



BRONCHIOLITIS

- Differential Diagnosis
 - Reactive airway disease
 - Foreign body aspiration
 - Congenital airway obstructive lesion
 - Cystic fibrosis
 - Bronchopulmonary dysplasia
 - PNA
 - GERD



Bronchiolitis

- Treatment
 - Control fever
 - Maintain hydration
 - Upper airway suctioning
 - Oxygen if needed



BRONCHIOLITIS

- Complications/Prognosis
 - Most hospitalized children improve within 2-5 days
 - Apnea is a major concern for young infants
 - 1-2% mortality rate



BRONCHIOLITIS

Prevention

- Monthly injections of Palivizumab for children with chronic lung disease, very low birth weight or hemodynamically significant chronic heart disease
- Influenza vaccine
- Maternal vaccine



OSTEOMYELITIS INFECTIOUS ARTHRITIS



- Infection of the bone
- Hematogenous osteomyelitis
- Subacute osteomyelitis
- Chronic osteomyelitis



- Subacute focal bone infections
- Pseudomonas chondritis
- Sickle cell disease



- Epidemiology
 - Most common in children 3-12 years old
 - Affects males 2:1



- Presentation
 - Focal pain
 - Point tenderness to the bone
 - Warmth
 - Erythema
 - Swelling



- Work Up
 - Blood cultures
 - Needle aspiration
 - ESR/CRP
 - Plain films
 - MRI



- Treatment
 - IV antibiotics
 - Tailored to the culprit
 - Surgical debridement in severe cases
 - Antibiotics for a minimum of 4-6 weeks



- Complications/Prognosis
 - Complications are uncommon
 - Young children more likely to experience septic arthritis
 - Approx. 4% of infections recur



- AKA septic arthritis
- Source and offending organism vary with age
- Epidemiology
 - Occurs most commonly in children under 5 and adolescents



Presentation

- Erythema, warmth, swelling and tenderness over the affected joint
- Palpable effusion
- Decreased ROM
- Lower extremity joints are most common



- Work Up
 - Arthrocentesis
 - Leukocytosis as well as elevated ESR and CRP
 - Ultrasound
 - MRI



Treatment

- Surgical drainage + antibiotics
- Neonates: nafcillin and cefotaxime
- Children 3 mo to 5 yrs: staph aureus coverage
- Consider immunization status when selecting antibiotics
- Duration of therapy depends on the severity of the infection



- Complications/Prognosis
 - Generally good if joint is aspirated before the articular cartilage is affected



TAKE HOME POINTS

- Febrile illness with rash is common in children, and often treated symptomatically
- Steroids and bronchodilators are not indicated in the treatment of bronchiolitis as they have not been shown to impact on bronchiolitic wheezing
- Causes of osteomyelitis and infectious arthritis are similar, based upon the child's age
- Routine childhood immunizations are important and can prevent deadly disease processes



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