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WELCOME MESSAGE

A warm welcome to all and thank you for your ongoing support and participation towards ASMIC 2021. Despite the immense workload during the COVID-19 pandemic, I commend your efforts for continuous education. We hope that, the programme, though moved to a virtual platform, will still be a rewarding and pleasant 'learning' experience.

The challenges faced in the last one year have been extraordinary, painful and humbling. Many of us have felt the tribulations of this pandemic on a personal level and its devastation on the community we cherish. Some of its effects may already be evident in some of us and in the future, more may register symptoms of distress from this experience. We have dedicated a symposium to workplace welfare and nurturing; and another on ethical dilemmas that the pandemic has raised. We hope you will gain clarity and new skills necessary to navigate through these experiences.

But what we must celebrate now is our collective greatness - of team work, of adaptability, of determination and of courage. We can celebrate this by uploading our images as tributes to our colleagues and friends during this great battle. And this sharing will be for all to esteem.

Our paediatric faculty have also put up a rich and compact programme with many renowned speakers. COVID-19 has not spared the paediatric population. A plenary and a symposium have also been dedicated for this. Likewise, a symposium has been devoted to nurses for their roles in the care of critically ill COVID-19 patients.

Lastly, I would like to thank the pharmaceutical industry for their unceasing support and contribution to the success of ASMIC 2021. Please visit the virtual exhibition hall. Prizes await those who diligently do so.

Sit back in a comfortable nook and enjoy the conference.

Dr Louisa Chan Yuk Li Organising Chairperson Annual Scientific Meeting on Intensive Care 2021

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Date Time	3 rd September 2021 (Friday)		4 th September 2021 (Saturday)		5 th September 2021 (Sunday)			
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DAILY PROGRAMME 3rd September 2021 (Friday)

0900 - 1040	Hall 1	0900 - 1040	Hall 2	0900 - 1040 Hall 3	
SYMPOSIUM 1		SYMPOSIUM 2		SYMPOSIUM 3	
Sepsis		Paediatrics: Endocrine and	1	Intensive Care Nursing I	
Chairperson:	1 1 **	Cardiac		Chairperson:	
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Immunothrombo			(a abild	Post cardiac arrest care: Sedation	
sepsis pathoger Alison Fox-Ro	nesis and diagnosis	Pearls in the management of a child with DKA <i>Anis Siham Zainal Abidin</i>		and temperature management <i>Ismail Tan Mohd Ali Tan</i> Preventing pressure ulcer in ICU. What else?	
Fluids versus va					
septic shock - L Andrew Udy	ess is more	Dysnatraemias in the PICU Pon Kah Min		Hasimah Zainol	
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	- A balanced view	Myocarditis and cardiomyopa Ani Suraya Abdul Ghani	atny	Optimizing sleep in the ICU: Role of nurses	
of life, death and our ability to alter outcomes <i>Mervyn Singer</i>		5		Noryani Mohd Samat	
		Management of cardiac arrh	ythmias	5	
<i>v</i> 0		in the PICU Soo Kok Wai		Practical application of NIV and HFOT	
Vitamin C in septic shock - Where does the evidence leave us?				Foong Kit Weng	
Andrew Udy		Q&A session		0 0	
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1120 - 1150	PLENARY 1 Chairperson: Noo Medico-legal imp Mohamed Hassan	plications in the ICU			
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1150 - 1220 PLENARY 2 Chairperson: *Noor Airini Ibrahim* COVID-19 effects on the kidney *Lui Forni*

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DAILY PROGRAMME 3rd September 2021 (Friday)

1220 - 1250 PLENARY 3

Chairperson: *Noor Airini Ibrahim* Immunomodulatory therapies for COVID-19 - Two sides to every coin *Mervyn Singer*

1250 - 1315 Break / Virtual booth / Friday prayers

1315 - 1415 Satellite Symposium (Sanofi-Aventis)

VTE risk prediction in ICU Lee Chew Kiok

Interactive case discussion: Balancing antithrombotic efficacy and bleeding risk in VTE

Lee Chew Kiok

1430 - 1610	Hall 1	1430 - 1610	Hall 2	1430 - 1610	Hall 3
SYMPOSIUM 4		SYMPOSIUM 5		SYMPOSIUM 6	
Workplace Welfare		Haemodynamics		Paediatrics: Respiratory	
Chairperson:		Chairperson:		Chairperson:	
Tai Li Ling		Premela Naidu Sitaram		Pon Kah Min	
Health care professional burn	out -	Are we ready for noninvasive		Patient-ventilator dyssynchro	ony:
The individual or the system		haemodynamic monitoring?		How does it matter?	
Adrian Wong		Thomas Scheeren		Gan Chin Seng	
Resilience - Individual perform	nance	Haemodynamic effects of rena	al	PARDS: Targets for oxygena	ition
optimisation		replacement therapy		and ventilation	
Charley Greentree		Lui Forni		Rujipat Samransamruajk	eit (
Moral distress among health of	care	Hypotension prediction index	- A	What is important? Tidal volu	umes
professionals		new haemodynamic monitorin	ng tool	or driving pressures?	
Sheila Gopal Krishnan		Thomas Scheeren		Arun Bansal	
Building resilience into your		Distributive shock - Novel the	rapies	Setting PEEP in PARDS: Is f	there
workplace		Basri Mat Nor		a recipe?	
Charley Greentree		Q&A session		Reinout Mildner	
Q&A session				Q&A session	

1610 - 1655 **Satellite Symposium (Grifols)** Fluid resuscitation and hemodynamic support in sepsis and ARDS Antonio Artigas Raventos

- 1700 1735 Best Poster Presentation Chairperson: Gan Chin Seng
- 1735 1810 **T Sachithanandan Oral Free Paper Presentation** Chairperson: *Gan Chin Seng*

DAILY PROGRAMME 4th September 2021 (Saturday)

0830 - 0900

PLENARY 4

Chairperson: Foong Kit Weng COVID-19 ARDS: Is it different? Laurent Brochard

0900 - 1040 Hall 1	0900 - 1040 Hall 2	0900 - 1040 Hall 3
SYMPOSIUM 7	SYMPOSIUM 8	SYMPOSIUM 9
Ventilation	Paediatrics: Neurocritical Care	Intensive Care Nursing II:
Chairperson:	Chairperson:	Caring for the COVID-19 Patients
Foong Kit Weng	Lee Pei Chuen	Chairperson:
Spontaneous breathing in ARDS	Protocolised neurocritical care:	Asmah Zainudin
Takeshi Yoshida	What does it mean for my patient?	COVID-19 Infection and HCW:
	Justin Wang	Practical aspects
Measuring lung recruitability: Why and how?	The basics of continuous EEG	Wan Nasrudin Wan Ismail
Laurent Brochard	Fong Choong Yi	Prone positioning in COVID-19
PEEP in ARDS: Not too high, not	What's new in paediatric stroke	Asmah Zainudin
too low	management?	Challenges in sedation of
Takeshi Yoshida	Wong Sau Wei	COVID-19 patients
Proning for all ARDS?	New therapies for the	Shanti Rudra Deva
Lim Chew Har	encephalopathies	Tackling the psychosocial aspect of
	Arun Bansal	COVID-19: Patient and family
Q&A session	111 111 19411344	Azmin Huda Abdul Rahim
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- 1040 1045 Break / Virtual booth
- 1045 1115 Satellite Symposium (Fresenius Medical Care) CiCa usage among COVID-19 patient Manish Kaushik
- 1115 1145 Satellite Symposium (Baxter) Chairperson: Basri Mat Nor Extracorporeal therapies beyond boundaries? Nattachai Srisawat

1145 - 1215 PLENARY 5

Chairperson: *Nabla Irtiza Ismail* Fluids and the impact on the abdomen *Manu Malbrain*

DAILY PROGRAMME 4th September 2021 (Saturday)

1215 - 1245 PLENARY 6

Chairperson: *Nabla Irtiza Ismail* Physician heal yourself: Intensivists need to consider wellness training *Alison Fox-Robichaud*

1245 - 1300 Break / Virtual booth

1300 - 1400 Satellite Symposium (*Pfizer*) Management of MDR gram-negative bacterial infections in ICU *David P Nicolau*

1400 - 1540Hall 1SYMPOSIUM 10FluidsFluidsChairperson:Premela Naidu Sitaram	1400 - 1540Hall 2SYMPOSIUM 11RespiratoryChairperson:Louisa Chan Yuk Li	1400 - 1540 Hall 3 SYMPOSIUM 12 Paediatrics: Managing the Child with COVID-19 Chairperson:
Fluid therapy - how to optimise <i>Manu Malbrain</i>	Non-invasive respiratory support in COVID-19 Sbeila N Myatra	Lina Lim Using non-invasive ventilation Rujipat Samransamruajkit
Remember fluid deresuscitation <i>Adrian Wong</i> Albumin for fluids - Key points	Patient and ventilator dysynchrony in the COVID-19 patient <i>Dimitrios Georgopoulos</i>	Lung protective ventilation: Knowns and unknowns <i>Martin Kneyber</i>
<i>Mohd Ridhwan Md Nor</i> Fluid therapy stewardship <i>Adrian Wong</i>	Personalised medicine through biological phenotyping of ARDS <i>Charlotte Summers</i>	Recommended therapies for MIS-C <i>Jonathan Lillie</i>
Q&A session	Neuromuscular blockade in ARDS <i>Dimitrios Georgopoulos</i>	Long haulers in children Jacqueline Ong
	Q&A session	Q&A session

1540 - 1610 PLENARY 7

Chairperson: *Gan Chin Seng* Children and COVID-19: What the past year has taught us *Jonathan Lillie*

- 1610 1640 **Satellite Symposium (Bio Merieux)** Clinical use of rapid molecular diagnostic tests with syndromic strategies in managing CAP and HAP Albert L Rafanan
- 1640 1700 Break / Virtual booth
- 1700 Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Society of Intensive Care

DAILY PROGRAMME 5th September 2021 (Sunday)

0830 - 1010 Hall 1 SYMPOSIUM 13 Pandemic Ethics Chairperson: Noor Airini Ibrahim Ethical guidance for providing unproven interventions during public health emergencies: The Singapore experience of COVID-19 pandemic Voo Teck Chuan Triaging the ethical issues in Malaysia during the COVID-19 pandemic Triaging the ethical issues in Malaysia during the COVID-19 pandemic Tan Hui Siu Ethical issues of COVID-19 in the elderly Hans Flaatten Health care workers in a pandemic - Do we have a choice? Gavin Joynt China Intervention of the second	0830 - 1010 Hall 2 SYMPOSIUM 14 Paediatrics: Nutrition Chairperson: Tai Chian Wern Feeding the malnourished child in the PICU Chor Yek Kee Early enteral nutrition: What's more important, timing or amount? Lee Jan Hau Importance of micronutrients Pravin all Sugunan @ Vasanthan Nutritional support teams and protocols: The evidence Pustika Efar Q&A session Q&A session
Q&A session 1010 - 1015 Break / Virtual booth	
1015 - 1045 Satellite Symposium (Draeger) Image guided lung protection <i>Christian Bozsak</i>	

1045 - 1115 PLENARY 8

Chairperson: *Tang Swee Fong* Ventilator-induced lung injury in children: A reality? *Martin Kneyber*

1115 - 1145 **PLENARY 9** Chairperson: *Tang Swee Fong* Therapies for COVID-19 *Charlotte Summers*

1145 - 1230 Satellite Symposium (*Pfizer*) Managing challenging invasive mould infections in the ICU setting? *Francesco Giuseppe De Rosa*

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DAILY PROGRAMME 5th September 2021 (Sunday)

1230 - 1300 PLENARY 10

Chairperson: *Nabla Irtiza Ismail* Prognostication in intensive care, anything new? *Hans Flaatten*

- 1300 1330 PLENARY 11 Chairperson: *Nabla Irtiza Ismail* Leadership during COVID-19: Lessons learnt *Maurizio Cecconi*
- 1330 1345 Closing Speech by President Best poster and oral presentation awards Lucky draw and prize giving

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ORAL PRESENTATIONS

OP 01 EFFECTIVENESS OF PROTOCOL-DIRECTED SEDATION WITH COMFORT BEHAVIOR SCALE IN MECHANICALLY VENTILATED CHILDREN

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OP 02 PROCALCITONIN TO ALBUMIN RATIO AS A PREDICTOR OF ICU MORTALITY IN SEPSIS

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OP 03 EVALUATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN POINT-OF-CARE AND LABORATORY AUTOMATED IMMUNOASSAY IN PROCALCITONIN MEASUREMENT AMONG CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS

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OP 01

EFFECTIVENESS OF PROTOCOL-DIRECTED SEDATION WITH COMFORT BEHAVIOR SCALE IN MECHANICALLY VENTILATED CHILDREN

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OBJECTIVE

To evaluate the impact of COMFORT-Behavior scale with protocol-directed sedation in mechanically ventilated children in PICU on mechanical ventilation days, length of PICU stay, the total amount and duration of sedative agents, the frequency of unplanned extubation.

DESIGN

Non-randomized prospective cohort study.

METHODS

Study conducted before and after protocol implementation with 6 months interval on each arm and 1-month period of training of the sedation protocol with COMFORT-B scale between 1.9.2018 until 30.9.2019.During the intervention period, sedation was managed as per protocol using COMFORT-B scale.

RESULTS

The observation group included patients admitted before protocol implementation over 6-months period (n= 38) and the intervention group included patients admitted after protocol implementation over 6-months period (n= 36). There was no statistically difference in demographic characteristics between the two groups. The use of protocol-directed sedation with the COMFORT-B scale in the intervention group was associated with a shorter duration of mechanical ventilation (median 2.39 days vs 2.98 days, p = 0.161), a shorter length of PICU stays (median 3.83 days vs 4.13days, p = 0.499),and a shorter duration of sedation exposure (median 2.06 days vs 2.60 days, p = 0.222). However, these results were not statistically significant. Further subgroup analysis in medical cases as admission diagnosis showed the intervention group had a statistically significant shorter duration of mechanical ventilation days (median 2.38 days vs 3.19 days, p = 0.040). There was no incidence of unplanned extubation in the intervention group. Duration of intravenous midazolam infusion was statistically shorter in the intervention group (median 0.88 days vs 1.79 days, p = 0.045). The total daily dose of intravenous morphine (median 363mcg/kg/day vs 441mcg/kg/day, p = 0.554) and intravenous midazolam (1.75mg/kg/day vs 1.81mg/kg/day, p = 0.645) was lower in the intervention group but the results were not statistically significant.

CONCLUSION

The use of COMFORT-B scale with protocol-directed sedation in mechanically ventilated children significantly reduced the mechanical ventilation days in children with medical causes as admission diagnosis.

OP 02

PROCALCITONIN TO ALBUMIN RATIO AS A PREDICTOR OF ICU MORTALITY IN SEPSIS

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OBJECTIVE

High procalcitonin (PCT) and low albumin (ALB) concentrations have been associated with mortality in sepsis. The present study aimed to investigate the prognostic value of PCT to ALB ratio (PCT: ALB) for ICU mortality in patients with sepsis.

METHODS

This was a retrospective cohort study conducted in a mixed ICU at Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia over a 3-year period. Consecutive adult patients admitted to the ICU who underwent simultaneous measurement of PCT and ALB who fulfilled the Sepsis-3 criteria were recruited. Serum PCT was measured with a point-of-care analyzer available in the ICU (Finecare™ PCT Rapid Test). Predictive performance of PCT: ALB was assessed by analysis of the receiver-operating characteristic (ROC) curve.

RESULTS

A total of 185 sepsis patients were recruited. The primary outcome of all-cause ICU mortality was 35.1%. Baseline PCT was significantly higher while baseline ALB was significantly lower in the non-survivors compared to the survivors [25.4 (SD = 31.2) vs 9.8 (SD = 20.0) ng/mL and 26.1 (SD = 5.4) vs 30.6 (SD = 6.5) g/dL, respectively, P < 0.001]. The computed PCT: ALB was significantly higher in the non-survivors compared to the survivors [1.04 (SD = 1.29) vs 0.36 (SD = 0.72), P < 0.001]. The area under the ROC curve of PCT: ALB for discrimination of ICU-mortality was 0.731 (95% CI 0.658-0.804) which was higher than PCT alone (AUC 0.721, 95% CI 0.647-0.796). The ideal cut-off value for PCT: ALB was 0.15 with sensitivity of 70.8% and specificity of 63.3%.

CONCLUSION

PCT: ALB is a potentially reliable tool to aid in the prognostication of sepsis although this requires further validation in a prospective multi-center study.

OP 03

EVALUATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN POINT-OF-CARE AND LABORATORY AUTOMATED IMMUNOASSAY IN PROCALCITONIN MEASUREMENT AMONG CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS

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OBJECTIVE

We evaluated the degree of agreement between results obtained from the Finecare point of care procalcitonin (PCT) rapid quantitative test kit and the Roche laboratory automated immunoassay in procalcitonin measurement among critically ill patients.

DESIGN AND METHODS

This is a comparative observational study performed in the intensive care unit of Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia by using patients' whole blood tested in both ways; Finecare PCT rapid quantitative test kit vs. Roche laboratory automated immunoassay. The degree of agreement was assessed by comparing the interpretation of the rapid test kit with the laboratory automated immunoassay.

RESULTS

A total of 40 samples were analysed in the study. Paired sample t-test showed a p-value of 0.9181 (>0.05), which indicated strong evidence for the null hypothesis. Pearson's correlation analysis produced a p-value of < 0.05. This concluded that both PCT measurement techniques were significantly correlated with a correlation coefficient of 0.959. The coefficient of determination (r²) of the simple linear regression model for the data set faithful was 0.921. Regression analysis illustrated that OLS slope at 0.914, Deming slope at 0.950 and Passing-Bablok slope at 1.156.

CONCLUSION

In comparison to Roche laboratory automated immunoassay, the Finecare PCT rapid quantitative test kit offers a good alternative for PCT measurement among critically ill patients as the study revealed an almost perfect correlation between them.

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BACKGROUND

The antibiotic resistance remains a major problem in the intensive care unit (ICU) and this study aimed to identify its risk factors and outcomes.

METHODS

This was a retrospective single-centre cohort study involving 440 patients in the ICU between January 2017 to December 2019. Their medical records were reviewed to identify the risk factors and outcomes of antibiotic resistance.

RESULTS

The prevalence of antibiotic resistance was 22.3%. The odds for antibiotic resistance were increased 2.90 times with medical admission (odds ratio [OR] 2.897; 95% confidence interval [CI] 1.560, 5.379; p = 0.01) and 3.42 times with carbapenem usage (OR 3.418; 95% CI 1.790, 6.526; p < 0.001). The odds were 73.2% lower with nitroimidazole usage (B = -1.318, OR 0.268; 95% CI 0.131, 0.546; p < 0.001) and 62.2% lower with macrolide usage (B = -0.973, OR 0.378; 95% CI 0.150, 0.950; p = 0.039). Each day of antibiotic usage increased the odds of antibiotic resistance by 1.07 times (OR 1.072; 95% CI 1.037, 1.111; p < 0.001), and each additional antibiotic prescribed increased the odds of antibiotic resistance by 1.72 times (OR 1.717; 95% CI 1.218, 2.423; p = 0.02). The antibiotic resistance mortality rate was 68.4%.

CONCLUSION

Antibiotic resistance increased the mortality rate in the ICU, and the risk factors increased with medicalrelated admission, carbapenem usage, longer antibiotics duration and more antibiotic usage.

NEEDS AND EXPERIENCES OF CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS IN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT: A QUALITATIVE STUDY

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INTRODUCTION

Admission to intensive care unit (ICU) is a stressful situation for both patients and family members. This study aimed to explore needs and experiences of critically ill patients and their family members in ICU.

METHOD

This is a qualitative study involving four trained researchers conducting in-depth-interview (IDI) using semistructured interview guide, which was based on literature review and expert opinion. The participants were critically ill patients and their family members. All IDIs were audio-recorded and transcribed verbatim. Three researchers analysed the data independently via thematic analysis with the aid of QDA Miner Lite. The themes and subthemes were generated and confirmed by literatures and expert opinion.

RESULTS

Six IDIs were conducted with three patients and three family members. The participants' age ranged from 31 to 64 years old. Half of them were Malay Muslim and the other half were Chinese Buddhist. All the family members involved were spouse of the patients. Three themes emerged from the analysis, there were (i) Perception and experience in ICU setting, (ii) The need for information updates on patients' condition, and (iii) The need for personalized patient care. The perception of hopelessness and fear during ICU stay experienced by patients and family members necessitates them to have the need for regular and consistent information updates. They also require functioning accessory devices and comfort facilities, more personalized care, psychosocial and religious support during the stay.

CONCLUSION

This study provided an in-depth understanding of patients' and family members' needs and experience in ICU with a range of unmet needs. The information is important to guide the health care professionals and stakeholder to humanize ICU care.

BURNOUT AMONG CRITICAL CARE PERSONNEL IN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (ICU) DURING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) PANDEMIC IN A TERTIARY HOSPITAL IN MALAYSIA

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INTRODUCTION

Burnout among critical care personnel during Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) does not only affect the individual, it may also lead to negative impact towards patients in intensive care unit (ICU) and healthcare system.

OBJECTIVES

To explore burnout and its associated factors among critical care personnel in ICU who are involved in COVID-19 pandemic.

METHOD

This cross-sectional study was conducted in ICU of a tertiary hospital in Perak. All critical care personnel involved in COVID-19 pandemic who met the study criteria were recruited. The questionnaire used to assess burnout was Copenhagen Burnout Inventory (CBI). Binary logistic regression analysis was performed to determine factors associated with burnout among critical care personnel in ICU. Variables with p-value < 0.05 were considered statistically significance.

RESULT

A total of 82 critical care personnel participated the study, with 67.1% of them experienced burnout. Majority of the respondents were female (61.0%), Muslim (63.4%) and more than 30 years old (61.0%). Fifty-five personnel were married, of whom 47.6% had children. Most of them (87.8%) were staying with family, relatives or friends. About half had degree qualification (45.1%). More than half were medical doctors (54.9%) and had less than 10 years of working experience (67.1%). Sixty-eight personnel had working hours more than 45 hours in the week before the questionnaire administration. Higher odds of burnout were seen in medical doctors [OR: 34.7 (5.46, 220.22); p-value < 0.001] and those who were staying with family, relatives or friends [OR: 9.57 (1.61, 57.05); p-value = 0.013].

CONCLUSION

Two-third of the personnel in ICU experienced burnout. Being a medical doctor and staying with family, relatives or friends have higher odds of burnout.

ACUTE KIDNEY INJURY AMONG CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS WITH INFLUENZA A IN A TERTIARY HOSPITAL ICU IN MALAYSIA: RETROSPECTIVE OBSERVATIONAL STUDY

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INTRODUCTION

Influenza A (H1N1) virus has caused considerable morbidity and death-rate since the start of the first documented global pandemic in 1918 resulting in twenty million people died worldwide. In Malaysia, the incidence of influenza A slightly increases since December 2019, but it is reported within the paediatric population and the normal range in the adult population according to the Health Ministry of Malaysia.

OBJECTIVES

This study aims to explore the prevalence of acute kidney injury (AKI) and baseline characteristics among critically ill influenza A infected patients and its effect on clinical outcomes.

METHODS

This study collected 61 patients' laboratory and clinical results, demographic data, and outcome data retrospectively for patients aged 18 years old and above with H1N1-related critical illness who were admitted to general intensive care unit (GICU) Penang General Hospital between 1st May 2019 till 30th April 2019. Acute kidney injury was classified according to Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) criteria.

RESULTS

There were 44 (72.1%) patients who developed AKI within 72 hours of ICU admission. The study findings identified risk factors for AKI were diabetes mellitus (p = .044) and chronic lung disease (p = .037). 30-day mortality was associated with Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation II score (p = .004), Sequential Organ Failure Assessment score (p = .001) and Simplified Acute Physiology Score (p = .005).

CONCLUSIONS

Critically ill patients with Influenza A-related illness are at the significant risk of developing AKI within 72 hours of ICU admission. This causes prolonged ICU stay, hospital stay, and an increased in 30-day mortality.

EPIDEMIOLOGY AND MICROBIOLOGY OF VENTILATOR-ASSOCIATED PNEUMONIA IN COVID 19 PATIENTS: A RETROSPECTIVE STUDY OF 284 PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL SERDANG IN 2021

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BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 pandemic is responsible for many hospitalizations in intensive care units (ICU), with widespread use of invasive mechanical ventilation (IMV) which exposes patients to the risk of ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP). The characteristics of VAP in COVID-19 patients remain unclear.

OBJECTIVES

To retrospectively analyze the common organisms of ventilator associated pneumonia (VAP) and the outcomes in Severe Covid 19 pneumonia.

METHODS

We retrospectively collected data on all patients hospitalized for COVID-19 during the 3rd & 4th waves of the epidemic in COVID ICU of Serdang Hospital and who were on invasive mechanical ventilation for more than 48 hours. We studied the characteristics of VAP in these patients. VAP was diagnosed based on official recommendations, and we included only cases of VAP that were confirmed by a quantitative micro-biological culture.

RESULTS

We retrospectively analyzed 284 patients in our ICU. Of these patients, 45 % had VAP and 15 % had recurrent infections. Multimicrobial VAP was 30 % of all VAPS. Enterobacter and MRO accounted for 40 % of isolated microorganisms respectively, while 10 % also had concurrent bacteremia/fungaemia. 10 % of patients had VAP complicated with subcutaneous emphysema and pneumothorax. The mortality rate in this group of patients was 40%.

CONCLUSIONS

COVID-19 is associated with an increased risk of VAP, which is the sequelae of ARDS, complicated with prolonged duration of ventilation. The related high fatality is likely the sum of the unfavorable prognostic impacts of the underlying viral and the superimposed bacterial diseases.

CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND RISK FACTORS FOR MORTALITY IN CHILDREN WITH SEVERE PNEUMONIA IN PICU

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BACKGROUND

Pneumonia is the leading cause of childhood morbidity and mortality. Incidence is higher in low- and middle-income countries. With better understanding of aetiology and risk factors of pneumonia, there was improvement of outcome of childhood pneumonia. Despite the improvement, it is still the common cause of childhood mortality.

OBJECTIVE

The study aims to describe the demographic, clinical, laboratory, microbiological characteristics of patients admitted into paediatric intensive care unit (PICU) with severe pneumonia. The secondary objectives were to compute the mortality rate among patients admitted to PICU, and to identify risk factors associated with mortality among this group of children.

DESIGN

Retrospective single centre study.

METHODS

Patients who were admitted to PICU, age ranged from > 1 months old to < 18 years old; with evidence of acute infection, acute respiratory illness, and radiological finding of pneumonia were included. The period of study was over 2 years from 1st Jan 2018 to 31st Dec 2019.

RESULTS

122 patients out of 1143 PICU admissions were recruited. The incidence of severe pneumonia in PICU was 10.7%. Majority were younger than 2 years old (n= 89, 73%), and 82 (67.2%) of them had underlying comorbidities. The mortality rate was 5.7%. The most common virus and bacteria causing childhood pneumonia were Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* respectively. The median survival time was 9 days. In univariate analysis, younger age group, Down syndrome, congenital heart disease, patent ductus arteriosus (PDA), mechanical ventilation, bacterial-bacterial co-infection and organ dysfunction were associated with mortality. However, all of these risk factors lost statistical significance in multivariate regression analysis.

CONCLUSION

Our study revealed that patients with severe childhood pneumonia that required PICU admission were those of younger age group and with underlying co-morbidities. Larger sample size should be included for future studies for better understanding of these associations.

RETROPERITONEAL BLEEDING IN HOSPITALIZED COVID-19 PATIENT: ANTI-COAGULANT OVERDOSE, HIGH STEROID-INDUCED OR PURE COVID-19 COMPLICATION?

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Triad of organizing pneumonia, venous thromboembolic state, and risk of secondary nosocomial sepsis in COVID-19 patients has led to the use of high dose steroid, anti-coagulant, and broad spectrum antibiotics. This carries a high risk of bleeding especially in the elderly patients without proper investigation of bleeding risk or any undiagnosed anatomical vessel problems.

We reported a patient with COVID-19 pneumonia category four who developed fatal retroperitoneal bleeding, haemorrhagic shock, and multiorgan failure. CTA abdomen found a large hematoma at the right psoas region resulting in intra-abdominal compartment syndrome. She developed severe metabolic acidosis with high lactate despite massive blood transfusion. Difficulty to get vascular access to proceed for urgent renal replacement therapy worsen her condition. The surgical option was to stabilize the patient and then refer her to the interventional radiology, however patient succumbed to her illness. A high degree of suspicion for spontaneous soft tissue hematoma (SSTH) may prevent the patient from decompensated shock and early intervention could have been done.

Effective management of retroperitoneal bleeding, abdominal compartment syndrome, and DIVC in terms of effective mean arterial pressure, overzealous blood product transfusion without bedside coagulation study, and urgent surgical or interventional management remain as discussion. Meanwhile, SSTH may happen due to virus-induced bleeding coagulopathy or may be due to the administration of anti-coagulant with high dose methylprednisolone. Therefore, clinicians should weigh the risk of haemorrhagic complications of the disease and be cautious of high dose steroid and anti-coagulants.

Keywords

COVID-19, spontaneous soft tissue hematoma, anti-coagulant, high dose steroid

ROLE OF BRONCHOSCOPY IN A MECHANICALLY VENTILATED ACUTE SEVERE BRONCHIAL ASTHMA PATIENT

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We present a case of a 65-year-old lady with a background history of poorly controlled bronchial asthma. Presented to us with life threatening BA. She was intubated as she failed the systemic steroid and bronchodilator therapy. Post intubation she required high dose of sedation, nebulization with beta 2 agonist and antimuscarinic drugs, steroid, magnesium sulphate infusion and antibiotic, despite the intensive medical therapy as per standard protocol her bronchospasm did not resolve. As the outcome with above mentioned treatment remained unsatisfactory other non-standard therapies like ketamine, adrenaline, and aminophylline infusion, in addition to the use of volatile agent Sevoflurane were tried. All treatment proved futile hence we decided to proceed with bronchoscopy. During bronchoscopy, it was noted that there were large amounts of mucous plugs at the bronchus. Washout was done. Immediately after bronchoscopy we were able to wean down her ventilator settings and patient no longer had rhonchi, great improvement was also seen in patient's blood gas. Through this case report and a review of other available literatures we wish to point out the significance of bronchoscopy in a mechanically ventilated acute severe asthma.

REGIONAL CITRATE ANTICOAGULANT IN PAEDIATRIC CONTINUOUS RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY: SHARING LOCAL EXPERIENCE IN PICU PENANG GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Significant advances have been made in the care of children requiring renal replacement therapy (RRT) towards continuous RRT(CRRT) modality. Anticoagulant is required for CRRT in children to prolong the circuit lifespan in view of high risk of circuit clotting due to lower blood flow rate and smaller vascular catheters. Scarce data is available on usage of regional citrate anticoagulant (RCA) in pediatric group. We described our case series of managing paediatric CRRT with RCA following local guideline.

We have a case series of 3 patients (11 years old with diabetic ketoacidosis, 13 years old with tumour lysis syndrome and 7 years old with end stage renal failure). Heparin was not used as anticoagulant for CRRT due to risk of bleeding in these patients. Two patients used filter M100 and one used M60. Median circuit lifespan was 40 hours; ranges from 28 hours to 41 hours). Two of them had CRRT without use anticoagulant with circuit lifespan median of 12 hours duration.

Initial citrate dose was set at 3mmol/L and calcium compensation of 100%. Average dose of citrate used ranges 2.8-3.6mmol/L (median of 3.2mmol/L). Circuit lifespan in RCA CRRT was observed to be longer compared to without use anticoagulant (40 hours vs 12 hours). Common complications observed includes metabolic alkalosis, hypocalcaemia, hypomagnesaemia and hypophosphataemia. None had symptomatic hypocalcemia. Citrate toxicity was not observed in our patients.

CONCLUSION

Use of RCA was observed to prolong circuit lifespan for CRRT. From our series, RCA on paediatric CRRT is observed to be safe and effective other than causing electrolytes abnormalities. Randomised control trials are needed for better recommendation on RCA usage in paediatric CRRT.

A CASE REPORT OF A PATIENT WITH SEVERE COVID-19 PNEUMONIA WHO WAS SUCCESSFULLY TREATED WITH NON-INVASIVE VENTILATION

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BACKGROUND

The surging number of new cases in Malaysia results in healthcare resource constraints, including Level 1 critical care beds and ventilators. Many cases are intubated emergently without a trial use of NIV in managing acute hypoxemia respiratory failure among COVID-19 patients.

CASE SUMMARY

We reported a case of severe COVID-19 pneumonia with clinical stage 4 who was managed with NIV in Level 2 ICU until the day of discharge. A 65-year-old Malay lady with underlying diabetes mellitus and ischemic heart disease presented with cough, shortness of breath, and chest pain. She had a close contact history with her husband, who was tested positive for COVID-19. Serial chest imaging revealed worsening bilateral ground-glass opacities in both lungs. Her condition deteriorated in the ward with a progressive increment in the oxygen requirement (fraction of inspired oxygen 1.0 and 60 liters of flow) under high flow oxygen therapy. She was indicated for intubation. However, a trial of NIV was successful on her until the day of deisolation to the general ward. She received NIV for a total of 10 days. Consequently, she recovered and managed to be discharged home at day 20 of illness.

CONCLUSION

A trial of NIV ventilation in a selected patients may offer an effective treatment for hypoxemia respiratory failure due to severe COVID-19 pneumonia.

COVID-19 IN CHILDREN - A CASE SERIES WITH A SPECTRUM OF CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS

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Children with COVID-19 infection can experience a range of clinical manifestations, from being asymptomatic to severe illness.

CASE PRESENTATION

Our first case is an 18-month-old boy who presented with acute croup. He had a 3 day history of fever, associated with stridor and rapid breathing. He was treated with intravenous dexamethasone, nebulised budesonide and adrenaline. However, he developed respiratory failure requiring mechanical ventilation. A diagnosis of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) was made in view of persistent tachycardia, gastrointestinal symptoms and raised inflammatory markers. Nasopharyngeal swab for SARS-CoV-2 reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) was positive. A respiratory pathogen panel testing with BioFire® Respiratory 2.1 was positive for SARS-CoV-2 and RSV. He was treated with intravenous methylprednisolone with symptoms resolution and improvement in inflammatory markers.

The second case is a 5-year-old boy who presented with septic shock and Kawasaki like illness one month after exposure to COVID-19. He required noninvasive ventilation and two vasoactive agents. He was febrile with conjunctivitis, rashes, cervical lymphadenopathy, and mucosal erythema. His SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR was negative but Covid-19 antibodies were detected. He responded to intravenous immunoglobulin and methylprednisolone.

Lastly, we report a 12-year-old boy who was diagnosed with COVID-19 but developed fever associated with upper respiratory tract and gastrointestinal symptoms 15 days after the diagnosis. His repeated SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR 3 weeks from the first diagnosis remained positive and Covid-19 antibodies were detected. His biochemical markers were not suggestive of MIS-C. He received supportive treatment without steroids.

CONCLUSION

COVID-19 can present with a wide spectrum of manifestation in children. A detailed clinical and epidemiological history is important for a timely diagnosis.

CASE REPORT: RECURRENT FAILED EXTUBATION CAUSED BY CRITICAL ILLNESS POLYNEUROPATHY

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Critical illness polyneuropathy is infrequently reported in critically ill children. It is diagnosed with generalised neuromuscular weakness and respiratory dysfunction after a critical illness, further supported by electrophysiological study showing axonal sensori-motor polyneuropathy.

CASE PRESENTATION

A 6-year-old boy with Japanese encephalitis and Influenza B pneumonia, had recurrent extubation failure associated with poor respiratory function and generalised neuromuscular weakness.

He presented with features of encephalitis and seizure. Subsequently, he required mechanical ventilation on day 3 of admission for deterioration of conscious level. Despite the recovery of conscious level after intensive care treatment, he had persistent generalised neuromuscular weakness and poor respiratory function. He had failed extubation twice before the diagnosis of axonal neuropathy from electrophysiology study. Tracheostomy was inserted on day 40 of mechanical ventilation after the third extubation failure. With intensive rehabilitation, he showed slow improvement for neuromuscular function and weaning of ventilation.

CONCLUSION

Critical illness polyneuropathy with respiratory dysfunction is associated with slow recovery. Tracheostomy is helpful in assisting rehabilitation and weaning of ventilation.

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