Updates on Inhaled Antibiotics in Ventilator-Associated Bacterial Pneumonia

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Lecture Objectives

- Discuss the current role of inhaled antibiotics in ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP)
- Explain the potential benefit of inhaled aminoglycosides and colistin for the treatment of VAP
- Summarize the different clinical and microbiological outcomes presented in literature associated with inhaled aminoglycosides and colistin for the treatment of VAP to determine their role in therapy.

Common Abbreviations

- HAP: hospital-acquired pneumonia
- VAP: ventilator-associated pneumonia
- MDR: multi-drug resistant
- MDRO: multi-drug resistant organism
- IDSA: Infectious Diseases Society of America
- ICU: intensive-care unit
- AA: aerosolized antibiotics
- AFIS: amikacin-fosfomycin inhalation system

CPIS Score Interpretation

- Factors that affect the Clinical Pulmonary Infection Scale (CPIS) score
 - o Temperature
 - o WBC
 - Tracheal secretions
 - Oxygenation: Pa₀₂/Fi₀₂
 - Pulmonary radiography
 - Progression of pulmonary infiltrate
 - Culture of tracheal aspirate

Score	Interpretation
<6	Low risk of pulmonary infection
≥6	High likelihood of VAP

APACHE II Score Interpretation

- Factors that affect the Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation (APACHE) II Score
 - Temperature
 - o MAP
 - Heart rate
 - Respiratory rate
 - Oxygenation
 - Arterial pH or HCO,
 - o Na, K, SCr
 - Hematocrit
 - o WBC

- o Glasgow
- o Age

Score	Interpretation
15	24% predicted mortality
25	50% predicted mortality
35	80% predicted mortality

IASIS Definitions

- Pneumonia
 - Presence of new or progressive infiltrate(s) with signs of infection:
 - Fever >38 C, leukopenia (<4000 WBCs/mm³), or leukocytosis (≥12,000 WBCs/mm³)
- Immunocompromised
 - Neutropenia not due to current infection, leukemia, lymphoma, HIV with CD4<200 cell/mm³, splenectomy, recent organ transplantation, or receiving cytotoxic chemotherapy or high-dose steroids
- MDR
 - Resistance to all antibiotics in 2 of 3 antibiotics classes: β-lactams, including carbapenems; aminoglycosides; and fluoroquinolones
- Absence of Gram-negative bacteria
 - Negative culture OR
 - No sputum available to culture in an extubated patient at day 14 or earlier
- Clinical Cure
 - Absence of Gram-negative bacteria
 - CPIS<6 at day 14 or earlier
- Clinical relapse
 - New episode of pneumonia requiring re-institution

INHALE Definitions

- Presence of Gram-negative organism (GNO)
 - o Gram-stain OR
 - Culture of pre-therapy respiratory specimen OR
 - Suspected GNO-based on local surveillance data and medical history, such as recent incidence of infections with GNO
- MDR Organism
 - Defined as pathogen resistant to agent in 2 or more of following antibiotic classes:
 - β-lactams including penicillins, cephalosporins, and monobactams; carbapenems; fluoroquinolones; and aminoglycosides
 - Extensively drug resistant if resistant to 5 or more classes of antibiotics
- Presence of MDR Organism
 - Presence in pre-therapy respiratory specimen or at least two of the following risk factors:
 - Antimicrobial therapy in preceding 2 weeks
 - Current hospitalization ≥ 5 days
 - High frequency (>10% of antibiotic resistance) in community or hospital unit
 - Immunosuppressive disease and/or therapy

- Presence of risk factors for healthcare-associated pneumonia
- Risk Factors for Healthcare-Associated Pneumonia
 - Hospitalization for 2 days or more in past 90 days
 - Residence in nursing home or extended care facility
 - Home infusion therapy (including antibiotics)
 - Chronic dialysis within 30 days
 - Home wound care
 - o Family member with MDR pathogen

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