

Purpose To identify pertinent criteria to target high-risk patients or drugs.

Materials and Methods A prospective 3-month study was performed. Daily prescriptions were filtered using an automated computerised system based on selection criteria identified from an analysis of the literature. Pharmaceutical interventions (PIs) that were necessary as a result of the selection criteria and the rest of the prescription were analysed.

Results We analysed 1122 prescriptions, corresponding to 456 patients (mean age 79 years). Prescriptions were grouped together according to several selection criteria: creatininemia ≥ 125 $\mu\text{mol/l}$ (62.1%), dyskalaemia (23.2% including 55% hyperkalaemia and 45% hypokalaemia), $\text{INR} \geq 4$ (7.2%) and drug dosages (7.5% including 37% vancomycin, 22% digoxin and 15% gentamicin). Among the prescriptions selected for creatininemia ≥ 125 $\mu\text{mol/l}$, 45.7% were associated with severe kidney failure and 26.4% with moderate kidney failure.

The rate of PIs was 16% ($n = 179$) and varied according to the criteria: 22% and 19.6% respectively for severe and moderate kidney failure, 33.3% for hyperkalaemia, 10.3% for hypokalaemia, 13.8%, for INR , 4.4% for drug dosages.

The PI was related to the selection criteria in 77% of the cases. The rate of acceptance by prescribers was 80.6%.

Conclusions Carefully choosing pertinent criteria to philtre prescriptions seems to be an interesting option to optimise our approach to clinical pharmacy.

Our study shows that criteria associated with kidney failure and hyperkalaemia seem to be pertinent as they are related to numerous PIs. Following up $\text{INR} > 4$ should also be added as a pertinent criterion, as anticoagulants are often the cause of iatrogenic events.

This type of selection could be used to perform a transversal analysis of prescriptions, without discrimination by hospital unit.

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CPC-098 OSTEOPOROSIS AFTER LUNG TRANSPLANT

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Background Osteoporosis after a lung transplant is common, with reported vertebral fracture rates of up to 30% [1]. Bisphosphonates, and calcium and vitamin D supplements may be less effective in patients who remain on steroid treatment [2]. Corticosteroids are more detrimental to spinal bone mineral density than to the hip [2]; however risk prediction systems use hip T-scores to predict risk and make treatment recommendations [3, 4].

We reviewed the prophylaxis of osteoporosis in a cohort of patients at the time of listing and up to 6 years post-transplant.

Purpose We wished to identify:

1. any potential for improvement in prescribing
2. risk factors for clinically significant lumbar fractures
3. the utility of currently available osteoporosis risk algorithms in this cohort.

Materials and Methods We conducted a retrospective chart review ($n = 27$).

Patients' risk of fracture at the time of listing for transplant was calculated using three different methods including WHO charts and American College of Rheumatology algorithm for steroid-treated patients.

We attempted to create a model to predict fracture in transplant recipients using known risk factors.

Results At time of listing, all patients were taking at least 5 mg of prednisolone daily plus a bisphosphonate and appropriate calcium and vitamin D supplementation. Many already had osteoporotic T scores at this point. Fracture rates in our cohort are in line with

published data, but substantially higher than those predicted from algorithms. Improvised algorithms using lumbar T scores were better at predicting risk than published methods. The only risk factor in our cohort that predicted subsequent fracture was lumbar spine T-score (Mean -1.2 versus -2.65 in the fracture group ($P = 0.009$)).

Conclusions Current algorithms underestimate risk, new charts should be created using lumbar T-scores. Our results emphasise that current prophylaxis strategies are not successful in preventing fractures in those who have osteoporosis and remain on prednisolone. Early osteoporosis prophylaxis and alternative treatments are essential to prevent fractures.

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CPC-099 PATIENTS ON VITAMIN K ANTAGONISTS (THE BENEFIT OF PHARMACY STUDENTS EDUCATING VKA PATIENTS IN AN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL)

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Background Vitamin K Antagonists are the most used anticoagulants in the treatment of thrombotic diseases and their misuse is an important source of medicines-related illness.

Purpose To study the effect of targeted information on patients' knowledge of their VKA treatment.

Materials and Methods The study took place between 05/07/2012 and 09/07/2012 as described below: An assessment grid including 18 questions grouped in 4 items was made by pharmacists and checked by the 'haemostasis-coagulation' group. It included a) general knowledge, b) meaning of the INR test, c) drug and food interactions and d) signs of bleeding. The students were trained (by pharmacists) and empowered (by specialist members of the 'haemostasis-coagulation' group) The pharmacy students evaluated patient knowledge with the grid (T0) The answers were analysed in order to highlight points where knowledge was lacking Targeted therapeutic information was supplied on the deficient points Patients were re-evaluated with the same grid before discharge (T1).

Results 73 patients (27 males/46 females) were evaluated and received therapeutic information. The mean age was 66 years. 57% of responses were adequate with 69%, 55%, 37% and 47% of correct answers for items a, b, c and d respectively. 41 (56%) of the 73 patients were re-evaluated before discharge. In this group of patients, 50% answers were correct initially and 78% after education. An improvement of the knowledge was observed for all items with 73% vs. 32%, 66% vs. 30%, 83% vs. 18% and 72% vs. 27% of correct answers at T1 vs. T0 for items a, b, c and d, respectively.

Conclusions The improvement in patients' knowledge of their VKA treatment shows the benefit of this approach based on the patients being educated by empowered pharmacy students. That's why this process should be extended to other units with VKA patients.

Reference

1. VKA, therapeutic information, patients' knowledge.

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