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Endovascular Management of Intracranial Dissecting Aneurysms: Single Center Experience

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Background: Management of intracranial dissecting aneurysms is controversial and technically challenging. The aim of this study is to evaluate the efficacy and safety of different endovascular management strategies. Methods: A retrospective analysis of all patients that underwent endovascular treatment of either ruptured or unruptured intracranial dissecting aneurysms, between 2011 and 2016, at a tertiary care center was performed. The technical and clinical results of different techniques were analyzed. Results: Among our 24 patients, 14 patients had ruptured aneurysms and 10 cases had unruptured aneurysms. Parent vessel occlusion was performed in 12 cases, and artery preserving technique was successfully performed in 8 cases. Two cases showed spontaneous thrombosis of their aneurysms before treatment and 2 cases rebled and died before treatment. Among the 8 cases treated by artery preserving technique, 2 cases were treated by coils, 2 cases by stent-assisted coiling, 2 cases by flow diverter stent, 1 case by balloon assisted coiling and 1 case by 2 braided stents. No procedure related complications. Recurrence occurred in 1 case which is not treated yet. Conclusions: Endovascular approach offers many effective and safe strategies for the management of the intracranial dissecting aneurysms. The involved artery and the collateral circulation should be taken into consideration during decision making.

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Sub Arachnoid Hemorrhage: Update in Endovascular Treatment of Intracerebral Aneurysms

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Background: Sub arachnoid hemorrhage (SAH) is mostly the result of ruptured aneurysms. There are two types of aneurysms, secular and fusiform. Coiling is most prevalent endovascular treatment of sacular aneurysms. Challenge comes for wide neck sacular and fusiform aneurysms. Objective is to assess the latest endovascular treatment of wide necked sacular and especially of fusiform aneurysms. Methods: 178 patients were coiled between Jan 2015 to Nov 2016 in Department of interventional neuroradiology, Lahore General Hospital, Lahore. Patients were of both genders with age ranging from 22-65 yrs. Among them eight had wide neck or fusiform shape, which are difficult to coil by conventional coiling. Results: Out of 178 patients 170 were coiled with conventional coiling. Other eight had either wide neck or are of fusiform in shape. Flow diverters are latest mode of treatment for such aneurysms. Eight flow diverters were deployed five on fusiform and three on wide necked aneurysms. These are nickel cobalt soft stents especially designed for intra cerebral use. Wide necked aneurysms also had partial coiling for further reinforcement. All patients were successfully treated with no complications. Conclusions: Endovascular coiling is better option for treatment of both anterior and posterior circulation aneurysms with less morbidity and mortality. Flow diverters have added another option for endovascular treatment of wide necked and fusiform aneurysms.

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Local Experience with a New Retrievable Device for Stroke Thrombectomy in a Tertiary Academic Center

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Background: Intravenous tPA has limitations in treating patients with large vessel occlusion stroke. The use of intra-arterial catheter for mechanical removal of thrombus was approved...