Pediatric Cancer Pearls

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Goals for Today
Review Presenting Signs & Critical Diagnostic Tests

Leukemia
Lymphoma
Bone Tumors
Brain Tumors

A 5-year old with anemia
At home:
Pale X 2 weeks with bags under her eyes
Vomiting qod X one week, no blood or bile; GM with pneumonia
DOA temp 99.7, not eating, diarrhea, cough & green sputum

At the doctor’s office:
Pale, alert, active, no bruising or petechiae, no adenopathy, no HSM
Hgb 5.3; retic 0.6%; ANC 1100; platelets 306,000

Differential Dx:
Iron deficiency anemia
Viral suppression
Leukemia or aplastic anemia a distant 3rd and 4th
When to think about ordering a bone marrow

Two cell lines down and child looks ill
WBC > 20,000 OR uric acid >5
Blasts on peripheral smear
Anemia with low reticulocyte count
Before giving steroids for new asthma or new arthralgia

Our patient had blasts on the peripheral smear and 97% in BM
Was in remission by Day 29 of induction.

Why is this child being treated as high risk?

Cytogenetics and MRD in B-cell Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia

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ETV6/RUNX1 (TEL/AML1) fusion
double trisomy of chromosomes 4 and 10

High Risk Unfavorable
MLL rearrangement on FISH
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B-Cell: CD19, CD20, CD22, CD79a, PAX5, Kappa, Lambda.
Myeloid: CD13, CD15, CD33.
Other: CD10, CD34, CD45, TdT.
Why does our patient have High Risk B-cell Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia?

Low Risk Favorable
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Current Risk Stratification for Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia

Low Risk
- Favorable cytogenetics and CNS1
- Day 8 blood & day 29 BM are minimal residual disease (MRD) negative

Standard Risk
- 12 mos to 10 yrs at dx; <50,000 wbc in peripheral blood, and CNS1/2
  - A) no favorable cyt; day 8 PB MRD <1% & Day 29 BM MRD <0.01%
  - B) no favorable cyt; day 29 BM MRD <0.01%; day 8 PB MRD ≥0.01%
  - or CNS2

High Risk
- 10-13 yrs at diagnosis
- Unfavorable genetics with day 8 PB and day 29 BM MRD negative
- No unfavorable genetics with day 8 PB MRD ≥1%

Very High Risk
- >13 yrs at diagnosis
- Induction failure with day 29 BM MRD≥0.01% or hypodiploidy or CNS3

Risk Stratification in B-cell ALL

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<th>5-year survival</th>
<th>Therapy Plan</th>
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<td>Low</td>
<td>&gt;95%</td>
<td>No anthracyclines, no alkylating drugs, few intrathecal (IT) treatments, prednisone, L-asparginase, vincristine, methotrexate, mercaptopurine</td>
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<td>Standard</td>
<td>90-95%</td>
<td>Low dose anthracyclines, moderate alkylating agents, moderate IT, prednisone, L-asparginase, vincristine, methotrexate, mercaptopurine</td>
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<td>High</td>
<td>88-90%</td>
<td>High dose anthracyclines &amp; alkylating agents, frequent IT, IV methotrexate, prednisone, L-asparginase, vincristine, methotrexate, mercaptopurine</td>
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<td>Very High</td>
<td>&lt;80%</td>
<td>Intense chemo, frequent IT, XRT, BMT if matched sibling donor</td>
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Eleven-year old with mumps

At home:
Lump in left neck; some pain with swallowing
More swelling and pain over the week

At the doctor’s office 10 days later:
Alert, active, swelling in left neck
No immunizations for religious reasons; likely mumps

At the surgeon’s office 17 days later:
More swelling in neck; CXR shows widening mediastinum
Biopsy taken and steroids started

In the Pediatric ICU 24 days later:
Cough, difficulty breathing, air hunger
Massive lymphadenopathy in neck bilaterally

Differential Dx:
Viral Infection vs Hodgkin’s vs Non-Hodgkin’s vs Leukemia
Superior Vena Cava Syndrome and/or Tumor Lysis Syndrome

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Initial Chest Xray

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Superior Vena Cava Syndrome

• Major Causes in Children
  – Thrombosis following cardiac surgery
  – Cancer with mediastinal mass

• Why is it a problem?
  – SVC thin walled; low intraluminal pressure
  – SVC surrounded by thymus, lymph nodes
  – Mediastinal mass can impinge on bronchus
Anatomy of SVC Syndrome

Face & Neck show supraclavicular node and massive adenopathy

Neck CT in Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma

Tumors that cause SVC syndrome

- Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma
  - 70% have mediastinal mass

- Hodgkin’s Disease
  - 30% have mediastinal mass

- Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia
  - 8% have mediastinal mass (but many more children have ALL compared to NHL)
Signs of SVC syndrome

- Cough/dyspnea 68%
- Dysphagia 63%
- Orthopnea 63%
- Pleural effusion 50%
- Wheezing 31%
- Hoarseness 19%
- Facial edema 12%
- Pericardial effusion 19%

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Care of child with SVC syndrome

- Sit up and give oxygen
- Upright chest xray
- Transfer to PICU
- No conscious sedation or anesthesia
- Call hematologist/oncologist to
  - Obtain biopsy of lymph node or bone marrow
  - Treat with chemotherapy or irradiation
A 10-year old soccer player
At the game:
Kicked in the leg; got up and played again
At home 5 days later:
Left leg still painful with some swelling; no bruising
At the doctor’s office:
Mild pain for several months
Mild swelling on lateral left leg, 4 cm below knee; tender to palpation
Plain x-ray: “…mixed sclerotic and permeative pattern with soft tissue bone formation and distal periosteal reaction involving approximately 9 cm of the proximal metaphysis portion of the fibular shaft. The proximal portion appears sclerotic and extends to the growth plate.”
Differential Dx:
Osteogenic sarcoma
Ewing’s sarcoma

Xray of Painful, swollen leg
Fibula lesion
Sunburst appearance
Periostial reaction
Codman triangle

A 10-year old farmer
On the lawn mower:
Lower back pain for 3 months
Bilateral leg pain for 2 weeks
At school the next day:
Unable to participate in gym
Left school to be able to lie supine
At the doctor’s office:
Unable to sit upright
Bilateral leg weakness
Differential Dx:
Osteogenic sarcoma
Ewing’s sarcoma
Osteogenic and Ewing Sarcomas

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<td>1.5 : 1.0</td>
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<td>Age</td>
<td>10 – 30</td>
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<td>Primary Sites</td>
<td>Long bones</td>
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<td>Metastases</td>
<td>lungs</td>
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<td>5-yr survival</td>
<td>10-20% if metastatic</td>
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<td>p53, del9p21</td>
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An irritable infant

At home 11 months old:
- Fussy when waking up
- Spits up frequently
- Starting to walk around furniture

At the doctor’s office for 12 month checkup:
- Growing well
- Standing alone
- Fussy child
- All labs normal and immunizations up to date

At home 13 months old:
- Fussy every morning
- Vomiting before breakfast
- Not standing or walking
- Falling frequently

Failure to thrive
Neurological disorder
Brain tumor...
Signs of Increased ICP

- Infant and toddler
  - Irritability, lethargy, personality changes
  - Head holding or banging
  - Vomiting
  - Loss of motor skills
  - Seizures

- Pre-teen and Adolescent
  - Headache, occipital, occur in morning
  - Vomiting occurring in morning
  - Blurred vision, strabismus, nystagmus

Increased Intracranial Pressure

- Obstructive hydrocephalus
  - Mass lesion blocks flow of CSF
  - Shunt malfunction

- Compression of cerebellum and brainstem forces brain through foramen
  - Mass lesion in cerebellum or brainstem
  - Brain swelling
  - Infection (meningitis or abcess)
  - Pseudotumor cerebri
  - Meningeal metastases

Pediatric Brain Tumors

**Supratentorial**
- Astrocytoma
- PNET
- Ependymoma
- Glioblastoma

**Infratentorial**
- PNET
- Astrocytoma
- Glioblastoma
Brain Herniation

- **Supratentorial**
  - Cingulate (1)
  - Transtentorial (2)
  - Uncal (3)
- **Infratentorial**
  - Tonsillar (4)
  - Transtentorial

Pre-surgical MRI in Medulloblastoma

Brain Herniation

- **Downward herniation**
  - Displacement of brain through tentorium and/or tonsils
  - Progressive failure of diencephalic & brainstem functions
  - Decorticate posturing
- **Lateral (cingulate or uncal) herniation**
  - Frontal lobe across falx
  - Rapid shift of temporal lobe brain tissue
  - Compression of CNIII and lateral midbrain
- **Upward herniation**
  - Ventriculostomy placed for cerebellar mass
  - Shunt blockage removed
  - Cerebellum upward through tentorium
Response to Increased ICP

- Prevent further swelling
  - Dexamethasone, 2 mg/kg, then 0.5mg/kg q 6 hrs
  - Mannitol, 2 gm/kg over 30 – 60 min
  - Intubate & hyperventilate to pCO₂ of 30-35 mmHg

- Obtain imaging
  - CT without contrast shows bleed, abcess, hydrocephalus, tumor (except posterior fossa)
  - MRI with contrast for suspected brain tumor
  - MRI diffusion for ischemia of thrombotic CVA
  - MRA for locating hemorrhagic CVA origin

Neurologic emergencies due to tumors

- Increased IntraCranial Pressure
- Spinal Cord Compression
- Seizures

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