

ADHD THROUGHOUT LIFE

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Hyperactivity

Dimensional: an extreme variant of temperament

Categorical : a component of syndrome

ADD, ADDH, ADHD, HKD

Epidemiology

- **1-3% in children and adolescents**
2% in 5-16 year (community based pilot study in Bangladesh)
M/F ratio=3:1
commoner in younger children
correlates::inner city area, very poor
rural area,low SOS,institutional rearing

DIAGNOSTIC DEFINITION

Cardinal Criteria

- *Marked inattentiveness
- *Marked overactivity
- *Marked impulsivity
- *Pervasiveness of symptoms
- *Chronicity-at least 6 months of symptoms
- *Early onset-within 7 year of age(Preschool years)

DIAGNOSTIC DEFINITION

Exclusion criteria

- Autistic disorder with hyperkinesis**
- Hyperactivity due to Mood disorder, Anxiety disorder, and Schizophrenia**

Additional criteria

- impairment of functioning**

DIAGNOSTIC DEFINITION

Additional features

- Defiant, aggressiveness, Antisocial behaviour
- Problems with peer relationship
- Below average IQ
- Specific Learning problems
- Clumsiness and neurodevelopmental immaturities
- H/O developmental delay, particularly language

DIFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

- Normality**
- Conduct disorder**
- Emotional disorder(GAD,PTSD,DD,Other anxiety)**
- Manic episode/Bipolar**
- Movement disorder-tics,Chorea,Dyskinesia**
- PDD/ASD**
- MR**
- Effect of medication:Phenobarb,Clonazepam,BDZ**

AETIOLOGY

BIOLOGICAL

- Genetic (strong evidence)
- Developmental:immaturities in motor coordination.low IQ,early onset are the evidences
- Reduction in the normal inhibitory function of frontal lobe
- Neurochemical imbalance
- Perinatal:birth asphyxia, premature birth,neonatal jaundice
- Deficit in control process of self regulation
- Foods? additives

AETIOLOGY

PSYCHOSOCIAL

- Provocative factors in stimulation
- Institutional rearing
- Deprivation
- Parental disorder:antisocial father,depressive mother
- Discordant family

AETIOLOGY

Hyperactivity is the end result of genetic factor interacting with various adverse environmental factors in a way that is poorly understood

DEVELOPMENTAL COURSE

From birth to school entry

-ages 3 days and 2.5 years:the neonates with highest frequency and speed of behaviors became the toddlers with least vigor and lowest responsiveness

-at the age of 3 years ADHD is a good predictors of the presence of ODD/Conduct disorder in Later childhood

DEVELOPMENTAL COURSE

From School age to Adolescence

- Typically wanes in adolescence
- 1/4th remains with symptoms mainly inattentiveness and impulsivity
- Poor self esteem & peer relationship
- negative academic outcome
- Substance abuse, antisocial behavior
- ADHD is a risk factor for outcome in later childhood comorbidity with CD
- Adverse outcome is also related with the Discordant family relationships

DEVELOPMENTAL COURSE

Outcome in adult life

- Majority remitted but Dx of ADHD remains for whom diagnostic criteria persists(uncommon)
- More than half do well as adults(Pure hyperactivity)
- Academic underachievement/failure
- Suffers with multiple accidents due to impulsivity
- Aggressiveness
- Explosive/immature type of personality
- Impaired relationship problems
- Negative academic/social outcome
- High risk of development of Antisocial PD, Substance use disorder,Depression

ASSESSMENT

- History from multiple sources-school report
- Direct observation in different settings
- Clinical examination:psychiatric evaluation
- Supplimented measures
 - Home Hyperactivity Scale(Scott)
 - Conners Rating Scale
 - SDQ(Goodman)
 - CBCL(Achenbach)
 - Rutter's A2, B2

ASSESSMENT

Specific Test

For Attention Deficit

- CPT(Continuous Performance Test)
 - a)CPT Gaze-Gaze on Task
 - b)CPT FBM-Fine Body Movement
- Symbol Search Sub Test of WISCIII

For Impulsivity

- Kagan's MFFT(Matching Familiar Figure Test)

For Motor Activity

- Actoometer,Activity room

ASSESSMENT

Nonspecific Test

Short term Memory Test

- Digit Span Test

Speed & Response Test

- Serial and Choice Reaction Time Test

New Learning Test

- PALS(Paired Associated Learning Test)

Others

- Intellegence Test, Educational assessment

MANAGEMENT

Major Components:

- 1. Explanation, advice and support**
- 2. Pharmacotherapy**
- 3. Psychosocial approach**

MANAGEMENT

Pharmacotherapy: First line

Stimulants-Well tested efficacy

Short acting

*Methyl Phenidate(Ritalin,, Methylin)-6 yrs & older

*Dexmethyl Phenidate Hcl(Focaline)

*Dextroamphetamine(Dexidrine,)-3 yrs & older

*Mixed Salts of a Single Entity Amphetamine
Product(ADDERALL)

*Pimoline *Caffeine

Methyl Phenidate is the best followed by

dextroamphetamine &Pimoline(McClelan&Scott,2003)

MANAGEMENT

Pharmacotherapy: First line

Stimulants

Long acting

*Methyl

Phenidate Hcl (Concentra, Ritalin LA, Metadate ER, ADDERAL XR)

- Long half life through 12 hour
- One morning dose
- Crush resistant that discourage abuse
- Low incidence of loss of appetite(4%) & insomnia(4%)

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Pharmacotherapy: Second line

Antidepressants

- *TCAs-Imipramine, Desipramine, Clomipramine (limited/ lower efficacy)
- *NonTCA/heterocyclic-Bupropion (effective as methyl Phenidate)
- *SSRIs-Fluvoxamine, Sertraline (8 & 6 yrs and older)
- *NARI-Automexetine (Strattera); effective (6 yrs & older)
- *MAOIs-Clorgiline, Tranylcypamine (efficacy equivalent to dextramphetamine)

Indication: ADHD with Depression/Anxiety in older age

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Pharmacotherapy:Second line

Alpha-Adrenergic agonists(effective)

*Clonidine

*Guanfacine

Indication;ADHD plus Tics(Turett's)

Combind therapy:Clonidine plus Methyl Phenidate give best outcome in such comorbidity(turett's Study Group,2002)

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Pharmacotherapy: Third line

Antipsychotics(Effective in low dose)

- *Risperidone-helpful in Hyperkinesia and aggressive and self-injurious behavior in youth with Autistic disorder
- *Haloperidol-similar findings were noted for the last 30 yrs
- *CPZ
- *Thioridazine

Due to side effect profile and lower efficacy than stimulants limits the use of conventional antipsychotics in ADHD

MANAGEMENT

Pharmacotherapy: Others

Mood stabilizing Agents(Metaanalysis supports some efficacy)

*Valproate(only one study ,Donovan al,2000)

*CBZ(Few collaborative study;Silva et al, 1996)

Diet

Exclusion of artificial preservatives,colorants,orange,wheat product,milk product(difficult &very occasionally effective)

MANAGEMENT

PSYCHOSOCIAL INTERVENTION

- *Family Counseling-essential component
- *Behavior Modification Therapy through contingency management
 - Behavior Classroom Intervention
 - Behavior Parent Training
- *CBT(Promoting improved self control through problem solving strategies)-useful when combined with the other multimodal treatment
- *Systemic Multimodal Intervention
 - RECAP(The Reaching Educators,Children and Parents)

MANAGEMENT

Psychosocial

- Preschoolers benefit without the need for medications (SonageBake et al,20010)
- Overall behavior strategies is less effective than medication alone(AACAP,1997)
- Improvement rate is not persistent beyond the period of treatment
- not generalized in other settings

Combination of Medication and psychosocial intervention give better results

CONCLUSION

- Hyperactivity causes adverse impact on effected children and a great burden to caregiver
- Persistent of symptoms of Hyperactivity into adolescence and adult life is well recognized
- Biological mechanism predisposes to hyperactivity & psychosocial factors maintain it
- ADHD is the main area of pharmacotherapy among child & adolescent problem where its value is clear
- Combined intervention
Early intervention can minimise its bad consequences
- Cooperation between professional & training is needed

Thank you