Contrast-Induced Nephropathy at What Cost?

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CIN utilizing Iodinated Contrast Media

• 3rd most common cause of hospital acquired acute renal failure (behind shock and nephrotoxic drugs).

• Dramatically increases mortality, morbidity, length of stay, and cost.

Average increased cost \$10,345 in hospital and \$11,812 1st year

Only absolute prevention is no iodinated contrast

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DEFINITION OF CIN

•Rise in serum Cr > .5 mg/dl

• Rise of serum Cr > 25% baseline



INDEPENDENT CIN RISK FACTORS

Risk Factors	Integer Score				
Hypotension	5				
IABP	5	Γ	Risk	Risk of	Risk of
CHF	5		Score	CIN	Dialysis
Age >75 years	4	Ī	≤ 5	7.5%	0.04%
Anemia	3				
Diabetes	3	culate	6 to 10	14.0%	0.12%
Contrast media volume	1 for each 100 cc ³	-	11 to 16	26.1%	1.09%
Serum creatinine>1.5mg	/dl 4				
OR	2 for 40 - 60		≥16	57.3%	12.6%
eGFR < 60 ml/min/1.73 m	1 ² 4 for 20 - 40				
eGFR (ml/min/1.73 m²) = 186 x (SCr) ^{-1.154} x (Age) ^{-3.203} x (0.742 if female) x (1.210 if African American)	6 for < 20	L	р. -		

PAD patients are typically older. Diabetes is common. Mild anemia is common. Prior CHF is common. ANY IODINATED CONTRAST IS RISKY!!

WE NEED TO ASSESS MORE THAN BUN AND Cr.

Figure Legend: Scheme to define contrast-induced nephropathy (CIN) risk score. Anemia = baseline hematocrit value <39% for men and <36% for women; CHF = congestive heart failure class III/IV by New York Heart Association classification and/or history of pulmonary edema; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; hypotension = systolic blood pressure <80 mm Hg for at least 1 h requiring inotropic support with medications or intra-aortic balloon pump (IABP) within 24 h periprocedurally

R Mehran; J Am Coll Cardiol. 2004;44(7):1393-1399. doi:10.1016/j.jacc.2004.06.068

From: A simple risk score for prediction of contrast-induced nephropathy after percutaneous coronary intervention: Development and initial validation



CIN SUMMARY

CIN increases acute and long-term mortality

CIN increases acute and long-term morbidity

CIN increases acute and long-term cost

 CIN is strongly associated with independent risk factors that should be assessed

• CIN MUST BE AVOIDED



AVOIDING CONTRAST INDUCED NEPHROPATHY

- The only way to absolutely avoid CIN is to not administer iodinated contrast.
- In PAD there are viable options
 - External duplex guidance
 - CO₂ angiography THIS HAS TOTALLY CHANGED MY PRACTICE
 - No renal function too impaired
 - No limit on imaging better results
 - No pre-admission or prolonged stay
 - Can image with smaller catheters (less viscous)



CIN RISK IS INCREASING IN PAD CASES

- Diabetes is epidemic
- More interventions are being performed
- More complex interventions (limb salvage)
- •Older patients
- Even patients on dialysis have contrast risk. If a patient is actively making urine, iodinated contrast may result in the patient becoming anuric.



WHY CONSIDER CO₂ ANGIOGRAPHY

- Avoiding contrast induced nephropathy
 - Rise in serum Cr > .5 mg/dl
 - Rise of serum Cr > 25% baseline
- Avoiding severe allergic response
- Lower viscosity
 - Can image via smaller bore longer catheters
 - Can image with close tolerances (6F compatible device in 6F sheath as example.)

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- Occasionally allows visualization of critically stenotic grafts or lesions in native vessels that appear totally occluded by iodinated contrast images.
- Cost
 - \$0.02/cc vs. \$1.00/cc
 - Indirect costs (longer stays, meds, dialysis, etc.)

OPTIMIZING CO₂ IMAGES

• Requires DSA imaging. It is crucial the patient not move.

- Use end-hole catheters (less bubbles). Place the catheter as close to the artery to be imaged as possible.
- Slow low-pressure injection
- Rotate patient or camera if excessive bowel gas. May consider glucagon.
- Recognize that gravity affects imaging. May need to elevate lower leg, renal artery imaging may require rotation of patient if non-selective.



Correlation with Iodinated Contrast

Seeger demonstrated close correlation in peripheral arterial imaging.

92% when CO₂ was utilized as sole agent

100% when supplemented by small doses of iodinated contrast.



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CO₂ ANGIOGRAPHY HAS CHANGED MY PRACTICE

No pre-admission for renal insufficiency

No pre-medication for allergy

 Has dramatically increased the number of patients on whom I would consider intervention.



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