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1. Giriş

Amputasyonlar travma, tümör, damar hastalıkları ve enfeksiyon gibi nedenlerden dolayı meydana gelmektedir. Amputasyondan sonra güdük ağrısı ve fantom ağrısı olmak üzere iki tür ağrı gelişebilmektedir. Fantom ağrısı, artık var olmayan uzuvdaki künt ağrı, karınçalanma, zonklama, keskin veya iğnelenme tarzındaki şikayetler olarak tariflenmektedir. Güdük ağrısı ise ampute uzvun gerçek bölgesinde kaynaklanan ağrı olmakla birlikte, genellikle enfeksiyon, sinir sıkışması, nöroma, iskemi veya cerrahi travmayla ile ilişkilidir, amputasyon sonrası erken dönemde görülür, yara iyileşmesi ile düzelleme eğilimindedir. Fantom ağrısı, ise amputasyondan hemen veya yıllar sonra ortaya çıkabilmektedir ve ampute hastaların %60-85'inde değişen şiddetlerde deneyimlenmektedir. Fantom ağrısı hastaların yaşam kalitesinde kötüleşmeye neden olmaktadır (1).

Fantom ağrısının gelişmesindeki risk faktörleri, amputasyon öncesi dönemde ağrı varlığı, diyabetik nedenli amputasyonlar, bilateral amputasyonlar, proksimal amputasyonlar, güdük ağrısı, fantom hissi, amputasyon sonrası uykı bozukluğu ve depresyon varlığı, pasif baş etme stratejilerini kullanma ve katastrofizasyon varlığı

olarak bildirilmiştir. Öte yandan yaş, cinsiyet ve peroperatif gabapentinoid tedavisi ile fantom ağrısının ilişkisinin olmadığını gösteren sonuçlar vardır (2).

2. Patofizyoloji

Fantom ağrısının patofizyoloji periferik ve santral mekanizmalarla açıklanmaya çalışılmaktadır. Periferik değişiklikler amputasyon alanından kaynaklanmaktadır. Amputasyon sırasında sinirlerdeki ve çevre dokulardaki travma nedeniyle afferent ve efferent sinyallerin bozulmasıyla ve filizlenen nöromalarla sodyum kanallarında artış gelişir. Periferdeki sodyum kanallarındaki bu artış, spontan deşarjlara neden olmaktadır. Omurilikte ise sinirsel aktivitenin arttığı, nöronal alıcı alanın genişlediği ve sinirlerin aşırı duyarlı hale geldiği santral sensitivasyon gelişmektedir. Bu değişikliklerin nedeni, omuriliğin dorsal boynuzundaki N-Metil-D-Aspartat (NMDA) reseptörleri sayısı veya aktivitesindeki artıştır. Bu yeniden yapılanma sonucunda inen inhibitör lifler hedef bölgelerini kaybeder. Nosiseptif sinyallerdeki aktivitenin artmasının yanısıra supraspinal merkezlerden gelen inhibitör aktivitedeki azalmanın, fantom ağrısının gelişmesinde önemli olduğu düşünülmektedir (3).

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rinin placeboya üstün olduğu gösterilmiştir. Ağrılı tetik noktalara botulinum toksin enjeksiyonu, fonksiyonel protez kullanımı, kontralateral TENS uygulaması, transkraniyal direk akım tedavisi, ayna tedavisi, basamaklı motor imgeleme, sanal gerçeklik, duyusal ayırt etme tedavisi, psikoterapiler (göz hareketleriyle duyarsızlaştırma ve yeniden işleme, hipnoz terapisi), nöroaksiyel infüzyon tedavisi, pleksus ve periferik sinir infüzyonları, dorsal root ganglion radyofrekans tedavisi, spinal kord stimülatörü uygulaması, derin beyin stimülasyonu, motor korteks stimülasyonu ve DREZ lezyonu ile fantom ağrısının kontrolünde başarılı klinik sonuçlar elde etmek mümkündür.

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