

# Elektrokonvülsif Tedavide Anestezi Uygulamaları

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**E**leketrokonvülsif tedavi (EKT) beyin dokusunu elektrik akımıyla uyararak yaygın nöbetler oluşturma esasına dayanan psikiyatrik bir tedavi yöntemidir (1). 19. yüzyıl sonlarında şizofreni ile epilepsinin birlikte bulunduğu hastalarda spontan konvülsyon sonrası şizofreni belirtilerinin azaldığı gözlemlenmiş, bu durum araştırmacıların yapay konvülsyon oluşturmaya yönlenmesini sağlamıştır. 1938 yılında bir epileptik nöbeti provoke etmek için elektrik akımı kullanılmış ve günümüzde uygulanan EKT'nin temelleri atılmıştır. Elektrokonvülsif tedavi zamanla; akut ve ilaç tedavisine dirençli kronik depresyon tedavisi, mani tedavisi, duyu bozukluğu, intihara meyil, delusyonel semptomlar, vejetatif fonksiyon bozuklukları, bitkinlik ve katattonik semptomlarla birlikte olan şizofrenik hastaların tedavisinde kullanılmaya başlamıştır (2). Çocuk yaşı grubundaki hastalarda ise refrakter status epileptikus, EKT endikasyonlarına eklenmiştir (3). Günümüzde EKT'nin en başta gelen endikasyonu tedaviye dirençli majör depresif bozukluktur. Bu tedavinin depresif semptomları hangi mekanizma ile azalttığı açık olmasa da indüklenmiş nöbet süresinin uzamasının antidepresif etkinliğin artması ile ilişkili olabileceği ileri sürülmüştür (4).

Elektrokonvülsif tedavi cihazı dış kaynaktan aldığı gücü, bilateral ya da unilateral hemisferde bellirli bölgelere yerleştirilmiş elektrotlarla, beyin dokusuna aktarır (1). Elektrot yerleşimi, uyarının şiddeti ve oluşturulan nöbetin süresi EKT'nin hem etkinliğinde hem de güvenliğinde büyük önem taşır. Elektrokonvülsif tedavi ile indüklenen tonik klonik nöbet; 10-15 sn terapötik tonik faz ve bunu takip ederek 30-50 sn süren klonik fazdan oluşur (5). Hedeflenen nöbet aktivitesi süresi 20 sn'den uzun olmak şartıyla, yaklaşık olarak 25-60 sn kadardır (6). Daha uzun veya kısa süren nöbet aktivitelerinde uyarının şiddeti ile anestezik ajanın dozu ayarlamalıdır. Haftada ortalama 3 kere olmak üzere hastanın tedaviye yanıtına göre

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