

CHAPTER 19

HENOCH-SCHONLEIN PURPURA – IgA VASCULITIS (D69.0)

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REMEMBER

- ▶ Henoch-Schönlein purpura (HSP) is the most common form of systemic vasculitis in children. Average time to appear: around 6-7 years of age. Although rare, it can also be observed in adulthood.
- ▶ The annual incidence of the disease in childhood has been reported as 2.4-15 per 100,000. The incidence in adulthood is estimated at 1.3 per 100,000.
- ▶ The etiology of the disease is not known exactly. Vaccines, viral and bacterial infections, certain drugs and autoimmunity have been blamed.
- ▶ Major clinical signs (HSP disease tetrad):
 - Palpable purpura without thrombocytopenia or coagulopathy
 - Arthritis/arthralgia
 - Stomachache
 - Kidney diseases
- ▶ The disease has a seasonal predisposition: it is more common in autumn and winter.

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- ▶ Pain, tenderness, and swelling in the testis/scrotum are typical clinical findings.
- ▶ Orchitis, epididymitis, testicular torsion and testicular hematoma may occur. All of the listed conditions above are urological emergencies, and should be consulted with a urologist.

Neurology

- ▶ HSP may also lead to cerebral vasculitis. As a result, ischemia, edema, bleeding and infarction may develop.
- ▶ Headache, ataxia, seizure, encephalopathy, myelopathy, focal neurological deficit, intracerebral hemorrhage and central/peripheral neuropathy may be observed in some of the patients.
- ▶ In the presence of the above-mentioned neurological symptoms/signs, the opinion of a pediatric neurologist should be sought.

Pulmonary diseases

- ▶ Since impaired lung diffusion capacity, and mild interstitial changes in chest imaging have been reported in patients with IgA vasculitis, evaluation by a pulmonologist is required.

Cardiology

- ▶ Cardiac involvement is more common than expected, and occurs 2-4 weeks after the onset of the disease.
- ▶ Palpitations, bradycardia, and chest pain may occur.
- ▶ Conduction anomalies, myocarditis, endocardial vasculitis and congestive heart failure may develop. Cardiac examinations of patients should be performed routinely, and evaluated by a cardiologist.

Ophthalmology

- ▶ Henoch-Schönlein purpura may also lead to keratitis, and uveitis. Cases having retinal artery vasculitis, episcleritis, and retinal artery occlusion have been reported. In clinical doubt, an ophthalmologist should be consulted urgently.

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HATIRLA

- ▶ Henoch-Schönlein purpurası (HSP) çocuklarda sistemik vaskülitin en sık gözlenen formudur. Ortalama görülme zamanı 6-7 yaş civarındır. Nadir olmakla birlikte erişkin yaşta da ortaya çıkabilir.
- ▶ Hastalığın çocukluk çağında yıllık insidansı 100.000’de 2.4-15 olarak bildirilmiştir. Yetişkin dönemdeki insidans ise 100.000’de 1.3 olarak tahmin edilmektedir.
- ▶ Hastalık etyolojisi tam olarak bilinmemektedir. Aşılar, viral ve bakteriyel enfeksiyonlar, bazı ilaçlar ve otoimmünite patogeneizde suçlanmıştır.
- ▶ Major klinik bulgular (HSP hastalık tetradı):
 - Trombositopeni veya koagülopati olmaksızın gözlenen palpabl purpura
 - Artrit/artralji
 - Karın ağrısı
 - Böbrek hastalığı
- ▶ Hastalık mevsimsel yatkınlık gösterir: sonbahar ve kış aylarında daha sık izlenir. Bu nedenle enfeksiyöz tetikleyicilerin hastalıkta rol oynayabileceği üzerinde çok durulmuştur.

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- Orşit, epididimit, testis torsiyonu ve testis hematomu görülebilir. Bu durumların ürolojik aciller arasındadır ve üroloji uzmanına konsülte edilmelidir.

Nöroloji

- HSP serebral vaskülitte de neden olabilir. Buna bağlı olarak iskemi, ödem, kanama ve enfarkt gelişebilir.
- Hastalarda baş ağrısı, ataksi, nöbet, ensefalopati, myelopati, fokal nörolojik defisit, intraserebral kanama ve santral/periferik nöropati gözlenebilir.
- Hastalar bu yönlerden de takip edilmeli ve yukarıda bahseilen nörolojik semptom/bulgular varlığında nöroloji uzmanının görüşü alınmalıdır.

Göğüs Hastalıkları

- IgA vaskülitli olan hastalarda bozulmuş akciğer diffüzyon kapasitesi, akciğer görüntülemelerinde hafif düzeyde interstisyel değişiklikler raporlanmış olduğundan gerekli durumlarda göğüs hastalıkları görüşü alınabilir.

Kardiyoloji

- Kardiyak tutulum sanıldığından daha sık olarak görülür ve hastalık başlangıcından 2-4 hafta sonra ortaya çıkar.
- Çarpıntı, bradikardi ve göğüs ağrısı görülebilir.
- İletim anomalileri, miyokardit, endokardiyal vaskülit ve konjestif kalp yetmezliği gelişebilir. Hastaların kardiyak muayeneleri rutin olarak yapılmalı ve kardiyoloji uzmanınca değerlendirilmelidir.

Göz Hastalıkları

- Henoch-Schönlein purpurası keratit ve üveite de neden olabilir. Retinal arter vaskülit, episklerit ve retinal arter oklüzyonu gelişen vakalar bildirilmiştir. Bu durumlarda acil olarak göz hastalıkları uzmanından görüş alınmalıdır.

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