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Protez Kapak Endokarditi

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Protez kapak endokarditi (PKE) kalp kapağı replasmanının yüksek ölüm oranlarıyla ilişkili ciddi bir komplikasyonudur. PKE, hem biyoprotez hem mekanik kalp kapağı olan hastalarda izlenebilir. Epidemiyolojik çalışmalara göre gelişmiş ülkelerde tüm infektif endokardit vakalarının %10 ila %30 kadarını PKE meydana getirir (1-4). Kapak protezi olan hastaların yüzde 1 ila 6'sında görülür (5). Genel olarak, cerrahi kapak replasmani yapılan hastalarda PKE, aortik ve mitral bölgelerde eşit sıklıkta meydana gelir (6-9).

ERKEN ENFEKSİYON

Erken PKE'de (cerrahi sonrası ilk 60 gün), mikroorganizmalar protez kapağı doğrudan intraoperatif kontaminasyon yoluyla veya cerrahi sonrası erken dönemde hematojen yayılım yoluyla enfekte eder. Kapak implantasyonundan hemen sonra kapak sütur halkası, kardiyak anulus ve asma sürtürleri henüz endotel ile kaplanmamıştır; bu nedenle, organizmaların protez-halka arayüzüne ve dikiş yolları boyunca perivalvüler dokuya doğrudan erişimi kolaylaşmıştır. Bu yapılar, organizmaların yapışabileceği fibronektin ve fibrinojen gibi konakçı proteinlerle kaplıdır. Perivalvüler apseler, protez kapaklarda özellikle yaygındır, çünkü halka, özellikle erken PKE'de hem mekanik hem de biyoprostetik kapakları içeren birincil enfeksiyon bölgesidir (10).

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