

1.INTRODUCTION:

- Lymph: pure water or stream.
- Lymphedema: 15,16th century.



2.PHYSIOLOGY & ANATOMY OF LYMPHATIC SYSTEM :

- 1. Superficial system: dermis, subcutaneous
- Deep system: subfascial area, deep collector, muscle, joint, ligament, synovial fluid.

2.PHYSIOLOGY & ANATOMY OF LYMPHATIC SYSTEM :

- Lymph capillaries: wider than blood capillaries. dermis, below papillary layer.
- Precollector: diameter 150 um
- 從precollector 以上才有Valve per few mm
- Collector: subcutaneous.100-600 um. Valve per few mm, muscle in the wall.
- >>以上為superficial system.

COLLECTOR:

- Intrinsic contraction:6-10/min, during exercise to 10 times; ANS(SNS) and lymph load regulate frequency of contraction by pacemaker on the distal valve.
- Additional factors: skeletal m contracture, breathing, arteries pulsation, external compression (MLD).

2.PHYSIOLOGY & ANATOMY OF LYMPHATIC SYSTEM :

- Lymph nodes: 600-700 LN, majority in abdomen (intestine), tonsils,thymus,spleen.2-30 mm in diameter.100 resistant of thoracic duct. 絕大多數lymphatic water load在lymph node 回到血液循環
- Lymph trunk:
- Thoracic duct>>Lt subclavian vein.
- \odot Rt upper $\frac{1}{4} >>$ Rt subclavian vein.

LYMPH LOAD:

- Lymphatic protein load: main function of the lymphatic system; 75-100g/day, ultrafiltration and diffusion.
- 90% micromolecular protein>>vein.
 10% macromolecular protein>>lymph capillary.

LYMPH LOAD:

● Lymphatic water load: net ultrafiltration.
2.5 liter/day>>經由Lt & Rt subclavian vein 回到右心房.
4-8 liter/day>>經由reabsorbed into lymph node

then enter blood circulation.

Transport capacity為10 倍basal lymph flow.

- Lymphatic cell load: immune cells; lymphocyte, macrophage, granulocyte, red blood cell, and Langerhans cell.
- Lymphatic fat load: 小腸lymph vessels.
 Chylomicrons 分子比較大,只能靠lymphatic system 運輸.

3.PATHOLOGY OF EDEMA:

- Edema: Unusual swelling of tissue due to excessive amount fluid in interstitium.
- "Simple" Lymphoedema: mechanical (low output) failure of lymphatic system>>reduced transport capacity.
- Lymphedema: sign of lymphatic system & defense overwhelmed(Földi,1969).



4.CLASSIFICATION OF LYMPHEDEMA BY CAUSATION:

• 1.Primary(idiopathic):

most in woman congenital(newborn)/praecox(<35 y/o)/ tardum(>35 y/o)

aplasia/dysplasia/ malformation/sclerosis of LN.

• 2.Secondary:

- traumatic/ lymphangitis/artificial iatrogenic: lymphadenectomy, radiation
- malignancy: lymphoma, metastatic tumor.

BREAST CANCER

- 1st leading cause of secondary lymphedema in developed countries.
- Axillary lymphadenectomy
- Radiation

PREDISPOSING FACTORS FOR BREAST CANCER RELATED LYMPHEDEMA (BCRL)

- ${\scriptstyle \odot}$ Radiation to the axillary lymph nodes
- Lymphadenectomy
- Type of surgery (MRM Vs BCS)
- ALND Vs SLND
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- BMI:>30 Vs<25. Helyer LK.2010
- African American. Kwan. 2010



5.L.E.DIAGNOSIS : A. CLINICAL SYMPTOMS & SIGNS

- Heavy sensation, tightness
- Unilateral, asymmetrical bil(lower limbs)
- Color of skin: normal, cyanosis>>malignant.
- Not painful: pain>>malignant, plexopathy.
- Not ulceration: malignant, radiation, combination of CVI.
- Stemmer sign(+): finger & toe metatarsal bone dorsal side.

5.L.E.DIAGNOSIS:

- b. Circumference: >2 cm (upper limb), 3.5 cm (lower limb).
- o. Volumetric measurement:
- 200 ml; >10 (5) %(upper limb), 5%(lower limb). *Monica 1994*
- d. Skin tonometry:

5.LYMPHEDEMA DIAGNOSIS :

- e. Imaging techniques:
- Lymphoscintinography: 確定是否有 lymphedema. function, 與MLD combined 可以預期CDP 效果
- Doppler: deep venous system
- CT, MRI and sonography:

5.LYMPHEDEMA DIAGNOSIS :

- f. BIA (Bioimpedance analysis): accumulation of extracellular fluid, lymphedema determination:
- impedance index :R₀unaffected/R₀affected >>early detection of post-mastectomy lymphedema.
- \geq 1.139(dominant),
- \geq 1.066(non-dominant)
- Betty Smoot. 2011.BIA and calculated volume(75 ml) > the most accurate assessments of existing BCRL.

6.CLINICAL STAGE OF LYMPHEDEMA: Földi STAGE

Clinical presentation:

- Latency: can't detectable, only decreased TC (transport capacity).
- Stage 1:mild,pitting,reversible, suprafasical edema.
- Stage 2:moderate, progressive hardening, fibrosclerotic process, and fat deposition; can't be spontaneously reversible.
- Stage 3: severe, lymphostatic elephantiasis, papillomatosis, hyperkeratosis.

LATENCY STAGE:

- The period of time between the reduction of transport capacity as the result of trauma or surgery, and the onset of lymphedema.
- Histological finding: the same as clinical lymphedema.

7. EPIDEMIOLOGY: INCIDENCE OF BCRL

- \odot Erickson, $_{2001}:$ 20 % in breast cancer s/p ALND .
- 15-25%. Ewertz M. Review article .2011
- Self-reported lymphedema: 42-49%.

INCIDENCE OF BCRL IN CCH

- Dec, 2002, Retrospectively, breast cancer s/p O/P, 1994-2000, Changhua Christian Hospital.
- 570 patients, follow-up 4.3 years.
- \circledcirc Incidence: ≥ 2 cm, 8.2%(46/570) ; self-reported BCRL-28%(161/570).

SENTINEL LYMPH NODE BIOPSY

- SLNB replaced the ALND in 1990, BCRL incidence is lowered to about 3-7 % in breast cancer patients.

LOWER LIMB LYMPHEDEMA

- Beesley V et al., 802 gynecological cancer survivors, 10% of patients were diagnosed with LLL, and a further 15% of patients reported undiagnosed "symptomatic" lower limb swelling.
- Cervical cancer:
- Uterine/Ovarian cancer:
- Melanoma

8.TIME OF COURSE OF BCRL:

- 109 mild BCRL (0.5-2cm) >>34%-3 years, 48%-5 years, progress to more severe lymphedema. voichita Bar.Ad. LJ.Radiation Oncology Biol.Phys.2010
- Casley-Smith: untreated BCRL progression. PEV(percentage of excess volume)=22% 2 years, 77% after 8 years diagnosis.

TIME OF COURSE OF BCRL:

- Johansson K 2010, early stage BCRL (5%) posttherapy approach, PEV could keep at a low level for 10 years (8.1% Vs 9.0%).
- Early intervention could prevent BCRL progression and improve patient's quality of life (QOL).

9.COMPLICATION OF LYMPHEDEMA:

- Cosmetic, quality of life(QOL): BCRL, is one of the most distressing and debilitating complications of breast cancer treatment. Depression, anxiety, impairment for ADL and work, and poor QOL.
- Inflammatory complication; DLA(dermatolymphangioadenitis) : Olszewski
- VAD(volatile abacterial dermatitis: E. Földi
- Angiosarcoma

10.C.D.P. FOR BCRL

There are multidisplinary treatment modalities for BCRL in rehabilitation. C.D.P.(Complex decongestive physiotherapy) or C.D.T. (complete decongestive therapy) is the major conservative and effective therapy for BCRL.

THE NATURE OF COMPLEX DECONGESTIVE PHYSIOTHERAPY :

• four parts:

- skin care & treatment of any infection
- M.L.D. (manual lymphatic drainage)
- compression therapy
- exercise

THE NATURE OF COMPLEX DECONGESTIVE PHYSIOTHERAPY :

- 2 phases:
- Decongestive(intensive) phase: skin care, manual lymphatic drainage (M.L.D.), exercise and multi-layer bandaging every day, 2-4 weeks.
- Maintenance phase : skin care, exercise, low- stretch elastic sleeve; MLD applied when needed.

M.L.D.:

- Manual lymphatic drainage
- Neighboring healthy region suction the highprotein fluid from the congested area.

M.L.D.:

- Eymphotomes: skin, lymphatic drainage area.
- Watershed :separate lymphatic tributary regions (root area)

COMPRESSION THERAPY

External device (compression garment or bandage).
Internal: expansion of a muscle that presses against a resistant layer.

EXERCISE:

- Warm up
- Stretch exercise
- Decongestive exercise: muscle chain.

11.影響CDP療效因子分析: 1).BCRL

BCRL

- a retrospective analysis,107 BCRL.12 sessions of CDP, the duration of lymphedema was 22.4 months, 56% of BCRL occurred within 2 years after surgery.
- Lymphedema severity: baseline and post-CDP percentage of excess volume (PEV), was 27.7% and 14.9%.
- The baseline PEV was correlated with the duration of lymphedema.
- The CDP efficacy, percentage reduction of excess volume (PREV), was 50.5%, and was correlated with PEV, duration of lymphedema and age.

BCRL

- This study showed the effectiveness of an intensive CDP interventions.
- The breast cancer therapy characteristics did not affect PEV or PREV.
- Baseline lymphedema severity was the most important predictive factor for CDP efficacy.

PREDICTIVE FACTORS OF CDP EFFICACY

- Forder-Cordero Isabel₂₀₁₀: PEV, compliance, autumn, and venous insufficiency.
- Johansson K ₂₀₁₀, BCRL,10 years f/u, large PEV at diagnosis>> exceeded large PEV during follow-up (PEV ≥20%).

OTHER PREDICTIVE FACTORS OF CDP EFFICACY

- Compliance to bandage
- Treatment season
- Venous insufficiency
- BMI
- Age

LOWER LIMB LYMPHEDEMA (LLL)

- 44 patients, post-pelvic cancer LLL.
- 27(61.4%)-cervical cancer, 9 (20.5%)-endometrial cancer, 8 (18.2%)-ovarian cancer. 18 (40.9%) patients received radiotherapy.
- Age- 62.2 y/o, 12.6 sessions of CDP.
- lymphedema duration was 34.8 months. The interval from pelvic cancer treatment to LLL development was 63.4 months.
- Lymphedema severity: baseline and post-CDP PEV were 32.9% and 18.8%.

LOWER LIMB LYMPHEDEMA (LLL)

- The lymphedema reduction after 12.6 sessions of CDP was −55.1%.
- The key to predicting successful lymphedema treatment of LLL is the initial PEV.

CONCLUSIONS:

The intensive CDP program was effective and successful. We should encourage and refer patients to undergo treatment for lymphedema, even when the lymphedema is mild. 12. The other rehabilitation methods in lymphedema :

A).INTERMITTENT PNEUMATIC COMPRESSION

- No consensus: time, frequency(1 hour, 30 mmHg)
 Andrzej Szuba: 1).10 times, DLT Vs DLT+IPC : 26% Vs 45.3%>>30 days, no difference.

INTERMITTENT PNEUMATIC COMPRESSION

- Haghighat S : CDT Vs CDT+IPC:43.1 Vs 37.5% >>16.9 Vs 7.5%(3 months later). Lymphology 2010.
- Feldman JL et al: In select patients, IPC use may provide an acceptable home-based treatment modality in addition to wearing compression garments. _{Lymphology 2012}.

B).Kinesio taping:

In Kenzo Kase, in 1973, and he believed kinesio tape could help open up lymphatic pathways and keep the pathways open to improve lymphatic uptake.

KINESIO TAPING:

- ●可以取代CDP治療嗎?不可能.
- 因為, compression therapy是CDP治療一個很重要的元素,kinesio taping 和compression therapy相比,effect太弱.
- 。我們用嗎? Yes,用於palliative (pospice case) treatment, and trunk, proximal limb part(不易 apply bandage處)







KINESIO TAPING:

- ●缺點
- Wound:Xerosis, pruritus:
- Expensive:不可重複使用

圖片及參考資料出處:FÖLDI 'S TEXTBOOK OF LYMPHOLOGY

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