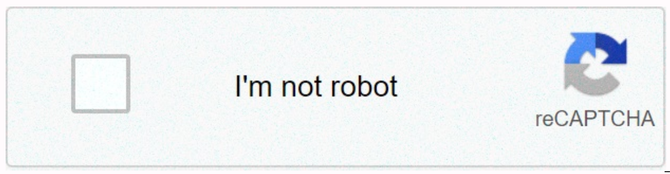

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Infective endocarditis prophylaxis indications

Vol. 16, No. 32 - 05 Dec 2018 The European Society of Cardiology recommends antibiotic prophylaxis to prevent infectious endocarditis in patients undergoing high-risk procedures who are at high risk of infectious endocarditis. The level of evidence is given as Class IIa, Level Of Evidence C, which means that the guidelines are primarily based on consensus opinion. This is because there has never been a randomized controlled trial to determine the efficacy of antibiotic prophylaxis, due to the practical obstacles due to the rarity of the disease. This article will set out the evidence that exists to help understand how these opinions were formed. Subject (s): Interventional Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery Antibiotic prophylaxis (AD) to prevent infectious endocarditis (EI) is an established and recommended practice in most countries of the world today, with the United Kingdom being the notable exception. The first recorded use of the PA took place in 1941 [1]. The American Heart Association (AHA) published the first guidelines in 1955 [2]; the first European consensus document was published in 1995 [3]. Since then, the guidelines have been gradually refining. The latest guidelines from the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) were published in 2015 [4]. The current ESC guidelines recommend that the PA be considered for individuals considered to be high risk of EI when undergoing high-risk dental procedures. High-risk procedures High-risk dental procedures involve manipulation of the gum or periapical region of the teeth or perforation of the oral mucosa. The AHA guidelines are very similar. Other procedures, such as respiratory or urological procedures, for which PA has been recommended in earlier versions of the guidelines, are no longer considered high risk, and PA is no longer recommended unless procedures are initiated in the context of an active infection. High-risk patients ESC defines three groups of patients as being at high risk for EI. These groups are: Patients with a prosthetic valve, or where prosthetic material was used to repair a valve. This group includes patients with a percutaneous aortic or pulmonary valve. Patients with previous EI. Patients with congenital heart disease who are cyanotic and those who have had palliative shunts/ducts/other prostheses. Those who have had complete repair are considered at high risk for the first six months after the procedure only. The extent of the increased risk has recently been confirmed by a number of studies [5,6]. In the past, moderate risk patients, such as with a native valve disease or less severe congenital heart disease, were covered by PA, but this is no longer the case. The category of evidence is given under the name IIa, the level of evidence as C. Class IIa is defined as The weight of evidence or opinion is in favour of utility/effectiveness. The level of evidence C is defined as consensus opinion of experts and/or small studies, retrospective studies, registries. It no randomized controlled trials in support of THE use of AP, and the recommendation to use AP is based on the consensus view of the experts. This article will summarize the evidence that exists and underlies this consensus. Historical observations Dental procedures were first linked to EI in 1923 [7]. Lewis and Grant suggested that bacteria released during dental procedures could cause EI in some susceptible individuals. This hypothesis was proven by Okell and Elliott in 1935, who noted that 61% of patients had positive blood cultures for viridans group oral streptococci (OVGS) following a dental extraction [8]. The concept that antibiotics administered prior to dental intervention could reduce the risk of bacteremia and, therefore, the risk of developing EI followed and, in 1941, Thomas et al. were the first to report the use of PA [1]. In 1955, the AHA published the first set of guidelines, entitled Prevention of Rheumatic Fever and Bacterial Endocarditis by Controlling Streptococcal Infections [2]. The animal data Durack and Petersdorf developed an experimental model of EI in rabbits. A polyethylene catheter was introduced through the internal jugular vein and passed through the tricuspid valve into the right side of the heart. The next day, bacteria were injected intravenously. A variety of antibiotic regimens have been tested and some have succeeded in preventing this experimentally induced EI [9]. Many similar studies using rabbit and other animal models have also shown that antibiotics administered before bacterial injections could prevent EI, supporting the use of PA. Human Data If ap is beneficial, a number of observations must be true. Data was collected to try to answer all of these questions. Dental procedures should cause bacteremia. Antibiotics should reduce the duration and/or extent of this bacteremia. It should be possible to demonstrate a link between dental procedures and the development of EI. When patients who are thought to benefit from PA do not receive it, then they should be more at risk of developing EI than those who receive ap. Do dental procedures cause bacteremia and do antibiotics affect that? The observation that invasive dental procedures can release bacteria into the blood has been repeated many times with increasingly rigorous protocols. For example, Lockhart et al. [10] clearly demonstrated that just over half of patients whose tooth was extracted developed a brief bacteremia with an organism known to cause EI. In addition, they have shown that amoxicillin as a significantly reduced the proportion with a positive blood culture to about one in five. However, the study also showed that about one in ten people would develop bacteremia with simple tooth brushing. Many other studies have shown bacteremia after daily activities, including simply chewing food. This last observation has led many to question the value of AP. What is the point of an activity that occurs on average every two years, when there will be literally thousands of activities in that time that can cause bacteremia and will not be covered? In any event, both scenarios may cause EI; neither argument prevents the other from being true. Are dental procedures associated with endocarditis? If it is argued that PA is effective in preventing EI, it follows that there should be evidence that dental procedures cause EI. So far, this data has proven to be elusive. Van der Meer et al. examined whether or not dental procedures preceded EI cases across the Netherlands and published their results in 1992 [11]. They interviewed PATIENTS with EI about procedures sustained in the 180 days prior to the onset of EI symptoms. Eighty-nine patients (20.8%) relevant procedure in the previous six months, which could have resulted in EI. In 1995, Lacassin et al. compared 171 cases of EI with matched controls in France [12]. Forty (40) cases had undergone extraction (11), scaling (14) or root canal treatment (15) in the previous three months, while only 26 controls had undergone similar procedures. This difference was not statistically significant. In 1998, Strom et al. undertook a case study in the United States [13]. Two hundred and seventy-three cases were interviewed. In the three months prior to treatment, 63 patients (23.1%) and 64 controls (23.4%) has undergone a dental procedure. This difference was not significant. Porat Ben-Amy et al. [14] used a cross-case design to examine the frequency of dental procedures in the three months prior to admission compared to other three-month periods in 170 patients with endocarditis. They found no evidence that dental procedures significantly increased the risk of EI. In 2015, Chen et al. published data retrospectively examining 739 patients hospitalized with ie in Taiwan [15]. They used a case-crossing design (where patients serve their own controls). They looked back 12 weeks before admission with IE and used three blocks of 12 weeks before that as control periods. The possibility of having a dental procedure in the 12 weeks prior to the development of EI was not significantly different from the chances of having a dental procedure during a period of control. Tubiana et al. looked at the risk of developing EI after dental surgery [16]. They used France's administrative data for the period January 2006 to December 2014. In total, they identified 138,076 people with prosthetic valves and followed them for a total of 285,034 A total of 69,303 people underwent 103,463 dental procedures that had an indication for AP. In each case, the presence or absence of invasive dental procedures in the three months immediately preceding oral strep EI was compared to the presence or absence of exposure to invasive dental procedures during previous check-up periods in the same patient. Where no dental procedures had taken place in the three the incidence rate of oral strep was 94.6 per 100,000 person-years (95% CI: 82.5-106.6). Within three months of invasive dental procedure, oral strep EI increased to 118.5 per 100,000 person-years (95% CI: 56.4-180.6). The case-crossing analysis demonstrated a statistically significant association between invasive dental procedures and oral strep IE (5.1% vs. 3.2%; odds ratio (OR) 1.66, 95% CI: 1.05-2.63; p-value-0.03). Importantly, in the three months prior to oral streptococcal ED, only 5.1% of patients underwent invasive dental surgery, noting that most cases of oral streptococcal ED are not related to dental procedures. The most recent study to examine the link is Chen et al. (a different group from the above) [17]. They found no link between invasive dental procedures and the development of EI; however, there were a number of important methodological issues with this document that are beyond the scope of this article. It is clear from these studies that EI caused by dental procedures can, at most, cause only a small number of cases, and that studies must enroll several thousand patients to detect a small difference. The available data do not provide a clear answer as to whether dental procedures may or may not result in EI; many interpreted the data to say that there is no link. Do other procedures cause infectious endocarditis? It should not be forgotten that prior to the iterations of the ETUC guidelines in 2009 [18], many other procedures were considered to increase the risk of EI and PA. NICE re-examined the data in 2015 [19], when it re-examined its guidelines first published in 2008. They found only one study which they felt showed a link between a procedure and the development of EI. In 2014, Mohee et al. [20] demonstrated a link between urological procedures and the development of enterococcal EI when they examined causal factors in 384 patients, retrospectively, from their institution. No other study was found to be methodologically sound enough to warrant inclusion and review. Does antibiotic prophylaxis inhibit the development of infectious endocarditis? Studies have been undertaken to understand whether PA could be effective, although there is no evidence that dental procedures lead to EI. In 1986, Horstkotte et al. compared 229 patients with prosthetic heart valves in which 287 procedures were performed and who had ap, with 304 patients with prosthetic heart valves in which 390 similar procedures were performed and who did not AP [21]. In the first group no patients developed IE. In the second group, six developed IE within 14 days. In 1990, Imperiale and Horwitz published a very small case study [22]. They enrolled eight patients with high-risk lesions who had IE for the first time on a native valve within 12 weeks of a dental procedure. They were each paired with three patients who also underwent a dental procedure and who had a similar valve injury and age. Ap was used by 1/8 patients and by 15/24 controls. They concluded that PA offered protection against EI. In 1992, Van der Meer et al. published two related studies from the Netherlands. The first study has already been described. The second study was a case-control study that examined the efficacy of PA in preventing EI in patients with indigenous valve disease [23]. Forty-eight patients who developed ie within 180 days of a medical or dental procedure requiring AP were compared to 200 age-assorted controls who had a relevant procedure but did not develop IE. AP was given to 8/48 cases and 26/200 checks. It is estimated that the PA reduced the risk of developing EI by 49% within 30 days. In the aforementioned lacassin study [12], forty-eight subjects with known heart disease underwent a dental procedure (26 cases and 22 controls). Six cases and six checks received AP. For cases due to Streptococcus viridans and those with negative blood cultures, 3/18 cases received AP while 6/22 checked. This difference has not reached a statistical significance. In recent times, national data have become available for analysis and have enabled researchers to assess the impact of policy changes on EI rates. In 2007, the American Heart Association issued new guidelines for AP [24]. The previous iteration in 1997 [25] recommended PA for patients at high risk and at moderate risk of developing EI. The 2007 guidelines limited PA to people at high risk of developing or experiencing an adverse EI result. In March 2008, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence published its recommendations for the use of PA in England and Wales [19]. They recommended that PA be no longer used, citing the lack of strong evidence of its effectiveness, and expressing concerns about the potential side effects of PA use, the potential development of antibiotic resistance and cost. The UK has moved from prescribing PA largely to moderately and high-risk patients with EI to not using ap at all [26]. The European Society of Cardiology updated its 2004 guidelines [27] for the prevention of EI in 2009 [18]. They took a similar approach to that of the Americans, moving from the view that moderate to high-risk patients should have ap, to simply recommending it for high-risk patients. We have recently reviewed this literature [28], and other studies have since been published. The data are complex to interpret and contradictory in their conclusions, with as many studies finding changes as they are not. studies have not answered the question of whether ap is effective. How do we understand the variation in the findings of these studies? The first thing to enjoy is that in most countries AP was always recommended for high-risk patients, but not in the UK. In addition, the coding used between studies to identify EI cases differed. It is also to realize that there are no ICD-9 or 10 codes that specifically identify OVGS. The codes used to identify cases of streptococcal disease, and in particular OVGS IE, vary considerably from study to study, making comparison difficult. These studies are observational and cannot explain the observed changes. During the study periods, there were many changes other than the PA guidelines. Some of them, such as a growing and aging society, better diagnostic techniques and the increasing use of new medical technologies such as percutaneous insertion of prosthetic valves, may naturally tend to increase EI levels. Other changes, such as the focus on practices to reduce health care infection, may tend to reduce rates. It is clear from studies that all patients recommended for ap by AP guidelines are given AP in real life. This inconsistency was exploited by Tubiana et al. [16]. Of the 69,303 individuals with a prosthetic valve who underwent 103,463 dental procedures that had an indication for AP, AP was given in only 50.5% of these cases. A total of 267 patients developed EI likely to have been caused by OVGS during the follow-up period. Of these, a total of four patients developed EI within three months of an invasive dental procedure after receiving PA, while 10 who did not receive PA developed EI within three months of the procedure. Incidence rates of oral streptococcal EI were 78.1 per 100,000 person-years (95% CI: 1.6 to 154.6) within three months of invasive dental procedure when PA was administered, 149.5 per 100,000 person-years (95% CI: 56.8-242.2) in the three months following invasive dental procedure without AP. This difference has approached, but has not reached, the importance (p .08). It is imperative that this study be replicated in other countries where such data are available. Conclusions It is not clear if AP is effective. It's a subject that divides clinicians. A quote from Stuart Chase, an American economist, is appropriate: For those who believe, no proof is necessary. For those who do not believe, no proof is possible. Currently, the ETC Guidelines Committee believes that it is reasonable to provide PA to patients at high risk of EI, given that the risks and costs of PA are low and the potential consequences for a patient are devastating. 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