

Infant with Multifocal Osteomyelitis

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INTRODUCTION

Multifocal osteomyelitis is rare but a potential cause morbidity and mortality^{2,3}. Risk is higher in infants and older children with infective risk factors^{2,3}. Incidence reported 20-50% in all neonates with osteomyelitis^{1,3}

CASE REPORT

3-month-old boy, born premature at 35 weeks, had reduced left upper limb movement for 1 week without any history of trauma. 2 weeks prior, he had vaccination to right thigh and fever secondary to tonsilitis where he was prescribed with amoxycillin. Examination revealed reduced motion of the left shoulder with swelling and erythema. Radiograph showed callus over clavicular fracture and subsequent ultrasound showed subcutaneous edema. All infective parameters were raised. Initial diagnosis were cellulitis with healing clavicle fracture and parenteral cloxacillin was started.



Figure 1: left clavicle radiograph at initial (left) and 1 week later (right)

His clinical condition was not improving despite 7 days of antibiotics and repeated radiographs showed lytic lesion with extensive periosteal reaction, hence raised the suspicious of osteomyelitis. It was later confirmed with MRI. The MRI revealed ostemomyelitic foci at left clavicle and scapula, T1 to T7 ribs and left humeral head. Parenteral ceftazidime was added. He responded well with improved clinical condition and blood parameters.

At 3 weeks of admission, he was noted to have reduced motion and swelling over right forearm. Radiographs of the right radius and ulna showed similar changes as left clavicle.



Figure 2: Radiograph of right radius ulna

Radionuclide imaging detected high uptake at bilateral radius and ulna, left clavicle and left ankle. Due to multiple bones involvement, syrup rifampicin was added for 2weeks. Patients responded well to the antibiotics regime clinically and biochemically and was discharged well. Review at 6weeks from the first diagnosis, he was active and well.

DISCUSSION

Option of whole body MRI^{1,2} or radionuclide imaging³ are suggested for suspected cases. Antibiotics should cover for staphylococcus, gram negative and positive^{1,2} organisms. Short duration of rifampicin may be considered in case of unresponsiveness¹

CONCLUSION

Treating personnel should have a high index of suspicious in detecting patient with possible multifocal osteomyelitis as late treatment may caused morbidity to patients. Long duration of follow up is needed to detect early complication.

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