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Pediatric thoracic trauma

Pediatric thoracic trauma involves injury to the chest wall, diaphragm, lungs and mediastinum, and accounts for 25 percent of injured children. The type of trauma results from high energy blunt trauma, penetrating trauma or a combination of the two. The majority of blunt injuries result from motor vehicle accidents, while penetrating injuries are similar to adult trauma, including knife or gunshot wounds.

The most common injuries are lung contusions, pneumothorax, hemothorax and rib fractures, while injuries to the vital mediastinal organs such as the heart, aorta and trachea are less common. Most deaths from thoracic injuries occur in the prehospital setting; even severely injured patients that survive to the hospital have a high likelihood of surviving.

Presentation

The presentation ranges from minimal symptoms to extrema. About a quarter of patients present with occult injuries with no obvious sign of trauma, owing to the pliability of the pediatric rib cage and the subtleties of the radiographic findings. The initial goal for diagnosis should be to rule out the immediately obvious sign of trauma, including airway obstruction, tension pneumothorax, massive hemothorax and cardiac tamponade.

Management

Depending upon the severity of the injury, the treatment of thoracic injuries range from simple interventions (oxygen, pain control, tube thoracostomy) to major operative procedures. Most patients do not require an operation and can be managed with supportive measures, with or without tube thoracostomy.

Outcomes

The type of injury dictates the risk for morbidity and mortality. The higher the injury severity score, the greater the risk of death. The deaths that occur with children usually occur within the first few days after the injury, resulting from the injury itself and not from respiratory failure or sepsis. The overall mortality rate from the National Pediatric Trauma Registry was 15 percent of severe chest trauma patients. The overall morbidity is low, with more than 90 percent of patients discharged with no impairment.

About Children’s

Children’s is a national leader in pediatric trauma. Egleston hospital carries the highest designation as the only state-designated Level 2 pediatric trauma center. Our team of pediatric trauma surgeons, ENT surgeons, maxillofacial surgeons and emergency medicine physicians works closely with nurses and other support medicine physicians works closely with nurses and other support measures, with or without tube thoracostomy.

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