Need to rationalize use of Antibiotics

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RATIONAL USE OF MEDICINES

"RATIONAL USE OF DRUGS REQUIRES THAT PATIENTS RECEIVE MEDICATION APPROPRIATE TO THEIR CLINICAL NEEDS, IN DOSES THAT MEET THEIR **OWN REQUIREMENTS FOR AN** ADEQUATE PERIOD OF TIME AND THE LOWEST COST TO THEM AND THEIR COMMUNITY."

KEY OF RATIONAL DRUG PRESCRIBING

IS TO USE -

- * **RIGHT DRUG**
- * IN RIGHT PATIENT
- * IN RIGHT DOSE
- * BY RIGHT ROUTE
- * AT RIGHT TIME
- * WITH RIGHT DOCUMENTATION

<u>CRITERIA FOR</u> RATIONAL DRUG PRESCRIBING

- APPROPRIATENESS
- EFFICACY
- SAFETY
- COST OF THERAPY



WHO POLICY PERSPECTIVE IN MEDICINES (2002)

WORLDWIDE MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF ALL MEDICINES ARE PRESCRIBED, DISPENSED, OR SOLD INAPPROPRIATELY, WHILE 50 PERCENT OF THE PATIENTS FAIL TO TAKE THEM CORRECTLY.

ANTIBIOTICS - PRECIOUS DURGS

- SIGNIFICANT BURDEN OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN INDIA.
- LIMITED RESOURCE OF ANTIBIOTICS.
- ONLY FEW DRUGS ARE IN PIPELINE.
- TEIXOBACTIN IS THE ONLY ANTIBIOTIC DEVELOPED IN LAST 3 DECADES.

Antibiotics are one of the most commonly prescribed drugs being responsible for 30-50 % of hospital's total drug budget. In 2010 - 13 billion pills of Antibiotic were consumed in India as against
 10 billion in China and 7 billion in USA annually.

 In India Antibiotic use is increased by 43% from 2000 to 2010.



NEED OF HOUR IS TO RATIONALIZE USE OF ANTIBIOTIC IN THE INTEREST OF SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

SELECTION OF ANTIBIOTICS

On the basis of -

- 1. Clinical judgment.
- 2. Microbiological information.
- 3. Pharmacological knowledge.



Use of Antibiotics in every case of fever.

Use of Antibacterial drug for the treatment of untreatable infections.



Use of Antibiotics where actually surgical intervention is required.

Unnecessary use of systemic Antibacterials.



Overreliance on

parenteral antibiotics.



Inappropriate doses. Inadequate duration of therapy.

ANTIBIOTIC PRESCRIBING INFLUENCED BY -

- Patient.
- Pharmaceutical industry.



DUE TO DIAGNOSTIC UNCERTAINTY BECAUSE OF -

- I. INADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE OF PRESCRIBER
- II. LACK OF MICROBIOLOGY FACILTY
- III. UNAFFORDABILITY OF DIAGNOSTIC TESTS.

<u>ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS IS</u> <u>UNJUSTIFIED -</u>

- 1. After clean elective surgery.
- 2. In neonates born after prolonged or instrumental delivery.
- 3. To prevent post partum infection after normal delivery.
- 4. To prevent secondary bacterial infection after viral infection.
- 5. To prevent respiratory infection in unconscious patient or those who are on ventilators.

ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS OF SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS (SSIs)

Antibiotics used for prophylaxis are often inappropriately chosen and administered. 30% of antibiotics used in hospital are for prophylaxis and more than 80% are given inappropriately for >48h duration.



Operations on abdomen.

- Operation lasting for more than 2 hrs.
- Contaminated or dirty wound classification.
- At least 3 medical diagnosis.

ANTIMICROBIAL PROPHYLAXIS NEEDED IN -

- Clean contaminated wound
- Contaminated wound
- Dirty wound
- Surgeries involving insertion of prosthetic material.
- Heart surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Immunocompromised patient
- Other risk factors



• Elective

- Primarily closed procedure.
- Respiratory, GIT, biliary, genitourinary or oropharyngeal tract not entered.
- No acute inflammation.
- No break in aseptic O.T. technique.
- Expected infection rate ≤ 2%.



II – Clean Contaminated

- Urgent or emergency case that is otherwise clean.
- Controlled opening of respiratory, GIT, biliary or oropharyngeal tract.
- Minimum spillage or minor break in technique.
- Expected infection rate ≤ 10 %.



III – Contaminated

- Acute non-purulent inflammation.
- Major technique break or major spill from hollow organs.
- Penetrating trauma less than 4 hrs old.
- Chronic open wound to be grafted or covered.
- Expected infection rate about 20 %.



<u>IV – Dirty</u>

- Purulent or abscess.
- Pre-operative perforation of respiratory, GIT, biliary or oropharyngeal tract.
- Penetrating trauma more than 4 hrs old.
- Expected infection rate about 40 %.



CHOICE OF ANTIBIOTIC

Most effective

Peak conc. > MIC

• Least toxic

• Least expensive

Not affecting normal flora of host



TIME & ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION

• Within 1 hr prior to incision

Intravenously



MOST PREFERRED PROPHYLACTIC

ANTIBIOTIC

Cefazolin – 1 gm Intravenously (30 mg / kg .Bw)

AMPICILLIN – SULBACTAM 3 gm I/v (50 mg/Kg.Bw)

Alternative to Cefazolin In –

- Lung surgery
- Head neck cancer surgery
- Plastic surgery
- Biliary tract surgery

<u>PROPHYLACTIC ANTIBACTERIALS:</u> IN CASE OF ALLERGY TO CEPHALOSPORINS

Clindamycin – 600 mg I.V. + Gentamicin – 1.5 mg / Kg Bw I.V.

FOR UROLOGIC SURGERY:

Ciprofloxacin – 400 mg I.V. (10 mg / kg Bw)

PROPHYLACTIC ANTIBIOTIC: WHEN ANAEROBIC INFECTION IS **ANTICIPATED** Cefotetan – 2 gm I.V. (40 mg / kg Bw) Or Cefoxitin – 2 gm I.V. (40 mg / kg Bw) Or Cefazolin – 1 gm I.V. + Metronidazole – 500 mg I.V. (15 mg /kg Bw) Or Clindamycin – 600 mg I.V. (10 mg /kg Bw) (In case of allergy to cephalosporin)



Vancomycin – 1 gm I.V. Or Teicoplanin – 200 mg I.V.



DURATION OF PROPHYLAXIS

Mostly single dose

Give additional dose of antibiotics in the event of intraoperative blood loss (1.5 L for adult or 25 ml/Kg Bw for children)

DURATION OF PROPHYLAXIS

If antibiotic is to be continued post operatively, the duration should be less than 24 hrs regardless of the presence of intravascular catheters or indwelling drains.

DURATION OF PROPHYLAXIS

- 24 hrs Vascular Surgery Head & Neck Surgery Grade I/II open fractures Liver Transplant Penetrating Abdominal Trauma
- 48 hrs Cardiothoracic Surgery Grade III open fractures Kidney Transplant
- 5 Days Penetrating Trauma requiring Neurosurgery Lung Transplant

<u>REDOSING FREQUENCY INTRA-</u> <u>OPERATIVELY</u>

(If surgery is prolonged beyond 4 hrs)

Drug	Recommended Re-dosing Interval
Cephalosporins, Clindamycin, Ampicillin + Sulbactam	4 h
Ciprofloxacin	6 h
Metronidazole, Aminoglycosides	8 h
Vancomycin	12 h



>60 min	Repeat pre-op-dose of antibiotic
	(except of Ciprofloxacin & Vancomycin)
>120 min	Repeat pre-op-dose of Ciprofloxacin
>8 hrs	Repeat pre-op-dose of Vancomycin

<u>ANTIBIOTIC PRESCRIBING WITH</u> <u>MISCONCEPTS -</u>

- Newer drugs are always better drugs.
- Costly drugs are always better drugs.
- Polypharmacy is always better.
- FDCs are always better.

NEED TO RATIONALIZE USE OF ANTIBIOTICS

• Bad Bugs, No Drugs.

• IDSA launched "10 X 20 initiative" .

<u>ANTIBIOTICS – PRECIOUS DRUGS</u>

Antibiotics have saved our lives for so long and now it is the time for us to save antibiotics.

"Medicines are nothing in themselves, but are the very hands of gods if employed with reason and prudence."

-Herophilus

Every prescription is the beginning of a new experiment Begin it carefully, remain vigilant make the patient healthy get blessed from the almighty



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