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Clinical Pharmacy and Optimization of Antibiotic Usage: How to Use what you have Learned in Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics of Antibiotics

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Systems Approach to Antibiotics

- Value: Making sure every patient receives excellent care, every time..
- The Theoretical studies provide the means to do this
- We will talk about both theories and about putting them to work



Time

Antibiotic PK and PD attributes

- For antimicrobial effect:
 - C_{max} /MIC ratio should be > 8 to 10
 - AUIC should be > 125

(For rapid killing AUIC > 250)

- To minimize resistance development:
 - AUIC should be >100

Antibiotics for Study in LRTI

- Concentration Dependent Actions
 - -Fluoroquinolones
 - -Aminoglycosides
- Concentration Independent Actions
 - -Beta Lactams
 - -Vancomycin



Time, hours

Aminoglycosides

- Low AUIC with typical dosing and levels
 - breakpoint MIC is 0.25 mcg/ml for AUIC of 125
- We say their activity is decreased
 - with the infection site pH below 6.0
 - at urine sites due to cations
 - with decreased PO_2
 - due to binding at the infection site
- Combination Therapy is necessary in most situations, because of a low AUIC

Antibiotic Combinations MIC			
Compound	AUC ₂₄	P.aerug	AUIC ₂₄
Tobramycin	54	1.0	54
Ceftazidime Total	400	2.0	200
(Tob+Ceftaz)			254





Do Aminoglycosides protect against Resistance?

- Activity against the pre-existing sub-population that is resistant to the concomitant beta lactam?
- If so, then AUIC drives the action and additivity laws are served
- Protection only when the aminoglycosides contribute enough to bring total AUIC above 125....

Consequences of Under-dosing with Antibiotics

- Failure to Eradicate
- Long Eradication Time
- Resistance develops when AUIC is below 100

Thomas JK, Antimicrobial Agents Chemother. 1998.



Linkage between dosing and Antibiotic Resistance

- Marginal Organisms (MIC at the breakpoint) are the first organisms to express resistance
- Emergence by selective pressure occurs when dosing is lowered below MIC. Example: Ofloxacin resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- Individual patients with foreign bodies and low doses are reservoirs for these resistant pathogens, once these conditions occur

Clinical Approaches

- Dose to Trough above MIC
- Increase doses for high MIC organisms and patients with high CCr
- When in doubt, combine antibiotics. When sure of isolates, refine regimens
- Gram Stain is the best monitoring tool
- Computer software to Estimate AUICs

Computerized Estimation of AUIC

- Selected patients who are now undertreated will benefit from the addition of a second antibiotic, or higher doses
 - Less resistance, fewer failures, shortened therapy
- Most cephalosporin doses will be lowered (elderly patients, low MIC organisms)

Cost Savings in the antibiotic budget

Use of AUIC in Patient Care

- 77 yoM, 70 in, 155 lb, with COPD, Lung Ca, and Diabetes, 7 days post-op LLL resection.
- Now with new S&S of LRTI, on a Ventilator
- Cefazolin for prophylaxis day 1, currently receiving no ABX. Serum creatinine is 1.2 mg/dl
- Cx taken, Ceftazidime 1.0 gm Q12hr is ordered.
- You were consulted for antibiotic management

Calculation of AUICs

- DOSE₂₄/Clearance=AUC₂₄
- Clearance = CCr(x) + Clnr
- Adjust AUC for 24 hr of Dosing if not already done
- MIC as Default or Exact value?
- $AUIC_{24} = AUC_{24} / MIC_{18}$

The A.U.I.C. Program for Antimicrobial Dosing

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Home Screen-Palm AUIC



AUIC Screening by Computer

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- Requires integrated computer datafiles

Computer Assisted Antibiotic Management



Antibiotic Management and Infection Control

- Custom Reports for Specialists
- List of Target Organisms
- Antibiograms by unit or even by room, with ABX Use data
- Target Sites of Infection
- Resistance surveillance functions

Clinical Pharmacy Goals

- Implement AUIC dosing adjustment program for improvement of clinical outcomes. Raise doses for high MICs
- Implement regimen refinement program to lower costs after first 3 days of Intravenous therapy

Type of Antibiotic Interventions



Antibiotic Modifications

- By day 3 of treatment, most patients:
 - Have improved clinically
 - Have an Identified organism in cultures taken on day 1
 - Have organism eradication or inoculum reduction
 - Are taking oral diets and/or Medications