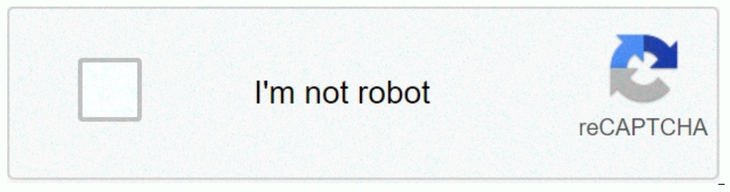

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Amoxicillin vs augmentin for sinus infection

[Switch to content] Understand the indications for the antibiotic treatment of acute sinusitis. Acknowledge the potential harm of prescribing inappropriate antibiotics to individual patients and the general population. Review evidence of the effectiveness of quality improvement efforts to reduce misuse of antibiotics. A healthy 53-year-old woman presented her primary care physician with symptoms of upper respiratory tract and possible sinusitis. Augmentin (amoxicillin-clavulaanate) was prescribed to her. Despite this therapy, its symptoms persisted. She was then prescribed azithromycin. Symptoms of upper respiratory tract infection (URI) are among the most common complaints to primary care physicians, with 83.1 million people (1) visited in 2002, of which 3.1 million were eventually classified as acute sinusitis adults. (2) Sinusitis occurs after or in combination with the virus URI. Inflammation of the respiratory epithelium, lining the paranasal sinuses (most often maxillary sinuses) causes obstruction of the sinuses and accumulation of mucus through the sinuses. The adjacent nasal mucosa is also always inflamed. This process causes typical sinus symptoms headaches, nasal congestion and discharge, and facial pain or pressure, sometimes accompanied by sneezing, toothache, or fever. Most cases of acute sinusitis are caused by viruses, and only 0.5-2% of cases of viral sinusitis develop into a bacterial infection. (3) However, it is difficult to distinguish the virus from bacterial sinusitis for clinical reasons because one symptom or physical examination finding has not been established to predict bacterial sinusitis. Typical symptoms of sinusitis — headache and nasal congestion — do not reliably foresee a bacterial infection, and imaging tests (e.g. CT scans or simple sinus radiographs) are often abnormal in both viral and bacterial sinusitis. 2001 The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended the diagnosis of acute bacterial rhinosinusitis only when the patient has three clinical criteria (4): • Jaw pain or sensitivity to the face or teeth. • Mucopurulent nasal discharge. • Symptoms lasted 7 days or more. In addition, the worsening of symptoms after the initial improvement in some studies appeared to moderately predict bacterial infection. The 2007 practice guidelines for the American Academy of Otolaryngology for Head and Neck Surgery generally confirmed cdc guidelines. (5) Amoxicillin is recommended as the preferred starting antibiotic in both guidelines when antibiotics are justified, since most cases of bacterial sinusitis are caused by Streptococcus pneumoniae, Haemophilus influenzae or Moraxella catarrhalis. Despite these guidelines, antibiotic treatment of acute sinusitis is common. A 2007 study found that 82.7% of antibiotics were administered. visits for acute sinusitis. (2) Many of these prescriptions are unnecessary because the vast majority of sinusitis cases are of viral origin, especially when symptoms lasted less than 1 week. In this case, the primary care doctor had to ask the patient about the duration of symptoms, the nature of nasal discharge and the presence of toothache, and examine it for evidence of tenderness through the maxillary sinuses. Antibiotic treatment with amoxicillin would have been justified if three clinical criteria had been mentioned. If antibiotics were not justified, management had to focus on symptomatic treatment, including decongestants and anti-inflammatory agents. The patient was prescribed Augmentin (amoxicillin-clavulanic) as an initial treatment. Although this agent is the second most common antibiotic for acute sinusitis (for amoxicillin) (2), its choice in this scenario illustrates another method of misuse of antibiotics: the administration of broad-spectrum substances when prescribing narrow-spectrum antibiotics. In the 1990s, the use of broad-spectrum antibiotics increased significantly. In the case of sinusitis, the use of broad-spectrum substances increased from less than 20% (cases of antibiotic administration) in 1991 to more than 40% in 1999 (6) Both amoxicillin-clavulalitate and azithromycin are considered broad-spectrum antibiotics, and they have also not been shown to be much more effective in treating sinusitis compared to amoxicillin. Even if antibiotics were justified in this case, which is unlikely, treatment had to be drawn from amoxicillin in combination with symptomatic therapy. A second course of antibiotics could only be justified if a resistant infection is suspected, which would be unlikely in a previously healthy patient who has not recently been used for antibiotics. Case & Commentary: Part 2 Shortly after starting his second course of antibiotics, the patient began to feel unwell. A few days later, her daughter found her at her home. The patient was brought to the emergency department for evaluation. Her work revealed a deep anemia due to rapid autoimmune hemolysis. It was believed to be due to amoxicillin-clavulanate it received. She was started with high-dose immunosuppressive therapy with steroids. Although antibiotics have brought undeniable benefits to patients since their introduction into medical practice, the misuse of these drugs has a negative effect on both individuals and the general population. Beta-lactam antibiotics such as amoxicillin are generally relatively safe, but doctors and patients need to be aware of a wide range of potential negative effects, ranging from common problems such as antibiotic-related diarrhea (which can occur in up to 34% of patients receiving a typical course of amoxicillin-clavulanic) to rare but dangerous e.g. Clostridium difficile colitis, anaphylaxis or problem with this patient: autoimmune haemolysis. Many antibiotics can cause drug-induced autoimmune hemolytic anemia; In the case of penicillin, the mechanism is usually the formation of specific drugs IgG antibodies in the patient's serum, which leads to direct antiglobulin (Coombs) positive hemolithic anemia. (7) Amoxicillin was first recognised as a cause of autoimmune hemolytic anaemia more than 2 decades ago. (8) Although mild cases may be controlled by antibiotic removal, cases of severe symptomatic anaemia should be treated with high doses of glucocorticoids, as in this patient. The main impact of excessive antibiotic use at the population level is the widespread and growing problem of antimicrobial resistance (AMRs). AMR is a worsening problem among many bacteria, including Staphylococcus aureus, Streptococcus pneumoniae, and Escherichia coli, which cause common clinical syndromes such as cellulitis, community acquired pneumonia and urinary tract infection. By limiting themselves to hospitals, these drug-resistant pathogens are becoming more common in a community environment, and some data suggest that previous antibiotic treatment may increase the individual patient's likelihood of contracting drug-resistant bacteria. (9) AMRs have high social costs as drug-resistant bacterial infections are associated with increased costs of morbidity, mortality and health care. The use of antibiotics leads to PAC by two mechanisms: the creation of an intensive host by eliminating the normal flora of individual bacteria and selective pressure, which promotes the survival of bacterial strains with genetic mutations that give resistance to antibiotics. (10) As a result of this close link between the prescribing of antibiotics and the development of AMR, extensive national and international efforts [11] have focused on reducing the prescribing of antibiotics to conditions under which antibiotics are not normally indicated. The CDC's Get Smart campaign is a vivid example. (12) The main objective of these efforts is to reduce the use of antibiotics for acute respiratory infections (AI), including sinusitis, as these infections are rarely of bacterial origin. Case &; Commentary: Part 3 Patient Hospital course was marked by multiorgan failure, septic shock, and spontaneous intestinal perforation requiring hemicolectomy. Intestinal examination showed Aspergillus, resulting in a diagnosis of aspergillosis. Despite aggressive antifungal treatment, the patient eventually succumbed to a major infection and died. This patient experienced a tragic result, most likely associated with improper administration of antibiotics. Although complications and end result of this case are extremely rare, unfortunately, the problem of improper prescribing of antibiotics remains common. Over the past decade, appointment THE AII has declined in response to publicity and education due to antimicrobial resistance. However, the rates of viral infections remain high: in 2002, almost half of non-specific AI adults were still prescribed antibiotics. (13) The limited success of reducing the total use of antibiotics can be counteracted by a significant increase in the use of broad-spectrum antibiotics, the use of which doubled in the 1990s. (6) The doctor's decision to prescribe antibiotics contains several factors, including patient factors (patients often expect to prescribe antibiotics to treat respiratory infections), the doctor (doctors often take heirsitic drugs to decide whether antibiotics are present rather than rely on evidence-based criteria) and health care system factors (which require prior confirmation of acute appointments, there may be fewer visits to respiratory symptoms and, accordingly, fewer antibiotic prescriptions). (10) Quality Improvement (QI) efforts to reduce misuse of antibiotics have been used in a variety of methods to educate patients and doctors about indications for prescribing antibiotics. Targeted feedback to doctors about their prescribing practices was also used. In several European countries and the US, community-wide campaigns are taking place, using media and other strategies aimed at targeting patients and doctors at the same time. Published reviews of QI efforts show that they are moderately effective in reducing misuse and reducing unnecessary use of broad-spectrum antibiotics. (10, 14) While no strategy seems uniquely effective, promising strategies include media campaigns, along with targeted clinical education and the use of clear clinical decision-keeping algorithms to indicate when antibiotic prescribing is appropriate. In this case, the decision support system could have been very useful. In such a system, the doctor would have been encouraged to introduce the patient's symptoms and signs, and the system would provide patient-specific treatment recommendations. A recent cluster of randomized studies using a handheld computer solution support system for prescribing respiratory infections perform a significant community-wide reduction in antibiotic use in communities in Utah and Idaho. (1) The use of antibiotics to treat respiratory symptoms is often due to the doctor's willingness to respond to a clear (or implied) request for antibiotics from the patient. (16) However, studies have shown that even patients who explicitly request antibiotics are satisfied if doctors directly address their concerns by explaining the justification for non-antibiotic use and instead offering symptomatic treatment. (17) QI efforts to reduce antibiotic prescribing have not led to increased dissatisfaction with surveillance. (10) Tragic clinical outcome this case is undoubtedly rare, but if inadequate prescribing of antibiotics remains out of control, social costs can be equally dramatic. A significant increase in infections caused by retikiline-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) (18) is just one example of clinical consequences for drug-resistant bacteria, a problem that will undoubtedly worsen if indiscriminate use of antibiotics continues. Despite some successes, inadequate prescribing of antibiotics remains widespread and doctors must take responsibility for improving their prescribing practices. Although on the surface this case may seem like an example of cascade iatrogenesis (19) rather than a real medical error, non-compliance with evidence-based treatment guidelines is increasingly considered a mistake. (20) It is the responsibility of doctors to practice the deliberate administration of antibiotics in order to avoid a significant impact on the health of their patients in the future. Take-Home Points Improper administration of antibiotics remains common, especially in acute respiratory infections. Doctors should follow evidence-based guidelines for the treatment of sinusitis. Community campaigns and systems to support doctors' decisions show promise as a way to tackle excessive use of antibiotics. Sumant Ranji, MD Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Hospital Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco Faculty Disclosure: Dr. Ranji stated that neither he nor any direct member of his family has a financial agreement or other relationship with the manufacturers of any commercial products discussed in this continuing medical education activity. In addition, his comment does not contain information on pharmaceutical products or medical devices used by the label being investigated or not. Links 1. Woodwell DA, Cherry DK. National Outpatient Medical Care Survey: 2002 summary. Adv data. August 2004:1-44. [go to PubMed] 2. Sharp HJ, Denman D, Puumala S, Leopold DA. Treatment of acute and chronic rhinosinusitis in the United States, 1999-2002. 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