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Grade IV Renal Trauma in Pediatric Age Patient with a Solitary Kidney

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Abstract

A nine-year-old male child with grade IV injury to the solitary kidney was referred to the Institute of kidney diseases Peshawar from a private clinic in the periphery with a history of fall on a saddle of the wooden door. Initially, the patient had visible hematuria and was hemodynamically stable. After conservative management, on the 2nd day of admission, his hematuria settled down. On the 9th day of his hospitalization, he was found symptoms free with normal renal functions.

Keywords: solitary kidney, renal trauma, Conservative Treatment

CASE REPORT

A nine-year-old male child was referred to accident and emergency department of the Institute of Kidney Diseases (IKD) Peshawar. Previously he was examined in a private clinic in Mardan Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Upon his arrival at IKD, the patient was thoroughly examined, investigated and was then hospitalized (see Appendix A).

At the time of admission, this patient was responsive and vitally stable except tachycardiac with a pulse of 120/min. He was complaining of right-sided flank and epigastric pain. Ultrasound was done which showed Post-traumatic avascular right renal partially separated upper pole with intra and perinephric/subcapsular hematoma. As shown in the Figures 1 and 2, CT Scan of the pelvis abdomen and pelvis and Doppler ultrasound revealed right renal injury with the shattered upper half of right kidney along with peri and para renal hematoma, hemorrhagic ascites and peri and para renal fluid collection demonstrating pelvicalyceal contrast extravasation concerning for

urinoma(Grade IV renal injury). The left kidney was not visualized (congenital agenesis).

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check of hematocrit level. He did well and responded to our conservative management. On the 9th day of the admission ultrasound KUB showed very minimal Right intraparenchymal and perinephric hematoma with upper pole laceration and loss of vascularity. Per urethral catheter was removed and the patient was encouraged to mobilize and observed for 24 hours for any episodes of hematuria. He was discharged on home treatment with advice to avoid physical exertion and regular follow up in OPD weekly.



Figure 1. shattered upper pole of right solitary kidney



Figure 2. Grade IV renal injury

Discussion

As per AAST guidelines, renal injuries are rated on a five-point scale from I to V anchored as grades. Generally, non-operative procedures are utilized in case of grade I to III. However, grade V renal trauma is managed surgically including exploration and repair. It is further worthwhile to mention that in terms of patients with grade IV renal trauma research evidences are limited on the role and timing of surgical, urological and radiographic intervention and thus arguable [1]. However, the available and accessible research findings recommend conservative management for grade IV and V. To this end the success rate has been

recorded within the range from forty to eighty four percent [2]. In addition to that the AUA-American Urological Association guidelines also demonstrate that conservative management should be adopted in hemodynamically stable patients with grade IV and V injuries [3]. Likewise, the EAU- European Association of Urology guidelines also propose conservative management in the context of grade V renal trauma if hemodynamically stable. In the other words these guidelines suggest to avoid surgical intervention in grade V renal trauma [4]. Based on the preceding discussions, the intended case report identified our patient hemodynamically stable and therefore was treated conservatively. However, we rigorously

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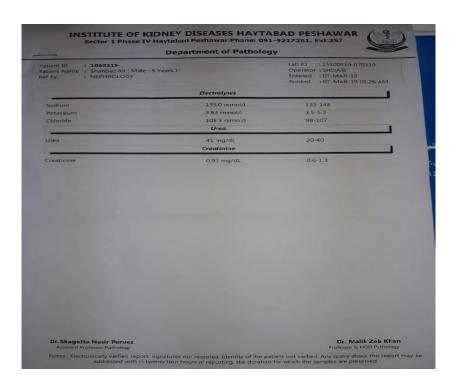
monitored his vitals, intake output record and further advised the patient to take strict bed rest. The long term consequences have not been addressed in our case owing to the on-going follow up of this patient. It has been proposed that the onset of hypertension and altered renal functions are consequences to previous high-grade renal trauma [5] [6].

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APPENDIX A



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