

RARE CRBSI IN DIALYSIS ACCESS

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INTRODUCTION

Emergence of newer pathogens with multi drug resistance causing catheter related blood stream infections (CRBSI) has wreaked havoc in dialysis population. Ubiquitous presence of these organisms in disinfectant solutions, surfaces and water in dialysis units can pose a hidden danger.

METHODS

Retrospective analysis of positive blood cultures from Jan 2022 till May 2024 from dialysis access devices of hospitalized dialysis patients was done and data was analyzed.

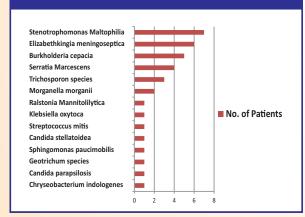
PATTERN OF BLOOD CULTURES



- Positive Blood Cultures
- Negative Blood Cultures

Out of 231 positive blood cultures from dialysis access devices, 34 (14.7%) had uncommon organisms. 11/34 had negative blood cultures from outside lab prior to hospitalization.

NO. OF PATIENTS WITH UNCOMMON ORGANISIMS



SALVAGE RATE OF CATHETERS

TYPE OF CATHETER	TUNNELLED CUFFED CATHETER	NON TUNNELLED CATHETER	CAPD CATHETER
TOTAL	28	5	1
SALVAGED	24	0	0
REMOVED	4	5	1

CONCLUSION

- "Uncommon" organisms residing in "usual" surroundings are likely to increase morbidity and mortality in dialysis patients.
- Active surveillance, high index of clinical suspicion and state of the art diagnostic facilities for identification of uncommon organisms is needed for early detection and timely management of CRBSI in dialysis patients.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Nearly 90% of these "Newer" organisms showed resistance to broad spectrum higher antibiotics including linezolid, teicoplanin, carbapenems, higher generation cephalosporins and even colistin.

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Gram Negative Bacillus, due to dialyzer and contaminated water for processing dialyzer.
Access: TCC



Rod shaped Gram Negative Bacillus due to dialysis equipments. Access: TCC. Non TCC



Gram Negative Rod due to contaminated solution including water for injection, saline forms biofilm

Access: Non TCC



Mutant form of C-albicans that does not have sucrose inhibitable alpha glucosidase activity. Access: TCC



Yeast like fungus due to contaminated water from dialysis centre. Access: CAPD Catheter



Gram Negative Bacillus, due to indwelling medical divices. Access: TCC



Anamorphic fungii due to Access: TCC



Gram Negative Rod due to container used to collect flush solution after priming of dialysis tubing that unemptied for extended time period Access: Non TCC



Gram Negative Rod due to intravascular instrumentation. Access: TCC

Burkholderia Cepacia



MDR Gram Negative Bacillus. due to hemodialysis fluids and equipments and RO water. Access: TCC



Gram Negative Bacillus of enterobacteriaceae species. Access: TCC



Mesophilic alpha hemolyti species of Streptococcus.



Acid tolerant yeast like fungus.



Gram Negative Rod due to intravascular instrumentation Access: TCC