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Question No: 1

If there is non-visualization of ureteral segment on IVU and CTU which alternative Procedure will be performed? What is the general Protocol for performing that Procedure?

When non-visualization of ureteral segment on IVU and CTU then we used retrograde Pyeloureterography to performing these Procedure. A retrograde Pyelogram is a type of X-ray that allow visualization of the bladder, ureters, and renal pelvis. Generally this test is performed during a Procedure called cystoscopy evaluation of the bladder with an endoscope. During a cystoscopy, contrast dye, which help enhance the X-ray images, can be introduced into the ureters via a catheter.

* General Protocol for these Procedures

1 Before Procedures:

Before having an Retrograde Pyelography done, there are a few things you should do in preparations:

1 Fast for a few hours before the Procedure: Many doctors will tell you to stop eating and drinking after midnight on the day of the Procedure. You may not be able to eat or drink from 4 to 12 hours before the Procedure.

2 Take a laxatives: You may be given an oral laxative or an enema to make sure your digestive system is cleaned out.

3 Take some time off work: This is an out patient Procedure, meaning it only takes a few hours. However, your doctor will likely give you general anesthesia to keep you asleep during the Procedure. You probably won't be able to go to work and will need someone to drive you home.

4 Stop taking certain medications: Your doctor may tell you to stop taking thinners or certain herbal supplements before the test.

- 5 Taking any medications or herbal supplements to tell your doctor before hand if you are.
- 6 Tell your doctor before hand if you are pregnant or think you might be pregnant.
- 7 Tell your doctor you have allergic to any kind of contrast dye or iodine.
- 8 Tell your doctor that you have allergic to certain medications, metals, or materials that may be used in the procedure, such as latex or anesthesia.

2 During Procedures

Before this procedure, you will be asked to:

- 1 Remove all jewelry and, in some cases, your clothing.
- 2 Put on a hospital gown (if you are asked to remove your clothing).
- 3 An intravenous (IV) tube will be inserted in a vein in your arm to give you anesthesia.
- 4 You will be asked to lie face up on the x-ray table and place your legs in stirrups.
- 5 You may receive a sedative or general anesthesia in the IV prior to the insertion of the endoscope.

- 6 An endoscopy will be inserted through the urethral opening and advanced into the bladder. Once the endoscope is in place, the bladder can be examined and a catheter may be inserted into one or both ureters.
- 7 The contrast will be injected through the catheters.
- 8 A series of X-rays will be taken at timed intervals.
- 9 The catheter will be removed.
- 10 The doctor will check for retention of the contrast.

3 After Procedure:

Your doctor may ask you to watch your urine for blood or other abnormalities for a few days to make sure there are no complications. Call your doctor right away if you notice any of these symptoms.

- 1 high fever (101°F or higher)
- 2 bleeding or swelling around your urethral opening.
- 3 blood in your urine
- 4 trouble urinating.
- 5 Increase pain around the urinary opening.

Question NO: 2

Which radiological procedure is commonly performed for assessing congenital anomalies of renal systems? Explain detail the whole procedure.

Intravenous Pyelography (IVP):

An intravenous Pyelography (IVP) also called an intravenous urography (IVU) or excretory urography (EU) is a radiological procedure used to visualize abnormalities of the urinary system, including the kidneys (renal parenchyma, Pelvic/lyceal system), ureters, and bladder.

Indications:

- check for normal function of kidneys
- check for anatomical variants or congenital anomalies (e.g. horse-shoe kidney)
- check the course of the ureters
- detect and localize a ureteric obstruction (uroolithiasis).
- Assess for synchronous upper tract disease in those with bladder transitional cell carcinoma (TCC).

* Contraindications:

- Contrast allergy
- Hepato-renal syndrome
- Thyrotoxicosis
- Raised serum creatinine

* Contrast Media:

- HOCM or LOCM 370 are acceptable but the following "high-risk" groups should receive LOCM:
 - 1 Infants and small children and the elderly.
 - 2 Those with renal and or cardiac failure.
 - 3 Poorly hydrated patients
 - 4 Patients with diabetes, myelomatosis or sickle-cell anaemia
 - 5 Patients who have had a previous severe contrast medium reaction with LOCM or those with a strong allergic history.
- Adult doses:
50ml
- Paediatric dose:
1 ml kg⁻¹

* Patient Preparations:

- No food for 5h prior to the examination. Dehydration is not necessary and does not improve image quality.
- Patients should preferably, be ambulant for 2h prior to the examination to reduce bowel gas.
- The routine administration of bowel Preparation fails to improve the diagnostic quality of the examination and its use makes the examination more unpleasant for the patient.
- If the examination is to be performed on a patient who has previously had a severe contrast medium reaction, consideration should be given to administering methyl Prednisolone 32mg orally 12 and 2h prior to injection of contrast medium. In addition to ensuring that a LCM is used.

* Preliminary Films

- Supine, full-length AP of the abdomen, in inspiration. The lower border of the cassette is at the level of the symphysis pubis and the x-ray beam is centred in the mid-line at the level of the iliac crests. The position of overlying opacities may be further determined by

- Supine AP of the renal areas, in expiration. The X-ray beam is centred in the mid-line at the level of the lower costal margin.
- 35°. Posterior oblique views, or
- Tomography of the kidneys at the level of a third of the AP diameter of the patient (approx, 8-11 cm). The optimal angle of swing is 25-40°.

* Techniques

- The median antecubital vein is the preferred injection site because flow is retarded in the cephalic vein as it pierces the clavipectoral fascia.
- A 19-G needle is advanced up the vein to reduce the risk of a perivenous injection and the injection is given rapidly as a bolus to maximize the density of the nephrogram.
- Upper arm or shoulder pain may be due to stasis of contrast medium in the vein. This is relieved by abduction of the arm.

Films:

Immediate film: AP of the renal areas.
This film is exposed 10-14s after the injection. It aims to show the nephrogram, i.e. the renal parenchyma opacified by contrast medium in the renal tubules.

5-min film: AP of the renal areas.
This film is taken to determine if excretion is symmetrical and is invaluable for assessing the need to modify technique, e.g. a further inject of contrast medium if there has been poor initial opacification.

A compression band is now applied around the patient's abdomen and the balloon positioned midway between the anterior superior iliac spines, i.e. precisely over the ureters as they cross the pelvic brim.
The aim is to produce better pelvicalyceal distension.

Compression is contraindicated after recent abdominal surgery
after renal trauma

If there is a large abdominal mass when the 5-min film shows already distended calyces.

15-min film: AP of the renal areas. There is usually adequate distension of the Pelvicalyceal system with opaque urine by this time. Compression is released when satisfactory demonstration of the pelvicalyceal system has been achieved.

Release films: Supine AP abdomen. This film is taken to show the whole urinary tract. If this film is satisfactory the patient is asked to empty their bladder.

After micturition film: Based on the clinical findings and the radiological findings on the earlier films. This will be either a full-length abdominal film or a coned view of the bladder with the tube angled 15° caudad and centred 5cm above the symphysis pubis.

Complications:

Due to the contrast medium

Due to the technique: Incorrectly applied abdominal compression may produce intolerable discomfort or hypotension.

Question No: 3

Which Procedure is Performed for investigation of extrahepatic biliary obstruction? Discuss the general Protocol followed for that procedure.

Ans Investigation of extrahepatic biliary obstruction the Procedure may be used that are ERCP. Endoscopic retrograde Cholangiopancreatography is a technique that combines the use of endoscopy and fluoroscopy to diagnose and treat certain problems of the biliary or pancreatic ductal systems.

→ Although percutaneous transhepatic Cholangiography (PTC) has higher success rate for demonstrating bile ducts. ERCP has three advantages over PTC.

- 1 The ability to visualize and biopsy ampullary lesions.
 - 2 The demonstration of biliary tree and Pancreatic ducts.
 - 3 Greater therapeutic potential.
- ERCP is usually performed by Physicians or surgeons rather than radiologists.

* Indications:

- Investigation of extrahepatic biliary obstruction
- Post-cholecystectomy syndrome
- Investigation of diffuse biliary disease e.g. sclerosing Cholangitis.
- Pancreatic disease.

* Contraindications:

- Australia antigen-positive; HIV-positive
- Oesophageal obstruction, varices, pyloric stenosis
- Previous gastric surgery
- Acute pancreatitis
- Pancreatic pseudocyst
- When glucagon or Buscopan are contraindicated
- Severe cardiorespiratory disease

* Contrast Medium:

Pancreas

LOCM 240

Bile ducts

LOCM 150; dilute contrast medium ensures that calculi will not be obscured

* Equipments

- Side-viewing endoscope
- Polythene catheters
- Fluoroscopic unit with spot film facilities

* Patient Preparations:

- Nil orally for 4 h prior to procedure
- Premedication
- Antibiotic cover

* Preliminary films

Prone AP and LAO of the upper abdomen, to check for opaque gallstones and pancreatic calcification/calculi.

* Techniques

- The pharynx is anaesthetized with 4% xylocaine spray and the patient is given diazepam 5mg/min-1 i.v. until sedated.
- The patient then lies on the left side and the endoscope is introduced.
- The ampulla of Vater is located and the patient is turned prone.
- A polythene catheter prefilled with contrast medium is inserted into the ampulla, having ensured that all air bubbles are excluded.
- A small test injection of contrast under fluoroscopic control is made.

to determine the position of the cannula. It is important to avoid over-filling of the pancreas. If it is desirable to opacify both the biliary tree and pancreatic duct, then the latter should be cannulated first. A sample of the bile should be sent for culture and sensitivity if there is evidence of biliary obstruction.

* Films:

Pancreas (using fine focal spot)

1. Prone, both posterior obliques

Bile ducts

1. Barly filling films to show calculi,
 - a. Prone - straight and posterior obliques
 - b. Supine - straight, both obliques;

Trendelenburg to fill intrahepatic ducts; semi-erect to fill lower end of common bile duct and gall bladder.

2. Films following removal of the endoscope, which may obscure the duct.

3. Delayed film to assess the gallbladder and emptying of the common bile duct.

After Care:

Nil orally until sensation has returned to the Pharynx (0.5-3h).

Pulse, temperature and blood pressure half-hourly for 6h.

Maintain antibiotics if there is biliary or pancreatic obstruction.

Serum/urinary amylase if pancreatitis is suspected.

Complications:

Due to the contrast medium

Allergic reactions - rare

Acute pancreatitis - more likely with large volumes, high pressure injections.

Due to the technique

Locals:

Damage by the endoscope

Distants:

Bacteraemia, septicaemia, aspiration pneumonitis, hyperamylasaemia (approx 70%)

Acute pancreatitis (0.7-7.4%)

General Protocol of ERCP:-

You may have diet and or medication restrictions the week before the ERCP test.

Please ask your physician for detailed instructions. Be sure to let your physician know if you take any

- type of blood thinning medication.
2. You will not be allowed any heavy meal for at least 8 hours before the Procedure, light meals or opaque liquid for 6 hours before or clear liquids for at least 2 hours before.
 3. Plan to take the day off from work.
 4. Plan to have someone you know drive you home. Because the Procedure is performed with general anesthesia, you will not be allowed to drive after the Procedure or return to work until the next day.
 5. Let your Physician know about any special needs, medical conditions, allergies (such as latex) and all current medications you are taking. In some cases, your doctor may prescribe an antibiotic before the Procedure.
 6. In some cases, when patients need certain therapeutic intervention during an ERCP Procedure, they may be admitted to the hospital overnight for observation.
 7. Plan to arrive 30 minutes before your scheduled procedure time.
 8. You will have an intravenous line placed, because the Procedure is performed with anesthesia.

You will be positioned on your stomach with your head turned to the right side.

After the Procedure is completed, you will recover for about 60 to 90 minutes.

You may experience a sore throat.

Once you have met the discharge criteria,

your physician will discuss the

Preliminary findings with you and

let you know if you need to undergo

additional testing. You also will find

out when you can resume taking your

usual medications.

Tell your doctor if you are, or may be

Pregnant. If you are Pregnant and

need ERCP to treat a Problem, the

doctor performing the procedure may

make changes to protect the fetus

from X-rays. Research has found that

ERCP is generally safe during

Pregnancy.

Question NO:4

Which radiological procedure is recommended for evaluating the cause of female infertility? Explain the procedure in detail.

Ans Hysterosalpingography (HSG):

Hysterosalpingography is a procedure where X-rays are taken of a woman's reproductive tract after a dye is injected. Hystero means uterus and salpingo means tubes, so hysterosalpingography literally means to take pictures of the uterus and fallopian tubes. This procedure may also be called hystero-graphy (HSG).

* Indications of Hysterosalpingography:

- 1 Infertility (tubal patency, Asherman's Syndrome)
- 2 Congenital uterine anomalies
- 3 Recurrent miscarriage
- 4 Abnormal uterine bleeding
- 5 Diagnosis of uterine mass (fibroids)
- 6 Evaluation following pelvic trauma.

* Contraindication of HSG:

- 1 Pregnancy
- 2 Bleeding
- 3 Immediate premenstrual or postmenstrual phase.

Recent untreated pelvic infection
Tubal or uterine surgery within last 6 weeks.
Contrast medium sensitivity.

Contrast mediums

Oily contrast medium is no longer recommended

HOEM or LOCM 300. Volume 10-20 ml.
LOCM has no advantage with regard to image quality or side effect but the nonionic dimer, Iobrolan is associated with a lower incidence and decreased severity of delayed pain.

Equipments

Fluoroscopy unit with spot film device
Vaginal speculum
Vulsellum forceps
Uterine cannula, Leech-Wilkinson cannula,
olive or 8-F paediatric Foley catheter.

Patient Preparations

The patient should abstain from intercourse between booking the appointment and the time of the examination unless she uses reliable method of contraception or the examination can be booked between the fourth and tenth days in a

Patient with a regular 28-day cycle.
Apprehensive (fearful) Patients may need
Premedication.

Preliminary Films:
Coned AP view of the pelvic cavity.

Technique:

The patient lies supine on the table
with knees flexed, legs abducted and
heels together.

Using aseptic technique the operator inserts
a speculum and cleans the vagina and
cervix with chlorhexidine.

The anterior lip of the cervix is steadied
with the vulsellum forceps and the
cannula is inserted into the cervical canal.

If a Foley catheter is used, there is
usually no need to grasp the cervix
with the vulsellum forceps.

care must be taken to expel all air
bubbles from the syringe and cannula, as
these would otherwise cause confusion in
interpretation. Contrast medium is
injected slowly under intermittent
fluoroscopic control.

Spasm of the uterine cornu may be
relieved by i.v. glucagon.

- NB: opiates increase pain by stimulating smooth muscle contractions

* Films:

- Using the undercouch tubes:

 - 1 As the tubes begin to fill.
 - 2 When Peritoneal spill has occurred and with all the instruments removed.

* After Care:

- It must be ensured that the patient is in the no serious discomfort nor has significant bleeding before she leaves.
- The patient must be advised that she may have bleeding per vagina for 1-2 days and pain may persist for up to 2 weeks.

* Complications:

- Pain (because of dilatation of uterus & spillage into peritoneum).
- Bleeding
- Vasovagal episode
- Infection (Pelvic)
- Pregnancy irradiation
- Allergic reaction (to iodinated contrast media)
- Failure
- Intravasation (secreted by kidney causing obscure fallopian tube).

Detectable Pathology:

Conditions which may be detected with HSG includes

Uterine Pathologies:

uterine congenital anomalies
submucosal uterine fibroids
uterine malignancy
adenomyosis
intrauterine adhesions
uterine (endometrial) polyps

Tubal Pathologies:

tubal polyps
tubal malignancy
hydrosalpinx
salpingitis isthmica nodosa (SIN)
tubal spasm: can be physiological
salpingectomy
obliteration of fallopian tubes.

Question No: 5

Explain in detail the conventional radiological procedure used for diagnosing the disorders of joints, ligaments and tendons.

Arthrography:

Methods:

Single contrast (contrast)
Double contrast (air)

* Indications

- Joint capsule torn
- Joint cavity
- Synovial membrane
- Articular cartilage, labrum
- Ligaments
- Tendons
- Loose bodies within joint
- Prosthesis assessment (loosening, infection)

* Contraindications:

- Active arthritis
- Joint infection
- Bleeding problems
- Previous sensitivity to contrast media

* Equipments:

- Fluoroscopy with spot films devices

* Preliminary films:

- Routine plain film radiographs
- AP and true lateral of the joint of interest.
- Axial in shoulder and oblique view inversion/eversion in ankle.
- Radial and ulnar deviation in wrist joint.

* After Care:

- Avoid driving for two days
- Joint pain may occur.

* Complications:

- Allergic reaction
- Synovitis (inflammation of synovial membrane)
- Pain capsular rupture
- Trauma to adjacent structure e.g. nerves and vessels.

* Knee Joint Arthrography:

- The patient is lying supine.
- Using sterile technique the skin and underlying soft tissue are anaesthetised posterior to mid point of the patella.
- 21g needle is inserted into the joint space and then slightly angled anteriorly so that the tip of the needle comes to lie against the posterior surface of patella.
- An effusion is aspirated and small dose of contrast is injected to ensure the correct positioning of the needle.
- Then full volume of contrast medium (4ml) is injected followed by 40ml of air for double contrast.
- The needle is then removed and the limb is exercised for uniform

distribution of contrast.

Hip Arthrography

The patient is lying supine with legs internally rotated so that entire length of femoral neck is visualised.

The position of the femoral vessels are visualised to avoid puncture.

The skin is clean using aseptic technique.

A point marker is placed at the site of entry and should be parallel to inter trochanter line, after local anaesthesia 20 or 22g needle is then advanced in the femoral neck.

Test injection of contrast will demonstrate correct positioning of the needle.

Any fluid in joint is aspirated and sent for examination.

Inject 6 to 8ml of contrast under fluoroscopic control.

The needle is then removed and joint is exercised for equal distribution of contrast within joint.

Shoulder Arthrography

The patient is lying supine with arm of side under examination close to the body external rotation. So that the head of biceps is out of the path of needle. Using sterile technique the skin and soft tissue are anaesthetised 1cm inferior and 1cm lateral to the Coracoid Process a spinal needle 21g is inserted vertically into the joint space under fluoroscopy guidance and test dose of contrast is injected followed by full injection 15ml for single contrast or air (2ml) to distend the synovial sac (double contrast). The needle is then removed and joint is exercised for uniform distribution of contrast medium.

Common uses of the Procedure:

Arthrographic images help physicians evaluate alterations in structure and function of a joint and help to determine the possible need for treatment, including arthroscopy, open surgery or joint replacements.

The procedure is most often used to identify abnormalities within the

shoulder

elbow

wrist

knee

ankle

hip

The Procedure is often used to help diagnose persistent, unexplained joint pain or discomfort. In some cases, local anesthetic medications or steroids may be injected into the joint along with the contrast material. These medications may temporarily decrease joint-related pain or inflammation and provide physicians additional information about possible source of pain.
