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AN EVALUATION OF THE MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH HYPOPARATHYROIDISM IN HOSPITAL PUTRAJAYA

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INTRODUCTION

Hypoparathyroidism is a rare endocrine disorder characterized by hypocalcaemia, associated with an inappropriately low parathyroid hormone concentration. Since there is no Malaysian guideline for the management of hypoparathyroidism, we evaluated our management practice against published European guidelines.

METHODOLOGY

We reviewed the medical records of 36 patients aged 21–76 years old with hypoparathyroidism for at least one year, who were managed in the Internal Medicine and Endocrine Clinics of Hospital Putrajay. Data were obtained from the computerized clinical notes database and the pathology database.

RESULTS

It was found that the most common etiology of hypoparathyroidism was previous thyroidectomy (86.1%). Serum calcium and phosphate were measured at least annually in almost all patients (94.4%). Serum creatinine was checked at least annually in 94.4%. Serum vitamin D was measured in 61.1%. 24-hour urine calcium excretion was only checked in 25.0%. The target for calcium and phosphate was stated in only 2.8%. Calcium phosphate product was not documented for any of the patients. Kidney ultrasound was done in 22.2% and cataract screening was performed in 5.6%.

Almost half of the patients (44.4%) were admitted for symptomatic hypocalcemia, and 16.7% developed renal impairment.

Most patients (91.7%) were prescribed with calcium carbonate. Alfacalcidol was prescribed to 61.1%. None was on adjunctive treatment.

CONCLUSION

This study shows that the long-term outpatient monitoring and recording of hypoparathyroidism is inadequate in the local setting. We are therefore undertaking the task of constructing a checklist of relevant diagnostic and therapeutic procedures that will standardize management for this disease.

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A RARE CASE OF SPINDLE CELL LIPOMA OF THE RIGHT ADRENAL GLAND

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INTRODUCTION

Spindle cell lipoma is a rare variant of lipoma that usually arises from subcutaneous tissue of the posterior neck and shoulder. Some cases of spindle cell lipoma may be found in the intraabdominal and retroperitoneal areas.

CASE

We report a 58-year-old female who presented with right abdominal pain and distension for one month. CT scan of the abdomen was done and revealed a large right adrenal mass (16.5 cm x 13.7 cm x 20.5 cm), with normal hormonal workup. Right adrenalectomy was performed and histopathological examination (HPE) confirmed Spindle Cell Lipoma.

CONCLUSION

This case represents a rare case of adrenal Spindle Cell Lipoma, which presented as a large adrenal mass with normal biochemical workup.

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CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS, GLYCAEMIC CONTROL AND HYPOGLYCAEMIA EVENTS AMONG TYPE 1 DIABETES PATIENTS USING CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITORING SYSTEMS IN HTAA

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INTRODUCTION

The incidence of T1D in Asia is approximately 2-5 per 100,000 person-year. Hypoglycaemia is common among patients with T1D and a number of T1D patients are asymptomatic for hypoglycaemia. Continuous glucose monitoring systems appear to be a useful tool in detecting hypoglycaemia events.