Degenerative spine disease

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Spine anatomy







Degenerative disc disease (DDD) and osteoporosis

- DDD : the natural breakdown of the intervertebral disc of the spine
- Osteoporosis : is a skeletal disorder characterized by compromised bone strength predisposing to an increasing risk of fracture. Bone strength reflects the integration of two main features: bone density and bone quality

Other degenerative disease in spine

- Lumbar stenosis
- Spondylolisthesis
- Spinal compression fracture
- Acquired kyphotic or scoliosis change

Anatomy of disc

Degenerative changes of the disc

Pathologic changes

- 1. Water and proteoglycan content decreases
- 2. Collagen fibers of AF become distorted
- 3. Tears may occur in the lamellae
- Results in
- 1. Decreased disc height and volume
- 2. Impaired mobility
- 3. Pain
- 4. inflammation
- 5. Neurological signs and symptoms

DISC BULGE

Generalized or circumferential disc displacement (involving 50% to 100% of the disc circumference) is known as "bulging" and is not considered a form of herniation.

Types

- 1. Bulging can be symmetrical (displacement of disc material is equal in all directions)
- Asymmetrical (frequently associated with scoliosis)

Annulus tear types

- A: Concentric tears : are circumferential lesions which are found in the outer layers of annular wall.
- They represent splitting between adjacent lamellae of the annulus , like onion rings
- Concentric tears are most commonly encountered in the outer annulus fibrosus, are believed to be of traumatic origin, especially from torsion overload injuries.
- **B: Radical Tears** : are characterized by annular tear.
- Permeates from the deep central part of the disc (nucleus pulposus)
- Extends outward toward the annulus
- Either a transverse or carnial-caudal plane.
- C: Transeverse Tears: also known as "peripheral tears" or "rim lesions" are horizontal ruptures of fibers, near the insertion in the bony ring apophyes.
- Their clinical significance remains unclear
- Transverse tears are believed to be traumatically induced and are often associated with small osteophytes

Disruption of concentric collagenous fibers comprising the anulus fibrosus

TYPES: **1. Concentric tears 2. Radial tears 3. Transverse tears MR Findings**

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• T1WI: Contrast-enhancing nidus in disc margin

 T2WI: High signal zone at edge of disc which has low intrinsic signal

DISC HERNIATION

- Herination is defined as a localized displacement of disc material (nucles, cartilage, fragmented apophyseal bone, fragmented annular tissue) beyond the limits of the intervertebral disc space
- **Extruded disc herniations** : focal disc extension of which the base against the parent disc is narrower than the diameter of the extruded disc material, measure in the same plane.

STAGES TO A DISC HERNIATION

Protruded disc

- the base of the disc is broader than any other diameter of the displaced material.
- Based on a two-dimensional assessment of the disc contour in the transverse plane
- A protruded disc can be:
- focal (involving <25% of the disc circumference)
- broad-based (involving 25-50% of the disc circumference)

Diagnosis

- X ray: show spinal degenerative changes but not a herniated disc; rule out obvious underlying problems ex compression fracture or spondylolisthesis
- CT: relatively less used
- MRI : the best tool (Mobic change and Pfirrman type)

The Pfirrmann grading scale for intervertebral disc degeneration: Grade I—a normal disc; Grade II—an inhomogeneous disc with normal disc height and a clear difference between the nucleus and annulus; Grade III —an inhomogeneous gray disc with a loss of the clear border between the nucleus and annulus and normal to slightly decreased disc height; Grade IV— an inhomogeneous hypointense dark gray disc with significant disc height dosc with disc space collapse

Surgical strategy of DDD

- PRP injection
- 羊膜細胞注射
- Diskectomy under microscpy or endoscopy
- Dynamic fixation or IPD
- TPS with fusion

Osteoporosis

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Compromises Bone Strength Increases Risk of Fracture

Bone Remodeling Sequence in Healthy Subjects

Bone Remodeling Cycle

Osteoporosis = Imbalance between osteoblasts and osteoclasts

Results in thinning and eventual loss of trabecular connectivity

Cells called osteoclasts dissolve excessive amounts of bone tissue, leaving deep cavities.

Next, other cells, called osteoblasts, enter the cavity and begin to produce new bone.

In osteoporosis, new bone production is insufficient to refill the deepened cavities, resulting in bone loss.

Bone density measurement

- 1. QUS- quantitative ultrasound \rightarrow only screen
- 2. QCT or pQCT gm/CM³
- 3. DXA- Dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry. gold standard

T score and Z score

- T-score= (BMD_{patient} BMD_{young-normal-reference}) / SD_{young-} normal-reference
- Z-score= (BMD_{patient} BMDage-matched reference) / SD_{age-matched} reference
- WHO: T-score is diagnosis tool for 停經後所有婦女及50 歳以後所有男性。

		Trend: Total	Chan	ge vs
Measured Date	Age (years)	BMD (g/cm*)	Previous (g/cm*)	Previous (%)
9/7/2017	40.8	0.990	0.004	0,4
9/22/2016	39.8	0.986		0.020

世界衛生組織對骨質疏鬆症的定義

正常骨質	骨質密度標準差大於 -1
骨質稀少	骨質密度標準差介於 -1 及-2.5 之間
骨質疏鬆	骨質密度標準差小於 -2.5
嚴重的骨質疏鬆	骨質密度標準差小於-2.5,並且已有因骨質疏鬆 所引起的骨折

Osteoporosis and fracture risk

http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/FRAX/

圖六. 台灣成人骨質疏鬆症之評估與治療流程

Thanks for your attention

