Necrotizing fasciitis of the legs of unknown origin responsible for a double amputation

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Introduction.– The necrotizing fasciitis is a rare infectious disease and of sometimes quickly fatal evolution. We report a case of necrotizing fasciitis of both legs in the consequences of a deep vein thrombosis of a lower limb, and which quickly evolved towards the amputation. The originality of this work is in the exhibition of a complication so formidable of the fasciitis, as well as in the analysis of the functional future and the quality of life after an intervention by prosthesis.

Observation.– It is about a 40-year-old patient, without considerable history, who was admitted in the service of internal medicine for etiologic assessment of a deep vein thrombosis of the left lower limb. The assessment of thrombophilia was negative. The evolution was labelled by the quickly progressive installation of a necrotizing fasciitis of both legs within the bacteriological taking a Staphylococcus aureus. The treatment consisted of a triple antibiotic therapy, but in front of the not improvement, a bilateral amputation of legs was imperative. A double prosthesis was proposed after healing of stubs with a follow-up in physical and rehabilitation medicine.

The functional result in six months of the apparatus was judged on the following parameters: the balance estimated by Time Up and go test, wandering judged by the 2 min test and Houghton score and the measure of the autonomy estimated by Barthel index.

At our patient, we noted a modest improvement of the various shutters studied because of the not observance of re-education due to the lack of means.

Conclusion.– The necrotizing fasciitis is a serious disorder the etiology of which is not always obvious and the outcome of which can be formidable sometimes leading to the amputation; this one is a major source of handicap and loss of autonomy.

The considerable development of materials and possibilities of prosthesis during these last 20 years returned this interesting alternative.

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Major amputations of the lower limbs

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Introduction.– The major amputation of the lower limb is a handicap that can affect the functional capabilities of individuals, their social and professional life and psychology. Indeed, these effects depend as much of the equipment as good medical care physically and psychologically. The objective of this study was to evaluate our management of major amputations of the lower limbs and their equipment in Tunisia.

Materials and methods.– This is a retrospective study of patients hospitalized in physical medicine and functional rehabilitation of the Institute of Orthopaedics Kassab for management of lower limb amputation between January 2009 and March 2013. The evaluation included a clinical examination, functional assessment and evaluation of the equipment if it is acquired.

Results.– Thirty-six patients with a mean age of 59.26 years were included in this study. It is a trans tibial amputation in 25 patients and femoral transt in 14 patients. Three patients had bilateral amputation. These amputations are due to arterial disease in 30 patients. Initially, a poor quality stump was found in 20 patients and muscle padding was good in 23 patients. A stiffness was found in most of our patients. Thirty-two patients had prosthesis. The vesting period of the final prosthesis is an average of 24 months. An adaptation of the prosthesis was prescribed in 23 patients. Ten patients were in wheelchairs.

Discussion.– The amputation of a limb leads to a radical change in the life of a patient. Support for rehabilitation takes into account the patient’s disability status and possibilities for fitting and rehabilitation. Patients often wait to acquire a power reserve as complete as possible. However, the acquisition of the final prosthesis may require one year in our patients, which reduces their physical abilities and makes recovery more difficult.

Further reading


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Orthopaedic artificial limb for Child in Cotonou: What specificity in the phase of polio eradication?

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Introduction.– The orthopedic artificial limb is a life-saving tool for a child who has a motor deficit and is thus unable to walk. An artificial limb can be used for a child in the phase of polio eradication. The question is: what specificity in the phase of polio eradication?

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Introduction.– Various disabilities and impairments suffered by children often require installation of braces as part of the overall rehabilitation [1]. Despite the decline of polio, production of equipment has not regressed.

Objective.– To study the types of orthopedic products for handicapped children.

Method.– This is a retrospective study descriptive and analytic on children managed in Orthopedic Artificial limb Center (OAC) of CNHU-HKM in Cotonou during the period 2002–2011.

Results.– A total of 885 children were fitted by the CAO from 2002 to 2011, an average of 89 per year. The average age was 5.6 years. Among them, 51.86% were boys against 48.14% of girls with a sex ratio of 1.08. Eight prosthesis (0.90%) were made against 877 orthoses (99%). The pelvic limb orthoses were made up most (94.58%) dominated by orthotics (62.60%). Deformities and malformations of pelvic limb (83.61%), peripheral neurological damage (10.05%) and central (4.19%) were the main causes of equipment. Frequency and type of equipment product are influenced by the type of impairment and disability, gender, age of the child, the cost of the equipment and the technical skills of staff ($P < 0.004$).

Discussion and conclusion.– The specificity of the orthopedic artificial limb of child during the past decade is the scarcity of prosthetics and orthotics predominance. Production of these devices in the era of the polio eradication seems to be related to the socio-economic and cultural context of Benin.

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Assessment of static disorders of the feet in podoscope optical and electronic to service PMR University Hospital Casablanca: About 53 cases

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Introduction.– The examination of the foot is part of the general clinical examination. The area of the foot is subjected to multiple problems intra and extra-articular rheumatology, dermatology, vascular, neurological, traumatic.

Objective.– The objective of this work is to show the importance of this dynamic analysis of the foot by comparing the results obtained from the static study with those of the dynamic study by the same podoscope.

Materials and methods.– It is a prospective study of 53 cases diagnosed in the service of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, suffering from various foot affections.

Results.– The average age was 42.3 (16–65) with a female predominance. Twenty-nine cases had normal optical footbed podoscope, ten flat feet, five feet hollow, four capito-metatarsal syndromes, three valgus feet and two varus feet. The evaluation showed that electronic podoscope dynamic study provides valuable information, including a significant difference in the distribution of pressures and forces on the feet during the dynamic analysis over static analysis, which allows one optimal management of diseases of the foot.

Discussion/conclusion.– The dynamic analysis of pressure during walking is important in understanding functional disorders of the foot but it is complementary to the history, clinical examination, fingerprint analysis supported through podoscope or fingerprints inked, and radiography.

Several studies attest to the reliability and reproducibility of measurements of the platform.

This reliability is enhanced by the calibration of the instrument before any study and three successive moves of the patient and without hesitation on the barosensible frame.

The diagnosis of pathologies affecting the foot and evaluation of treatments they represent the two main fields of application of dynamic plantar pressure measurements during walking.

Further reading

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