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Acetylcysteine Prevent Angiography-Related Renal Tissue Injury (The APART Trial)

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Contrast-Induced Nephropathy:

- contrast agents induce:
 - vasoconstriction-mediated medullary ischemia
 - Direct glomerular cytotoxicity
- then renal reperfusion
 - ↳ release of reactive cytokines / O_2 metabolites
↓
mediate tissue injury

N-Acetylcysteine (NAC):

- scavenges reactive O_2 metabolites
- inhibits synthesis of deleterious proteins / cytokines

Study Design:

- Randomized n = 54
- Double-blind
- Placebo-controlled

- measured renal function $\times 2$ one wk before cath
- f/u renal function @ 24 hrs. + 48 hrs. post-cath
- used non-ionic, low-osmol contrast agent (Ioxilan)
- pt's randomized to:
 - NAC 600 mg PO BID $\times 4$ doses
 - or
 - placebo
- one dose pre-cath and 3 doses post-cath
- All pt's \rightarrow IV $\frac{1}{2}$ NS @ 1 mL/kg/hr for 2-12 hrs. pre-cath and 12 hrs. post-cath

Inclusion Criteria:

- ① Stable CrI (creat ≥ 1.4 mg/dL or CrCl < 50 mL/min) via Cockcroft-Gault Eq.
- ② Elective Cardiac cath

Exclusion Criteria:

- ① Hemodynamic Instability \rightarrow SBP < 90 or DBP < 50
- ② Untreated GI Bleeding
- ③ Known sensitivity to NAC and/or contrast agents
- ④ Theophylline, Mannitol, Ciprofloxacin or Bactrim tx
- ⑤ Inability to provide written informed consent

Primary End Point:

Post-cath nephropathy \rightarrow \uparrow creat by ≥ 0.5 mg/dL or $\geq 25\%$ \uparrow in baseline (48 hrs. post-cath)

Outcomes:

- ① 2/25 (8%) of pt's in NAC group vs. 13/29 (45%) of pt's in placebo group developed primary end point
p = 0.005 RR = 0.21 (95% CI 0.06 to 0.8)
- ② Mean creat ↓ from 1.66 (± 0.06) to 1.53 (± 0.09) in NAC group vs. ↑ from 1.56 (± 0.05) to 1.88 (± 0.09) in placebo group @ 48 hrs. post-cath
p < 0.0001 (95% CI -0.6 to -0.3)
- ③ 6/25 pt's in NAC group had baseline creat ≥ 2 mg/dL and 6/6 of them developed primary end point while 4/29 pt's in placebo group had baseline creat ≥ 2 mg/dL and 3/4 of them developed it
p = 0.01

④ PVD
Renal Artery Stenosis
Contrast Dose > 220 mL

} Assoc. w/ primary
end point
p < 0.05

Post-Catheterization Nephropathy

(Primary Outcome: p = 0.005)

			<u>Outcome</u>	<u>No Outcome</u>		<u>Risk of Outcome</u>	<u>Risk of Outcome</u>
Treatment (Y)		2	23		0.08000	=a/(a+b)	
Control (X)		13	16		0.44828	=c/(c+d)	

RR (Relative Risk) or Hazard Ratio: 0.17846
 RR = (a/a+b)/(c/c+d)

RRR (Relative Risk Reduction): 82.15385%
 RRR = 1-RR x100 (%)

ARR (Absolute Risk Reduction): 36.82759%
 ARR = (X Risk - Y Risk) x100 (%)

NNT (Number Needed to Treat): 3
 NNT = 1/ARR

Post-Cath Nephropathy & Baseline Creat ≥ 2mg/dL

(Secondary Outcome: p = 0.01)

			<u>Outcome</u>	<u>No Outcome</u>		<u>Risk of Outcome</u>	<u>Risk of Outcome</u>
Treatment (Y)		0	6		0.00000	=a/(a+b)	
Control (X)		3	1		0.75000	=c/(c+d)	

RR (Relative Risk) or Hazard Ratio: 0.00000
 RR = (a/a+b)/(c/c+d)

RRR (Relative Risk Reduction): 100.00000%
 RRR = 1-RR x100 (%)

ARR (Absolute Risk Reduction): 75.00000%
 ARR = (X Risk - Y Risk) x100 (%)

NNT (Number Needed to Treat): 1
 NNT = 1/ARR