Prescription Trends During Lower Extremity Peripheral Artery Endovascular Interventions: Insights from the XPLAD Registry



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Background

Despite peripheral arterial intervention procedures (PAI) becoming the most utilized treatment in the symptomatic peripheral artery disease patient population, adherence to guideline management therapy (GMT) has not been well described.

Methods

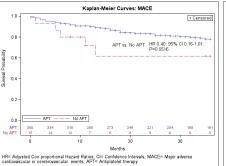
PAIs (n=1532) registered in the Excellence in Peripheral Artery Disease (XLPAD) registry (NCT01904851) from 13 U.S. centers between 2005 and 2013 were evaluated for adherence to GMT at discharge post-PAI, which is comprised of antiplatelet therapy (APT), lipid-lowering therapy (LLT), and renin-angiotensin pathway inhibitors (RAI) including angiotensin receptor blockers (ARB) and angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors (ACEI). In addition, a subset of patients (n=365) were tracked over a three year period and adherence to GMT and adverse events were analyzed in SAS using a Cox proportional hazard ratio adjusted for baseline characteristics.

Results

Analysis of 1532 PAI in the study periods (n=55 in 2005-2007, n=314 in 2008-2010, and n=1,163 in 2011-2013) demonstrates an exponential rise in PAIs, consistent with national U.S. trends. This rise in PAI was not accompanied with an equally robust adherence to GMT. Excluding the limited number of patients enrolled from 2005-2007. the period between 2008 and 2013 demonstrates suboptimal adherence to GMT across all therapy groups. APT prescriptions fell from 90% to 77%, between 2008-2010 and 2011-2013 (p<0.001), and dual-APT prescriptions remained consistently low during the periods (53% vs. 48%). Consistent with the overall trend of falling adherence to GMT between 2008-2010 and 2011-2013 (55% vs. 42%; p<0.001), individual prescriptions of LLT and RAI were also significantly lower (83% vs. 66% for LLT; p<0.001 and 62% vs. 49% for RAI; p<0.001), respectively.

Analysis of prescription therapy course in a subset (n=365) patients over time showed a statistically significant drops in APT (95.9% vs. 83.8%; p<0.0001) and dual-APT (74.8% vs. 31.1%; p<0.0001) therapy at one year post-PAI and a significant decrease in dual-APT therapy between one and two years post-PAI (31.1% vs. 18.9%; p=.001) (Figure 3). Cox proportional analysis in these patients showed that APT and dual-APT prescription both significantly decreased the risk of Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events (MACE) but had little effect on Major Adverse Limb Events (MALE) (Figures 1 & 2).

Figure 1- Major Adverse Cardiovascular Event Rates Following Peripheral Arterial Intervention Procedures in n=365 Subset



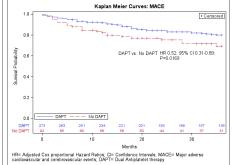
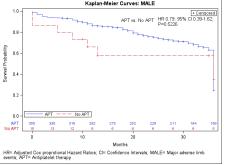
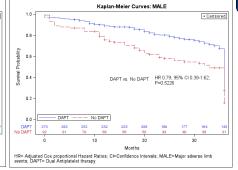


Figure 2- Major Adverse Limb Event Rates Following Peripheral Arterial Intervention Procedures in n=365 Subset





Conclusion

Suboptimal adherence to GMT shows an urgent need for national performance standards to monitor GMT following peripheral arterial intervention and establish guidelines for duration of therapy in order to improve outcomes in the PAD population.

Table 1: Baseline Characteristics in n=365 Subset

Age	64.5±8.0	Prior CABG	27.1%	HLD	82.7%
АВІ	0.66±0.22	Prior Stress Test	8.2%	Tobacco Current	62.2%
Rutherford	3.34±0.77	Prior USA	19.5%	Tobacco Past	31.5%
CLI	26.4%	NSTEMI	8.5%	Tobacco Never	6.3%
CAD	51.5%	CHF	18.6%	СКД	27.7%
Prior MI	23.3%	HTN	88.0%	SBP	134.0±19.7
Prior PCI	28.5%	DM	56.2%	LDL	81.8±35.3

Figure 3: Drug Therapy at Follow-up in n=365 Subset

