

Anticoagulants and Antiplatelet Agents

Chapter 21

I. Definitions

- A. Hemostasis
- B. Thrombosis
- C. Thrombus
- D. Embolus
- E. Bleeding disorders

II. Blood clotting

- A. Blood vessel anatomy
 - 1. endothelium
 - 2. smooth muscle
 - 3. collagen fibers
- B. Three steps of hemostasis
 - 1. vasospasm
 - 2. platelet plug formation
 - 3. coagulation

III. Platelet plug formation and inhibition

- A. Platelet background
 - 1. thrombopoietin
 - 2. resting
- B. Platelet plug formation
 - 1. activated by 2 means
 - 2. collagen binding
 - 3. platelet activation
 - 4. platelet secretions
 - a. ADP
 - b. thromboxane A₂
 - c. serotonin
- C. Mechanisms to block platelet activation
 - 1. block ADP binding
 - 1) ADP cell surface receptor = P2Y₁₂
 - a. drugs
 - 1) clopidogrel - (Plavix)
 - 2) prasugrel - (Effient)
 - 3) ticagrelor - (Brilinta)
 - 4) ticlopidine - (Ticlid)
 - 2. Increase cAMP levels
 - a. dipyridamole - (Persantine)
 - b. cilostazol - (Pletal)
 - 3. block production of thromboxane A₂ - Aspirin
 - a. mechanism of action
 - a) cyclooxygenase
 - 4. block fibrinogen receptor
 - 1) abciximab - (Reopro)
 - 2) eptifibatide - (Integrilin)
 - 3) tirofiban - (Aggrastat)

IV. Coagulation and Inhibitors

- A. Blood clotting
 - 1. clotting factors
 - 2. pathway(s)
 - a. Phase 1
 - 1) contact activation pathway
 - 2) tissue factor pathway
 - b. Phase 2 - prothrombin → thrombin
 - c. Phase 3 - fibrinogen → fibrin

V. Blood Coagulation Inhibitors

- A. Inhibit Xa
 - 1. fondaparinux - (Arixtra)
 - 2. rivaroxaban - (Xarelto)
 - 3. apixaban - (Eliquis)
- B. Inhibit thrombin (IIa)
 - 1. argatroban - (Argatroban)
 - 2. dabigatran - (Pradaxa)
- C. Warfarin (Coumadin)

VI. Activate Normal Anticoagulation Pathways

- A. Antithrombin
- B. Heparin
 - 1. LMWHs
 - a. enoxaparin - (Lovenox)
 - b. dalteparin - (Fragmin)

VII. Thrombolytic Drugs

- A. Background
 - 1. plasminogen
 - 2. plasmin
 - 3. two step activation
 - a) tissue plasminogen activator (tPA)
 - b) urokinase plasminogen activator (uPA)
- B. Recombinant drugs
 - 1. alteplase - (Activase)
 - 2. reteplase - (Retavase)
 - 3. tenecteplase - (Tnkase)
 - 4. streptokinase
 - 5. urokinase (Kinlytic)

VIII. Drugs Used to Treat / block Bleeding

- A. Stop conversion of plasminogen to plasmin
 - 1. aminocaproic acid - (Amicar)
 - 2. tranexamic acid - (Cyklokapron, Lysteda)
- B. Antagonize heparin
 - 1. protamine sulfate
- C. Block warfarin
 - 1. vitamin K