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Revista Alergia Mexico
Expert Reviews of Clinical Immunology
OBJECTIVE

Discuss therapeutic options and their efficacy in the Treatment of chronic rhinosinusitis in children

Evidence – base literature
Expert opinions
Real life

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS = 0
HEALTH PROBLEM
DX MORE DIFFICULT TO MAKE

PREVALENCE OF CRS IN PEDIATRIC POPULATION IS INVERSELY RELATED TO THE AGE OF THE PATIENT

YOUNGER AGE GROUPS HAVE HIGHER INCIDENCES OF BOTH VIRAL UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS AND CRS

SPECTRUM OF DISORDERS WITH SIMILAR PRESENTING SYMPTOMS LIKE THOSE OF

VIRAL UPPER RESP. INFECTIONS OR ALLERGIC RHINITIS
PEDIATRIC CHRONIC RHINOSINUSITIS

TREATMENT GOAL:

ACHIEVE RESOLUTION OF SYMPTOMS WITH RETURN OF NORMAL SINUS PHYSIOLOGY AND MUCOCILIARY CLEARANCE
The children should be sick….

To be healthy
Rhinosinusitis?

Same Process?

ARS
CRSs

CRSw
polyps

INFLAMMATION

INFECTION
Grouping by Histology
CRS: ECRS/NECRS

ECRS > adults than children

60-80% ECRS
20-40% NECRS

5. Sobol, Laryngoscope 2003
Consensus Guidelines

- Rhinosinusitis initiative, 2004 (Meltzer, et al)
- Joint Task Force on Practice Parameters, 2005 (Slavin, et al)
- British Society for Allergy and Clinical Immunology, 2008 (Scadding et al)

EVIDENCE BASE OF THE PUBLISHED LITERATURE AND REFLECT VIEWPOINTS OF EXPERTS IN ALLERGY, IMMUNOLOGY, OTOLARYNGOLOGY, RHINOLOGY

CONSENSUS AND DIVERGENT OPINIONS OCCUR BETWEEN GUIDELINES REGARDING CLASSIFICATION, DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF ARS AND CRS and their various subtypes

The diagnostic utility of nasal airway exam is acknowledged by all

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EP3OS guidance document:
the most comprehensive treatment recommendations for CRS, CRS subtypes and stratified further according to disease severity.

Hamilos, D, JACI oct 2011.
CHRONIC RHINOSINUSITIS IN CHILDREN

MULTIFACTORIAL DISEASE

Factors that may contribute to CRS in children
CRS IN CHILDREN
Factors predisposing to Recurrent or Chronic Rhinosinusitis

- Frequent viral upper respiratory tract infections
- Small sinus ostia
- Anatomic abnormalities in the sinuses
- Inmaturity of the pediatric immune system
  - Primary
  - Secondary
- Biofilm formation in sinus tissue
- Enlarged adenoids harboring bacteria that cause CRS

Hamilos, D JACI oct 2011 Modified.
Wu, A et al Immunol Allergy Clin N Am 2009
Factors predisposing to Recurrent or Chronic Rhinosinusitis

- Allergy
- Tobacco smoke
- Irritants / pollutants
- GERD
- Defects in mucociliary clearance (primary / secondary)
  - Cystic fibrosis
  - Inmotilia cilia syndrome

Hamilos, D JACI oct 2011 Modified.
Wu, A et al Immunol Allergy Clin N Am 2009
• The incidence of the common cold is much higher in children.
• Rates are highest in children < 5 years. Children attending school or daycare are a large reservoir for URIs to other children and those who care for them.
• Children have 3-8 viral URTIs per year. Adolescents and adults have 2-4 URTIs per year, and people older than 60 years have < than 1 URTI per year.
• Bacterial rhinosinusitis complicates 2 % of viral URIs.

Clinical and radiographic features of the common cold are similar to bacterial rhinosinusitis:

a) CT scan within 48-96hrs of a self-diagnosed “cold” (n=31)

b) 77 % with infundibulum occlusion

c) 79 % cleared in 2 weeks without antibiotics

Obstruction of the Sinus Ostium Produces Acute Rhinosinusitis

\[ \downarrow O_2 \]

- Vasodilation
- Ciliary Dysfunction
- Mucous Gland Dysfunction
- Transudation
- Stagnation
- Viscid Fluid

Retained Thick Secretions

“CRS IN CHILDREN” ?? PITFALLS

TREAT THE PATIENT, NOT THE CT SCAN
• It had been postulated that a septal deformity in the region of the OMC would be associated with ostiomeatal narrowing and increased risk of rhinosinusitis.

• Septal deviation is not associated with an increased incidence of rhinosinusitis in adults or children.

• There is a strong correlation between the presence of a concha bullosa and deviation of the septum to the contralateral side.

ANATOMICAL DEFECTS / VARIANTS AFFECTING OMC
CONCHA BULOSA BLOCKING THE INFUNDIBULUM
How common is immune deficiency in pediatric CRS?

- 61 Children with chronic sinusitis were referred for an allergy evaluation; were evaluated for immunologic competence.

- 22 Patients had + prick test; 12 additional patients had highly + intradermal test to common environmental allergens.
- 11 Had low immunoglobulin levels,
- 6 Had low immunoglobulin levels and vaccine hyporesponsiveness
- 17 Had poor vaccine response only.

- Thus, 34 of 61 patients with refractory sinusitis had abnormal results on immune studies, with depressed IgG3 levels and poor response to pneumococcal antigen 7 being most common.

Children with radiograph-proven CRS underwent maxillary sinus punctures to obtain pathogens and for analysis of antibiotic resistance.

**RESULTS:** 295 cultures obtained from 165 children yielded 399 isolates. The common isolates

1. Alpha-hemoltyc Streptococcus (20.8 %).
2. Haemophilus influenzae (19.5 %).
3. Streptococcus pneumoniae (14.0 %).
4. Coagulase-negative Staphylococcus (13.0 %).
5. Staphylococcus aureus (9.3 %).
6. Anaerobes in (8.0 %).

**Susceptibility rates of H influenzae for ampicillin and co-trimoxazole were 44.7 % and 42.1 %, respectively, in the first 3 years of the study and 25 % and 40 %, respectively, in the next 3 years.**

Antibiotics in ARS in children – Cochrane meta-analysis of antibiotics for persistent nasal discharge concluded that antibiotics given for 10 days reduced the probability of persistence in the short to medium term. The benefit were modest and for 8 children treated one additional child would be cured (NNT 8, 95% CI 5 to 29).

No long term benefits were documented. The only study really treating CRS was negative.
The problem is the development and spread of antimicrobial resistance in common bacterial pathogens. The cause is excessive exposure of these bacteria to antimicrobial agents. The solution is to reduce antimicrobial exposure, the most important element of which is to reduce human use.
Systemic antibiotics for chronic rhinosinusitis without nasal polyps in adults

Authors' conclusions

- There is limited evidence from one small study to support the use of systemic antibiotics for the curative treatment of chronic rhinosinusitis in adults.
- Further good quality trials, with large sample sizes, are needed to evaluate the use of antibiotics in chronic rhinosinusitis.

Piromchai Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011
Nasal Topical Antimicrobial Agent, Mupirocin (Bactroban), in the Prophylaxis of Repeated Paranasal Sinusitis: A Double Blind Placebo Control Study

Study Design (Nasal Spray)

a) 100 patients, (average age 36 y/o)
b) 38 patients, Bactroban nasal solution: 7 months
c) 38 patients, Placebo: 7 months
d) Clinical (> 1 week), CT scan, Fiberoptic Rhinoscopy

Nasal Topical Antimicrobial Agent, Mupirocin (Bactroban), in the Prophylaxis of Repeat Paranasal Sinusitis: A double Blind Placebo Control Study.

Frequency of Paranasal sinusitis episode(s) per 7 months (average)

Conclusion: Bactroban group frequency of sinusitis decreased 70% versus 10% in the control group. This study suggest evidence in support of Mupirocin nasal sol. as an effective antibacterial agent for the prevention of repeated paranasal sinusitis. Decreases Nasal Congestion By Killing Staph, Stopping Staph. Allergic Reaction!

Nasal Lavage With Mupirocin for the Treatment of Surgically Recalcitrant Chronic Rhinosinusitis

Methods:

- Patients with surgically recalcitrant CRS who had positive nasendoscopically guided cultures for *Staphylococcus aureus* were treated with twice daily nasal lavages containing 0.05% Bactroban and lactated ringers salts for 3 wks in this prospective open-label pilot study.

- Patients were assessed before and after treatment in terms of nasendoscopic findings, microbiology results, and SNOT-20 and visual analogue scale questionnaires.

Uren Laryngoscope 2008; 118: 1677-80
Nasal Lavage With Mupirocin for the Treatment of Surgically Recalcitrant Chronic Rhinosinusitis

- Fifteen of 16 patients had improved nasendoscopic findings after treatment. Twelve of 16 patients noted overall symptom improvement.
- Fifteen of 16 patients had negative swab results for *Staphylococcus aureus* after treatment.
- Only minimal adverse effects were experienced.

*specifically discuss concern of biofilm as rationale for nasal lavage*

*Uren Laryngoscope 2008;118:1677-80*
Nasal endoscopy scores pre vs. post Rx

P=0.001
Note 15/16 improved
1 subject worsened

Uren Laryngoscope 2008;118:1677-80
Macrolides. Antiinflammatory and immunomodulatory effects. Use in respiratory illnesses

José Antonio Sacre Hazouri*

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<td>Reduction of volume and hypersecretion</td>
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<td>Hyperreactivity of the respiratory tract</td>
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<td>Greater clearance and ciliary movement</td>
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<td>Bioactive phospholipids and epithelial damage</td>
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<td>Reduction of HRB to methacholine</td>
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<td>Protection of ciliary epithelium of the respiratory tract and of reactive oxidants</td>
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<td>Reduction of bacterial adherence to epithelium (<em>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</em>)</td>
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<td>*Pseudomonas aeruginosa virulence factors</td>
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A study of the prevalence and extent of adenoidal biofilm in pediatric CRS versus obstructive sleep apnea (OSA).

CRS (N = 7); OSA (N = 9).

Ultrastructural scanning EM analysis of biofilm.

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<td>Mean biofilm</td>
<td>94.9 %</td>
<td>1.9 %</td>
<td>&lt; .001</td>
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Biofilms in the nasopharynx of children with CRS may act as a chronic reservoir for bacterial pathogens resistant to standard antibiotics.

To evaluate adenoids' importance in pediatric rhinosinusitis as a cause of mechanical blockage or as a reservoir for pathogenic bacteria.

METHODS:
A retrospective chart review of prospectively collected data was performed, which included 410 children under the age of 14 who underwent adenoidectomy in the study. Adenoid bacteriology was evaluated with adenoid tissue culture, and sinusitis grade and adenoid size were determined using preoperative PNS X-ray. A potential correlation between these factors was then analyzed.

RESULTS:
The overall adenoid bacteria isolation rate was 79.3%. The most common bacteria were Haemophilus influenza (28.5%), Streptococcus pneumonia (21.7%), Streptococcus pyogenes (21.0%), and Staphylococcus aureus (15.6%), and bacterial isolation rate increased significantly according to sinusitis grade (p=0.000). This was especially true of Haemophilus influenzae and Streptococcus pneumonia, whose isolation rates increased significantly (p=0.011, p=0.001 each). There was no statistically significant difference in sinusitis grade or bacterial isolation rate according to adenoid size.
There is a correlation of rhinosinusitis and infected adenoid core pathogens. 1,2

Adenoidectomy will resolve CRS in roughly 50 % of the children. 3,4

It is now widely accepted that an adenoidectomy should be performed before intervening with endoscopic sinus surgery. 5,6

Adenoidectomy outcomes in pediatric rhinosinusitis: A meta-analysis

BRIETZKE Scott E.  BRIGGER Matthew T.

Results: Nine studies met the inclusion criteria. Six were cohort studies (level 2b) and four were case series (level 4). Mean sample size was 46 subjects (range = 10-121) with grand mean age of 5.8 years (range 4.4-6.9 years). All studies showed that sinusitis symptoms or outcomes improved in half or more patients after adenoidectomy. Eight studies were sufficiently similar to undergo meta-analysis. The summary estimate of the proportion of patients who significantly improved after adenoidectomy was 69.3% (95% CI = 56.8-81.7%, p < 0.001). The possibility of author bias was explored as one author group contributed a large proportion of patients to the study group.

Conclusion: Adenoidectomy reduces caregiver reported symptoms of chronic rhinosinusitis in a majority of pediatric patients. Given its simplicity, low risk profile, and apparent effectiveness, adenoidectomy should be considered first line therapy for medically refractory, uncomplicated pediatric rhinosinusitis.

International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology (2008) 72, 1541-1545
FAILURES OF ADENOIDECTOMY FOR CHRONIC RHINOSINUSITIS IN CHILDREN: FOR WHOM AND WHEN DO THEY FAIL?

- 143 children: adenoidectomy for CRS
- Follow up was available on 121
- 61 failed
- Data on 55 who failed adenoidectomy and had FESS
  - Younger than 7 years of age
  - Asthma
  - Required salvage ESS

Ramadan & Tiu 2007
OUTCOME OF ADENOIDECTOMY VS ADENOIDECTOMY WITH MAX SINUS WASH FOR CHRONIC RHINOSINUSITIS IN CHILDREN

- Children with more severe sinus disease as evidence by a high CT score had a higher success rate if maxillary sinus wash was performed at the time of adenoidectomy

- Children with a low CT score did not have that benefit

Ramadan & Cost 2008
OBJECTIVE: To estimate the success of a therapy consisting of culture directed IV antibiotics, adenoidectomy, and sinus aspiration in ameliorating long-term (>12 months) clinical symptoms of CRS in pediatric patients who are resistant to oral antibiotic therapy.

METHODS: retrospective review of 22 pediatric CRS case.

RESULTS: Initial clinical improvement after cessation of IV therapy was achieved in all 22 patients.

a). Seventeen (77%) demonstrated long-term resolution of clinical symptoms of CRS.

b). 4 patients were immunocompromised and had poorer outcomes.

Surgical Algorithm

CRS failed Medical Rx

<6 yrs

- Asthma
  - CT ↑
    - A wash
  - CT ↓
    - A

- No Asthma
  - CT ↑
  - CT ↓

>6 yrs

- Asthma
  - CT ↑
    - A
  - CT ↓
    - A ESS

- No Asthma
  - CT ↑
  - CT ↓
  - CT ↑
  - CT ↓
  - A Wash ESS
  - A
A retrospective chart review of 53 pediatric patients undergoing ESS for CRS between 2002 – 2006. The patients were assigned to the “protracted” group if they demonstrated persistent mucopurulent nasal discharge for > 3 months after ESS, or the “resolved” group.

RESULTS: There were 21 “protracted” patients (39.6%) and 32 “resolved” patients (60.4%).

Risk factors for protracted CRS were:

a) sinonasal polyposis (80.9% vs. 53.1%, P = 0.039).
b) history of allergic rhinitis (52.4% vs. 12.5%, P = 0.002) and
c) gender (male vs. female = 80.9% vs. 43.7%, P = 0.007).

These associations remained significant in a multivariate logistic regression.

61 Children with chronic sinusitis were referred for an allergy evaluation were evaluated for immunologic competence.

22 Patients had + prick tests;
12 Additional patients had highly + intradermal tests to common environmental allergens.

Thus, roughly 50% of children with refractory sinusitis had relevant allergies.

DB, crossover, randomized, placebo-controlled study in 20 allergic subjects out of season
- After tx with placebo or loratadine (10 mg PO daily) for 1 week, a catheter was inserted into one maxillary sinus and used to lavage the cavity.
- Nasal challenge with diluent for the allergen extract, followed by 3 concentrations of grass or ragweed
- Nasal and ipsilateral sinus lavages were performed after each challenge and then hourly for 8 hrs.
- Outcomes: symptoms, lavage specimens were evaluated for eosinophils, levels of ECP, albumin and histamine.
- 11 subjects underwent a similar challenge with lactated Ringer’s solution

RESULTS: SIG. INCREASES IN EARLY AND LATE PHASE PARAMETERS
+ maxillary sinus eos and the levels of albumin, ECP, histamine during LPR
Nasal challenge with allergen leads to maxillary sinus inflammation

Fuad M. Baroody, MD, Samantha M. Mucha, MD, Marcy deTineo, BSN, and Robert M. Naclerio, MD  Chicago, Ill

**FIG 6.** Percentage of eosinophils in blood, the maxillary sinus, and the nasal cavity after allergen challenge depicted as individual values with median bars. The maxillary sinus and nasal cavity data are presented as the median value for the peak LPR percentage of eosinophils for each subject. *P ≤ .01 versus blood value.

**FIG 5.** Median levels of mediators in the maxillary sinus after allergen (solid circles, n = 20) and control (open circles, n = 11) challenges: A, albumin; B, histamine; C, ECP. The protocol is on the x-axis, and the labels are as in Fig 2. *P ≤ .05 and †P ≤ .01 versus respective diluent challenges.
The Role of Allergic Rhinitis in Repeated Paranasal Sinusitis

![Graph showing frequency of paranasal sinusitis before and after allergy treatment. The graph indicates a 68% reduction.](image)
ALLERGY leads to INFECTION?

- Mucosal edema
- Increased ICAM-1
- Decreased mucociliary clearance
- Eosinophil damage
Estudio del niño con obstrucción recurrente de las vías respiratorias superiores

- 117 patients < 12 y old
- Prospective study
- Nasal recurrent obstruction for + 4 days x week, for 3 weeks x month
- Minimum of 3 months

- W /S clinical manifestations of allergy (rhinorrea, sneezing, itching, nasal congestion)
- W /S oral breathing, snoring

- Protocol: H&P, NASAL CYTOGRAM, LATERAL XR, ENDOSCOPY
2/3 or these patients had a nasal cytology pattern of nasal allergy (eos / basoph MCC) and neutrophils with IC bacteria at the same time (rhinoprobe – Alfredo Jalowayski MD UCSD)

- Conventional radiology (lateral neck x ray) in the diagnosis of H/H of Adenoids is useful (aprox size in 75% of the patients)
- If this study shows a decrease in diameter of the airway between the hard palate and the adenoidal shadow of 40% of more, we should proceed with a flexible rhinopharyngoscopy to evaluate not only the real size of the Adenoidal tissue, its mucosal appeareance and its potential obstruction of The Eustaquian tube (OPT) “otopharyngeal tube”
- 50% of the children with abnormal lateral X-ray, have at least some degree OPT obstruction.
- The endoscopic procedure is easy to perform, even in small children
Nasal (Upper Airway) recurrent obstruction in Children (nasal cytogram)

Sacre, JA. Revista alergia Mexico VLVI, 6. 1999
EUSTAQUIAN TUBE OBSTRUCTION related to enlarged adenoids.

hallazgos endoscópicos

+/- obst cfo 61%
obst parcial 46%
obst total 14%
no obst / crec PA 39%
Adenoid Enlargement
Partial obstruction
Reflux to E Tube
Endoscopy vs XR
Nasal (Upper Airway) recurrent obstruction in Children

- **Endoscopy:**
  - Sensitivity 100%
  - Specificity 91%

- Positive predictive value: 89%
- Negative predictive value: 100%

- Sacre, JA. Alergia méxico. Vol XLVI, n 6. 1999
Prospective analysis
Ages 2-18
30 patients who failed CRS conservative treatment
24 hrs. pH probe was performed
63% were found to have pathologic reflux
32% had reflux into nasopharynx
79% of patients CRS symptoms improved with GERD treatment
71% of patients with GERD also had asthma
Only 44% of patients without asthma had GERD
Pathophysiological characteristics of GERD in CRS unknown, but there is an association
Theory-Acid causes inflammatory reaction leading to decreased mucociliary clearance
Asthmatics use medications that decrease LES tone and cause hypersecretion of gastric acid

- Acid Reflux is common in Pediatric ENT disorders
- Gastric Reflux is common and often benign
- Patients with ENT disorders do not often have Esophagitis

GERD ≠ LPR

### REFLUX IN ADENOIDECTOMY

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<th>Adenoidectomy</th>
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<td># patients</td>
<td>95</td>
<td>100</td>
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<tr>
<td>Average age</td>
<td>1.46</td>
<td>1.19 y</td>
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<td>GERD</td>
<td>42 %</td>
<td>7%</td>
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Carr et al 2001
Complex pathophysiology of pediatric CRS

- Anatomic/ mucociliary defects
  - Acute viral or bacterial infection
  - Ostial obstruction, local hypoxia, mucociliary stasis
  - Acute inflammatory response - edema and exudate

- Anatomic/ mucociliary defects
  - Prolonged or repeated ostial obstruction
    - Persistence of infection with increased likelihood of anaerobic infection and biofilm
    - Chronic inflammation
      - Antifungal use
      - Fungal colonization
      - Fungal Th2 sensitization

- Allergic inflammation
  - Chronic inflammation
  - Antifungal use
Advancements in computed tomography management of chronic rhinosinusitis

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Table 1 Relative radiation dosage estimates for x-ray and computed tomography (CT) modalities

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<td>Chest x-ray</td>
<td>0.1 (mSv)</td>
<td>10 days</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mini-CAT CT Sinus</td>
<td>0.17 (mSv)</td>
<td>20 days</td>
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<td>600 Frame Mammogram</td>
<td>0.7 (mSv)</td>
<td>3 mo</td>
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<td>CT sinus</td>
<td>1 (mSv)</td>
<td>4 mo</td>
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<td>CT head</td>
<td>2 (mSv)</td>
<td>8 mo</td>
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<td>CT chest</td>
<td>8 (mSv)</td>
<td>2 yr</td>
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<td>CT pelvis</td>
<td>10-20 (mSv)</td>
<td>3-6 yr</td>
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Source: Adapted from Xoran Technologies (www.radsafe.xorantech.com/).

American J Rhinol & Allergy sept-oct 2011. 25,5.
Using ARIA template
Evidence based review
Provided definitions
- Clinical
- Epidemiological
- Research

Table 4. Treatment evidence and recommendations for children with acute rhinosinusitis

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<td>Ia</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>yes, after 5 days, or in severe cases</td>
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<td>topical corticosteroid</td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<td>topical steroid on top of oral antibiotic</td>
<td>Ib</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>topical decongestant</td>
<td>III (−)</td>
<td>C</td>
<td>no</td>
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<td>saline douching</td>
<td>IV</td>
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III (−): study with a negative outcome
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<td>III</td>
<td>C</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<td>therapy for gastro-oesophageal reflux</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>C</td>
<td>yes</td>
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Two or more symptoms one of which should be either nasal blockage obstruction/congestion or nasal discharge: anterior/post nasal drip; ± facial pain/pressure; ± reduction or loss of smell; examination: anterior rhinoscopy X-ray/CT not recommended

- Not severe
  - Treatment not necessary

- Frequent exacerbations
  - Allergy +
    - Topical steroids
    - Nasal douching/lavage ± antihistamines
    - Review after 4 weeks
      - Improvement
        - Continue treatment Reduce to minimum possible
      - No improvement
        - Consider surgery
  - No systemic disease
    - Antibiotics 2-6 weeks
  - Immunodeficiency
    - Treat systemic disease if possible

Consider other diagnosis
Unilateral symptoms
Bleeding
Crusting
Cacosmia
Orbital symptoms: Periorbital oedema
Displaced globe
Double or reduced vision
Ophthalmoplegia
Severe frontal headache
Frontal swelling
Signs of meningitis or focal neurological signs
Systemic symptoms
Urgent investigation and intervention
Compliance with topical nasal medication: An evaluation in children with rhinitis

were collected. Two hundred questionnaires were completed, of which 194 were valid for analysis. The mean age of patients was 7.54 yr; male to female ratio was 1:1.6, and Chinese made up the majority (62.4%). About one quarter (24.7%) of children disliked the use of topical nasal sprays/drops sufficiently to affect compliance with the medication. Furthermore, of those who could indicate their preferred route of drug administration (n = 75), 73% indicated a preference for oral medication, while only 11% preferred the nasal route.

Topical nasal sprays/drops were more acceptable in older children (7–15 yr) compared to the younger ones (1–6 yr) (OR = 2.383, CI

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Compliance with topical nasal medication
An evaluation in children with rhinitis

Table 3. Difficulties/unpleasantness experienced during administration*

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<td>Medication flowing down throat/nose</td>
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<td>Struggle away</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>Experiences fear/anxiety/cries</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>Flat refusal</td>
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<td>Unpleasant aftertaste</td>
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<td>Only allowing application of 1 nostril</td>
<td>10</td>
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*Difficulties/unpleasantness experienced during administration was obtained from listed options provided in Q12 of questionnaire.

PERO... 55% le dicen sí a las INDICACIONES MEDICAS
30% olvidan tomar sus medicamentos regularmente
Nasal saline irrigations for the symptoms of CRS

Main results

- Eight trials were identified that satisfied the inclusion criteria.
- Three studies compared topical saline against no treatment, one against placebo, one as an adjunct to and one against an intranasal steroid spray.
- Two studies compared different hypertonic solutions against isotonic saline.
- There is evidence that saline is beneficial in the treatment of the symptoms of chronic rhinosinusitis when used as the sole modality of treatment.
- Evidence also exists in favor of saline as a treatment adjunct.
- Saline is not as effective as an intranasal steroid.
- Some evidence suggests that hypertonic solutions improve objective measures but the impact on symptoms is less clear.
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**Authors' conclusions**

- The use of topical saline could be included as a treatment adjunct for the symptoms of chronic rhinosinusitis.

*Harvey Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2009*
Conclusion: Judged solely on the basis of solution distribution in the nasal sinuses, nasal irrigation is effective when either positive-pressure or negative-pressure irrigation is used but is ineffective when a nebulizer is used.
Radiographic Comparison of Three Methods for Nasal Saline Irrigation

David E. L. Olson, MD; Barry M. Rasgon, MD; Raymond L. Hilsinger, Jr., MD

Laryngoscope, 112:1394 –1398, 2002
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**RESULTS:**

- The review yielded 13 studies regarding the treatment of sinonasal polyps with intranasal steroids.
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- In the conservative estimate, the mean improvement in polyp size score between the treatment and placebo group is 0.43 with a 95% CI of [0.25, 0.61].
- No studies met inclusion criteria without polyps.

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Fig. 1. Chronic rhinosinusitis (non-polypoid). (a) Correct procedure for the application of nasal sprays. (b) Correct procedure for the installation of nasal drops.
Efficacy and tolerability of systemic methylprednisolone in children and adolescents with chronic rhinosinusitis: A double-blind, placebo-controlled randomized trial

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Samsun and Ankara, Turkey

48 children (age, 6-17 y) clinically and rx proved CRS included

Assigned randomly to either oral amox/clav (am-c) and methylprednisolone or am-c and placebo twice daily for 30 days
Oral MP was administered for the first 15 days with a tapering schedule.
Primary parameters were: mean change in symptom and sinus CT scan score after treatment.
Secondary study parameters were: mean changes in individual symptom scores after treatment, relapse rate, and tolerability
45 patients completed the study (22 am-c and MP and 23 am-c placebo)

Both groups demonstrated significant improvements in symptoms and sinus CT scores when compared baseline values with end of treatment values (p < .001)

MP as an adjunt was significantly more effective than placebo in reducing CT scores (p .007) and cough (p .009)

At the end of treatment, 48% of the children in the placebo group still had abnormal findings on CT scans vs 14% in the MP group (p .013).

No therapy related adverse events were found between groups.

Although insignificant, the incidence of clinical relapses was less in the MP group (25%) compared with placebo group (43%, p .137)
Two physical mechanisms affect the transport of gas and aerosols into non actively ventilated areas: diffusion and flow induction by pressure difference.

Flow induction by a pressure gradient has been found to be the most important factor for carrying particles into non-ventilated areas.

Pulsating air flows or humming can be used to generate such pressure gradients. In spite of the widespread use of aerosols in respiratory diseases, only a few studies have been performed to assess ventilation and aerosol deposition into the paranasal sinuses.
9mTc-DTPA activity distribution image of a pump spray (A) vs. pulsating aerosol delivery (B) in lateral and anterior view without a nasal shield (Fig. 1, 2) and with a nasal shield
Paranasal aerosol delivery of Budesonide using PARI VibrENT

Uwe Schuschnig, Axel Krüner, Dominik Müller, Martin Luber, Norm Tiffin, Ashley Weigand, Manfred Keller

Figure 6:
This plot shows the estimated deposition in a sinus cavity as a function of ostium diameter and sinus volume. In each plot, the factor of interest is varied from its low to its high level, while the other factor is held constant at their central values.

Figure 7:
This plot shows the estimated deposition in % of the charged drug mass as a function of ostium diameter and sinus volume. The height of the surface represents the value of deposition.
Results

- Mean deposition in a single sinus cavity was 2.6% ± 0.28% (mean ± sd, n=50) of the initial charge dose at a sinus volume of 12.5 mL SV and ostia diameter of 2.8 mm.
- The mean total sinus deposition was 15.9%, 57.7% was measured from the nasal cavity, 15.2% was expelled, and 2.1% remained in the nebulizer.
- Deposition in the single sinus cavities ranged from 0.1% up to 7% depending on sinus volume (p<0.001) and ostium diameter (OD p=0.045, OD² p=0.004).
- The deposition increases with increasing sinus volume (Figures 6 & 7).
- Highest deposition was observed in the range from 1.5 to 3.5 mm OD while deposition efficiency decreases at an OD < 1mm and at 6 mm (Figures 6 & 7).
- Mean sinus deposition at 0.6 mm OD was higher than with 6 mm OD (1.2 ± 0.3% LC vs. 0.7 ± 0.6% LC, n=14). The lowest sinus deposition was found for 6 mm OD and 4 mL SV (0.3 ± 0.1% LC, n=3).
Two or more symptoms one of which should be either nasal blockage/obstruction/congestion or nasal discharge: anterior/post nasal drip; ± facial pain/pressure, ± reduction or loss of smell; examination: anterior rhinoscopy X-ray/CT not recommended.

Not severe
- Treatment not necessary

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- Allergy +
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DAY-CARE “ITIS”
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SEVERE: CF, PCD

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- Periorbital oedema
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- Ophthalmoplegia

Severe frontal headache
- Frontal swelling
- Signs of meningitis or focal neurological signs

Systemic symptoms
- Urgent investigation and intervention

Treatment not necessary
- Continue treatment
  - Reduce to minimum possible

Improvement
- No improvement

No improvement
- Consider surgery

HIDDEN FACTORS?
- ALLERGY, 2° MCC ABNL, REC. UAI
- SIT
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Figure 7. Chronic rhinosinusitis in children management scheme

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  - ORAL CS IN CS DROPS /SOL
  - TOPICAL ABS
  - LT ORAL MACROL
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INTENSIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT

- Brief course of systemic steroids combined with a prolonged course of oral antibiotics and 1 or more adjunctive therapies.
- In children with CRS (retrospective series), oral glucocorticoids alone, but not antibiotics alone, led to significant radiologic improvement.
- TYPICAL REGIMEN: In adults (20 mgs bid x 5 days, 20 mg qd x 5 days. + 3-4 weeks of oral antibiotic. (can be extended for up to 6 weeks or 7 days after symptoms have cleared.
- In addition, topical intranasal steroids and saline lavage are recommended as in EP3OS.
- When possible, the choice of antibiotic tx should be guided by cultures of purulent mucus obtained from middle metus or another accessible sinus ostium. Children ??

In children amoxicillin – clavulanate; clindamicin (patients with penicillin allergy); moxifloxacin (adults).
Alternatively, metronidazole (anaerobes) can be combined with cerufoxime axetil, cefdinir, cefpodoxime proxetil, levofloxacin (adults only), azithromycin, clarithromycin, or trim-sulfa.

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INTENSIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT

• Empiric tx is not recommended if the patient has recently experience failure of antibiotic tx with a similar regimen; history of infection with gram neg, or MR Staff species or another highly drug resistant bacteria; there is clinical suspicion that the patient has AFRS; THE PATIENT IS IMMUNOSUPPRESSED or the patient has signs of extrasinus involvement or appears toxic.

• In patients with a partial or unsustained response to intensive medical tx, a second course of empiric tx might be considered, but the likelihood of success after such tx is less than that with the initial course. ------- sinus surgery ? Alternatives ?

• Long term macrolides ( EP3OS ) recommended. ( limited data supporting its efficacy ) In children ???

• Patients with persistent symptoms despite use of glucocorticoid nasal sprays, switching to nasal glucocorticoid instillations ( solutions ) could be considered.

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ABSOLUTE INDICATIONS FOR FESS in CHILDREN include the following:

- Complete nasal obstruction in CF caused by massive polyposis or caused by medialization of the lateral nasal wall
- Orbital abscess
- Intracranial complications
- Antrochoanal polyp
- Mucoceles or Mucopyoceles
- Fungal sinusitis

POSSIBLE INDICATIONS FOR FESS in CHILDREN:

- CRS with frequent exacerbations persisting despite optimal medical tx and after exclusion of any systemic disease.

*FESS should be followed by medical management to control mucosal inflammation, or symptoms will invariably return.*

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NEW INSIGHTS IN THE TREATMENT OF CHRONIC RHINOSINUSITIS IN CHILDREN

CRS in heterogeneous

1. Research on well characterized subgroups needed (phenotypes)
2. Pediatric CRS likely to resolve with growth
3. Inflammation / Infection both relevant
4. Medical treatment is as effective as surgery in adults
5. Surgery rarely needed in children
6. Individualize each treatment
1884 - Auguste Renoir

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