Catheter-related bloodstream infection (CRBSI) is a common complication of intravenous therapy, resulting in an increased risk for mortality and morbidity. The incidence of CRBSI varies widely depending on the patient population, underlying comorbidities, and type of intravenous therapy. The majority of CRBSI cases occur in the hospital setting and are associated with the use of central venous catheters (CVCs) or other intravascular devices. A recent study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that the incidence of CRBSI among patients with CVCs was 1.5 per 1000 catheter-days, with a range of 0.5 to 3.5 per 1000 catheter-days. The incidence of CRBSI is highest in critically ill patients, especially those with sepsis, septic shock, or severe trauma. The risk factors for CRBSI include prolonged catheterization, multisystem organ failure, and the presence of diabetes mellitus, immunosuppression, or malignancy.

CRBSI can be caused by a wide range of microorganisms, including Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria, Candida spp., and Pseudomonas aeruginosa. The most commonly isolated pathogens are Staphylococcus aureus and Staphylococcus epidermidis. The clinical presentation of CRBSI can vary, from asymptomatic infection to severe sepsis with multi-organ failure. The diagnosis of CRBSI is often made by detecting positive blood cultures or the presence of positive blood cultures and clinical findings suggestive of infection, such as fever, chills, and hypotension. The treatment of CRBSI involves the removal of the infected catheter, broad-spectrum antimicrobial therapy, and supportive care. The duration of antimicrobial therapy is typically 4 to 6 weeks, or until the catheter is removed.

In a recent study, the authors evaluated the incidence and risk factors of CRBSI in a large cohort of patients with CVCs. The study included 1000 critically ill patients admitted to an intensive care unit (ICU) and followed for 6 months. The incidence of CRBSI was 3.5 per 1000 catheter-days, with a range of 2.0 to 5.0 per 1000 catheter-days. The most common pathogens isolated were Staphylococcus aureus (20%), Staphylococcus epidermidis (20%), and Candida spp. (15%). The risk factors for CRBSI included prolonged catheterization (OR=2.5, 95% CI=1.2-5.0), severe trauma (OR=3.0, 95% CI=1.5-5.9), and the presence of diabetes mellitus (OR=2.0, 95% CI=1.1-3.8). The clinical presentation of CRBSI was characterized by fever, chills, and hypotension, with a positive blood culture in 80% of cases. The treatment of CRBSI involved the removal of the infected catheter and the initiation of broad-spectrum antimicrobial therapy. The overall mortality rate in patients with CRBSI was 20%, with a range of 10% to 30%.

In conclusion, CRBSI is a serious complication of intravenous therapy, with a high incidence and mortality rate. The risk factors for CRBSI include prolonged catheterization, severe trauma, and the presence of diabetes mellitus. The diagnosis of CRBSI is based on positive blood cultures and clinical findings suggestive of infection. The treatment of CRBSI involves the removal of the infected catheter and the initiation of broad-spectrum antimicrobial therapy. Further research is needed to identify novel strategies to prevent and treat CRBSI.

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