The Academy Creates Student Liaison Committee

A student liaison committee was developed at the previous Academy meeting in Dallas, TX in hopes to encourage the students to become more involved with the organization. The goal of this committee is to develop a close relationship with the current students within perfusion programs in hopes to have these students develop an ongoing relationship with the Academy. The chairperson of the student liaison committee is Richard Melchior and is working with Bill Riley, Richard Ginther and Karen Jones toward fostering a strong relationship with perfusion programs and enrolled students.

One major goal for the committee was to create a forum for students to express themselves candidly, openly and often! After much deliberation, a Facebook page was created solely for the use of currently enrolled perfusion students. This invitation-only page will allow for chat room discussions, posting of photo and video content, guest moderators and much more.

A letter was sent to perfusion program directors across the country to make them aware of the work being done and requesting that they notify their students of this resource. The student liaison committee is confident that the AACP Facebook page will generate interest in Academy membership, encourage students to attend the annual meeting and potentially bridge gaps between diverse curricula from programs across the country.

There are many other ways this committee would like to involve students by way of the Facebook page and further Academy meetings. We encourage feedback on this idea of developing a relationship with the current students in perfusion programs. If any member of the Academy has any ideas or suggestions for this committee we welcome any ways to help make this committee more effective. This committee may actually be contacting many members of the Academy to become involved within this new adventure, so please keep a lookout for any such requests!!!

Sincerely,
Richard Melchior, CCP
31st Annual Seminar of The American Academy of Cardiovascular Perfusion

Loews Vanderbilt Hotel
Nashville, Tennessee
January 28-31, 2010

Thursday, January 28, 2010
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Council Meeting
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM REGISTRATION
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM Fireside Chats
   Evidence-Based Medicine
   Pediatric ECMO
   Pediatrics Grown Up/Adult Congenital Heart Surgery
   Perfusion Safety
   Teamwork and Communication

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM REGISTRATION
5:00 PM Opening Business Meeting
   Fellow, Member, Senior and Honorary Members
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM Sponsor’s Hands-On Workshop & Reception

Friday, January 29, 2010
7:00 AM REGISTRATION
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Scientific Session
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM Break
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Scientific Session
11:30 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM Special Scientific Session (Panel)
   Developing a Safety Culture: It’s More Than Rules, Policies and Procedures
   Moderator: Robert C. Groom, CCP

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM Fireside Chats
   Aortic Surgery
   Blood Management
   Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery
   Open Student Forum
   Pediatric CPB

6:30 PM Induction Dinner
   Fellow, Senior, Honorary Members & Guests

Saturday, January 30, 2010
7:00 AM REGISTRATION
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Scientific Session
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM Break
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Memorial Session
11:30 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
Special Scientific Session (Panel)
*Impact of Healthcare Reform on Cardiac Surgery: Seeing 20/20 in 2010*
Moderator: Daniel FitzGerald

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM  
Fireside Chats
*Adult ECMO/Walking ECMO*
*Chemotherapeutic Uses of the HLM*
*Perfusion Safety*
*Teamwork and Communication*
*Update on VADs*

**Sunday, January 31, 2010**
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM  
Scientific Session
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Fireside Chats
*Aortic Surgery*
*Blood Management*
*Evidence Based Medicine*
*Pediatric CPB*

12:30PM  
Closing Business Meeting
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Rethinking Atherosclerosis

Arterial occlusive disease continues to be associated with the vices of western civilization. Smoking, fat-rich diets, sedentary lifestyles, and the stresses of modern living have all been implicated as causes of atherosclerosis. And yet, researchers have known for some time that arterial disease existed during the time of ancient Egypt. Paleopathology, the study of disease in ancient human and animal remains, has given new insight into the antiquity and evolution of acquired, congenital, traumatic, nutritional, and infectious disease processes. This article examines the prevalence of atherosclerosis in mummified remains, and suggests that arterial lesions of 3000 years ago were no different than those of today.

Egyptian Mummies

Sir Marc Armand Ruffer is the undisputed Father of Modern Paleopathology. In 1921, Ruffer developed a technique of rehydrating desiccated tissue for microscopic examination that is still used today by researchers. Starting in 1909, Ruffer examined mummies dating from the time of the Persian Conquest (500 B.C.). In addition, Greek and Coptic mummies belonging to various Dynasties were also dissected. In all, Ruffer’s investigation of mummified remains ranged over a period of 2000 years – namely, from 1580 B.C. to 525 A.D. In over 100 mummies, Ruffer determined that the existence of calcified atheromatous patches in the thoracic and abdominal aorta was very common. In one mummy, the left subclavian artery was almost completely blocked just above its origin by a raised, ragged, calcified, atheromatous lesion “as large as a 3-penny bit”. Lesions were also present in many of the common carotid arteries, but the most marked changes were found in the pelvic arteries and those of the lower limbs. Upon examination of the legs of an old woman from the Twentieth Dynasty, Ruffer concluded that “her distal vessels had been converted by calcification into rigid, bony tubes down to their minute ramifications”.

Alaskan Mummies

Naturally frozen bodies of ancient human beings have also been found in Alaska. The oldest, dating back to approximately 400 A.D., was that of a 53 year-old Eskimo woman found on St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea in 1972. At autopsy, yellow streaking in the aorta and coronary arteries (both visibly and microscopically) suggested the presence of moderate atherosclerosis. In 1980, an entire Alaskan family was discovered in a house in Barrow, the northernmost community in Alaska. Radiocarbon dating suggested the family lived around the time of 1520 A.D. The presumed mother of the family, estimated at 45 years of age, exhibited extensive atherosclerosis in all three coronary arteries. In addition, her mitral valve showed signs of healed bacterial endocarditis. Following autopsy, each body was reburied in accordance with the wishes of the town elders, with a small memorial erected.

Concluding Thoughts

The cause of atherosclerosis, both now and in ancient times, remains obscure. Egyptian diets were comprised mainly of vegetables – meat was generally reserved for times of celebration. Tobacco and syphilis were not known during Egyptian times, and thus can be ruled out as causes for arterial lesions. Conversely, both beer and wine were consumed, and Egyptians did get drunk based on drawings and ancient artworks. Stress, while certainly different in nature, did exist. But the degree to which it is responsible for disease is a matter of argument. Unlike the Egyptians, the ancient Alaskans ate meat almost exclusively.
Alas, the presence of atherosclerosis in both ancient groups suggests that diet alone may not be a critical factor. The theory that excessive hard work during Egyptian times promoted atherosclerosis has largely been dismissed. The time-tables of Egyptian workmen showed they toiled no more than eight hours a day, and took a holiday every seven days. Perhaps Ruffer sums it up best when he states, "I cannot therefore at present give a definite reason why arterial disease should have been so common in ancient times. It is interesting, however, that it is similar both in prevalence and in anatomical characters".

References


**In Memoriam**

Robert O. Pfefferkorn

Born in San Diego, California on July 21, 1943. Died in Annapolis, Maryland on July 20, 2009 from pulmonary complications following quadruple bypass in April of last year. He is survived by three children: Christopher Pfefferkorn, Portland, OR, Eric Pfefferkorn, Harmony, FL, and Heather Pfefferkorn, Mobile, AL and three grandchildren: Halie, Hunter & Conner Pfefferkorn.

Bob was a perfusionist of the first order who generously shared his skills and knowledge with the perfusion community. He was a member of the American Academy of Cardiovascular Perfusion, a lifetime member in the American Society of Extra-Corporeal Technology, and an officer on the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion. He co-authored the pediatric perfusion education module for AmSECT, the first of its kind in the profession, and conducted research in the field.

Aside from his work, his passion was the sea. He will go back there. His life was too short but he left it without regrets.
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ABCP
The Program Committee for the Annual Seminar of The American Academy has complied with the rules for CEUs of the ABCP. Signature sheets will be available at various times throughout the weekend. Opening announcements will have further information regarding the sign in sheets. Each attendee will receive a letter of certification after the meeting stating the final CEUs that they signed in for, with a copy to the ABCP. No CEUs may be given without a signature of the attendee for the event. These are Category I CEUs.

NURSING
The American Academy has applied to the California Board of Registered Nursing for contact hours for this program.


Condition Transplant (Condition T) is a collaborative initiative involving the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Presbyterian Shadyside Hospital (UPMC) and the Center of Organ Recovery and Education (CORE), as well as the Peter M. Winter Institute of Simulation Education and Research (WISER Center), OrganDonor.Gov, and the United Network for Organ Sharing. These organizations have cooperated in establishing a rapid team response protocol to specifically address the circumstances that previously excluded emergency department (ED) patients as potential organ donors. The Condition T rapid response team consists of a social worker, Condition T physician, perfusionist, and an Organ Procurement Organization Coordinator (OPOC).

When it is definitively established that an organ donor patient has expired in the ED, the ED charge nurse will officially notify the Organ Procurement Organization Coordinator (OPOC) with a potential Condition T. The OPOC then alerts the Condition T response team, who proceeds immediately to the ED. The Condition T physician then proceeds to insert a 17F arterial inflow catheter into the femoral artery by use of dynamic ultrasound guidance. Once the catheter is properly positioned and secured, 120 ml of blood is withdrawn for tissue typing analysis. A 23F venous outflow cannula is subsequently inserted into the femoral vein using the same technique.

The Condition T circuit is aseptically assembled using a modified Liver/VAD perfusion tubing system. This standard pack consists almost entirely of sterile tubing, a centrifugal pump with accompanying flow probe and terminates with a pair of spikes with pinch clamps to prime the system. This pack is connected to a single Bioconsole with a flow transducer.

Modifications to the standard liver perfusion system begin with adding in two spike lines proximal to the centrifugal pump. Two Y connectors are piggybacked on the venous side of the circuit. From here a small section of tubing is placed on each Y connector and a step down connector is attached. The spike lines are attached to these connectors. The first line closest to the centrifugal pump is used as the preservation solution infusion line and connected to the 5-liter bag of preservation solution. The second line closest to the sterile tubing loop is used as the drain line and connected to a vacuum canister. The bypass line connecting the two Y connectors makes the system a closed circuit. A heat exchanger is cut in distal to the centrifugal pump on the arterial side by using two connectors. The heat exchanger is connected to inflow and outflow water lines coming from a heater/cooler.

The system is primed using a portion of the 5-liter bag of preservation solution, HTK (histidine tryptophan ketogluterate). Anticoagulant must be added to the prime, therefore, 50,000 units of heparin is added to the first cold 5 liter HTK bag. The HTK bag is hung on an IV pole near the centrifugal pump and spiked into the venous line. The system is gravity primed and circulated at less than 1500 RPMs to remove all the remaining air from the circuit. After the system is primed, the inlet and the outlet of the HTK solution bag will be clamped and the pinch clamps closed on arterial and venous lines.

The color-keyed spikes will be removed from the HTK bag and the primed spike from the HTK infusion line is placed into the second 5-liter HTK bag. The spike from the drain line is cut off and attached to the tubing of the inlet of the suction canister. All four vacuum canisters in the ring stand are connected to each other and sealed off. The wall vacuum line is attached to the first canister and suction is set at -10 to -20 mmHg. The negative suction pressure may need to be increased if there is no venous return. The suction canisters will be used to hold the blood being drained from the patient, which is then replaced by the preservation solution, HTK. A tubing clamp is placed on the venous bypass line between the drain line and HTK infusion line and flow transducer is placed on flow probe. Flow transducer is zeroed and the heater/cooler is filled with ice and water.

With donor cannulas in place and the Condition T system available, the sterile (patient)
component of the modified VAD circuit is presented to the surgical field and the loop separated to distinguish arterial (inflow) and venous (outflow) for proper connection to the appropriate vascular cannulas. A semi-closed arterial/venous system has now been established and initiation of the donor preservation solution infusion and blood displacement process can begin. This is accomplished by clamping the arterial/venous connecting tubing of the bridge assembly. The preservation solution bag (spike line closest to the pump) is then opened and the centrifugal pump (arterial side) is used to perfuse preservation fluid to the donor. Vacuum-assisted exsanguination is simultaneously achieved by opening the canister-collecting system (spike line closest to the venous cannula). The infusion/exsanguination process will continue until the perfusionist observes that all donor blood has been displaced by preservation solution. When complete exsanguination is verified, the solution infusion and blood evacuation lines are clamped and the arterial/venous connecting bridge reopened. A completely closed arterial/venous system is now established for continuous perfusion of cooled preservation solution through the donor’s vasculature. The concept and design of the procedure is to help assure prolonged viability of donor organs for improved transplantation outcome.

The Condition T perfusionist is additionally responsible for managing the perfusion system during donor transport to the operating room, and then transfers responsibility to the OPOC who manages the donor organs until they have been procured. This includes maintaining the perfusate volume and temperature, as well as monitoring flow and resistance parameters. All events are meticulously documented on a Condition T perfusion flow sheet.

Organs initially targeted for ER recovery utilizing the Condition T procedure include the liver and kidneys. Following are CORE transplantation facts for how long these organs remain viable after conventional procurement, but before transplantation:

- Liver: 18 Hours to 24 Hours
- Kidneys: 48 Hours to 72 Hours

It is anticipated that the Condition T rapid response protocol will significantly reduce donor organ ischemic times well below the CORE standards. As discussed, the Condition T objective is to enable organ donation in the ED.

In conclusion, Condition T was conceived to enable organ donation in the ED and to increase organs available for transplantation. The Condition T initiative will provide an additional source for organ donor availability. It is the intention of the UPMC School of Cardiovascular Perfusion Class of 2009 to follow this introduction to Condition T with actual results of our first few experiences in implementing the Condition T rapid response protocol. Stay tuned.

Acknowledgements

The authors would like to acknowledge Robert Rush, CCP and Dr. Michael DeVita for their input and guidance on this paper.
Over the last two years, MAQUET Cardiovascular has grown significantly in size, expanding our product offerings, sales force, and customer service and educational programs. MAQUET Cardiovascular was formed when we combined our existing Cardiopulmonary business with the Cardiac Surgery and Vascular Surgery businesses that we acquired from Boston Scientific and Guidant in 2008 and from Datascope in 2009. MAQUET Cardiovascular is divided into four groups: Cardiopulmonary (perfusion products), Cardiac Assist (Datascope), Cardiac Surgery (Clampless Beating Heart and Endoscopic Vessel Harvesting) and Vascular Interventions. We now have nearly 200 dedicated sales representatives in the United States to assist our customers.

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MAQUET’s ROTAFLOW Centrifugal Pump has a spinning rotor with a flow channel design that imparts rotary motion to the incoming blood, directing it through a spiral housing to the outflow port. The rotor of the ROTAFLOW Centrifugal Pump is suspended by a permanent magnetic field. The one-point sapphire bearing and the 32 ml priming volume combined with the spiral chamber assure smooth blood handling and optimized blood flow.

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The Grand Ole Opry has hosted thousands of prestigious and memorable performances and events from the CMA Awards and the Gospel Music Awards to special appearances by Dolly Parton, Elton John and Bruce Springsteen. See the concierge for schedules.

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