Management of CardioMEMS Patients: A Nursing Perspective



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THE GROWING PROBLEM OF HEART FAILURE

Heart failure is a serious disease with major implications in the United States.

EVERY HEART FAILURE HOSPITALIZATION INCREASES YOUR PATIENT'S RISK FOR DEATH¹



6.2 MILLION people have heart failure²



1 IN 9 DEATHS

each year from heart failure³



\$30.7 BILLION

annual cost of heart failure⁴

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CURRENT HF MANAGEMENT:

HOW WELL DO CURRENT TOOLS KEEP PATIENTS STABLE AND OUT OF THE HOSPITAL?



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GOAL OF HEART FAILURE MANAGEMENT:

SLOW DISEASE PROGRESSION BY PREVENTING DECOMPENSATION

EACH EVENT ACCELERATES DOWNWARD SPIRAL OF MYOCARDIAL FUNCTION

With each subsequent HF-related admission, the patient leaves the hospital with a further decrease in cardiac function.





Maintain fluid volume to avoid acute decompensation and hospitalization

HF HOSPITALIZATION

is a valid endpoint for measuring decompensation

CURRENT HF MANAGEMENT:

How can we get ahead of symptoms associated with acute decompensation?

REACTIVE AND INEXACT

Traditional physiologic markers, such as pt weight, symptoms, and BP occur late in the decompensation process and leave little time to react before hospitalization.



HOW THE CARDIOMEMS HF SYSTEM WORKS



The PA sensor is inserted via right heart catheterization. Patient takes daily sensor reading from the comfort of their home. Data wirelessly transmitted to Merlin.net, a secure website that easily presents PA pressure data to inform proactive treatment modifications. Clinician reviews data and contacts patient, as necessary.

PATIENT SELECTION

Indicated for patients with NYHA Class III HF symptoms who have had a Heart Failure Hospitalization within the last 12 months.

Contraindicated in patients who are unable to take DAPT for one-month post implant

In addition, patients with the following may not be appropriate:

- Unable to make med changes over the phone
- Active infection
- Recurrent PE/DVT
- Dialysis
- Congenital HD or mechanical right heart valves
- Known coagulation disorders
- CRT implant in last 3 months
- Chest circumference >35
- COMPLIANCE

PRE-IMPLANT EDUCATION

- Introduce education in the inpatient setting when able
- Heart failure education
- How the device works
- What is expected post implant (daily readings, medication changes over the phone, follow up labs)
- Goal: improve quality of life, reduce HF hospitalizations and clinic visits
- How the device is implanted

TARGET LOCATION FOR CARDIOMEMS SENSOR



POST IMPLANT EDUCATION

- Importance of daily readings
- Continued HF education
- Low sodium diet/fluid restriction adherence
- Medication optimization
- PAD "goal" and PAD "Thresholds"
- PAD trends

DETERMINING TREATMENT PLAN POST-CARDIOMEMS IMPLANT

PAD is used as surrogate for the PCWP.

• Is there a PAD-PCWP gradient?

Review Implant RHC Hemodynamics

- Is there evidence of intravascular volume?
- Is PH present?

Renal Function

Blood Pressure





PAD Trend after Farxiga Start



PRE STRESS TEST PA PRESSURES:

Taken on 11-20-2019, 11:46 AM



POST STRESS TEST PA PRESSURES:

Taken on 11-20-2019, 12:22 PM



EXERCISE INDUCED PULMONARY HYPERTENSION

ANOTHER BENEFIT OF CARDIOMEMS: Arrythmia Detection



Bigeminy PVCs







CHAMPION TRIAL

TRIAL PURPOSE

Evaluate the safety and efficacy of the CardioMEMS[™] HF System in reducing heart failure related hospitalizations in NYHA Class III patients

TRIAL DESIGN





Patients managed with PA pressure data had a significant relative risk reduction as compared to the control group.

CHAMPION TRIAL SUB-ANALYSIS:

Patients With Pulmonary Hypertension

PURPOSE

Evaluate the effect of PA pressure monitoring in HF patients with comorbid pulmonary hypertension (PHTN, mean PA pressure > 25mmHg, n = 314).

51% reduction

30% reduction

in HF hospitalizations for HF patients with PHTN who were managed with PA pressure compared to SOC.

0.60 vs. 0.94, HR = 0.64, 95% CI 0.51-0.81, p = 0.0002

in HF hospitalizations for PHTN patients with TPG > 15 who were managed with PA pressure compared to SOC.

p = 0.08

REDUCTION IN HF HOSPITALIZATIONS

in HF patients with comorbid pulmonary hypertension.

HEART FAILURE HOSPITALIZATION REDUCTION



SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN HF HOSPITALIZATIONS REGARDLESS OF EJECTION FRACTION



CONCLUSION

- CardioMEMS has proven to decrease HF hospitalizations
- CardioMEMS is a TRENDING TOOL– Don't treat daily change
- Remember symptoms often occur later. Weights, symptoms not reliable
- Remote monitoring is the future!

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