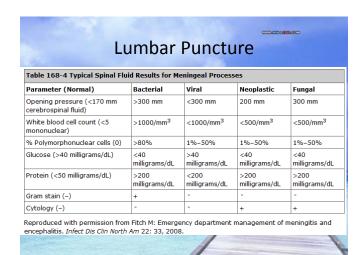


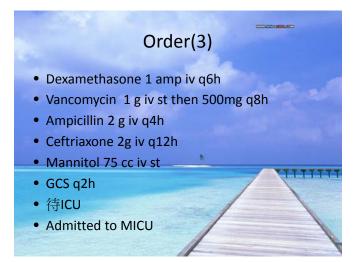




Pressure (cmH20)	Normal	Bacterial	Viral	
Pressure (cmH20)				Fungal/TE
	5-20	> 30	Normal or mildly increased	
Appearance	Normal	Turbid	Clear	Fibrin web
Protein (g/L)	0.18-0.45	>1	<1	0.1-0.5
Glucose (mmol/L)	2.5-3.5	<2.2	Normal	1.6-2.5
Gram stain	Normal	60-90% Positive	Normal	
Glucose - CSF:Serum Ratio	0.6	< 0.4	> 0.6	< 0.4
WCC	< 3	> 500	< 1000	100-500
Other		90% PMN	Monocytes 10% have >90% PMN 30% have >50% PMN	Monocytes











Epidemiology

- US: S. pneumoniae (61%), N. meningitidis (16%), group B streptococcus (14%), H. influenzae (7%), and Listeria (2%).
- Taiwan:
 - Klebsiella pneumoniae (25.5%, 42/165)
 Acinetobacter meningitis (11.5%, 19/165)
 Pseudomonas.
 - staphylococcal infection (23%, 38/165), of which 76% (29/38) were methicillin-resistant strains.

Changing epidemiology of adult bacterial meningitis in southem taiwan: a hospital-based study. - Infection. 2008 Feb;36(1):15-22. Epub 2008 Jan 12.

Risk Factors

- Acute or chronic otitis media
- Sinusitis
- Immunosuppression/ splenectomy
- Alcoholism
- Pneumonia
- Diabetes mellitus
- Cerebrospinal fluid leak
- Endocarditis
- Neurosurgical procedure/head injury

- Indwelling neurosurgical device/cochlear implant
- Advanced age
- Malignancies
- Liver disease
- Unvaccinated to
 Haemophilus influenzae
 type b, Neisseria
 meningitidis, or

Streptococcus pneumoniae

Clinical Features

- fever, neck stiffness, headache, and altered mental status/ seizure/ cranial nerve palsies
- absence of fever, neck stiffness, and altered mental status does not exclude meningitis in adults
- Brudzinski sign and Kernig sign
- skin purpura of meningococcemia, streptococcemia, or rickettsial infection
- Examine fundi for papilledema or absence of venous pulsation

Accuracy of physical signs for detecting meningitis

- 190 patients (ages 13-81 years) CSF analysis identified meningitis in 99 (52%) patients.
- No physical sign of meningeal irritation could accurately distinguish those with and without meningitis:
 - nuchal rigidity (LR+ 1.33 (0.89, 1.98) and LR- 0.86 (0.70, 1.06)
 - head jolt accentuation of headache (LR+ 5.52 (0.67, 44.9) and LR- 0.95(0.89, 1.00)
 - Kernig's sign (LR+ 1.84 (0.77, 4.35) and LR- 0.93(0.84, 1.03))
 - Brudzinski's sign (LR+ 1.69 (0.65, 4.37) and LR- 0.95 (0.87, 1.04)).

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CT Scan before Lumbar Puncture?

Table 168-3 Some Suggested Criteria for Obtaining Head CT before Lumbar Puncture for Suspected Meningitis

Altered mental status or deteriorating level of consciousness²⁸

Focal neurologic deficit

Seizure Papilledema

Immunocompromised state

Malignancy

History of focal central nervous system disease (stroke, focal infection, tumor)

Concern for mass central nervous system lesion

Age >60 y⁷

Glucocorticoids

- Dexamethasone before or at the time of the first antibiotic dose effectively reduces the morbidity due to *H. influenzae* type b in children.
- In adults, dexamethasone appears to cut in half both the morbidity and mortality of meningitis due to S. pneumoniae.
- Dosage: 0.15 milligram/kg in children and 10 milligrams in adults Q6h for 4 days, before and with first dose of antibiotics

Adjunctive dexamethasone in bacterial meningitis: a meta-analysis of individual patient

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Abstract

which patients are most likely to benefit from dexamethasone treatment.

METHODS: We did a meta-analysis of individual patient data from the randomised, doubte-blind, placebo-controlled trials of dexamethasone for bacterial meningitis in patients of all ages for which raw data were available. The pre-determined outcome measures were death at the time of first follow-up, death or severe neurological sequelae at 1 month follow-up, death or any neurological sequelae at first follow-up. and death or severe bilaterial hearing loss at first follow-up. Combined odds ratios (ORs) and tests for heteropeneity were calculated using conventional Manth-1 Heaneza's tlastics. We also did exploratory analysis of hearing loss among survivors and other exploratory subgroup analyses by use of logistic regression.

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FINDINGS: Data from 2029 patients from five trials were included in the analysis (833 [41.0%] aged <15 years). HIV infection was confirmed or likely in 580 (28.6%) patients and bacterial meningitis was confirmed in 1639 (80.8%). Dexamethiasone was not associated with a significant reduction in death [27.00 for 1019 [26.5%) on dexamethiasone vs 275 of 1010 [27.2%) on plot [27.2%] on plot

INTERPRETATION: Adjunctive dexamethasone in the treatment of acute bacterial meningitis does not seem to significantly reduce death or neurological disability. There were no significant treatment effects in any of the prespecified subgroups. The benefit of adjunctive dexamethasone for all or any subgroup of patients with bacterial meningitis thus remains unproven.

Corticosteroids for acute bacterial meningitis.

Abstract

BACKGROUND: In experimental studies, the outcome of bacterial meningitis has been related to the severity of inflammation in the sub-space. Controotsteroids reduce this inflammation response.

OBJECTIVES: To examine the effect of adjuvant corticosteroid therapy versus placebo on mortality, hearing loss and neurological sequipopole of all ages with acute bacterial meningitis.

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SEARCH STRATEGY: We searched the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL) (The Cochrane Library 2010, issue 1), MEDLINE (1998 to February 2010), EMBASE (1974 to February 2010) and Current Contents (2001 to February 2010).

SELECTION CRITERIA: Randomised controlled trials (RCTs) of confcosteroids for acute bacterial meningitis.

DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS: We scored RCTs for methodological quality. We collected outcomes and adverse effects. We performed subgroup analyses for children and adults, causative organisms, low-income versus high-income countries, time of steroid administration and sti

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MANN RESULTs: Twenty-four studies involving 4041 participants were included. Similar numbers of participants died in the contocsteroid and
placebo groups (18 0% versus 20 0%; risk ratio (RR) 0.92, 95% confidence interval (C1) 0.82 to 1.04, P = 0.18). There was a trend towards lower
mortality in adults receiving contoceroids (RR 0.14, 95%, C1 0.5 st 1.0 st, P = 0.09). Contoceroids were associated with lower rates of severe
hearing loss (RR 0.67, 95%, C1 0.5 to 0.88), any hearing loss (RR 0.76, 95%, C1 0.95 to 0.89), and neurological sequates (RR 0.83, 95%, C1 0.95 to 0.05).

Olso, Subgroup analyses for cusuative organisms showed that contocsteroids reduced severe hearing loss in Hearinghius influence menningtis
(RR 0.34, 95%, C1 0.20 to 0.55) and reduced mortality in Streptococcus pneumoniae meningitis (RR 0.94, 95%, C1 0.72 to 0.98) in high-income
countries, controlled explained (RR 0.64, 95%, C1 0.48 to 0.85). There was no beneficial effect of contocsteroid therapy in low-income
countries, Surfacepa analysis for et value yaularly showed on effect of controcsteroids networks and sully studies. Controcsteroid treatment was associated with an increase in recurrent fever (RR 1.27, 95%, C1 1.07 to 1.07 to 1.07 to 1.07), but not with other adverse events.

Significant prognostic factors:

- appropriate antibiotic therapy
- the presence of septic shock
- disseminated intravascular coagulation
- high cerebrospinal fluid protein levels and white blood cell counts.
- · Initial empiric therapy:
 - a third generation cephalosporin should be considered for community-acquired meningitis
 - such as carbapenems should be considered for patients with postneurosurgical meningitis.

Klebsiella meningitis in adults: clinical features, prognostic factors and therapeutic outcor J Clin Neurosci. 2002 Sep;9(5):533-8.

Otogenic Meningitis

- Extracranial and intracranial complications of otitis media Acta Otolaryngol. 2012 Mar;132(3):261-5. Epub 2012 Jan 8.
 - Intracranial: meningitis, brain abscess, sigmoid sinus involvement, extradural abscess, subdural abscess, and hydrocephalus
 - Extracranial: labyrinthitis, mastoid abscess, facial paralysis, Bezold abscess, and apicitis pyramidalis
- Surgical management Ear Nose Throat J. 2006 Jan;85(1):36-9.
 - Modified radical mastoidectomy; tympanomastoidectomy; and myringotomy.

