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Introduction

Acute traumatic space-occupying intracranial hemorrhage is a significant source of morbidity and mortality. In-hospital mortality risk stratification of these patients is critical for guiding aggressiveness of interventions.

Methods

2242 patients with acute subdural or intraparenchymal hemorrhage were identified through our institution's trauma registry between 2005 and 2013. 1793 (80%) patients were randomly selected to create a training data set. Success of randomization was evaluated using difference-of-mean testing for each variable. The variables age, sex, systolic blood pressure, blood alcohol concentration, anticoagulant/antiplatelet use, hemorrhage type, presence of additional intracranial hemorrhage, Glasgow Coma Score (GCS), and injury severity score (ISS) were considered. The logistic regression containing at most 5 variables with lowest corrected Akaike Information Criterion score was selected. The remaining test set of 449 (20%) patients were stratified using this model into low (<5%), intermediate (5-30%), and high (>30%) mortality risk cohorts. The actual mortality of each cohort with 95% confidence intervals and overall concordance were calculated.

Results

Data were successfully randomized with no significant differences found between the training and test sets. Sex, systolic blood pressure, blood alcohol concentration, and hemorrhage type were excluded. Age, anticoagulant/antiplatelet use, additional intracranial hemorrhage, and ISS were positively correlated with mortality, while GCS was negatively correlated. Mortality rates were 2.3% (0.0% - 4.4%), 11.5% (6.9% - 16.1%), and 60.2% (50.0% - 70.5%) for the low, intermediate, and high risk groups, respectively (C-statistic = 0.89).

Learning Objectives

By the conclusion of this session, participants should be able to: 1) Describe the importance of accurate mortality prediction in space-occupying hemorrhage, 2) Discuss, in small groups, the lack of affect hemorrhage type has on mortality, 3) Identify key factors associated with mortality in space-occupying hemorrhage.

Conclusions

This study provides a strong model for mortality risk stratification in patients with traumatic space-occupying intracranial hemorrhage as demonstrated by split-sample validation.