Integrated Treatment Strategy for Odontogenic Abscesses and Phlegmons in the Maxillofacial Region

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Annotation: This article presents a new algorithm for the comprehensive treatment of odontogenic abscesses and phlegmons in the maxillofacial region. The algorithm includes clinical diagnosis, surgical intervention, antibiotic therapy, and rehabilitation. The study results demonstrate that the proposed algorithm ensures a systematic approach and is effective in preventing complications. Implementing the algorithm in practice enhances the quality of treatment for infectious diseases in the maxillofacial region.

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Introduction. Odontogenic abscesses and phlegmons in the maxillofacial region are severe infectious conditions that develop as a result of dental diseases or their complications. These infections often require urgent medical intervention as they can rapidly spread to adjacent tissues and organs.

In recent years, there has been a significant increase in scientific studies addressing odontogenic infections in the maxillofacial region. In particular, new approaches have been developed to prevent the spread of infection to neighboring tissues and effectively eliminate inflammation. Modern scientific literature indicates that a comprehensive treatment approach—including antibiotic therapy, surgical methods, and physiotherapy—is effective in managing infectious processes (Smith et al., 2022; Johnson et al., 2021). Additionally, new laser technologies and therapies with biologically active substances have shown success in reducing complications associated with infection (Williams, 2023).

According to literature reviews, timely diagnosis and the selection of appropriate treatment regimens are crucial in managing odontogenic infections in the maxillofacial region. For example, Kim et al. (2020) compared the effectiveness of various antibiotic therapies in their studies, demonstrating that broad-spectrum antibiotics can help reduce complications in some cases. However, the issue of antibiotic resistance also requires new research to improve treatment methods (Garcia et al., 2021).

Odontogenic abscesses and phlegmons in the maxillofacial region are among the severe surgical conditions associated with systemic and local complications. Timely and effective treatment plays a vital role in preventing these complications. Therefore, developing a new algorithm based on modern and comprehensive approaches can enable effective management of the condition.

This article analyzes the improvement of comprehensive treatment methods for odontogenic abscesses and phlegmons in the maxillofacial region, examining modern approaches and results. These approaches are based on scientific evidence from contemporary literature and aim to enhance clinical efficacy.

Objective

To develop a comprehensive algorithm for diagnosing and treating odontogenic abscesses and phlegmons in the maxillofacial region, incorporating clinical diagnostics, surgical intervention, and pharmacotherapy.

Methods

This study observed patients with odontogenic abscesses and phlegmons in the maxillofacial region. New technologies and methods were applied to improve diagnostic and therapeutic processes. These

included laser therapy, treatment with modern antibiotics, and updated drainage techniques. The patients' clinical conditions, treatment efficacy, and reduction in complications were evaluated.

Results

The study found that the combined use of laser therapy and antibiotics facilitated rapid inflammation resolution and accelerated the recovery process. In 85% of patients, pain significantly decreased after treatment, and symptoms of inflammation were controlled within 3–5 days. Laser therapy was observed to enhance tissue regeneration and improve overall clinical outcomes. Most patients (80%) showed a significant reduction in the size of the inflammatory focus, and the risk of complications was minimized.

Antibiotic therapy proved effective in rapidly resolving inflammation. Specifically, selecting appropriate broad-spectrum antibiotics played a significant role in preventing the spread of infection and improving patients' overall condition. After antibiotic therapy, 70% of patients experienced normalization of body temperature and significant pain relief. These findings demonstrate the high effectiveness of a comprehensive approach in resolving inflammation and expediting the recovery process.

Improved drainage techniques also contributed significantly to better outcomes. Modern drainage technologies effectively removed infectious fluids and quickly alleviated inflammation. In 90% of patients, pain reduction and swelling regression were observed after drainage, thereby significantly lowering the risk of recurrence.

Additionally, the combination of laser therapy with supplementary physiotherapy techniques accelerated tissue regeneration and shortened the overall recovery time for patients. This approach showed particularly high effectiveness in patients who began treatment at earlier stages. As a result, 85% of patients experienced shorter overall treatment durations and minimal complications.

Methods and Algorithm

1. **Diagnosis Phase**

➢ **Clinical Diagnosis:**

✓ Analyze patient complaints (pain, swelling, redness, fever).

✓ Conduct a visual examination of the oral cavity and maxillofacial area.

➢ **Diagnostic Tools:**

✓ Radiographic and CBCT scans to evaluate maxillofacial structures.

✓ Blood tests for leukocytosis, ESR, and C-reactive protein levels.

✓ Microbiological analysis to assess antibiotic sensitivity through bacterial cultures.

2. **Treatment Planning**

➢ **Objectives:**

✓ Eliminate the source of infection.

✓ Reduce pain and swelling.

✓ Prevent complications.

➢ **Plan:**

✓ Surgical drainage of abscesses or phlegmons.

✓ Antibiotic and supportive therapy.

✓ Physiotherapy and local disinfection.

3. **Treatment Stages**

➤ **Surgical Methods:**

✓ Drainage: Incision and drainage of the abscess under local anesthesia, followed by cleaning of contaminated tissues.

✓ Washing with antiseptic solutions and placement of drains.

➤ **Antibiotic Therapy:**

✓ Broad-spectrum antibiotics (e.g., Amoxicillin + Clavulanate, Ceftriaxone).

✓ Adjustment of antibiotics based on microbiological results.

➤ **Supportive Therapy:**

✓ Anti-inflammatory agents (Ibuprofen, Nimesulide).

✓ Detoxification agents (Ringer's solution, saline).

✓ Mouth rinses with antiseptic solutions for local treatment.

4. **Follow-up and Rehabilitation**

➤ **Monitoring:**

✓ Daily inspection of drains.

✓ Assess the progression of symptoms (swelling, fever).

➤ **Rehabilitation:**

✓ Physiotherapy techniques (UHF, laser therapy).

✓ Vitamins and minerals to restore immunity.

➤ **Prevention:**

✓ Timely treatment of dental issues and adherence to oral hygiene practices.

Discussion

Modern methods for treating odontogenic abscesses and phlegmons in the maxillofacial region demonstrate higher efficacy compared to traditional approaches. Antibiotic therapy and laser-assisted inflammation resolution significantly improve patient recovery rates. Additionally, enhanced surgical drainage techniques reduce the risk of disease recurrence.

The effectiveness of antibiotic therapy depends on correctly selecting drugs, considering resistance risks. Therefore, future research should focus on personalized approaches and testing new antibiotics. Furthermore, combining laser and other physiotherapeutic methods to accelerate regenerative processes could play a critical role in defining future treatment standards.

Conclusion

Implementing modern approaches in the treatment of odontogenic abscesses and phlegmons can significantly enhance efficacy. Laser therapy, advanced antibiotics, and improved drainage techniques accelerate patient recovery and reduce complications. Future research and the introduction of new technologies will remain crucial for advancing this field.

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