

RPG – October Q&A

Welcome!

Trusts Represented today include:

North Bristol Trust, Cambridge, Newcastle, Oxford University Hospitals, Sussex Hospitals, Royal Berkshire Hospital, York, East Kent, Guys St Thomas, Liverpool, Leeds (St James), Salford Royal, Wolverhampton, Cambridge, Brighton, Norwich, Scotland

Oct – Q&A Themes

- **Supply issues**

- Licensed metolazone
 - 2 x potency compared to previous licensed product discontinued a long time ago
 - All brands potentially have different bioavailabilities
 - Prescribing by brand
 - Nageena to share some communication regarding this
- Belatacept – approach BMS for approval

Oct – Q&A Themes

- **Renal**

- Nil by mouth TPN patient – hypertensive treatment options – GTN patches, s/l nifedipine, s/l captopril
- Roxadustat protocol – anybody have one finalised? – Olivia (Cambridge)
- Time required to stop etecalcetide (long half life) prior to parathyroidectomy?
- Any experience using high dose ergocalciferol IM route in CKD?
- HIT and anticoagulation options – radiology patient prior to fistulogram
- Vasculitis clinic pharmacists – centres with experience?
- Aranesp in breastfeeding
- Request for protocols using combination of Rituximab and Cyclophosphamide for vasculitis
- Bisphosphonate use in GFR < 30ml/min
- Protocols for DDAVP use for tunnelled line insertions in ureamic new starter.
- Digifab in GFR < 10ml/min or dialysis
- Avacopan therapeutics application (NICE TA 21ST Sep) – anyone completed?
- Protocols for preservation of fertility – hormone analogues.
- Fondaparinux dosing thromboprophylaxis in CKD5 – HIT patient?

Oct – Q&A Themes

• RRT

- Amikacin 3 x week IV in HD patient – targeting peak or trough levels?
- Mesalazine enema use in HD – C/I by manufacturer
- PD – do any centres use pre-filled antibiotic syringes for peritonitis?
- Sotrovimab timing on dialysis
- Any paxlovid experience in HD patients?
- Pirtenidone experience in HD?
- Apixaban use in HD – interference of anti-Xa results questioned for those on simultaneous circuit heparin
- Desferrioxamine use on HD
- DOAC use for DVT in ESRF/dialysis – anyone doing this?
- Fondaparinux dose for ?DVT in HDF patient with heparin allergy
- Etecalcetide to home HD patients – experience?
- PD peritonitis – any protocols for patients administering antibiotic doses to bags (or other work arounds).

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- **Transplant**

- Poll – which centres pre-load tacrolimus prior to transplant?
- Experience profiling tacrolimus
- Ravulizumab (switch from Eculizumab) – patient experienced fatigue – anyone else noticed any issues.
 - One patient back to eculizumab due to loss of control of symptoms

Oct – Important Updates

- Avacopan for treating severe active granulomatosis with polyangiitis or microscopic polyangiitis
 - Technology appraisal guidance [TA825] Published: 21 September 2022
 - Salford in progress – new vasculitis patients, await commissioning pathway
 - ?duration of treatment (1yr in trials)
 - V expensive £17k per person per year
 - Regional MDT?
 - Patient group selection?
 - Refractory patients
 - ?more effective than steroids in patients with lower GFRs (<30) (ADVOCATE Trial)
 - Cambridge/Salford going for any new vasculitis patients

Oct Q&A: New Q

- Roxadustat
 - Dialysis population who are EPO resistant?
 - Case by case – Cambridge
 - Pre-dialysis on roxadustat progress to HD
 - Switch to EPO
 - Patient access scheme allows prescribing of roxadustat in this cohort
 - Blood monitoring: in house? GP?
 - Olivia will share protocol

Oct Q&A: New Q

- Generic tolvaptan switch – any issues with patients?
 - Highlands – sent letter
 - Generally didn't make a fuss and switched
 - OTSUKA trial – patient may need to come out of trial is going over to generic

Oct Q&A: New Q

- For vancomycin in CAPD, the IPSD recommends a loading dose of 25mg/kg but no mention of a dose cap. Do you use a max dose?
 - Leeds – 2g or 1.5g (less 45kg), level after 4 days if <20 give same dose again
 - 2g
 - Cap 2.5g max
 - Cap 1.5g if lower body weight

Oct Q&A: New Q

- Finerenone for CKD in T2DM
 - Await NICE TA March 2023

Oct Q&A: New Q

- Imlifidase

- How quickly after national MDT do they need to give dose
- Need to keep on stock at all times?
 - Should have some time after national decision to procure drug?
 - Sara & Dane on national discussion – will share decisions
 - National guidance due 7 – 8 weeks
 - ?Trusts to keep drug on stock and not charge out until decision?

Oct Q&A - Close

REMINDER: WhatsApp Q&A platform – 60+ participants; Very useful real time forum for clinical Q's – please consider joining.

Thank you for attending. Slides shared in
UKKA members website

See you in November!

Next Q&A: Tuesday 8th November @ 1pm