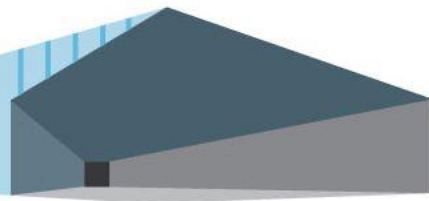


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DETECTION OF CEREBRAL VASOSPASM IN SUBARACHNOID HAEMORRHAGE

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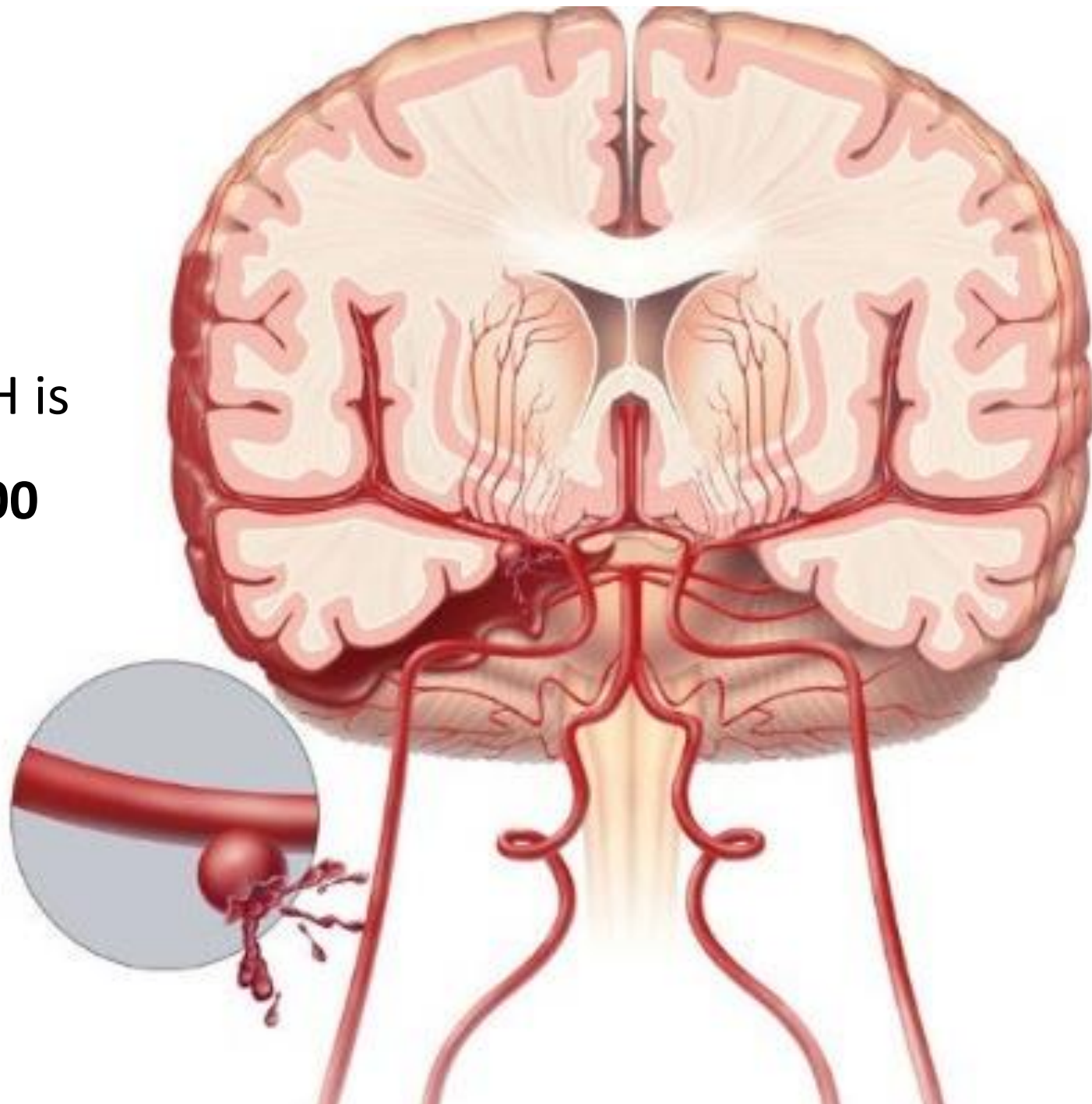
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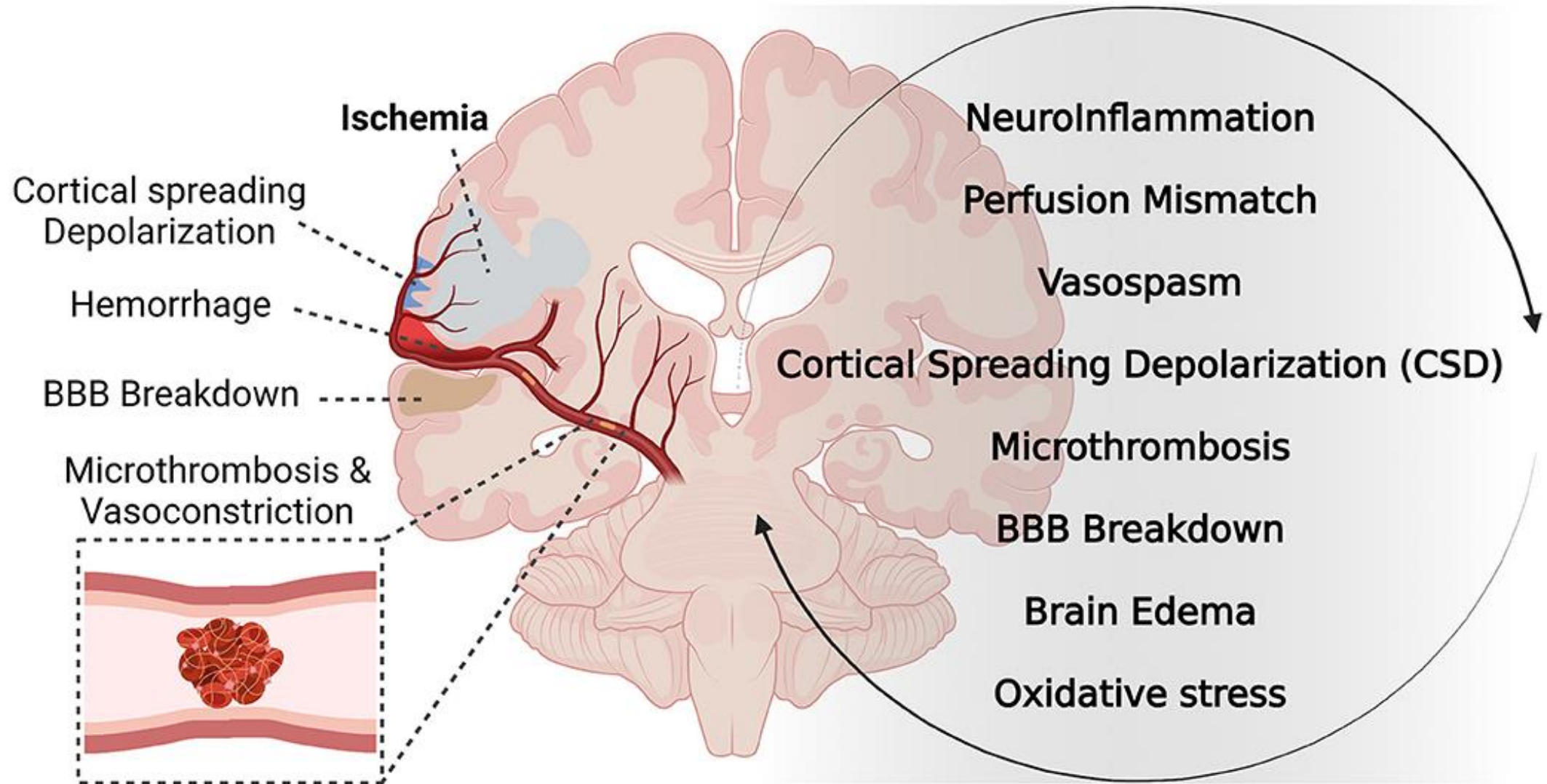
- Definitive SAH patients treatment.
- 60-70 subarachnoid haemorrhage patients **in ICU** per year.

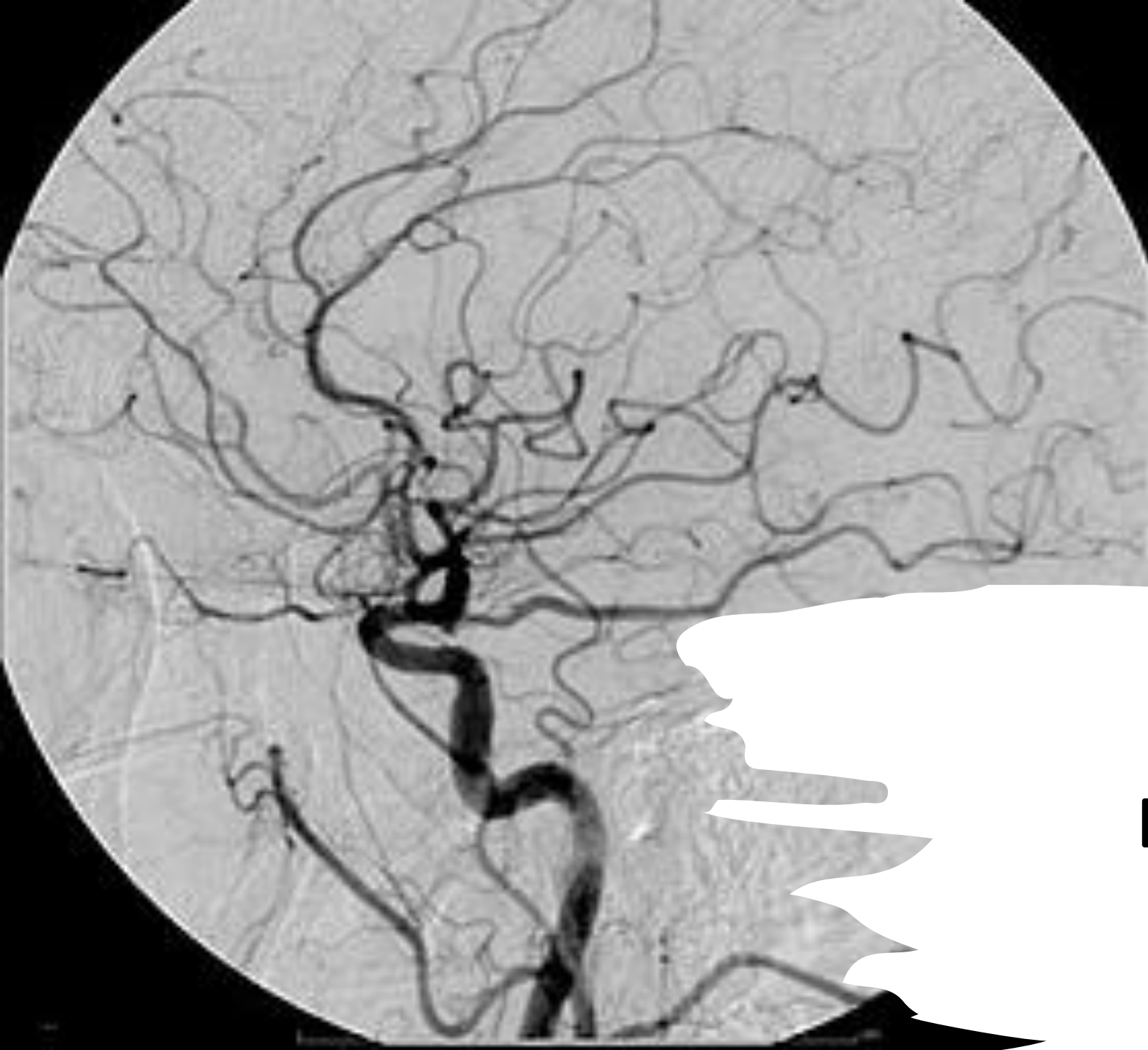
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The overall
worldwide
incidence of
aneurysmal SAH is
≈6.1 per 100 000
person-years.



Pathophysiology of Delayed Cerebral Ischemia after SAH





DIGITAL SUBTRACTION ANGIOGRAPHY

PREDICTION OF CEREBRAL VASOSPASM

Risk factors for vasospasm

Thick subarachnoid clots

Intraventricular hematoma

Persistent subarachnoid clots (slow clearance)

Poor neurological condition on admission

Loss of consciousness associated with rupture

History of cigarette smoking

Preexisting hypertension

Diabetes mellitus

Cocaine use

Leukocytosis and C-Reactive Protein May Predict Development of Secondary Cerebral Vasospasm in Patients with Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage

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3. Results

In total, we found that a CRP increase for each 1 mg/L at admission increases the odds to develop CV by 5% (OR, 1.05; CI, 1.014–1.087; $p = 0.006$). Concomitantly, we found that a WBC count increase for each $1 \times 10^9/L$ at admission increases the odds to develop CV by 16% (OR, 1.16; CI, 1.02–1.32; $p = 0.02$).

In aSAH-CV patients, a ROC analysis showed 96% sensitivity and 40% specificity for an association with WBC count at admission with a cut off value of $10.015 \times 10^9/L$ (AUC 0.683; $p = 0.006$), as depicted in **Figure 3**. A more significant association was found with CRP values determined at the same time point, with a sensitivity and specificity of 54% and 90%, respectively, with a cut of value of 8.95 mg/L (AUC 0.751; $p < 0.001$), as shown in **Figure 4**.

5. Conclusions

Inflammatory parameters such as WBC count and CRP values at admission may be used as additional prognostic factors, along with widely used clinical and radiological classification scores, to identify patients who have a higher risk of developing secondary CV after aSAH. Moreover, they may be used as additional prognostic factors to select patients who need more attention and monitoring in ICU.

DIAGNOSTIC OPTIONS



OTHER CAUSES OF NEUROLOGICAL DETERIORATION

Increasing brain swelling

Rebleeding of the aneurysm

Hydrocephalus

Sepsis

Cortical spreading depression

Hyponatremia

Hypoxia

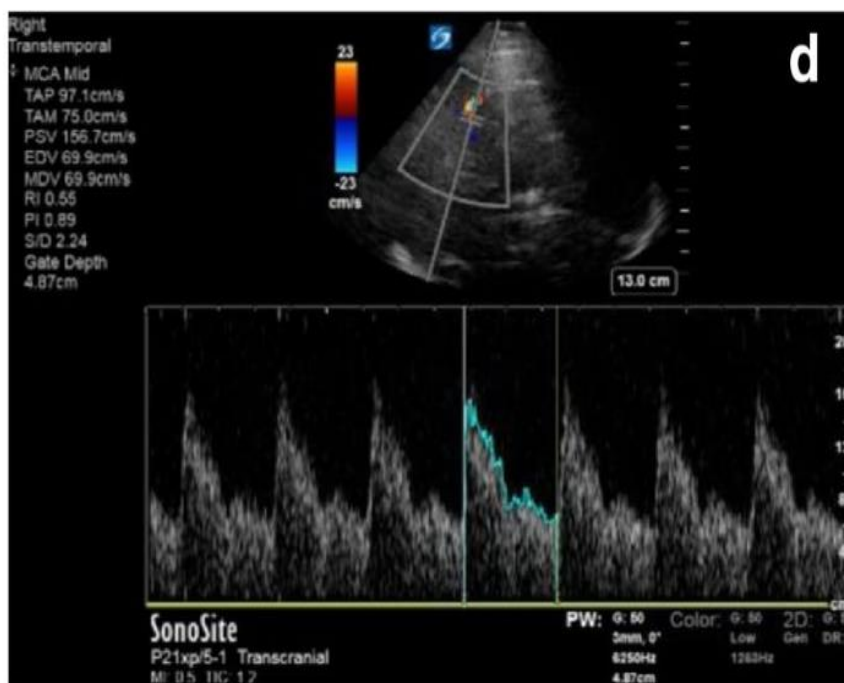
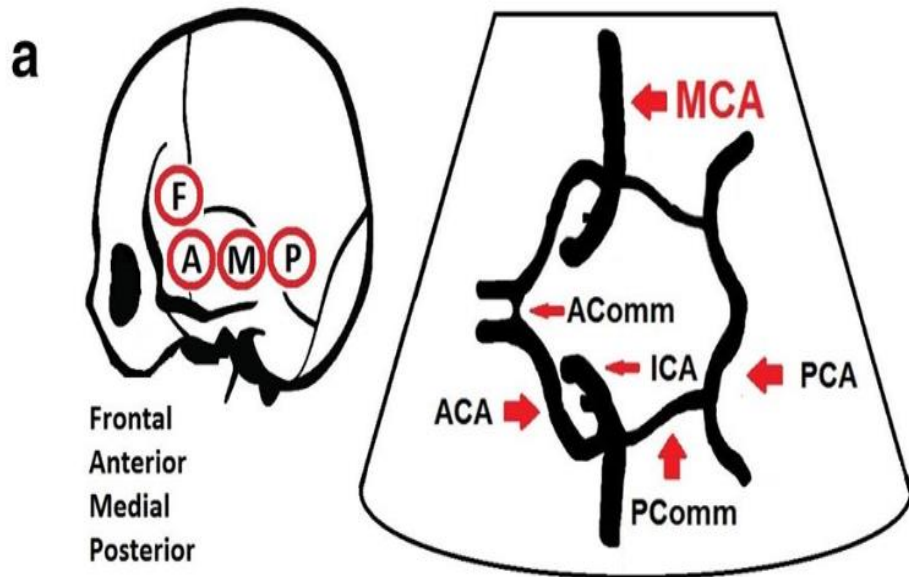
Hypotension



CONSCIOUS vs. UNCONSCIOUS



NON-INVASIVE METHODS



TRANSCRANIAL DOPPLER

- + Non-invasive
- + Easy to perform
- + Repetitive bedside examination

- Operator dependent
- **Is done infrequently**
- Does not detect vasospasm in peripheral branches
- Poor temporal bone window

8.2. MONITORING AND DETECTION OF CEREBRAL VASOSPASM AND DCI

Recommendations for Monitoring and Detection of Cerebral Vasospasm and DCI

Referenced studies that support recommendations are summarized in online [Data Supplement 9](#).

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COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC PERFUSION AND ANGIOGRAPHY

CTP:

- Easy to use
- Allows early prediction of perfusion abnormalities
- Images can be acquired quickly
- Detects alterations in microcirculation

CTA:

- 80% sensitivity and 93% specificity in CV detection

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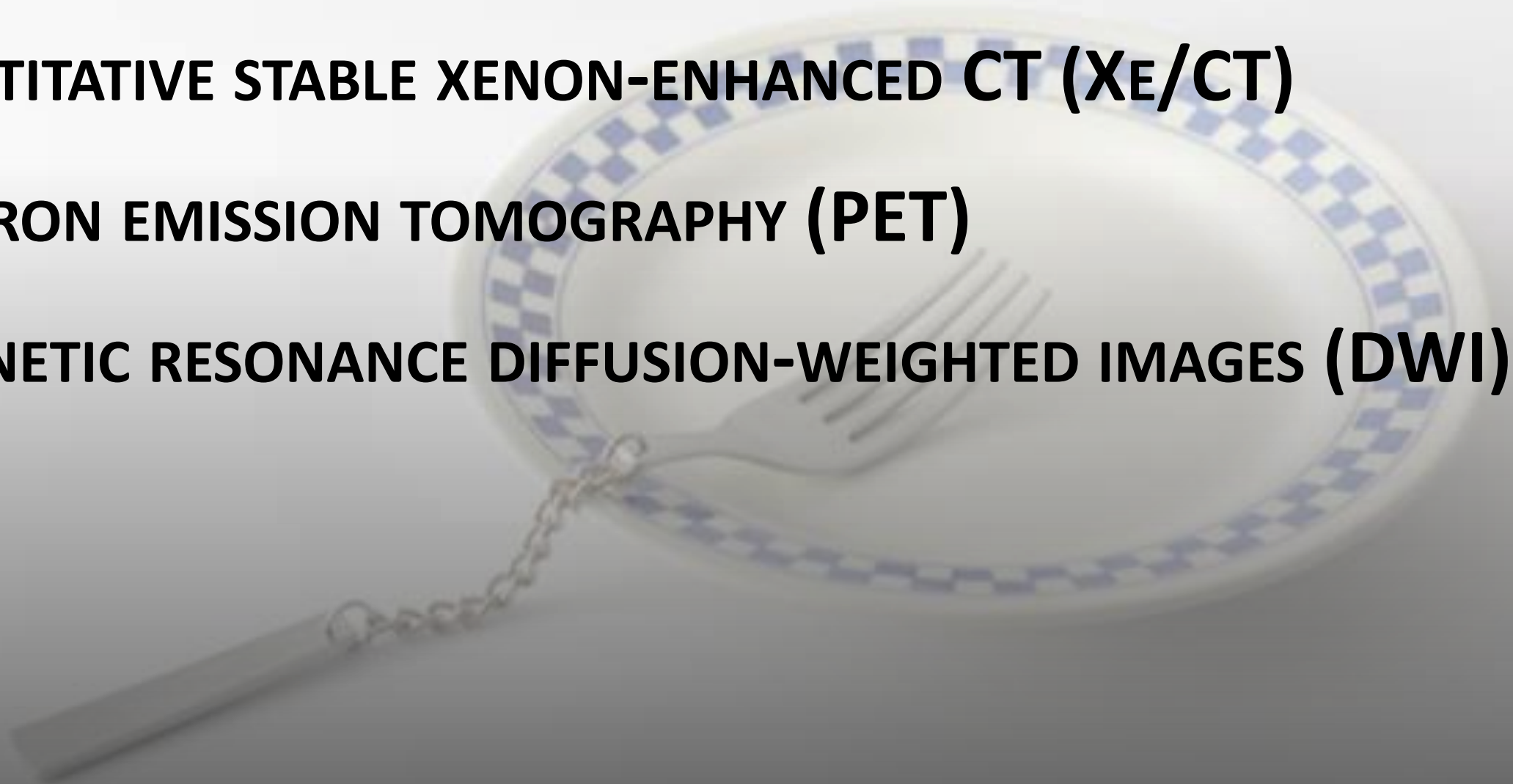
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SINGLE-PHOTON EMISSION CT (SPECT)

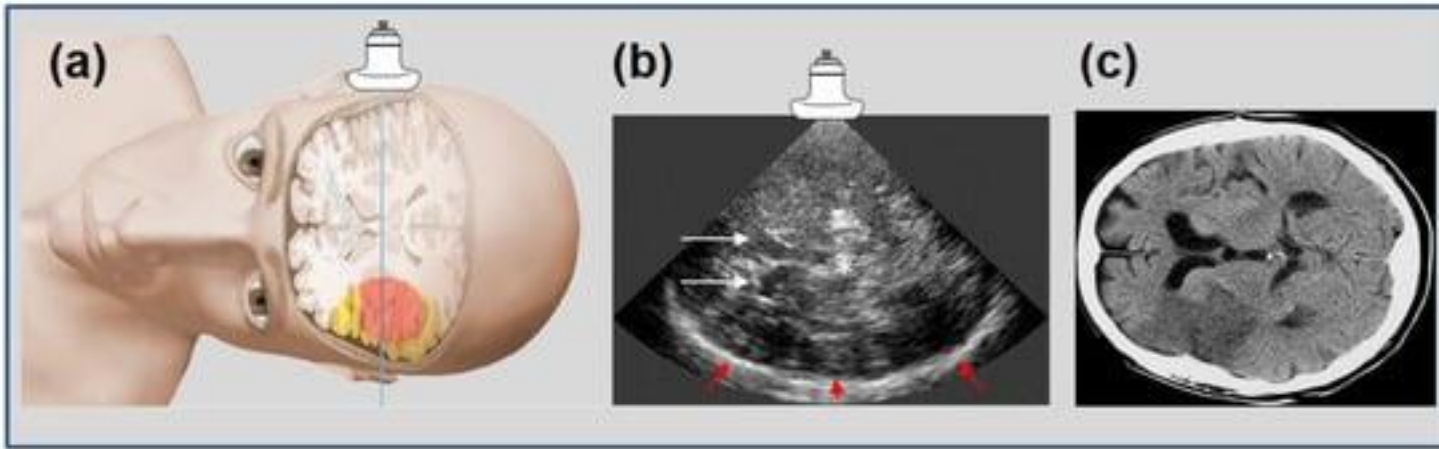
QUANTITATIVE STABLE XENON-ENHANCED CT (Xe/CT)

POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY (PET)

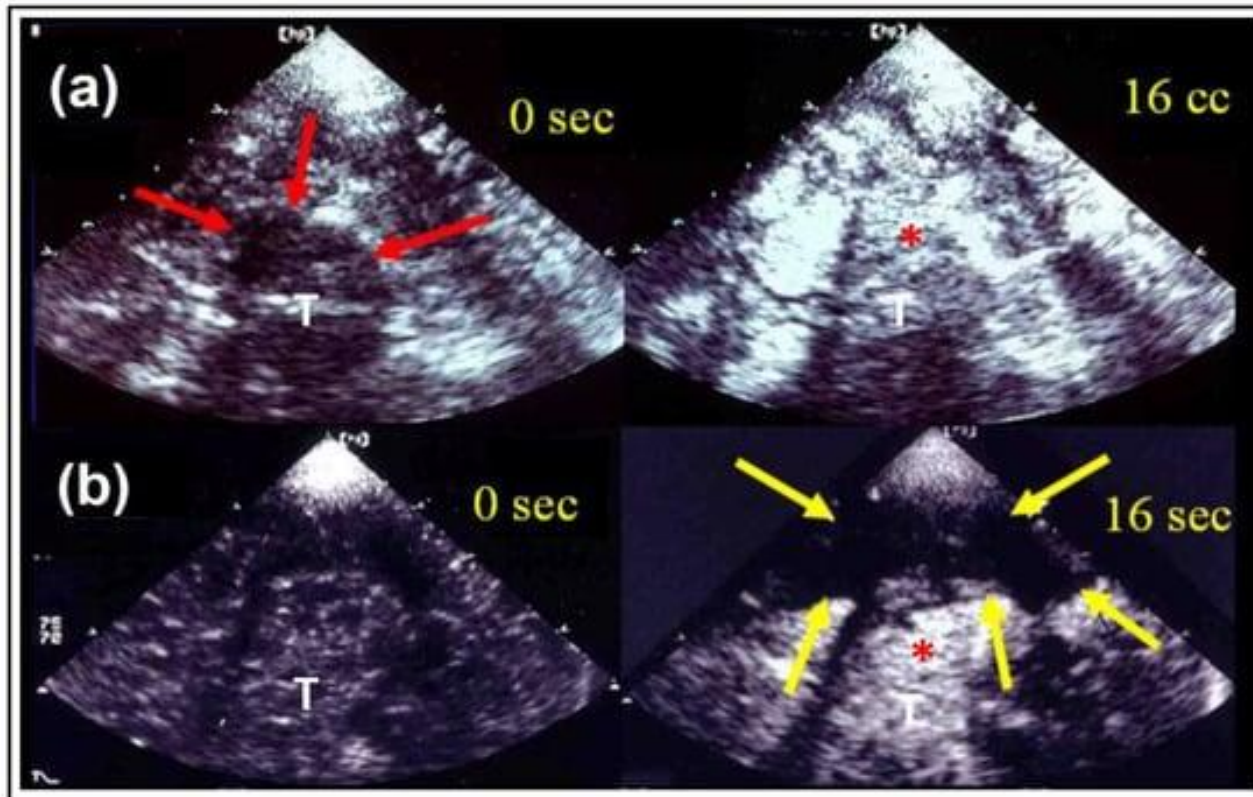
MAGNETIC RESONANCE DIFFUSION-WEIGHTED IMAGES (DWI)



ULTRASOUND PERFUSION IMAGING



- Non-invasive
- Performed at the bedside
- May be applied even with poor temporal bone window



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NEAR-INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY

- + Simple, non-invasive continuous bedside monitoring of cerebral oxygenation
- + Relatively low-cost
- May be affected by haemoglobin level
- **Continuous monitoring at least up to 7 days**
- More studies are required



Cerebral deterioration detection with Near-infrared spectroscopy in patients with aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhage

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Background: Early detection of cerebral vasospasm (CV) is essential in patients with aneurysmal subarachnoid haemorrhage (aSAH). Near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) is non-invasive, promising bedside monitoring method of regional cerebral oxygen saturation (rSO₂). We present our experience in detecting cerebral deterioration with NIRS in patients with aSAH.

Case Report: NIRS with INVOS 5100, Medtronic (Covidien) was applied to 11 Intensive care patients* (7 females), mean age 60±9 years, with aSAH, Riga, Latvia. NIRS was started within the first 48 hours after ictus and continued up to 7 days. All patients at least had one risk factor**, but 45.5% had two. Amount of aSAH was Fisher III for 2 and Fisher IV for 9 patients. Median Glasgow Coma scale was 10 points (5-15).

Mean rSO₂ at baseline (BL) was 72±6% on the left and 73±6% on the right side. CV occurred in 3 patients within 7 days. All presented a reduction of rSO₂, but more than 20% from BL was detected in two cases (see Chart 1 and 2). One patient experienced cerebral stroke without detected reduction of rSO₂. For another patient NIRS was useful to detect intracerebral hematoma (ICH) after endovascular embolization (EVE), when rSO₂ dropped from 77 to 55% on the left and 71 to 53% on the right side with continuing to decrease (see Chart 3). Mortality was 3/4 vs. 3/7 and median hospitalisation 8 vs. 15 days in patients with changed NIRS vs. without.

Chart 1. One of patient with CV and reduction of rSO₂ >20% from BL.

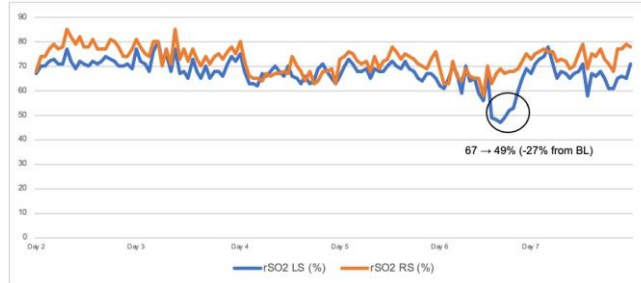


Chart 2. Second patient with CV and reduction of rSO₂ >20% from BL.

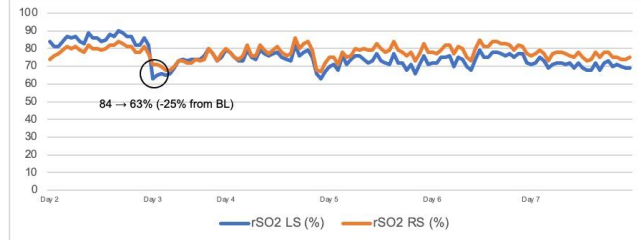


Chart 1. Patient with ICH after EVE and reduction of rSO₂ >20% from BL



*Inclusion criteria: 1) age ≥18 years; 2) proven acute aSAH on computer tomography angiography; 3) Glasgow Coma Scale 5-15 points.

**primary arterial hypertension, atherosclerosis, diabetes mellitus, smoking, chronic alcohol intake, obesity

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Discussion: NIRS has been described as a good toll for real-time detection of cerebral ischemia [1]. Our results show that NIRS helped early detect cerebral deterioration in 3 out of 5 aSAH patients who experienced complications during the monitoring period. Therefore, we encourage to use NIRS for aSAH patients as additional tool in detection of early cerebral deterioration [2].

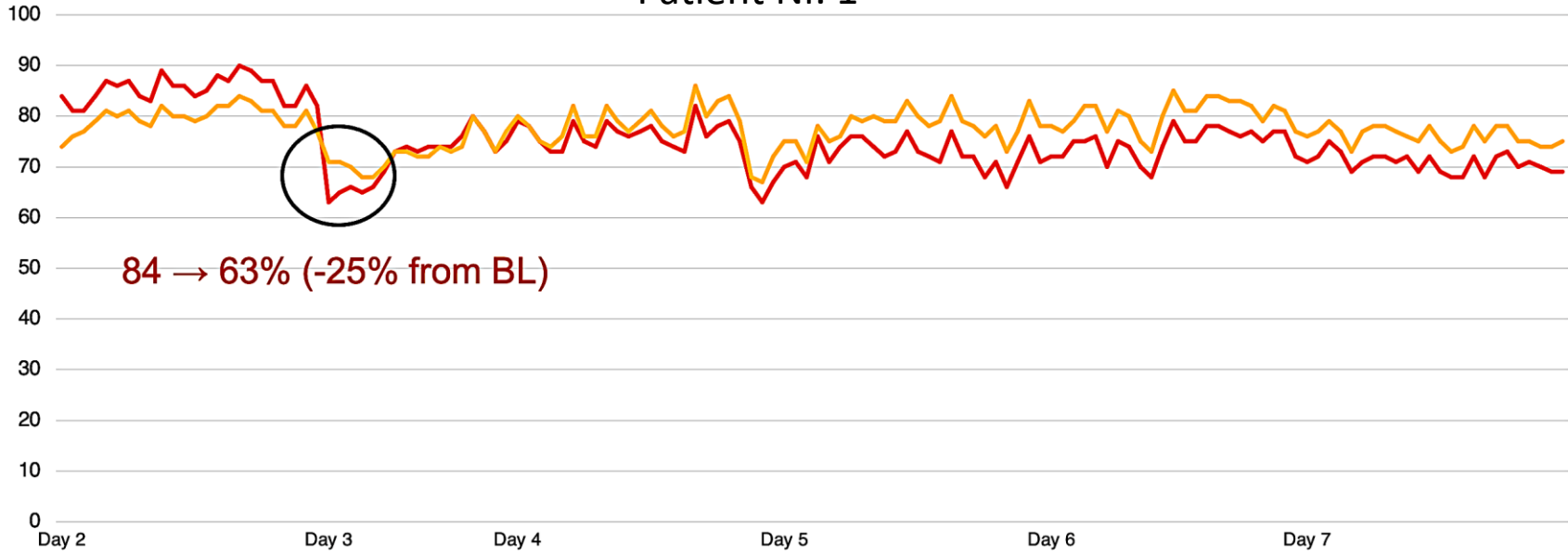
Learning points: Our first experience shows that NIRS seems to be promising method for early detection of cerebral deterioration using together with clinical course in aSAH patients.



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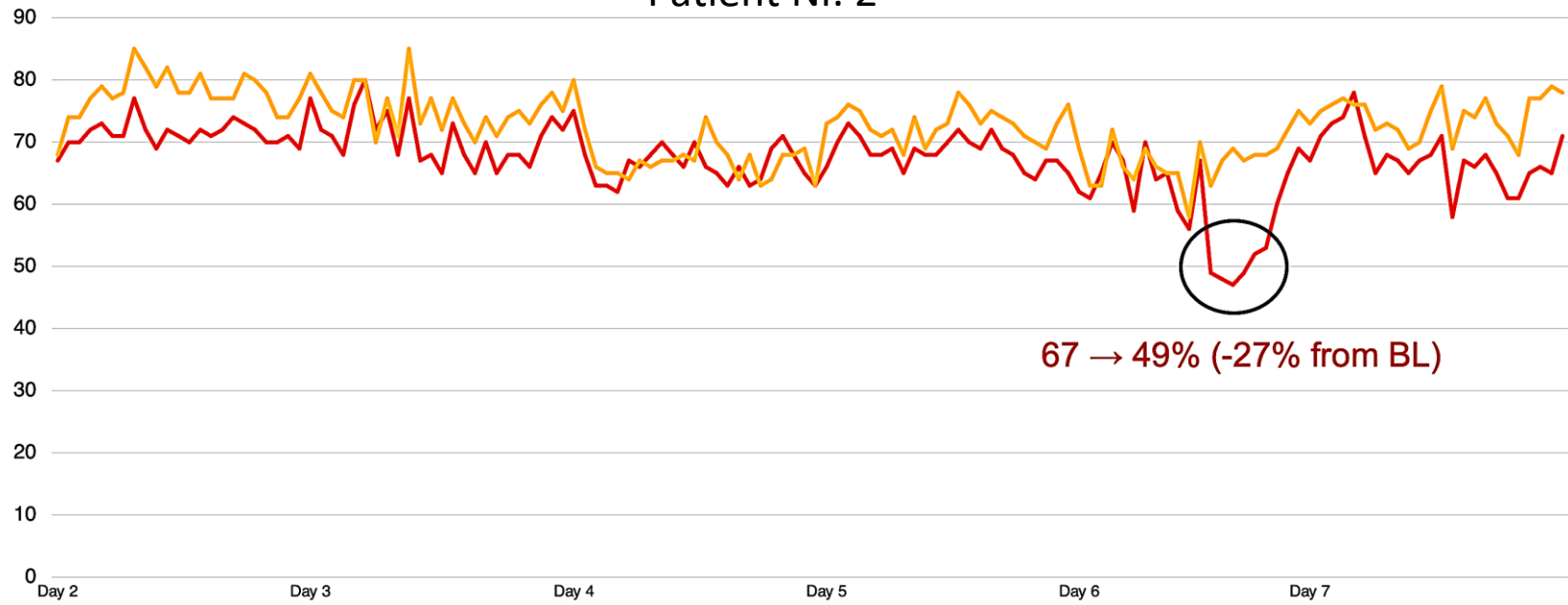
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Patient Nr. 1



— rSO2 LS (%) — rSO2 RS (%)

Patient Nr. 2



— rSO2 LS (%) — rSO2 RS (%)

CONTINUOUS ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPHY (EEG)

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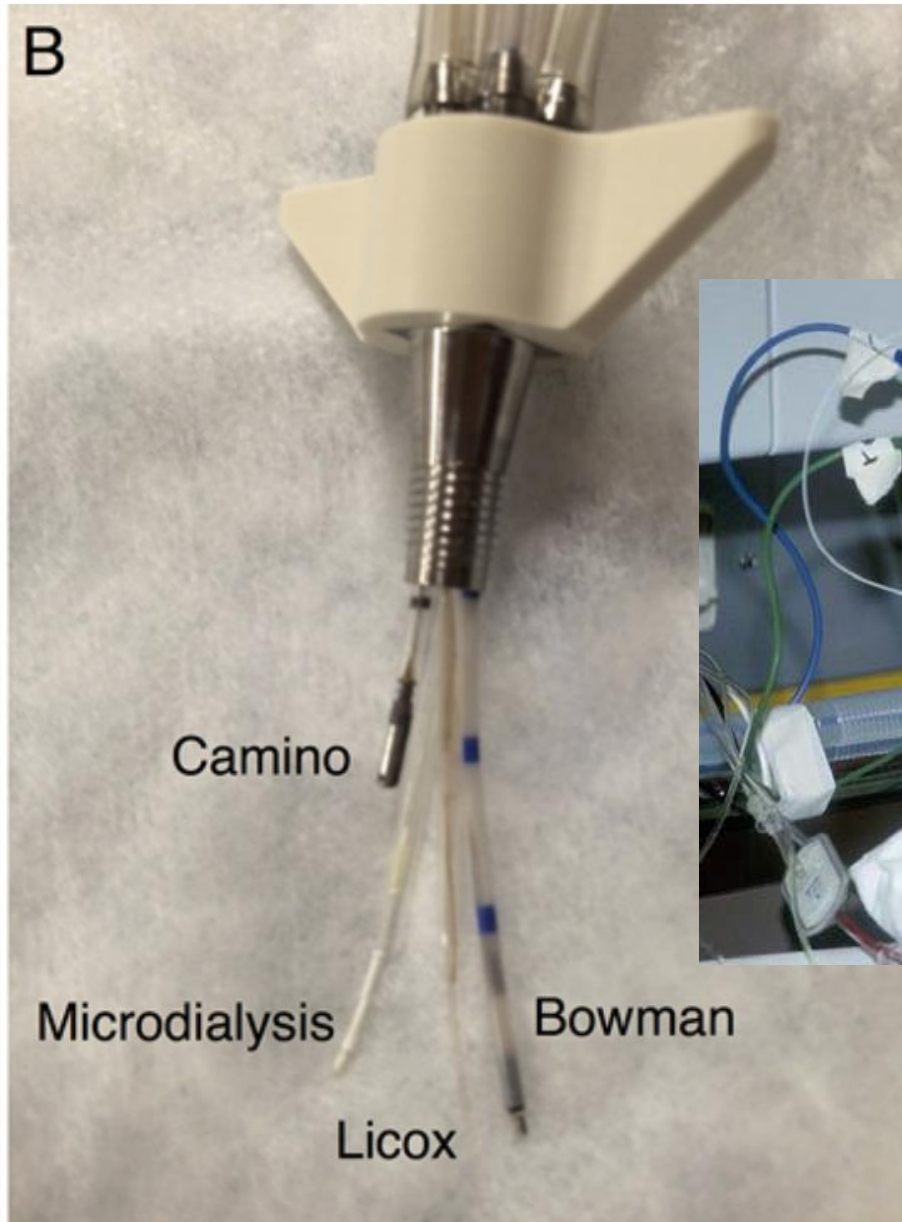
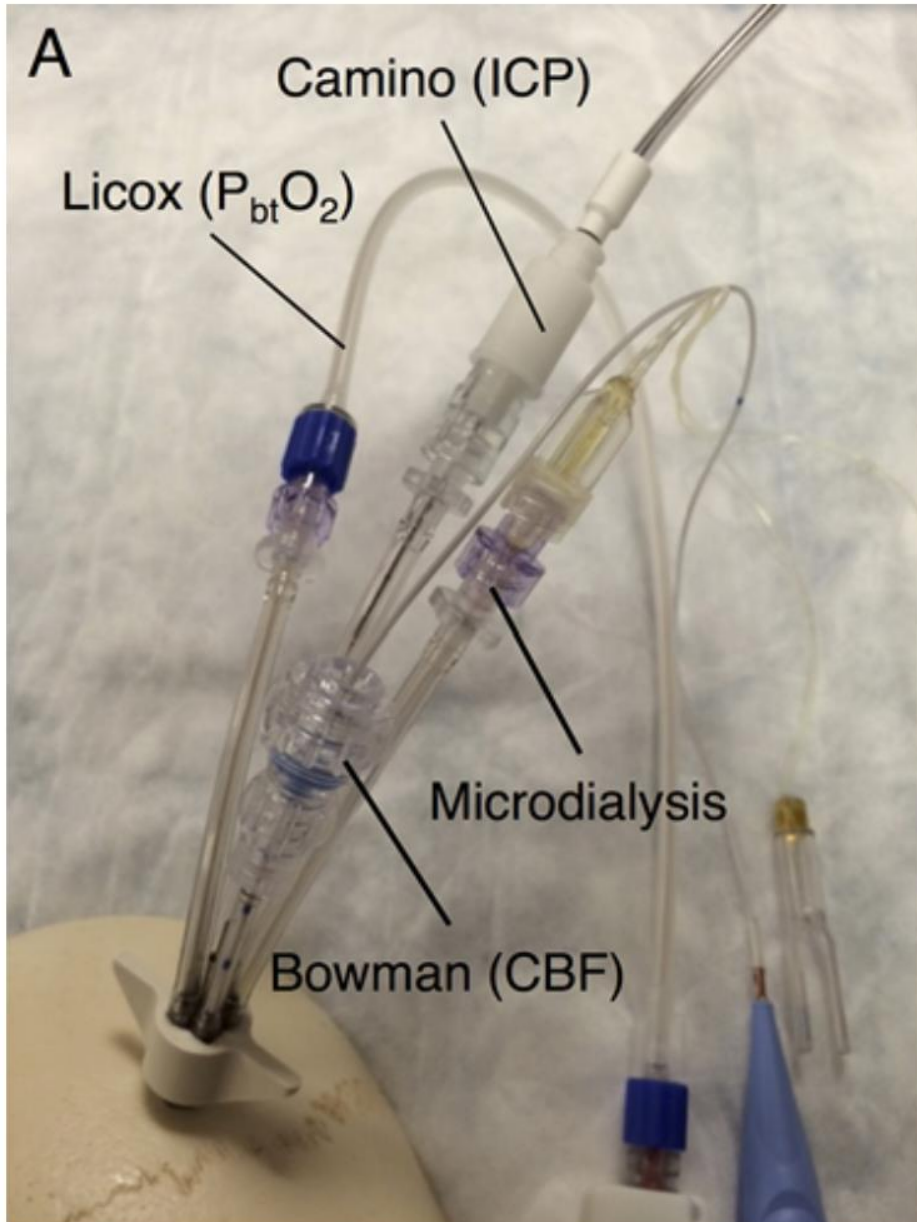
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- Non-invasive
- Continuous real-time monitoring
- **cEEG changes** (epileptiform abnormalities, alpha variability, poststimulation alpha/delta ratio 4-6) **appear prior DCI**
- Collaboration with neurophysiologists required

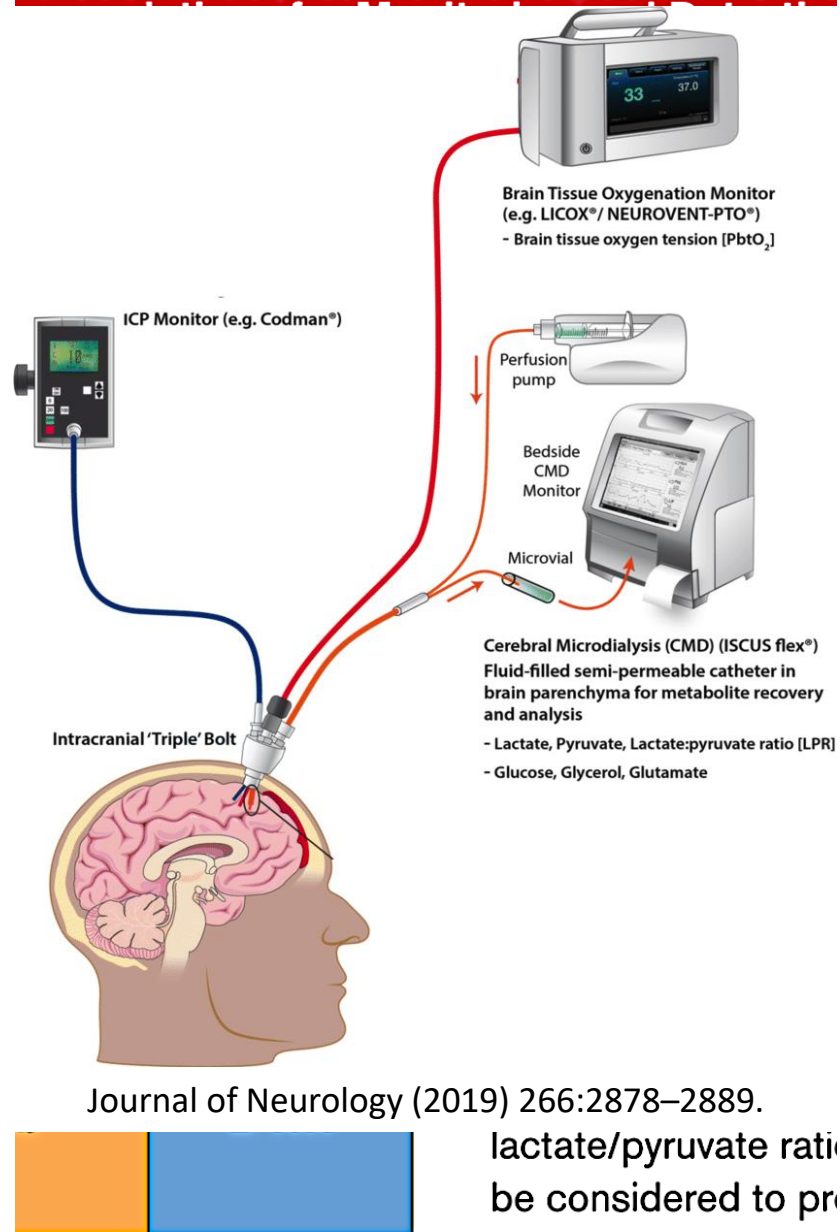
INVASIVE METHODS



MONITORING AND DETECTION OF CEREBRAL VASOSPASM

BRAIN TISSUE OXYGENATION

- Continuous bedside monitoring
- Probe placement can cause local tissue injury
- Provides information about a small region of the brain



MICRODIALYSIS MONITORING

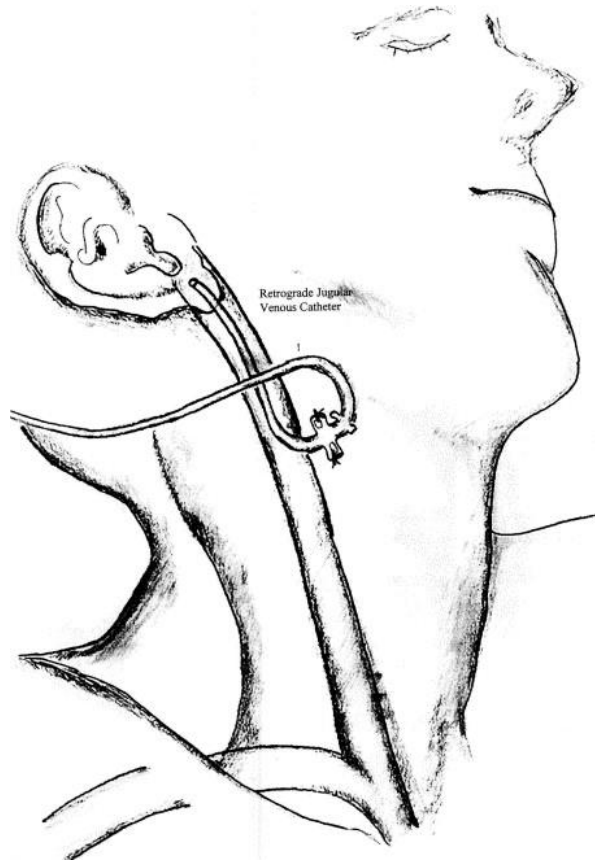
- Continuous bedside monitoring
- Low sampling rates (1 per hour)
- Probe placement can cause local tissue injury
- Provides information about a small region of the brain
- **Glutamate and lactate level changes** may predict ischemia **24 hours beforehand;**
- **Glycerol level increases 12 hours before** clinical ischemia.

THERMAL DIFFUSION FLOWMETRY

- + Measures real-time cerebral blood flow
- + Continuous bedside monitoring
- Frequent calibration is required (every 30 min.)
- Provides information about a small region of the brain
- Probe placement can cause local tissue injury



JUGULAR BULB OXIMETRY



- + Safe and easy to perform
- + **Increase in cerebral oxygen extraction ($SaO_2 - S_{jv}O_2$) predicts CV hours to days before onset of symptoms**
- Highly sensitive to catheter position
- Reflects global cerebral oxygen supply and demands balance and may miss smaller regional changes

CONCLUSIONS

- CV is still difficult to recognise at early stages.
- No ideal method exists.
- Brain multimodality monitoring allows detection of physiological changes at an early stage and increases the predictive power.
- Non-invasive vs. invasive monitoring methods?
- Methods in intensivists hands (point-of-care TCD)
- New technologies...?



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