RDs In Practice: Advancing Practice in Pediatric Nutrition  
Supporting the Pediatric Intensive Care Patient

Round Table:  
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Program Objectives:  
Upon completion of this round table, participants should be able to:  
1. Recognize common ICU medications that can cause electrolyte disturbances and how to adjust for them in the TPN  
2. Explain the controversy surrounding early enteral feeding in an ICU patient on vasopressors  
3. List patient risk factors to consider when deciding whether early enteral feeding is appropriate

References:  


TPN guidelines, CHOC Children’s Hospital
TPN guidelines, Seattle Children’s Hospital
Use of Honey for Wound Care

The type of honey used for therapeutic effect in wound care is derived from a Tea tree grown in New Zealand called Leptospermum scoparium (Manuka). This medical grade honey is filtered, gamma-irradiated, and produced under carefully controlled standards of hygiene to ensure the standardized production of honey. All botulism spores and microscopic particles are removed.

**Effects of Honey on Wound Healing:**
- **Debridement** - The high sugar/low water content in honey, via osmosis, draws lymph fluid from deeper tissue. As a result the fluid is continuously bathing the wound in fluids that contain enzymes which break down the fibrin tethers that adhere slough and eschar to the wound bed.
- **Wound infection** - Honey creates an acidic pH of 3.2 – 4.5, where bacteria cannot thrive and bacterial growth is inhibited. It also contains an enzyme called glucose-oxidase that stimulates the release of hydrogen peroxide on contact with body tissues.

**Adverse Reactions:**
- Transient stinging
- Adverse reactions such as anaphylaxis or systemic toxicity (i.e. hyperglycemia in diabetic patients) has not yet been reported

**Contraindications:**
Patients with allergy to honey or bee products, including bee stings

**Clinical Trials:**

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<th>Study Design</th>
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<th>Study Limitations</th>
<th>Summary of Results</th>
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<td>Gethin G et al. J of Clinical Nursing 2008; 18: 466-74 &amp; J of Wound Care 2008; 17: 241-6.</td>
<td>Prospective, multi-center (10 sites), open label, randomized, controlled trial</td>
<td>Manuka honey (MH) 5 g/20 cm² vs hydrogel (HT) 3 g/20 cm² for 4 weeks and followed up at week 12</td>
<td>Did not enroll enough patients to reach power of study</td>
<td>80% wounds had &gt;50% reduction in slough at 4 weeks, but no difference between groups (67% MH vs 52.9% HT). Mean wound covered in slough reduced to 29% in MH group vs 43% in HT group. Significant reduction in wound size in MH group (34% vs 13%; p=0.001) at 4 weeks At 12 weeks, 44% MH vs 33% HT wound healed</td>
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### Use of Honey for Wound Care

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<td>Bardy J et al. Journal of Clinical Nursing 2008; 17: 2604-23. (Oncology)</td>
<td>Review article</td>
<td>43 total studies reviewed, 5 of which were oncology, 1 of which was pediatric oncology (see Simon article below for details)</td>
<td>Small sample sizes, Lack of randomization, Absence of blinding</td>
<td>Honey promoted wound healing and cleared infection (Cavanagh and Simon), Honey decreased severity and duration of radiation-induced oral mucositis and prevents weight loss (Biswal), Honey is effective for oral mucositis, stomatitis, malignant ulcers and infected lesions (Cavanagh), Honey reduced microbes in oral cavity of head and neck cancer patients (Sela)</td>
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<td>Simon A et al. Support Care Cancer 2006; 14: 91-7. (Oncology)</td>
<td>Observational, non-comparative study</td>
<td>Clinical experience at Children’s Hospital, University of Bonn over 3 years, 13 oncology pediatric, 2 oncology adult, 1 hematology pediatric, Pediatric patients ages 2-17; many of whom had cultured pathogens</td>
<td>Survey only of effectively managed wounds using Medihoney</td>
<td>Successful, uncomplicated wound healing in pediatric oncology patients, within 5-36 days of using honey (except two cases in 52 and 72 days)</td>
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<td>Bell SG. Neonatal Network 2007; 26: 247-51.</td>
<td>Review article</td>
<td>Two neonatal articles reviewed: One using honey to treat wound infections in neonates (Vardi)</td>
<td>Small sample sizes, No comparison groups, No randomization</td>
<td>Honey appears to be safe and useful in treating difficult to heal infected wounds, Double-blinded randomized controlled clinical trials are still needed, Honey is recommended for wound care, not</td>
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- **156 patients required to show a 20% difference in with 80% power at 5% 2-sided significance level**

- **108 adult patients enrolled, 54 in each group**

- **35 males, 73 females, aged 24-89 years (mean 68)**

- **Infections developed in 6 MH vs 12 HT patients**

- **Baseline MRSA: 10 in MH vs 6 in HT, after 4 weeks, 7 (70%) in MH vs 1 in HT (16%) eradicated**

- **Baseline Pseudomonas aeruginosa: 6 in MH vs 10 in HT, after 4 weeks, 2 (33%) in MH vs 5 (50%) in HT eradicated**

- **No adverse events identified**
## Use of Honey for Wound Care

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- 8 male  
- 1 female  
- Weight: 1.84-6.9 kg |  
- No comparison  
- Small sample  
- Convenience sample  
- All wounds were closed and sterile within 21 days of topical honey  
- No systemic adverse reactions were noted, specifically hyperglycemia, electrolyte imbalance or C. botulinum cultures  
- Honey is safe and effective in post-op wound infections, which do not respond to local & systemic conventional treatments |
| Al-Waili NS Clin Microbial Infect 2005; 11: 160-3. (Neonatal) | Pilot study Randomly selected if baby had diaper dermatitis |  
- 8 boys  
- 4 girls  
- Ages 3-18 months  
- 4 cultured positive for Candida Albicans  
- Treatment mixture contained honey, olive oil and beeswax applied 4x/day x 7 days by parents  
- Rash severity (lesion score) was scored on 5 point scale at baseline, 3,5, and 7 days |  
- Small sample size  
- Absence of blinding  
- The mean lesion score declined significantly (p<0.05) at 3 days and continue to decline on days 5 and 7.  
- By day 7, 10 of 12 infants had mild or no diaper dermatitis.  
- 2 of the 4 patients with positive C. albicans were negative by end of treatment  
- No adverse effects were recorded  
- Parents reported easy to apply treatment and tolerated well |
Use of Honey for Wound Care

**Current Treatment Modalities at CHOC Children's:**

Debridement: Santyl (collagenase - enzymatic debrider)

Infected wounds: Iodosorb gel; silver dressing. (Note: Iodosorb cannot be used in patients with allergies or reactions to iodine and should be used with caution due to concerns of the systemic absorption of iodine on thyroid function.)

The advantage of honey dressing is that it can be used on wounds that are infected and also require debridement. Therefore, facilitation of wound healing can be achieved with fewer products.

**Cost Comparison:**

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<td>Santyl (collagenase)</td>
<td>30 g tube</td>
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<td>Iodosorb</td>
<td>10 g tube</td>
<td>$11.01/tube</td>
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<td>ManukaPli Honey</td>
<td>15 g tubes</td>
<td>$5.25/tubes</td>
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<td>Acticoat Flex (silver)</td>
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<td>$12.90/sheet</td>
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<td>ManukaTek (honey)</td>
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<td>$6.19/sheet</td>
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Honey Dressing Data Collection Form

**Patient Population:**
- NICU
- PICU
- CVICU
- ONC/OICU
- Med/Surg

**Type of wound:**
- IV extravasation
- Pressure ulcer
- Surgical
- Other: ____________

**Honey being used instead of:**
- Silver dressing
- Santyl
- Other: ____________

For IV extravasation, were the following used for treatment by MD prior to Wound Care Consult (circle one)?
- None
- Hyaluronidase (Amphadase, Vitrase aka Wydase)
- Nitroglycerin

**Outcomes:**

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Please document baseline wound measurement and wound measurement with every dressing change but at least every 3 days

Total days to wound healing: ________________ days

Switch to other treatment modalities
- Yes
- No
- If yes, list treatment: ________________

Infection during treatment
- Yes
- No
- If yes, list infection: ________________

**Adverse Reactions:**
- None
- Hyperglycemia
- Local reactions (redness, erythema)
- Pain
- Other: ____________

Was honey dressing discontinued because of adverse reactions?
- Yes
- No

**For NICU patients:**

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Please document baseline glucose level (pre-honey treatment) and glucose levels after every dressing application. If multiple glucose levels, record level closest to time of application of dressing

Other causes of hyperglycemia:
- Yes
- No
- If yes, list other causes: ________________

Please return completed forms to “Honey Data Collection Form” folder in Kim’s mailbox