Internal carotid pseudoaneurysm treated with diversor flow endograft

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INTRODUCTION

- **Incidence**: ICA pseudoaneurysms < 0.5%

- **Origin**: post-traumatic / post-surgical or atherosclerotic disease.

- **Treatment**: Those symptomatic or with a continuous exponential growth
  - Conventional surgery associated to a high morbidity/mortality
  - Endovascular treatment through the covered or bare stents implantation and / or embolization.
CLINICAL CASE

- 61 years old female
- PA:
  - Hypertension
  - V Leyden factor
- Hard pulsatile mass in left cervical region with progressive growth during the last 2 months
  - No traumatic
  - No surgery history
CLINICAL CASE: DIAGNOSTIC

SAV ultrasound:
- ICA aneurysms sac
- 3 cm diameter
- Thrombus and flow inside
- Aneurysm? Pseudoaneurysm? Carotid dissection?
Diagnostic angiography:

- Pseudoaneurysm distal to ICA origin
- 33mm in maximum diameter
CLINICAL CASE. TREATMENT

PIPELINE (Medtronic. Santa Rosa. CA) 4.5 x 35 mm flow diverter endoprosthesis implantation
Clopidogrel load (300 mg)
Double antiplatelet therapy after intervention
CLINICAL CASE: TREATMENT

- Chromo-cobalt and platinum stent
- Able to be apathetic to any vessel morphology (flexibility)
- Acts by decreasing the flow into the aneurysmal sac and favoring reepithelialization of the vessel being immersed into the wall at the same time that induce the sac thrombosis
CLINICAL CASE: RESULTS

1 month angio-CT:
- Properly implanted Stent
- Stent patency
- Partially thrombosed pseudoaneurysmal
- Minimal endoleak.
CLINICAL CASE. RESULTS

3 months control
Arteriography:

- Stent patency
- Completely thrombosed sac
- No endoleaks
CLINICAL CASE. RESULTS

Progressive decrease in neck mass with totally desapeared 6 months later and continues double anti-platelet without other adverse events

6-12-24 months SAV Doppler ultrasound control:
- Thrombosed pseudoaneurysmal sac
- Diverter stent patency.
DISCUSSION

- Flow diverter stents, used until now for cerebral aneurysms treatment in small size vessels, could consolidate as a durable and curative option for the treatment of carotid pseudoaneurysms.

- These grafts allow a progressive remodeling of the initial anatomy in the damaged vessel, favoring the endothelialization of the same in addition to the thrombosis of the sac.

- They offer a physiological alternative to conventional stents.

- They allow a full coverage of the lesion without the need to apply other additional materials.

- Should be an alternative to covered stents and bare stents plus embolization.
THANK YOU SO MUCH
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