Commentary

Analysis of Computed Tomography Scan on Postoperative Pain

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DESCRIPTION

The great sensitivity and specificity of Computed Tomography (CT) scans have significantly increased their use in wealthy nations. Its significance is without a doubt regarded as essential for the identification of many illnesses. But occasionally using this expensive resource pointlessly is a waste. This study summarizes the numbers of abnormal and normal findings from CT scans conducted to screen for surgical diseases. Retrospective review of CT scans conducted on surgical patients at a hospital. Out of the 102 CT scans that were performed, 51 (50%) patients from each of the three groups had unremarkable results. The number of unneeded CT scans may be reduced with an adequate history, an appropriate clinical examination, and solid clinical expertise.

Due to its excellent accuracy, computed tomography is increasingly being used as a screening and diagnostic technique worldwide. The investigator receives the results shortly after the exam is finished, allowing early detection and timely treatment of the underlying condition. According to studies, the annual increase in CT scans is startling. According to one study from the United States, 3 million CT scan orders increased to a stunning 74 million. A means of assuaging patients, families, consulting orders, and as a precaution against potential danger of malpractice litigation are among the factors underpinning rising trends in CT scan ordering.

It has been estimated that 2% of all malignancies are caused by radiation exposure from CT scans, which account for the majority of ionizing radiation exposure in medical settings. Regulators and healthcare professionals are concerned about the inappropriate use of CT scans because of the possibility of adverse side effects. This study's primary goal is to assess how often unremarkable CT scans are performed at a tertiary care hospital's department of surgery.

A tertiary care facility in Ireland called Cavan General Hospital is where this study was carried out. The study lasted three months, during which time data were gathered for ten. Study design involved a proper audit. The 7315 research registry ID. The researchers themselves gathered the information. All patients who had received computed tomography and had been

admitted or referred to the surgical department were included. Using PACS, we had access to the study's data. For the audit's purposes, prior data was gathered and de-identified. Since no direct human or tissue samples were taken, the review board's ethical approval was not requested. There were patients of all ages present. The date was entered using SPSS 20.0. Individuals' ages and sexes were noted.

Each CT scan's findings were divided into three categories: exceptional, unimpressive, and incidental. At the time of the CT scan, the locations of the patients, including ED, OPD, and ward, were also documented by the investigators. Utilizing SPSS, data analysis was carried out. For the study variables, frequencies and percentages were recorded. SQUIRE 2.0 guidelines were adhered.

One of the worrying trends in healthcare is the amount of supply-induced demand for CT scans, which not only drives up costs but also poses a serious radiation danger. Government assistance programmes and insurance coverage are important contributors to this undesirable habit. The good news about computed tomography is that, over the past ten years, it has reduced admissions at a faster rate in hospitals that had scans at emergency departments than in hospitals.

Unquestionably, CT scans have a crucial role, particularly in surgical departments. It almost made exploratory surgery uncommon in today's society. The rate of emergency surgery has decreased from 13% to 5%. In 65% of cases, the scan's results had a significant impact on management plans. According to a literature search, 10% of CT scans were unnecessary, according to one of the articles. There are a lot of unremarkable CT scans in this publication. In this audit, 50% of the CT scans revealed normal results, whereas 43.13% had noteworthy findings. As a result, a sizable number of individuals received radiation treatment.

Due to its high sensitivity, computed tomography has become a crucial component of research for many medical disorders. This study shows a significant percentage of unimpressive CT scan results. It is believed that because ordering a CT scan is more common due to its practicality and accessibility. Additionally, it speeds up the flow of work in many departments, particularly

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during emergencies. CT imaging exposes patients to radiation and responses connected to contrast; therefore it is never without danger. Medical professionals have a responsibility to responsibly use CT scan resources and take all necessary precautions to ensure the safety of their patients decreases the price the government charges for a CT scan in the healthcare industry.