COMPREHENSIVE NURSING CARE IN AN INFANT WITH HYPOXIC ISCHEMICAL ENCEPHALOPATHY RELATED TO PERINATAL ASPHYXIA

CUIDADOS INTEGRALES DE ENFERMERÍA EN UN LACTANTE CON ENCEFALOPATÍA ISQUÉMICA HIPÓXICA RELACIONADA CON LA ASFIXIA PERINATAL

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SUMMARY:

Hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy, secondary to asphyxia during childbirth, remains an important cause of postnatal death and permanent neurological deficit in the world. Nursing interventions continue as the pillar of the treatment, allowing some comfort to the patient. The study aimed to implement the nursing process in the care of a pediatric patient with brain damage as a consequence of perinatal asphyxia. We conducted a clinical case study in a Pediatric Intensive Unit in Durango, Mexico, in November and December 2017. The data was obtained after the evaluation and presented in the nursing process in its phases of history, evolution, diagnosis, planning of the interventions and results obtained. We emphasize the importance of the process as a focus of the nurse's work, capable of enabling the development of evidence-based care and also to enhance its credibility.

Keywords: Nursing diagnosis; Nursing; Pediatric Nursing; Nursing process.

RESUMEN:

La encefalopatía isquémica hipóxica, secundaria a la asfixia durante el parto, sigue siendo una importante causa de muerte posnatal y de déficit neurológico permanente en el mundo. Las intervenciones de enfermería siguen siendo el pilar del tratamiento, posibilitando un confort al paciente. El estudio objetivó implementar el proceso de enfermería en el cuidado a un paciente pediátrico con lesión cerebral como consecuencia de la asfixia perinatal. Realizamos un estudio de caso clínico en una Unidad Intensiva Pediátrica en Durango, México, entre noviembre y diciembre de 2017. Los datos fueron obtenidos después de la evaluación, presentados en el proceso de enfermería en sus fases de histórico, evolución, diagnóstico de enfermería, planificación de las intervenciones y resultados obtenidos. Resaltamos la importancia del proceso como foco del trabajo del enfermero, capaz de posibilitar el desarrollo de una asistencia basada en evidencia y también permitir credibilidad en el trabajo de enfermería.

Palabras clave: Diagnóstico de enfermería; Enfermería; Enfermería Pediátrica; Proceso de enfermería.

RESUMO:

Encefalopatia isquêmica hipóxica, secundária à asfixia durante o parto, continua sendo uma importante causa de morte pós-natal e déficit neurológico permanente no mundo. As intervenções de enfermagem continuam como pilar do tratamento, permitindo conforto ao paciente. O estudo objetivou implementar o processo de enfermagem no cuidado ao paciente pediátrico com lesão cerebral decorrente da asfixia perinatal. Realizamos um estudo de caso clínico em uma unidade de terapia pediátrica em Durango, no período de novembro a dezembro de 2017. Os dados foram obtidos após a avaliação, apresentados no processo de enfermagem em suas fases da história, evolução, diagnóstico de enfermagem, planejamento das intervenções e os resultados obtidos. Ressaltamos a importância do processo como foco do trabalho do enfermeiro, capaz de possibilitar o desenvolvimento de cuidados baseados em evidências e também permitir a credibilidade do trabalho da enfermagem.

Palabras-chave: Diagnóstico de enfermagem; Enfermagem; Enfermagem Pediátrica; Processo de enfermagem.

INTRODUCTION

Ischemic hypoxic encephalopathy (IHE) is a consequence of suffocation at childbirth, and responsible for generating neurological disabilities (1). The IHE syndrome is a neurological disorder that consists of a dynamic process that affects term and preterm infants. This brain injury occurs in two stages: first, suffocation causes the reduction of blood flow to the brain causing primary damage. Blood and oxygen containment at birth can cause damage to the cells of the central nervous system, including cell death. Second, when the blood flow is restored in an injured brain, various side effects are triggered, which can damage the neural cells or even lead to brain death (2–4).

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), perinatal asphyxia (PA) is among the three leading causes of death among neonates (5). Up to 25% of newborns and 8% of deaths of children under 5 are directly associated with PA (2). Each year, out of every

1,000 live births, three to five will present AP at birth, increasing the risks of neurological sequelae (3). Of the live newborns who suffered asphyxiation at the time of delivery, 15% to 20% die even in the neonatal period; and 25% of the survivors show permanent neurological disability. The most serious neurological damages occur as cerebral palsy, epilepsy and hyperactivity, among other aggravations. The risk conditions associated with IHE can develop during pregnancy, at the time of delivery or after birth, associated with low birth weight and prematurity (5,7).

Nursing assistance focused on ensuring the recovery of infant health is developed in a systematic and individualized manner. With a humanized look, assistance should be extended to parents and family members, who have high levels of stress and anxiety as a result of the child's hospitalization. Nursing care is able to meet needs that go beyond direct assistance to pathology, strengthening the relationship and providing the bond with parents trying to reassure them (8). The nursing team has a fundamental role in the care of infants with sequels of PA; they are responsible for ensuring that the treatment will be carried out correctly, contributing to the positive evolution of the infant. In the daily nursing care, aimed at pediatric patients, the Nursing Process shows the best ways to enable quality assistance, since there is a plan of actions that prioritize the patient. In this way, this study is aimed to present the Nursing Process in the clinical case of an infant hospitalized in a public institution with brain injury caused by perinatal asphyxiation

METHODOLOGY: CLINICAL CASE

This is a clinical case report developed during the Social Nursing Service in the pediatric intensive care unit in a children's hospital in the city of Durango, Mexico, in November and December 2017. It is a descriptive work presenting the history, evolution, nursing diagnosis, planning of the interventions and the results obtained.

Identification and medical diagnosis data: MRJ is a 3 month and 28 day male baby on November 6, 2017, admitted to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. The medical diagnosis is: Global cerebral hypoxia. Moderate pulmonary hypertension (61 mmHg). Right ventricle hypertrophy. Total right pulmonary atelectasis remitted. Chemosis Cardiorespiratory arrest (two episodes). Secondary epileptic state. Secondary ischemic hypoxic encephalopathy.

Prenatal history: The mother, an 18-year-old first timer, student, B + blood, with incomplete prenatal control, has consumed folic acid, ferrous sulfate, vaccinated against tetanus and influenza. No history of gestational complication. At 37 weeks gestation, a cesarean section is performed due to a restriction of intrauterine growth.

Pathological history: the baby was already hospitalized in a pediatric intensive care unit due to various conditions, the main diagnosis being an IHE. The newborn weighs 1600 grams, length of 40 cm, blood O + and APGAR score of 7 at 1 minute and 8 at 5 minutes. He is transferred to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit where oxygen is supplied by nasal tips and kept in an incubator. Two weeks after birth, he was diagnosed with gastroesophageal reflux disease and delayed gastric emptying with unknown etiology. A week later, the short lingual frenulum is corrected. He goes to the Growth and Development area when improvement and weight gain is shown. Totaling 57 days

hospitalized, at 57 days of age, voluntary discharge is requested, weighing 2170 grams, with anemia, in-hospital pneumonia and a probable diagnosis of Silver-Russell syndrome. Silver Russell syndrome, where most cases are sporadic, has a genetic relationship. It is a disease characterized by intrauterine and postnatal growth retardation and abnormal cranial perimeter (9). The discharge note shows that the patient is hypoactive, hypo-reactive, pale, hydrated, with no head support, tolerating feeding by an orogastric tube, still requiring oxygen supply by nasal tips, respiratory wheezing, peristalsis present and hypotrophic.

CLINICAL REPORT

At 3 months and 19 days of age he enters the emergency department due to bronchoaspiration while being fed with an orogastric tube, with the presence of a seizure. He suffers from cardiorespiratory arrest, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation maneuvers are performed. Mechanical ventilation begins when an orotracheal tube is placed, and at the dawn of the following day a central peripheral insertion catheter is placed in the right lower limb. He is admitted to the Intensive Care Unit, where he is diagnosed with global cerebral hypoxia resulting in hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy, total right pulmonary atelectasis, and moderate pulmonary hypertension, which presumably caused a right ventricular hypertrophy detected later. Upon admission it has a weight of 3800 grams and length of 50 cm. At home he was being fed a breast milk substitute through an orogastric tube. Treatment starts with analgesics (acetaminophen), antibiotics (cefotaxime and clindamycin), anticonvulsants (levetiracetam, phenobarbital and phenytoin), calcium gluconate, phosphodiesterase inhibitor (sildenafil), antiemetics (metoclopramide), diuretics (furosemide). Then ophthalmic medications were added as a treatment for the conjunctivitis acquired in the hospital (hypromellose and prednisolone). A bladder catheter is placed to maintain strict fluid control. Five solutions are indicated: a) 3 ml of valproic acid titrated in 24 milliliters of physiological solution to pass 1 ml/h, b) 115 ml of 10% glucose solution plus 115 milliliters of physiological solution with 9 mEq of KCl for 24 h, c) 2 ml of dobutamine plus 10 ml of physiological solution to pass 0.8 ml/h, d) 0.6 ml of norepinephrine volumetric to 24 ml of 5% glucose solution to pass 0.6 ml/h, and e) 3.6 ml of volumetric midazolam to 24 ml of physiological solution to pass 1 ml/h. During the first week of intensive care he suffers another cardiac arrest and survives. Valuation is done eight days after being admitted.

ASSESSMENT BY FUNCTIONAL HEALTH PATTERNS

Nutritional/metabolic: He has dropped from 3800 grams to 3350 grams. According to the weight table for age in children, his weight is less than adequate for him. The abdominal perimeter is 32 centimeters. He is fasting because he is expected to have a tracheostomy, which has been postponed due to his delicate state. It has a glycemia value of 60 mg / dl, so the glucose solution constantly changes to achieve euglycemia. From the above, the Risk of unstable glycemia related to altered mental status, compromised physical health status was diagnosed (7).

His hair is thin and sparse with good implantation. The eyes are brown, with isocoric, miotic and light-reactive pupils. There is eyelid edema, flushed sclera, presence of meatiness in the left eye and abundant secretions. Thus, the deterioration of tissue

integrity related to damage to the ocular surface, side effects of the treatment, environmental factors, neurological lesions with loss of sensory reflex, mechanical ventilation manifested by tissue injury (conjunctiva) was diagnosed (7).

The mucosa of the nose is hydrated, pink, and there is abundant secretion. In the mouth the mucous membranes are hydrated, there is little bleeding due to the orotracheal tube and the orogastric tube, and there is a presence of sialorrhea. There is peripheral edema, he is multipunched, there is erythema and peeling in the neck and perineum, injury due to the pulse oximeter on the dorsum of the right foot. The peripheral insertion venous catheter area is protected with a dressing, the area is healed daily.

A gasometry is performed and among the important data is the carbon dioxide pressure with a value of 45 mmHg and the pH at 7.58. Platelets have a value of $136x (10)^3$, hematocrit is 30.9% and hemoglobin is 10.2 g / dl. TP is 15.2 seconds, in the TPT there is no coagulation, and the fibrinogen has a value of 197.7 mg / dl.

Elimination: Intestinal elimination is not present. He has a bladder catheter put in place at the time of admission in intensive care, diuresis is scarce (10 ml), and increases considerably after diuretic administration (55 ml), it is light yellow. In one day he has a loss of liquid of 467 ml and a total income of 582 ml. Therefore Excess of volume of fluid was diagnosed, related to compromise of the regulatory mechanisms manifested by contributions greater than losses, moderate pulmonary hypertension, oliguria and edema (7). There is a positive water balance.

Activity / exercise: In the cardiovascular state, he has a heart rate of 90 beats per minute, blood pressure of 102/64 mmHg, capillary filling is less than 3 seconds. Raising the diagnosis of risk of bleeding related to essential coagulopathies (7). As for the respiratory status, he has mechanical ventilation with a respiratory rate of 19 breaths per minute, a FiO2 of 35% and oxygen saturation that is maintained above 90%. It has a good skin color, there are no signs of respiratory distress. There are abundant secretions from nose and mouth, and bronchial lavage produces thick hyaline and whitish secretions. There is risk of aspiration related to tube feeding, depression of the gag reflex and tumor, deterioration of swallowing, decreased level of consciousness, endotracheal intubation, GERD, delayed gastric emptying (7). Mobility is absent due to sedation, he is hypotonic. When trying to suspend sedation for the first time, presents a seizure of the tonic type; however, the dose of the sedative is lowered and begins to show repetitive movements in the extremities. There is marked spasticity. Impairment of physical mobility is diagnosed, related to cognitive, neuromuscular and sensory-perceptual impairment, decreased muscle control, decreased resistance to medications manifested by slowing of movement, limitation of range of movement, jerky movements (7).

Rest / **sleep:** It is not possible to assess due to sedation, there is no distinction between states of consciousness.

Cognitive / perceptual: There is reaction to light, but not tactile stimuli. The pupils are miotic, isocoric, there is no crying and he is prone to seizures, presenting repetitive movements. Global ischemia is observed in brain tomography, so parents are informed

that neurological damage is important and permanent. Presents a great risk of developmental delay related to seizure, brain injury (7).

Coping / **stress tolerance:** For the assessment of pain, the patient's behavior was observed in response to physical contact or when performing nursing procedures. It is recommended to use a Pain Scale capable of assessing facial expression, crying, breathing, body movement and alertness. In that case, leading to a diagnosis of acute pain related to harmful agents (punctures, bronchial lavage, aspiration) manifested by changes in heart rate, defensive behavior and protective gestures (7).

Self-perception / **self-concept**: Parents remain positive regarding patient recovery. However they recognize feeling tired, worried and anxious.

Role / **relationship**: He lives with his parents, grandparents and uncles, is the only infant in his family. His parents receive constant support from relatives.

Sexuality / **reproduction**: The testicles are lowered, the foreskin is retractable, urinary meatus with normal location and permeable anus. There are erythema and characteristics of a fungal infection in the perineal area, as well as diaper rash. Raising the diagnosis of impairment of skin integrity related to age extremes, mechanical factors, humidity, physical immobilization, impaired sensation and bony prominences manifested by the alteration of the skin surface (7).

Coping / stress: The behavior of the parents before the hospitalization of the baby is positive, but they constantly feel anxiety, as well as fear of touching and moving the infant due to ignorance of its handling.

Values / **beliefs**: Both parents are Catholics, in the cradle there are religious and scapular images. They consider the preservation of life as something important.

CARE PLAN AND RESULTS

Given the identified diagnoses, it was possible to establish the best interventions and monitor the patient's development and improvement. The interventions follow the ones established by the Nursing Interventions Classification (NIC) as a reference and for the contribution of the expected results the Nursing Outcomes Classification (NOC) (8, 9). Thus it was possible to present the construction of the care plan and the results obtained with the nursing intervention.

The first diagnosis was Risk of unstable glycemia related to altered mental state, compromised physical health status, which was managed to carry out a rigorous risk control, and in a few days the glycemia is normalized, values> 70 mg/dl, (best exposed in table 1).

Table 1: Diagnostic care plan: Risk of unstable glycemia related to altered mental status, compromised physical health status.

Functional pattern: nutritional/metabolic

Diagnosis: Risk of unstable glycemia related to altered mental status, compromised physical health status.

• NIC interventions and actions:

- Management of hypoglycemia
- Monitor blood glucose levels (every 4 hours)
- Monitor for signs and symptoms of hypoglycemia
- Administer intravenous glucose if indicated
- Modify desirable blood glucose levels to prevent hypoglycemia in the absence of symptoms.
- Capillary blood sample
- Maintain standard precautions
- In infants puncture the lateral aspect of the heel to a depth not exceeding 2.4 mm
- Use aseptic skin puncture techniques
- Manually puncture the skin with an approved lancet or puncture mechanism according to the manufacturer's instruction

NOC results: glycemia levels

Score Indicators	Extremely compromised	Very compromised	Moderately compromised	Lightly compromised	Not compromised
Glucose concentration	1	2	3	4	5

Evaluations	
First evaluation	Second evaluation
2/5	5/5

Source: Personal Collection (2018)

In the diagnosis of deterioration of tissue integrity related to damage to the ocular surface, side effects of the treatment, environmental factors, neurological lesions with loss of sensory reflex, mechanical ventilation manifested by tissue lesion (conjunctiva), treatment with chloramphenicol was started. Not obtaining results, it goes through an evaluation by an ophthalmologist, who diagnoses chemosis. The treatment was changed to prednisolone and hypromellose ophthalmic was changed. The problem disappears within a few days after starting the new treatment (interventions in Table 2).

Table 2. Diagnostic care plan: Impaired tissue integrity related to damage to the ocular surface.

Functional pattern: nutritional/metabolic

Diagnosis: Impaired tissue integrity related to damage to the ocular surface, side effects of treatment, environmental factors, neurological lesions with loss of sensory reflex, mechanical ventilation manifested by tissue lesion (conjunctiva).

NIC interventions and actions

Eve care

- Observe redness, exudate, ulceration
- Apply lubricating eye drops
- Keep eyelid closed

Medication administration: ophthalmic

- Follow the rules of administration
- Instill medication in conjunctival sac using aseptic technique, prior cleaning of the area eliminating secretions
- Hand washing

NOC results: Dry eye severity

Score Indicators	Serious	Substantial	Moderate	Light	None
Decreased tear production	1	2	3	4	5
Incomplete eyelid closure	1	2	3	4	5
Redness of the conjunctiva	1	2	3	4	5
Excess secretions	1	2	3	4	5

Evaluations	
First evaluation	Second evaluation
7/20	20/20

Source: Personal Collection (2018)

For excess fluid volume related to compromise of regulatory mechanisms shown by contributions greater than losses, moderate pulmonary hypertension, oliguria and edema, a better balance is achieved. As a result after the intervention it was possible to improve the edema presented above, as shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Care plan for the diagnosis of excess fluid volume.

Functional pattern: nutritional/metabolic

Diagnosis: excess fluid volume related to compromise of regulatory mechanisms shown by contributions greater than losses, moderate pulmonary hypertension, oliguria and edema.

- NIC interventions and actions
 - Weigh diapers
 - Make accurate record of inputs and outputs
 - Control relevant laboratory results (+ BUN or –Hto)
 - Monitor PAM
 - Evaluate location and extent of edema
 - Administer prescribed diuretics

Liquid monitoring

- Determine quantity and type of fluid intake and evacuation habits
- Explore hair filling and turgidity
- Monitor weight

NOC Results: Fluid balance							
Score	Extremely	Very	Moderately	Lightly	Not		
Indicators	compromised	compromised	compromised	compromised	compromised		
Balanced contribution and losses	1	2	3	4	5		
Peripheral edema	1	2	3	4	5		
Eyelid edema	1	2	3	4	5		
Amount of urine	1	2	3	4	5		
Hematocrite	1	2	3	4	5		

Evaluations	
First evaluation	Second evaluation
13/25	22/25

Source: Personal Collection (2018)

The patient presented a high risk of bleeding related to essential coagulopathies. With the interventions it was possible to hardly notice a little difference, as Table 4 shows. In the development route, the patient was subjected to a transfusion of 57 milliliters of fresh frozen plasma and two globular packages of 57 milliliters each.

Table 4. Care plan for the diagnosis of bleeding risk related to essential coagulopathies.

Functional pattern: activity / exercise

Diagnosis: Risk of bleeding related to essential coagulopathies.

Interventions and actions

Blood Products Administration

- Check directions
- Check the blood product (blood group, Rh group, unit number)
- Prepare pump and equipment
- Record vital signs before, during and after the procedure
- Regulate the flow
- Record procedure duration
- Record volume

NOC Results: Blood coaoagulat	ion
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Score Indicators	Extremely compromised	Very compromised	Moderately compromised	Lightly compromised	Not compromised
Petechiae	1	2	3	4	5
TPT	1	2	3	4	5
Plasma fibrinogen concentration	1	2	3	4	5
Platelet concentration	1	2	3	4	5
Hematocrit	1	2	3	4	5
Hemoglobin	1	2	3	4	5

Evaluations					
First evaluation	Second evaluation				
20/30	26/30				

Source: Personal Collection (2018)

For the risk of aspiration related to tube feeding, depression of the gag reflex and tumor, deterioration of swallowing, decreased level of consciousness, endotracheal intubation, GERD, delay in gastric emptying, the intervention plan presented in table 5. It was possible to present a good evolution, and to partially decrease the risk of aspiration. It is important to highlight that at the time of the second evaluation, the fast was suspended and the baby was begun to be fed with 40 milliliters of formula for infants by orogastric tube.

Table 5. Care plan for the diagnosis of aspiration risk.

Functional pattern: activity / exercise

Diagnosis: Risk of aspiration related to tube feeding, depression of the gag reflex and tumor, deterioration of swallowing, decreased level of consciousness, endotracheal intubation, GERD, delayed gastric emptying.

• Interventions and actions

Aspiration of the airway

- Determine need for aspiration
- Auscultate before and after
- Hyperoxygenate before and after each aspiration
- Select appropriate probe
- Monitor oxygenation and hemodynamic state
- Control and observe color, quantity and consistency of secretions

Caution to avoid aspiration

- Minimize the use of sedatives
- Header elevated after feeding
- Provide food in small quantities
- Check placement of the orogastric tube
- Check orogastric probe residue
- Use of antiemetics

NOC results: Respiratory status: airway patency

Score Indicators	Serious deviation from normal range	Substantial deviation from normal range	Moderate deviation from normal range	Slight deviation from normal range	No deviation from normal range
Ability to eliminate secretions	1	2	3	4	5
Sputum acumulation	1	2	3	4	5

Evaluations	
First evaluation	Second evaluation
3/10	6/10

Source: Personal Collection (2018)

For the diagnosis of deterioration of physical mobility, it was possible to improve his joint and urinary performance and to reduce the risk of pressure ulcers. The evolution of this care can be observed in Table 6.

Table 6. Care plan for the diagnosis of impairment of physical mobility.

Functional pattern: activity / exercise

Diagnosis: Impaired physical mobility related to cognitive impairment, neuromuscular impairment, sensory-perceptual impairment, decreased muscle control, decreased resistance and medications manifested by slowed movement, limited range of motion, jerky movements

Interventions and actions

Exercise therapy: joint mobility

- Determine movement limitations
- Collaborate with physiotherapy in the development and execution of an exercise program
- Teach the family to systematically perform the exercises

NOC results: Consecuences of immobility: physiological

Score Indicators	Serious	Substantial	Moderate	Light	None
Pressure ulcers	1	2	3	4	5
Urinary retention	1	2	3	4	5
Articular movement	1	2	3	4	5

Evaluations	
Firts evaluation	Second evaluation
7/15	12/15

Source: Personal Collection (2018)

For the diagnosis of risk of developmental delay related to seizures and brain injury, it was possible to plan how to prevent and manage seizures, as shown in table 7.

Table 7. Care plan for the diagnosis of risk of developmental delay.

Functional pattern: cognitive / perceptual

Diagnosis: Risk of developmental delay related to seizure, brain injury.

Interventions and actions

Seizure management

- Keep airway permeable
- Monitor movements to avoid injuries
- Watch vital signs
- Record characteristics of the crisis
- Administer prescribed medication
- Manage anticomiciales

Seizure Prevention

- Keep aspiration device at the patient's bedside
- Keep a self-inflating bag at the patient's bedside

NOC results: Neurological state: central motor control

Score Indicators	Serious	Substantial	Moderate	Light	None
Espasticity	1	2	3	4	5
Involuntary movements	1	2	3	4	5
Comitial activity	1	2	3	4	5

Evaluations	
First evaluation	Second evaluation
6/15	10/15

Source: Personal Collection (2018)

For the diagnosis of deterioration of skin integrity, a care intervention was planned focused on avoiding pressure injuries, as shown in Table 8. There was a highly positive evolution after the application of topical panthenol and miconazole in the genital area.

Table 8. Care plan for the diagnosis of deterioration of skin integrity.

Functional pattern: nutritional / metabolic

Diagnosis: Impaired skin integrity related to age extremes, mechanical factors, humidity, physical immobilization, impaired sensation and bony prominences manifested by the alteration of the skin surface.

- Interventions and actions
 - Pressure ulcer prevention
 - Record the state of the skin during admission and daily
 - Monitor closely any reddened area

- Change position every 1-2 hours
- Inspect the skin for bony prominences
- Position with the help of pillows
- Keep clean, dry and wrinkle-free bedding

Pressure management

- Take care of tracks and wiring
- Dress with unadjusted garments
- Place birdseed pads in risk areas, as well as make use of a nest to control pressures.
- Change of place of the pulse oximeter

Perineal care

- Keep the perineum clean and dry
- Thoroughly clean
- Apply a protective barrier
- Apply prescribed medication

NOC results: Tissue integrity: skin and mucous membranes

Score Indicators	Serious	Subsantial	Moderate	Light	None
Sensibility	1	2	3	4	5
Skin injuries	1	2	3	4	5
Skin peeling	1	2	3	4	5
Erithema	1	2	3	4	5

Evaluations	
First evaluation	Second evaluation
8/20	16/20

Source: Personal Collection (2018)

In the diagnosis of acute pain related to harmful agents (punctures, bronchial lavage, aspiration) manifested by changes in heart rate, defensive behavior and protective gestures, it is possible to visualize the interventions performed, in Table 9. The interventions achieve a satisfactory evolution presenting a reduction of defensive behaviors and gestures of protection.

Table 9. Care plan for the diagnosis of acute pain related to harmful agents.

Functional pattern: coping / stress tolerance

Diagnosis: Acute pain related to harmful agents (punctures, bronchial lavage, aspiration) manifested by changes in heart rate, defensive behavior and protective gestures.

• Interventions and actions

Contact

- Encourage parents to massage the infant
- Encourage parents to touch the sick child
- Wrap the infant in a blanket
- Place nest (nesting)
- Evaluate the effect of the contact
- Hand washing

NOC Results: Physical wellness

Score Indicators	Extremely compromised	Very compromised	Moderately compromised	Lightly compromised	Not compromised
Physical wellness	1	2	3	4	5
Muscular relaxation	1	2	3	4	5

Evaluations	
First evaluation	Second evaluation
4/10	9/10

Source: Personal Collection (2018)

The treatment of patients with AP and IHE needs comprehensive care for the services provided, which begins in the delivery room and continues in the intensive care unit. Safely controlled hypothermia is the best strategy to reduce mortality related to IHE; the creation of protocols allows the introduction of patient care (10). The treatment through hypothermia associated with the nursing interventions presented in this study, which obtained positive results, composes a relevant protocol for comprehensive patient care.

FINAL CONSIDERATION

The application of the nursing process during the social service enabled the development of evidence-based assistance under the use of NANDA, NIC and NOC tools, collaborating to train professionals capable of implementing quality assistance. What happened here is considered a sporadic case, due to a request for voluntary discharge in the middle of the clinical improvement process, generating complications and aggravating the clinical situation. The report of this case shows the importance of nursing in interventions early, together with a multidisciplinary team, adapting care and enabling a quality of life for the patient and family members.

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