

## “Role of Diagnostic Nasal Endoscopy in Evaluation of Patients with Bilateral CSOM in Patients Attending ENT OPD GGH Kakinada”

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### Abstract

#### Background

Chronic suppurative otitis media (CSOM) is a chronic inflammatory process of the muco-periosteal lining of the middle ear cleft and often occurs as a sequel of untreated acute otitis media. Chronic Suppurative Otitis Media is a disease caused by various factors, But main etiological factor causing chronic ear disease lies in nose and the nasopharynx<sup>(2,3)</sup>. World Health Organization (WHO) has estimated the global burden of illness from CSOM involves 65–330 million individuals with draining ears, 60% of whom (39–200 million) suffer from significant hearing impairment. It is one the commonest causes of conductive deafness<sup>(5)</sup>. The present study is an attempt to identify the abnormalities in nose and nasopharynx through diagnostic nasal endoscopy in cases of bilateral CSOM.

#### Materials And Methods

The present cross sectional study “ Role of Diagnostic Nasal Endoscopy in Evaluation of Patients with Bilateral CSOM in patients attending ENT OPD ggh, Kakinada was conducted in department of Otorhinolaryngology & Head & Neck Surgery, Rangaraya Medical College, KAKINADA between November 2016 to November 2017. The study was approved by the ethics committee of the institution.

#### Results

In our study of 100 cases of CSOM, on diagnostic endoscopy we found deviated nasal septum in 70% cases, Eustachian tube abnormality in 68% cases, medialized uncinate in 36% cases, enlarged middle turbinate in 34% cases, large ethmoidal bulla in 30% cases. In our study, Out of the 100 patients 58 were of tubotympanic type and 42 were of atticointral type. Out of the 100 patients 56 were males and 44 were females: Out of the 58 patients of tubotympanic type in 50 patients (86.2%) abnormality was noted and in 8 patients no abnormality was noted. Out of the 42 patients of atticointral type in 28 patients (66.6%) abnormality was noted and in 14 patients no abnormality was noted.

#### Conclusion

From our study of 100 cases of bilateral chronic suppurative otitis media, we have drawn following Conclusions: Among CSOM cases age group most commonly affected between 10-60 years is 10-20 years age group. Among CSOM cases sex more commonly affected is MALES. Among CSOM cases more common type is TUBOTYMPANIC TYPE. Most common pathological abnormalities noted on diagnostic nasal endoscopy were DEVIATED NASAL SEPTUM and EUSTACHIAN TUBE DYSFUNCTION and MEDIALIZED UNCINATE PROCESS. Pathological abnormalities on diagnostic nasal endoscopy were more common TUBOTYMPANIC TYPE of CSOM. Pathological abnormalities like Deviated nasal septum, Eustachian dysfunction Medialized Uncinate process and paradoxical middle turbinate found to be more common in MALES. Pathological abnormality like enlarged middle turbinate, atrophy of turbinates were more common in females. Large ethmoidal bulla was found almost EQUAL number of cases of both sexes.

**Keywords:** Deviated nasal septum, Eustachian tube dysfunction, Medialized uncinate process

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## II. Aims and Objectives

To evaluate the patients of bilateral Chronic suppurative otitis media by Diagnostic Nasal Endoscopy. To determine the frequency of nasal pathology in causation of bilateral chronic suppurative otitis media.

## III. Materials And Methods

### Inclusion Criteria

In the study 100 patients attending the ENT Department of Government General Hospital, Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada between January 2016 and November 2017, with Patients of both sexes between the age group of 10-60 years presenting with bilateral CSOM of both tubotympanic and atticoantral types. Patients who gave consent for the above study have been included.

### Method of Collection of Data

This is a case series carried out in the Dept. of ENT, Govt. General Hospital, Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada between January 2016 and November 2017. The study was approved by the ethics committee of the institution. 100 patients fulfilling the above criteria were selected for the study. Complete clinical history, thorough ENT examination & Tuning fork tests, microscopic ear examination was done.

## IV. Results

In the present study, 100 cases of CSOM were studied during the period from January 2016 to November 2017 at the ENT Department of Rangaraya Medical College, Government General Hospital, Kakinada. This study shows the following observations:

**Table 1: Age Distribution**

Age group	No. of patients	Percentage
10-20	39	39%
21-30	37	37%
31-40	13	13%
41-50	8	8%
51-60	3	3%

**Table 2: Sex Distribution.**

Sex	No. of patients	Percentage
Male	56	56 %
Female	44	44 %

**Table 3: Type of CSOM**

Type	No. of patients	Percentage
Tubotympanic	58	58
Atticoantral	42	42

**Table 4: Pathological Findings In DNE**

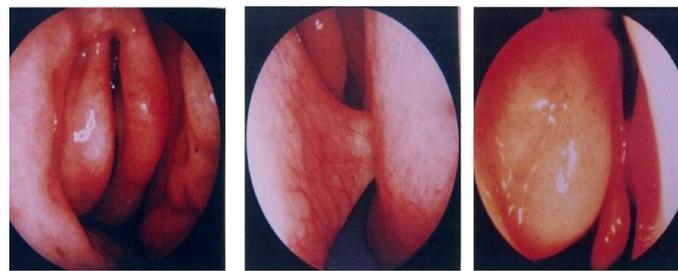
S.NO	PATHOLOGICAL FINDINGS	NO.OF PATIENTS	%
1.	Eustachian tube (ET) Dysfunction	68	68
	a)Edema around the ET orifice	29	29
	Right	13	13
	Left	11	11
	Both	5	5
	b)Mucopurulent discharge over ET orifice	9	9
	Right		
	Left		
	Both	3	3
		1	1
		5	5

	c)Atrophy of ET orifice	13	13
	Right	3	3
	Left	3	3
	Both	7	7
	d)Patulous Eustachian tube	3	3
	e)Compression of ET orifice	14	14
2.	Deviated nasal septum	70	70
	a)Right side	33	33
	Posterior to middle turbinate	17	17
	Anterior to middle turbinate	11	11
	Spur	5	5
	b)Left side	37	37
	Posterior to middle Turbinate	13	13
	Anterior to middle turbinate	14	14
	Spur	10	10
3	Adenoids	14	14
4	Pale boggy inferior turbinate	8	8
5	Inferior turbinate hypertrophy	20	20
	Right side	13	13
	Left side	7	7
6	Atrophy of turbinates	4	4
7	Enlarged Middle turbinate a)Right side	34	34
	b)Left side	11	11
		23	23
8	Paradoxical middle turbinate	20	20
	Right side	13	13
	Left side	7	7
9	Double or second middle turbinate a)Right side	4	4
	b)Left side	1	1
		3	3
10	Discharge from ostium of maxillary sinus	10	10
	a)Right side b)Left side	3	3
	c)Both	3	3
		4	4
11	Discharge from sphenothmoidal recess a)Right side	5	5
	b)Left side	3	3
		2	2
12	Large ethmoidal bulla	30	30
	Right side	14	14
	Left side	16	16
13	Bilateral ethmoidal polypi	3	3
14	Large Agger nasi cell	3	3
15	Medialized Uncinate process	36	36

**Table 5:** Correlation Between Pathological Findings And Type Of CSOM

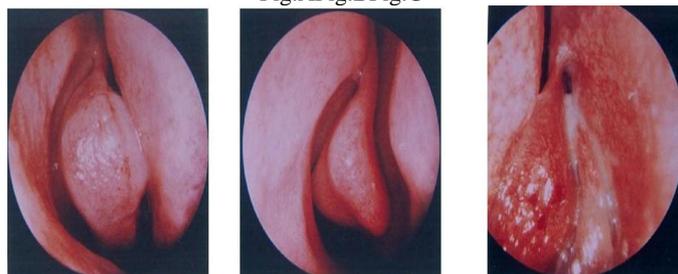
S.NO	PATHOLOGICAL FINDING	TUBOTYMPANIC	ATTICOANTRAL
	EUSTACHIAN TUBE DYSFUNCTION	44	24
1.	a)edema around the ET orifice	16	13
	b) discharge over the orifice of ET.	5	4
	c) atrophy of orifice of ET	8	5
	d)patulous ET	3	0
	e)compression of ET orifice	12	2
2.	Deviated nasal septum	48	22
3.	Adenoids	12	2
4.	Pale boggy inferior turbinate	6	2
5.	Inferior turbinate hypertrophy	14	6
6.	Atrophy of turbinates	3	1
7.	Enlarged middle turbinate	20	14
8.	Paradoxical middle turbinate	13	7
9.	Double or second middle turbinate	4	-
10.	Discharge from ostium of maxillary sinus	7	3
11.	Discharge from sphenothmoidal recess	4	1
12.	Large ethmoidal bulla	22	8

13.	Bilateral ethmoidal polypi	3	-
14.	Large agger nasi cell	3	-
15.	Medialized Uncinate process	22	14



MEDIALIZED UNICINATE      SEPTAL SPUR      LARGE AGGER NASI CELL

Fig.A Fig.B Fig.C



ENLARGED MIDDLE TURBINATE      PARADOXICAL MIDDLE TURBINATE      ETHMOIDAL POLYP

Fig.D Fig.E Fig.F

Fig.D Fig.E Fig.F

**Fig.A-F Various Anatomical Abnormalities Seen On Diagnostic Nasal Endoscopy**

**V. Discussion**

It is a fact that the diseases of the middle ear cleft of both varieties take its origin from the pathology of the eustachian tube. On the advent of nasal endoscope new horizons have been explored, inaccessible sites have become accessible and accessible sites have become more accessible. Detailed examination of the nasal cavities including the turbinates, meati and openings of various sinuses and the nasopharynx including the openings of the eustachian tube etc. has become possible by means of nasal endoscopy. The major abnormality detected was Deviated nasal septum. The second commonest abnormality detected is Eustachian tube dysfunction. Of these edema around the orifice of eustachian tube, mucopurulent discharge over the orifice of eustachian tube, atrophy of the orifice of eustachian tube, patulous eustachian tube and compression of eustachian tube orifice by adenoids were more common. The third most common abnormality is medialized uncinata. The next commonest are enlarged middle turbinate, large ethmoidal bulla and paradoxical middle turbinate. Other less common abnormalities are pale boggy turbinates, adenoids, discharge at maxillary ostium, discharge at spheno-ethmoidal recess, double middle turbinate, atrophy of turbinates, bilateral ethmoidal polyposis and large agger nasi.

**VI. Conclusion**

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**TUBOTYMPANIC TYPE of CSOM :**

Pathological abnormalities like Deviated nasal septum, Eustachian dysfunction Medialized Uncinate process and paradoxical middle turbinate found to be more common in MALES. Pathological abnormality like enlarged middle turbinate, atrophy of turbinates were more common in females. Large ethmoidal bulla was found almost EQUAL number of cases of both sexes.

On the basis of findings of our current study it can be concluded that a thorough diagnostic nasal endoscopic evaluation of all bilateral Chronic suppurative otitis media patients essential in comprehensive management of disease.

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