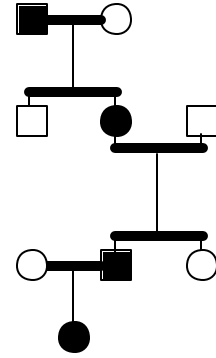


IVth HHT Scientific Conference

Tenerife, Canary Islands, April 2001



THE YALE MULTIDISCIPLINE HHT CENTER: A 5 YEAR EXPERIENCE

RI White Jr, KJ Henderson for the Yale AVM Team

Department of Diagnostic Radiology, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT USA

Background: Since HHT is a complex disorder, which may involve 1-5 organ systems, it was reasoned that a multidiscipline team of physicians was required to coordinate their care.

Objectives: The objective of this report is to provide our preliminary results from this center over the past 5 years.

Methods: Patient short stay admissions for treatment of pulmonary arteriovenous malformation, clinic visits, and referrals were tabulated. The past 3 years, a dedicated genetic counselor has provided intake histories and pedigrees, coordinated visits, “rounded” on admissions and coordinated home care.

Results:

PAVM PATIENT ADMISSIONS, HHT CLINIC VISITS, REFERRALS 1996-2000

Year	Admissions	Clinic Visits	Referrals
1996	77	167	15
1997	79	170	70
1998	78	158	59
1999	80	177	112
2000	92	180	112

Clinic Visits: From 1-3 family members were evaluated at each clinic visit

Referrals: To other AVM physicians included cardiology, gastroenterology/hepatology, dermatology, neurology/neurosurgery, pulmonology, and otolaryngology

Conclusions: Diagnosis and care of the HHT patient is a challenging and gratifying experience that is best performed by a multidiscipline team including a genetic counselor. Selected examples of multidiscipline care will be presented.

Structured Scientific Programme: Friday 20th - Monday 23rd April 2001

Informal Collaborative Workshops: Tuesday 24th - Thursday 26th April 2001

Conference Venue: Hotel Semiramis Puerto de la Cruz, Canary Islands

Conference Chairman: Claire Shovlin

Scientific sub-committee: Michelle Letarte and Carmelo Bernabeu.

Clinical sub-committee: Bob White, Kees Westermann, Henri Plauchu, and Poul Vase