

## GOAL ORIENTATED APPROACH IN THE MANAGEMENT OF REFRACTORY DETRUSOR OVER ACTIVITY WITH INTRADETRUSOR BOTOX® INJECTIONS

### Hypothesis / aims of study

Overactive bladder syndrome (OAB) as a consequence of detrusor overactivity (DO) is a debilitating and problematic condition. DO is classified as either idiopathic (IDO) or neurogenic (NDO) when there is an underlying neurological condition. Botulinum toxin (Botox®) injection into the detrusor muscle of the bladder provides a neuromodulatory therapy when behavioural therapy and anticholinergics have failed or are not tolerated. There is growing evidence that Botox® injection is an effective treatment for OAB with a recent Cochrane Review suggesting benefit for 3 to 12 months. We hypothesized that when patients are educated to tailor their repeat treatment, the frequency of treatments is reduced/

### Study design, materials and methods

We performed retrospective analysis of all patients who underwent intradetrusor Botox® injections at our centre from April 2006 to November 2011. All patients had confirmed OAB on Urodynamic studies and failed medical therapy, or were unsuitable/intolerant of anticholinergics. Treatment involved 200-300 units of Botox® injected across 20-30 intradetrusor sites via flexible cystoscopy mostly under local anaesthetic. The trigone was spared. Physical and psychological impacts of OAB were compared pre- and post-procedure using the Urogenital Distress Inventory (UDI-6) and Incontinence Impact Questionnaire (IIQ-7) questionnaires. Patients were educated to report start of recurrence of symptoms directly to Continence CNS and received repeat treatment within 2-4 weeks.

### Results

48 patients (7 M: 41 F) underwent intradetrusor Botox® injections over a 57 month period. 33 patients (69%) had complete documentation. 32 patients (67%) were treated for IDO and 16 (33%) for NDO. Mean age: 58 years (Range: 33-90). 137 therapies were performed in total with each patient receiving a median number of 2 therapies (Range 1-11), Significant improvement in UDI-6 ( $p < 0.001$ ) and IIQ-7 score ( $p < 0.001$ ) post- compared to pre-initial therapy was observed. 85% of patients rated perceived outcome as Good or Excellent.

### Interpretation of results

The results confirmed our hypothesis and in our series the mean duration of time is 11.8 months between treatments (Range: 2-27).

### Concluding message

Intradetrusor Botox® significantly improves patient-perceived outcomes in OAB. The goal orientated approach at our centre provides symptom relief for a mean duration of approximately 1 year with some patients benefiting for over 2 years suggesting prolongation of benefit compared to the recent Cochrane Review. Botox® is an effective therapy and is well tolerated in OAB with a patient-guided strategy offering increased time between treatments and more efficient use of resources. Moreover there is no need for routine follow-up appointments or pre and post treatment Urodynamic studies.

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