

Review of: "Chemical Pleurodesis in Palliative Setting: A Brunei Experience"

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It's a good article describing use of bleomycin for chemical pleurodesis in malignant pleural effusion by palliative care physicians. Since it is an audit for identifying efficacy and safety, though 18 patients seem like a small number, the experience may add to other existing literature.

Author has used bleomycin as chemical pleurodesis agent. In our personal experience, we have seen more recurrences of pleural effusion after pleurodesis with bleomycin. We prefer doing pleurodesis with Doxycycline with which we found much better success rates. In future studies, it is worthwhile to compare bleomycin with other available agents.

In the article, it is better to describe the median value than mean value for number of days from pleural effusion to thoracentesis and pleural effusion. This is because days are not usually described in fractions when describing such things and presence of few large or small numbers can affect the mean.

Overall, it is a good data and adds value to the existing knowledge.