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INCIDENCE AND MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY OF REFEEDING SYNDROME IN PREMATURE NEWBORNS WITH LOW WEIGHT FOR THEIR GESTATIONAL AGE

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Rationale: Newborns with low weight for their gestational age (LBWGA) are deprived of nutrients in the uterus, when they are born and start feeding they are at risk of refeeding syndrome (RS). We know little about the incidence, morbidity and mortality of RS in newborns.

Methods: 45 LBWGA under 37 weeks of gestation hospitalized in Hospital General Salamanca were included. Serum glucose, phosphorus, magnesium, calcium and potassium records, anthropometry, and their morbidity were collected before and after feeding. Wilcoxon test was performed to evaluate changes in electrolytes when starting feeding. Morbidity (late sepsis, septic shock, necrotizing enterocolitis, pulmonary dysplasia,

retinopathy of prematurity and cholestatic syndrome) from patients with and without RS was compared to Chi². Mortality was analyzed by Kaplan Meier with log-rank test and logistic regression with confidence intervals at 95%.

Results: 45 patients were admitted, 32 met at least 1 RS criteria (71%). The most frequent alterations were: hypophosphatemia 53% (n=24) and hypercalcemia 35% (n=16), the main combination was hypophosphatemia/hypercalcemia in 22.2% (n=10), no patient reported all the alterations together. The group with RS presented more cases of late sepsis and ventricular hemorrhage than the group without RS (68.8% vs 30.8%, p=0.019), (43.7% vs 0%, p=0.041), respectively. The survival of RS was of 78.1% vs 84.6% without RS with an average of 79 days (p=0.632). The logistic regression showed that short length is at risk of RS (OR 1.94, 1.027-3.695; p=0.041).

Conclusion: The incidence of RS is high, mortality is not increased, but morbidity does, exposing newborns to sequelae. It is important to look for strategies to prevent RS, treat it, and lower the risk of complications.

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