



STUDY AND CORRELATION BETWEEN CLINICAL AND CYTOLOGICAL FINDINGS OF THYROID LESIONS

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ABSTRACT

Method and Material: This study was carried out over the period of 4 month in JLNMC Bhagalpur 50 patients. All the patients b/w 0-80yrs age and either gender were included. Every patient was evaluated in terms of detailed history, thorough examination and relevant investigations.

Results: Out of 50 patients, 90% were female and 10% were males. Maximum cases belonged to the age group 21-60 years, 60% of the patients came with a swelling on one side of the neck and 80% patients came with complains of multinodular swelling of thyroid. The main complaint was anterior neck swelling and the duration of swelling was > 1 year 40% patients followed by < 1 year in 60% patients. On clinical examination, 80% were diagnosed as benign and remaining 20% as malignant swellings. Later on FNAC, 8% patients were diagnosed with malignant swellings.

Conclusion: FNAC is a reliable tool of investigation for thyroid nodule. In thyroid disease early diagnosis of lesion is established by FNAC which is a well-known recognized procedure for preoperative assessment of thyroid nodules. It acts as a good screening test and avoids unnecessary thyroidectomies.

KEYWORDS : Thyroid lesion ,Benign, Malignant, fine-needle aspiration cytology, Cytoclinical correlation.

INTRODUCTION

Disorders of thyroid gland are amongst the most common endocrine disorder. It comprise a spectrum of entities causing systemic disease (Grave's disease) or a localised abnormality in the thyroid gland such as nodular enlargement (goitre) or a tumour mass. Diffuse thyroid lesions are associated with conditions affecting entire gland such as hyperplasia and thyroiditis. Nodular lesion comprises those disorders that produce a clinical nodule and consists of non-neoplastic hyperplasia as well as benign and malignant tumours. The clinically solitary nodule may not always be a real solitary nodule but just a dominant nodule of a multinodular goiter (MNG). At times, it may be impossible to clinically differentiate malignancy in thyroid, especially in cases of thyroiditis. The clinically solitary nodule may not always be a real goiter (MNG). Fine needle aspiration cytology (FNAC) is now a well-established, first line, simple and quick screening test as well as the diagnostic tool for surgical and non-surgical goitres. A careful physical examination along with relevant investigations such as fine needle aspiration cytology (FNAC) and ultrasonography (USG) may be required to reach an exact diagnosis and management.

METHOD AND MATERIAL

The present study was done for period of 4 month in Nehru medical college bhagalpur and establish correlation clinical and cytological findings of thyroid swellings. Patients presenting with thyroid swelling included in the study. Prior to aspiration, physical examination was carried out to note the mobility of thyroid during swallowing and the presence of enlarged cervical lymph node. The patients were made to lie supine with their neck stretched up. A 23-gauge needle was used for aspiration. The slides were stained with May-Grunwald-Giemsa (MGG).

RESULT

Total 50 cases of thyroid lesion were observed for a period of 4 month in which 90% cases were benign, 2% cases were suspicion of malignancy and 8% cases were malignant. Most of cases of thyroid lesions b/w 21- 40 yrs (55%) and 41-60 (30%) yrs of age. Most of pts present with unilateral swelling (60%), (left side is more common than rt side) followed by diffuse/bilateral involvement. Most common clinical symptom

in thyroid lesion is swelling in neck (90%), non tender, firm in consistency and it is more in female (90%) than male (10%).

Distribution of thyroid lesion

Benign lesion

- colloid goitre or nodular goitre (65%)
- Lymphocytic thyroiditis
- Haashimoto's thyroiditis
- Colloidal cyst
- Granulomatous
- Hyperplastic nodule
- Thyroglossal cyst

Suspicion of malignancy

- Follicular neoplasm (2%)

Malignant lesion (8%)

- Follicular carcinoma (1 case)
- Medullary carcinoma (1 case)
- Papillary carcinoma (2 cases)

Distribution of cases on clinical diagnosis

Multinodular	80%
Solitary	20%

Consistency of thyroid swelling

Soft	10%
Firm	85%
Hard	5%

Clinical symptom in patient with thyroid lesion

Complain	
Swelling of neck- 90% of cases	
Pain in swelling	
Dysphagia	
Palpitation	
Weight gain	
Fever	
Menstrual symptom	

Duration of symptom

Less than 1 month	22%
1- 6 m	10%

>6-12m	28%
> 1yr	40%

Tenderness of swelling

Tender	90%
Nontender	10%

Nature of aspirate of thyroid cases

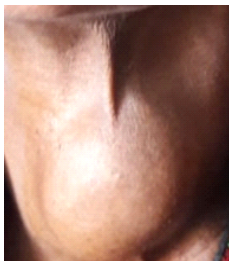
Hemorrhagic	90%
Blood mixed colloid	40%
Colloid	10

DISCUSSION

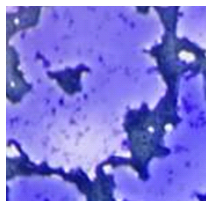
The main aims of our studied were to know percentage of various types of Thyroid lesion, age and sex distribution of lesions and Clinical features associated with these lesion. In our study most are benign lesions in which colloid goitre/nodular colloid are most common lesion. Thyroid malignancy seen in 8% cases. According to Sushel (2009), age is a key prognostic indicator for well-differentiated thyroid cancer. Most of the pt between the age of 21 -40yrs. Thyroid lesions are more common in females than in males. overall unilateral involvement are more common than bilateral/ diffuse involvement. Several studies observed patients with neck swelling presenting within variable durations. Maximum studies show the patients come for consultation at least after 1 year, very few cases have been presented before 6 months or 1 year (Mamun *et al.*, 2014; Venkatachalapathy *et al.*, 2012; Cady *et al.*, 1979; Harmo *et al.*, 1979). Swelling of neck is common presentation in my study and 40% pts came on consultation after 1 yr. Other symptoms neck swellings are pain in neck, wt gain, fever, palpitation, menstrual symptom, palpitation and dysphagia. Ten percent cases were painful. Most of the thyroid lesion were firm in consistency and 80% were cases multinodular in nature. On the basis of appearance, blood mixed aspirate were noted more commonly in 50% cases followed by blood mixed colloid in 40% cases and caseous or colloid material in 10% of cases.

CONCLUSION

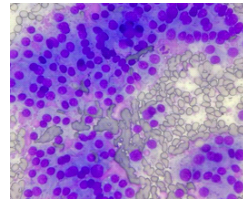
Benign lesions were more common. Goitre was common in females of middle age and majority had single lobe enlargement. Most of them presented midline neck swelling. On clinical evaluation, the symptoms suggestive of malignancy were pressure symptoms and lymph node enlargement. FNAC is a reliable tool of investigation for thyroid nodule. A thorough assessment of patients with thyroid nodules include triple modalities of clinical examination, FNAC and radiologic investigations but thyroid FNA is simple, safe, reliable, and remains a powerful diagnostic tool for thyroid lesions. Thyroid FNA has high sensitivity and specificity, and act as a good screening test to avoid unnecessary thyroidectomy.



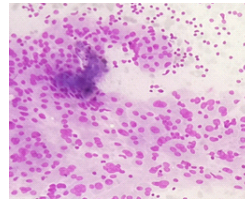
Thyroid swelling



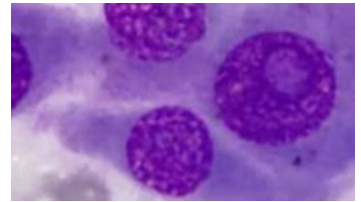
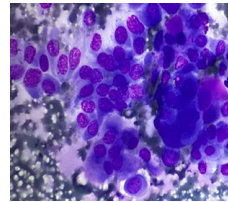
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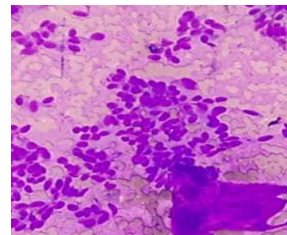
Fire flare



Granulomatous thyroiditis



Papillary carcinoma



medullary carcinoma

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