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# TREATMENT ASPECTS OF CARE OF A PATIENT WITH MERALGIA PARAESTHETICA (BERNHARDT-ROTH SYNDROME)

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Meralgia paraesthetica (Bernhardt-Roth syndrome) - neuropathy of the external cutaneous nerve of the thigh, occurs mainly in men of middle and old age. Its causes may be different: vertebral component with damage to the spinal roots L2 and L3, traumatic effects in the area of the inguinal ligament, improper use of corsets, belts, bandages. There may be more than 80 etiologies [1]. The clinical picture of the pathology is quite informative: a feeling of numbness, "crawling ants" appears on the anterolateral surface of the thigh, later pain of varying intensity may join in. These sensations can be observed both at rest and during active movements (Popelyansky Y.). The quality of life of patients decreases. Treatment of this nosology can be medicinal - primarily non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, therapeutic medicinal blockades with the introduction of anesthetics. Physiotherapy and exercise therapy are used. Various types of surgical interventions can also be used, which depend on the etiological factors [2].

We, in the clinic, observed a patient with meralgia paraesthetica caused by radiculopathy L2, L3 against the background of herniated intervertebral discs at the level of these vertebral motor segments (VMS). Patient M., 52 years old, complains of numbness along the anterolateral surface of the thigh, with accompanying pain, the intensity of which varies depending on body position (decreases with body position). He has been ill for 2 years, the course is chronically recurrent, the current exacerbation is 1 month. On examination: flattened lumbar lordosis, local vertebral myofixation at the level of L2-L4, decreased pain and temperature sensitivity in the innervation zone of the external cutaneous nerve of the thigh. According to MRI data: herniated intervertebral discs L2-L3, L3-L4. Electroneuromyography of the lower extremities:

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damage to the spinal roots L2, L3. Routine treatment – non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, analystics are ineffective.

We used a complex of treatment and rehabilitation methods: segmental massage, muscle traction, shiatsu. Physiotherapy treatment - Darsonval, magnetic therapy. The following were used: mobilizations in traction with the use of post-isometric muscle relaxation (PIR), mobilizations of the lumbar spine in rotation with flexion, mobilizations of the lumbar spine in rotation with extension, PIR of the gluteus maximus muscles, PIR of the piriformis muscles [3]; mobilizations and manipulations on the lumbar spine in the side lying position and neutral posture [4].

The course of treatment was 12 days. A positive result was achieved: the severity of the deformation of the spinal column decreased, the range of motion in the VMS was restored, sensitivity in the innervation zone of the external cutaneous nerve of the thigh was restored.

Based on the above, we can recommend the treatment complex we proposed as an affordable and inexpensive option for the comprehensive treatment of Bernhardt-Roth syndrome caused by vertebrogenic pathology.

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