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Foreword

Medical writing, and neurosurgical writing in particular, has in the past produced only scattered information on the problems of cerebral vascular disease in the younger patient. This volume, ably edited by Michael Edwards and Harold Hoffman, remedies this major hiatus. Each chapter is written in a clear and well-organized manner, making for easy reference and rapid assimilation. The authors have been selected on the basis of their acknowledged expertise in their particular fields and the results indicate a wide and well-informed research.

Beginning with beautifully illustrated chapters on the embryology and anatomy of the cerebral vascular system and proceeding through radiologic investigation to the latest forms of therapy, including focused gamma-beam irradiation and heavy charged-particle Bragg peak radiosurgery, the reader should have no difficulty in obtaining the information that is sought. The mass of illustrations excites immediate interest and a full bibliography guides the reader to further study.

Although too complex for the casual reader, this text should be required reading for all those individuals concerned with the nervous system in the pediatric patient. One's only regret is that this superb effort was not forthcoming sooner!

E. Bruce Hendrick May 1988

Note

As the editor of this series on current neurosurgical practice, I have responsibility for selecting topics that are appropriate and timely for the intended audience. I chose cerebral vascular disease in children and adolescents as the topic of this volume because I could find no publication that reviewed the subject under one cover. Despite a substantial literature on cerebral vascular disease specifically in adults, there appeared to be no definitive contemporary monograph on vascular disease in the pediatric population. Having defined the subject, I asked Michael Edwards and Harold Hoffman to bring together the authors whom they considered experts in the various aspects of pediatric vascular disease. This monograph is the result of their efforts, and I am very pleased with the final product.

CHARLES B. WILSON, M.D. April 1988

Preface

New techniques in diagnosis and management have altered the treatment and prognosis for many vascular disorders that affect the central nervous system in children and adolescents. This book has been designed to provide a comprehensive review of these developments for neurologists, neurosurgeons, neuroradiologists, neuropathologists, pediatricians, and practitioners in allied fields concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of cerebral vascular diseases in the pediatric population.

Beginning with descriptions of the embryology, anatomy, and pathology of the vascular system, this volume focuses on the most current diagnostic and therapeutic methodologies applicable specifically for cerebral vascular disorders in children, and summarizes relevant ongoing research in these fields. Its chapters detail advances in neuroradiologic and operative techniques, anesthetic management, and evaluations of cerebral blood flow. Aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, and related syn-

dromes, and problems such as spontaneous dissection, traumatic vascular lesions, cerebral ischemia, and stroke—which are seldom reviewed specifically in their relation to the pediatric patient—are discussed individually and in depth. Current practice in the management of pediatric cerebral vascular disorders of cardiac origin and those related to coagulation disorders or cancer receives particular attention also, as does the management of stroke and hemorrhage in the premature and term neonate.

Unique to this volume is its emphasis on the differences in diagnosis, management and outcome that must be considered in treating children, as opposed to the adult population. We are indebted to the authors of these chapters, who have contributed their knowledge and expertise toward a cogent view of cerebral vascular disease in children and adolescents.

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CHAPTER ONE

Embryology of the Cerebral Vascular System

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Dandy's monograph on intracranial arterial aneurysms (11), published in 1944, marked a pivotal point in the literature on the embryology of the vascular system of the brain. Earlier descriptions of the arteries of the head (3, 30, 52) had provided little information about the development of the cerebral arterial system and the circle of Willis (circulus arteriosus). Streeter (46) had described the formation of the cranial vasculature, adjustment of vessels to cerebral growth, and development of the dural venous sinuses, and Congdon (8) had defined the formation of the arch of the aorta and of the carotid, vertebral, and basilar arteries, but in general theirs had been the only work providing insight into the embryology of the cerebral vascular system.

In 1948, Padget (34) completed a study of the embryonic development of the cerebral arterial system and particularly the ophthalmic, stapedial, and trigeminal arteries, although she said little about those vessels that penetrate the neural substance. She later described the development of the venous drainage of the human brain (35, 36). Her classification systems, cast in the framework of Streeter's (47–50) developmental horizons (age groups), were the basis for much of the work that followed.

Subsequently, several authors elucidated the nature of the vascular system (19, 23, 24). Stoeter and Drews (44) focused on the embryonic venous system. Light and electron microscopy provided a powerful means for charting the penetration of vessels into the embryonic nervous system (5, 9, 10, 13, 14, 25–27, 29, 37, 54, 57). Within a period of a few years, the

capillaries in the human embryonic brain were studied (4), establishment of the internal vasculature of the telencephalon was documented (15), and the capillaries were classified according to size at the ultrastructural level (20, 21). The work of Povlishock et al (38) on the relation between the endothelial cells and pericytes in the embryonic germinal matrix was extended by Allsopp and Gamble (1) to include capillaries of the embryonic cerebral hemispheres. Microangiographic nique (2, 39, 40) provided similarly critical documentation of the developmental architecture of the embryonic capillary system (41, 45).

The phases of prenatal vascular development described in this chapter are based on Padget's classifications (34–36), defined according to the present Carnegie staging system as summarized by O'Rahilly (Table 1.1).* The embryonic period of human development, encompassing the first 8 postovulatory weeks, is divided into 23 Carnegie stages which are delineated in terms of the greatest length (GL) and postovulatory age (POA) of the embryo. As O'Rahilly (32, 33) points out, this staging system has the advantage that relations can be drawn between the development of different organs.

THE CRANIAL ARTERIES

The precise order in which cranial capillaries form in the embryo varies from individual to individual. In general, however, as described by Padget (34), development passes through seven successive phases.

*RO O'Rahilly, personal communication, 1987.

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Table 1.1. Developmental Phases of the Cranial Arterial, Venous, and Penetrating Vasculature

GL: greatest length.

Phase 1. Carnegie Stage 13/14 (4 to 7 mm GL; 28 to 32 days POA). During this phase, the first and second aortic arches begin their involution. The portions of the paired aortas that extend cephalically from the third arch constitute the primitive internal carotid artery on each side (Fig. 1.1). This artery appears to emerge from a vascular plexus and to bifurcate distally into two branches. One branch is the primitive trigeminal artery. The other branch is the cerebral artery, which continues toward Rathke pouch, around which it anastomoses with the opposite cerebral artery. The carotid artery forms two divisions. A cranial division curves in front of the optic vesicle to terminate in the olfactory area. The caudal division of the carotid artery ends in a plexus at the mesencephalon

(12). A primitive ophthalmic artery has developed by this time. The basilar artery has not yet formed. Instead, paired longitudinal neural arteries border the hindbrain bilaterally and connect laterally with the primitive hindbrain plexus. These neural arteries receive a dual supply: from the trigeminal division cranially and from the first cervical arterial segments caudally.

Phase 2. Carnegie Stage 14 (5 to 7 mm GL; 32 ± 1 days POA). The internal carotid artery is by now well defined. A ventral pharyngeal artery extends cranially from the aortic sac and contributes to the formation of the external carotid arteries. The basilar artery begins to form (8). The caudal division of each internal carotid artery develops a secondary anastomosis with the cranial end of the ipsilateral longi-

^aCourtesy of R. O'Rahilly, M.D., Ph.D., Carnegie Laboratories of Embryology, California Primate Research Center, University of California, Davis.

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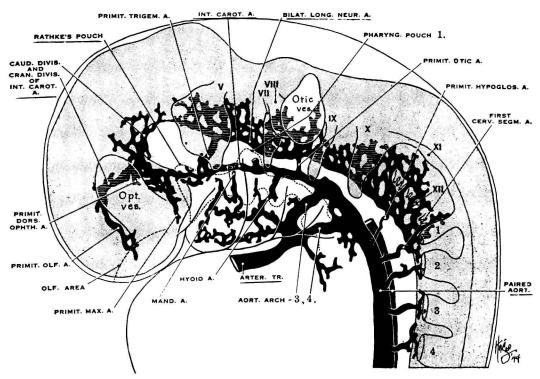


Figure 1.1. Phase 1. Cranial arteries in a 4-mm embryo. Following the involution of the first two aortic arches, represented in this phase by mandibular and hyoid arteries, the terminal end of the paired aortas of earlier phases is recognizable as the internal carotid artery originating from the third arch. The forebrain and optic vesicle are supplied by the primitive maxillary branch and the primary cranial division of the carotid; the caudal division courses over the midbrain. (From Padget DH: Contrib Embryol 32:205–261, 1948. Drawing by Dorcas H. Padget courtesy of the Department of Embryology, Davis Division, Carnegie Institution of Washington, D.C.)

tudinal neural artery, forming the posterior communicating artery. This new artery soon takes the place of the trigeminal artery as the major source of supply to the longitudinal neural—the future basilar—artery.

Phase 3. Carnegie Stage 16 (8 to 11 mm GL; 37 ± 1 days POA). The most striking development during this phase is the genesis of the vertebral artery (Fig. 1.2). The primary cranial division of the internal carotid artery gives rise to the primitive anterior choroidal artery. Medial twigs form in the path of the future anterior cerebral artery. Vascular twigs also appear at the distal end of the middle cerebral arterial stem. At the caudal end of the posterior communicating artery, the posterior choroidal artery is now visible. Superior cerebellar arteries are forming at the distal end of the basilar artery.

Phase 4. Carnegie Stage 17 (11 to 14 mm GL; 41 ± 1 days POA). The internal carotid artery has by now, in the 6-week-old embryo, formed definite divisions. The most proximal division is the choroidal artery. Next is the middle cerebral artery (MCA). Last is the continuation of the internal carotid artery as the stem of the anterior cerebral artery (Fig. 1.3). This arrangement would appear to be the reverse of that in the adult, in whom the anterior cerebral artery is considered to be the branch and the MCA the major cerebral continuation of the carotid artery. In the embryo, the anterior stem of the anterior cerebral artery joins a plexus of vessels that communicates with the opposite side. This plexus will become the anterior communicating artery.

Phase 5. Carnegie Stage 18/19 (13 to 18 mm GL; 44 to 48 days POA). Descent of

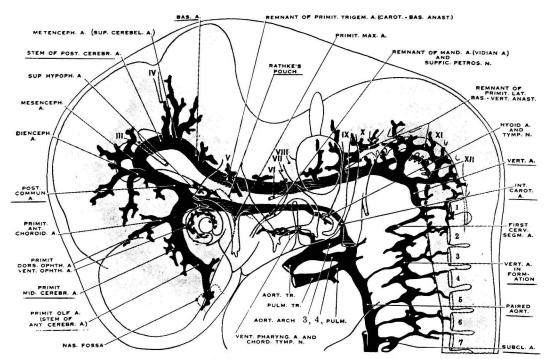


Figure 1.2. Phase 3. Cranial arteries of the left side in a 9-mm embryo (lateral view). Note formation of the vertebral artery from elements of the upper cervical segmentals, the caudal swing of the cranial nerve VII and its associated hyoid artery, the ventral pharyngeal artery lying against the mandibular end of the chorda tympani, and the two primitive arteries supplying the eye. The primitive olfactory artery cranial division of the internal carotid artery terminates at the nasal cavity. (From Padget DH: Contrib Embryol 32:205–261, 1948. Drawing by Dorcas H. Padget courtesy of the Department of Embryology, Davis Division, Carnegie Institution of Washington, D.C.)

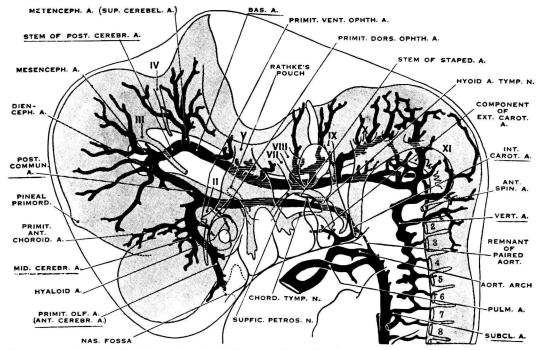


Figure 1.3. Phase 4. Cranial arteries in a 12.5-mm embryo. Developments to note are: the new stapedial branch of the hyoid artery, the stem of which has been shifted cranially; the more advanced conformation of the vertebral artery; the emergence of several well-defined cerebral arteries; and elongation and differentiation of the two primitive ophthalmic branches of the internal carotid artery. (From Padget DH: Contrib Embryol 32:205–261, 1948. Drawing by Dorcas H. Padget courtesy of the Department of Embryology, Davis Division, Carnegie Institution of Washington, D.C.)

the heart into the thorax elongates the common carotid artery. The definitive adult ophthalmic artery arises from two widely separated portions of the internal carotid artery. The MCA gives rise to several branches that spread over the cerebral hemispheres (Fig. 1.4). Both the anterior and the posterior choroidal arteries terminate in the chordial infolding at the diencephalic roof. The first segment of the posterior cerebral artery is evident at the distal end of the posterior communicating artery. Later, this artery will enlarge rapidly as the hemisphere grows posteriorly to envelop the midbrain. The three principal branches of the basilar system have become clearly identifiable by this phase.

Phase 6. Carnegie Stage 20/21 (18 to 24 mm GL; 51 to 52 days POA). The head of the 7-week-old embryo has recognizable

human features and begins to lift away from the chest. As the cerebral hemisphere expands, the circle of Willis becomes complete. The most important arterial development during this phase involves the anterior cerebral and the anterior communicating arteries. Before development of the corpus callosum from the commissural plate, a branch of the anterior cerebral artery supplies the choroid plexus in the region of the foramen of Monro (6). The anterior cerebral artery develops variably; depending on the individual, it may appear as a barely identifiable vessel, a plexus, or a single midline vessel. In chimpanzees, the branch of the anterior cerebral artery may persist in its development, passing around the splenium into the velum interpositum to terminate at the foramen of Monro (34). Some animals may form only

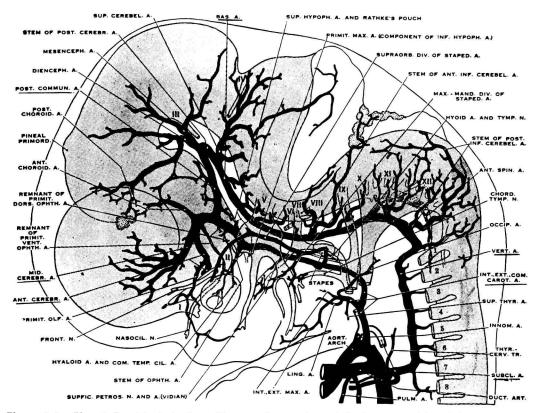


Figure 1.4. Phase 5. Cranial arteries in an 18-mm embryo at the period when most of the adult arteries in the head region become recognizable. Note the new adult stem of the ophthalmic artery, which annexes the ocular branches of the primitive ophthalmic arteries. (From Padget DH: Contrib Embryol 32:205–261, 1948. Drawing by Dorcas H. Padget courtesy of the Department of Embryology, Davis Division, Carnegie Institution of Washington, D.C.)