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# Prognostic Significance of “In hospital Arrhythmias” in Acute Myocardial Infarction

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Arrhythmias after Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) have a prognostic value, in addition to the morbidity it involves. To evaluate the significance of arrhythmias 50 patients of AMI (37-Male, 13-Female) in the age group of 35-72 years were studied, Out of these 50 cases, 48% (n=24) had anterior wall myocardial infarction, 30% (n=15) had inferior wall myocardial infarction, 22% (n=11) had inferior+Right Ventricular wall myocardial infarction. Thrombolysis was done in 56% (n=28) patients fulfilling inclusion criteria. Left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) of less than 50% was present in 24% (n=12) patients. 50% patients (n=25) experienced “In hospital arrhythmias” and 28% (n=7) patients had cardiac events in 6 months follow up. In the group without “In hospital arrhythmias” 60% (n=15) developed follow up events. Out of 12 patients with LVEF of less than 50% (n=12), 8 patients (66%) developed “In Hospital arrhythmias” and 10 patients (83%) developed subsequent morbid cardiac events. Thrombolysed patients (n=28) had “In hospital arrhythmias” in 71.2% (n=20) as compared to 22.7% (n=5) in non-thrombolysed patients (n=22). “In hospital arrhythmias” occurred in 72.7% in inferior and RVMI. In conclusion ventricular “In hospital arrhythmias” are important complication of MI. LVEF less than 50%, non thrombolysed patients and Ant wall MI are poor prognostic factors in long term morbidity and mortality of AMI.