PRINCIPLES OF NEUROSURGERY

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Three principles :1-limited space2-irreversable damage3-limited time







Arteries of the brain

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Anterior circulation – internal carotid artery, from common carotid in the neck. Bifurcates to MCA and ACA

Posterior circulation – vertebral arteries that join to form the basilar artery that will then bifurcate to 2 PCA





Circle of Willis

- Communication between 2 sides anterior communicating (a-com)
- Communication between anterior and posterior circulation – posterior -- communicating (p-com)
- Many anomalies may exist

Arteries in the subarachnoid space



Arteries of the brain





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Each hemisphere has lobes:



- Insular lobe •
- Limbic lobe •

Functional areas



Function 2



Brodmann Map





The Motor Strip





CSF Pathways











Physiology

Blood supply to the brain

The brain gets 15% of the cardiac output and 20% of the oxygen consumption

The brain tissue gets in average 50ml of blood per 100gr of tissue per minute. The gray matter receives about 3 to 4 times more than the white matter

Total blood supply to the brain is about 500-600ml per minute

Factors Affecting the blood supply

- Autoregulation •
- Biochemical changes O_2 and CO_2
 - Blood brain barrier BBB •

Autoregulation

- Maintains a regular blood supply to the brain ✓ in changing blood pressures
 - The range is 50-150 mm mercury ✓
- Possible mechanisms are the myogenic ✓ control, neurogenic and biochemichal control

CO₂

The most important and powerful mechanism that controls brain blood flow A change in 1mm PCO_2 changes the flow in 4-5% PCO_2 of 70 gives a maximal vasodilatation. Above that the flow is pressure dependent

Hyperventilation

Hyperventilation lowers the PCO₂
It has a strong effect but it is limited in time
Could be dangerous if not regulated- ischemia
Can be regulated with a jugular bulb oximeter

BLOOD BRAIN BARRIER

- The BBB is composed of the **tight junctions** in the endothelium cells of the blood vessels
- Prevents passage of large molecules and even small ions like Na and Cl
- Specific substances pass the BBB like glucose and amino acids

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Because of the BBB, in the brain hydrostatic and oncotic pressures are not significant. The important parameter is the osmotic pressure The BBB is damages in trauma, tumor, infarct, SAH and infection

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