Radiography of the Paranasal Sinus with Maxial Sinusitis in North Sumatra-Medan University Hospital

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ABSTRACT

Paranasal sinus radiography is an appropriate method for showing abnormalities in the paranasal sinuses and showing abnormalities in suspected Maxillary Sinusitis. The purpose of this examination is to determine the location and location of sinusitis by obtaining an optimal picture with radiographic examination of the paranasal sinuses. This research was conducted at the Radiology Installation of the University of North Sumatra-Medan Hospital. Using a general X-ray unit with an aircraft capacity of 1100 mA from February 2022 - May 2022, with a qualitative descriptive research type. To show the anatomical description and pathological abnormalities in the paranasal sinuses, especially maxillary sinuses, parietoacanthia (water’s method) and lateral projections are used. The results of the examination showed that there was Sinusitis Maxillaris Sinistra and a suspected Sinusitis Ethmoidalis Sinistra.

Keywords: Digital Radiography (DR), Fraktur, Shoulder Joint

Introduction

The paranasal sinuses are air-filled cavities lined by a mucous membrane that surrounds the nasal cavity. As for the paranasal sinuses divided into four groups according to the location of the bone, namely maxillary sinuses, frontal sinuses, ethmoidal sinuses and sinuses sphenoidalis. According to Cappello et al. (2018) The maxillary sinus is a pair of sinuses that has the largest structure located anteriorly and is part of the facial bone while the frontal sinuses are located between the inside and outside of the skull, the ethmoidal sinuses are located within the ethmoid bone, and the sphenoidal sinuses are located in the sphenoid and posterior bones. The ethmoidal sinus is part of the cranium (Y. Kim et al., 2019; Jeon et al., 2021). The paranasal sinuses, according to Murata et al. (2019), have functions such as a sound resonance chamber, lighten head weight, help warm and humidify inhaled air, act as vibration dampers, and play a role in controlling the immune system. According to Little et al. (2018) the paranasal sinuses have several
indications such as polyps and one of the most frequently encountered is sinusitis.

Based on data from the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia in 2003 (Idugboe et al., 2018), it was stated that nasal and sinus disease was ranked 25th out of 50 major disease patterns or about 102,817 outpatients in hospitals (Huang et al., 2019). Sinusitis is an infection of the sinus mucosa and can be categorized as acute or chronic sinusitis. Patients with sinusitis will feel headache, pain, swelling around the infected sinus and accompanied by low-grade fever (Terlemez et al., 2019). To establish the diagnosis in patients with sinusitis, it can be done through radiological examination of the paranasal sinuses. In the examination of the paranasal sinuses, there are several projections used in the examination of the paranasal sinuses, namely, the postero anterior (PA) projection of the Caldwell method to show the frontal sinus, and the ethmoidal sinus from the anterior aspect (H.-G. Kim et al., 2019). The second projection is lateral facebone to show the four sinuses from the lateral side (frontal sinus, maxillary sinus, ethmoid sinus and sphenoid sinus). The third projection is the parietoacanthial Water's Closed Mouth method to show the maxillary and frontal sinuses (Dave et al., 2020). In addition, there are two additional projections in the examination of the paranasal sinuses, including the submentovertex projection to show the ethmoidal and sphenoid sinuses. And the parietoacanthial projection of the Water's Open Mouth method to show the maxillary sinus, frontal sinus and sphenoid sinus (Sheikh et al., 2018).

In accordance with the cases raised in the diagnosis of maxillary sinusitis, the authors will discuss more about the appropriate radiographic technique (Lim et al., 2022; Starkey & Mortman, 2019). In connection with the background of the problem and the scope of the radiographic examination of the paranasal sinuses with suspected Maxillary Sinusitis, the authors formulate the problem that arises is "How are the efforts made to obtain the results of radiographs of the paranasal sinuses with the suspicion of optimal Maxillary Sinusitis at the University of North Sumatra-Medan Hospital?" The purpose of this study was to find out how the process of examining the paranasal sinuses suspected of maxillary sinusitis at the University of North Sumatra-Medan Hospital (Kuwana et al., 2021). And the second is to find out the right radiographic technique to produce an optimal picture on radiographic examination of the paranasal sinuses suspected of maxillary sinusitis (Al Qahtani, 2019). And the third is to find out the results of the radiographic examination of the paranasal sinuses with a suspicion of maxillary sinusitis. And the last one can show the anatomy and abnormalities of the paranasal sinuses, especially with clinical maxillary sinusitis (Fenner et al., 2019).

**Methods**

Research on *paranasal sinus radiography with cases of maxillary sinusitis* uses qualitative research (Zhou et al., 2021). The data collection technique is based on the results of observations and interviews. Qualitative research techniques are research on descriptive research and tend to use analysis and the perspective of the subject is more highlighted. In this research, the theoretical basis is used as a guide so that the research focus is in accordance with the facts in the field and the theoretical basis is also useful for providing an overview of the research background and as a material for discussing research results (Shrestha et al., 2020).

**Research Time and Place**

Research Place: Radiology Installation, University of North Sumatra Hospital

Research Time: 03 February 2022 – May 2022

**Data collection technique**

To obtain data correctly and accurately in the preparation of this paper, the author uses several methods such as the following.

1. Learning experience during lectures

By applying the knowledge gained during lectures and clinical practice experience.

2. Observation

Namely, the author observed the radiographic examination of the *paranasal sinuses* carried out on patients at the Radiology Installation of the University of North Sumatra Hospital.

3. Documentation

Namely, the authors recorded and documented the course of examination of the
The case selected by the author is a radiographic examination of the paranasal sinuses suspected of having maxillary sinusitis at the Radiology Installation of the University of North Sumatra Hospital. The following is the data taken:

1. **Patient Identification**
   - **Name**: Mr. S
   - **Gender**: Male
   - **Age**: 37 years
   - **Temporary diagnosis**: Sinusitis
   - **Photo Request**: Paranasal sinuses
   - **Examination Date**: May 16, 2022

2. **Implementation Procedures at the University of North Sumatra Hospital**
   - **Reading Photo Request Letter**
     - The radiographer officer reads the request letter for radiological examination to be carried out, especially a temporary clinical diagnosis from the sending doctor who requested a radiological examination of the Paranasal Sinus with cases of maxillary sinusitis which was carried out at the University Hospital of North Sumatra.
   - **Patient Preparation**
     - On examination of the paranasal sinuses with suspected maxillary sinusitis, there is no special preparation. However, prior to the examination, the radiographer must remove jewelry such as earrings, necklaces and other accessories in the head and neck area so as not to interfere with the results of the image and the radiographer must explain the examination procedure to the patient and/or his accompanying family.
   - **Preparation of Tools and Materials**
     - Before the radiographic examination is carried out, first the X-ray machine is heated so that the components on the X-ray machine can work optimally, then proceed with adjusting the shooting conditions. The X-ray unit used in this examination is a general X-ray unit at the University of North Sumatra Hospital with the following specifications:
       - **X-Ray Aircraft Brand**: Philips
       - **Airplane Type**: Velara
       - **Series Number**: 10140193
       - **Aircraft Capacity**: 1100 mA
       - **Aircraft Services**: Radiography and Fluoroscopy

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**Figure 1. PHILIPS X-Ray at the University of North Sumatra Hospital**

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Before the inspection is carried out, the X-ray machine is turned on by first controlling the incoming voltage to the PLN on the line voltage meter, adjusting the lighting conditions according to the object to be photographed.

1. X-ray film
   The size of the film used for this examination is a film measuring 24 cm x 30 cm with parietoacanthial (water’s method) and lateral projections.

2. Cassette
   The cassette used is the Carestream-Cassette and Screen PQ for CR brand with a size of 24 cm × 30 cm.

3. Marker
   The marker (code) is made of Pb. For L code, patient name, examination date, gender.

4. Patient preparation.
   In this examination, the patient does not do any special preparation, the patient only needs to remove the earrings and other accessories that are in the head and neck area. In this examination, a chair is required and the patient is placed in an upright position facing the bucky stand.

5. Position Setting
   The projections made by the author are adjusted to the limitations described on the previous page, to perform an examination of the paranasal sinuses in a patient named Mr. S with the suspicion of maxillary sinusitis, two projections were performed, namely the parietoacanthial (water’s method) and lateral projections according to the patient’s diagnostic needs.

6. Examination Technique
   The projections used in this research are as follows:
   1. Parietoachantial projection (Water’s method)
      ▪ Purpose of Examination: To show the maxillary sinus
      ▪ Patient Position : Position the patient sitting upright, facing the bucky stand. The head is made up so that the chin area is attached to the bucky.
      ▪ Object Position : Adjust the head so that the Mento Meatal Line is perpendicular to the film and the Orbito Meatal Line forms an angle of 37° to the plane of the film.
      ▪ Focus Film Distance : 100 cm
      ▪ Central Ray : Horizontal, perpendicular to the cassette.
      ▪ Central Point : right on Parieto Occipital through Acanthion.
      ▪ Film/cassette : 24 × 30 cm
      ▪ Shooting Condition : 81 kV , 14 mAs
      ▪ Evaluation : Appearance of the maxillary sinus, ethmoidal sinus and sphenoid sinus.

   2. Lateral Projection
      ▪ Purpose of examination : To show abnormalities in the paranasal sinuses from the lateral side.
      ▪ Patient Position : Position the patient with the left side of the body attached to the bucky stand (LAO), so
that the head can be adjusted true laterally.

- **Object Position**: Position the left side of the head against the cassette. Set the Infraorbitomeatal Line parallel to the plane of the film. Adjust the chin so that the Interpupillary Line is perpendicular to the plane of the film.
- **Focus Film Distance**: 100 cm
- **Central Ray**: Horizontal
- **Central Point**: about 1.3 cm – 2.5 cm at the posterior outer canthus
- **Film/cassette**: 24 cm × 30 cm
- **Shooting Conditions**: 81 kV, 12.5 mAs
- **Evaluation**: Looks like the frontal sinus, the covered maxillary sinus and the sphenoid sinus from the lateral side. The ethmoidal sinuses are visible but not clear because they are not true lateral.

![Sinus Sphenoidalis](image)

**Figure 3. Radiography of the Paranasal Sinuses Lateral Projection**

7. Expertise results (Original Sheet is attached in the Appendix)

Paranasal Sinus X-Ray Examination Results: There was a clouding in the left maxillary sinus with suspicion of a clouding in the left ethmoidal sinus.

The bones of the sinus wall are intact. No lytic, blastic or destructive lesions were seen. Septum of rice in the middle. The nasal conchae are not hypertrophied.

Conclusion: maxillary sinusitis and suspected left ethmoidal sinusitis.

**Conclusion**

After doing a radiographic examination of the paranasal sinuses suspected of maxillary sinusitis at the University of North Sumatra Hospital, the authors provide the following conclusions and suggestions: In radiography of the paranasal sinuses with suspected maxillary sinusitis, good cooperation between the patient/patient’s family and the radiographer is essential. The use of parietoacanthia (Water’s method) and lateral projections have been able to show the patient’s left maxillary sinusitis. On radiographic examination of the paranasal sinuses with suspicion of maxillary sinusitis at the Radiology installation of the University of North Sumatra Hospital using Computer Radiography, it can minimize photo repetition and the amount of radiation received by the patient.

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