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Optimized Algebraic Reconstruction Algorithm Based Hemodynamic Changes in Color Doppler Ultrasound in Monitoring the Patients with Colorectal Cancer Undergoing Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter and Catheterization Nursing

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The purpose of this study was to analyze the hemodynamic changes and nursing care of patients with colorectal cancer who were peripherally placed into the central venous catheter (PICC) by color Doppler ultrasound based on an optimized algebraic reconstruction (ART) (OART) algorithm. In this study, 150 patients with colorectal cancer were selected and randomly divided into observation group and control group, with 75 cases in each group. Different nursing interventions were carried out. An optimized algebraic reconstruction (OART) algorithm was proposed, and the traditional ART algorithm and filtered back-projection (FBP) algorithm were introduced for comparison. They were applied in ultrasounds of 150 colorectal cancer patients undergoing PICC. The results showed that the Dice coefficient (Dice) and peak signal-to-noise ratio (PSNR) of the OART algorithm were greater than those of the ART and FBP algorithms, while the difference function (DF) and the running time were opposite (P < 0.05). The blood flow velocity (BFV) and blood flow (BF) of the arm vein 5 days after puncture were the least, which were less than those before puncture and 10 days and 30 days after puncture (P < 0.05). Thrombosis was most likely to be found 4–6 days after puncture (28 cases), followed by 10–15 days after puncture (22 cases), and one day after the puncture (19 cases). The BFV and BF of patients with thrombosis were lower than those of patients without thrombosis (P < 0.05). The total infection rate of PICC in the observation group was 10.7%, which was lower than that in the control group 32.0%, P < 0.05. Nursing satisfaction of patients in observation group and control group was 95.99% and 75.99%, respectively, P < 0.05, and the difference was statistically significant. In short, the ORAT algorithm proposed had better performance than the traditional algorithms in ultrasound image reconstruction; strengthening nursing intervention for chemotherapy patients with colorectal cancer undergoing PICC could effectively reduce the infection rate of PICC and improve the nursing satisfaction of patients.
1. Introduction

The large intestine is the distal digestive tract, including the cecum, ascending colon, transverse colon, descending colon, sigmoid colon, and rectum. Its main function is to absorb water and electrolytes and has a high bacterial content. Colorectal cancer is a cancerous change in the large intestine. The large intestine mucosa is in contact with bacterial toxins and feces for a long time, and the lower intestinal mucosa is prone to mutations, hyperplasias, and polyps induced by carcinogenic factors, eventually resulting in colorectal cancer [1–3]. Colorectal cancer is asymptomatic in the early stage, only feeling discomfort, indigestion, occult blood in stool, and so forth. As cancer develops, symptoms gradually appear, manifested as systemic symptoms such as changes in bowel habits, abdominal pain, abdominal mass, intestinal obstruction, and weight loss. Clinically, surgical resection is the main comprehensive treatment plan for colorectal cancer [4]. With the widespread use of PICC, deep venous thrombosis of the lower extremities has become a more common and serious complication after abdominal surgery. It is also a common adverse symptom after colorectal cancer surgery. Foreign research reports show that upper limb venous thrombosis is the most serious complication of PICC, causing pulmonary thromboembolism to account for 36%–40% of pulmonary embolism, and the mortality rate is as high as 25%. Domestic studies have shown that the incidence of thrombosis in tumor patients is 5.6%–58% [5, 6], and 70% occurs in the first week after PICC. The occurrence of PICC-related thrombosis can cause catheter blockage and affect treatment, and thrombosis can cause pulmonary embolism and other more serious complications at severe conditions [7]. Nursing intervention measures of PICC catheter infection can better control and reduce the occurrence of PICC catheter infection.

Ultrasound examination uses the human body to observe the reflection of ultrasonic waves. The reflected waves of human tissues are imaged by irradiating weak ultrasonic waves on the body. Color Doppler ultrasound mainly produces high-frequency sound waves, through various tissues of the human body, to understand the corresponding pathological conditions [8, 9]. Color Doppler ultrasonography is used in a wide range and has a high corresponding accuracy rate. Basically, it can find substantial lesions over 2 mm and has a clear judgment on the size and distribution of the disease. In addition, it can understand the specific distribution and severity of various organs and lesions in a three-dimensional, three-dimensional, and multangle manner, which has the advantages of simple operation, low cost, and noninvasiveness [10]. ART, also called the direct reconstruction algorithm, is one of the commonly used methods in the field of medical image processing. It can use the idea of series iteration to reconstruct images, has the advantages of being simple and easy to implement, and is not affected by data defects. However, the traditional ART algorithm shows a slower convergence rate [11, 12]. Compressed sensing is a new guiding theory of information acquisition in recent years, which mainly includes three core contents: sparse representation of signals, design of observation matrix, and design of algebraic reconstruction algorithm. Applying compressed sensing theory to color Doppler ultrasound imaging also needs to solve three corresponding problems: sparse representation of ultrasound echo signals, design of observation matrix, and design of algebraic reconstruction algorithm of ultrasound images. It can use sampling methods far below the Nyquist standard to accurately restore the original signal. It has become a research hotspot in various fields [13]. Therefore, compressed sensing was adopted in this study to optimize the ART to provide support for the research of PICC for patients with colorectal cancer.

To sum up, traditional ART is widely used in medical image processing, but there are some limitations. Based on this, an OART algorithm was proposed based on the compressed sensing theory. The traditional ART algorithm and the FBP algorithm were introduced for comparison, and they were applied to the ultrasound diagnosis of 150 patients with colorectal cancer with PICC. The purpose of this study is to analyze the relationship between BFV and thrombosis after puncture to comprehensively evaluate the hemodynamic changes of colorectal cancer patients after PICC and the nursing effect of nursing intervention measures for PICC catheter infection.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Research Objects. 150 patients with colorectal cancer admitted to the hospital from July 2018 to May 20, 2020, were selected as the research subjects, including 91 males and 59 females, aged 20–70 years old. They were randomly divided into observation group and control group, each with 75 cases. The study had been approved by the Medical Ethics Committee of Hospital, and the patients and their families had understood the situation of the study and signed the informed consent forms.

The inclusion criteria were defined as follows: patients with colorectal disease confirmed pathologically; patients who had not yet received relevant surgical treatment; patients with complete clinical data; and patients who had signed informed consent. The exclusion criteria were defined as follows: patients with other malignant tumors; patients with mental illness; patients older than 70 years old; patients with incomplete clinical data; and patients who withdrew from the study due to personal reasons.

2.2. Nursing Methods. The control group: routine nursing, observation of PICC catheter placement, and corresponding measures to deal with the infection of PICC catheter placement. The observation group: on the basis of the control group, the nursing intervention of PICC catheter infection was implemented, and the specific operation was as follows.

First, the medical staff are required to perform PICC catheter placement operations on patients in strict accordance with aseptic operation procedures. Second, the medical staff are required to change the application of the puncture site of the patient in time according to the changes
of weather, ambient temperature and humidity, and the patient's own physical quality to ensure good air permeability of the application. Third, the medical staff are required to strengthen the patrol of patients during catheter placement, pay close attention to the temperature and color of the skin around the puncture site, and take active and effective treatment measures in time when local infection, bleeding, and redness are found in patients, such as wet compress with normal saline, or give the patients corresponding anti-infective drugs according to the examination results of collecting and culturing secretions from the puncture site. Fourth, during the period when the patient is discharged from hospital with a tube, the medical staff should explain the relevant knowledge, such as application replacement and puncture site nursing to the patient and his family members, and tell the patient to return to the hospital immediately in case of any accident.

2.3. US Examination. The ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus was used for scanning the patients before the surgery. The frequency was 8–12 MHz for the linear array probe and 2.5–5 MHz for the convex needle probe. During the examination, the patient was placed in a left decubitus position, with hands on his knees, and then filled the rectal cavity with an appropriate amount of warm water. An appropriate amount of couplant was injected into the rubber sleeve to remove air. Then, the probe was inserted into the intestinal cavity to record the location of the mass, the infiltration depth of the intestinal wall, the BF signal of the mass, and the condition of the lymph nodes. In addition, the distance of the lesion to the anal edge, the maximum thickness of the lesion, and the diameter of the arm vessel were measured and recorded. The BFVs before the puncture and 1 day, 5 days, 10 days, and 30 days after the puncture of the patients were recorded. The Doppler area puncture and 1 day, 5 days, 10 days, and 30 days after the puncture could be calculated with the projection data could be written as follows:

\[
Q = HR. \quad (3)
\]

\[ R \] refers to the projection matrix and can be expressed as follows:

\[
R = \begin{bmatrix}
    r_{11} & r_{12} & \cdots & r_{1M} \\
    r_{21} & r_{22} & \cdots & r_{2M} \\
    \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
    r_{NM} & r_{N2} & \cdots & r_{NM}
\end{bmatrix}. \quad (4)
\]

However, the number of pixels and rays were large, which would make the projection matrix larger, and the direct inversion operation was too complicated. Compressed sensing was a new theoretical framework for information acquisition and processing based on matrix analysis, statistical probability theory, topological geometry, optimization and operations research, and functional analysis. It could realize high-dimensional signal sensing through noncorrelated observations of low-dimensional space, low resolution, and under-Nyquist sampled data, which not only allowed people to reexamine the linear problem but also enriched optimization strategies for signal recovery. Therefore, the compressed sensing theory was applied to optimize the iterative reconstruction algorithm, and the norm \( l_1 \) of the finite difference image was undertaken as the optimization target. The expression could be as follows:

\[
\|h_{ij}\| = \sum_{ij} \sqrt{(h_{ij} - h_{i-1,j})^2 + (h_{ij} - h_{i,j-1})^2}. \quad (5)
\]

The original image \( h(i, j) \) was arranged into a one-dimensional vector \( H \) based on above (3), and the nonnegative image value was undertaken as the basic constraint condition. The initial value was set as \( H_{ART}^0(l) = 0 \), where \( l \) was the number of iterations. After once calculation was completed using iteration, the following equation could be obtained:

\[
H_{ART}^{l+1}(i) = H_{ART}^l(i) + \alpha \frac{q_i - H_{ART}^{l+1}(1) \cdot R_{i}'}{R_{i} \cdot R_{i}'} R_{i}'. \quad (6)
\]

\( i \) represents the ray number and \( R_{i}' \) represents the weighting factor matrix of the \( i \)th ray. The nonnegative constraint could be expressed as

\[
H_{ART}(l) = \begin{cases} 
    H_{ART}^N(1) & H_{ART}^N(1) \geq 0 \\
    0 & H_{ART}^N(1) < 0
\end{cases} \quad (7)
\]

Next, the total variation minimization (TVM) was performed. Equation (8) could be obtained when the number of iterations was 1:

\[
H^{1}_{TVM}(l) = H_{ART}^N(l) \quad (8)
\]

Then, the incremental factor could be calculated as follows:

\[
b_A(l) = \|H_{ART}^D(l) - H_{ART}^N(l)\|. \quad (9)
\]
\( b_A(l) \) stands for the incremental factor. The total variation gradient (TVG) and gradient direction were calculated:

\[
\overrightarrow{V}^m(l) = \frac{\rho[H(l)l]_H[H(l)]_H}{\overrightarrow{V}^m(l)}.
\]

\[
V^m(l) = \overrightarrow{V}^m(l) |\overrightarrow{V}^m(l)|. \tag{10}
\]

\( \overrightarrow{V}^m(l) \) represents TVG, \( V^m(l) \) represents the gradient direction, and \( \varphi \) refers to the gradient function. Finally, the image was iteratively corrected according to the descending direction of the TVG:

\[
H^M_{TVM}(1) = H^{m-1}_{ART}(1) - \lambda b_A(l)V^{m-1}(l), m = m + 1. \tag{12}
\]

\( \lambda \) represents the adjustment factor and \( H^M_{TVM}(1) \) represents the corrected image. The TVG was calculated repeatedly and the corrected image was iterated until \( m = M \). The above process was the OART based on compressed sensing theory.

2.5. Evaluation Indicators of the Algorithm. The traditional ART [14] and FBP algorithm [14] were introduced in this study to compare with the OART algorithm proposed. The Dice, DF, and PSNR were selected as the indicators to evaluate the algorithm’s performance.

The Dice could judge the quality of the segmentation result according to the degree of overlap between the reconstruction result and the gold standard. The size was set to \([0,1]\). The larger the value, the better the segmentation effect. The calculation equation of Dice is shown as follows:

\[
\text{Dice} = 2 \frac{|W_1 \cap W_2|}{|W_1| + |W_2|}. \tag{13}
\]

The value range of DF was set to \([0,1]\). When the value was close to 0, it meant that the image had a strong antinoise ability, and the image had weak antinoise ability when the value was close to 1:

\[
\text{DF} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{a} \sum_{j=1}^{b} \text{udf}(i,j)}{a \times b}. \tag{14}
\]

\[
\text{udf}(i,j) = \begin{cases} 0, & U(i,j) = U^\#(i,j) \\ 1, & U(i,j) \neq U^\#(i,j) \end{cases}. \tag{15}
\]

The larger the PSNR value, the higher the quality of the reconstructed image:

\[
\text{PSNR} = 10 \log_{10} \frac{255^2 \times P \times Q}{\sum_{p=1}^{P} \sum_{q=1}^{Q} (h(p,q) - k(p,q))^2}. \tag{16}
\]

2.6. Observation Indicators. The age, gender, colorectal cancer type, colorectal cancer lesion distribution, and ultrasound imaging data of the patients were collected and recorded. The BFV and BF in arms of the patients before and after the puncture (1 day, 5 days, 10 days, and 30 days) were measured and recorded. The number of new thrombosis cases were followed-up and recorded at 1 day, 4–6 days, 10–15 days, and 25–30 days after the puncture. The incidence of catheter infection and nursing satisfaction were observed between the two groups.

2.7. Statistical Methods. The data was processed and analyzed by SPSS 19.0 version statistical software. The measurement data were displayed as mean \( \pm \) standard deviation (\( x \pm s \)), and the count data were indicated with percentage (%). The Dice, DF, PSNR, and running time of the three algorithms were compared with single-factor analysis of variance. The paired t-test was adopted to compare the BFV and BF of the patient before and after puncture. The difference was statistically significant at \( P < 0.05 \).

3. Results

3.1. Comparison of Denoising Performances of Three Algorithms. Figure 1 illustrates the comparison of Dice and DF of three algorithms, and Figure 2 shows the comparison of PSNR and running time of the three algorithms. The Dice and PSNR of the OART algorithm were obviously greater than those of the ART and FBP algorithms, showing statistical differences (\( P < 0.05 \)); the DF and running time of the OART algorithm were shorter greatly than those of the ART and FBP algorithms, with meaningful differences (\( P < 0.05 \)). In addition, it could be obtained that the Dice, DF, PSNR, and running time of the ART algorithm were not dramatically different from those of the FBP algorithm (\( P > 0.05 \)).

3.2. Descriptive Comparison of Basic Data of Patients. As revealed in Figure 3, the proportion of patients >50 years old (58.33%) was the highest, followed by the proportion of patients 30–50 years old (32.02%), and the proportion of patients <30 years old was the least (9.65%). Figure 4 discloses the proportion of patients with different types of colorectal cancers. The proportion of colonic cancer patients (67.51%) was much higher than that of rectum cancer patients (32.49%). Figure 5 shows the distribution of lesions in patients with colorectal cancer. It indicates that the proportion of patients with lesions in the left colon (56.92%) was higher than that in the right colon (43.08%).

3.3. US Manifestations of Some Patients. Figures 6 and 7 show the two-dimensional ultrasound and BF signal images of a patient (aged 54 years), respectively. Figure 6 reveals that the two-dimensional ultrasound manifested as solid echoes in the vascular lumen of varying strength, partially or
completely occupying the vascular lumen, and the probe was pressurized. Blood flow filling was defected, and only small blood flow could be found after squeezing the distal limbs. The color blood flow signal showed a continuous blood flow spectrum that did not change with breathing movement, which could be diagnosed as rectal cancer with liver metastasis.

3.4. Comparison of BFV and BF in Arm before and after Puncture. Figure 8 shows the comparison of the BFV in the arm of patients before and after the puncture. 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 represent the patient before the puncture and 1 day, 5 days, 10 days, and 30 days after the puncture, respectively. Figure 8 reveals that BFV in the arm of the patient shows a trend of a first decline and then increase over time. On the 5 days after puncture, the BFV value of the arm was significantly lower than that before puncture and 10 days and 30 days after puncture (9.45 ± 2.76 vs. 13.46 ± 4.01; 12.41 ± 3.44; 13.75 ± 3.08; P < 0.05). There was no significant difference in BFV between 1 day and 5 days after puncture (10.52 ± 3.93 vs. 9.45 ± 2.76; P > 0.05).
3.5. Occurrence of Thrombus at Different Time Points after the Puncture. Figure 10 shows the occurrence of thrombus in different periods after the puncture. S1, S2, S3, and S4 refer to 1 day, 4–6 days, 10–15 days, and 25–30 days after puncture, respectively. It was clear that the number of patients with thrombosis 4–6 days after puncture was the largest (28 cases), followed by 10–15 days (22 cases) and 1 day after puncture (19 cases), and 25–30 days after puncture showed the least number of thrombosis occurred (14 cases).

3.6. Comparison of BFV and BF of Patients with and without Thrombus. The BFV in the arm between patients with thrombosis and those without thrombosis are compared in Figure 11, which reveals that the BFV patients with thrombosis was $10.12 \pm 3.52 \text{ cm/s}$ and that of patients without thrombosis was $13.97 \pm 2.86 \text{ cm/s}$. Thus, the BFV of patients with thrombosis was visibly lower in contrast to that of patients without thrombosis, showing an observable difference ($P < 0.05$).

The BF in the arm between patients with thrombosis and those without thrombosis are compared in Figure 12, which reveals that the BF of patients with thrombosis was $7.27 \pm 2.33 \text{ mL/s}$ and that of patients without thrombosis was $9.39 \pm 2.17 \text{ mL/s}$. Thus, the BF of patients with thrombosis was visibly lower in contrast to that of patients without thrombosis, showing an observable difference ($P < 0.05$).

3.7. Infection Rate. Figure 13 shows the infection rates of the two groups of patients. In the control group, infection at the puncture site accounted for 2.7%, bleeding at puncture site 4%, and phlebitis 4%. In the experimental group, the puncture site infection was 9.3%, the puncture site bleeding was 10.7%, and phlebitis was 12%. The total infection rate of PICC in the observation group was 10.7%, which was lower than that in the control group 32.0%, $P < 0.05$, the difference was statistically significant.

3.8. Nursing Satisfaction. Figure 14 shows the nursing satisfaction of the two groups of patients. Nursing satisfaction of patients in the observation group and control group was 95.99% and 75.99%, respectively, $P < 0.05$, and the difference was statistically significant.

4. Discussion

PICC can use a catheter to puncture the peripheral arm vein to the large vein close to the heart, thereby effectively avoiding direct contact between the drug and the arm vein and reducing the drug’s irritation to the blood vessel [15, 16]. However, PICC is traumatic to patients, and adverse
complications such as phlebitis and venous thrombosis may occur. Therefore, 150 patients with colorectal cancer who underwent PICC were selected as the research objects. Firstly, the ORAT was proposed based on the compressed sensing theory, and the traditional ART and FBP algorithms were introduced for comparison. It was found that the Dice and PSNR of the OART algorithm were superior to those of the ART and FBP algorithms, and the DF was less and running time was shorter ($P < 0.05$). Such results were similar to the results of Shaw et al. [17]. The ORAT algorithm proposed showed better performance in ultrasound image reconstruction.

The ORAT algorithm was applied to the ultrasound imaging diagnosis of 150 patients with colorectal cancer undergoing PICC. It was found that the BFV and BF of the patients decreased firstly and then increased over time. This may be due to the influence of PICC on the hemodynamics of the patient, and the degree of blood stasis increased [18]. The arm BFV and BF at 5 days after puncture were the least, and they showed obviously lower values in contrast to those before puncture and 10 days and 30 days after puncture, showing visible differences ($P < 0.05$). Such results indicated that PICC had negative effects on the blood flow of the patient influences. Patients with thrombosis occurred 4–6 days after puncture in most cases (28 cases), followed by 10–15 days (22 cases) and 1 day after puncture (19 cases), and the number of patients with thrombosis occurring 25–30 days after puncture was the smallest (14 cases). It was similar to the results of Porcellini et al. [19], indicating that the median time of thrombosis in colorectal cancer patients
after PICC was about 5 days, and it could occur at 1 day–30 days after the puncture. The BFV and BF of patients with thrombosis were greatly different (much lower) from those of patients without thrombosis ($P < 0.05$), which indicated that thrombosis of patients after PICC might be related to the decrease of BFV, showing the highest probability 5 days after puncture. The thrombosis may have occurred when the BFV was around $10.12 \pm 3.52$ cm/s.

It could be seen from the research results that the infection rate of patients in the observation group was significantly lower than that in the control group in terms of the incidence of PICC catheter infection. From the aspect of nursing satisfaction, the nursing satisfaction of patients in the observation group was higher than that of patients in the control group, which was consistent with the results of similar related research and had a certain reference value.

5. Conclusion

The ORAT was proposed based on the compressed sensing theory, the traditional ART and FBP algorithms were introduced for comparison, and they were applied to ultrasound diagnosis of 150 colorectal cancer patients undergoing PICC catheterization. The results showed that the ORAT algorithm proposed had better performance than traditional algorithms in ultrasound image reconstruction; strengthening nursing intervention for chemotherapy patients with colorectal cancer undergoing PICC could effectively reduce the infection rate of PICC and improve the nursing satisfaction of patients. The median time of thrombosis in colorectal cancer patients after PICC was about 5 days, and it was related to the decrease of BFV. In addition, the thrombosis may occur when the BFV was around $10.12 \pm 3.52$ cm/s. However, the sample size of the selected patients was too small, which may have a certain impact on the study, the follow-up examination period was too short, and data on the hemodynamics of the patients after 1 month had not been collected. Therefore, the number of samples will be increased in the future to analyze the hemodynamic changes in patients with colorectal cancer. In a word, the research results of this paper confirm that ORAT algorithm has good de-mania performance in ultrasound image reconstruction, and it is used in ultrasound diagnosis of colorectal cancer patients undergoing PICC catheterization, which provides scientific theoretical support for the clinical application of PICC.

Data Availability

The data used to support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author upon request.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

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