

CASE REPORT

**Medical Education Series** 

# Management of Calcaneal Osteomyelitis with CERAMENT G and the Silo Technique

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#### PATIENT HISTORY

39 year old male patient was initially treated for left leg cellulitis. He has a background of Hypertension, Type 2 diabetes mellitus, Peripheral Neuropathy, current everyday smoker. He had been receiving outpatient treatment and antibiotic therapy for an ulcer at the plantar aspect of his left Hallux.

#### **PRESENTATION**

One week prior to presenting to the Emergency Department, he reported a dog stepped on the lateral aspect of his left foot resulting in an open lesion. On exam, there was blanchable erythema extending from the lateral forefoot to approximately the mid-calf with two hemorrhagic bulla over the lateral hindfoot and fluctuance of skin. Patient admitted to hospital and started on IV antibiotics.

#### DIAGNOSIS

Wet gangrene left lower extremity with osteomyelitis of left calcaneus.

#### **TREATMENT**

Debridement of dead bone and local delivery of CERAMENT G in drilled tunnels, using the Silo Technique, along with IV antibiotics and local wound care.

#### **CULTURE**

Group B Strep.

#### SYSTEMIC ABX

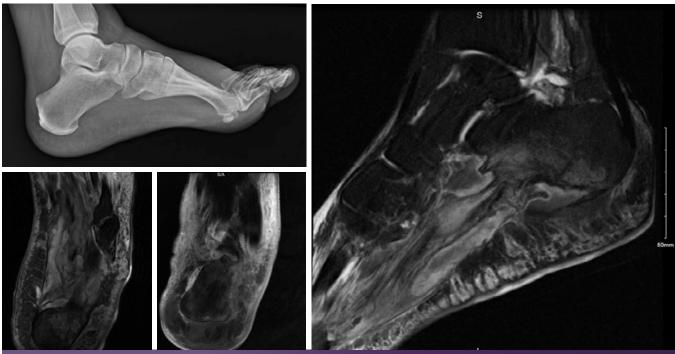
Vancomycin and Piperacillin/tazobactam -> Cefepime -> Ceftriaxone for 6 weeks.

#### **OUTCOME**

Patient has no signs of residual osteomyelitis of the calcaneus at 10 weeks. Patient's ulcerations are healed, and he is ambulating without assistance in a tennis shoe.



Pre-op clinical images



Pre-op: Radiologist MRI read: irregular serpiginous region of signal abnormality in the posterior plantar calcaneus, most consistent with osteonecrosis but cannot rule out osteomyelitis.



Intra-op: Silo drilling technique of the calcaneus for the injection of CERAMENT G for the management of osteomyelitis.



Post-op: Calcaneal Axial Radiograph at 10 weeks post-op.

#### **Advancing Osteomyelitis Management**

- Bone remodeling to promote and protect bone healing
- Local antibiotic elution that is safe, consistent and clinically significant<sup>1</sup>

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1 Stravinskas et al. 'Pharmacokinetics of gentamicin eluted from a regenerating bone graft substitute - In vitro and clinical release studies'. Bone Joint Res. 2016; 5:427–435



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