Section 3. Colombian consensus on the diagnosis and treatment of extrapulmonary aspergillosis in adult patients*

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Abstract

The clinical manifestations of Aspergillus spp. associated diseases are variable and depend on the interaction between the inoculating dose (which is not known and probably varies widely), the patient’s ability to resist infection at both local and systemic level, and the virulence of the etiologic agent. The major difficulty in establishing a clinical classification scheme lies in the existence of a broad and continuous spectrum of disease, associated with a complicated diagnosis and clinical management. An IA can present as a localized infection in one organ, or as part of a disseminated infection, which presents itself in a varied spectrum of clinical pictures. However, no clinical trials have been completed to evaluate the different specific therapeutic approaches according to the type of involvement in these patients. The most common clinical forms of invasive aspergillosis (IA) occur in the lung and paranasal sinuses, chronic pulmonary aspergillosis (CPA) can be complicated by spreading to contiguous structures such as the pleural space, pericardium, chest wall and mediastinal structures such as the esophagus and great vessels. It frequently spreads beyond the respiratory tract, and can affect the skin, CNS, eyes, liver, kidneys and other structures.

Keywords: aspergillosis; Aspergillus; guidelines; invasive aspergillosis; Aspergillus diagnosis; voriconazole; posaconazole; isavuconazole; caspofungin; micafungin; anidulafungin; amphotericin B; extra pulmonary aspergillosis; central nervous system; endocarditis; sinusitis; osteomyelitis; endophthalmitis.

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Resumen

Las manifestaciones clínicas de las enfermedades asociadas con Aspergillus spp. son variables y dependen de la interacción entre la dosis de inoculación (que se desconoce y probablemente varía ampliamente), la capacidad del paciente para resistir la infección a nivel local y sistémico, y la virulencia del agente etiológico, donde la mayor dificultad para establecer un esquema de clasificación clínica radica en la existencia de un espectro amplio y continuo de enfermedad, asociado a un diagnóstico y manejo clínico complicado. Una aspergilosis invasiva (AI) puede presentarse como una infección localizada en un órgano, o como parte de una infección diseminada, que se presentan en un variado espectro de cuadros clínicos, sin embargo, no se han completado ensayos clínicos que evalúen los diferentes abordajes terapéuticos específicos, de acuerdo al tipo de compromiso en estos pacientes. Las formas clínicas más comunes de AI tienen lugar a nivel de pulmón y en los senos paranasales, una aspergilosis pulmonar crónica (APC) puede complicarse al extenderse a estructuras contiguas como el espacio pleural, el pericardio, la pared torácica y las estructuras mediastínicas como el esófago y los grandes vasos. La capacidad de diseminación más allá del tracto respiratorio es frecuente, y puede comprometer afectar piel, SNC, órganos, riñones e otras estructuras.

Palabras clave: aspergilosis; Aspergillus; guias de práctica clínica; aspergilosis invasiva; diagnostico de Aspergillus; voriconazol; posaconazol; isavuconazol; caspofungina; micafungina; anidulafungina; anfotericin B; aspergilosis extra pulmonar; Sistema nervioso central; endocarditis; sinusitis; osteomielitis; endoftalmitis.
Introduction

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Adapted from: Andrews JC et al.
From a practical point of view, the diagnosis of extrapulmonary aspergillosis poses a number of difficulties related to the use of diagnostic tools, since the revised EORTC/MSG (European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer/Mycoses Study Group) criteria, specifically state that, in the case of suspected disease, the site from which clinical samples should be taken should be related to the region of tissue damage (defined clinically and radiologically), but that this is not feasible in many cases (e.g., CNS aspergillosis). Finally, proven disseminated aspergillosis has been defined as proven/probable IA at two noncontiguous involved sites (e.g., pulmonary and cutaneous disease), and probable disseminated aspergillosis has been defined as a proven/probable IA at one involved site, but with evidence of tissue damage at a noncontiguous (usually sterile) site, that is compatible with an IA (with evidence of invasive disease), but without diagnostic evidence for the involved site.

A detailed description of the background, methods and potential conflicts of interest can be found in the Section 1 “Colombian Consensus on the Diagnosis and Follow-Up of Invasive Aspergillosis and Aspergillus Disease in Adult and Pediatric Patients”. Summarized below are the recommendations for the diagnosis and treatment of extrapulmonary aspergillosis. To assess the quality of the evidence and the strength of the recommendations, the modified GRADE methodology was used. It assigns each recommendation with separate ratings for the underlying quality of the evidence supporting the recommendation, and for the strength with which the recommendation is made, establishing the following levels of evidence: LOW (III): results may definitely change over time; MODERATE (II): results may change over time, but will not change dramatically; HIGH (I): the likelihood that the results will change is minimal. The strength of the recommendation (STRONG OR WEAK) was evaluated taking into account the balance between benefits and risks, quality of evidence, patient values and preferences, and cost or resource utilization (Table 1).

QUESTIONS:

1. In an adult patient with sinus involvement, how is the diagnostic approach for acute/chronic invasive Aspergillus spp. sinusitis?

Recommendation

1. In an adult patient with sinus involvement, the consensus recommends performing the diagnostic approach for acute/chronic invasive Aspergillus spp. sinusitis by (a) histopathology and/or culture positive for Aspergillus spp. from sinus biopsy and/or sinus aspirate material, and/or contiguous site (e.g., orbit, brain) (b) positive PCR-DNA detection test from sinus biopsy, (c) positive Aspergillus galactomannan antigen (AGA) test from serum (x2), and (d) abnormal computed tomography (CT) findings (e.g., sinus opacifica-

tion, evidence of erosion of bone structures, and/or destruction of contiguous structures). (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-up of IA/Aspergillus Disease) (Table 2, Annex 1).

a. In an adult patient diagnosed with acute/chronic invasive Aspergillus spp. sinusitis, what is recommended in order to choose the type of drug, the dosage and the duration of antifungal treatment?

Recommendation

2. In a patient diagnosed with acute/chronic invasive Aspergillus spp. sinusitis the consensus recommends evaluating the degree of invasion and/or dissemination. (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence)

3. In an immunocompromised patient diagnosed with acute/chronic invasive Aspergillus spp. sinusitis it is recommended to initiate primary targeted antifungal therapy. (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence)

4. In a patient diagnosed with acute/chronic invasive Aspergillus spp. sinusitis it is recommended to establish antifungal treatment (e.g., voriconazole, intravenous [IV], 6 mg/kg/12h, day 1, then 4 mg/kg/12h) as the first antifungal treatment option. Therapeutic monitoring of antifungal drugs (TMD) is recommended to improve antifungal efficacy, evaluate therapeutic failure and decrease drug toxicity. (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-up of IA/Aspergillus Disease (TDM in the therapeutic management of IA/Aspergillus Disease)) (Table 3 and 4).

5. L-AmB (IV, 3–5 mg/kg/d), and ISZ (IV, 200 mg/8h, day 1-2, then 200 mg/d), are an alternative antifungal treatment in a patient diagnosed with acute/chronic invasive Aspergillus spp. sinusitis. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 4).

6. An echinocandin (IV, CAS [70 mg, day 1, then 50 mg/d], MCF [100 mg/d], LC-AmB (IV, 5 mg/kg/d), PCZ (IV, 300 mg/12h, day 1, then 300 mg/d), or ITZ (IV, 200 mg/12h, day 1-2, then 200 mg/d.) may be considered for salvage antifungal therapy in a patient diagnosed with acute/chronic invasive Aspergillus spp. sinusitis. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (II Prophylaxis, Treatment and Prevention of IA in Adult and Pediatric Patients) (approach to the therapeutic management of refractory/progressive aspergillosis) (Table 4).

7. The consensus does not recommend in a patient diagnosed with acute/chronic invasive Aspergillus spp. sinusitis the initiation of antifungal treatment by washing with topical AmB solutions. (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence)

8. It is considered that in a patient diagnosed with acute/chronic invasive Aspergillus spp. sinusitis, the duration of antifungal treatment should be established on an individual basis, and should last a minimum of 6-8 weeks. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence).
Imaging findings

It is an invasive disease that mainly affects the large airways, with the presence of a fungus ball composed of cheesy and friable material, associated with a mixed cellular infiltrate, inflammatory necrosis and invasion of contiguous structures, such as the skull base, orbit and brain. With the progression of infection there may be adjacent cerebritis, granulomas and brain abscess formation. Intracranial granulomas are hypointense in T1 and T2, with minimal enhancement in the contrasted T1 sequence.

Table 2. Pathological and imaging findings in diseases caused by Aspergillus spp.

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<td>Imaging findings depend on the patient’s characteristics, and a wide variety of nonspecific radiographic patterns may be present. X-ray may show peripheral opacities (ill-defined, 1-3 cm, gradually merging into larger opacities) with or without cavitation. The opacities may increase in size and become necrotic in their central part, which reduces their density and favors air trapping, producing the “air-crescent sign”; such cavitation occurs after neutrophil recovery, which is a sign of good prognosis. An early but non-specific finding on CT is the presence of nodular opacities with a ground-glass border “halo sign” (reflecting hemorrhage and edema surrounding the lesion), also the presence of peripheral opacities by complete alveolar occupation, wedge-shaped with a base towards the pleura which, in the appropriate clinical setting, are highly suggestive of angioinvasive aspergillosis. On multislice CT, a budding tree pattern can be seen. Pleural effusion and mediastinal adenopathies are rare. Invasion of the chest wall or mediastinal pleura may occur.</td>
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<td>Evidence of tissue plane disruption and vascular invasion by adhesion of surface components of fungal structures (including vascular wall components, basement membrane, extracellular matrix, and cellular constituents), associated with coagulative necrosis and hemorrhagic infarction. Fungal lesion (or fungal sequestration) and areas of distal wedge-shaped pulmonary infarction are manifestations of angioinvasion.</td>
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<td>IPA (non-angioinvasive)</td>
<td>Almost any radiologic pattern may be present. Nonspecific abnormalities may be evident, including airspace disease, single or multiple nodular infiltrates (with or without halo sign), segmental or subsegmental consolidation, diffuse ground-glass opacities or cavitation. CT allows a better definition of halo and crescent signs.</td>
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<td>There is no evidence of vascular invasion by the fungal structures, with the presence of a pyogranulomatous inflammatory infiltrate, inflammatory necrosis or cavitation (occasionally a mixed histologic picture may be observed).</td>
<td>Generally, imaging findings are normal, although X-ray and CT scan may show airway wall thickening, presence of patchy opacities or centrolobular nodules, atelectasis and/or lobar collapse.</td>
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<td>ABI</td>
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<td>There is evidence of sinus opacification with one or more oval or rounded soft tissue dense images, called foreign bodies, concretions or antroliths, found centrally or towards the orifice of the antrum, without evidence of tissue invasion; there may be thickening or sclerosis of the sinus wall due to pressure, which may lead to necrosis.</td>
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<td>Native valve endocarditis</td>
<td>Presence of large friable vegetations, mural vegetations, extension to paravalvular structure and development of pancarditis. Embolic events in the main vessels, such as the aorta, iliac and femoral arteries, are characteristic.</td>
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<td>Endocarditis may be occult or manifest as valvular vegetations on images. Right-sided vegetations on the tricuspid or pulmonary valves may indicate a venous source of the infection, which can cause pulmonary septic embolism. Vegetations on the mitral and aortic valves are symptomatic and can cause downstream arterial embolic effects such as stroke or visceral infarction. Despite their larger size (compared to that of bacterial origin), these vegetations are difficult to visualize at CT and MR imaging, unless gated cardiac examinations are performed, which improves the anatomical resolution of the images displayed in 4 Ch, 3 Ch and 2 Ch cine sequences. Approximately 78% of patients with Aspergillus endocarditis have demonstrable vegetations on transthoracic echocardiography.</td>
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<td>Prosthetic valve endocarditis</td>
<td>Probably associated with direct inoculation of fungal elements during surgery, or by seeding of the endocardium from the lungs in the perioperative period. There is evidence of vegetation causing prosthetic malfunction and valvular dehiscence.</td>
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<td>Pericardial aspergillosis</td>
<td>It may arise by contiguous dissemination from the pleura or myocardium. There is evidence of fibrous or exudative pericarditis, or contiguous IPA, or myocardial aspergillosis. Postmortem findings demonstrate patchy, diffuse pericarditis, or the presence of multiple raised nodules or plaques on one or both pericardial surfaces.</td>
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<td>Pericardial aspergillosis is not a frequent ante mortem diagnosis, but should be suspected when a patient with IPA develops pericardial effusion (suspected clinically or seen on imaging), or there is other evidence of pericardial disease. There is echocardiographic evidence of pericardial disease, including pericardial effusion and signs of pericardial tamponade, with a widened cardiac silhouette on chest X-ray.</td>
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<td>Cerebrovascular aspergillosis</td>
<td>Evidence of vessel invasion by scarce hyphal elements, cerebral infarction in vascular territory, necrosis and hemorrhagic transformation with little inflammatory response, without evidence of abscess or granuloma formation, and with contiguous involvement of the meninges.</td>
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<td>The radiologic appearance is non-specific, and may be normal or near normal in the early stages of infection. CT and MRI features in a specific clinical setting may support the diagnosis. Imaging features include intraparenchymal and extraparenchymal (skull base) lesions with perilesional edema, basal meningeal enhancement, hydrocephalus and infarcts, with or without hemorrhage. In addition, imaging may provide evidence of concomitant pulmonary, sinus, orbital or mastoid involvement. Massive lesions may have a homogeneous enhancement (granuloma) or a peripheral ring (abcess). The presence of lesions at the base of the skull, with homogeneous enhancement associated with intrasinus, orbital or mastoid lesions, suggest the diagnostic possibility of Aspergillus infection.</td>
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<td>Brain abscess</td>
<td>It may be the result of hematogenous seeding in the context of significant immunologic impairment. There is evidence of abscess formation, consisting of an area of central liquefactive necrosis with evidence of abscess or granuloma formation, and with contiguous involvement of the meninges.</td>
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<td>CT or MRI shows single or multiple space-occupying lesions showing ring enhancement, mass effect or cerebral edema.</td>
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<td>Brain granuloma</td>
<td>There is evidence of a firm, rubbery or gritty mass, without suppuration, with florid granulomatous inflammation and fibrous tissue interspersed with hyphal elements.</td>
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<td>CT shows a space-occupying lesion. The MRI characteristic of Aspergillus granulomas, shows to be extremely hypointense on T2, and hypointense or isointense on T1.</td>
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<td>Fungal cerebral aneurysm</td>
<td>There is evidence of aneurysm formation in the intracranial artery, and invasion of the vessel wall by hyphal elements. The aneurysm may rupture or leak, which usually manifests as hemorrhage into the subarachnoid space.</td>
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<td>In catheter angiographies and CT and MRI angiographies, aneurysms are usually fusiform, most often involving the proximal vasculature, such as internal carotid arteries and vessels forming the polygon of Willis. Intracranial hemorrhage may be a complication of vasculitis or fungal aneurysm formation, which appears hyperdense on non-contrast CT.</td>
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<td>Meningitis</td>
<td>Presence of a thick grayish-white membrane covering the brain, in cases of dissemination from sinuses; or of focal and contiguous meningitis in cases of cerebrovascular aspergillosis, with the formation of a cerebral abscess, meninges infiltrated by hyphal elements and inflammatory infiltrate. CSF shows neutrophil pleocytosis, elevated protein and low to normal glucose.</td>
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<td>Radiologic abnormalities within the meninges are usually absent. MRI shows thick meningeal enhancement on T1-weighted images, particularly at the skull base. The presence of leptomeningeal enhancement is nonspecific, but nodularity may be more specific of a fungal infection.</td>
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### Ocular aspergillosis

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<td>There is evidence of hyphal elements within the retinal and subretinal structures, with chorioretinal abscess formation, secondary vitritis, thrombosis and retinal vessel rupture, with retinal detachment. A fundus examination shows white, spongy preretinal lesions with deep creamy-white retinal lesions and intraocular hemorrhages, with large wedge-shaped quadrants of pigmentated and scarred chorioretinal atrophy.</td>
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<td>A fluorescein angiogram shows hyperfluorescence of the preretal granuloma and surrounding deep retinal lesions, with staining of the chorioretinal scars, focal vasculitis and leakage of the involved vessels. Ocular ultrasound shows dense opacities in the vitreous chamber for vitritis, thickening of the retinochoroidal layer due to subretinal exudative lesions, pre and intraocular hemorrhages, preretinal layering of exudates that lead to epiretinal membranes and retinal detachment.</td>
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<td>Exogenous endophthalmitis</td>
<td>It is due to direct inoculation of viable organisms, which may be accidental or iatrogenic, after penetrating ocular wounds or cataract surgery. Ocular abnormalities are not necessarily limited to the posterior globe.</td>
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Infiltration of the sclera by hyphal elements is more common in situations in which the integrity of the cornea is altered, such as surgery, trauma or use of contact lenses. It presents with stromal infiltrate, stromal abscess formation, invasion by hyphal elements and coagulative necrosis.

Diagnostic imaging is not usually performed.

Keratitis

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<td>Primary cutaneous aspergillosis</td>
<td>There is evidence of significant local tissue destruction, spread to contiguous structures and disseminated infection, where it may be difficult to determine whether hyphal elements are found on the surface, or involve deeper structures. Diagnostic imaging is not usually performed. Diagnosis is made by histopathology and culture.</td>
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<td>Secondary cutaneous aspergillosis</td>
<td>There is evidence that cutaneous involvement is due to hematogenous seeding. Diagnostic imaging is not usually performed. Diagnosis is made by histopathology and culture.</td>
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### Osteoarticular aspergillosis

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<td>Osteomyelitis</td>
<td>It can occur by direct traumatic or iatrogenic inoculation, dissemination from contiguous structures or hematogenous seeding. Fungal lesions can be seen on simple X-ray, CT and MRI, and may be helpful in stratifying and guiding needle biopsy of the lesion. The imaging features of infections are often nonspecific and difficult to differentiate from findings due to pyogenic infections or other causes of inflammatory arthropathy. CT findings include bone destruction, mixed lytic and sclerotic foci, cortical thickening and joint space narrowing.</td>
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<td>Septic arthritis</td>
<td>It may be the result of hematogenous seeding, or direct inoculation after joint instrumentation. CT and MRI findings are nonspecific. The most common findings are bone erosion, joint space narrowing, synovitis and joint effusions.</td>
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### Renal aspergillosis

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<td>Renal aspergillosis</td>
<td>This entity is the result of hematogenous seeding, and is usually an incidental finding in the context of disseminated disease. Several different pathological processes are observed, ranging from vascular involvement with tissue infarction to renal abscess formation. Involvement of the renal vasculature results in multiple areas of renal infarction and ischemic and papillary necrosis. The renal vein may also be involved with complications including renal vein thrombosis and renal infarction. CT reveals typically heterogeneous focal abscesses; these appear as hypodense collections, which replace the renal parenchyma, with or without associated hydrocephalus. Advanced infection can lead to renal infarction and necrosis, which appears on contrast-enhanced MRI and on CT as a hypointense image, rarely progressing to emphysematous pyelonephritis.</td>
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<td>Renal aspergilloma</td>
<td>Similar to formation of aspergillosomas of pulmonary or sinus origin; the renal pelvis is the most common site of involvement. Aspergilloma is composed of gray or brown cheesy material that completely fills and occludes the pelvis and other components of the collecting system. The renal parenchyma is not involved, although there may be an ascending infection. The presence of an aspergilloma occupying the renal collecting system, appearing as a heterogeneous hypoechoic mass within the dilated calyces, can be seen by ultrasound. On CT they appear as soft tissue dense masses within the collecting system. MRI often shows isointense masses on T1 and hyperintense on T2. They may cause local vascular inflammation resulting in thrombosis. More indolent chronic infections may cause parenchymal calcifications.</td>
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### Gastrointestinal aspergillosis

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<td>Intestinal aspergillosis</td>
<td>An upper and lower intestinal aspergillosis arises from hematogenous seeding, and occurs as part of a disseminated infection. Focal areas of ulceration with variable depth and abscess formation are observed. Infiltration of hyphal elements in the intestinal wall, arteritis and thrombus formation within intramural vessels are seen. Imaging findings of abdominal infections are variable and include nonspecific lesions, organomegaly and lymphadenopathy. Intestinal aspergillosis can manifest itself in a variety of ways, with intestinal obstruction, perforation or toxic megacolon, as a result of ischemia or tissue infarction.</td>
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<td>Various gastrointestinal syndromes</td>
<td>Several rare syndromes are related to Aspergillus infection: stomatitis (with purplish discoloration of the gingiva, necrotic ulceration with an overlying gray membrane, and subsequent invasion of the alveolar bone), hepatosplenic disease (with formation of a hepatosplenic abscess) and periortitis secondary to chronic ambulatory peritonitis. CT shows a wide range of findings; the angiioinvasive characteristic of Aspergillus can help predict its diagnosis. Fungal vascular invasion can cause vascular thrombosis, occlusion or pseudoaneurysm with or without rupture, ischemic or hemorrhagic tissue necrosis.</td>
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IPA: Invasive pulmonary aspergillosis; IBA: Invasive bronchial aspergillosis; CT: Computed tomography; MRI: Magnetic resonance imaging; HSCT: Hematopoietic stem-cell transplantation; GVHD: Graft-versus-host disease; HIV: human immunodeficiency virus; CGD: Chronic granulomatous disease; SOT: Solid organ transplant; CNS: Central nervous system; CSF: Cerebrospinal fluid.

Adapted from: Gregg KS et al. (11), Hope WW et al. (49), Orlowski HL et al. (69), Murthy JM et al. (90), Spadea L et al. (91), Bariteau JT et al. (106), Yeom SK et al. (111), Aribandi M et al. (154), Chong S et al. (155), Hage CA et al. (156), Payne SJ et al. (157).
b. In an adult patient diagnosed with acute/chronic invasive *Aspergillus* spp. sinusitis, what is the role of the surgical procedure?

**Recommendation**

9. In a patient diagnosed with acute/chronic invasive *Aspergillus* spp. sinusitis with parasal sinus involvement and no mucosal involvement, the consensus recommends careful surgical evaluation and consideration of surgical debridement. *(strong recommendation, high-quality evidence)*.

10. In a patient diagnosed with acute/chronic invasive *Aspergillus* spp. sinusitis with parasal sinus involvement and with mucosal invasion or sphenoidal involvement, the consensus recommends initiating primary targeted antifungal therapy associated with adjunctive surgical management with surgical debridement. *(strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (Table 5)*.

2. In an adult patient with cardiovascular involvement, how is the diagnostic approach for endocarditis or pericarditis due to *Aspergillus* spp. performed?

**Recommendation**

11. In a patient with cardiovascular involvement, the consensus recommends a diagnostic approach for native valve endocarditis due to *Aspergillus* spp. by: (a) histopathology and/or culture positive for *Aspergillus* spp. from retrieved embolus and/or resected valve, (b) positive PCR test from blood or from retrieved embolus and/or resected valve, (c) positive AGA test from serum (x2), and (d) echocardiographic evidence of endocardial abnormalities. *(strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-up of IA/Aspergillus Disease) (Table 2, Annex 1)*.

12. In a patient with cardiovascular involvement, the consensus recommends a diagnostic approach for prosthetic valve endocarditis by: (a) histopathology and/or culture positive for *Aspergillus* spp. from retrieved embolus and/or resected valve, (b) positive PCR test from blood, retrieved embolus and/or resected valve, (c) positive AGA test from serum (x2), and (d) echocardiographic evidence of abnormalities (e.g., prosthetic valve malfunction, paravalvular leak, paravalvular collection, or vegetations larger than 10 mm). *(strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-up of IA/Aspergillus Disease) (Table 2, Annex 1)*.

13. In a patient with cardiovascular involvement, the consensus recommends a diagnostic approach for pericarditis by: (a) histopathology and/or culture positive for *Aspergillus* spp. from biopsy and/or pericardial aspiration, (b) positive PCR test from blood and/or pericardial fluid, (c) positive AGA test from serum (x2) and/or pericardial fluid (x1), and (d) echocardiographic evidence of pericardial disease, (e.g., pericardial effusion, signs of pericardial tamponade, widened cardiac silhouette (on chest X-ray)). *(strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-up of IA/Aspergillus Disease) (Table 2, Annex 1)*.

a. In an adult patient diagnosed with *Aspergillus* spp. endocarditis or pericarditis, what is recommended in choosing the type of drug, dosage, and duration of antifungal treatment?

**Recommendation**

14. In a patient diagnosed with native/prosthetic valve endocarditis due to *Aspergillus* spp. the consensus recommends multidisciplinary medical-surgical therapeutic management. Early surgical management (valve replacement, abscess drainage, endocardial lesions) with aggressive surgical debridement is considered. *(strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 5)*.

15. In a patient diagnosed with *Aspergillus* spp. pericarditis, initiation of targeted antifungal treatment associated with complementary management with pericardiocentesis is recommended. *(strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 5)*.

16. In a patient diagnosed with *Aspergillus* spp. endocarditis/pericarditis, the consensus recommends VCZ (IV, 6 mg/kg/12h, day 1, then 4 mg/kg/12h) as the first antifungal treatment option. TDM is recommended to improve antifungal efficacy, evaluate therapeutic failure and reduce drug toxicity. *(strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-Up of IA/Aspergillus Disease [TDM in the therapeutic management of an IA/Aspergillus disease]) (Tables 3 and 4)*.

17. L-AmB (IV, 3-5 mg/kg/d) or ISZ (IV, 200 mg/8h, day 1-2, then 200 mg/d) are an alternative for antifungal treatment in a patient diagnosed with *Aspergillus* spp. endocarditis/pericarditis. *(strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 4)*.

18. An echinocandin (IV, CAS [70 mg, day 1, then 50 mg/d], MCF [100 mg/d]), LC-AmB (IV, 5 mg/kg/d), PCZ (IV, 300 mg/12h, day 1, then 300 mg/d), or ITZ (IV, 200 mg/12h, day 1-2, then 200 mg/d) may be considered for salvage antifungal therapy in a patient diagnosed with *Aspergillus* spp. endocarditis/pericarditis. *(strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (II Prophylaxis, Treatment and Prevention of IA in Adult and Pediatric Patients [approach to the management of refractory or progressive aspergillosis]) (Table 4)*.

19. In a patient diagnosed with *Aspergillus* spp. endocarditis/pericarditis, L-AmB (IV, 3-5 mg/kg/d) and VCZ (IV, 6 mg/kg/12h, day 1, then 4 mg/kg/12h) may be considered as an option for combination antifungal therapy. *(strong recommendation, low-quality evidence) (II Prophylaxis, Treatment and Prevention of IA in Adult and Pediatric Patients [combined antifungal treatment according to the at-risk population]) (Annex 2)*.

20. It is considered that in a patient diagnosed with *Aspergillus* spp. endocarditis/pericarditis, the duration of antifungal therapy should be established on an individual basis, and lifelong suppressive antifungal therapy should be considered. *(weak recommendation, low-quality evidence)*.
3. In an adult patient with CNS involvement, how is the diagnostic approach for CNS (brain, spinal cord and/or meninges) aspergillosis performed?

**Recommendation**

21. **In a patient with CNS involvement, the consensus recommends making the diagnostic approach for cerebrovascular aspergillosis by: (a) histopathology and/or culture positive for Aspergillus spp. from biopsy and/or from brain aspirate, and/or from contiguous site (e.g., paranasal sinus), (b) positive PCR test from cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) and/or from biopsy and/or brain aspirate, (c) positive AGA test from serum (x2) and/or CSF (x1), and (d) abnormal CT findings (e.g., one or more non-enhancing hypodense regions consistent with cerebral infarction, and/or hyperdense regions consistent with hemorrhage or hemorrhagic transformation).** *(strong recommendation, high-quality evidence)* *(I Diagnosis and Follow-Up of IA/Aspergillus Disease) (Table 2, Annex 1)*

22. **In a patient with CNS involvement, the consensus recommends making the diagnostic approach for an Aspergillus spp. brain abscess by: (a) histopathology and/or culture positive for Aspergillus spp. from abscess biopsy and/or aspirate, and/or from contiguous site (e.g., paranasal sinus), (b) positive PCR test from CSF or brain biopsy and/or aspirate, (c) positive AGA test from...
serum (x2) and/or CSF (x1), and (d) abnormal findings on contrast-enhanced magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) (e.g., evidence of single or multiple space-occupying lesions showing ring enhancement, mass effect and/or cerebral edema). (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-Up of IA/Aspergillus Disease) (Table 2, Annex 1)45,49,58,60,65–73,86.

23. In a patient with CNS involvement, the consensus recommends making the diagnostic approach for Aspergillus spp. meningoencephalitis by: (a) histopathology and/or culture positive for Aspergillus spp. from meningeal biopsy and/or CSF and/or contiguous site (e.g., paranasal sinus), (b) positive PCR test from CSF and/or blood, and (c) positive AGA test from serum (x2) and/or CSF (x1). (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-Up of IA/Aspergillus Disease) (Table 2, Annex 1)45,49,58,60,65–73,86.

a. In an adult patient diagnosed with CNS (brain, spinal cord and/or meninges) aspergillosis, what is recommended in choosing the type of drug, dosage and duration of antifungal therapy?

Recommendation

24. In a patient diagnosed with CNS aspergillosis (brain, spinal cord and/or meninges), the consensus recommends VCZ (IV, 6 mg/kg/12h, day 1, then 4 mg/kg/12h) as the first antifungal treatment option. TDM is recommended to improve antifungal efficacy, evaluate therapeutic failure and reduce drug toxicity. (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-Up of IA/Aspergillus Disease [TDM in the therapeutic management of an IA/Aspergillus disease]) (Tables 3 and 4)45,49,58,60,75,76.

25. High-dose L-AmB (IV, 10 mg/kg/d), or ISZ (IV, 200 mg/8h, day 1–2, then 200 mg/d) is an alternative for antifungal treatment in a patient diagnosed with CNS aspergillosis (brain, spinal cord and/or meninges), when there is a risk of: (a) hepatotoxicity due to VCZ use, (b) drug interactions, (c) intolerance to azole treatment. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 4)1,2,17,76–79.

26. LC-AmB (IV, 5 mg/kg/d), PCZ (IV, 300 mg/12h, day 1, then 300 mg/d), or ITZ (IV, 200 mg/12h, day 1–2, then 200 mg/d) may be considered for salvage antifungal therapy in a patient diagnosed with CNS (brain, spinal cord and/or meninges) aspergillosis. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (II Prophylaxis, Treatment and Prevention of IA in Adult and Pediatric Patients [approach to the management of refractory or progressive aspergillosis]) (Table 4)1,2,17,76–80,85.

27. In a patient diagnosed with CNS aspergillosis (brain, spinal cord and/or meninges) with evidence of single lesions, the consensus recommends that, if feasible, adjunctive surgical management with surgical debridement be performed. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 5)1,2,17,76.

28. In a patient diagnosed with CNS aspergillosis (brain, spinal cord and/or meninges), a surgical approach is recommended according to the size of the lesion, its location and characteristics, and/or the impact on intracranial pressure and visual acuity. Surgical options considered are: (a) surgical decompression, (b) stereotactic drainage, (c) external ventricular drain (EVD) catheter placement, and (d) hemicraniectomy. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 5)1,76.

29. In a patient diagnosed with CNS (brain, spinal cord and/or meninges) aspergillosis, the consensus does not recommend initiating antifungal combination therapy. (weak recommendation, low-quality evidence)1,76.

30. In a patient diagnosed with CNS (brain, spinal cord and/or meninges) aspergillosis, the consensus does not recommend initiating intrathecal or intravasional antifungal therapy and/or administration of corticosteroid therapy. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 5)1,76.

31. It is considered that in a patient diagnosed with CNS (brain, spinal cord and/or meninges) aspergillosis, the duration of antifungal treatment should be established on an individual basis, and should last a minimum of 12 months. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence)1,2,17,76,90.

4. In an adult patient with ocular involvement, how is the diagnostic approach for endogenous/exogenous Aspergillus spp. endophthalmitis performed?

Recommendation

32. In a patient with ocular involvement, the consensus recommends making the diagnostic approach for endogenous/exogenous Aspergillus spp. endophthalmitis by (a) histopathology and/or culture positive for Aspergillus spp. from aqueous humor and vitreous humor specimen, (b) positive PCR test from aqueous humor and vitreous humor specimen, and (c) ocular ultrasound evidence of abnormalities. (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-Up of IA/Aspergillus Disease) (Table 2, Annex 1)45,49,66–69.

a. In an adult patient diagnosed with endogenous/exogenous Aspergillus spp. endophthalmitis, what is recommended for choosing the type of drug, dosage and duration of antifungal treatment?

Recommendation

33. In a patient diagnosed with endogenous/exogenous Aspergillus spp. endophthalmitis, the consensus recommends as a first choice of antifungal treatment to use IV. (6 mg/kg/12h, day 1, then 4 mg/kg/12h) or orally (PO.) VCZ (> 40 kg, 400 mg/12h, day 1, then 200 mg/12h). (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (Table 4)1,75,91–95.

34. VCZ (100 µg/0.1ml) and D-AmB (5–10 µg) for intravitreal use, alone or in combination with VCZ, IV. or PO., are an alternative for antifungal treatment in a patient diagnosed with endogenous/exogenous Aspergillus spp. endophthalmitis. (strong recommendation, low-quality evidence)1,87–89,91–94.
35. ISZ (IV, 200 mg/8h, day 1-2, then 200 mg/d) or L-AmB (IV, 3-5 mg/kg/d) are an alternative for antifungal treatment in a patient diagnosed with endogenous/exogenous Aspergillus spp. endophthalmitis (strong recommendation, low-quality evidence) (Table 4)\(^3,76-79\).

36. PCZ (IV, 300 mg/12h, day 1, then 300 mg/d) or ITZ (IV, 200 mg/12h, day 1-2, then 200 mg/d), may be considered for salvage antifungal therapy in a patient diagnosed with endogenous/exogenous Aspergillus spp. endophthalmitis. (strong recommendation, low-quality evidence) (Il Prophylaxis, Treatment and Prevention of IA in Adult and Pediatric Patients [approach to the therapeutic management of refractory/progressive aspergillosis]) (Table 4)\(^3,80-82,84,85,91\).

37. In a patient diagnosed with endogenous/exogenous endophthalmitis due to Aspergillus spp. the consensus recommends multidisciplinary medical-surgical management and close consultation with ophthalmology. In case of clinical suspicion of an IFI/IA, early initiation of antifungal treatment associated with vitrectomy is considered. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 5)\(^3,91\).

38. It is considered that in a patient diagnosed with endogenous/exogenous Aspergillus spp. endophthalmitis, the duration of systemic and/or intravitreal antifungal treatment should be established on an individual basis, and should last a minimum of 4-6 weeks. (strong recommendation, low-quality evidence)\(^3,91\).

5. In an adult patient with ocular involvement, how is the diagnostic approach for Aspergillus spp. keratitis performed?

**Recommendation**

39. In a patient with ocular involvement, the consensus recommends a diagnostic approach for Aspergillus spp. keratitis by: (a) positive culture for Aspergillus spp. from corneal specimen. (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-Up of IA/Aspergillus Disease) (Table 2)\(^45,49,66,68\).

   a. In an adult patient diagnosed with Aspergillus spp. keratitis, what is recommended in choosing the type of drug, dosage, and duration of antifungal treatment?

**Recommendation**

40. In a patient diagnosed with Aspergillus spp. keratitis, the consensus recommends 5% natamycin ophthalmic suspension as the first antifungal treatment option. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 4)\(^3,97\).

41. VCZ (1-2%) or AmB (0.15-0.3%) topically are an alternative for antifungal treatment in a patient diagnosed with Aspergillus spp. keratitis. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 4)\(^3,98-102\).

42. In a patient diagnosed with Aspergillus spp. keratitis presenting with giant ulcers in the anterior chamber or hydrops, the consensus recommends using IV. VCZ (400 mg/d) as adjuvant antifungal therapy. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence)\(^3,97\).

43. In a patient diagnosed with Aspergillus spp. keratitis who does not respond to topical antifungal treatment, the consensus recommends penetrating keratoplasty. (weak recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 5)\(^3,97\).

44. It is considered that in a patient diagnosed with Aspergillus spp. keratitis, the duration of systemic and/or intravitreal antifungal treatment should be established on an individual basis, and should last a minimum of 3-4 weeks. (strong recommendation, low-quality evidence)\(^3,97\).

6. In an adult patient with otic involvement, how is the diagnostic approach for Aspergillus spp. external otitis performed?

**Recommendation**

45. In a patient with otic involvement, the consensus recommends a diagnostic approach for Aspergillus spp. external otitis by: (a) direct microscopy positive for Aspergillus spp. from a specimen of the external auditory canal. (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-Up of IA/Aspergillus Disease)\(^49,66\).

   a. In an adult patient diagnosed with Aspergillus spp. external otitis, what is the recommendation for choosing the type of drug, dosage and duration of antifungal treatment?

**Recommendation**

46. In an immunocompetent patient diagnosed with non-invasive Aspergillus spp. external otitis, the consensus recommends a complete mechanical cleaning of the external auditory canal and initiation of treatment with boric acid or a topical antifungal agent. It is not recommended to use potentially ototoxic drugs, creams, gels or ointments in a patient with a perforated tympanic membrane. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence)\(^3\).

47. The consensus considers that in an immunocompromised patient diagnosed with Aspergillus spp. external otitis, the infection may be associated with bacterial otitis, and may extend and involve deeper structures (e.g., mastoids). (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence)\(^3,102-105\).

48. The consensus considers that in an immunocompromised patient diagnosed with invasive Aspergillus spp. external otitis, it may be necessary to initiate a prolonged course of targeted antifungal therapy with: (a) VCZ (IV, 6 mg/kg/12h, day 1, then 4 mg/kg/12h), (b) ISZ (IV, 200 mg/8h, day 1-2, then 200 mg/d), (c) PCZ (IV, 300 mg/12h, day 1, then 300 mg/d), or (d) L-AmB (IV, 3-5 mg/kg/d). (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence)\(^3,97-100,103-105\).
Table 4. Systemic antifungal agents for treatment of IA. ADME, Doses.

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<td>It has little CNS penetration.</td>
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<td>Degradation in tissue.</td>
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<td>Renal (&lt;10% unmodified); Biliary (15%)</td>
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**Adjustment**
- Kidney failure: no changes, no dose adjustment required. On HD or CAPD it dialyzes <5%.
- Liver failure: no changes, no dose adjustment required.

**Pregnancy**
- It can be used in cases of strict necessity.

**Lactation**
- Contraindicated

**Formulations**
- D-AmB
- L-AmB
- LC-AmB

**Dosage for adults**
- IV. 0.4-1 mg/kg/d
- IV. 3-5 mg/kg/d
- IV. 3-5 mg/kg/d

**Dosage for children**
- IV. 0.4-1 mg/kg/d
- IV. 3-5 mg/kg/d
- IV. 3-5 mg/kg/d

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<td>Widespread, although it decreases in CNS.</td>
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<td>Hepatic and spontaneous chemical degradation.</td>
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<td>Renal (41% inactive metabolites); Fecal (35% inactive metabolites).</td>
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**Adjustment**
- Kidney failure: No changes. On HD: does not dialyze.
- Liver failure: *Child-Pugh* A: no changes, no dose adjustment required, *Child-Pugh* B: 70 mg 1st d, then 35 mg/d, *Child-Pugh* C: no studies available in this population.

**Pregnancy**
- Avoid it if there is an alternative.

**Lactation**
- Should be avoided.

**Dosage for adults**
- IV. 70 mg 1st dose, then 50 mg/d (70 mg/d if >80 kg); perfuse the doses in 60 min.

**Dosage for children**
- IV. <3 months of age, 25 mg/m²/d, one dose.
- > 3 months 70 mg/m², then 50 mg/m²/d, one dose, not to exceed the adult dose.

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**Adjustment**
- Liver failure: *Child-Pugh* A: no changes, no dose adjustment required.

**Pregnancy**
- Avoid it if there is an alternative.

**Lactation**
- Should be avoided.

**Dosage for adults**
- IV. 200 mg 1st dose (in 3h), then 100 mg/d (in 1.5h).

**Dosage for children**
- IV. 3 mg/kg 1st dose, then 1.5 mg/kg/d.

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**Adjustment**
- Kidney failure: No changes. On HD: does not dialyze.
- Liver failure: *Child-Pugh* A and B: no changes, no dose adjustment required, *Child-Pugh* C: no data.

**Pregnancy**
- Avoid it if there is an alternative.

**Lactation**
- Should be avoided.

**Dosage for adults**
- IV. 100-150 mg/d (in perfusion for 1 h).

**Dosage for children**
- Newborn: 4 to 10 mg/kg/d in one dose.
- > 4 months: 70 mg/m², then 50 mg/m²/d, one dose, not to exceed the adult dose.

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<td>Very wide. High CNS penetration</td>
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<td>M</td>
<td>Hepatic, [10% (CYP34A4)].</td>
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<td>E</td>
<td>Renal [70-80% (glomerular filtration and tubular reabsorption)].</td>
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**Adjustment**
- Kidney failure: GF > 50: 100-400 mg/kg/d; GF 50-10: 50% of dose; GF <10: 50% of dose. In HD, it dialyzes 50%.
- Liver failure: *Child-Pugh* A: no dose adjustment required. *Child-Pugh* B, *Child-Pugh* C: use it as a last option, monitor liver function and assess dosage adjustment.

**Pregnancy**
- Avoid it if there is an alternative.

**Lactation**
- It can be used.

**Dosage for adults**
- PO 50-800 mg/d; IV: 50-800 mg/d.
- Requires loading dose in severe shock/sepsis: 800 mg (12 mg/kg).

**Dosage for children**
- > 1 year, 3-12 mg/kg/d; neonates 6-12 mg/kg/d.
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**AZOLES**

**ITRACONAZOLE**

- **A** IV and PO.
- **D** Low. Does not penetrate CNS.
- **M** Hepatic, extensive via CYP34A4, CYP3A5, hydroxy-itraconazole metabolite (fluconazole-like activity).
- **E** Renal (<1% unmodified, 40% metabolites); Biliary (55% metabolites).

**Adjustment**

**Kidney failure:** IV formulation contains cyclodextrin, which accumulates in kidney failure (not >2 weeks). GF >10: no changes IV formulation should not be used if GF <30, use oral formulation, 50–100 mg/d; GF <10: 50% of PO formulation. On HD: it dialyzes <5%; 100 mg/12–24h PO formulation; In CAPD it dialyzes <5%, 100 mg/12–24h PO formulation; In CRRT: 100–200 mg/12–24h of PO formulation.

**Liver failure:** there are few data available for PO use. Caution should be exercised when administering it, and should be monitored in patients with hepatic dysfunction. In patients with increased liver enzymes or active liver disease, or in those who have experienced liver toxicity with other drugs, do not administer unless the expected benefits outweigh the risk of liver injury.

**Pregnancy** Avoid it if there is an alternative.

**Lactation** Should be avoided.

**Dosage for children**
- >5 years, 2.5 mg/kg/12h.

**VORICONAZOLE**

- **A** IV and PO (high).
- **D** Very wide. High CNS penetration
- **M** Hepatic. They are P-450 inhibitors. IV. CYP2C19, CYP3A4, CYP2C9; P.O. CYP3A4
- **E** Renal (85% inactive metabolites, 2% unmodified); Fecal (20% inactive metabolites).

**Adjustment**

**Kidney failure:** PO, no changes.

With IV use, the diluent (cyclodextrin) may accumulate; GF >50: 4 mg/kg/12h; GF 10-50: Do not use the IV formulation; GF <50 (accumulation of cyclodextrin with IV formulation), use the PO formulation 200 mg/12h; GF <10: use the PO formulation 200 mg/12h. On HD: does not dialyze, use the PO formulation 200 mg/12h; CAPD: does not dialyze, use the PO formulation 200 mg/12h; CRRT: use the PO formulation: 200 mg/12h.

**Liver failure:** IV: Child-Pugh A and B: 6 mg/kg/12h for 2 doses, then 2 mg/kg/12h (50% dose reduction). PO: Child-Pugh A and B: 400 mg/kg/12h for 2 doses (>40 kg weight), then 100 mg/12h (50% dose reduction). Child-Pugh C: avoid it, no studies are available in this population.

**Pregnancy** Avoid it if there is an alternative.

**Lactation** Should be avoided.

**Dosage for adults**
- IV: 6 mg/kg/12h 1st dose, then 4 mg/kg/12h.
- PO >40 kg, 400 mg/12h 1st dose, then 200 mg/12h; <40 kg, 200 mg/12h 1st dose, then 100 mg/12h.

**Dosage for children**
- 2-12 years or 12-14 years and weight <50 kg, 9 mg/kg/12h. 1st dose, then 8 mg/kg/12h. PO: 9 mg/kg/12h (maximum dose 350 mg/12h).
- Child >12 years and weight ≥50 kg or >15 years, same as adult.

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- **A** IV and PO.
- **D** Widespread.
- **M** Hepatic (glucurononconjugation); Inactive metabolisms, CYP3A4.
- **E** Renal (14% inactive metabolites); Fecal (77%, 66% unmodified).

**Adjustment**

**Kidney failure:** GF >50: 300 mg/d; GF 10-50: 300 mg/d; GF <10: 300 mg/d. On HD: does not dialyze, 300 mg/d; In CAPD: 300 mg/d; In CRRT: 300 mg/d.

**Liver failure:** no changes, no dose adjustment required.

**Pregnancy** Avoid it if there is an alternative.

**Lactation** Contraindicated.

**Dosage for adults**
- PO suspension (40 mg/mL): 400 mg/12h, with meals (if no meals are taken, 200 mg/6h). PO: 200 mg/8h (with food), for prophylaxis.
- Delayed-release tablets (DRT) 100 mg): 300 mg/12h 1st dose, then 300 mg/d, for prophylaxis.
- IV: 300 mg/12h 1st dose, then 300 mg/d (prophylaxis). It takes 7-10 d to achieve steady state. It takes 7-10 d to reach steady state. No IV formulation.

**Administration with food (preferably fatty) significantly increases absorption.**

On the other hand, an increase in gastric pH (antacids, H antagonists, proton pump inhibitors) and grade I-II mucositis decrease it.

**Dosage for children**
- Children >13 years old, same as in adults.
- Children <13 years, there are no specific recommendations.
- Children 2-16 years with CGD for 30 d: 10-14 kg: 120 mg/12h; 15-19 kg: 160 mg/12h; 20-24 kg: 200 mg/12h; 25-29 kg: 220 mg/12h; 30-34 kg: 260 mg/12h; 35-39 kg: 280 mg/12h; ≥40 kg: 300 mg/12h.
49. **In an immunocompromised patient diagnosed with invasive Aspergillus spp. external otitis, the consensus recommends initiating targeted antifungal therapy, associated with complementary surgical management with surgical debridement, according to the clinical situation and the extent of the infection. (strong recommendation, low-quality evidence) (Tables 4 and 5)**1,3,103-105.

50. It is considered that in a patient diagnosed with invasive Aspergillus spp. external otitis, the duration of antifungal treatment should be established on an individual basis, and should last a minimum of 6-8 weeks. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence)2,21,76.

7. **In an adult patient with skin involvement, how is the diagnostic approach for primary/secondary cutaneous aspergillosis performed?**

**Recommendation**

51. In a patient with skin involvement, the consensus recommends performing the diagnostic approach for a primary/secondary aspergillosis: (a) patient with proven/probable pulmonary and/or disseminated involvement and/or history of trauma, and (b) histopathology and/or culture positive for Aspergillus spp. from a skin and/or contiguous site specimen. (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-Up of IA/Aspergillus Disease) (Table 2)45,49,66-68.

a. In an adult patient diagnosed with primary/secondary cutaneous aspergillosis, what is recommended in choosing the drug type, dosage, and duration of antifungal therapy?

**Recommendation**

52. In a patient diagnosed with primary/secondary cutaneous aspergillosis, the consensus recommends evaluating a possible hematogenous source and/or dissemination from contiguous structures and/or the primary focus and/or association with trauma. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence)3,36.

53. In a patient diagnosed with primary/secondary cutaneous aspergillosis, the consensus recommends V CZ (IV, 6 mg/kg/12h, day 1, then 4 mg/kg/12h) as the first antifungal treatment option. TDM is recommended to improve antifungal efficacy, evaluate therapeutic failure and reduce drug toxicity. (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-Up of IA/Aspergillus Disease [TDM in the therapeutic management of an IA/ Aspergillus disease]) (Tables 3 and 4)1,3,13,59,60,75,76.

54. L-AmB (IV, 3-5 mg/kg/d) or ISZ (IV, 200 mg/d, day 1-2, then 200 mg/d) are an alternative for antifungal treatment in a patient diagnosed with primary/secondary cutaneous aspergillosis. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 4)3,12,76-79.

55. In a patient diagnosed with primary/secondary cutaneous aspergillosis, the consensus recommends initiating targeted antifungal therapy associated with adjunctive surgical management with surgical debridement (e.g., for burns and/or massive soft tissue wounds or lesions). (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (Table 5)3,76.

56. It is considered that in a patient diagnosed with primary/secondary cutaneous aspergillosis, the duration of antifungal treatment should be established on an individual basis, and should last a minimum of 6-8 weeks. (Strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence)3,76.

8. **In an adult patient with osteoarticular involvement, how is the diagnostic approach for osteomyelitis and/or Aspergillus spp. bone infection performed?**

**Recommendation**

57. In a patient with osteoarticular involvement, the consensus recommends a diagnostic approach for osteomyelitis and/or Aspergillus spp. bone infection by: (a) histopatho-
logistic and/or culture positive for Aspergillus spp. from percutaneous biopsy of the affected bone and/or contiguous soft tissue structures. (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-Up of IA/Aspergillus Disease) (Table 2)\(^45,69,68,106,107\).

9. In an adult patient with peritoneal involvement, how is the diagnostic approach for Aspergillus spp. peritonitis performed?

**Recommendation**

64. In a patient with peritoneal involvement, the consensus recommends making the diagnostic approach for Aspergillus spp. peritonitis by: (a) histopathology and/or culture positive for Aspergillus spp. from peritoneal fluid, (b) positive PCR test from peritoneal fluid, (c) positive AGA test from serum (x2) and/or peritoneal fluid (x1), and (d) positive (1,3)-β-D-glucan (BDG) test from serum. (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-Up of IA/Aspergillus Disease) (Table 2, Annex 1)\(^45,58,66–73,86,108–110\).

### Table 5. Adjutant surgery for the management of an IA.

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<td>Resection, excision and clearance, or intraluminal drainage or stent placement</td>
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CNS: Central nervous system.

Adapted from: Fortún J et al.\(^2\), García-Vidal C et al.\(^76\), Walsh TJ et al.\(^109\).
10. In the adult patient diagnosed with Aspergillus spp. peritonitis, what is recommended in choosing the type of drug, dosage, and duration of antifungal therapy?

**Recommendation**

65. In a patient diagnosed with Aspergillus spp. peritonitis, the consensus recommends VCZ (IV, 6 mg/kg/12h, day 1, then 4 mg/kg/12h) as the first antifungal treatment option. TDM is recommended to improve antifungal efficacy, evaluate therapeutic failure and reduce drug toxicity. (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-Up of IA/Aspergillus Disease [TDM in the therapeutic management of an IA/Aspergillus disease]) (Tables 3 and 4).3,21,59,60,76,77

66. L-AmB (IV, 3-5 mg/kg/d) or ISZ (IV, 200 mg/8h, day 1-2, then 200 mg/d) are an alternative for antifungal treatment in a patient diagnosed with Aspergillus spp. peritonitis. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 4).3,21,76,77

67. In a patient diagnosed with Aspergillus spp. peritonitis, the consensus recommends initiating primary targeted antifungal therapy, associated with evaluating the removal of the peritoneal dialysis catheter. (weak recommendation, moderate-quality evidence).3,76

68. It is considered that in a patient diagnosed with Aspergillus spp. peritonitis, the duration of antifungal treatment should be established on an individual basis, and should last a minimum of 2 weeks IV, followed by PO, until completing 12 weeks. (weak recommendation, moderate-quality evidence).3,76

10. In an adult patient with gastrointestinal and/or hepatic involvement, how is the diagnostic approach for gastrointestinal and/or hepatic aspergillosis performed?

**Recommendation**

69. In a patient with gastrointestinal and/or hepatic involvement, the consensus recommends making the diagnostic approach for gastrointestinal and/or hepatic aspergillosis by: (a) patient with proven/probable pulmonary and/or sinus involvement, (b) histopathology and/or culture positive for Aspergillus spp. from gastrointestinal and/or liver and/or contiguous site biopsy (b) positive PCR test from gastrointestinal and/or liver biopsy, and (c) positive AGA test from serum (x2). (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-Up of IA/Aspergillus Disease) (Table 2, Annex 1).3,21,49,58–73,84,111

a. In an adult patient diagnosed with gastrointestinal and/or hepatic aspergillosis, what is recommended in choosing the type of drug, dosage, and duration of antifungal therapy?

**Recommendation**

70. In a patient diagnosed with gastrointestinal and/or hepatic aspergillosis, the consensus recommends VCZ (IV, 6 mg/kg/12h, day 1, then 4 mg/kg/12h) as the first antifungal treatment option. TDM is recommended to improve antifungal efficacy, evaluate therapeutic failure and reduce drug toxicity. (strong recommendation, high-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-Up of IA/Aspergillus Disease [TDM in the therapeutic management of an IA/Aspergillus disease]) (Tables 3 and 4).3,21,59,60,76,77

71. L-AmB (IV, 3-5 mg/kg/d) or ISZ (IV, 200 mg/8h, day 1-2, then 200 mg/d) are an alternative for antifungal treatment in a patient diagnosed with gastrointestinal and/or hepatic aspergillosis. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 4).74,77–79

72. An echinocandin (IV, CAS [70 mg, day 1, then 50 mg/d], MCF [100 mg/d]), LC-AmB (IV, 5 mg/kg/d), PCZ (IV, 300 mg/12h, day 1, then 300 mg/d), or ITZ (IV, 200 mg/12h, day 1-2, then 200 mg/d) may be considered for salvage antifungal therapy in a patient diagnosed with gastrointestinal and/or hepatic aspergillosis. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (II Prophylaxis, Treatment and Prevention of IA in Adult and Pediatric Patients [approach to the management of refractory or progressive aspergillosis]) (Table 4).80–85

73. In a patient diagnosed with gastrointestinal and/or hepatic aspergillosis, multidisciplinary medical-surgical management and close consultation with surgery is recommended. In the clinical suspicion of an IFI/IA, antifungal treatment associated with early complementary surgical management is considered to prevent possible complications (perforation, hemorrhage, infarction or obstruction). (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 5).3,21,76

74. It is recommended that in a patient diagnosed with hepatic aspergillosis and extrahepatic or perihepatic biliary obstruction, and/or localized lesions refractory to antifungal therapy, adjunctive surgical management be considered. (weak recommendation, low-quality evidence) (Table 5).3,21,76

75. In a patient diagnosed with hepatic aspergillosis, an echinocandin (IV, CAS [70 mg, day 1, then 50 mg/d], MCF [100 mg/d]), and VCZ (IV, 6 mg/kg/12h, day 1, then 4 mg/kg/12h), may be considered as an option for combination antifungal therapy. (strong recommendation, low-quality evidence) (II Prophylaxis, Treatment and Prevention of IA in Adult and Pediatric Patients [combined antifungal treatment according to the at-risk population]) (Annex 2).3,21,76,81,85,87–89

76. It is considered that in a patient diagnosed with gastrointestinal and/or hepatic aspergillosis, the duration of antifungal treatment should be established on an individual basis, and should last a minimum of 6-8 weeks. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence).3,21

11. In an adult patient with renal involvement, how is the diagnostic approach for renal aspergillosis performed?

**Recommendation**

77. In a patient with renal involvement, the consensus recommends making the diagnostic approach for renal aspergillosis by: (a) histopathology and/or culture positive...
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for Aspergillus spp. from renal biopsy and/or from parenchymal and/or contiguous site abscesses, (b) positive PCR test from renal biopsy, and (c) positive AGA test from serum (x2). (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-Up of IA/Aspergillus Disease) (Table 2, Annex 1) 45,49,58,65–73,86,112.

a. In an adult patient diagnosed with renal aspergillosis, what is recommended in choosing the type of drug, dosage, and duration of antifungal therapy?

**Recommendation**

78. In a patient diagnosed with renal aspergillosis, the consensus recommends VCZ (IV, 6 mg/kg/12h, day 1, then 4 mg/kg/12h) as the first antifungal treatment option. TDM is recommended to improve antifungal efficacy, evaluate therapeutic failure and reduce drug toxicity. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (I Diagnosis and Follow-Up of IA/Aspergillus Disease) (TDM in the therapeutic management of an IA/Aspergillus disease) (Tables 3 and 4) 3,5,59,60,75,112–115.

79. L-AmB (IV, 3–5 mg/kg/d) or ISZ (IV, 200 mg/8h, day 1–2, then 200 mg/d) are an alternative for antifungal treatment in a patient diagnosed with renal aspergillosis. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 4) 3,77–79.

80. In a patient diagnosed with renal aspergillosis, an echinocandin (IV, CAS [70 mg, day 1, then 50 mg/d], MCF [100 mg/d]), LC-AmB (IV, 5 mg/kg/d), PCZ (IV, 300 mg/12h, day 1, then 300 mg/d), or ITZ (IV, 200 mg/12h, day 1–2, then 200 mg/d) may be considered for salvage antifungal therapy. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (II Prophylaxis, Treatment and Prevention of IA in Adult and Pediatric Patients [approach to the management of refractory or progressive aspergillosis]) (Table 4) 3,80–85.

81. The use of local D-AmB through nephroscopy irrigation is an alternative antifungal treatment in a patient diagnosed with renal aspergillosis. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Tables 3 and 4) 3,115.

82. In a patient diagnosed with renal aspergillosis, multidisciplinary medical-surgical therapeutic management and close consultation with urology is recommended. Upon clinical suspicion of IFI/IA, initiation of antifungal therapy associated with early adjunctive surgical management is considered. (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence) (Table 5) 3,12,176.

83. It is considered that in a patient diagnosed with renal aspergillosis, the duration of antifungal treatment should be established on an individual basis, and should last a minimum of 12 weeks, and will depend on the clinical evolution of the patient. (weak recommendation, low-quality evidence) 3,76,114,115.

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