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## **List of Abbreviations**

- ATP:** Adenosine Tri Phosphate
- AHA:** American heart association
- AMPK:** Adenosine mono Phosphate activated protein kinase
- AF:** Atrial fibrillation
- AVDO<sub>v</sub>:** arterio venous difference of oxygen
- ADH:** anti diuretic hormone
- ANP:** atrial naturetic peptide
- BBB:** blood brain barrier
- Bcl:** beta cell lymphocyte
- Bax:** BCL associated X protein
- CBF:** cerebral blood flow
- CPP:** cerebral perfusion pressure
- CVR:** cerebro vascular resistance
- CMRO<sub>v</sub>:** cerebral metabolic rate of o<sub>v</sub>
- CPR:** cardio pulmonary resussitation
- CNS:** central nervous system
- CCR:** chemokine receptor
- CIRP:** cold inducible RNA binding protein
- DNA:** deoxy ribonucleic acid
- ECG:** Electro cardio graphy
- FaS:** fatty acid synthase
- GluT:** glucose transporter
- H<sup>+</sup>:** hydrogen
- HIF:** hypoxia-inducible factor.
- HSPs:** heat shock protiens

**ICP:** intra cranial pressure

**IV:** Intera venous

**IL:** interleukin

**LPs:** lipopoly sacharides

**MABP:** mean arterial blood pressure

**MCP:** methyl accepting chemotaxis protein

**MCAO:** middle cerebral artery occlusion

**MIP:** monocyte chemotactic protein

**mRNA:** messenger ribonucleic acid

**NF:** necrotic factor

**NO:** nitric oxide

**OGD:** oxygen glucose deprevation

**PaO<sub>2</sub>:** partial o<sub>2</sub> pressure

**PaCO<sub>2</sub>:** partial co<sub>2</sub> pressure

**PARP:** poly ADP ribose polymerase

**PKc:** protein kinase c

**RINSE:** rapied infusion of cold normal saline

**RBM:** RNA binding motif protein

**SVR:** systemic vascular resistance

**TH:** therapeutic hypothermia

**TBI:** traumatic brain injuery

**TNF:** tumor necrosis factor

**VF:** ventricular fibrillation

**VEGF:** vascular endothelial growth factor

## **Introduction**

The issue of temperature management in neurologically ill patients has gained increasing attention from the critical care community. Evidence show that fever in patients with various types of neurological injury is associated with an increased risk of adverse outcome. This is clear in patients with ischemic stroke. The absolute risk of adverse outcome (death or permanent neurological impairment) increases by 2,2% for every degree of temperature increase as well as post-cardiac arrest patients (**Poldeman, 2008**).

Severe environmental hypothermia will cause a systole and patients might not be revived. Milder degrees of hypothermia might protect the brain and other vital organs from injury. The use of hypothermia in intensive care units is not new. It has been used in the past and has recently seen resurgence (**Eelco, 2004**).

There has long been a search for a simple method of neuroprotection. Clinical data have emerged to

suggest that induced hypothermia could be effective **(Berger et al., 2002)**.

Neurologists have also been interested in using the technique in the treatment of large hemispheric stroke predominantly when swelling occurs. However the benefits of therapeutic hypothermia remain unclear. Mild hypothermia for brain injury would prevent unfavorable neurological outcome **(Michael, 2002)**.

Hypothermia has been shown to reduce the cerebral metabolism by decreasing oxygen consumption, glucose utilization and lactate concentration. It is estimated that for each 1°C decrease in temperature the cerebral metabolic rate decreases by 6 to 8%. Mild-to-moderate hypothermia (32 to 36°C) has been shown to decrease CBF due to cerebral vasoconstriction particularly in patients with traumatic brain injury. This mechanism decreases the intracranial pressure and may act as an anticonvulsant. Therapeutic hypothermia also affects the pH value. Every 1°C decrease in body temperature there is an increase of 0.016 points in the pH value. **(Yenari et al., 2005)**.

## **Aim of work**

The aim of this work is to express the importance of Induced hypothermia and Fever control in neurologically ill patient.

## **Anatomy of central nervous system And its blood supply**

The brain lies in the cranial cavity and is continuous with the spinal cord through the foramen magnum. It is surrounded by three meninges, the dura mater, the arachnoid mater and the pia mater. These are continuous with the corresponding meninges of the spinal cord. The CSF surrounds the brain in the subarachnoid space (**Goetz, २००३**).

The brain is conventionally divided into three major divisions arranged in ascending order from the spinal cord. It is **hindbrain** (divided into medulla oblongata, pons and cerebellum), **midbrain and forebrain** (divided into the diencephalon which is the central part of the forebrain, and the cerebrum) (**Guyton et al., २००६**).

The brainstem (a collective term for the medulla oblongata, pons, and midbrain) is that part of the brain that remains after the cerebral hemispheres and cerebellums are removed (**Guyton et al., २००६**).

## **Blood supply of CNS**

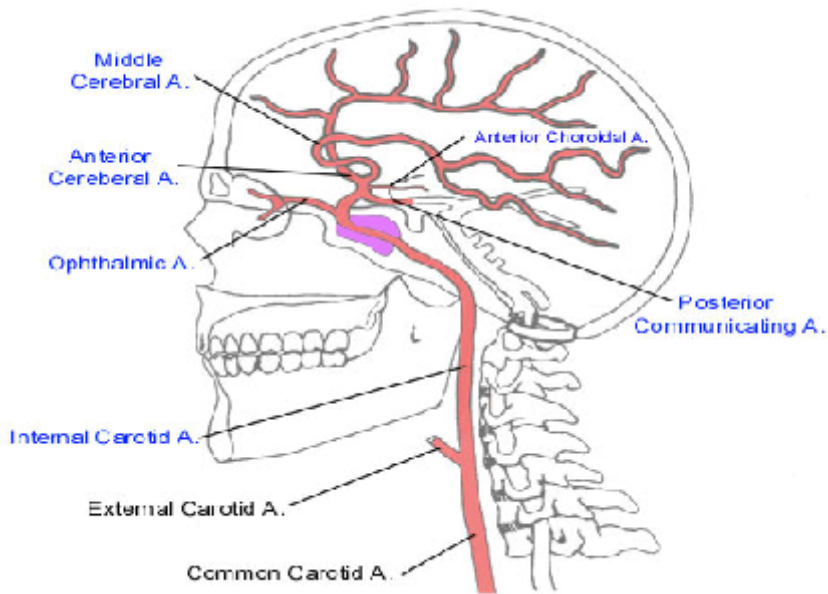
### **Blood Supply of the Brain**

- Arterial supply of the Brain

The brain is supplied by the two internal carotid and the two vertebral arteries. The four arteries lie within the subarachnoid space and their branches anastomose on the inferior surface of the brain to form the circle of Willis. (Snell, ٢٠٠٧).

#### **(A) Internal Carotid artery fig (١.١)**

It begins at the bifurcation of the common carotid artery. It usually possesses a localized dilatation called the carotid sinus. It ascends the neck and perforates the base of the skull by passing through the carotid canal of the temporal bone. It divided into five branches (ophthalmic artery, posterior communicating artery, choroidal artery, anterior cerebral, middle cerebral artery) (Snell, ٢٠٠٧).



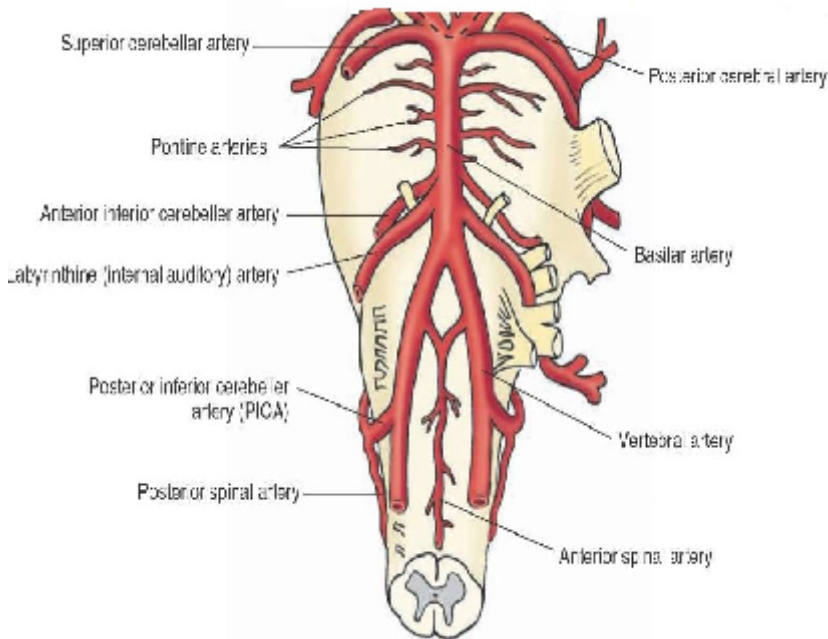
**Fig (١.١)** Internal carotid a. & its branches (Snell, ٢٠٠٧).

(B) Vertebral artery **fig (١.٢)**

It is a branch of the first part of the subclavian artery. It ascends the neck by passing through the foramina in the transverse processes of the upper six cervical vertebrae. It enters the skull through the foramen magnum. At the lower border of the pons it joins the vertebral artery of the opposite side to form the basilar artery. It divided into four branches (meningeal branches, posterior spinal artery, anterior spinal artery, posterior inferior cerebellar artery) (Snell, ٢٠٠٧).

(C) Basilar artery **fig (١.٢)**

The basilar artery is formed by the union of the two vertebral arteries. It ascends in a groove on the anterior surface of the pons. At the upper border of the pons it divides into the two posterior cerebral arteries. Basilar artery give branches (pontine arteries, anterior inferior cerebellar artery, superior cerebellar artery, posterior inferior cerebellar artery, posterior cerebral artery) (David et al., ۲۰۰۲).



**Fig (۱.۲) Basilar A. and its branches (Patrick, ۲۰۰۹).**