Study of Treatment Expense of Patients with Congenital Malformations of Craniofacial in Srinagarind Hospital between 2010 and 2014

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Objectives: To report the treatment expenses of the congenital malformations of craniofacial of in-patients of Srinagarind Hospital between 2010 and 2014

Material and Method: The expenses of congenital malformations of craniofacial in-patients of Srinagarind Hospital were studied by analyzing the actual amount charged and the reimbursement of treatment expenses.

Results: One thousand eight hundred forty five in-patients were treated 2,144 times. The average treatment was about once or twice per person. Male patients were 54.1% and female were 45.9%. About 84% of the patients were under the universal coverage, with an average Relative Weight (RW) between 2010 and 2014 of 1.6988, 1.7059, 1.4847, 1.4165, and 1.5096, respectively. The average of the RW and the treatment expenses differentiated by the patients' eligible medical expenses for self-paid, Government or State Enterprise Officer (OFC), Social Security Scheme (SSS), and universal coverage (UC) were 1.0398, 1.1596, 1.2759, 1.3477, respectively. The average RW calculated under diagnosis-related group (DRG) for each patient was 1.3148. The estimated RW of OFC at 13,378 and UC at 9,600 baht per RW were 18,081, 14,535, 14,259, and 17,118 baht, for an average of 16,842 baht. The average of the treatment expenses charged by the hospital to the OFC was 14,535 baht and to the UC was 17,118 baht for each treatment. The treatment expense under DRG was lower than the cost under the hospital charge by 2,051,072 baht.

Conclusion: The present study analyzed the treatment expense by patients' eligible medical expenses between 2010 and 2014. The universal coverage and government or state enterprise officer's charges were reimbursed to the hospital under DRG system for 32,257,000 baht while the hospitals actual charges were 34,308,072 baht. This indicated that Srinagarind Hospital must set up the fund to support congenital malformations of craniofacial patients for a minimum sum of 410,214 baht per year. This is likely to increase in the future.

Keywords: DRG, Relative weight, Congenital malformations of craniofacial, Treatment expense, Actual charge, Eligible medical expenses

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Congenital malformations of craniofacial patients were found in Southeast Asia such as in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Indonesia, and the Philippines more than in other areas. In Thailand, congenital malformations of craniofacial have a high incidence in The Northeast, Lower North,

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and the upper middle parts. They are mostly from the original Thai and from poor families⁽¹⁾. These symptoms not only cause psychological problems to the patients, their parents, and close family relationships but also affect their quality of lives, which is lower than other children in general⁽²⁾. Srinagarind Hospital is a tertiary care hospital. It has excellent plastic surgery capability at the Tawanchai Center. It is popular for people to get treatment from this hospital under their privileges of National Health Act 2550 by referral system and walk in. Although the hospital earned reimbursement for the treatment expenses from their eligible medical expenses

as National Health Security Office (NHSO), Government or State Enterprise Officer (OFC), and Social Security Scheme (SSS), the hospital still needs some supporting budgets for the difference in medical fees. This project aims to study general information, expenses, and the differences of the treatment expense to establish a plan and use the information to treat this patient group in the future.

Objective

To report the treatment expenses of the congenital malformations of craniofacial in-patients while being treated in Srinagarind Hospital, Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University during the fiscal year 2010 to 2014.

Material and Method

This is a descriptive research to describe the characteristics of the congenital malformations of craniofacial in-patients discharged from Srinagarind Hospital, Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University during the fiscal year 2010 to 2014. The analysis was studied from the previous treatments by distinguishing the actual charge and eligible medical expenses, and years of discharge. Percentage and average rates were used to analyze the data.

Results

One thousand eight hundred forty five patients were treated 2,144 times. The average treatment was about once or twice per person. There were 54.1% male and 45.9% female patients. Eighty four point twenty four percent of the patients were under the universal coverage (Table 1), giving an average RW of 1.6988, 1.7059, 1.4847, 1.4165, and 1.5096 for the year 2010 to 2014, respectively. The average of the RW and the treatment expenses differentiated by the patients' eligible medical expenses for self-paid, OFC, SSS, and UC were 1.0398, 1.1596, 1.2759, and 1.3477, respectively. The average treatment expense RW calculated under diagnosis-related group (DRG) for each patient was 1.3148 (Table 2). The estimated DRG RW of OFC was at 13,378, and of UC was at 9,600 baht per RW while the actual expenses were 14,535 baht and 17,118 baht, for an average of 16,842 baht each. This indicated that the average in fiscal year 2010 to 2014 were 6,825,074, 6,220,187, 6,877,964, 7,790,058, and 8,395,962 baht per year respectively (Table 3). Excluding self-pay and SSS, because of the payment of self-pay and SSS was the same, the actual treatment expense in five fiscal years was 34,308,072 baht (Table 4) and under DRG was

33,422,553 baht (Table 5). Therefore, the treatment expense under DRG was lower than the actual charge by 2,051,072 baht (Table 6).

Discussion

An important factor that can make the DRG classification have a high RW is the completion of doctor report on diseases and operation, which the doctors recorded in medical records. After the doctors had completed all of the diagnostics and operation, if the doctors had completed all the documentation, the DRG RW should be higher, which means the treatment expense will also be higher. According to Odton C, et al'(3), they indicated that the cost of patient management is lower than actual charge. The present study shows, the actual charge is higher than the treatment expense under DRG system. Furthermore, the trend is to be higher in the future because of the complication in treatment in patients in congenital malformations of craniofacial group^(4,5). Nevertheless, the hospital can achieve a higher DRG RW in OFC and UC groups by having good medical records audit, prioritize medical records, and finding out ways to decrease medical expenses.

Conclusion

During the fiscal year of 2010 to 2014, the universal coverage and government or state enterprise officer's treatment expense were paid to the hospital under DRG by owner funds for 32,257,000 baht while the hospitals actual charges were 34,308,072 baht. This indicated that Srinagarind Hospital must set up the fund to support congenital malformations of craniofacial patients for the sum of 410,214 baht per year. It is likely that this amount will be higher in the future.

Suggestion

The present study was performed retrospectively. It was found that the medical cost might not be accurate. The data management of medical care in congenital malformations of craniofacial should be studied in depth in order to plan budget effectively in the future and to make useful decisions in managing and improving medical records.

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Table 1. Characteristics grouped by eligible medical expenses and sex

| Eligible medical expenses/sex | | | | | | T | The fiscal years | years | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|------------------|--------|----------|--------|-------|--------|
| | 2 | 2010 | 2 | 2011 | | 2012 | 2 | 2013 | | 2014 | I | Total |
| Self pay | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 3 | 0.72 | 3 | 0.73 | 4 | 0.93 | 12 | 2.75 | ∞ | 1.79 | 30 | 1.40 |
| Female | 9 | 1.44 | 10 | 2.44 | 14 | 3.25 | 5 | 1.14 | 13 | 2.90 | 48 | 2.24 |
| Total | 6 | 2.15 | 13 | 3.17 | 18 | 4.18 | 17 | 3.89 | 21 | 4.69 | 78 | 3.64 |
| Government or state enterprise officer (OFC) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 25 | 5.98 | 37 | 9.05 | 25 | 5.80 | 17 | 3.89 | 32 | 7.14 | 136 | 6.34 |
| Female | 19 | 4.55 | 31 | 7.56 | 16 | 3.71 | 16 | 3.66 | 26 | 5.80 | 108 | 5.04 |
| Total | 4 | 10.53 | 89 | 16.59 | 41 | 9.51 | 33 | 7.55 | 58 | 12.95 | 244 | 11.38 |
| Social security scheme (SSS) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | П | 0.23 | _ | 0.23 | α | 0.67 | 5 | 0.23 |
| Female | \mathcal{C} | 0.72 | 2 | 0.49 | 3 | 0.70 | 2 | 0.46 | 1 | 0.22 | 11 | 0.51 |
| Total | 33 | 0.72 | 2 | 0.49 | 4 | 0.93 | 3 | 0.69 | 4 | 0.89 | 16 | 0.75 |
| Universal coverage (UC) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 200 | 47.85 | 188 | 45.85 | 199 | 46.17 | 220 | 50.34 | 182 | 40.63 | 686 | 46.13 |
| Female | 162 | 38.76 | 139 | 33.90 | 169 | 39.21 | 164 | 37.53 | 183 | 40.85 | 817 | 38.11 |
| Total | 362 | 86.60 | 327 | 79.76 | 368 | 85.38 | 384 | 87.87 | 365 | 81.47 | 1,806 | 84.24 |
| Total | 418 | 100.00 | 410 | 100.00 | 431 | 100.00 | 437 | 100.00 | 448 | 100.00 | 2,144 | 100.00 |
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Table 2. Relative weight by eligible medical expenses and fiscal year

| Eligible medical expenses | | | | | | | Fiscal year | ear | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------|----------|--------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------|------------|--------|
| | 20 | 2010 | 2(| 2011 | 20 | 2012 | 20 | 2013 | 2014 | 4 | T | Toal |
| | Total RW Mean | Mean | Total RW | Mean | Total RW Mean | Mean | Total RW Mean | Mean | Total RW Mean | Mean | Total RW | Mean |
| Self pay | 6.8977 | 0.7664 | 22.8957 | 1.7612 | 23.6381 | 1.3132 | 15.2986 | 0.8999 | 26.2953 | 1.2522 | 99.7662 | 1.0398 |
| OFC | 61.3282 | 1.3938 | 99.2062 | 1.4589 | 56.3110 | 1.3734 | 43.9633 | 1.3322 | 73.3481 | 1.2646 | 339.7152 | 1.1596 |
| SSS | 5.8418 | 1.9473 | 3.1508 | 1.5754 | 6.2892 | 1.5723 | 4.3064 | 1.4355 | 4.4245 | 1.1061 | 30.5431 | 1.2759 |
| UC | 636.0467 | | 574.1672 | 1.7559 | 553.6712 | 1.5045 | 555.4382 | 1.4465 | 572.2199 | 1.5677 | 2,898.0071 | 1.3477 |
| Total | 710.1144 | 1.6988 | 699.4199 | 1.7059 | 639.9095 | 1.4847 | 619.0065 | 1.4165 | 676.2878 | 1.5096 | 3,368.0316 | 1.3148 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |

 Table 3. The actual charged by eligible medical expenses and fiscal year 2010-2014

| Eligible medical expenses | | | | | | Actua | Actual charged | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | 2010 | 10 | 2011 | 11 | 20 | 2012 | 2013 | 3 | 2014 | 4 | Total | la la |
| | Total | Mean | Total | Mean | Total | Mean | Total | Mean | Total | Mean | Total | Mean |
| Self pay OFC | 91,352 | 10,150 12,456 | 237,273 857,903 | 18,252 12,616 | 290,125 552,723 | 16,118 13,481 | 619,180 | 36,422 16,595 | 335,107 1,040,158 | 15,957 17,934 | 1,573,037 3,546,453 | 20,167 |
| SSS UC Total | 32,976 6,152,696 6,825,074 | 10,992 16,996 16,328 | 19,112 5,105,899 6,220,187 | 9,556 15,614 15,171 | 81,711 5,953,405 6,877,964 | 20,428 16,178 15,958 | 33,611 6,589,648 7,790,058 | 11,204 17,161 17,826 | 60,726 6,959,971 8,395,962 | 15,182 19,068 18,741 | 228,136 30,761,619 36,109,245 | 14,259 17,118 16,842 |
| Eligible medical expenses | | | | | ▼ | Actual char | Actual charge and fiscal year | ar. | | | | |
| | 2010 | 2011 | 11 | 2012 | 2 | 2013 | 2014 | | Total | | Number | ı×. |
| Self pay | 91,352 | 2 | 237,273 | 290,125 | 125 | 619,180 | 335,107 | 107 | 1,573,037 | | | 20,167 |
| OFC | 548,050 | æ | 857,903 | 552,723 | 723 | 547,619 | 1,040,158 | .158 | 3,546,453 | ~ | 244 | 14,535 |
| SSS | 32,976 | | 19,112 | 81,711 | 711 | 33,611 | 60, | 60,726 | 228,136 | | | 14,259 |
| UC | 6,152,696 | 5,1 | ,105,899 | 5,953,405 | | 6,589,648 | 6,959,971 | 971 | 30,761,619 | | | 17,118 |
| Total | 6,825,074 | 6,5 | 6,220,187 | 6,877,964 | (- | 7,790,058 | 8,395,962 | 362 | 36,109,245 | | 2,144 | 16,842 |
| | | 160 | | | • |) | 1 | 7 | l) | - | | |

Table 4. The actual charged of eligible medical expenses; Government or State Enterprise Officer and Social Security Scheme (SSS) and universal coverage by fiscal year 2010-2014

| Eligible medical | | The actual charge | d of eligible medi | cal expenses in f | iscal year 2010-2 | 014 |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| expenses | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | Total |
| OFC | 548,050 | 857,903 | 552,723 | 547,619 | 1,040,158 | 3,546,453 |
| UC | 6,152,696 | 5,105,899 | 5,953,405 | 6,589,648 | 6,959,971 | 30,761,619 |
| Total | 6,700,746 | 5,963,802 | 6,506,128 | 7,137,267 | 8,000,129 | 34,308,072 |

Table 5. The treatment expense under GDRs in and fiscal year 2010-2014

| Eligible medical | | Tr | reatment expense | under GDRs sys | tem | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|----------------|-----------|------------|
| expenses | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | Total |
| OFC | 821,001 | 1,328,073 | 753,835 | 588,537 | 981,911 | 4,473,357 |
| UC | 6,106,048 | 5,512,005 | 5,315,244 | 5,332,207 | 5,493,311 | 27,758,815 |
| Total | 7,054,444 | 7,100,544 | 6,368,352 | 6,116,793 | 6,782,420 | 33,422,553 |

Table 6. The difference between actual charge and the treatment expense under GDRs

| Eligible medical | | The difference | e between actual | charge and the tre | eatment expense | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| expenses - | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | Total |
| OFC UC Total | -65,232 -207,771 -273,003 | -134,159 -635,773 -769,932 | -10,387 416,693 406,306 | 107,986 1,035,266 1,143,252 | 306,677 1,237,772 1,544,449 | 204,885 1,846,187 2,051,072 |

What is already known on this topic?

The treatment expense under DRG was lower than the actual charge.

What this study adds?

To find out and solve how to increase budget for congenital malformations of craniofacial patients.

Potential conflicts of interest

None.

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การศึกษาคาใช้จายในกลุ่มผู้ป่วยที่มีความพิการแต่กำเนิดบนใบหน้าและกะโหลกศีรษะที่มารับการรักษาที่โรงพยาบาลศรีนครินทร์ คณะแพทยศาสตร์ มหาวิทยาลัยขอนแก่น ประเภทผู้ป่วยใน ชวงปีงบประมาณ 2553 ถึง 2557

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วัตถุประสงค์: เพื่อรายงานค่าใช*้*จายของผู้ป่วยที่มีความพิการแต่กำเนิดบนใบหน้าและกะโหลกศีรษะ ในช[่]วงนอนรักษาในโรงพยาบาลศรีนครินทร*์* คณะแพทยศาสตร*์* มหาวิทยาลัยขอนแก[่]น

วัสดุและวิธีการ: ผู้ป่วยที่มีความพิการแค่กำเนิดบนใบหน้าและกะโหลกศีรษะที่มารับการรักษาเป็นผู้บ่ายในที่โรงพยาบาลศรีนครินทร์ มหาวิทยาลัยขอนแก่น ช่วงปึงบประมาณ พ.ศ. 2553 ถึง 2557 โดยทบทวนข้อมูลทั่วไปจำแนกค่ารักษาพยาบาลและสิทธิที่ใชเบิกเงินทดแทนค่ารักษาพยาบาล ผลการศึกษา: ผู้บ่ายที่เข้ารับการรักษาเป็นผู้บ่ายในทั้งหมด 1,845 ราย มารับบริการทั้งสิ้น 2,144 ครั้ง เฉลี่ย 1 คนมารับบริการ 1-2 ครั้ง เป็นชาย ร้อยละ 54.10 และหญิง ร้อยละ 45.90 ส่วนใหญ่ร้อยละ 83.82 ชำระเงินค่ารักษาพยาบาลโดยใช้สิทธิหลักประกันสุขภาพถ้านหน้า ค่าน้ำหนักสัมพัทธ์เฉลี่ย ตามปึงบประมาณ 2553 ถึง 2557 เท่ากับ 1.6988; 1.7059; 1.4847; 1.4165 และ 1.5096 ค่าน้ำหนักสัมพัทธ์เฉลี่ยและค่า รักษาพยาบาลเฉลี่ยตามสิทธิคารักษาพยาบาล ได้แก่ ชำระเงินเอง สวัสดิการข้าราชการ ประกันสังคม บัตรประกันสุขภาพถ้านหน้า เท่ากับ 1.0398; 1.1596; 1.2759; 1.3477 ค่าน้ำหนักสัมพัทธ์รวมเฉลี่ยเท่ากับ 1.3148 ค่ารักษาพยาบาลเฉลี่ยตามระบบกลุ่มวินิจฉัยโรคร่าม (DRGs) ต่อราย โดยคิดค่า RW สิทธิสวัสดิการข้าราชการที่ 13,378 และสิทธิหลักประกันสุขภาพที่ 9,600 บาท ต่อ 1 RW เท่ากับ 18,081; 14,535; 14,259; 17,118 บาท และเลลี่ย 16,842 บาทต่อราย ค่ารักษาพยาบาลเฉลี่ยตามราคาค่ารักษาพยาบาลเฉลี่ยต่อราย ตามระบบ DRGs สิทธิหลักประกันสุขภาพถ้านหน้า จะค่ำกว่าค่าใช้จายตามการจ่ายจริงของผู้ป่วยในภาพรวมของทั้งสองสิทธิเท่ากับ 2,051,072 บาท

สรุป: ในช่วงเวลาปีงบประมาณ 2553-2557 ผู้ป่วยสิทธิหลักประกันสุขภาพถ้านหน้าและสิทธิสวัสดิการข้าราชการได้รับการชำระเงินทดแทน คารักษา พยาบาลให้โรงพยาบาลตามระบบ DRGs โดยเจ้าของกองทุนรวมทั้งสิ้นเทากับ 32,257,000 บาท ขณะที่คารักษาพยาบาลที่โรงพยาบาลกำหนดราคาไว้ เทากับ 34,308,072 บาท นั่นคือโรงพยาบาลศรีนครินทร์จะต้องมีกองทุนเพื่อให้ความช่วยเหลือ การรักษาผู้ป่วยที่มีความพิการแต่กำเนิดบนใบหน้าและ กะโหลกศีรษะปีละ 410,214 บาท และมีแนวโน้มที่สูงขึ้น