

## **EPIDEMIC DROPSY IN DISGUISE OF DENGUE HEMORRHAGIC FEVER**

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An 11 year old female was referred to our hospital as a suspected case of dengue hemorrhagic fever. On examination general condition of the child was sick. There was a marked pallor, edema feet, facial puffiness, child was fully conscious, JVP was not raised. On systemic examination, chest examination showed intercostal retractions and bilateral crepts with decreased air entry in both inferior axillary areas. Blood investigations revealed severe anemia with thrombocytopenia. X-ray chest showed right sided pleural effusion. As around this time we were having many cases of dengue hemorrhagic fever so first possibility was kept of the same. However on taking a detailed history it was learnt that both mother and father too were ill. Mother was hospitalized outside with complaints of respiratory problem and generalized edema over body. Father was also having edema feet. On further history taking it was learnt that they were consuming mustard oil for last few months. Samples of the oil tested positive for Sanguinarine (argemone oil). Patient was finally discharged on day 10<sup>th</sup> of hospitalization.