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- A CASE OF CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA

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# CASE HISTORY

- A 28yr old healthy Gravida 2,Para 1,Live 1 not previously registered with DY PATIL HOSPITAL had come for counselling with latest antenatal scan at 35weeks of gestation showing findings suggestive of ( Left sided congenital diaphragmatic hernia) and with previous anomaly scans at 21weeks normal
- It was a non consanguineous
- Previous lower segment Cesarean section in view of pre eclampsia ,baby is live and well
- Present pregnancy was a spontaneous conception and no history of any comorbidities in the mother
- No h/o any congenital anomalies in the family
- No history suggestive of any teratogen intake in mother

# ANOMALY SCAN

- Single live intrauterine gestation at 21.4 weeks
- Estimated fetal weight:444gms
- Bilateral mild pyelectasis
- Amniotic fluid index: adequate(11cm)
- No anomalies were detected

# LAST ANTENATAL SCAN AT 35 WEEKS

- Single, live, gestation of 35 weeks 1 day maturity
- Left sided congenital diaphragmatic hernia
- The stomach and colon was seen to lie in the left hemithorax.
- Spleen was not appreciated
- The left lung appeared small and compressed, the right lung appeared normal.
- Head circumference -321mm
- Lung area by tracing method-759mm<sup>2</sup>
- LHR(LUNG HEAD RATIO)=2.3 (LHR>1.4 indicates good prognosis)

# ANTENATAL COUNSELLING

- Antenatal counselling was done by :-
- HOD of obstetrics department (DR H Deshpande) to plan the delivery after discussing with the Neonatologist and Paediatric surgery team.
- Neonatologist (DR Sudhir Malwade sir) had counselled about the condition likely outcome, immediate management post delivery and long term outcomes,
- The need for NICU admission , ventilatory support and surgical procedure was explained by Paediatric surgeon (DR Pranav Jadhav sir Hod of Paediatric surgery)

# NATAL AND POSTNATAL DETAILS

- A Male baby with a birth weight of 3.2kg was delivered at TERM via a lower segment cesarean section
- The baby cried immediately after birth and no resuscitation was required.
- Shifted to NICU
- In NICU:
  - The baby was initially taken on O<sub>2</sub> by hood and then was electively intubated in view of possible persistent Pulmonary hypertension
  - Started on minimal inotropes and prophylactic cover of antibiotics were given

# GENERAL AND SYSTEMIC EXAMINATION

- ON EXAMINATION
- There was no obvious dysmorphism
- HR:150/MIN

He was ventilated on SIMV (PS+PC) mode with a set rate of 30 breaths/min, I:E time of 0.3 with I:E 1:1.2

- He was normothermic in warmer with a set temperature of 36.5c
- SYSTEMIC EXAMINATION: Normal

# CHEST XRAY ON ADMISSION



Mediastinal shift to right side no dextrocardia  
No continuity in diaphragm ,presence of fundal gas shadows in left  
hemithorax with collapse of left Lower lung lobe



# SCREENING

- USG(ABDO+PELVIS);
  - Left dome of diaphragm was not seen
  - Ng tube was seen in thoracic cavity normal in size, shape and echotexture
  - Spleen appears normal
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- USG THORAX:
  - s/o Left sided diaphragmatic hernia

# SCREENING

- USG CRANIUM:
- NORMAL STUDY
  
- 2D ECHO;
- Small ASD -left to right shunt
- small PDA
- mild PAH with mild TR
- Good LV RA function

# SURGERY

Baby was taken up for surgery by paediatric surgery team

## INTRAOP FINDINGS:

- Left diaphragmatic eventeration
- Left diaphragmatic hernial sac noted
- Anterior rim of diaphragm deficient
- Absence of malrotation of gut

# SURGICAL PROCEDURE

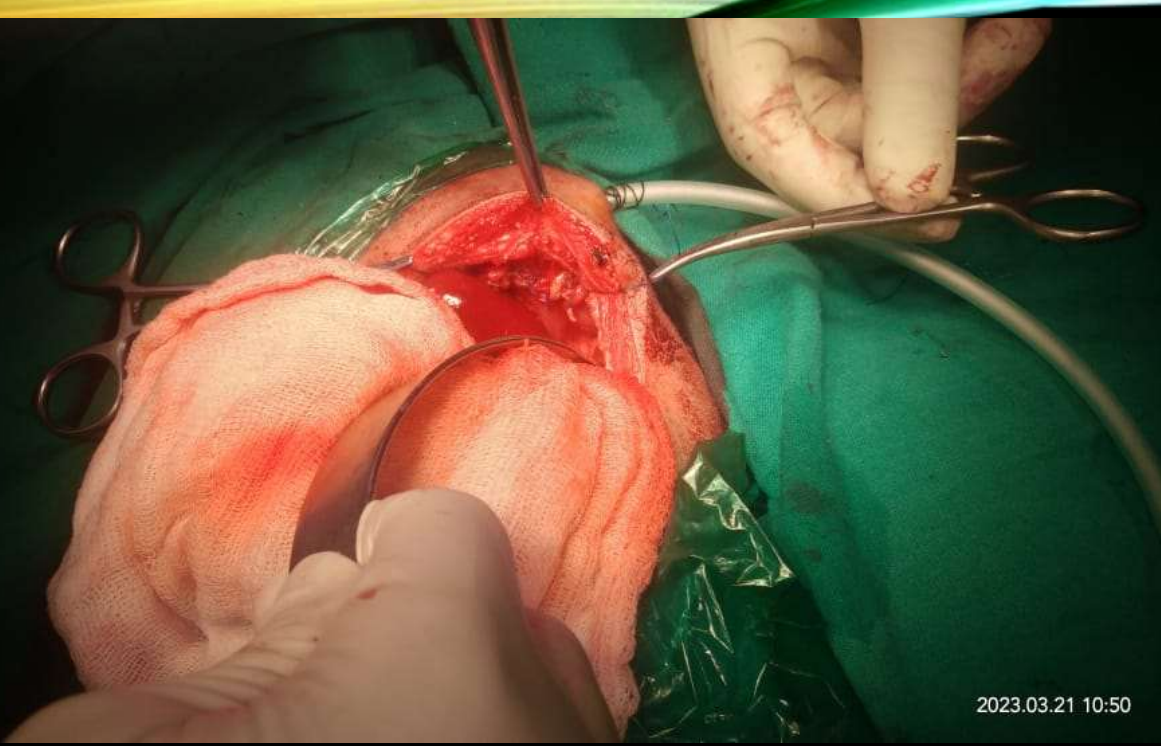
- Left diaphragmatic hernial sac resected till rim of muscular diaphragm, plication of diaphragm done and ICD placed insitu
- Incision closed in layers



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# POST-OPERATIVE XRAY



# POST-OPERATIVE PERIOD

- Baby was ventilated for 9 days
- Thoracic drain was removed on day 10
- Extubated on post operative day 9 and taken on HFNC following which oxygen support was gradually weaned off and he was taken on room air on post operative day 13

# POST OPERATIVE PERIOD

- Feeding was started (expressed breast milk) via OGT on post operative day 10 and was gradually graded up and eventually started on watispoon feeding and exclusive breast feeding
- Baby was discharged on post op day 18 after hearing screening was done ,mother was trained for KMC
- Post discharge medications were explained and developmentally supportive care was also explained to her



# SCREENING PRIOR TO DISCHARGE

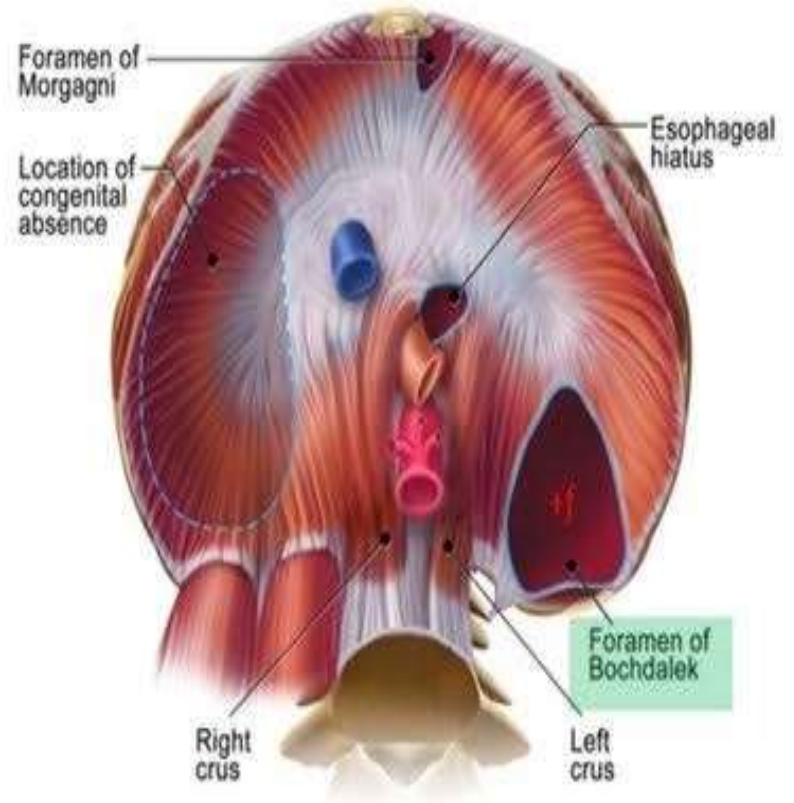
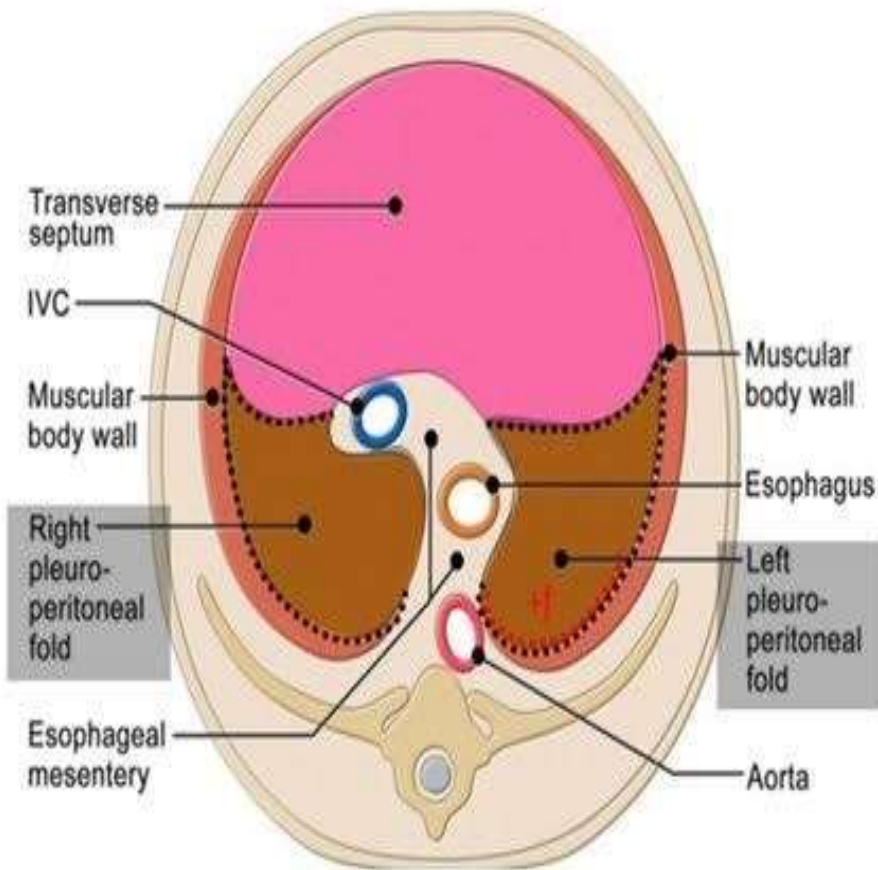
- OAE was done for the baby prior to discharge  
RESULT:both ears pass
- As hearing loss is a long term morbidity which can occur as a result of Persistent pulmonary hypertension and require early identification and intervention.
- Since congenital diaphragmatic hernia could be associated with other anomalies

# FOLLOW-UP

- Baby had come for follow up 10days after discharge
- Weight gain:135gms
- Accepting exclusive breast feeds
  
- Second follow up;
- Weight gain of 260grams
- Good fixation of eyes
- Developmentally appropriate for age

# LITERATURE

- Postero lateral or Bochdalek Hernia is the most common type and predominantly left sided
- Presence of liver in hemithorax-determinant of poor survival rates
- Early appearance of CHD and poor lung head ratio  $<1.3$  suggests poor prognosis and lesser survival rates
- And LHR  $<0.6$  +no survival



- Morgagnian (anterior and medial) hernias are much less frequent and may be associated with other cardiac, sternal, and abdominal defects as a part of Pentology of Cantrell Spectrum

# LONG TERM MORBIDITIES

- Some of the long term complications that could occur:
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease
- Failure to thrive
- Tube feedings are common
- Obstructive lung disease is the most common finding in later childhood

## FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED MORTALITY;

- Early antenatal identification-more severe CHD since mediastinal shift is more pronounced
- A low 5 minute APGAR score has been associated with decreased survival as it reflects early cardiorespiratory compromise due to severe lung hypoplasia
- Presence of liver in hemithorax suggests bad prognosis

# SYNDROMES ASSOCIATED WITH CHD

- Aneuploidy m/c TRISOMY 18
- Autosomal recessive (Fryns syndrome)
- Sex linked (Simpsons behmel syndrome)

# POINTS TO LEARN

- Antenatal counselling played an important role , which enabled the parents to deal with it emotionally and the faculty could manage the case well
- Congenital diaphragmatic hernia that doesn't appear early during gestational age predicts a better prognosis
- All anomalies scan should mention about lung head ratio.
- Lung head ratio of  $>1.3$ =signifies better survival rates
- $LHR < 1$  had a bad prognosis and fetus should be screened for other congenital anomalies and appropriate counselling should be offered to parents
- Emphasis on hearing screening and screening the other associated congenital anomalies
- all babies with CDH should be enrolled in developmental clinic



# NEONATAL SURGERIES

- On an average 15 -20 neonatal surgeries are done in a year
- Out of which 5-6 are Tracheo oesophageal fistulas and 2-3 are Congenital diaphragmatic hernias with good outcome
- No deaths of surgical babies last year



- THANK YOU