

# Case of the Week

## HIGH RISK FOREIGN BODY RETRIEVAL FROM AIRWAYS ON A ONE YEAR BABY

A 20 months old female baby presented with breathlessness and wheezing sound during breathing. On evaluation with CT chest she was diagnosed as a foreign body inside the left side airway of the lungs. It's a emergency condition and we worked out the plan to pull out that foreign body out of the baby airway.

It is a extremely a difficult procedure because usually baby's airway are very fragile and small. There is also a life risk during the procedure because of airway compromise.

Explaining all these risk to the parents our team headed by pulmonologists Dr.Bharathibabu and Dr.Harikrishnan with Anaestheist Dr.Prabhu, ENT surgeon Dr.Arun prabhu ganesan were taken the procedure in Operation theatre.

After 3 hrs of procedure the team could able to take out the foreign body - peanut from the baby airway. After procedure baby was kept in ICU with paediatric team. On next day baby's breathing becomes completely normal and she was discharged in the evening.

Managing the case of foreign body in the lung is extremely difficult because we need to introduce a bronchoscopy inside compromised airway which will further worsen the breathlessness. Giving anaesthesia for these type of cases needs specialised instruments and highly expertise.

The patient and family were really grateful and happy to have seen this result, as according to them it has given her a new lease of hope. It has also given a Quality to his living, and brought back his confidence



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