

CASE OF THE MONTH



A 9-year-old female patient with cerebral palsy (non-verbal) was admitted to Peerless Hospital under Dr. Saheli Dasgupta due to a cardiac arrest. The child was previously being treated in Bangalore for convulsion issues and was prescribed five anti-convulsant medications daily.

Unfortunately, the child experienced a foreign body aspiration (FBA) incident, where a tablet became lodged in her windpipe. The mother attempted to remove the object, but the child's oxygen saturation dropped so critically that child was turning blue due to lack of oxygen, necessitating immediate medical intervention.

The patient was rushed to the emergency department of Peerless Hospital, where she suffered a cardiac arrest. Her oxygen saturation levels were extremely low, and she required prolonged mechanical ventilation for over three weeks.

The medical team under the leadership of Dr. Saheli Dasgupta, PICU Incharge and consultant paediatrician made several attempts to wean the patient off the ventilator, with the support of ongoing physiotherapy. Finally, after diligent efforts, the patient was successfully weaned off the ventilator and is now preparing for discharge from the hospital.