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One of the youngest female having Rapunzel Syndrome in world literature.

Siddhi aged 4 yrs, daughter of Navghanbhai Thakor, was presented in Civil Hospital on 8th Jan in Paediatric department with lump in abdomen and pain in abdomen associated with occasional vomiting. She has less satiety and failure to gain weight. Siddhi is the only survived child of Navghanbhai Thakor from PADAVA village in Patan district. Family has lost two boys at the age of one year from epilepsy and aspiration of foreign body respectively. They are from a very poor economic status and parents are labourer.

She was then referred to Department of Paediatric Surgery where on examination and investigation for intraabdominal lump was proved to be gastric Trichobezoar.

She was operated by Dr. Rakesh Joshi, Associate professor in Dept of Paediatric surgery and his team and anaesthesia was given by Dr. Shailesh Shah, Professor of Anaesthesia and Dr J.C.Makwana, Assist Prof on 18th Jan, 2012. exploratory laprotomy was done followed by gastrotomy and removal of trichobezoar from stomach, duodenum and proximal jejunum. She is stable post operatively.

Since the initial description by Dr Vaughan in 1968, fewer than 40 cases of Rapunzel syndrome have been reported till date, and the youngest reported case is 7 yrs old. Out of this reported cases less than 30% are from India (less than 10 cases) and this is the youngest ever case reported. This is the first reported case of Rapunzel syndrome at this age in history of civil Hospital, Ahmedabad.
Preoperative Pictures:
Intraoperative Pictures:
Postoperative Pictures: