

Case Studies

1. Sunanda delivered on November 30th at 8:20 a.m. At the time of delivery she had completed 8 months 5 days gestation. The baby's birth weight was 1 kg 950 grams. The baby was fine for the first 6 days. On the 7th day, when the ASHA visited, she found the baby had stopped suckling and had a distended abdomen. She was breathing well but her cry was weak. Her weight was 1 kg 900 grams. The ASHA diagnosed sepsis because the baby had stopped feeding and had a distended abdomen.

What would you do first?

What is the treatment for this baby (dose and number of days)?

How often would you visit?

What would you tell the parents about home care?

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2. Vimal's baby boy was born a week after the expected date and weighed 2.900 kg. He was strong and healthy. The ASHA helped Vimal start breastfeeding and performed the examination after one hour. On the 10th day, the mother said the baby was cold. The temperature was 93° F (33.9° C) . His weight was 3 kg. He was still feeding and crying but he had chest indrawing. His abdomen was soft and his limbs flexed. His umbilical had healed well. ASHA diagnoses sepsis.

What would you do first?

What reason is there to get an informed consent form?

Name of the ASHA : _____

Date : _____

Name of the trainer : _____

Total score : _____

Block : _____

What treatment do you decide to give (give reasons)?

What do you tell the parents before you leave?

How often do you return?

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3. Tarabai was pregnant with her fourth baby.

The baby delivered at 7 months 27 days gestation and weighed 1.650 kg. The baby could not suckle up to the 14th day.

On the 15th day, the baby could suckle from the breast.

On 17th day the baby vomited twice but continued to feed. She was not cold and had a good cry. On 28th day the baby weighed 2.250 kg. The ASHA began visiting in the 2nd month and strengthened her efforts to improve the infant's weight.

On the 45th day the baby had all limbs limp and the mother said the baby was cold. The baby's temperature is 94⁰ F (34.4⁰ C) and the ASHA diagnosed sepsis.

What risk factors did the baby have at birth?

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What Criteria was used to determine sepsis ?

How would you explain the problem and the need for their informed consent before treatment ?

What dosage would you use and for how many days ?

What would you tell the parents about home care ?
