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URACHAL SINUS IN AN INFANT: A CASE REPORT

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ABSTRACT

The persistence of the urachus, a tubular structure that connects the bladder to the navel, is an anomaly that consists in its permanence after birth. It can have four different forms and one of the rarest is the urachal sinus. Urachus persistence can cause local infection, sepsis and malignancy of the remaining structures. The earlier the diagnosis and surgical correction, the lower the chance of future complications. It was reported a 41-day-old female patient with an umbilical scar secretion in large quantities, with a foul odor. The mother denied fever, pruritus, edema and local erythema, and any other complaints. Initially, omphalitis was suspected; however, after 36 hours of hospitalization, the patient remained without drainage of secretions and afebrile, so the diagnostic hypothesis of persistent urachus was considered. Subsequently, a full abdominal ultrasound was performed and It was evidenced a persistent urachus. In most cases, the persistence of urachus is an incidental diagnosis, as patients tend to be asymptomatic. However, when there are local symptoms, there must be a high suspicion, thus avoiding underdiagnosis of the disease. Treatment includes surgical correction performed that can be electively.



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