

AN UNUSUAL CASE OF URETHRITIS DUE TO FOREIGN BODY

(In Male)

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Foreign body urethritis in male is a well-known clinical entity, though fairly rare. During the last few years we have come across a few cases due to impacted urethral calculus. Foreign bodies like pencil, long sewing needle, wires and match sticks were detected in the male urethra without any clinical sign of urethritis probably due to their short stay inside urethra before they were removed. Of late, a patient reported to the Dept. of Venereology and Sexual Disorders, Medical college, Calcutta. He was having Urethritis due to the presence of a half burnt bidi inside his urethra which we consider as unique and therefore worthy of record.

Case History: S. S., muslim, 22 years, single reported on 22-6-64 with urethral discharge and burning micturition, both of seven days duration. He denied any history of sex contact.

On examination there was profuse mucopurulent urethral discharge with no other abnormality. Urethral smear on Gram's stain showed plenty of pus cells epithelial cells with few secondary organisms but no Gram negative diplococci. The urine was moderately hazy. Blood V. D. R. L. was negative.

The patient was put on Inj P. A. M. 2 c.c. I. M. and mist alkali et hyocyamus ml 30 T. D. on the first day of visit on clinical ground. On 30-6-64 there was clinical improvement and urine on examination showed a few pus cells and epithelial cells. On 4-7-64 he returned again with profuse mucopurulent urethral discharge. On further enquiry he disclosed that about 20 days back somebody with whom he had a quarrel, forced a half burnt bidi into his urethra while he was asleep. Urethral discharge started from the following day.

On palpation some firm substance of about five centimeter in length was felt along the length of the urethra from about four centimeter proximal to the external urethral meatus. When it was taken out with the help of a crocodile forcep, keeping moderately constant pressure on the urethra proximal to it to avoid further slipping inside, it was seen to be a half burnt, flattened bidi of about 4.5 centimeter, compressed and the tapering end directed proximally.

The patient was kept only on mist. alkali et hyocyamus ml 30 T. D. Urethral discharge completely stopped from the next day. At present he is undergoing surveillance.

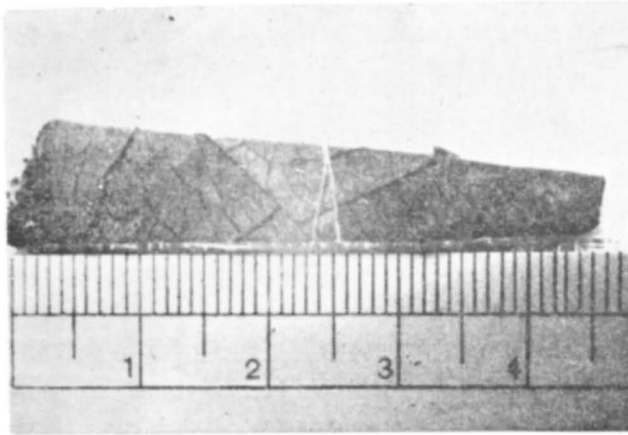
DISCUSSION

The diagnosis in this case was missed on the first day due to incomplete history given by the patient. The failure of the clinical improvement with the preliminary treatment invited further enquiry which gave the clue to the real cause. Urethroscopy or Roentgenography was not required as the foreign body was palpable from outside and easily taken out. Urethritis subsided quickly as the cause was removed.

The story of forcing a bidi into one's urethra during sleep is difficult to believe. This probably is a case of perverted sex practice.

SUMMARY

A case of urethritis due to an unusual foreign body urethra is reported.



An unusual case of urethritis due to foreign body in male.

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