



The authors present a case of cardiac tamponade following umbilical venous catheterisation in a neonate” Chioukh et al (2016).

Abstract:

With more and more extreme premature and very low-birth weight babies being resuscitated, umbilical central venous catheterisation is now being used more frequently in neonatal intensive care. One of the life-threatening complications is pericardial effusion and cardiac tamponade; however, it is potentially reversible when it is caught in time. The authors present a case of cardiac tamponade following umbilical venous catheterisation in a neonate. The patient was diagnosed at the appropriate time by echocardiography and urgent pericardiocentesis proved lifesaving.

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Chioukh, F.Z., Ameer, K.B., Hmida, H.B. and Monastiri, K. (2016) Pericardial effusion with cardiac tamponade caused by a central venous catheter in a very low birth weight infant. The Pan African Medical Journal. 25,13. eCollection 2016.

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