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DENGUE HEMORRHAGIC FEVER (DHF) IN PREGNANCY AT NMCHC



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Introduction

- ▶ Dengue cases have been rising in recent years and also shown detrimental outcomes for pregnant infected women.
- ▶ Some pregnant women have dengue fever in the last weeks of pregnancy, leading to blood clotting disorders, which are dangerous for both mother and fetus.
- ▶ In the months of July, Service ICU of NMCHC receive 5 cases of Dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) severe clinical implications in pregnancy in which 1 woman is tragically death because of DHF Complication.
- ▶ In this presentation , we present the clinical case DHF in service ICU at NMCHC.

Incident

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- ▶ All of these 5 women were present with fever and **Dengue NS1(+)**
- ▶ All these 5 cases are pregnant in 3rd Trimester.
- ▶ 3 of 5 women have dengue shock syndrome (TAS < 80mmHg).
- ▶ All these 5 cases have Thrombocytopenia (platelet < $50. \times 10^9/L$).
- ▶ 3 of 5 women has elevated liver enzymes (ALT, AST, GGT and LDH)

- ▶ 2 women went to vaginal delivery, and 3 undergone Cesarean section.
 - ▶ 3 women have Postpartum hemorrhage.
 - ▶ 3 have blood products transfusion (red blood cell transfusions, Platelet transfusions, Plasma transfusions).
 - ▶ 3 have Fetal Distress (low APGAR Score).
 - ▶ 1 of 5 newborns have fever and was tested positive of **Dengue NS1**
- (Vertical Transmission)**
- ▶ 4 women are fully recover, sadly with 1 maternal deaths (mortality 20%)

Case 1

(DHF in term pregnancy)

- ▶ 25-year-old pregnant woman entered our ICU department with fever for 3 days
- ▶ BP : 108/58 mmHg
HR : 98/min
T : 39°C
RR: 20/min
O2: 99%
FHR: 130bpm
- ▶ G1P0A0
- ▶ WBC $3.7 \times 10^9/L$
- ▶ RBC 9.3 g/dl
- ▶ Ht 28%
- ▶ Platelet $78 \times 10^9/L$
- ▶ Crea 0.6 g/dl
- ▶ CRP 11.6 mg
- ▶ **Dengue NS1 (+)**
- ▶ ASAT 59
- ▶ ALAT 32

- ▶ Diagnosis : Dengue hemorrhagic fever (D4)
- ▶ Obstetrician : Term pregnancy with severe oligohydramnios and Acute fetal distress
- ▶ Indication: Emergency C section.
- ▶ Newborn male; weight: 3550g, Apgar: 5.6.7
- ▶ transfers to the NCU department
- ▶ WBC $4.9 \times 10^9/L$
- ▶ RBC 4.5 g/dl
- ▶ Ht 13.6 %
- ▶ Plaq $38 \times 10^9/L$
- ▶ Na :133
- ▶ K: 3.7
- ▶ ASAT 144
- ▶ ALAT 64

Service ICU

Day 1 Post Operation

- ▶ BP : 85/40 mmHg
- ▶ HR : 102/min
- ▶ SpO2 98%
- ▶ GA : altered
- ▶ Symptoms of shock(+)
- ▶ Vaginal bleeding (++)
- ▶ peritoneal effusion (+)
- ▶ Pleural effusion (+)



Diagnosis : DHF with shock (D4) + C section (D1)

- ▶ Correct shock
 - ▶ Metabolic correction (acidosis)
 - ▶ Transfusion
 - ▶ reinforce blood clotting
 - ▶ DHF treatment
- ▶ PIV LR 1000ml +Oxy 2A
 - ▶ Ceftriaxone 2g (IVL)
 - ▶ Metro500mg 1fl *3 (PIV)
 - ▶ Albumine 1FL * 2 PIV
 - ▶ Omeprazole 40mg 1FL (IVL)
 - ▶ Para 1g (PIV) condition
 - ▶ Tranex 3g/24h (IVSE)
 - ▶ Calcium 1A * 2 (IVL)
 - ▶ Vit K1 1A * 2 (IVL)
 - ▶ Solumedrol 125mg 1Fl IVL
 - ▶ Cytotec 2cp *3 (SL)

Day 3 (post c-section)

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- ▶ Diagnosis : DHF with shock (D7) + C section (D3)+ PPH

Obste: no surgery

ICU

- ▶ Correct shock
- ▶ Metabolic correction (acidosis)
- ▶ Transfusion
- ▶ reinforce blood clotting
- ▶ DHF treatment

▶ WBC: $15 \times 10^9/\text{L}$

▶ RBC 4.5 g/dl

▶ Ht : 13%

▶ Platelet $18 \times 10^9/\text{L}$

▶ TP: 40%

▶ ASAT :130

▶ ALAT :143

Service ICU

Day 5 (post c-section)

- ▶ Hemodynamic instability
- ▶ Vaginal bleeding (+)



Service ICU

Day 10

- ▶ BP 120/70 mmHg
- ▶ HR : 68/min
- ▶ SpO2 : 99%
- ▶ Fully recovered
- ▶ Symptoms of shock(-)
- ▶ Vaginal bleeding (-)
- ▶ peritoneal effusion (-)
- ▶ Pleural effusion (-)
- ▶ WBC: $15 \times 10^9/L$
- ▶ RBC 9 g/dl
- ▶ Ht : 25%
- ▶ Platelet $185. 10^9/L$
- ▶ TP: 99%
- ▶ ASAT :45
- ▶ ALAT :43

► Diagnosis: DHF (D14)+ post c-section (D10)

► Stayed At ICU for 10 days

Total Transfusion:

► RBC: 10 bags

► Platelet 28 bags

► Plasma 8 bags

► Transfer to Maternity Ward



Case 2

DHF with pulmonary edema

- ▶ Ms. 23F, G.37 SA was transferred to the ICU on 17-7-2025 at 08:30 for severe dyspnea after dengue infection D4.

Vital Sign:

- ▶ BP: 120/60 mmHg
- ▶ HR: 120/min
- ▶ RR: 20/min
- ▶ SpO₂: 90% at O₂ 10 L/min
- ▶ GS: 15/15



Clinical examination

- ▶ General condition: Alterate
- ▶ Consciousness : alert, agitate
- ▶ Dyspnea: +++
- ▶ Fever (+)
- ▶ Cough with serous sputum
- ▶ Lung : crackling sound, both lungs
- ▶ Pleural effusion (+)
- ▶ Cardiac : Tachycadie 130/min,
- ▶ Abnormal heart sound (-)
- ▶ Hepatomegaly (+)
- ▶ splenomegaly (-)
- ▶ Paleness: (-)
- ▶ Petechial(-) purpura (-)
- ▶ Lower limb edema (-)
- ▶ Internal hemorrhage (-)
- ▶ Urine : 500ml/24H.

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Left Ventricle:

- LV dimension no enlarged with LVEDd:51mm.
- LV systolic function is normal with EF:63%.
- Global and segmental contraction is normal.
- Diastolic function is normal
- Septum and posterior wall are normal.

Mitral valve: is normal in structure, function and motion.

Aortic valve: is normal in structure, function and motion

Left atrium: no enlarged, no thrombus neither spontaneous contrast.

Right Heart: No evidence of the right cavity dilated.

Tricuspid Valve: is normal in structure, motion and function.

VS and IAS are intact, No shunt.

VC: enlarged with 17mm diameter. Inspiration collapsed <50%.

Conclusion: Normal Cardiac Ultrasound.

► Diagnosis: Dengue fever (D4)
with pulmonary edema in 37
weeks pregnancy.

► Indication: medical treatment
of Dengue

► Obstetrician:

FHR = 145/min

Fluid amniotic index : normal

No emergency delivery

► RBC= 11.7 g/dl,

► Ht = 35.5%

► Platelet= $39 \times 10^9/\text{L}$

► Urea= 22 mg/dl

► Creatine = 0.6 mg/dl

► ASAT= 197 U/L

► ALAT= 115 U/L

► Na =135, K=2.5

► Glucose: 116g/dL

► CRP : 67mg/dL

► Dengue NS1 (+), IgG (+)

Service ICU (D1) (DHF D5)

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- ▶ Patient condition worsening
- ▶ Confusion
- ▶ No more fever
- ▶ Dyspnea (+++)
- ▶ Hypotension with shock sign
- ▶ Cold and clammy skin (+)
- ▶ Profuse sweating (+)
- ▶ Urine : 800ml/24H
- ▶ Diagnostic : DHF with shock (D5) + OAP



Medical team (Anesthesiologist ,
Obstetrician) decision :

- ▶ Medical treatment for DHF.
- ▶ Obstetric procedure not required.
- ▶ Close fetal monitoring.
- ▶ Explain to the family, about the serious condition of the patient.



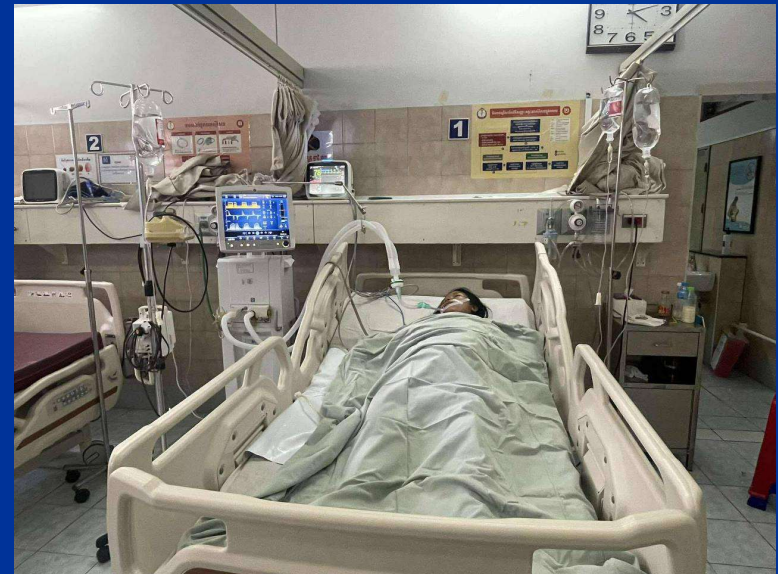
Service ICU (D7) DHF(D10)

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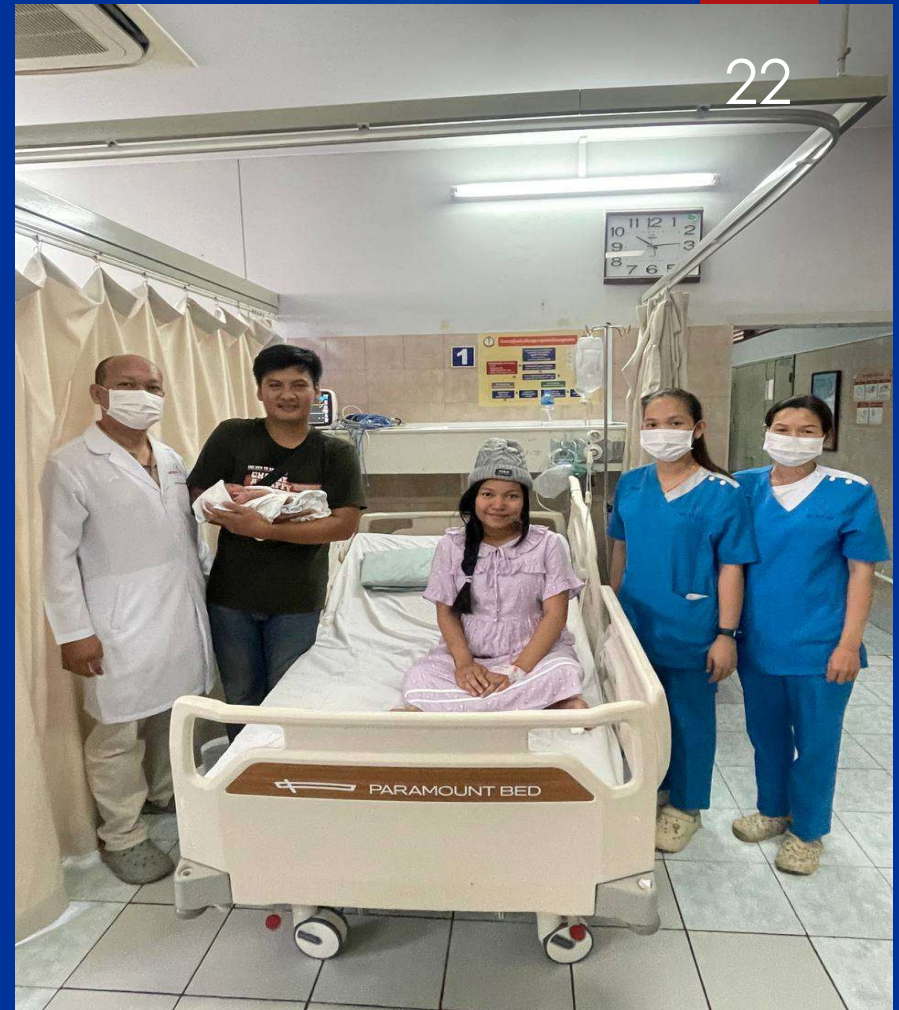
- ▶ Condition get better
- ▶ SpO2 95% at O2 3L/min
- ▶ Platelet : $96 \times 10^9/L$
- ▶ Lung : clear
- ▶ Obstetric ultrasound : Severe oligohydramnios with 38 weeks pregnancy.
- ▶ Obstetric : C/section



- ▶ After discuss with multidisciplinary team and agreement from hospital director, we decide to have a schedule C-section.
- ▶ Deliver a new born, male; weight: 2750g, Apgar: 4.5.6, and transfers to the NCU department.



- She was fully recover After 16 days of critical care at ICU service by effort multidisciplinary team.



Case 3

DHF with thrombose- embolic

- ▶ A 30-year-old 36weeks pregnancy, from Svay Reang province, entered the ICU department for fever day 1.
- ▶ Medical: no
- ▶ Surgical: no
- ▶ Gynecological: no
- ▶ Obstetric: G3P2A0 (ANC in province)
- ▶ Allergy: unknown

Clinical Examination:

- ▶ BP: 122/66 mmHg, HR: 114/min, Spo2: 98%, Temp: 38.5c,
- ▶ FHR : 155/min
- ▶ GA : Slightly altered
- ▶ Consciousness : GCS: 15/15,
- ▶ Conjunctive : slightly pallor
- ▶ Respiratory: Normal
- ▶ Cardiovascular: Regular rhythm, no audible murmur
- ▶ WBC= $7.1 \times 10^9/L$
- ▶ RBC= 9.3 g/dl
- ▶ Platelet= $189 \times 10^9/L$
- ▶ TP= 100%,
- ▶ Urea= 10 mg/dL
- ▶ Crea= 0.6 mg/dl
- ▶ ASAT= 28 u/l ALAT=21u/l,
- ▶ Na+ = 135mmol/l
- ▶ K+ = 3.7mmol/l,
- ▶ Dengue NS1(+)
- ▶ Dengue IgG (+) et IgM (-)

- ▶ Obstetrical ultrasound:
Pregnancy 36 weeks and 5 days.
- ▶ Obstetrician : No Obstetrical indication
- ▶ Heart Ultrasound: normal
- ▶ PIV - NSS 1000ml / 24H
- ▶ Paracetamol 1g: 1FI x 3 (PIV)
- ▶ Omeprazol 40mg: 1A /24h
- ▶ Fer 1cp x 2 (PO)

At ICU DHF (D7)

- ▶ Condition minimally altered
- ▶ Consciousness intact
- ▶ Skin and cutaneous tissue are well colored
- ▶ Fever 37°C
- ▶ Blood pressure: 129/80 mmHg, Pulse: 70/min
- ▶ Lungs : clear
- ▶ vascular system: normal
- ▶ No signs of hemorrhage
- ▶ FHR : 150 /min
- ▶ WBC: $8.71 \times 10^9/L$
- ▶ RBC: 10.1 g/dl
- ▶ Ht : 33%
- ▶ Platelet: $37 \times 10^9/L$
- ▶ Urea : 10 , - Creatinine : 0.6
- ▶ Sodium : 139 , Potassium : 3.1
- ▶ Albumine : 27g/l
- ▶ TP : 99%

At ICU

DHF (D10)

- ▶ Condition : good
- ▶ Consciousness: normal
- ▶ Fever (-)
- ▶ Blood pressure: 129/80 mmHg,
Pulse: 70/min
- ▶ Lungs : clear
- ▶ vascular system: normal
- ▶ No signs of hemorrhage
- ▶ No signs of DVT
- ▶ FHR : 150 /min
- ▶ WBC: $5.9 \cdot 10^9/\text{L}$
- ▶ RBC : 9.3 g/dl
- ▶ Ht: 29%
- ▶ platelet : $145 \cdot 10^9/\text{L}$

On 11/08/2025 at 2:50

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- ▶ The woman began to gasp for breath, her face turned purple, her eyes opened but she couldn't speak
- ▶ TA= 112/78 mmHg,
- ▶ HR= 130/mn,
- ▶ T°= 36.1°C
- ▶ SpO2= 85 % (O2= 15L mask)
- ▶ FHR : 146/mn
- ▶ Patient is at dreadful condition
- ▶ agitation with GCS7/15 (Y:1, V:2, M:4)
- ▶ Intense dyspnea and sweating
- ▶ Chest pain (++)
- ▶ Pallor and cyanosis of the extremities
- ▶ Lung : Clear
- ▶ Heart: weak and slow pulse (41/min),
BP: 68/40mmHg
- ▶ SpO2: 82% (O2=15L/min mask)
- ▶ vaginal bleeding ≈200ml (fresh blood)

Cardiac ultrasound by anesthetist :

- ▶ IVC = 23mm,
- ▶ Big thrombose in the inferior vena cava
- ▶ LVEF < 30%
- ▶ Right Ventricular congestion



- ▶ Oro-tracheal intubation: VC mode
($V_t=380\text{ml}$, $RR=15/\text{min}$,
 $PEEP=5\text{cmH}_2\text{O}$, $FiO_2=100\%$)
- ▶ ABG: metabolic acidosis
- ▶ Hypoxemia, hypocapnia



- ▶ At 4:00 . arrive in the operating room:
Emergency Caesarean section for Diagnosis:
State of shock + acute fetal distress in a full-term pregnancy
- ▶ Deliver a newborn, female
- ▶ weight: 3300g,
- ▶ Apgar: 4.5.6
- ▶ transfer to the NCU department

During operation

- ▶ RBC : 3 bags
- ▶ platelet :6 bags
- ▶ Plasma: 2 bags



- ▶ At 11:00 : Cardiac Arrest
- ▶ External Cardiac Massage + External Electric Shock 6 times for 45 minutes
- ▶ She died on 11/08/2025 at 13:30

Death Diagnosis :

- ▶ **Pulmonary Embolism + Disseminated intravascular coagulation + Cardiogenic Shock in a DHF D12 + post-Caesarean D0**



Conclusions

- ▶ DHF in pregnancy is high risk for both maternal and fetus death.
- ▶ Dengue become more dangerous with serious complications.
- ▶ DHF in the last weeks of pregnancy, leading to blood clotting disorders high risk of PPH.
- ▶ Multidisciplinary team (Obstetrician , Neonatologist, Anesthesiologist, internal medicine, Lab..) is essential.
- ▶ **Managing pregnancy with DHF is very complex and individualized.**
- ▶ Termination of pregnancy : **Depend on patients status.**
- ▶ There are an elevated liver enzymes that should be carefully differential diagnosis with Eclampsia or HELLP .
- ▶ Preventing thrombo-embolism (General measurement)

Take Home Message

- ▶ Every case of DHF in pregnancy must be transferred to Referral Hospital.
- ▶ Termination of pregnancy during Critical phase of DHF should be avoided.
- ▶ Risk of thrombo-embolism in convalescence phase need to be considered
- ▶ In case of shock, Ringer's Acetate is recommended.
- ▶ National guideline of DHF management in pregnancy should be available as soon as the case keep increasing.

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