

Webbed Penis—A Case Report

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WEBBED penis may sometimes be mistaken for a short penis. Apart from cosmetic disfigurement it may cause functional disabilities. Less than 15 cases only seem to have been reported (Masih, 1974). A case of this anomaly was recently seen here and due to its rarity is being reported.

Case Report

RPS., (H. No. 15340/76), a 3 year old boy was admitted in the Paediatric Surgical services, Children Hospital, I.M.S., B.H.U., Varanasi, with a webbed penis. A tag of



Fig. 1—Pre op. photograph showing web of the penis.

skin extended from the scrotum right upto the prepuce (Fig. 1). There was no hypospadias or chordae, Radiological investigation of genito-urinary and Cardio-vascular systems revealed no abnormality. The web was excised and local repair done (Fig. 2).



Fig. 2—Post op. photograph showing a near normal penis.

Comments

This extremely rare condition is usually associated with hypospadias (Campbell, 1951), which surprisingly was absent in our case. The embryology is disputed:

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disturbance of normal development of the prepuce (Hunter, 1935) and failure of the scrotal swellings to shift caudally (Najjar, 1974) are possible explanations. Treatment is by a simple release and closure of the defect by linear stitching or Z-plasty.

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