

# **Analysis of causes that led to rib and skull fractures and intracranial bleeding in the case of the premature triplets Parneet, Sukhsaihaj, and Imaan**

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## **Abstract**

Parneet, Sukhsaihaj, and Imaan were born at 30 weeks gestation via cesarean section and their weights were 1.31, 1.38, and 1.46 Kg, respectively. They suffered from respiratory acidosis, hypoglycemia, respiratory distress syndrome, sepsis, jaundice, gastroesophageal reflex, and anemia. They were discharged from the hospital at 42 days of age. The triplets were vaccinated with DTaP, IPV, Hib, and PCV vaccines at the age of 61 days in Imaan's case and 75 days in Parneet and Sukhsaihaj's case. At 15 days following vaccination, Parneet suffered from apnea, metabolic acidosis, seizures, infections, intracranial and retinal bleeding, and a skull fracture. Sukhsaihaj developed respiratory tract and eye infections, severe anemia, bleeding, and skull fracture. Imaan had severe anemia and a skull fracture. It was alleged that the babies' injuries were caused by blunt trauma to the head. The parents were accused of causing the triplet's injuries.

The clinical data described in this report reveal that the triplet's health problems were caused by vaccines. The severity of their injuries correlates with their hemoglobin levels at the time of vaccination. The subcutaneous and the intracranial bleeding resulted from protein and vitamin K deficiencies and infections. Severe anemia, vitamin K deficiency, and systemic infections are the likely causes of Parneet's retinal bleeding. The skull fractures resulted from protein and vitamin K deficiencies. The severity of the fractures correlates with the severity of the protein and vitamin K deficiencies, the degree of the infection, and the level of the intracranial pressure.

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