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Doctors of Walawalkar Hospital succeeded in extracting the pin of the SIM card stuck in the breathing tube



A 23-year-old woman from Ratnagiri was found to have a SIM card pin lodged in her respiratory tract by an ear, nose, and throat specialist following a bronchoscopy procedure. On August 20, 2024, while replacing the SIM card in her mobile phone, she inadvertently swallowed the pin after placing it in her mouth. At that moment, she experienced no issues with breathing or swallowing, leading her to remain at home overnight without seeking medical attention. The following morning, she consulted with Dr. Ravindra Gondhalekar, from Ratnagiri. Upon examination by Dr. Ganadekar, a scopy of the esophagus was performed, but the pin was not visible. Subsequently, a chest X-ray and a CT scan revealed a blockage in the right airway. Dr. Ganadekar promptly referred the patient to B. K. L. Walawalkar Hospital.

As soon as the patient came to Walawalkar Hospital, E. N. T. Surgeon of Walawalkar Hospital Dr. Rajeev Keni, checked the patient in the emergency services and advised the relatives to perform an emergency operation to remove the SIM card pin from the trachea. The relatives without a moment's delay prepared for the operation by trusting the ear, nose and throat specialists of Walawalkar Hospital. Dr. Rajeev Keni immediately conducted the preliminary examination and preparations for the operation. At around 10 pm, the patient was taken to the operation and Dr. Rajeev Keni performed bronchoscopy very skillfully and removed the pin from the trachea of the right lung. Dr. Rajeev Keni, along with his team of expert's Dr. Pratik Shahane and Dr. Seeja from Walawalkar Hospital performed a very difficult surgery easily. Dr. Rajeev Keni, justified the patient's faith.

Bronchoscopy is a life-threatening operation. It is very difficult job of giving anesthesia for this surgery. Leena Thakur, Dr. Gaurav Baviskar and his team performed very well.

Dr. Neelkanth Bardhan's from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in America visit to Dervan Hospital



Dr. Neelkanth Bardhan, who researches on cancer at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in America, visited B. K. L. Walawalkar Rural Medical College and Hospital on 08th August 2024 and expressed satisfaction after inspecting various projects.

Dr. Bardhan visited all research labs and he has plans to write a project proposal for grant.

First Endoscopic Brain Tumor Surgery in Konkan at Walawalkar Hospital



The recently inaugurated Neuro Surgery Department at Walawalkar Hospital features a state-of-the-art modular operation theater specifically designed for neurosurgical procedures. The department is equipped with advanced technology, including an endoscopic camera system from the German company 'Carl Stoez', an endoscope from Durbin, and a neuro microscope from Carl Zeiss, along with a comprehensive range of surgical instruments supplied by the Vitthalrao Joshi Charities Trust. Additionally, Dr.

Mridul Bhatjiwale, a neurosurgeon, has recently become a full-time member of the staff at Walawalkar Hospital.

A few days prior, a 39-year-old male visited the hospital with headache and dizziness, leading to his admission to the hospital due to impaired vision. Following a thorough examination, a tumor was detected adjacent to the pituitary gland. This tumor exerted pressure on the central region of the patient's brain, as well as on the nerve fibers, optic nerve, and pituitary gland. On August 22, 2024, Dr. Mridul Bhatjiwale successfully performed the surgery using a binocular approach. The procedure was conducted entirely through the nasal passage, eliminating the need for any external incisions or sutures. Utilizing a telescope, Dr. Mridul accessed the brain to isolate the tumor, resulting in a complete recovery for the patient, who was discharged home.

This surgical procedure was performed at no cost as part of the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Yojana. An increasing number of patients are reaping the benefits of this initiative, as the neurosurgery department at Walawalkar Hospital is now fully operational. Conditions such as brain hemorrhage, brain cancer, various tumors, traumatic brain injuries, cerebrospinal fluid issues, and spinal cord and spine tumors are now being treated with the most advanced technology available.

Health examination of paediatric kids on the occasion of Dahi Handi festival at Walawalkar Hospital



B.K.L. Walawalkar Hospital commemorated the Dahi Handi festival with remarkable enthusiasm this year, welcoming 38 children from the village of Pimpri Pedhambe to participate in the festivities. The celebration also served the important purpose of conducting health check-ups for the children. They were brought to the hospital for these assessments, where they received complimentary medications, and interns & pediatricians provided guidance to their parents regarding health and nutrition. Additionally, videos demonstrating quick and nutritious cooking methods were showcased. Traditionally, during the Dahi Handi festival, pots filled with ingredients such as churmure, gram, peanuts, and phutane are suspended high above the ground, prompting children to form human towers to reach them. The event was marked by joyous chants of "Govinda ala re ala" as the pots were broken. Both children and their parents were offered prasad from the handi, along with nutritious ladoos and meals. Walawalkar Hospital not only preserves cultural traditions but also fosters positive health initiatives.

Taluka level kho-kho competition held at Dervan Sports Complex

The current season of school competitions, organized by the District Sports Officer Office of Ratnagiri and the Shiksha Parishad Ratnagiri under the Directorate of Sports and Youth Services, is underway. Various sporting events are taking place at the sports complex of Shree Vitthalrao Joshi Charities Trust in Dervan. The taluka-level Kho-Kho competition, conducted from August 22 to 24, witnessed unprecedented participation this year, with over 90 teams competing in the boys' and girls' categories for ages 14, 17, and 19. Additionally, parents and spectators attended to support the teams. Players from rural areas, known for their robust physiques, delivered outstanding performances, enhancing the competitive spirit of the event. The inauguration of the competition was graced by the presence of several dignitaries, including Shri. Sachin Mandavkar, State Sports Guide of Ratnagiri District Sports Officer; Shri. Srikant Paradkar, Sports Director of SVJCT; Shri. Rakesh Khandekar, President of the Chiplun Taluka Sports Teachers Association; Shri. Sameer Kalekar, Taluka Sports Competition Coordinator; Secretary Shri. Mohsin Patel; and Senior Sports Teachers Shri. M. B. Sawant, Shri. Ulhas Mohite, Shri. Baban Aghav, Shri. Datta Bagul, Shri. Mukund Potbharre, Shri. Dadasaheb Pande, and Shri. Tanaji Salunkhe, among others.

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