

DEGU ROSE 146

History of the present illness: Degu Pink is a 9 month old African male whose mother brings him to you with the chief complaint of fevers, vomiting, and diarrhea for the past 2 days. . He was fine until a week ago when his older sister gave him some dirty water to drink. Within 5 days he started to vomit and have watery diarrhea. For the past 24 hours he has refused to nurse. For the past 8 hours his mother has not been able to awaken him.

Past medical and social history: Degu is the younger of two children. His parents are ginger farmers. He has had no immunizations, has no allergies, and is on no medications.

Physical exam: Degu is not responsive; he cannot be awakened. He responds to pain with a very slight moan. Vital signs: T 97.2; P 132; R 36; Weight 5 kg. The skin is warm, dry, and wrinkled. Head is normal size and shape. The eyes are sunken .Pupils are equal, round, and responsive to light. The whites of the eyes are white. Corneas are clear .Inside the lower lids is normal pink. The nose is normal shape and without sores. The outer ears, canals, and ear drums are normal in appearance. There are 3 teeth; the mouth is totally dry. The tonsils are normal size and color. There are no enlarged lymph nodes in the neck, front or back. The thyroid is not enlarged. Heart sounds have no murmur. Lungs are clear. Bowel sounds are present and hyperactive. Liver and spleen are not enlarged. The abdomen is soft . There are no enlarged lymph nodes in the groin. The kidney area in back is not tender. Arms and legs show no swelling. Respond.

Options:

Treat him yourself; specify how.

Send him to a government hospital—will take 2 days.

Send him to a private clinic—will take 24 hours and cost you \$50.



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Past history and setting:

Do others have this same kind of thing? It is common in the culture.
What happens? Sometimes the patient recovers, sometimes he dies.
Is the mother emptying her breasts? No, but she will if you want her to do so.

Present illness:

Was he exclusively breast fed other than this one incident? Yes
Will Degu suck? No
What happens if you try to put down a stomach tube? He vomits around it.
What does the diarrhea look like? Very watery with a lot of bubbles; it floats.

Laboratory: No urine specimen. Hemoglobin 100%.