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Title:	One death due to rabies, 9th death in last four months in Pune, Maharashtra			
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A 50-year-old man succumbed to rabies at the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC)-run Naidu Infectious Diseases Hospital on May 10, increasing the number of deaths to the fatal infection to nine in the last four months.

A civic official said the man was bitten by a stray dog one and a half months ago. After the bite, he had not taken any anti-rabies vaccines or fast-acting antibodies to deactivate the virus.

"The victim was not from Pune city. As per our medical records, he was a resident of a village in Ahmednagar district and was admitted to Naidu hospital where his health deteriorated," a PMC health official said.

The deceased has been identified as Rajendra Tukaram Magar. "It was a category-III dog bite wound. As per the medical history provided to our health staff by the victim's relatives, Magar did not take any anti-rabies vaccination or fast-acting antibodies on the scheduled days. Besides, he was also not administered rabies immunoglobulin, a ready-made antibody which is extremely effective in deactivating the virus in a category-III dog-bite injury," officials said.

The victims are usually injected with a fast-acting ready-made antibody and rabies

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immunoglobulin (RIG), near the wound to deactivate the rabies virus. The readymade antibodies are given to the patient for immediate protection because the vaccine generally takes 14 days to produce antibodies. As per the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines, RIG should be given for all category-III exposed patients, irrespective of the interval between the exposure and the beginning of the treatment. Magar began developing a mild fever and breathlessness a few days before he was admitted to the PMC-run Naidu Infectious Diseases Hospital on May 9 "He had also developed symptoms of rabies like hydrophobia (fear of water). He was also extremely breathless at the time of admission. He succumbed to the rabies infection on May 10 at 7am," an official said.

A 50-year-old man succumbed to rabies at Pune Municipal Corporation run Naidu Infectious Diseases hospital, taking the number of deaths to the fatal infection to nine in last four months.

Civic official said the man was bitten by a stray dog one and half months ago and that he had not taken anti-rabies vaccines and fast acting antibodies to deactivate the virus on the scheduled days.

"The victim was not from Pune city. As per our medical records, he was a resident of a village in Ahmednagar district and was admitted to Naidu hospital when his health condition deteriorated," said a health official of Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC).

The deceased has been identified as Rajendra Tukaram Magar. "It was a category-III dog bite wound. As per the medical history given to our health staff by the victim's relatives, Magar did not seek anti-rabies vaccination on the scheduled days. Besides, he was also not administered rabies immunoglobulin, a readymade antibody which is extremely effective in deactivating the virus in category III dog-bite injury," officials said.

The victims are usually injected a fast-acting readymade antibody, rabies immunoglobulin (RI), near the wound to deactivate the rabies virus. The readymade antibodies are given to the patient for immediate protection because the vaccine generally takes 14 days to produce antibodies. As per WHO guidelines, rabies immunoglobulin (RIG) should be given for all category III exposures, irrespective of the interval between exposure and beginning of treatment. Magar developed mild fever and breathlessness a few days before he was admitted to PMC-run Naidu Infectious Diseases Hospital on May 9 "He had developed symptoms of rabies like hydrophobia (fear of water) and was extremely breathless at the time of admission. He succumbed to rabies infection at 7 am on May 10," official said.

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