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Title:	13 year old dies of dengue-malaria in district Ahmedabad, Gujarat			
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A 13-year-old boy, Pravin, from Gulbai Tekra died at a city hospital as he suffered concurrent infections of dengue and malaria. Mosquito bites have gone deadlier this season with many city hospitals reporting concurrent infections.

According to experts, concurrent infections with two different infective agents - dengue with falciparum or dengue with malaria - generally lead to an overlap of clinical features and have already become diagnostic challenge, especially in endemic areas of vector-borne diseases.

Though Pravin died on Saturday, it took the municipal authorities two days to decipher the primary infection in the boy at the VS Hospital. Pravin became the third victim this season after two dengue deaths of a school student last month, and a 28-year-old woman who died in the last week of July.

"Pravin, was admitted on September 7 and was diagnosed with malaria along with dengue. He succumbed late on Saturday," confirmed the resident medical officer, Kuldip Joshi. "Malaria and dengue are most common infections this season. Till September 13, the hospital reported 105 cases of dengue, 85 cases of malaria and 12 cases of falciparum. Against this, 13 cases of mixed infections were also reported," said H K Bhavsar, superintendent, Civil Hospital, Sola.

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"There is a significant spike in the number of cases of mixed mosquito-related infections. The commonly seen combinations are dengue-malaria, malaria-falciparum and dengue-falciparum," said Dr Pratibha Dilip, intensive care specialist, Zydus Hospital. "If a patient gets dengue fever which subsides within three days, it often goes ignored. When left untreated, the patient's immunity goes down and one becomes susceptible to other infections such as malaria or falciparum," explained Joshi.

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