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They were given painkiller instead of paracetamol for fever

Two infants died and at least 22 others, all under six months of age, developed complications after they were allegedly given Tramadol, a painkiller, instead of paracetamol, to treat fever they developed after vaccination.

Of the 22 infants undergoing treatment at Niloufer Hospital, at least two are in a critical condition and on ventilator support.

Parents of the infants alleged that their children developed complications after taking tablets issued at the Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) in Nampally.

On Wednesday, the infants were taken to the UPHC for vaccination.

Superintendent of Niloufer Hospital V. Murali Krishna said the infants were given Pentavalent, OPV and IPV. He said children sometimes develop fever after being

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given Pentavalent vaccine, and a quarter of paracetamol is given to address it. This was a routine immunisation schedule.

“However, these infants were given Tramadol tablet instead,” he told media persons on Thursday afternoon.

Respiratory problems

Parents of two infants undergoing treatment said that after vaccination, they were given some tablets which should be administered to the infants in the event of fever. Their children developed respiratory problems and became stiff after taking the tablet, they said.

“My daughter Heena Begum (two-and-a-half months old) developed fever half an hour after taking the vaccines and we gave her the tablet given at the UPHC. She started to vomit after 15 minutes. Later, she became stiff. We took her to a private hospital,” said Md. Abdul Saleem.

Dr. Murali Krishna said the drug's action lasted 24 to 48 hours and the infants would be under observation for two days.

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