Hemihypertrophy

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A 7-month-old male child, a product of non-consanguineous marriage, firstborn, full-term delivery by LSCS. There is no history suggestive of antenatal exposure to radiation or drugs.The child had a typical birth cry (birth weight of 3 kilograms) with no meconium aspiration or respiratory distress.

On local examination, there is hypertrophy of the whole of the right lower limb and hypertrophied deformed digits of the foot. A diagnosis of Hemihypertrophy of the right lower limb was made. Hemihypertrophy is a rare condition in which one side of the body or a part of one side of the body (such as a hand or leg) grows significantly more than the other.

Hemihypertrophy is an idiopathic condition that can also be caused by various syndromes and presents with asymmetry between the right and left sides of the body to a greater degree than can be attributed to normal variation. Diagnosis is made clinically with abnormal asymmetry defined as a 5% or greater difference in length and/or circumference.

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