

## Series of events

This is give you an idea of series of events that happened which lead to hospitalization of my daughter Rithu and her passing away, autopsy and AEFI reporting and follow ups.

- May 29th : Rithu gets her first dose of Covishield Vaccine. Gets sick within hours with high fever (upto 102.7), body pains and headache.
- May 30th: Symptoms continue on the second day after the vaccine.
- May 31st - June 4th: No fever, and other symptoms subside.
- June 5th: After 6 days of taking the vaccine, she woke up at 3:30am and complained of a headache which lasted for a few hours. During the day, her left thumb and one of her little toes on her left foot started hurting. The pain in the toe was so bad that she couldn't walk properly. This was Day1 of her symptoms.  
We called the doctor, and she was given some anti allergen medicine and some pain killers for comfort
- June 6th: Day 2: Tingling and numb feeling on her fingertips. Burning pain in her hands and feet, and pink blotches start to appear on her palms. Her hands turned so warm that she had to use an ice pack continuously for relief. Subsequently, she started having a mild fever of 99.4
- June 7th: Day 3: Got her blood test done to check for any indications of Viral infections... Got a call from the diagnostic place that her platelet count was extremely low at 40,000 (normal range is supposed to be above 1,50,000), and they recommended she come in for a re-test to confirm the platelet count. She continued to have mild fever of 99.5
- June 8th: Day 4: Called the doctor and told him about the chain of events, starting from the vaccination. Doctor's assessment was that she probably was fighting a viral infection because of which her platelets are low, and since she was quite up and active enough, that did not seem to bother him, and suggested to wait for a day to retest the platelet count  
That evening she started getting a headache starting at around 6pm. The headache got severe in no time and the painkiller that was given was of no help. She started to throw up, and went on to vomit 6 times at regular intervals of 20 – 30 minutes. She started to look pale and was not able to stand up anymore. I noticed a purple spot on her eyelid (which we were later told by the doctors that it was a blood clot).
- We rushed her to the Emergency Room (ER) at around 11:30pm that night where they ran some blood tests to check for Covid and other possible conditions. They ran an MRI on her, as the headache would not come down even with powerful painkillers at the ER. Rithu was so restless due to the massive headache that she could not complete the MRI, which is really loud and takes about 45 minutes to an hour to complete. Even with an incomplete MRI, the doctors could easily detect that she had a severe problem in her brain. She was admitted to the hospital and a CT scan was done to confirm that.
- June 9th: Day 5: Early hours of June 9th, they confirmed a blood clot on the right frontal lobe of her brain, along with severe brain hemorrhage. Within no time, her condition started to deteriorate, and she got seizures right in front of our eyes. She was taken away from us to another side of the ER room, where the doctors were trying to revive her. From that point onwards, we were in a state of shock, and were blanked out with

the series of events that have been happening at such a rapid pace. It was a horror to witness my daughter's life ceasing and there was nothing we could do.

- We were surrounded by Neurologists, Neurosurgeons, Anesthetist, and other doctors getting ready for an emergency surgery of her brain. They said her condition was called CVST, and she had acute thrombosis and surgery needed to be done to relieve her of the extreme pressure that was building up inside the skull. The surgery started at around 10:30am and went on for 4hrs. After the surgery, Rithu was taken to the ICU and the doctors told us that they did all they could, and that we have to wait and watch as to how she responds.
- June 10th - 19th: Rithu's response after the surgery was very little and after 4 days of surgery her brain started to deteriorate further, as the brain was severely damaged by the pressure and hemorrhage. We started investigating other options and therapies, but nothing helped.
- After 10 days of struggle and torture, she ascended to heaven on June 19th. Though she is not with us in person, she continues to live amongst the people that she gave life to by donating her organs.
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – Autopsy was performed on her. Local health department also collected some information from us to file AEFI.

We still don't know if an AEFI has been filed for her case. In spite of multiple attempts to contact local immunization officers to get our AEFI reports, we are unable to get the AEFI case report and case ID. We also did not receive reports of her autopsy yet.