

Docs save 5-year-old suffering from rare liver disease

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Chennai: An innovative interventional radiology procedure by doctors at Sri Ramachandra Medical saved a five-year-old boy who was suffering from a rare life threatening congenital vascular malformation in liver.

The child was born with an abnormal connection inside the liver, because of which the blood with toxins from intestine was directly draining into the heart without being processed.

He had complaints of progressive breathlessness on exertion but there was no history of cardiac or lung disease. Doctors found his tongue blue and tests showed congenital anomaly

at birth.

Doctors used interventional radiology technique to place a stent in the major blood vessel which drains blood from abdomen into heart, by which the abnormal flow of blood inside the liver into this big vein was blocked. With this the normal function of the liver was restored. Doctors said around 100 cases have been reported worldwide and due to rarity of this condition, there is no standard protocol of treatment.

The child was discharged in five days after the interventional radiology procedure. The child came for follow up after three months and is doing very well, doctors said.