

Male Baby with a Parasitic Teratopagus Twin

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Figure 1: Male Baby with a Parasitic Teratopagus Twin

A male baby with a parasitic teratopagus twin was born at full term by normal vaginal delivery on 3 February 1988 to a 26-year-old prim gravida (Figure 1). The parasite was projecting from the oral cavity of the normal twin. The roots infiltrated the oro- and nasopharynx and submandibular region. Because of early respiratory distress, emergency surgery to remove the obstructing roots of the parasite was carried out 4 hours after birth. The parasite was a cauliflower shaped mass containing a collection of well-developed leg and deformed incomplete organs including brain tissue, a spinal column, an empty scrotum, and a section of intestine.

Histopathology revealed a mixed teratoma with an element of embryonal carcinoma at its base. Six months later, he developed a recurrence in the submandibular area that was successfully removed. During this time it was established that he had a single ventricle, but he has remained reasonably well and is being followed by our cardiac surgeons. His last follow up was on April 2000.

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