

Doctors save 3-day-old acute jaundice patient

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CHEEMA MEDICAL Complex here has claimed to have rescued a three-day-old infant who was suffering from acute jaundice.

Addressing mediapersons today, medical complex director Ajaiwant Cheema said such high-level of jaundice would have left the child mentally retarded for life.

He said the child, whose poor parents hailed from Sirhind, had serum bilirubin level of 56 mg per dl, while anything beyond 22 mg per dl is considered alarming.

He said child's blood was exchanged for four times in over three-days, which finally cured him. Dr V.J.S Virdi said, "The procedure was not without risk. One out of 100 infants die in such operations, but we had to take risk,

otherwise he was doomed to live rest of life as a mentally-retarded person. Even though his father Bahadur was not financially capable, we went on with parents approval as it was a rare and challenging case," he added.

When asked that what caused the disease, Cheema said was the fact the mother has negative blood group while the child's was positive.