

Familial Vomiting- An interesting case of vomiting
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Vomiting is an extremely important symptom in paediatric practice. It may direct our attention to the gastrointestinal system or in fact may be an indication of disease in almost any system of the human body. It has to be taken seriously as is clearly seen in this case.

A 5 year old boy presented with vomiting of one year and failure to thrive. Barium swallow revealed a diagnosis of Achalasia of the Cardia. The amazing point in the history was that the elder sister too was diagnosed with the same problem at the age of 4 years. It was this startling revelation by the intelligent mother that gave us the clue to the diagnosis. Is achalasia of the cardia inherited?

Achalasia of the cardia is a rare diagnosis in the paediatric age group and it is even rarer to find two in one family. An autosomal recessive form occurs and is associated with hypoadrenalism and absent tear production, the triple A syndrome.

