EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF LUDWIG’S ANGINA: A CASE REPORT

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ABSTRACT

Ludwig's angina is a severe diffuse cellulitis, commonly caused by odontogenic infection, acute on onset, spread rapidly, involving the submandibular, sublingual region bilaterally, and submental region. This case led to the emergency condition because it can cause airway obstruction. The aim of this case report is to describe a case report about diagnosis and management of emergencies Ludwig's angina. A 40 years old male patient, came to Dr. Hasan Sadikin hospital emergency with pain and swelling at lower jaw, drooling, difficulty to open his mouth and breath. Diagnosed with sepsis accompanied Ludwig's angina. We managed the patient with close observation, tracheostomy, and source control under local anesthesia. Ludwig's angina is a rare emergency condition which potentially life-threatening. In this case the patient experienced a significant recovery because immediately management in maintaining airway patency, prevent the spread of infection and further complications.

KEYWORDS

Ludwig's angina, Source control, Tracheostomy

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