

## ***“Beyond Miracle” ...***

Baby Mohammad Omar Siddiq, the 7<sup>th</sup> child of Mr. Abdul Razzaq Siddiq was born on 7 February 2008 in Philippines. He was born healthy and normal weighed 8 pounds. Six months later, in September 2008 during Ramadan month, his head started to swell and his fontal swelled. He was brought to the Asian Hospital in Philippines where Omar was found to have air in his abdomen and constipated for 5 days. Omar was then diagnosed with Hydrocephaly (water in the brain).

Omar was then asked to have CT Scan done and was found to have brain tumor in the right lateral ventricle of the brain with all four ventricles were dilated with water. Omar was diagnosed with Choroid Plexus Papiloma, benign tumor. The surgeon in Philippine had suggested for Omar to undergo a brain surgery to remove the tumor. Mr. Razzaq hesitated, as he was worried of the risk of his life. He then decided for Omar to have ventricular tap just to put the catheter in the brain ventricle to aspirate the water. The doctor was then able to aspirate 50 ml of water. The second ventricular tap was not as successful as it was only 15 cc of water drawn out.

In October 6, 2008, baby Omar had to undergo a surgery in order to place a tube in the ventricle, which goes under the skin and the other tube, was inserted in the peritoneal cavity. Water could then be drained out from his peritoneal abdominal cavity. Omar was initially responding well as water could be removed. Only after a month later, his abdominal cavity was not able to absorb any more water resulting in enlarged waistline, which reached 62 cm.

As baby Omar's condition worsened, Mr. Razzaq moved him to Manila Medical Center where doctor performed abdominal peracysthesis in which a catheter was inserted with the ultrasound guided to aspirate the water. Doctor was able to drain out 2.5 l of fluid from his abdomen. Omar's condition deteriorated as his blood pressure (BP) was low and he was dehydrated and breathless. He was then on IV fluid to hydrate him. Two days later, baby Omar was brought him and again, his abdomen grew big up to 63 cm.

On February 1, 2009, he was brought to ICU in Asian Hospital, Manila, as his condition was critical. Doctor was able to draw out 8 l water. Doctor was then draining water on daily basis with approximately 2 l per day. On February 14, 2008, Omar was then transferred to the ward and the next day, his lungs were filled with water. His chest cavity was filled with water causing his lungs to collapse. The doctor then drew fluid from both his abdomen and his cavity on a daily basis.

On March 8, 2009, Mr. Razzaq finally decided to bring baby Omar to Singapore to seek medical treatment. He was admitted to neonatal ICU upon his arrival. Water had to be drained on a daily basis both from his cavity and abdomen. He was given 5 l of IV fluid to replace the 5 l of water that was drawn daily.

Baby Omar was under the care of professor/ Dr Timothy Lee who is a profound neurosurgeon. Dr lee decided to exteriorize so that water could accumulate in the plastic bag instead. His condition was stabilized enough for him to undergo a major surgery to remove his tumor.

On March 26, 2009, baby Omar underwent an eight-hour surgery in which Dr Lee successfully removed the 9 cm tumor. A day after his surgery, he had fit and his BP was high. Medication was administered to lower his BP. A CT Scan was then ordered to determine the cause of the fit. CT Scan revealed no bleeding and the fit was just the irritation of the operation. Omar continued to have high fever till March 31, 2009.

Baby Omar's condition was then progressively improving. He started drinking milk. Dr Lee discharged him on April 4, 2009. He is doing well now. The team of doctors and nurses organized a party to celebrate his miracle recovery. Indeed, baby Omar is God sent miracle baby.