



## Editor's Column

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Children with severe neurological impairment are prone to respiratory co-morbidities and complications. Tracheostomy is one of the long-term management options, which can facilitate respiratory care, improve respiratory function, reduce respiratory complications, and improve survival and quality of life. Dr KF Lam reported a retrospective study of 36 hospitalised patients with severe neurological impairment and tracheostomy. The post-tracheostomy survival time, tracheostomy-related complications and mortality, decannulation rate, and types of bacteria identified in the lower respiratory tract specimen were reviewed.

On the other hand, Dr CC Au reported a case of cystic hygroma in a 7 month old boy causing severe airway compromise. The acute management of airway obstruction and the surgical management of cystic hygroma were discussed.

Please don't miss the fun with the X-ray quiz by Dr Ronald Fung!