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# Hijamah Associated Sepsis

## Hacamat İlişkili Sepsis

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A 79-year-old woman with lymphoma, presented to the emergency department with fever and confusion. Two days before the onset of this symptoms, she was applied hijamah treatment. Her general condition was bad, she had difficulty in talking, and temperature was 40.2 °C, pulse 104 beats per minute, and blood pressure 70/50 mmHg. Physical examination revealed swelling, redness, temperature increase and tenderness in the right leg (Figure 1). There were two hijamah marks on the right leg, both 10 cm in diameter (Figure 2). Her white-cell count was 8,800/mm<sup>3</sup>, platelets: 129,000/mm<sup>3</sup>, C-reactive protein level was 37 mg/dl. Patient was diagnosed with sepsis caused by soft tissue infection and was hospitalized<sup>[1]</sup>. There was no growth in blood cultures. The patient was treated with fluid therapy, meropenem and linezolid. She made a full recovery within 20 days.



Figure 1. The right leg had swelling and redness



Figure 2. There were two hajamah marks on the right leg, 10 cm in diameter

### Ethics

**Informed Consent:** Consent form was filled out by the presented patient.

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