

Septal hematoma and abscess are infrequent conditions, but can result in serious complications if not dealt with at a proper time.

To study the outcome of nasal septal hematoma and abscess in relation to the time of diagnosis and drainage.

Forty three patients were prospectively studied, the time of diagnosis, drainage and outcome were sequentially evaluated.

Forty three patients (31 males and 12 females), age range 3-20 years (mean age 8 years) were included. Surgical interference (drainage with anterior package and insertion of drain) was performed in all patients.

A delay in diagnosis and surgical drainage is the main cause of subsequent complication.