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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Diphtheria claimed seven lives in past one month: Report in district Hyderabad, Telangana</b>			
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Over the last few weeks, there has been a surge in cases of diphtheria landing at the Fever Hospital. According to data as per the Centre's report, the past two months have seen 240 cases reported from Hyderabad while seven deaths have been reported in the past month. Cases are being reported across age groups, right from infants to 60-year-olds. The Fever Hospital has also seen people come in with the disease from other districts.

Diphtheria is a highly infectious disease and patients are required to be kept in isolation just like in case of swine-flu virus. It is an infection of nose and throat where a membrane is formed inside the neck which obstructs breathing. "The disease is caused by a respiratory bug.

The bug releases droplets which form a layer in the back of the throat which release toxins. The treatment involves antitoxin and antibiotic treatment," said Dr Sunitha Nareddy, infectious diseases expert and consultant at Apollo hospitals.

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In severe cases, death occurs either due to the obstruction in breathing or myocardial arrest when the disease impacts the heart too. While suspected cases are reported at various private hospitals, they are all redirected to state-run Fever Hospital. As per insiders at the hospital, the diphtheria ward has been running full house for the last one month now. As per their register, 31 cases have been registered over the last two weeks.

"Many patients are coming with bull neck symptoms. In such cases, the chance of death is very high. There have been three to four deaths each week for the past month," a senior doctor at the hospital said.

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