

Emergency

Splenic Sequestration

What is splenic sequestration?

This is the enlargement of the spleen with the trapping of red blood cells. This results in the rapid and serious worsening of anemia (hemoglobin can go from 7-8 down to 3-4 very quickly).

Symptoms:

- Swelling and tenderness on the left side of the belly
- Paleness
- Lack of energy
- Low grade fever



What to do:

Palpate the spleen by lightly using your fingers to touch around the left side of the belly and feel to see if the spleen is swollen or enlarged. If it is or if you're not sure, seek care immediately.

