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An unusual complication of phototherapy

Figure 1 Mosquito net enhanced phototherapy.

Having started work in warmer climes recently, I had prepared myself to face the unexpected. While doing a ward round, I came up to a baby with jaundice who was meant to be under phototherapy overnight.

“So how long was he under the lights?” I questioned, somewhat perplexed by his increasing level of jaundice.

“Well, he was only really under for about an hour” was the ashamed response.

“What happened, I thought I said...”

“He was getting bitten by the insects and was screaming all night!”

It turned out that the insects were being attracted to the blue lights and found our helpless victim lying underneath. And so began the new “mosquito net enhanced phototherapy”.

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