

# Baby's feet get burns after quinine injection

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A five-month-old baby boy is lying in pain at Mulago Hospital after a quinine injection left his buttocks with burns.

Steven Kasigwa, the father of the boy, said when his son developed a fever last month they rushed him to a nearby clinic for treatment.

Kasigwa, a resident of Bugoma-Hoima, said when they got to the clinic, the health worker gave his son two quinine injections on the buttocks. After a few hours, the baby's buttocks started swelling and blood was oozing from the injected area. Kasigwa and his wife immediately called the health worker and rushed the baby back to the clinic.

He said the following day, the baby's legs turned black with severe burns.

"The health worker re-examined the baby and shortly after my son was discharged, but his condition kept deteriorating. I reported the case to Bugoma Police Station," he said

Kasigwa said they were advised by the Police to take the baby to Mulago Hospital for specialised treatment.

Margaret Owoli, the mother of the boy, said her son had been in a lot of pain ever since and could not

breastfeed well.

Some of the side effects of quinine include fever, confusion, weakness, sweating, severe vomiting, stomach pain and diarrhoea.

According to health experts, improper administration of a quinine injection destroys the muscles of the buttocks and may lead to permanent paralysis (lameness).

Kasigwa wants the owner of the clinic to compensate them.



**The baby's feet with burns**