

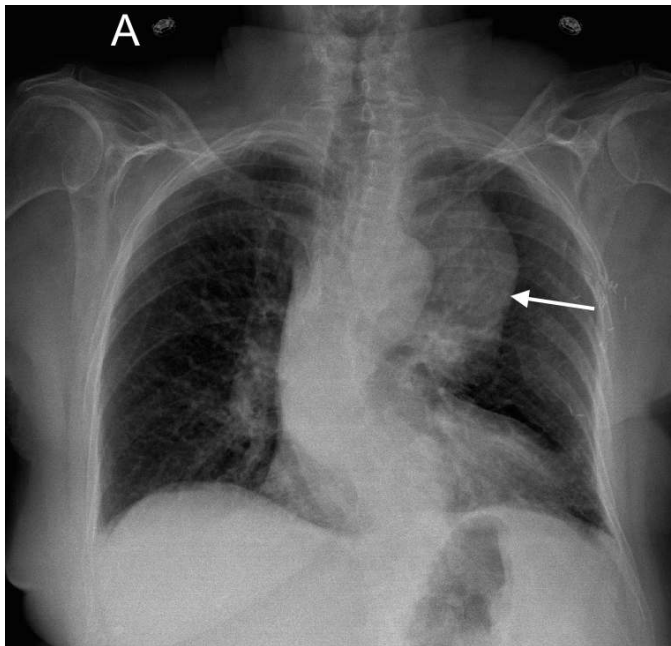
## An unusually large pleural cyst

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A 93-year-old lady presented to the hospital complaining of 3 weeks of dysphagia, weight loss, dyspnea, and audible wheezing. Two days after admission, she was intubated and placed on assisted mechanical ventilation due to severe respiratory distress. A chest radiograph (CXR) showed a curvilinear, well circumscribed left superior paramediastinal opacity with suspected underlying mass (**Figure 1, Panel A, arrow**). Computed tomography (CT) of the chest with intravenous contrast revealed a large cystic mass measuring 9.3 x

6.4 x 4.6 cm, extending from the left supraclavicular region, immediately inferior to the thyroid gland, to the left hilar region (**Figure 1, Panel B, arrow**). The patient underwent open thoracotomy, where mass communication to the thoracic duct was noted, and complete surgical excision of a cyst filled with turbid and pale yellow fluid was achieved. Pathology report confirmed the diagnosis of a pleural cyst. The patient had no recurrence on CT and CXR after 4 weeks.

**Figure 1.** Chest CT with contrast

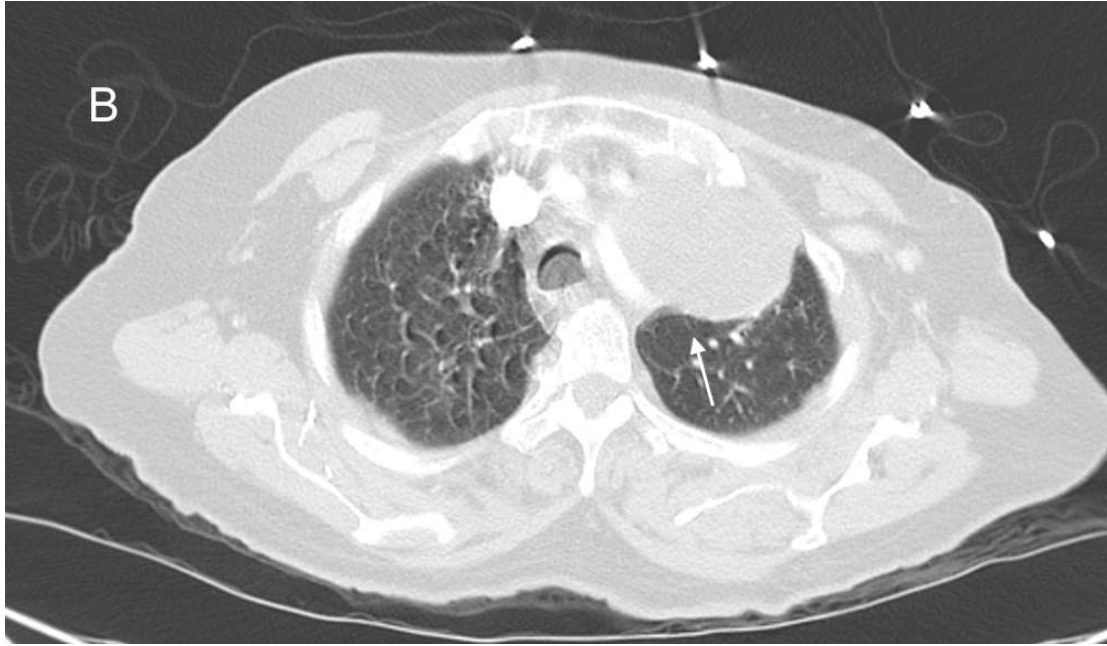


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Legend: A simple cystic structure, measuring 9.3x6.4x4.6 cm. The mass extends from the left supraclavicular region, immediately inferior to the thyroid gland, to the hilar region (arrow).