

Persistent Primary Spontaneous Pneumothorax in a Young Smoker in Qatar

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Abstract

A 19 year old male patient presented with sharp right-sided chest pain. He was diagnosed with a large right pneumothorax after a chest XR. Early diagnosis led to the prompt transfer of the patient to secondary care, where he received appropriate management. This case illustrates the importance of a detailed history and physical examination, as well as early diagnosis of a serious medical emergency, since a young patient can initially compensate well despite the severe pneumothorax on imaging.

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