



Pyopneumothorax (Right) With Bronchopleural Fistula

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ABSTRACT

A 20-year-old female came to our OPD with chief complaints of cough with expectoration - 15 days, breathlessness - 15 days; used antituberculous therapy 1 year back for 2 months only. IT was diagnosed case of bronchiectasis. On clinical examination signs of right-sided hydropneumothorax are found and confirmed by Chest X-ray. ICT was inserted. Pleural fluid CBNAAT revealed Rifampicin sensitive Myco tuberculosis. E Coli was isolated from pleural fluid culture.

KEYWORDS: BPF, Pyopneumothorax, Pulmonary Tuberculosis

INTRODUCTION

Bronchopleural fistula (BPF) is communication between the bronchial tree and pleural space.

They are classified as alveolopleural fistula, bronchopleural fistula.

ETIOLOGY: Postoperative, infections, spontaneous rupture of bullae or cyst, trauma, malignancy

TYPES: Acute BPF, Subacute BPF, Chronic BPF
BPF can cause significant morbidity, prolonged hospitalization, and even mortality. The most common cause of death is aspiration pneumonia resulting in acute respiratory distress syndrome because of flooding of the respiratory tract with secretions. Other features include fever and copious amounts of sputum. BPF closure is done by bronchoscopic placement of glues, gel foams, autologous blood patches, etc.

DISCUSSION

A 20-year-old female patient attended our OPD with complaints of cough with expectoration and shortness of breath for the past 15 days, which was sudden in onset and gradually progressive. Cough with expectoration since 15 days, sputum is mucopurulent, non-foul smelling. The patient used antituberculous therapy 1 year back for 2 months only. No associated comorbidities are present. On examination, the patient was tachypnoeic with a respiratory rate of 32 breaths per minute, A

Pulse rate of 86 beats per minute, and hypotension; SpO₂ 85% on room air. She was given oxygen support and was started on IV antibiotics. Under aseptic precautions, the intercostal tube was inserted in the 5th intercostal space along the midaxillary line on the right side. 100 ml of pus was drained and sent for investigations. A wide swing in air column movement with air leak was noticed. Based on the sputum CBNAAT report patient was started on first-line anti-tubercular therapy and proper ICT care was taken. She was sent for psychiatric consultation as we noticed gloomy behavior; diagnosed with moderate depression and added antipsychotics as advised by the psychiatrist. She was also sent for a cardiothoracic surgeon's opinion as we suspected chronic, persistent BPF that may require surgical intervention. CT surgeons advised review after completion of ATT. The patient was discharged at her request and advised proper care of ICT at home with periodic followups or at any time if the situation warrants.

INVESTIGATIONS:

Chest X-ray: Right-sided homogenous opacity with an air-fluid level
HRCT chest: Presence of large hydropneumothorax with an air-fluid level with complete collapse consolidation and presence of cystic bronchiectatic changes on the right side, extensive centrilobular emphysematous changes in the left upper and lower lobe.

CECT chest: Mild degree of mediastinal lymphadenopathy, the collapse of the right lung with accompanying cicatricial atelectasis, and cylindrical bronchiectatic changes.

CBP, renal profile, liver enzymes: within normal limits
Pleural fluid analysis- MTB detected, Rifampicin sensitive
Pleural fluid gram stain, culture, and sensitivity- E Coli isolated, sensitive to cefoperazone and

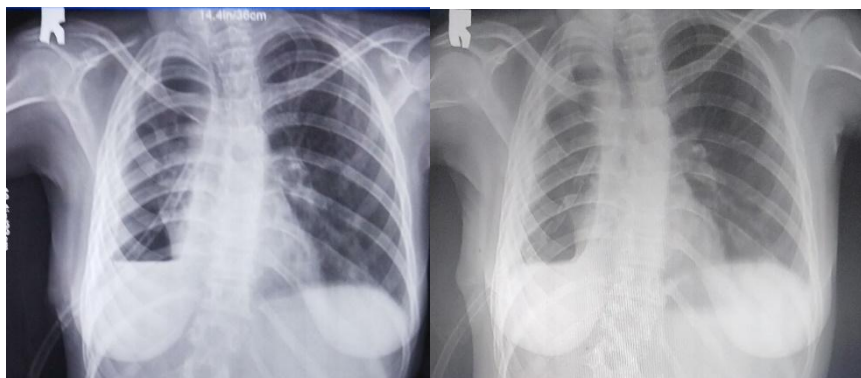
Sulbactam
Sputum CBNAAT: MTB detected, Rifampicin sensitive
Pleural fluid LPA- negative
Sputum liquid culture- negative

A second sample of pleural fluid culture - Klebsiella species isolated



The third sample(after completion of antibiotics):
Pleural fluid culture-no organisms isolated

Spirometry: FVC 0.59, FEV1 0.48, FEV1/FVC
71.9, PEF 1.24



Chest x-ray after ICT insertion

chest x-ray at the time of discharge



Drained pus from the right pleural cavity (at the time of admission)

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