

## Abstract

Phantom tumors are usually found in the minor fissure, but they can also be found, although rarely, in the oblique fissure. Interlobar Pseudo-tumor also known as phantom tumor, or vanishing tumor, is a localized collection of fluid that

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## Case History

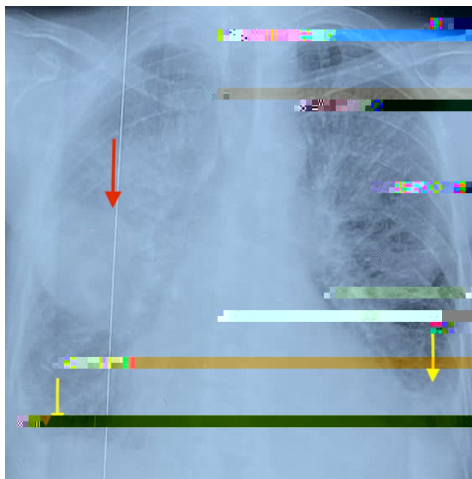
60-year-old man, chronic weaned smoker, with a history of hypertension, ischemic heart disease and mitral valve replacement, presented with recurrent dyspnea and dry cough enduring 7 days.

physical examination revealed a dyspneic patient (NYHA 4) with swollen legs, auscultation reveals crackling noises, laboratory tests showed an increase in white blood cells (16000).

The chest X-ray (Figure 1) showed a well-limited homogeneous opacity of the right middle lobe (red arrow), a bilateral hilar overload, associated with images of low abundance bilateral pleurisy (yellow arrows).

In addition to these lesions the chest CT scan (Figure 2) revealed a round opacity image of water tone localized in both right fissures: large (A,B) small (C), in relation to an encysted pleurisy, scattered bilateral ground-glass foci with thickening of the inter-lobular septa making the crazy-paving appearance and condensation sites with an aerated bronchogram (D).

The diagnosis of cardiac decompensation due to infectious pneumonia was made and the parenteral antibiotic + diuretic therapy was immediately initiated with reduction of fluid intake. Clinical improvement has been noted and three days later, a control C-XR (Figure 3) revealed a partial regression of the observed round/oval tumor-like image.



**Figure 1:** Chest RX showed a well-limited homogeneous opacity of the right middle lobe (red arrow), a bilateral hilar overload, associated with images of low abundance bilateral pleurisy (yellow arrows).

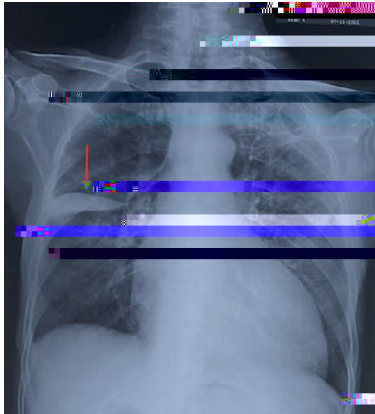


**Figure 2:** Chest CT scan revealed a round opacity image of water tone localized in both right fissures : large (A,B) small (C), in relation to an encysted pleurisy, scattered bilateral ground-glass foci with thickening of the inter-lobular septa making the crazy-paving appearance and condensation sites with an aerated bronchogram (D).

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**Figure 3:** Chest RX revealed a partial regression of the observed round/oval tumor-like image.