

ABERRANT PLEURAL PLAQUES

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Male, 71 years old, active smoker.

Referred to our outpatient clinic due to right upper lobe nodule with 4 year follow-up, which increased in size and metabolic uptake during the last year.

CT scan also revealed multiple pleural plaques with a diffuse pattern. The patient underwent a right upper VATS lobectomy and mediastinal lymphadenectomy after

intraoperative pathology consultation was positive for malignancy.

Intraoperative with evidence of multiple hyaline pleural plaques and aberrant neoformative lesions, mimicking teeth, on the diaphragm and parietal costal pleura, probably related to asbestos exposure.

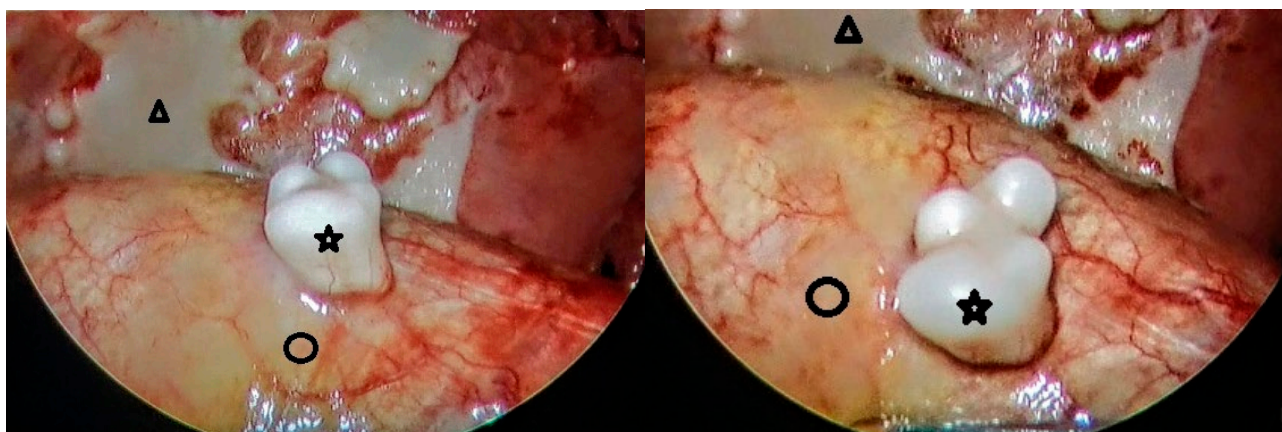


Figure 1

Triangle: pleural plaques; Circumference: diaphragm; Star: diaphragmatic neoformative lesion

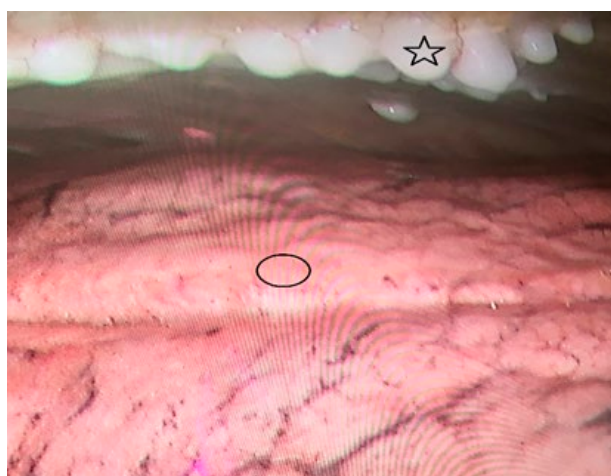


Figure 2

Star: parietal pleural lesions; Circumference: right lung