

Silver Cannula in Main Right Bronchus

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A 76-year-old male subjected to supraglottic laryngectomy in 1985 due to squamous cell carcinoma of the epiglottis came to the emergency department after the cannula had slipped into his tracheostoma while proceeding with its daily cleaning and replacement, leaving him with the external part in his hand. The patient indicated that he did not normally use any intermediate cannula and that the device he wore was 22 years old. There was no serious respiratory

impairment at any time, only slight dyspnoea prior to its extraction.

An anteroposterior x-ray was taken of the patient's chest, revealing the extraneous body and its location (the main right bronchus) (Figure 1).

The chest surgery department proceeded to remove it with a rigid bronchoscope inserted through the tracheostoma under sedation. There was no problem (Figure 2).

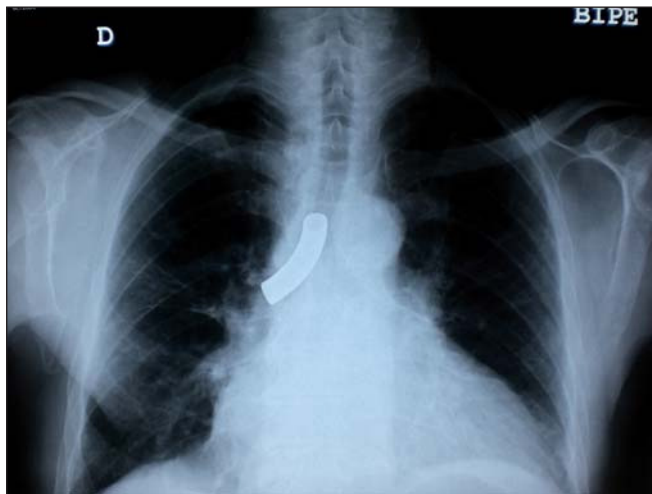


Figure 1. Cannula in the main right bronchus.



Figure 2. The cannula after its extraction.

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