

All that Wheezes is not Asthma—Broncholithiasis, a Forgotten Disease

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Abstract

Introduction: Asthma is a common condition seen by medical practitioners. However, 'all that wheezes is not asthma', is an important adage not to be forgotten. We report a case of broncholithiasis which was initially misdiagnosed as asthma. **Clinical Picture:** An 81-year-old female presented with cough and intermittent wheezing associated with one episode of haemoptysis. Chest radiograph and CT thorax were suggestive of broncholithiasis. This was confirmed by flexible bronchoscopy. **Treatment:** The broncholith was successfully extracted using flexible bronchoscopy. **Outcome:** The patient had complete resolution of symptoms post procedure. **Conclusions:** Physicians should always entertain other differential diagnoses which may mimic asthma.

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