

# A case report of a pulmonary abscess

Images 1-5: Multiple esophageal fistulas (black arrow) and one that was inducing a pulmonary abscess of 16 cm (white arrow)

## Case presentation

A 34 year-old male, with history of lung ALK positive adenocarcinoma (subdue to lobectomy and treated with adjuvant chemotherapy and radiotherapy), that posteriorly developed distal esophagus adenocarcinoma (immunohistochemically different from the lung), affecting the cardia. Was surgically proposed to eso-gastrectomy and eso-gastrostomy. Due the partial dehiscence of the anastomosis, it was placed an endoluminal prosthesis. One month after, during the removal of the prosthesis, that wasn't possible, a second one was placed (*stent in stent*). Three weeks later, in the attempt of removing the inner prosthesis, it was found an esophageal orifice, probably of iatrogenic cause. A chest-computerized axial tomography revealed (images 1,2,3,4 and 5) multiple esophageal fistulas and one that was inducing a pulmonary abscess of 16cm. He was started on empiric antibiotherapy with metronidazole, clindamycin and fluconazole. A new esophageal prosthesis was placed and percutaneous drainage was performed, and its microbiological study revealed: *klebsiella pneumoniae* carbapenemase (KPC), with CIM for meropenem of 16 and a *Candida cruzei*. The anthibiogram showed: CIM Meropenem: 16 mg/L; CIM Ertapenem: 16 mg/L; CIM Colystin: 1 mg/L and CIM Tigecycline: 0,38 mg/L. Accordingly, to the antibiogram, was started on tigecycline, colistine and amphotericin B. However, there wasn't any improvement, and the patient died on 45<sup>th</sup> day of his admission.

## Discussion

The emergency of multiresistent microorganisms it's a challenge for treatment, control and prevention.<sup>3</sup> When these infections involve abscesses, adequate drainage and an appropriate long term antibiotic therapy has shown an improvement in the outcome.<sup>3</sup> However, there is some debate concerning the appropriate dosage and the most favorable pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic profiles in this cases. Unfortunately the optimal treatment is unknown. The use of aminoglycosides, polymyxin combinations and tigecycline appeared to have higher success rates.<sup>1,2</sup>

Obviously, in this case, due to its clinical past history and immunosuppression, even the best approach wasn't enough.

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## Diagnóstico: Pulmonary abscess due to KPC-3

### *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

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