

## **A Dissection of the Aorta revealed by Convulsions and a Left Hémothorax (in Connection with a Case)**

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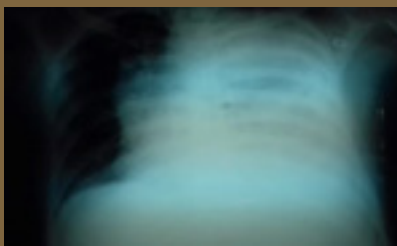
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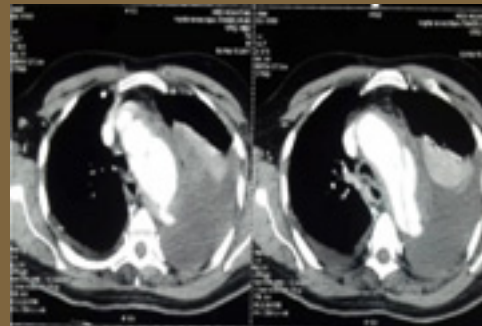
### **ABSTRACT**

**Introduction:** The acute dissection of the aorta is a very serious affection, often mortal. Its revelation is done by very varied symptoms, but seldom by a hémothorax or of convulsions.

**Equipment and Method:** We have reported the case of Mr. M.M. 74 years, hypertensive, diabetic and nicotinic who consults for oppressive thoracic pain, irradiant towards the back, evolving for approximately 12 hours. A coronary syndrome was evoked but quickly eliminated in front of normality from the ECG, the proportioning of troponine and thorax radiographs which showed a left pleural out-pouring of great abundance. The immediate evolution was marked by the installation of the crises convulsions.



A pulmonary neoplasia with possible cerebral metastasis was then evoked. But to scan it thoracic highlighted an aortic dissection standard B of Stanford.



The evolution was fatal under medical care.

**Conclusion:** The dissection of the aorta must be evoked in front of any thoracic pain and especially in the presence of certain grounds; only clinical rigor makes it possible to direct towards this diagnosis. However, the vital prognosis depends on the rank of the dissection, the availability and the capacity of the neighboring structures to deal with this pathology.