

# Varicella pneumonia in an adult

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A 42 year-old woman presented at the emergency department with mild dyspnoea (II/IV). She had a history of varicella a week previously. Clinical examination revealed a low-grade fever and fine crackles on auscultation over both lungs. Arterial blood gas analysis was within normal limits. Skin examination revealed a polymorphic rash with spots, papules and crusty lesions (Figure 1).

Chest X-ray showed reticular and small nodular lesions in both lungs (Figure 2). High-resolution computed tomography (HRCT) of the chest revealed multiple small nodules bilaterally in the lungs and thickening of the intralobular septa (Figures 3, 4).

A diagnosis of varicella pneumonia was established, based on the patient's history and the clinical and radiological findings. The patient was treated with sodium acyclovir per os and had a positive outcome.



FIGURE 1.

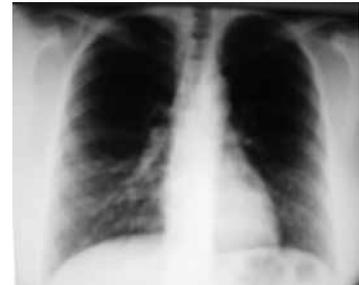


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