

Phantom Tumour:

Skin haemangioma presenting on chest X-ray as a pulmonary nodule

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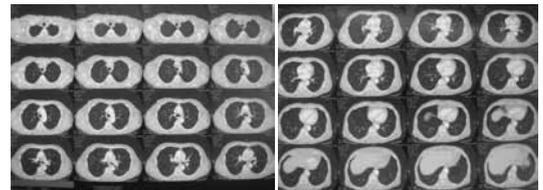
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A male aged 65 years, who was an active smoker (70 pack years) with a history of atopy, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (GOLD Stage I), and cutaneous haemangiomas, was examined by a physician because of symptoms of productive cough and respiratory distress. On posteroanterior (A-P) chest X-ray a solid nodule was depicted in the right lower lung field (Figure 1). Based on this finding, the patient underwent chest computed tomography (CT). The nodule was not depicted on lateral chest X-ray (Figure 2) or chest CT (Figures 3, 4). Physical examination showed that the nodule observed on A-P chest X-ray was a sizeable cutaneous haemangioma of the anterior chest wall (Figures 5, 6).



FIGURE 1. Chest X-ray of 65 year-old male smoker showing solid nodule in the right lower lung field.



FIGURES 3 and 4. Chest computed tomography of 65 year-old male smoker.



FIGURE 2. Lateral chest X-ray of 65 year-old male smoker.



FIGURES 5 and 6. Photograph of chest of 65 year-old male showing multiple small haemangiomas and one large haemangioma on the right chest wall.

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