

Dyspnea due to a giant ovarian cyst

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FIGURE 1. Image of the patient showing a large abdominal enlargement.

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A 57-years-old woman was presenting complaining for dyspnea on excursion. Her medical history included deep venous thrombosis and an ovarian cyst 10 cm in diameter diagnosed 10 years ago. The patient had refused surgical excision. On examination the patient had an oxygen saturation of 92%, on room air, bilateral decreased breath sounds of lower lung fields, and a large painless abdomen enlargement (Figure 1). Spirometry (FVC, FEV1, FEV1/FVC%) showed a restrictive pattern. Chest radiograph and computerized tomography showed bilateral elevation of diaphragms. An



FIGURE 2. Abdominal radiograph shows an homogenous opacity occupying almost all the abdomen.

abdomen radiography (Figure 2) showed an homogenous opacity occupying almost all the abdomen. **Abdominal ultra sound** (Figure 3) and **computerized tomography** (Figure 4) showed a cystic formation occupying all the abdomen, 33.0 cm in diameter. The patient underwent surgical excision of the cyst. Biopsy showed an ovarian cyst weighting 20 Kgr.

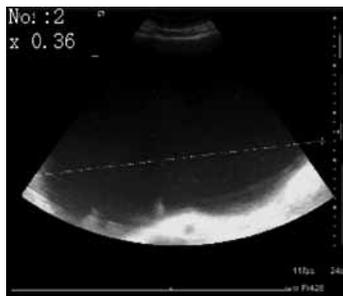


FIGURE 3. Abdominal ultra sound.



FIGURE 4. Abdominal computerized tomography.

FIGURES 3, 4. An abdominal ultra sound (Figure 3) and computerized tomography (Figure 4) showed a cystic formation occupying all the abdomen, 33.0 cm in diameter.