

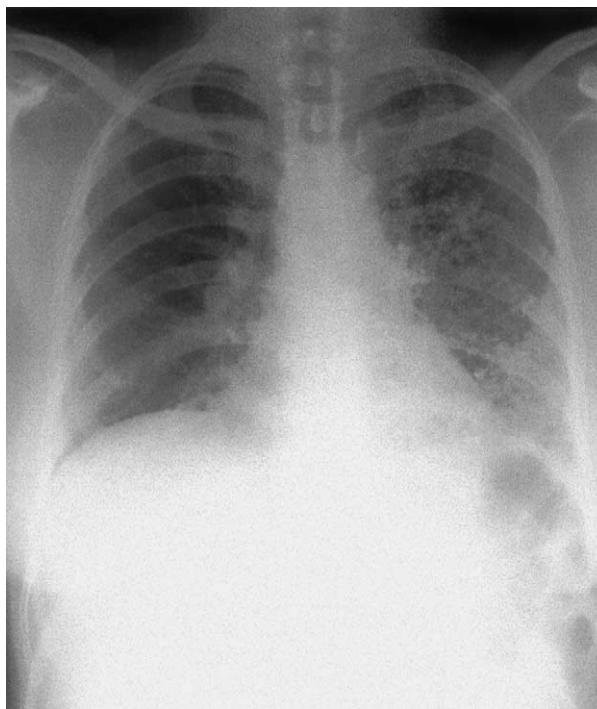
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

Unilateral multiple mottling of the lung in an asymptomatic patient

This chest radiograph was taken as part of a routine investigation of a 35-year-old Arab housewife, who presented with pain and stiffness of one-half of the body. She had no past history of industrial exposure and was respiratory symptom-free. An old cervical scar, however, was noticed during examination but the chest examination was unremarkable. Twenty years ago, she had febrile illness accompanied by left cervical lymphadenopathy and hemoptysis. Lymph node biopsy revealed tuberculous adenitis. She received a 9-month course of antituberculous therapy with complete resolution of lymphadenopathy. Her old chest X-rays could not be traced. The present X-ray shows extensive miliary-micronodular mottling and calcifications almost exclusively affecting the left lung with good anatomical demarcation of the lesion over the left cupola of the diaphragm.

This interesting radiograph reflects the marked discrepancy in the involvement of the lungs by tuberculosis and indicates that the disease still manifests rather unusual radiological images.



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