

Bronchiectasis (Internal Propedeutics)

Bronchiectasis is a term used for abnormally widened bronchi.

Characteristics

Lumen of bronchi is widened, secretions are accumulated in bronchi – expectoration of purulent sputum, mainly in the morning.

Types

According to presence:

- local;
- diffuse.

According to its content:

- emptied;
- filled by secretions.

According to its origin:

- acquired (most of them);
- hereditary.

Percussion

- Resonant (when emptied);
- Dull of thudlike (when secretions is present).

Auscultation

- Vesicular respiration;
- scattered wet crackles localized over lower lung lobes.

Diagnosis is affirmed by **bronchography**.

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