

Chylothorax

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Chylothorax is a defect of ductus thoracicus → chylous leaks into the pleural cavity.

Causes

- ***Malignant process*** (up to 75 %),
- ***lymphangioliomyomatosis***,
- ***trauma***,
- ***idiopathic***.

Diagnosis

- Proof of TAG in puncture (> 1,24 mmol/l), chylomicrons.

Clinical image

- Malnutrition (loss of fat),
- immunodeficiency (failure of immunocompetent cell transport).

Therapy

- Surgical revision with suture of ductus thoracicus; adjustment of malnutrition.

Links

Related articles

- Pleural effusion
- Hemothorax
- Empyema
- Fibrothorax

Used literature

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