

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

We present a 24-year-old man who was injured by knife in a fight with his brothers.

He was referred to our center in good conditions and the knife was still in his chest.

CT study showed that the knife has passed through the sternum, lodged between the superior vena cava and aorta (without any injury to the mediastinal great vessels), and has reached near the vessels of the right hilum. It had made only a hematoma in the anterior segment of the upper lobe of the right lung (Figures1-6).

The patient underwent operation and the knife was removed safely.

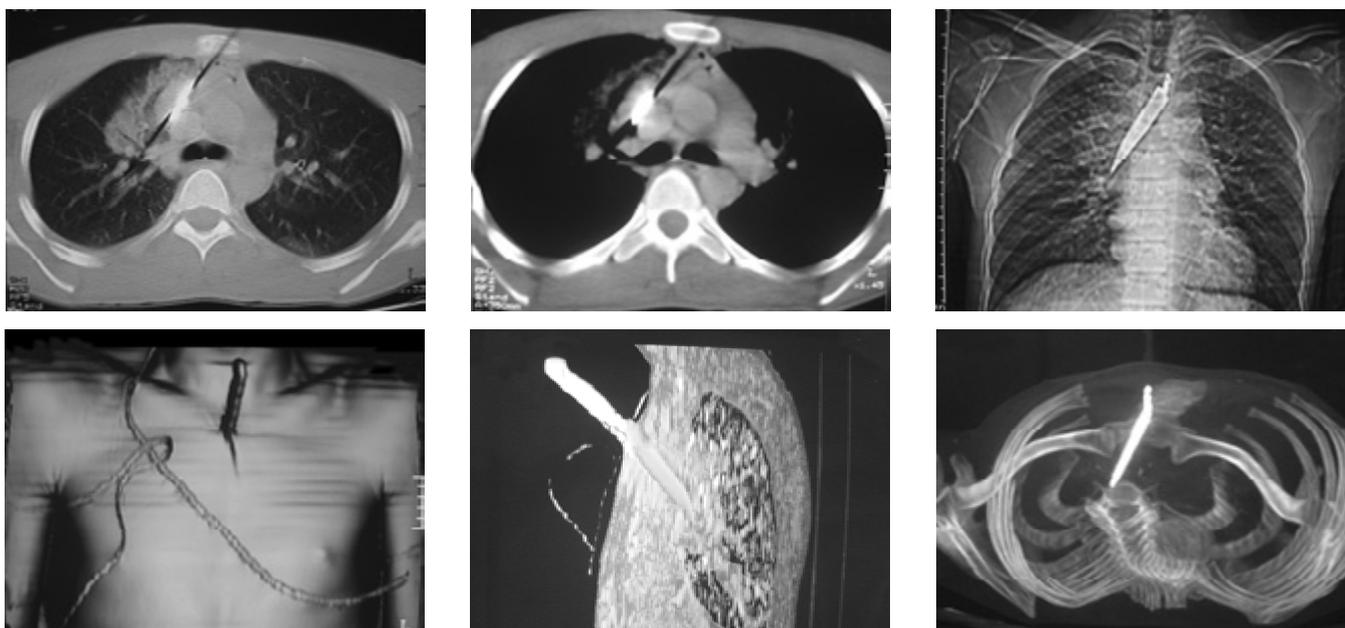


Fig 1-6: Thorax CT scan with contrast shows pulmonary hematoma in the anterior segment of the right upper lobe with no any laceration of mediastinal vessels.

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