

# *Identification*

- **Gender : Woman**
- **Age : 60 years old**
- **Marital status: married**
- **Source of information : patient herself, her daughters and sons and transferred data**

# *Chief Complaint*

- Sudden onset of short of breath 1 month ago with pericardial effusion noted

# *Present Illness*

- she felt multiple discomforts such as general arthralgia and epigastric discomfort
- general malaise, and progressed dyspnea on exertion
- short of breathness became more severe and had an episode at noon about 1 month ago
- hypotension

## *Present Illness*

- Obvious body weight loss (6+Kg in recent 1-2 month)
- post-meal abdominal fullness was also noted.
- Yellowish skin was noted in recent 2-3 days.

# *Past History (Past Medical History)*

- Gall bladder stone treated with chinese herb 20 years ago
- Ureter stone s/p operation at 仁愛醫院 about 20+ years ago

# *Physical Examination*

BP(mmHg) 93/62

PR(/min) 97

## **Chest**

Breathing sound : **bilateral basal rales(+)**

Heart : Soft and distant, **Friction rub(+)** ,  
S1(+), S2(+)

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- **Abdomen** : soft and enlarged, tympanic, **hyperactive**

# EKG

- diffuse low voltage of QRS wave were noted



# *Review of Systems (ROS)*

- **Respiratory system : cough(+)**
- **CV system : dyspnea on exertion(+), orthopnea(+)**
- **GI system : jaundice(+), bowel habit change(+): decreased with poor intake**
- **Extremities : pitting edema(+)**

# *Laboratory Data*

- Bun mg% 37
- Creatinine mg% 1.2
- GOT U/L 45
- A/G 2.5
- Bilirubin 0.7/1.2
- ALP 282
- r-GT 99



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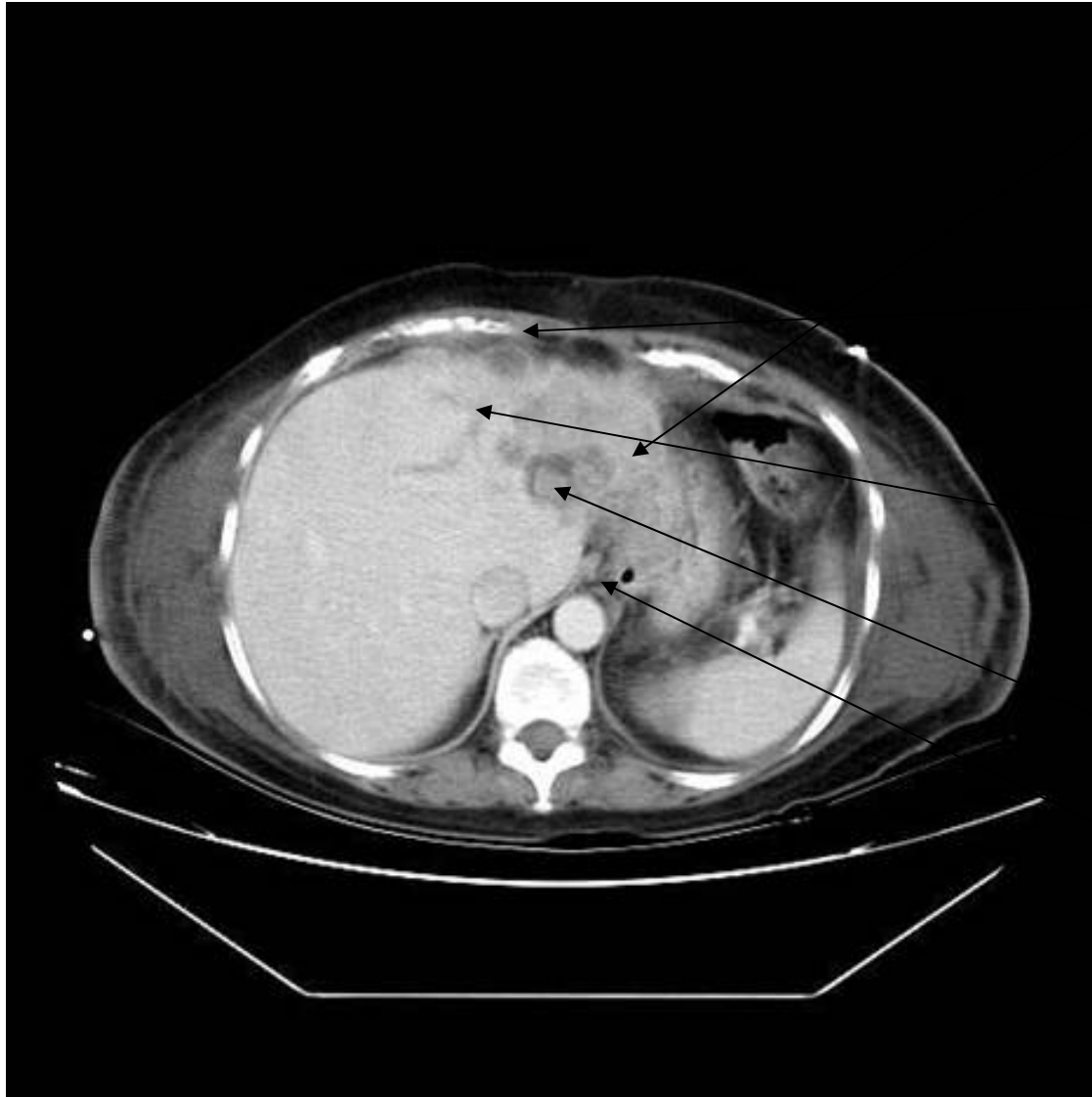
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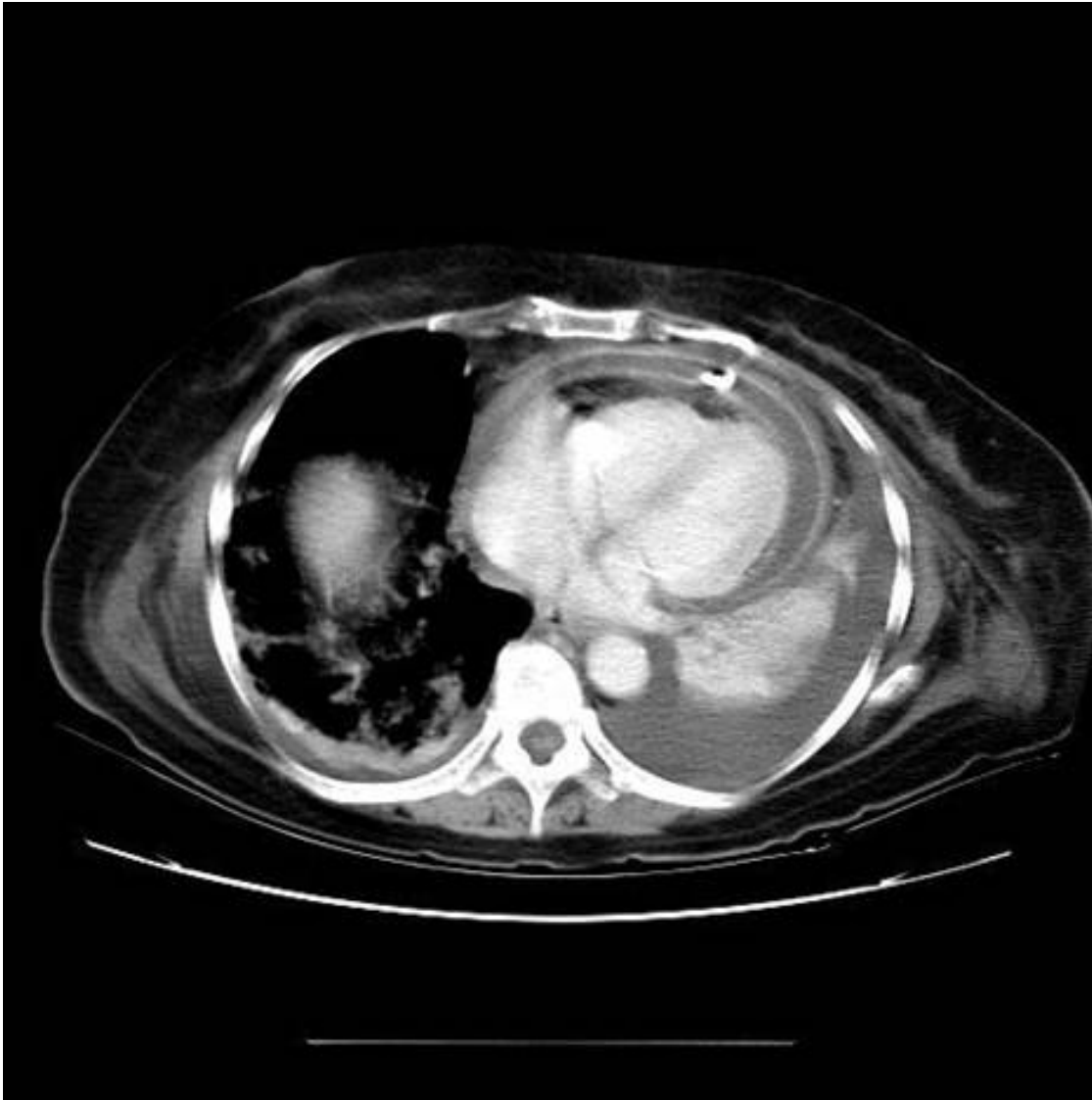


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# Radiological finding(1)

- Bilateral pleural effusion with left lower lobe collapse
- Cardiomegaly
- Interstitial infiltration at both lung fields



# Radiological finding(2)

- Encapsulated anterior mediastinal fluids collection, and thickening of mediastinal wall (inflammatory reaction, maybe abscess formation)
- Pleural effusion with LLL collapse

# Radiological finding(3)

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# Radiological finding(4)

- Heterogenous contrast enhancement after contrast injection

# Differential diagnosis

## MALIGNANT

**Cholangiocarcinoma** → Delayed enhancement (10 min.), retraction of capsule,

“fingers” along intrahepatic biliary system, periph edema

**Angiosarcoma** → Large vascular mass, calcifications,

**Lymphoma** → One dominant mass or multiple lobulated lesions, often poorly enhancing

**Metastases** → Complete outer ring with variable internal

Enhancement (often lower enhancement)

peripheral wash-out sign in hypervascular metastases

**HCC** → Mosaic pattern, fat, capsule in 25%, vascular

Invasion( early dynamic contrast enhanced CT. inhomogenously central necrosis

**FLMHCC** → Mosaic pattern, defined, non-enhancing stellar scar

## **BENIGN**

**Hemangioma** → Nodular outer incomplete ring, gradual fill-in towards center

1. low density lesion on unenhancement
2. Early peripheral contrast enhancement
3. progressive opacification from the peripheral to the centre
4. a delay of at least 3 min before total opacification
5. eventual isodense appearance with or without an unopacified cleft

**FNH** → Homogeneous,  
hypervascular early, rapid  
washout,

central stellate “scar” which  
enhances,

central artery

**Adenoma** → Similar to FNH but  
capsule in 25%, hemorrhage, no  
enhancing “scar”

**Abscess** → Complete outer  
enhancing ring, central necrosis

**Cyst** → No perceptible wall,  
does not enhance, bright on

T2

**Regenerating nodule** →  $\leq 1$  cm, dark, especially on gradient echoes

**Dysplastic nodule** →  $> 1$  cm, iso- or bright on T1, dark or isointense on T2

no area of bright signal on T2,  
enhances with contrast



# Conclusions

- We prefer that Cholangiocarcinoma is the first priority owing to
- (a)Delayed enhancement (10 min.), constriction of capsule,
- (b)IHD dilatation, “fingers” along intrahepatic biliary system, periph edema
- (C)Gall stone formation

# Final pathological report

- Microscopically, it shows a picture of adenocarcinoma, angular and complex glandular pattern
- cell cord of single neoplastic cell infiltrating in the desmoplastic stroma, it is hard to differentiate from cholangiocarcinoma and metastatic adenocarcinoma in the liver biopsy