

## ***Gemella* Empyema Cured without Antibiotics: A Case Report**

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### **Abstract**

***Introduction:*** *Gemella* are gram-positive bacteria that are commensals of the upper respiratory tract in humans and infrequently known to cause infections. ***Clinical Picture:*** We report a case of thoracic empyema due to *Gemella morbillorum* in an elderly Chinese male who had been having symptoms for 3 months and no response to multiple courses of antibiotics. ***Intervention:*** The collection was drained with ultrasound guidance. ***Outcome:*** Drainage of the empyema produced rapid resolution of symptoms and no antibiotics were started. ***Conclusions:*** *Gemella* is a very rare cause of empyema which usually responds well to treatment.

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