

Melioidosis Splenic Abscess—An Unusual Presentation as Osteomyelitis of Rib

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Abstract

Introduction: We report an unusual case of splenic melioidosis abscess presenting as osteomyelitis. **Clinical Picture:** A 74-year-old non-diabetic gentleman presents with a non-healing left chest wall abscess from osteomyelitis. **Treatment:** He underwent rib resection and the infection was found to involve the underlying pleura, lung, adjacent stomach, liver and diaphragm with a splenic abscess. Splenectomy was performed. Histology showed suppurative granulomas and cultures grew *Burkholderia pseudomallei*. **Outcome:** The patient recovered well with antibiotics. **Conclusion:** Melioidosis should not be forgotten as a cause of chronic suppurative infections in our endemic population.

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