



The Medical **Bulletin**

In Pulmonology

- Asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), CHF, vocal cord dysfunction, and upper airway cough syndrome (UACS) can all cause wheezing.
- Inhaled corticosteroid therapy should be considered for asthmatic patients with symptoms that occur with more than intermittent frequency.
- Pulmonary embolism cannot be diagnosed by history, physical examination, and chest radiograph alone. Additional testing such as d-dimer level, spiral chest CT scan, angiography, or a combination of these tests will be needed to effectively rule in or rule out the disease.
- Sarcoidosis is a multisystem disorder that frequently presents with pulmonary findings of abnormal chest radiograph, cough, dyspnea, or chest pain.

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