

Image Corner

Question 5: 50 year old

What is the most likely clinical presentation?

What would you do if the patient is in your OPD on seeing this radiograph?



Answer:

Breathlessness is the key clinical presentation. History of trauma, penetrating injury, history of asthma or COPD are to be checked.

As this is an obvious pneumothorax causing complete collapse of right lung, underlying tension is likely; so you should rush to the patient's aid, ensure a needle is first placed in the anterior 2nd intercostal space as an urgent remedy and proceed to insert intercostal drain. This can be life threatening if not attended to immediately.

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