

## DRAINAGE OF PLEURAL SPACE BY APICAL APPROACH AS A STEP BEFORE DEFINITIVE SURGICAL RESOLUTION OF SPONTANEOUS PNEUMOTHORAX RECURRENCE: A CASE REPORT

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Pneumothorax represents the presence of air and/or gases in the pleural space. Spontaneous pneumothorax is divided into: primary (PSP), occurring in the healthy lung, and secondary (SSP), that occurs together with some underlying lung disease. PSP is thought to occur due to a rupture of the similar to emphysema change (ELC) in the lungs and/or diffuse pleural porosity. Pleural space drainage is one of the most useful and most commonly used procedures in the treatment of PSP. The recurrence of PSP is an indication for surgical treatment. In the following case study, it has been shown that the combined approach to treating PSP recurrence with thoracic drainage through the 1st intercostal space from above, and the minimally invasive surgical approach, is purposeful and desirable.

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