

Soft-tissue case 40. Presentation

An 81-year-old man presented to the Emergency Department with progressive shortness of breath 6 hours after an episode of forceful vomiting. The patient was normotensive and afebrile but tachy-

cardic. Chest examination revealed decreased breath sounds in the left hemithorax. A plain chest radiograph was obtained (Fig. 1), and a left thoracostomy tube was placed, which drained 2 litres of dark fluid. A sub-

sequent contrast esophagogram was obtained (Fig. 2).

Can you make the diagnosis?
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FIG. 1.



FIG. 2.

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