



Image of the month

Giant Parathyroid Lesion[☆]

Lesión paratiroidea gigante

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The patient is a 68-year-old male with cervical pain, dysphonia and dysphagia. Chest radiograph showed evidence of mediastinal widening, and the CT scan confirmed a mass measuring 8×4 cm located in the medioposterior mediastinum with suspected tracheal and esophageal infiltration (Fig. 1). Lab work revealed calcium levels of 12.7 mg/dL and a PTH of 844 pg/mL. Transesophageal endoscopic ultrasound with biopsy provided the diagnosis of a giant parathyroid lesion. Given the suspicion of malignancy, we decided to operate, performing right hemithyroidectomy with right ipsilateral central lymphadenectomy in association with exploratory thoracotomy. At this time, infiltration of the cartilaginous-membranous portion of the trachea was confirmed, which was unresectable.

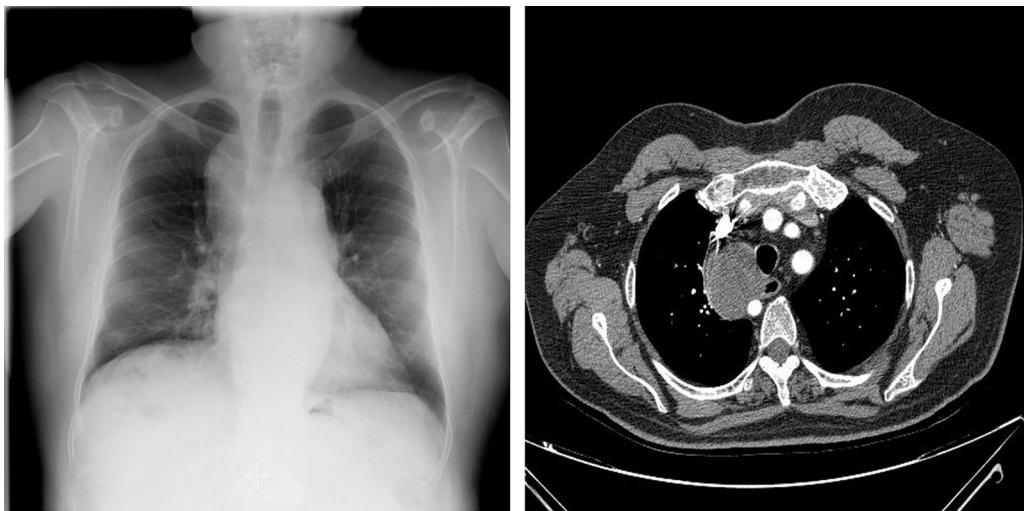


Fig. 1

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