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Lung abscess due to aspirated vomitus

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Clinical image description

Our patient was a 41-year-old African American male who came in with a cough, hemoptysis, and body aches for two days. He was vitally stable and physical examination did not reveal any abnormality. A Chest CT revealed a lung abscess at base of the right lower lobe. He was initially treated with ampicillin-sulbactam which was then converted to amoxicillin-clavulanate and he completely recovered on this regimen.

Further history revealed that he was using marijuana and had an episode of vomiting which he aspirated and that was the likely cause of his lung abscess.



Figure 1: CT chest showing right lower lobe lung abscess.

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