



Clinical Research of Spontaneous Pneumothorax

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Dear Colleagues,

Spontaneous pneumothorax is a clinical reality that still requires standardization for some diagnostic-therapeutic aspects.

Primary spontaneous pneumothorax typically occurs in young, healthy, tall, thin, male smokers, and is usually caused by rupture of apical subpleural blebs in otherwise normal lungs. It is a relatively rare condition in children.

When a spontaneous pneumothorax occurs in patients with known underlying lung disease, it is referred to as secondary spontaneous pneumothorax. Causes include bullous diseases (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and emphysema), cystic diseases (cystic fibrosis, lymphangioleiomyomatosis), infectious causes (pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome), catamenial effects, connective tissue disorders (Marfan syndrome), and malignancy (primary lung cancer, metastatic disease).

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