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Incidental diaphragmatic hernia in an infant with cough

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An 11-month-old boy was referred from local hospital with acute onset of cough. An area of translucency behind the heart was incidentally noticed in chest X-ray (Figure 1), with diaphragmatic hernia being reported on contrast imaging.

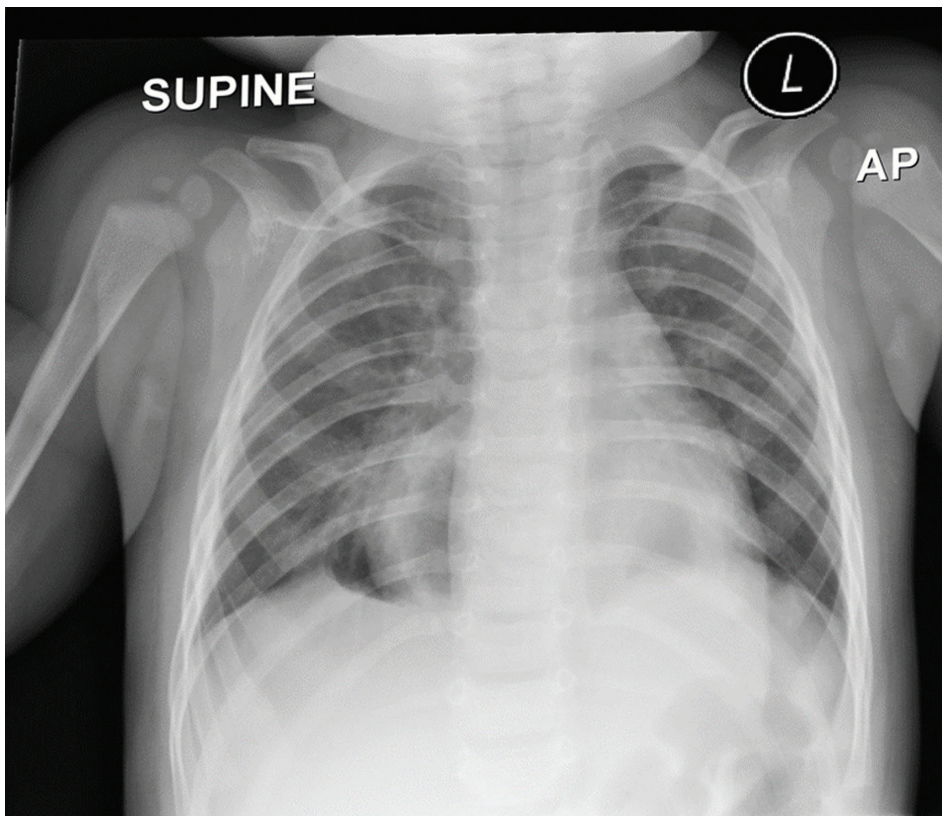


Figure 1 - An area of translucency behind the heart; diaphragmatic hernia

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In the present case, diaphragmatic hernia, which was diagnosed by chest X-ray done for another reason, is in accordance with that previously described in the literature. Congenital diaphragmatic hernia occurs in 4.8/10,000 live births [1]. It typically presents in the immediate neonatal period with respiratory distress [1]; however delayed presentation as an incidental finding on chest CT scans in adults has been reported [2].

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