

Large Piece of Wood Board Removal and Long Term Survival in a Patient with Stabbed Thoracic Wound - Case Report

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Abstract

Stabbed thoracic trauma is quite common in military practice, but they very rarely occur in civilian life, where they are predominantly accidental injuries. Thoracic stabbed wounds are more commonly observed in men than in women and in younger rather than older people. The management and prognosis depend on the composition, size and location of the foreign body. A 28-year-old Caucasian woman presented to the emergency room with hemorrhagic shock, a large stabbed wound and retention of a large piece of wood board. Less than 10 minutes after arriving to the emergency room she underwent open surgical thoracotomies and resection of the spleen rupture without any significant postoperative complications. At the end of the procedure the left breast was reconstructed. The original aspects of this case are the singularity of the foreign body and its relative harmlessness in spite of its large size.

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