

PREOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS: ,

Atelectasis.,POSTOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS: , Mucous

plugging.,PROCEDURE PERFORMED: ,

Bronchoscopy.,ANESTHESIA: , Lidocaine topical 2%, Versed

3 mg IV. Conscious sedation.,PROCEDURE: , At bedside, a

bronchoscope was passed down the tracheostomy tube under monitoring. The main carina was visualized. The trachea was

free of any secretions. The right upper lobe, middle and lower lobes appeared to have some mucoid secretions but minimal

and with some erythema. Left mainstem appeared patent. Left

lower lobe had slight plugging in the left base, but much better

that previous bronchoscopy findings. The area was lavaged

with some saline and cleared. The patient tolerated the

procedure well.