

REASON FOR CONSULTATION: , Possible free air under the diaphragm.,HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: , The patient is a 77-year-old female who is unable to give any information. She has been sedated with Ativan and came into the emergency room obtunded and unable to give any history. On a chest x-ray for what appeared to be shortness of breath she was found to have what was thought to be free air under the right diaphragm.,PAST MEDICAL HISTORY: , Significant for alcohol abuse. Unable to really gather any other information because she is so obtunded.,PAST SURGICAL HISTORY: ,Looking at the medical chart, she had an appendectomy, right hip fracture from a fall in 2005, and TAH/BSO.,MEDICATIONS: , Unable to evaluate.,ALLERGIES: , UNABLE TO EVALUATE.,SOCIAL HISTORY: ,Significant history of alcohol abuse, according to the emergency room physician, who sees her on a regular basis.,REVIEW OF SYSTEMS: , Unable to obtain.,PHYSICAL EXAM,VITAL SIGNS: Temp 98.3, heart rate 82, respiratory rate 24, and blood pressure 141/70.,GENERAL: She is a very obtunded female who upon arousal is not able to provide any information of any use.,HEENT: Atraumatic.,NECK: Soft and supple.,LUNGS: Bilaterally diminished.,HEART: Regular.,ABDOMEN: Soft, and with deep palpation I am unable to arouse the patient, unable to elicit any tenderness.,LABORATORY STUDIES: , Show a normal white blood cell count with no shift. Elevated AST at 138, with a normal ALT at 38. Alkaline phosphatase of 96, bilirubin 0.8. Sodium is 107, with 68 chloride and potassium of 2.8.,X-ray of

the chest shows the possibility of free air; therefore, a CT scan was obtained because of the patient's physical examination, which shows no evidence of intra-abdominal pathology. The etiology of the air under the diaphragm is actually a colonic air that is anterior superior to the dome of the diaphragm, near the dome of the liver.,ASSESSMENT: , No intra-abdominal pathology.,PLAN:, Have her admitted to the medical service for treatment of her hyponatremia.