Successful Conservative Management of the Bronchopleural Fistula Following Pneumonectomy for a Patient with Lung Cancer.

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Abstract:

Left pneumonectomy with partial resection of the pericardium was performed on a 58-year-old male

with lung cancer, after radiation treatment and esophagotomy for pharyngeal and esophageal

cancer. Two months after the surgery, he was admitted to our hospital due to hemosputum and

high-grade fever. Because a bronchopleural fistula was detected, fibrin glue was injected over the

bronchial stump via the bronchoscope. To control his acute infection, intravenous ciprofloxacin was

selected. While bronchopleural fistula following pneumonectomy is a very troublesome and often

life-threatening complication, conservative management using fibrin glue and intravenous

ciprofloxacin was effective for treating this patient.