

# A simple guide to atelectasis diagnosis treatment and related diseases a simp

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**What is the best treatment for atelectasis?** Suctioning mucus or doing a bronchoscopy can get rid of airway blockages. During bronchoscopy, the doctor gently guides a flexible tube down your throat to clear your airways. If a tumor is causing atelectasis, treatment may involve removing or shrinking the tumor during the bronchoscopy, which may include surgery.

**Can atelectasis go away on its own?** Many cases of atelectasis get better without treatment, under careful monitoring by your healthcare provider. Other treatments depend on the cause and extent of the collapse. Treatments could include: Deep breathing exercises (incentive spirometry).

**How to diagnose atelectasis?**

**How long can a person live with atelectasis?** Overall median survival was 13.2 months (range 0.2–32.0 months) for all cases, 10.9 months for patients with no atelectasis, and 13.9 months for patients with atelectasis ( $P = 0.067$ ).

**Should I worry about atelectasis?** Mucus that plugs the airway, foreign objects in the airway (common in children) and tumors that obstruct the airway may lead to atelectasis. Large-scale atelectasis may be life threatening, especially in someone who has another lung disease or illness.

**What is the drug of choice for atelectasis?** Albuterol (Proventil, Ventolin) Albuterol is a beta-agonist for bronchospasm refractory to epinephrine. It relaxes bronchial smooth muscle by action on beta-2 receptors, with little effect on cardiac muscle

contractility. Most patients (even those with no measurable increase in expiratory flow) benefit from treatment.

**What can be mistaken for atelectasis?** A pneumothorax can produce patient complaints similar to atelectasis. However, on physical examination, the percussion note is hyper-resonant and the heart and mediastinum are pushed to the opposite side. Chest radiographs are diagnostic. A massive pleural effusion may cause dyspnea, cyanosis, and weakness.

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**How long does it take to reverse atelectasis?** The condition typically develops after a person goes under general anesthetic, or if they have a condition that impacts the lungs or structures and organs surrounding them. Most people recover from atelectasis with proper treatment within 24 hours.

**Where is the pain with atelectasis?** Symptoms of Atelectasis and Pneumothorax Sudden, sharp pain in the chest or radiating to the shoulder or back.

**What are the indirect signs of atelectasis?** Indirect signs of atelectasis are pulmonary opacification; elevation of the diaphragm; shift of the trachea, heart, and mediastinum; displacement of the hilus; compensatory hyperexpansion of the surrounding lung; approximation of the ribs; and shifting granulomas.

**What would you hear if you have atelectasis?** The physical examination of a patient with atelectasis may reveal tachypnea, increased work of breathing, diminished or absent breath sounds, crackles, and decreased chest expansion.

**Does atelectasis affect the heart?** Symptoms of a collapsed lung vary. They may include: Falling oxygen levels in the blood, which causes the person to look bluish or ashen and can bring on abnormal heart rhythms (arrhythmias)

**What cancers cause atelectasis?** Tumors that form in a person's lungs may block or compress their airways, causing atelectasis. A form of lung cancer — adenocarcinoma — develops in the alveoli. This cancer causes replacement atelectasis, one of the most severe forms. It replaces normal lung tissue with tumor cells, and the tumor can spread to other parts of the body.

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**Who is at highest risk for atelectasis?** Risk factors Factors that make you more likely to get atelectasis include: Any condition that makes it hard to swallow. Needing to stay in bed over a long time and not having enough changes of position. Lung disease, such as asthma, bronchiectasis or cystic fibrosis.

**Is atelectasis normal with age?** Atelectasis increased with increasing age up to 50 yr, and then decreased with further increase in age.

**Is atelectasis considered pneumonia?** Atelectasis represents incomplete expansion of the lung parenchyma, with associated loss of volume, whereas pneumonia is an infection of the parenchyma and not typically associated with volume loss.

**Is atelectasis common on a CT scan?** Passive atelectasis is likely the most common form of atelectasis. It occurs secondary to the presence of air or fluid in the pleural space. The CT scan easily depicts pleural effusion and the underlying collapsed lung.

**What is the best position to sleep in with atelectasis?** Lie on your side with a pillow between your legs and your head elevated with pillows. Keep your back straight.

**Does walking help atelectasis?** Post-surgical atelectasis is treated by physiotherapy, focusing on deep breathing and encouraging coughing. An incentive spirometer is often used as part of the breathing exercises. Walking is also highly encouraged to improve lung inflation.

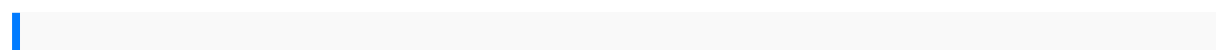
**How to fix atelectasis?** Postoperative atelectasis is treated with adequate oxygenation and re-expansion of the lung segments. Supplemental oxygen should be titrated to achieve an arterial oxygen saturation of greater than 90%. Severe hypoxemia associated with severe respiratory distress should lead to intubation and mechanical support.

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**Do you take antibiotics for atelectasis?** Patients may require nasotracheal suctioning if atelectasis recurs. This is particularly true in patients with neuromuscular disease and poor cough. Therapy with a broad-spectrum antibiotic is started and modified appropriately if a specific pathogen is isolated from sputum samples or bronchial secretions.



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