PREOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS: , Right pleural effusion with respiratory failure and dyspnea., POSTOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS: , Right pleural effusion with respiratory failure and dyspnea., PROCEDURE: , Ultrasound-guided right pleurocentesis., ANESTHESIA: , Local with lidocaine., TECHNIQUE IN DETAIL: , After informed consent was obtained from the patient and his mother, the chest was scanned with portable ultrasound. Findings revealed a normal right hemidiaphragm, a moderate right pleural effusion without septation or debris, and no gliding sign of the lung on the right. Using sterile technique and with ultrasound as a guide, a pleural catheter was inserted and serosanguinous fluid was withdrawn, a total of 1 L. The patient tolerated the procedure well. Portable x-ray is pending.