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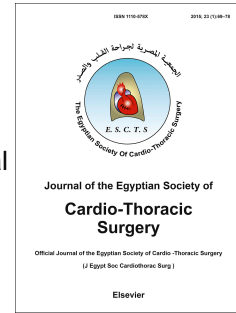
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Retrieving a missed whole kitchen knife blade from a victim's chest cavity.

Can lateral chest x-ray film still be used in penetrating chest trauma patient?

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Abstract:

We report a 17-year-old man who was involved in a quarrel, presented with multiple stab wounds to the back of the right arm and the back of the chest bilaterally. The knife remained in situ, without evidence of the knife from outside neither by inspection nor palpation. This report highlights the value of a cheap, less risky and accessed tool of investigation such as the lateral chest x-ray film in penetrating chest trauma patient.

Key Words: Foreign body (FB); Knife; Penetrating chest trauma; lateral chest X-ray.

Introduction:

Trauma surgeons should pay attention to the possibility of retained foreign bodies (FBs) in every penetrating chest trauma patient [1]. Lateral chest X-ray film is an available and informative tool of investigation in such cases especially when interpreted concurrently with the posteroanterior (PA) film showing peripherally positioned FBs in hemodynamically stable patients.

Case presentation:

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