Case Report

An Unusual Laryngeal Foreign Body in Adult

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1. Introduction

The accidental aspiration of a foreign body (FB) is a frequent domestic accident among children but a rare occurrence in adults. An impacted laryngeal FB in children is not uncommon. It represents 44.83% of FB of respiratory tract in Senegal [1]. The laryngeal impaction of a coin is an unusual accident; at least 3 cases have been reported in the literature [2–4]. Clinically, dysphonia and cough are the most consistent symptoms [2,3]. Despite the size of a coin, dyspnea...
Figure 1: Frontal X-ray: anteroposterior view showing linear opacity from C4 to C5.

Figure 2: Lateral X-ray: lateral view showing rounded opacity in sagittal plane.

Figure 3: The removed coin.

4. Conclusion

The presence of a coin in the respiratory tract is an exceptional occurrence. Clinical signs are often insignificant and routine. The rule prohibiting children from carrying objects in the mouth also prevails among adults.

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