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CC: 60 yo F acute on chronic SOB with cough.

HPI: Normally can walk one block, but for the last 3 days, she has been dyspneic doing dishes and going to the bathroom.

She also had cough with yellow sputum for the past 5 days. Stable LE edema, no chest pain, no fever, no other complaint.

Patient skipped her diuretics due to personal trip.

PMH:
COPD,
Ischemic cardiomyopathy, CAD, past EF 40% (6m ago), morbid obesity (BMI 40-45)

Meds: LABA, BB, statin, furosemide 40mg, aspirin

Fam Hx:
Soc Hx:
Health-Related Behaviors:
Allergies:
All above non-contributory

Vitals: T: afebrile HR: 95 BP: 148/88 RR: 20 SatO2: 89% RA (Baseline 92%)

Exam:

Gen:

CV: no murmur, no S3, no JVP,

Pulm: distant breath sounds, crackles on bases, mild expiratory wheeze

Extremities/skin: 1+ bilateral LL edema below the knee

Notable Labs & Imaging:

Hematology: unremarkable

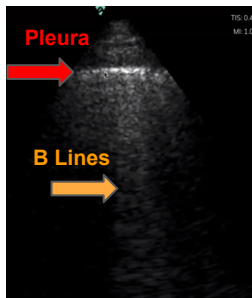
Chemistry: unremarkable

Troponin: neg

Imaging:

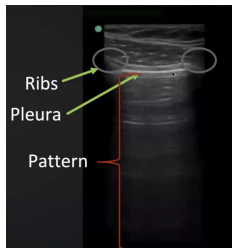
CXR: Suboptimal exam due to body habitus

Lung US: Multiple B-lines.

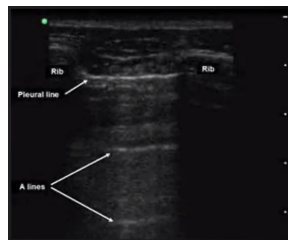


Dx: Acute on chronic systolic Heart Failure

Patient was treated with diuretics



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Problem Representation: 60 yo F with PMH of COPD, ICM, CAD, HFrEF and morbid obesity who present with progressive SOB. She was hypoxemic and OCUS showed signs of pulmonary congestion. She was found to have acute on chronic systolic HF.

Teaching Points (Vijay):

-Dyspnea: Cardiopulmonary favored by acute h/o + edema
Chest wall, Lung (airway, parenchyma, alveoli, pleura, vascular), Heart (pericardium, myocardium, endocardium)
- Exacerbation of COPD, HF - Triggers as possibilities
(FAILURE: meds, anemia, infection/ischemia, lifestyle, Upregulated cardiac (Thyroid), Renal failure, Emboli)

Exam: Fluid status, HJR

Low SO2: Compare with baseline. New = ↓ Diffusion, Perfusion, Ventilation. Need for LTOT

Lung POCUS: Rib, Pleura, Pattern

A: Air - Across - Horizontal (Reverberation artifact)

- Physiologic / Free Air

- Non-A Non-B = Off Axis (Perpendicular)

- Slide, Rock, Fan

B: sponge, air + Higher density, **Bottom:** >3/rib space = **Pathologic**

- Diffuse: >2 zones = Systemic

- Focal: Contusion, Pneumonia, infarct, Malignancy

- Min depth: 12cm (Confirm B lines)

CLUE: Cardiovascular Limited Ultrasound Exam

“Quick Look” signs in same **specific order** (LV → RA)

PLAX (LAE, LV dysfn) → B-lines → Effusion → RV function, IVC

IVC: Not always Fluid Status!

No US finding makes a diagnosis - Look at all pieces

CARD: Common things, Atypical presentations, Rare are cool, Don't miss diagnosis