

Pericardial cyst: an incidental culprit

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Pericardial cysts (PC) are rare, usually benign, and mostly congenital pericardial anomalies induced by an incomplete coalescence of fetal lacunae during the development of the pericardium. Less frequently, PC are acquired (e.g., postinflammatory,

hydatid, neoplastic, traumatic). The presence of a PC poses a diagnostic challenge in distinguishing it from other intracardiac or mediastinal abnormalities. Patients may present with nonspecific chest pain, cough, and dyspnea. Reported complications of PC

Fig. 1. Computed tomography showing the PC in axial view. Notice the right atrium compression

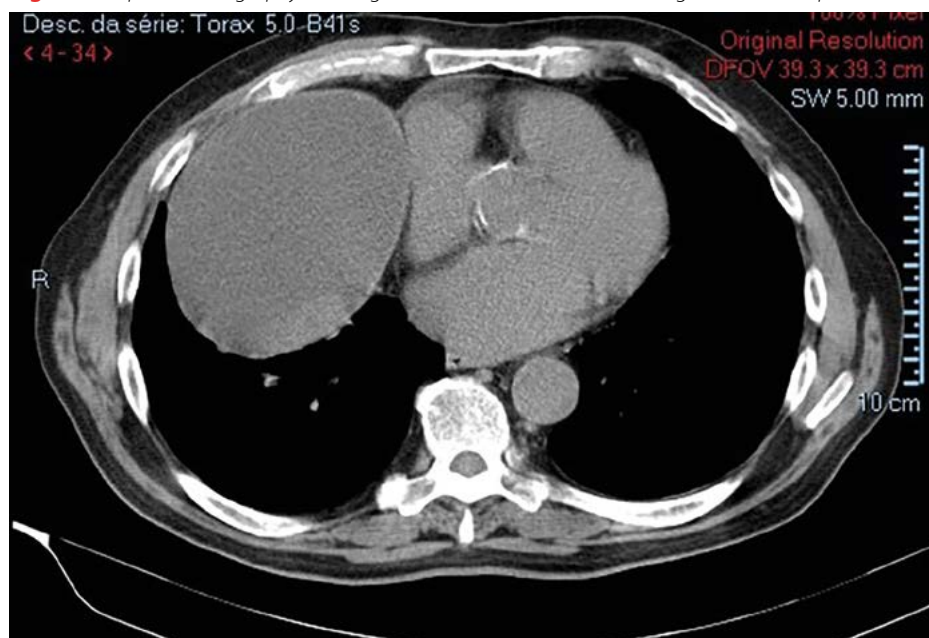
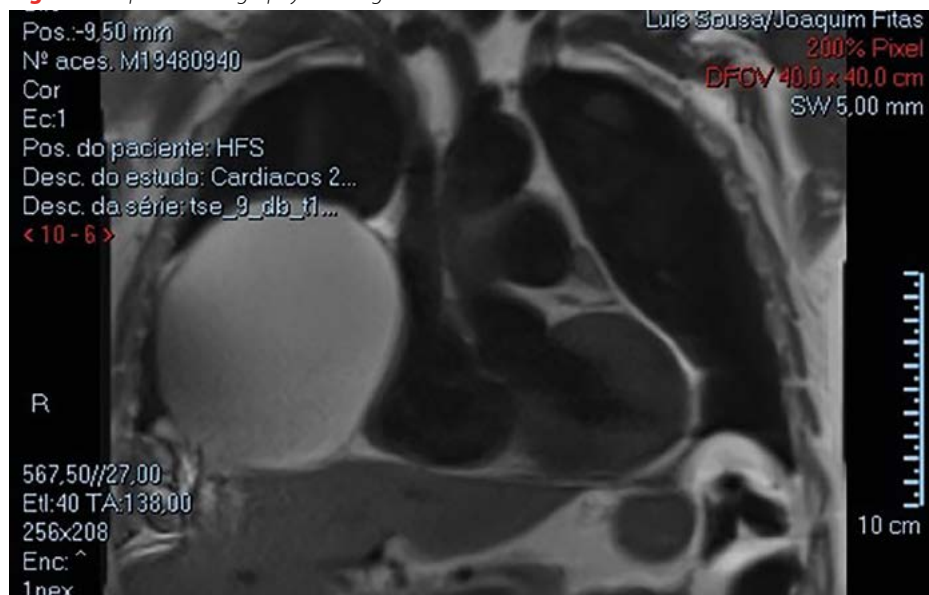


Fig. 2. Computed tomography showing the PC in coronal view



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