Endovascular and thoracoscopic treatment for post-lobectomy hemothorax

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A male patient underwent lobectomy and partial pleurectomy for non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC). After 30 days, chest computed tomography discovered a hemothorax secondary to an intercostal artery leakage (Fig. 1). A thoracic aorta angiography revealed an intercostal pseudo-aneurysm treated successfully with embolization (Fig. 2(A) and (B)). We performed a successful thoracoscopic debridement.

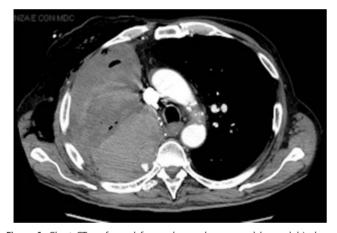


Figure 1: Chest CT performed for weakness, dyspnea and hemoglobin loss, shows the hemothorax due to the intercostal artery leakage. At discharge the thorax X-ray and the lab test did not show any acute bleeding sign.

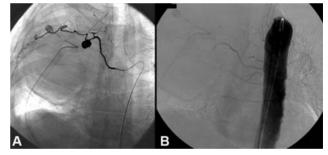


Figure 2. (A) Aortography shows the intercostal artery pseudo-aneurysm. (B) Intercostal artery pseudo-aneurysm superselective embolization with platinum coils (2.2 F).