

# TUBERCULOUS PLEURISY AS A PRECURSOR OF DISSEMINATED PROGRESSIVE TUBERCULOSIS

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## *Abstract*

Increasing drug resistance of Mycobacteria is a characteristic feature of current tuberculosis epidemic. An infection, caused by primarily resistant strains of Mycobacteria tuberculosis, may also cause pleurisy, which may be difficult to diagnose. Late diagnosis of tuberculous pleurisy is major factor, contributing to low effectiveness of treatment and advanced lung and other organs involvement.

A clinical case of drug resistant tuberculosis of pleura is presented in this report. 12 month after diagnosis has been established, a disease became complicated by tuberculosis of spine and further disseminated multi-organ disease, finally led to poly-organ failure and lethal outcome.

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