CASE REPORT

Foreign Body In Airways

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A 13 year old girl presented with history of foreign body (metallic pin) inhalation/ingestion the day before, which was associated with an episode of choking and cough. Patient was asymptomatic at the time of presentation and had no relevant finding on chest examination and I/L examination. Chest radiograph revealed foreign body in the periphery outside the main bronchus and secondary bronchus giving an impression of the foreign body in left lower lobe lung parenchyma (Fig. 1) following which CT

chest was ordered. Coronal cuts on CT revealed the foreign body in left lower secondary bronchus (Fig. 2) with tip penetrating the lung parenchyma. Patient was taken for bronchoscopy. Paediatric size bronchoscope was used to get to left lower secondary bronchus. Rigid bronchoscopy was done and the foreign body (Fig. 3) was retrieved with an uneventful post-op period.

Figure 1

Figure 2

Figure 3

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