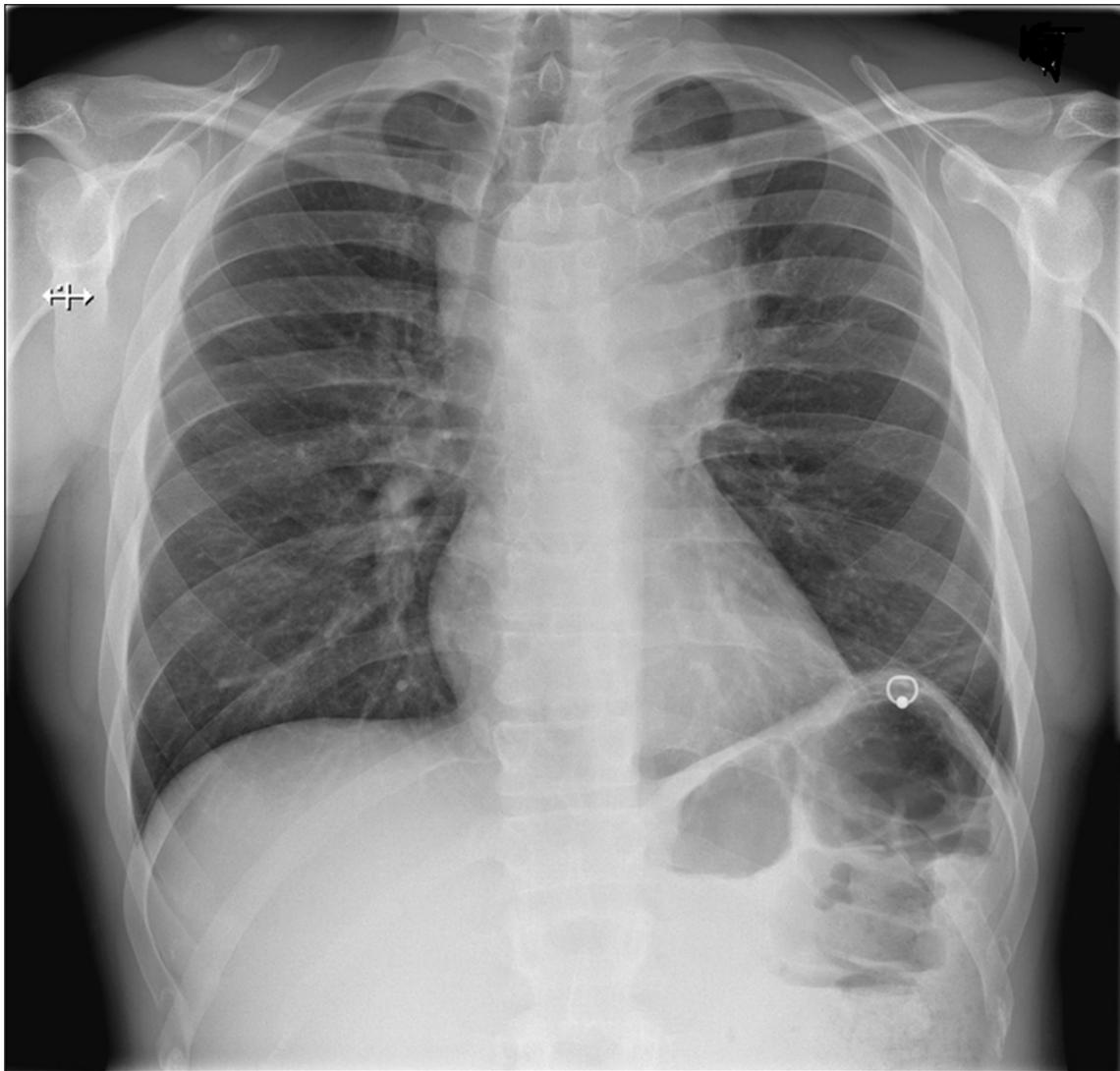




Chest x-ray quiz

Answer and discussion



There is a widened mediastinum in the vicinity of the aortic contour, with significant shift of the trachea to the right. Tracheal narrowing is also evident in the lower third of the trachea, which likely explains this man's breathlessness. The left hemi-diaphragm is elevated, possibly from minor left lower zone atelectasis. Left nipple ring noted.

With the history of trauma, the widened mediastinum was diagnosed as a pseudoaneurysm. He was referred for urgent surgical repair. See March issue for post-operative follow-up chest X-ray.

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