



Chest X-ray (Answer & Discussion)

The following observations can be made:

There are sternal wires, and prominent mediastinal shadow remains evident. An aortic stent has been inserted (circled). Trachea now appears normal, i.e. no narrowing and deviation as seen on the previous film. There are several mediastinal drains, a left pleural effusion and patchy consolidation in the right mid and lower zones.

You should not be happy with the location of the ETT, as it appears to be more than 5 cms above the carina and needs to be advanced (arrowed).

You would be happy with the location of the CVC, which has been inserted via the internal jugular vein and is positioned within the mid superior vena cava (arrowed).

You would be happy with the location of the IGT, seen below the left hemi-diaphragm within the stomach (arrowed).

Source: Bundle of Rays, Brad Chesham RN.

