

Complicated Parapneumonic Effusion



<i>Parapneumonic Pleural Effusion</i>	<i>Management</i>
Uncomplicated	Appropriate antibiotic therapy
Complicated	Thoracentesis or tube thoracostomy
Empyema thoracis	Drainage through tube thoracostomy Fibrinolytics or VATS

Causes

Lung abscess
Bronchiectasis
Pneumonia

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parapneumonic
effusion

Complication

Empyema
(Pus in the
pleural space)

CT surgical consult for VATS is required when fevers persist despite chest tube placement for a pleural effusion