

Medical Quiz

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X-ray

Seventy year old female known to have hypertension and Diabetes Mellitus was seen in Accident and Emergency for sudden onset of abdominal pain. A perforated peptic ulcer was confirmed by computed tomography (CT).

The patient was operated for closure of the perforation, after which she was admitted to the ICU. A nasogastric tube was inserted for enteral feeding . Her general condition improved and she was transferred to a general ward.

In the general ward the patient became progressively dyspnoeic & on auscultation of her chest coarse crepitations mainly on the right side were detected . The patient was re-intubated and transferred again to ICU where a chest X-ray was taken.

Q1. What is the cause of deterioration of her condition?

Q2. How can you prevent such condition?