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Metallic Foreign Bodies of the Thorax Wall: In Three Cases

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There are so many reports and reviews about foreign bodies in every part of body, but chest wall foreign bodies are seen rarely and there is no consensus for treatment. It is difficult to determine the location of metallic foreign bodies on the chest wall and it varies with interventions and may cause complications such as pneumothorax or internal organ injury. In this study, we aimed to investigate the treatment of three patients who was admitted to emergency department due to a thoracic gunshot wound. In their follow ups, they survived with a bullet in their chest wall and no further thoracic complications associated. In particular, there are studies advocating the follow-up of small, non-infectious, tolerated chest wall metallic foreign bodies that have not caused organ damage, as well as studies suggesting the removal of foreign bodies that may cause sharp, pointed, large, contaminant, hemorrhagic. As a result, chest wall metallic foreign bodies which are small, non-infectious, blunt, uncomplicated and may not cause intoxication, bleeding or functional disorders can be followed, with a proper cooperation between physicians and patients.

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