

## XVI. Diseases of the Respiratory System

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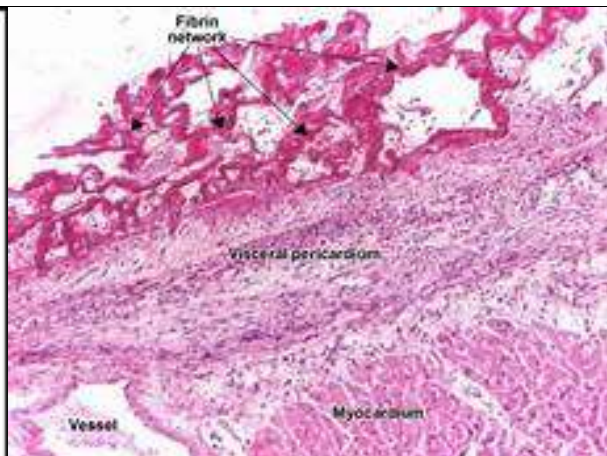
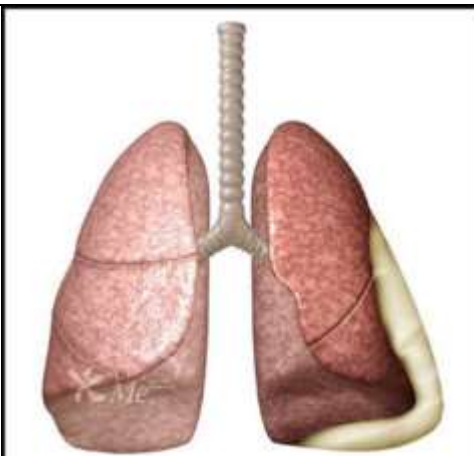
### N.B. 1

- The Bilharzia ova reach the lungs as emboli and become impacted in the arterioles which accompany the respiratory bronchioles producing a **specific acute necrotizing arteriolitis**.
- Following necrosis, the ovum escapes through the vessel wall and a **parenchymatous tubercle** forms near the respiratory bronchiole.
- In cases with a moderate infection, vascular lesions as well as parenchymatous tubercles are present and embolic ova are frequent.
- Healing of the acute vascular lesions leads to **obliterative arteriolitis**, often followed by **canalization of the occluding tissue**.
- The new-formed capillaries hypertrophy, producing a **structure characteristic of pulmonary Bilharziasis called angiomatoid formation (anastomotic channels)**.
- Massive and repeated infection of the lungs with Bilharzia is followed by widespread arterial changes, **hypertrophy of the right ventricle** and the development of the **cardio-pulmonary features of Ayerza's disease** with death from **congestive heart failure**,
- **The visceral pleura** may show patches of thin pale white opacities denoting **areas of fibrosis from the local ischaemia**.
- There may be few minute nodules which may be slightly projecting.
- The same types of nodules are seen when cutting the lung.
- They occur singly or in groups in any lobe.
- Recent nodules are yellowish (**fresh bilharziomata**), and old nodules are whitish dense scar tissue.
- Pressure on the sides of the small bronchi, expresses out clear mucus.
- There occurs dilatation of the elastic arteries to the extent of aneurysm formation with destruction of the media.
- The muscular arteries show hypertrophy of the media and fibrosis.
- There appears atheroma of the pulmonary arteries.

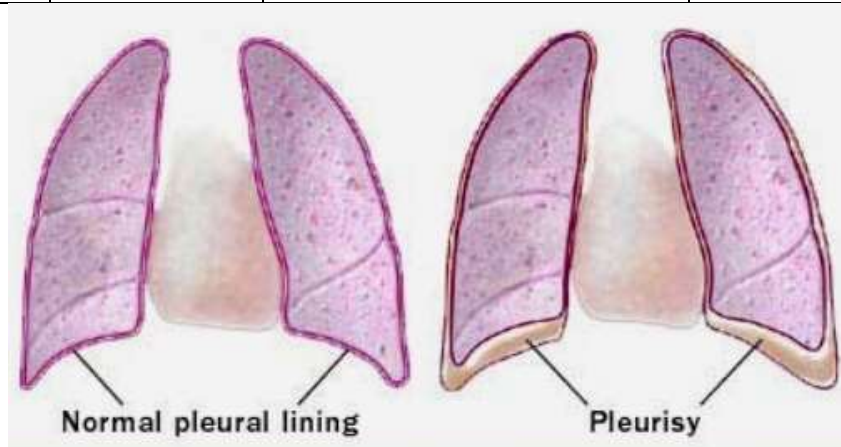
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#### **Parasites of the Lung:**

1. *Bilharzia (Schistosoma) ova /worms.*
2. *Amoebic abscess.*
3. *Hydatid cyst.*
4. *Paragonimus westermanii (human lung-fluke)*
5. *Ascaris larvae and Strongyloides.*
6. *Ancylostoma larvae.*
7. *Micro-Filaria.*



<b>Pleurisy (Serofibrinous)</b>				
<b>Lung</b>	<i>Is small in size</i>			
<b>Pleura</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dull</li> <li>• Dirty pale</li> <li>• Pinkish-whitish-yellow</li> </ul>			
	<b>Covered by:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An inflammatory exudate</li> <li>• A network of fibrin</li> </ul>		



**N.B.:**

**Pleurisy may be classified into:**

1. Fibrinous (dry).
2. Serofibrinous (with effusion).
3. Purulent (empyema).

**The so-called primary form** of pleurisy may actually be **due to**

- **Tuberculosis** or
- **Rheumatic fever.**

**The secondary form of pleurisy** may be due to causes in the lung (as

- Tuberculosis,
- Pneumonia (lobar) and
- Carcinoma or to
- Causes in some other organs

**N.B.:**

A condition which **clinically produces physical signs simulating pleural effusion** is

1. **"Hydrothorax"** i.e. a non-inflammatory transudation of clear fluid) into the pleural cavity, and, may be due to cardiac or renal causes or obstruction to the great veins.
2. **Pneumothorax:** Is air (or gas) in the pleural cavity → collapse of the corresponding lung → displacement of the mediastinum to the in-affected side.

This may be catty rupture of emphysematous bulla

