

# Fibrothorax

Fibrothorax is local / diffuse thickening of the pleura by fibrous tissue (after inflammation / trauma), sometimes with calcifications.

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## Etiology and pathogenesis

- Untreated pleural effusion , hemothorax , TB , silicosis , asbestosis .
- If the empyema lasts longer → septal formation, thickening + hardening of the visceral pleura.

## Clinical picture

- Severe restrictive ventilation disorder (ventilation → respiration failure).Chest X-ray - fibrothorax on the right

## Therapy

- Decortication (removal of the visceral pleura; allows the development of the oppressed lung x very burdensome).

## Links

### related articles

- [Pleural effusion](#)
- [Hemothorax](#)
- [Chylothorax](#)
- [Empyema](#)

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