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Reason for Consultation:

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PULMONARY CONSULTATION

The patient is an unfortunate 21 year old man who sustained a severe and probably irreversible brain injury approximately five weeks ago. The patient has been in a persistent coma and vegetative state.

The patient was transferred from Idaho four days ago and immediately spiked a temperature to 104°. He had an infiltrate evident on chest x-ray in the posterior basilar segment of the right lower lobe. He has now developed a large apparently loculated pleural effusion on chest x-ray with extensive infiltrate in the right lower lobe. The patient's temperature is 104° and he has an elevated WBC count of 18.0 with left shift.

The patient is status post temporal lobe resection for intracranial swelling. He appears to have entered a state of vigilant coma. He has no meaningful response to external command or stimulus.

Early on the patient had bilateral chest tubes due to pneumothoraces. He has been treated most recently with Kefzol therapy. He has documented C. difficile infection and is being treated with Flagyl via a gastrostomy tube. The patient was switched from Kefzol to _____ last weekend.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: Comatose young man who makes occasional yawning gestures. Temperature 104°, pulse 120, respirations 25.

HEENT: Neck veins not distended. Pupils are 5mm in diameter. Neck is supple.

CHEST: Diminished breath sounds over the right chest with dullness. Left lung is clear. Crusted secretions seen within the mouth.

CARDIAC: S1 and S2 with flow murmur in the pulmonic area, no other murmurs appreciated.

ABDOMEN: Benign.

EXTREMITIES: Without edema.

LABORATORY/X-RAYS: Chest x-ray shows a large pleural effusion on the right which appears to be loculated.

IMPRESSION: 1. PNEUMONIA AND PROBABLE RIGHT SIDED EMPYEMA. POSSIBLY THIS IS A LOCULATED PARAPNEUMONIC EFFUSION.
2. APPARENTLY IRREVERSIBLE BRAIN INJURY OF DEVASTATING NATURE.

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