

REMARKS

1 Plain radiograph

- 1.1 Erect chest X-ray (CXR) is used to detect subphrenic gas.
- 1.2 Left lateral decubitus abdominal X-ray (AXR) also helps to demonstrate free air, especially in ill patients who cannot sit or stand.

2 CT

2.1 CT is useful for clarification of equivocal finding on plain radiograph.

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