

## Vocal Cord Paralysis associated with Silicosis and Progressive Massive Fibrosis

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Unilateral vocal cord paralysis is a common condition in clinical practice and can affect not only the quality of life of the patient but at times can be life threatening. Vocal cord paralysis due to recurrent laryngeal nerve dysfunction is commonly caused by disease affecting the vagus nerve or its recurrent laryngeal branches, including a variety of neoplastic, inflammatory, lymph nodal and vascular conditions. In most reported series, malignant tumors of the lung and pulmonary tuberculosis were the most common causes of recurrent laryngeal nerve palsy. Silicosis is one of the oldest occupational diseases and pulmonary silicosis is various clinical phenotypes with simple silicosis, acute silicosis, complicated pneumoconiosis, and true diffuse interstitial fibrosis. We describe an unusual case of a 60-year-old white man with left vocal cord paralysis caused by silicosis with progressive massive fibrosis (PMF).

