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Constrictive calcified pericarditis associated with non-treated pulmonary tuberculosis

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A 47-year-old male was admitted due to shortage of breath and lower limb oedema associated with a non-treated pulmonary tuberculosis. CT scan demonstrated severe pericardial calcifications (Fig. 1). The patient was set on tuberculostatic therapy and pericardiectomy was performed successfully.

Fig. 1. CT scan (3 dimensional) demonstrating massive pericardial calcifications.