Spontaneous pneumothorax in a patient with buffalo chest

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A 42-year old male presented with chest pain. Left pneumonectomy had been performed 15 years before for tuberculosis. A chest X-ray showed small left-sided pneumothorax (Fig. 1). A chest computed tomography revealed herniation of the right lung into the contralateral side ('buffalo chest') and a bilateral pneumothorax (Fig. 2). With oxygen supplement, chest pain was relieved and the pneumothorax disappeared.

![Figure 1: Chest X-ray showing left-sided pneumothorax and air–fluid level in right thorax.](image1)

![Figure 2: (a) Chest computed tomography (CT) scan showing a bilateral pneumothorax. (b) Coronal CT image showing herniation of the right lung into the left hemithorax.](image2)