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Unusual pancreas hernia

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A 57-year-old male underwent a left radical pleuropneumonectomy for mesothelioma. A pancreas tail hernia into a left thoracic intercostal defect was demonstrated on CT (Figs. 1 and 2). He was treated conservatively and remains asymptomatic except intermittent chest pains.

Fig. 1. Oblique sagittal MPR.

Fig. 2. Axial contrasted CT.