Annular abscess leading to free wall rupture
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A 69-year old lady with a prior graft replacement of the ascending aorta presented with a Staphylococcus aureus graft infection and mitral valve endocarditis. An annular abscess opening in the pericardial sac was found (Fig. 1). Combined closure of the rupture was unsuccessful, and autopsy confirmed the diagnosis (Fig. 2).

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