RADIOGRAPHIC DEMONSTRATION OF INTERCOSTAL LYMPHATICS AND LYMPH NODES

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ABSTRACT

The anatomy of the posterior intercostal lymphatics and lymph nodes is reviewed. These lymph nodes are occasionally visualized by bipedal conventional lymphography. Opacified and/or enlarged posterior intercostal lymph nodes may also be identified with computed tomography of the chest. Familiarity with the lymphatic drainage patterns of the intercostal spaces and recognition of abnormal intercostal lymph nodes may provide additional information regarding disease status in patients with inflammatory or malignant disease of the thorax.