Penetrating Ulcer of the Ascending Aorta

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The case of a 56-year-old hypertensive patient is presented. He was accepted in the Cardiovascular Recovery Unit due to acute precordial pain with no electrocardiographic changes and with normal cardiac enzymes. Chest x-ray showed a moderate sternal enlargement that is why a thoracic angiotomography was performed, from which the presence of hematoma in the ascending aorta with a penetrating ulcer in such area was diagnosed. The patient underwent surgery to replace the ascending aorta under extracorporeal circulation. The postoperative evolution was favorable.

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