History

• 57 year old veteran with hx of alcohol abuse, non-compliance with meds.
Labs

- AFB negative
- HIV negative
- Pleural fluid culture positive for TB
Split pleura sign

- Normal pleural space
- Empyema with accumulation of pus in the pleural space
Tuberculous Empyema

- Chronic active infection of the pleural space
- Thick pleural rind surrounding loculated pleural fluid
- Contains large number of tubercle bacilli
- Treatment: pleural space drainage, decortication, anti-tuberculous chemotherapy