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Right to left thromboembolism through a patent foramen ovale

The possibility of right to left thromboembolism through a patent foramen ovale in patients with systemic embolism with no other cause continues to be discussed. We report a 63-year-old man in whom we found an embolus (E) in the patent foramen ovale membrane, with one end in the right atrium and the other end in the left atrium (LA). The transoesophageal examination was done with a multiplane probe in the intensive care unit, because of a deterioration in respiratory variables in a ventilated patient after abdominal surgery.

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RV, right ventricle; S, Swan-Ganz catheter.
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