



# **Diagnostic Exercise**

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**Clinical History:** A two-year-old Aberdeen Angus heifer presented an abrupt onset of tachypnea, mucopurulent nasal discharge, dyspnea, and fever (41°C). Twenty-four hours after the onset of clinical signs, the heifer had ruminal atony, severe dehydration, hypothermia (35°C), and died. A few days before this heifer died, another two steers from the same herd had similar clinical signs and died. The herd was composed of 200 cattle, confined in an outside pen in a feedlot operation. Cattle were purchased from many properties and introduced to the herd without any type of quarantine or testing. The heifer had been on the property for 39 days and had no vaccination history.

## **Gross and Histological Images:**

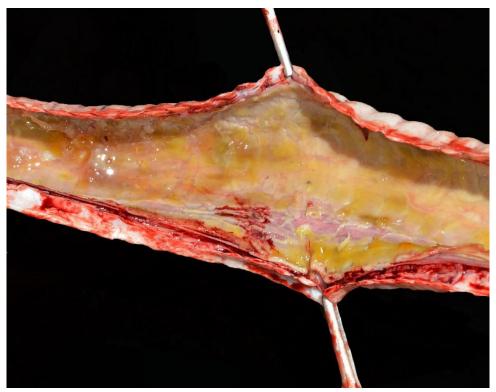


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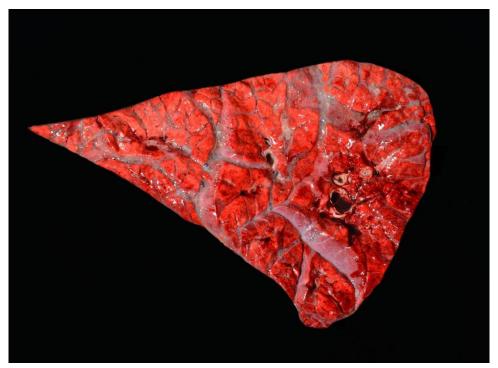


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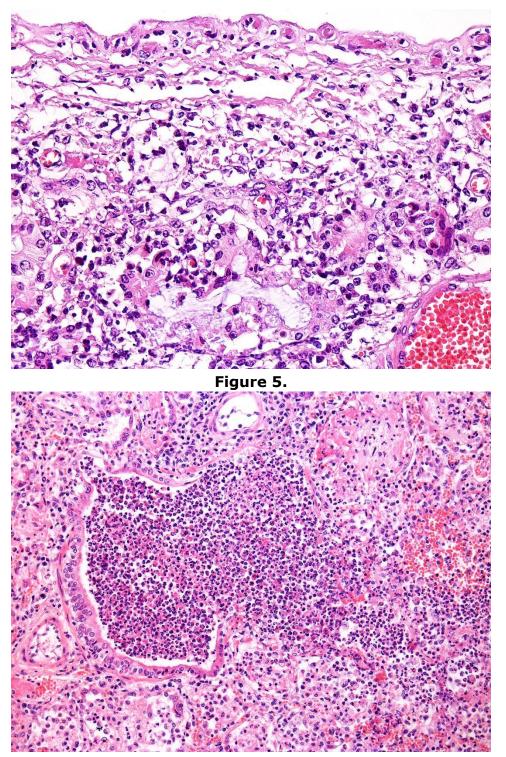


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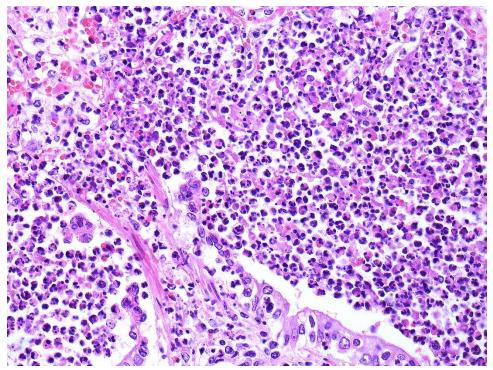


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#### Follow-up questions:

- Histological description
- Name of the condition
- Etiology
- Two differential etiological diagnoses

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