Papillary Fibroelastoma as an Unusual Source of Repeated Pulmonary Embolism

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Papillary fibroelastoma of the heart. This tumor was excised from the right heart of a 66-year-old patient who presented with a history of repeated episodes of respiratory distress and fever. The diagnosis of recurrent pulmonary embolism was made, open heart surgery was performed, and the tumor was classified by additional histopathological evaluation. No signs or symptoms were reported during the first 18 months after surgery, strongly suggesting the papillary fibroelastoma as the embolic source. The diameter of the tumor measured 10 mm. The specimen was carefully washed in phosphate-buffered saline and photographed immediately after excision.

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