





SUBXYPHOID APPROACH FOR COMBINED MEDIASTINAL AND PULMONARY RESECTIONS

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The subxiphoid uniportal video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS) represents an innovative approach for the resection of anterior mediastinal masses and lung resections. This technique is particularly advantageous in cases involving both pathologies, as it allows for the simultaneous execution of both procedures without necessitating multiple incisions. The surgical management of thymoma has progressively become less invasive, transitioning from transsternal thymectomy to minimally invasive thoracic surgery, thereby enhancing patient recovery and yielding satisfactory postoperative outcomes.

Moreover, this approach facilitates a clear anatomical view of critical structures and enables the recognition of vascular anatomy and its variants. In cases presenting with synchronous masses, the subxiphoid approach is ideal when performed by experienced surgeons. In the accompanying video, we demonstrate a right upper lobectomy and a thymectomy via the subxiphoid approach, highlighting the identification of anatomical variations in the thymic artery and the successful completion of both procedures without complications.