

Abstract

Pneumocystis pneumonia (PCP) which is caused by the fungus *Pneumocystis jirovecii* remains a common opportunistic infection among patients with HIV. Many case reports are there which reveals Pneumocystis pneumonia as the initial presentation of previously undiagnosed HIV infection. The case described is of a patient with newly diagnosed HIV infection presenting with pneumocystis pneumonia who was treated initially for a poorly resolving pneumonia as an outpatient. Despite the initiation of appropriate antibiotic therapy with steroids on presentation, the patient deteriorated clinically requiring mechanical ventilation in an intensive care setting which was followed by slow recovery with gradual improvement of his clinical status. This case highlights the importance of considering broad array of differential diagnoses in a patient presenting with a history of poorly resolving pneumonia.