

## A Medical Mystery — Constipation



**A** 56-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WITH A MEDICAL HISTORY NOTABLE FOR EPILEPSY, scoliosis, and chronic constipation presented with shortness of breath and cough, which she reported having had for the past 10 days. A chest radiograph was obtained. Her medications consisted of phenytoin, tegaserod, fluticasone–salmeterol, and an albuterol inhaler. What is the diagnosis?

*Editor's note:* We invite our readers to submit their answers at [NEJM.org/mystery](http://NEJM.org/mystery). We will publish the diagnosis in the Correspondence section of the March 19, 2009, issue and e-mail it to everyone who submits an answer. All answers must be received by February 4, 2009.

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