

## **Society for Endocrinology, Clinical Update 2007**

### **Clinical case**

A painful swelling of the thyroid.

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#### **Case:**

A 53 year-old woman presented with fever accompanied by chills and extreme painful swelling of her thyroid. At first instance she was diagnosed with subacute thyroiditis, but later on her disease appeared to be caused by a destructive suppurative thyroiditis caused by Salmonella group C. A pre-existing solitary nodule in the right thyroid lobe was the predisposing factor. Antibiotics were given for several weeks and surgical drainage was performed. Finally a hemi-thyroidectomy was done to eliminate the predisposing factor. A literature survey about signs and symptoms between suppurative thyroiditis and subacute thyroiditis is performed.