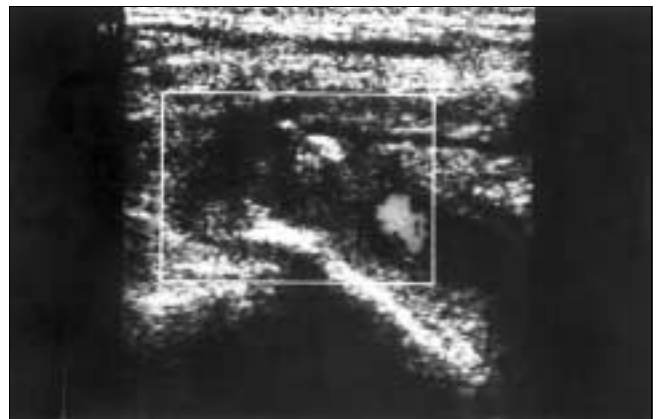
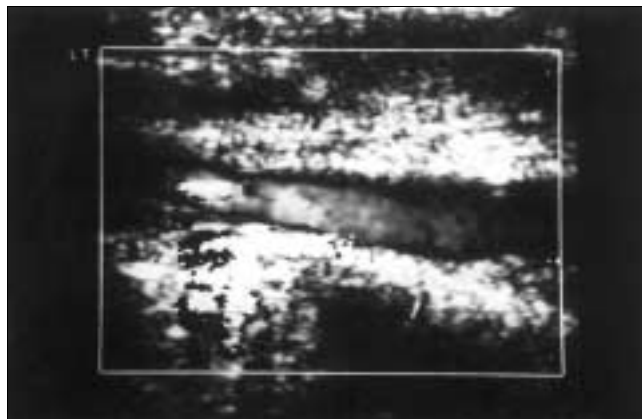


## **Fever with Dyspnea and Swollen Bilateral Subclavicular Area in a Drug Addict**

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A 32 year old drug-addicted male who was also a heavy smoker was admitted to the department of medicine with shortness of breath and non-specific chest pains that had begun a week previously. His medical history was unremarkable. Physical examination revealed a temperature of 37.7°C and swollen bilateral subclavicular areas in addition to needle-puncture signs. Swelling and signs of needle infiltration were also seen in the bilateral upper limbs.

The chest X-rays here show two needle-like materials. Ultrasonography confirmed the presence of intrasubclavian needle-shaped hyperechogenicity, as shown below.

Ventilation-perfusion scans confirmed bilateral multiple pulmonary embolisms. Venous ultrasonography and venogram excluded the presence of deep vein thrombosis in the upper and lower extremities.

After needle extraction and treat-

ment for 6 months with an anti-coagulant, there were no findings at ultrasonography or ventilation-perfusion scans performed 3 and 6 months after operation.

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