

Table 2. Causes of transudate and exudate effusions [21]. Causes indicated with * can cause both types of effusion.

TRANSUDATE EFFUSION		EXUDATE EFFUSION	
Congestive Heart Failure	Parapneumonic effusion	Rheumatoid arthritis	
Cirrhosis	Atypical pneumonia	Systemic Lupus Erythematosus	
Pulmonary embolism*	TB pleuritis	Amyloidosis*	
Atelectasia	Nocardiosis/Actinomycosis	Sjogren syndrome	
Nephrotic syndrome	Sepsis	Granulomatosis with polyangiitis	
Malnutrition	Primary and secondary cancer	Eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis	
Peritoneal dialysis	Meigs syndrome	Systemic sclerosis	
Iatrogenic	Yellow nail syndrome	Dressler syndrome	
Myxoedema*	Lymphangiomatosis	Asbestosis	
Sarcoidosis*	Familial Mediterranean Fever	Chylothorax	
Superior Vena Cava syndrome	Pancreatitis	Haemothorax	
Constrictive pericarditis	Esophageal rupture	Drug induced	
Liver Failure	Uremic pleuritis	Post Actinotherapy	