

## **Ostre ropne zapalenie tarczycy - problem laryngologiczny**

Acute suppurative thyroiditis - laryngologic problem

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### **Summary**

**Introduction:** Authors present four cases of acute suppurative thyroiditis treated in our department. Initial symptoms are similar to acute pharyngitis or laryngitis but could end in fulminant course that could be life threatening. **Material and methodic:** We present etiology, clinical symptoms and accessory exams as well as new treatment methods. **Results:** All four patients were cured. In one case pharmacological treatment was sufficient. In second case the patient needed intubation due to stridor. In third one after pharmacological treatment we performed partial thyroidectomy. In last case patient with thyroid abscess needed urgent thyroidectomy due to retropharyngeal and mediastinal multiple abscesses. **Conclusions:** Acute suppurative thyroiditis needs hospitalisation. Some patients needed surgical intervention due to life threatening course.