

Question:

You are given two images: one reference image and one new image. Please identify the progression of pleural effusion:

(A) Improving

(B) Worsening

(C) Stable

Please reason step by step, and put your final answer within `\boxed{}`.

Reasoning:

The task model observes both chest X-rays and evaluates changes in pleural effusion status. In the first image, no evidence of pleural effusion is identified bilaterally. In the second image, a small left pleural effusion is clearly visible but appears more prominent compared to prior views, indicating progression from minimal to moderate. This direct comparison confirms that the condition has worsened over time without change in direction (e.g., no new right-sided effusion or resolution observed).

Answer:

`\boxed{B}`

