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Topic 7. Acute diseases of the pharynx. Primary and secondary tonsillitis. Complications of tonsillitis, pharyngeal abscess, pharyngeal diphtheria.

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- Left neck phlegmon
- Parapharyngeal abscess
- Left peritonsillitis
- Retropharyngeal abscess

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- **Left-sided peritonsillar abscess**