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The possibility that subpleural fat may cast a radiographic shadow that would be confused with thickened pleura is reasonably well recognized. When the film is of an obviously obese person and when the shadows are almost perfectly symetrical, hemilenticular in shape and have a smooth surface, the odds are that they are caused by a fat deposit. Variants doubtless exist. In some cases, a true plaque or diffusely thickened pleura can have this same appearance. The use of computer tomography to demonstrate the difference of density is useful in distinguishing fat from fibrous tissue as per the attached. These articles and their bibliographies may be of use.

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