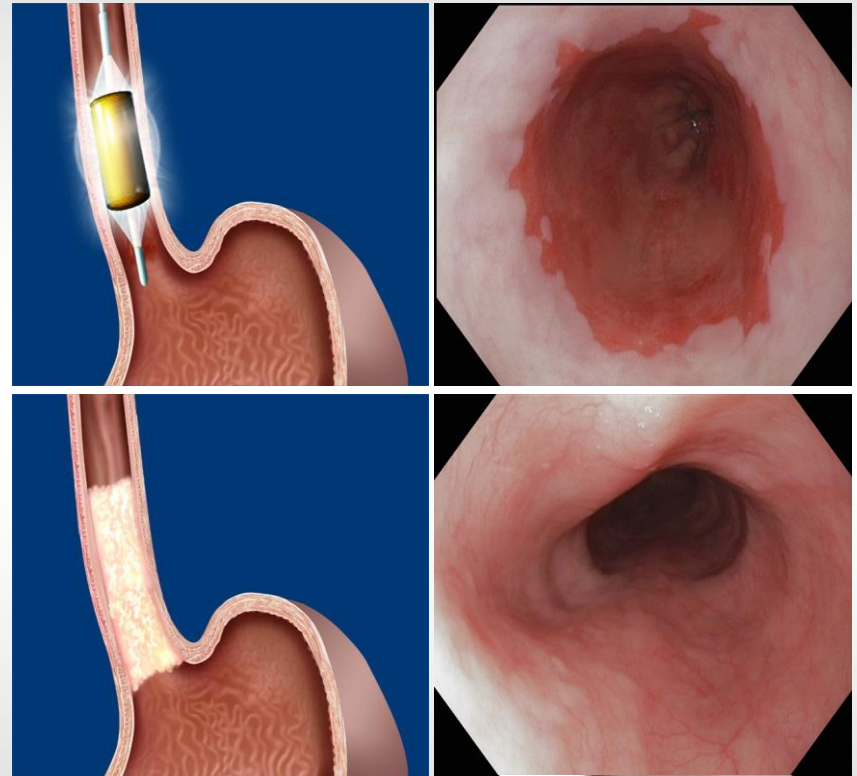
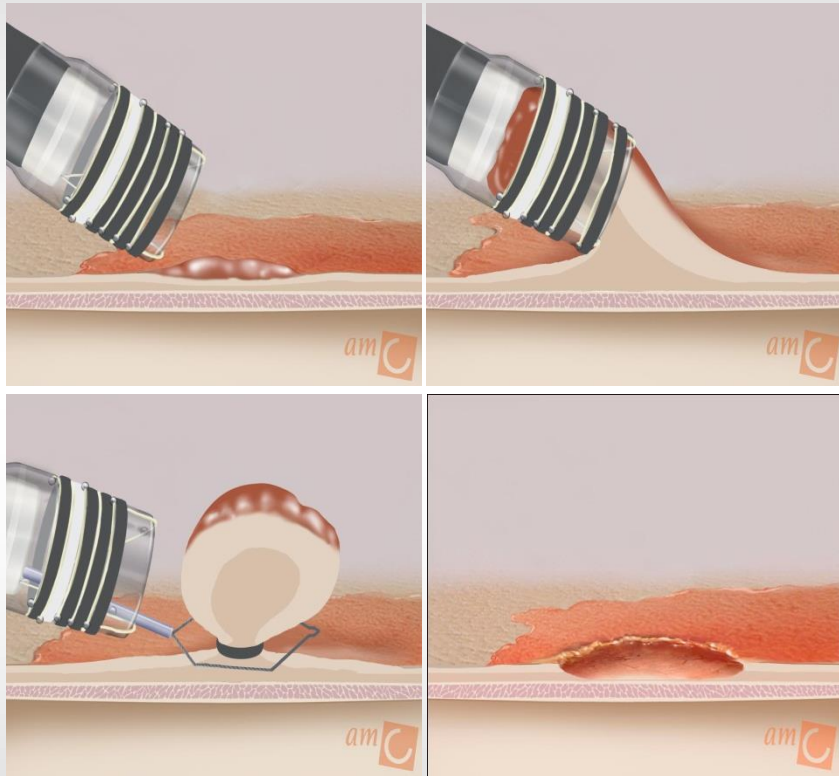


# Managing early esophageal dysplasia



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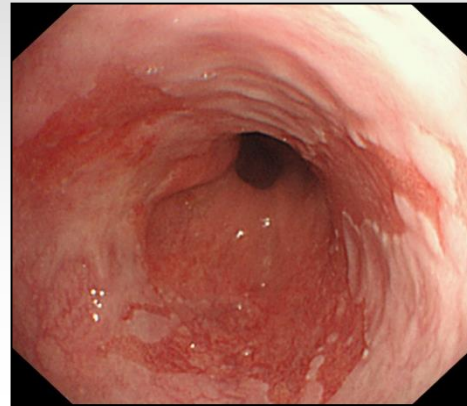
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Submucosal cancer

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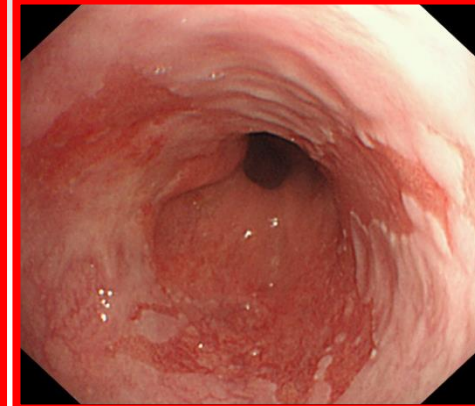
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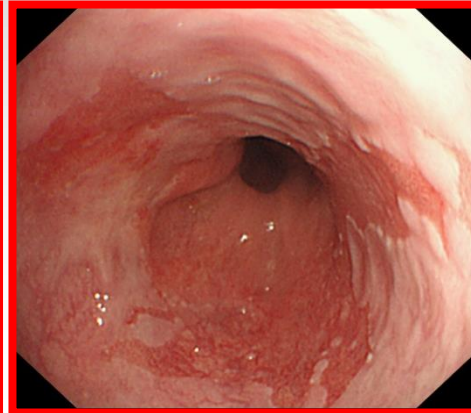
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- Endoscopic Tx for LGD or HGD only in clinical trials



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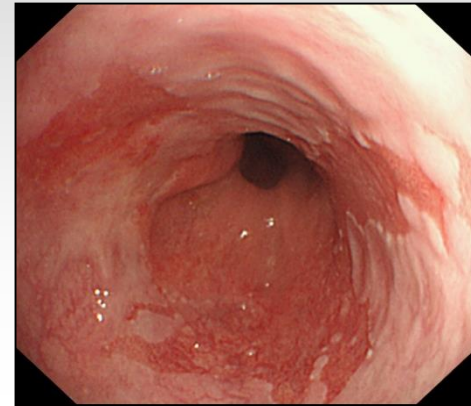
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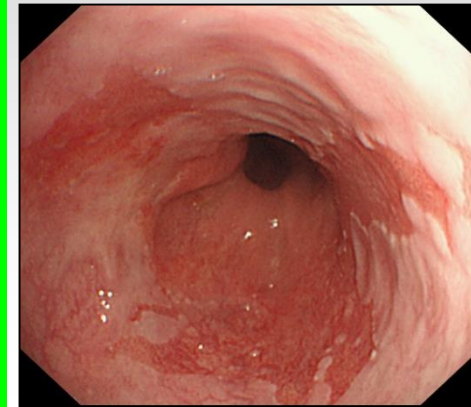
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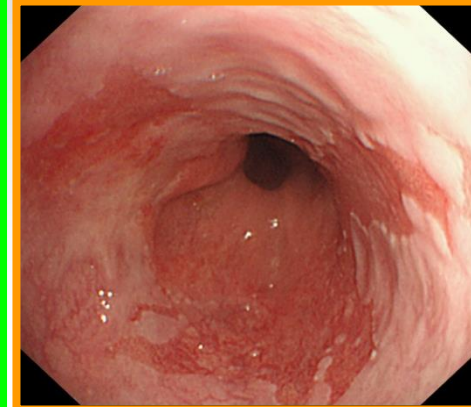
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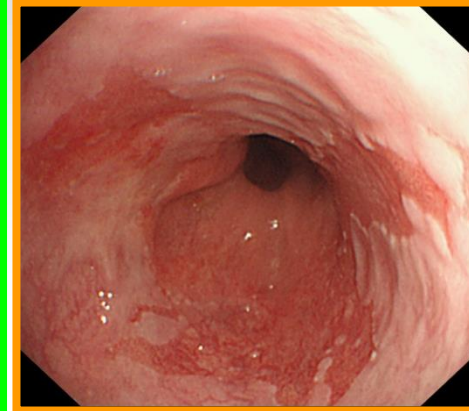
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- LGD (histological confirmation): ablation therapy.

# *Just because you can doesn't mean you should*



Non-dysplastic BE

- Outside the focus of my presentation.
- Few data to justify treatment for NDBE.
- I treated 5 non-dysplastics over the last 10 years...



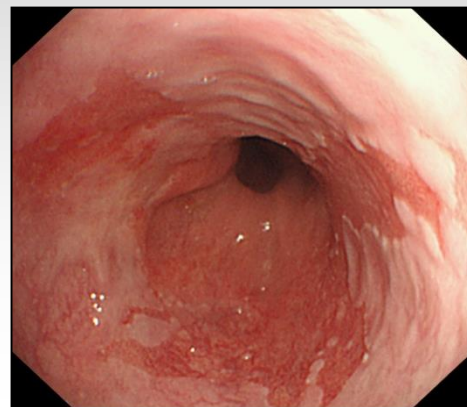
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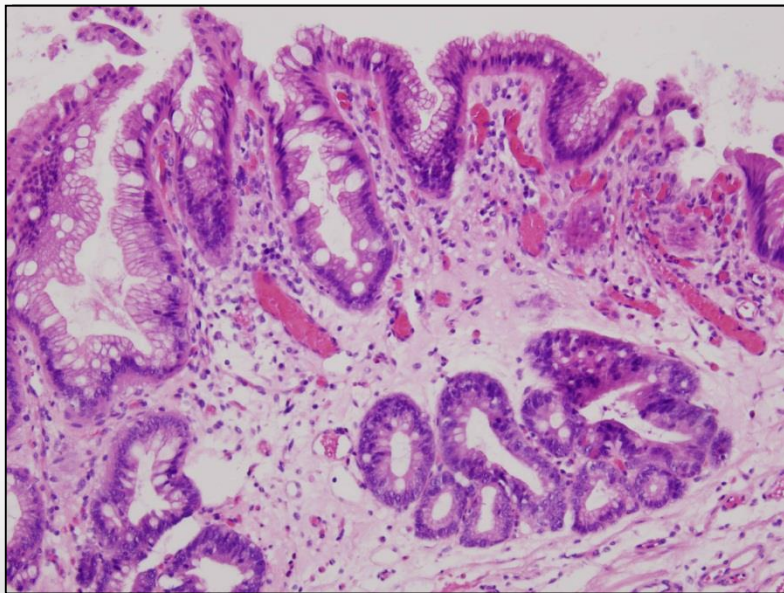
# Two pitfalls in treating HGD

- Are you sure that the patient has high-grade dysplasia?
- Are you sure that the patient does *NOT* have invasive cancer?

The over- and under-diagnosis  
dilemma's of HGD

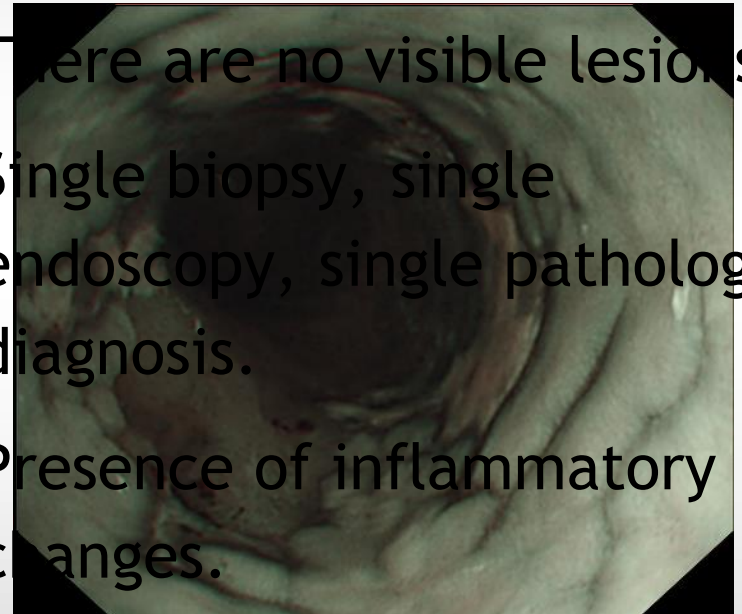
# “Over-diagnosis dilemma” of managing HGD

Reactive changes or HGD?



Review pathology by  
expert in this field

Erosive esophagitis?



- There are no visible lesions
- Single biopsy, single endoscopy, single pathologist diagnosis.
- Presence of inflammatory changes.

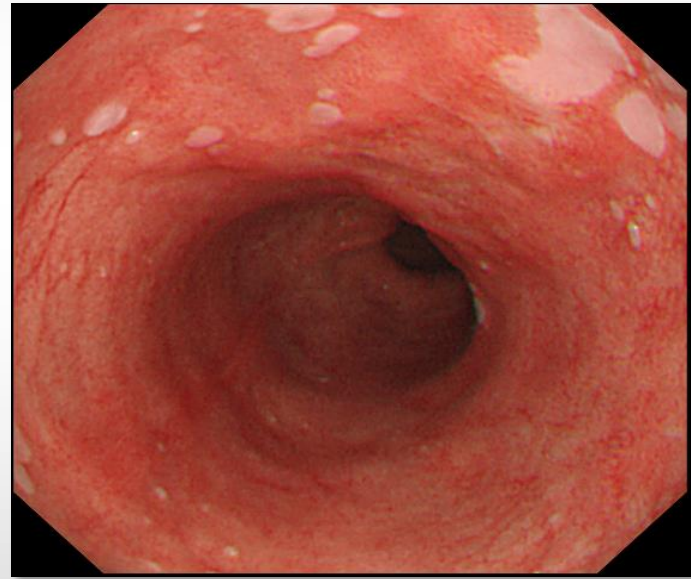
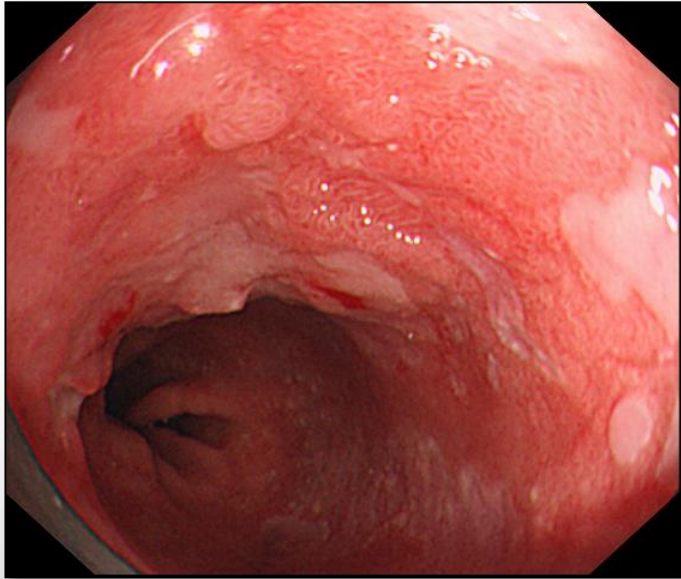
Repeat biopsies after  
high-dose PPI



# “Under-diagnosis dilemma” of managing HGD

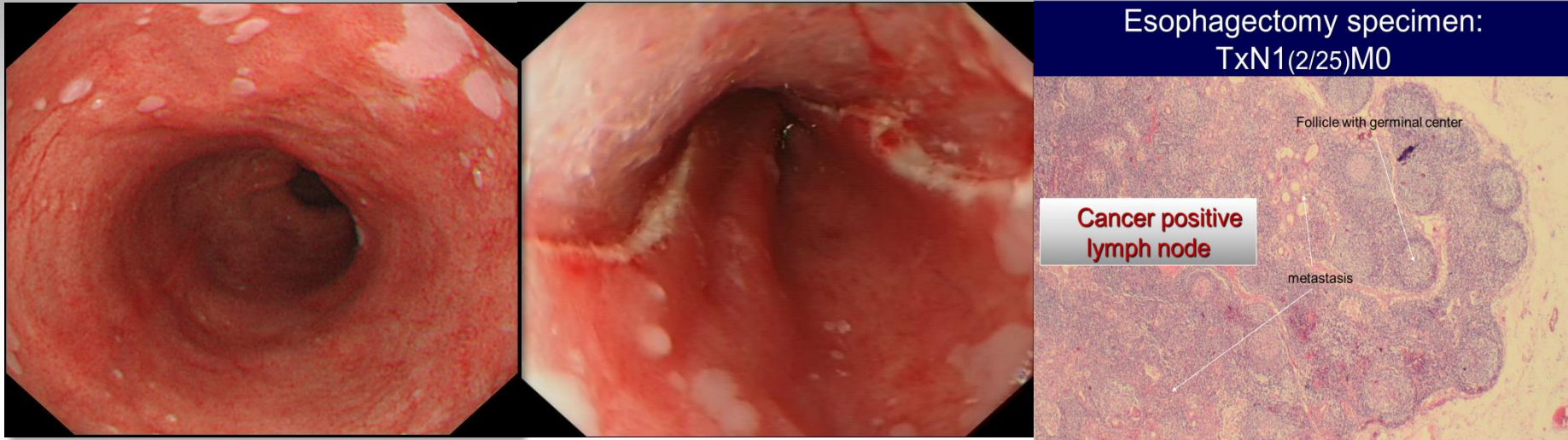
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Don't trust the pathologist more than your own eyes!



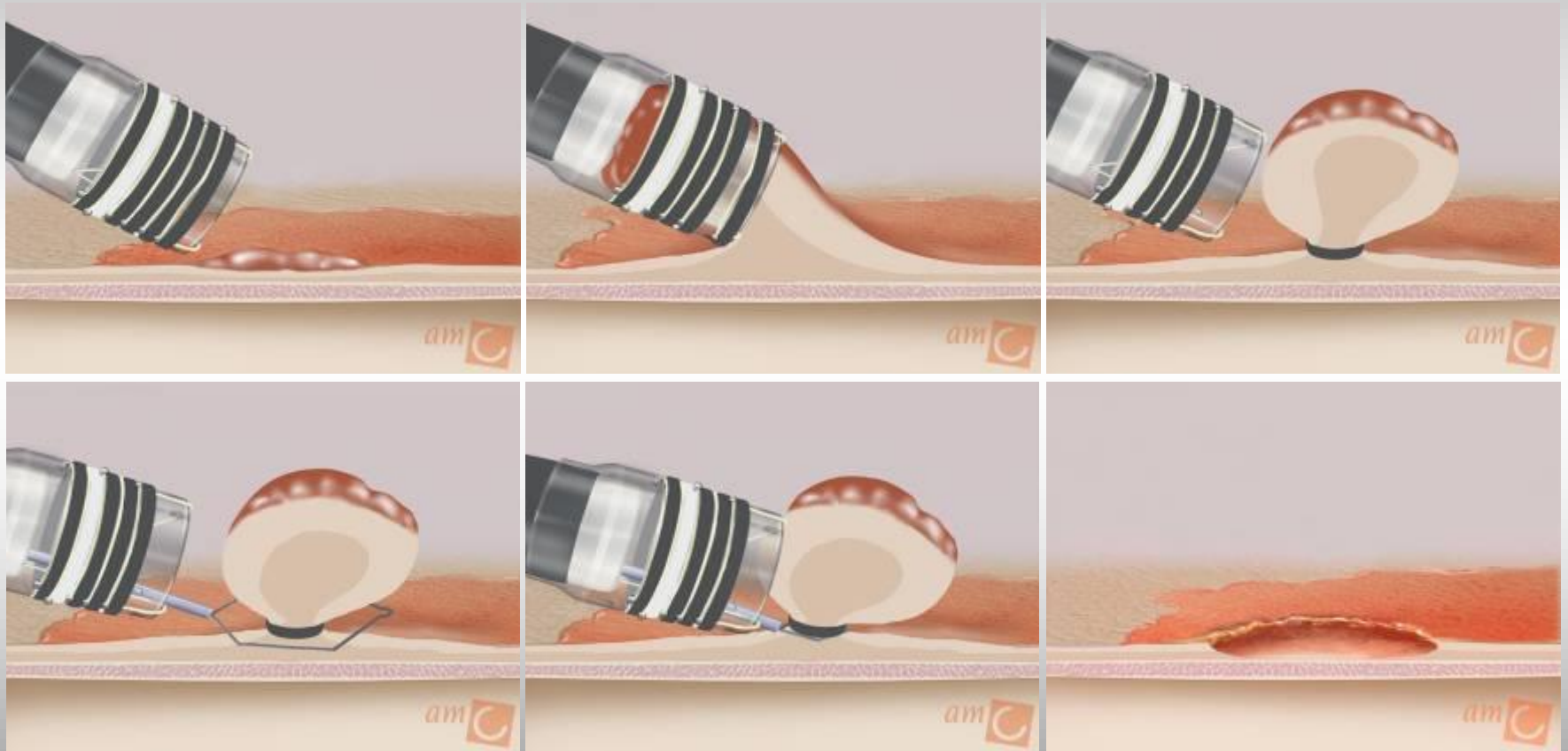
This is not HGD: this is cancer!

# Endoscopic Resection (ER)



- The *ONLY* reliable way to distinguish mucosal from submucosal cancers.
- The *ONLY* way to diagnose poorly differentiated cancers or lymphovascular invasion.

# Multiband Mucosectomy

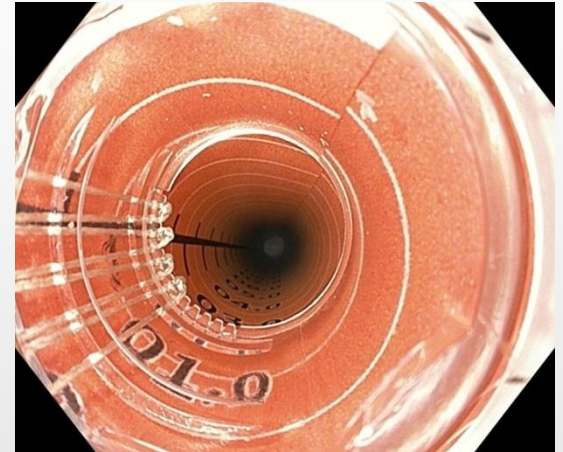




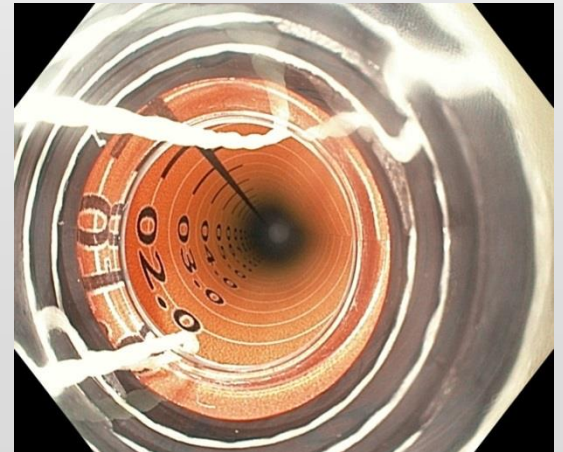
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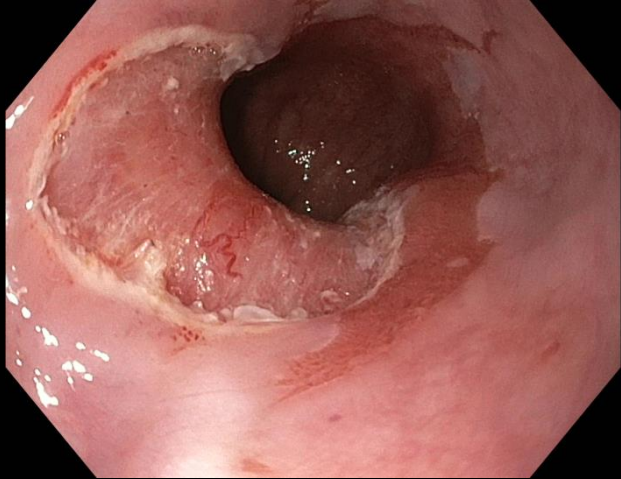
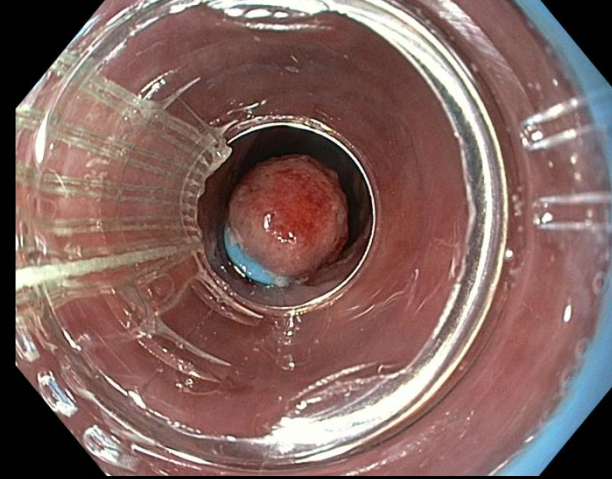
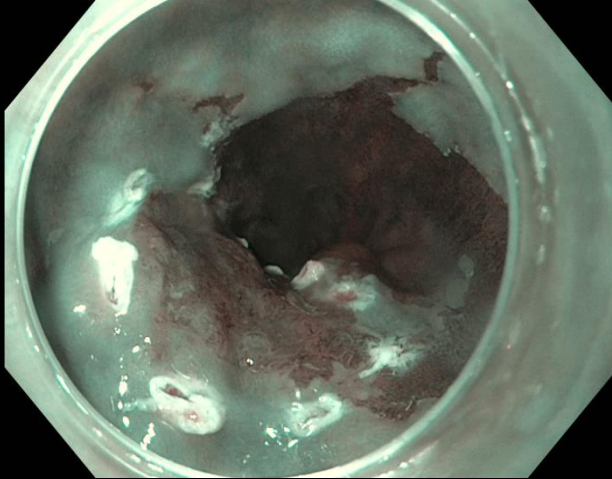
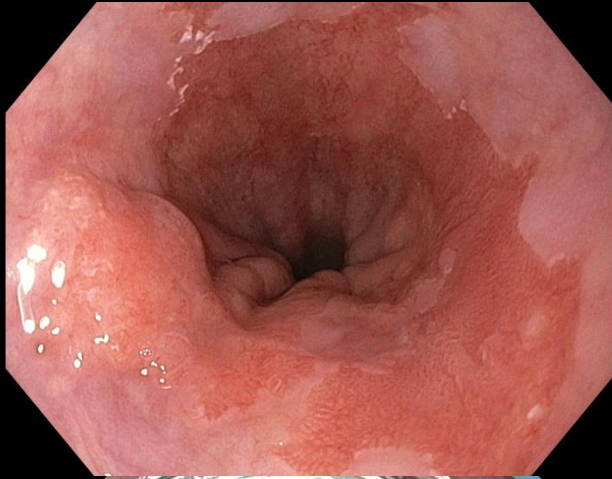
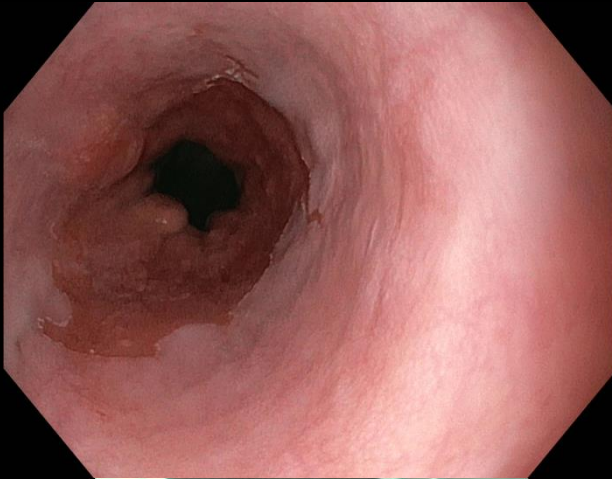
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# EURO-II Study

*Phoa et al. Gut 2015*



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# EURO-II Study

*Phoa et al. Gut 2015*

- 13 leading centres in Europe;
- ER+RFA for HGD/EC in Barrett's
- 132 patients
  - Eradication of neoplasia: 98%
  - Complete removal of BE: 93%.
- 47 months FU
  - Persistent remission of neoplasia in 96%
  - Persistent remission of IM in 92%

ULB



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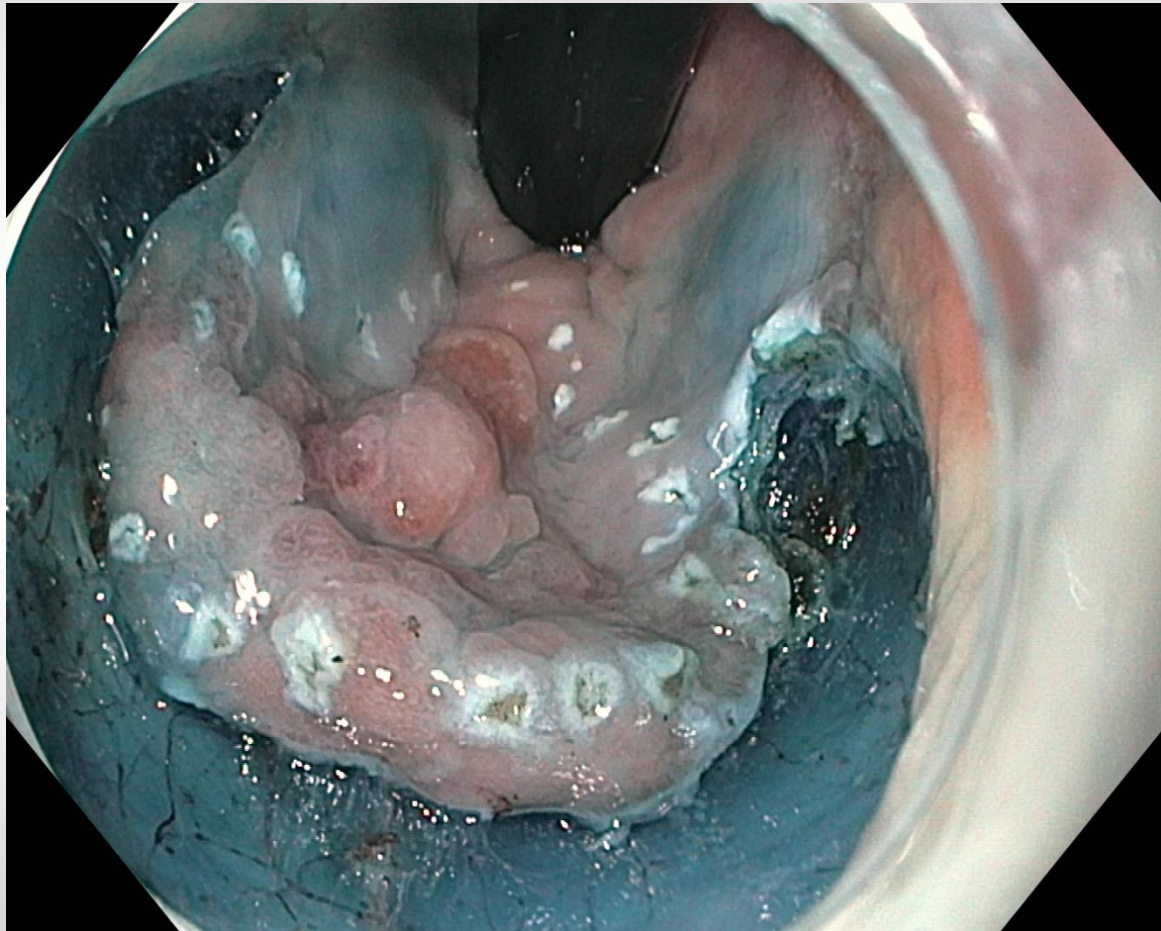


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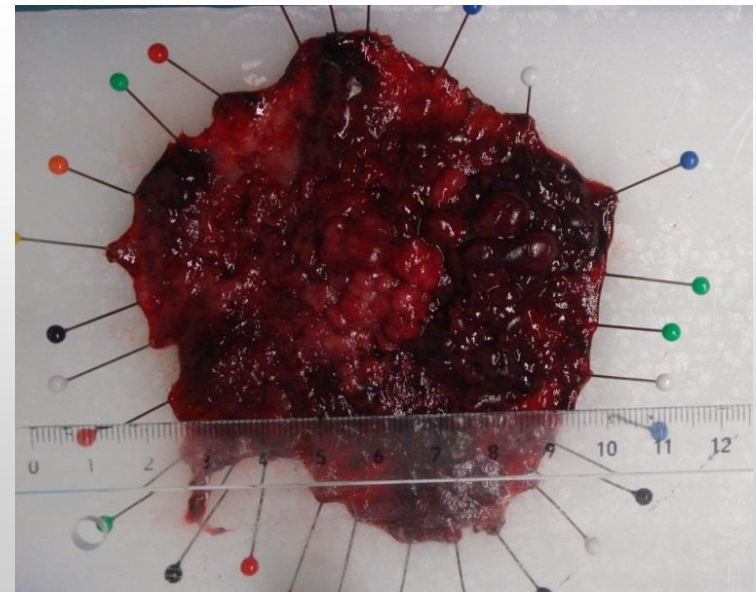
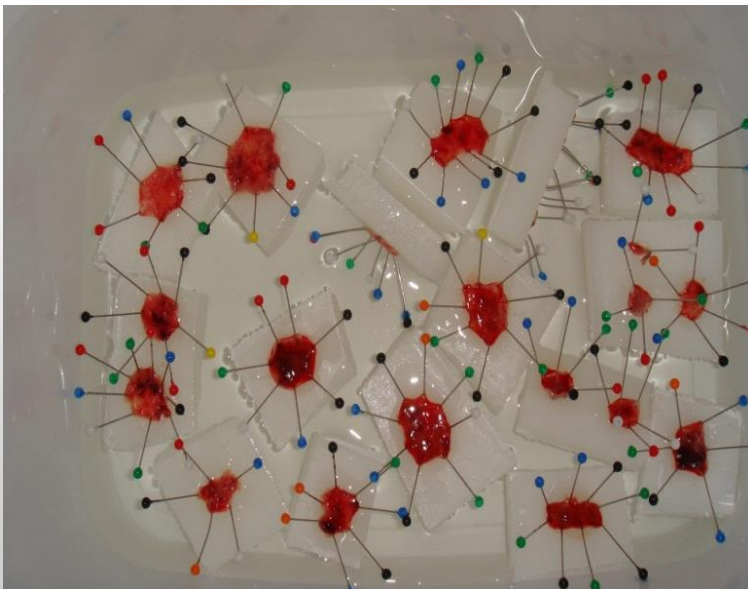


# EMR or ESD for Barrett's neoplasia?



# Why is ESD better than EMR?

- En-bloc vs. piecemeal resection
  - ✓ Easier for the pathologist
  - ✓ Less artefacts
  - ✓ Better assessment radicality resection





# ESD for Barrett's neoplasia?



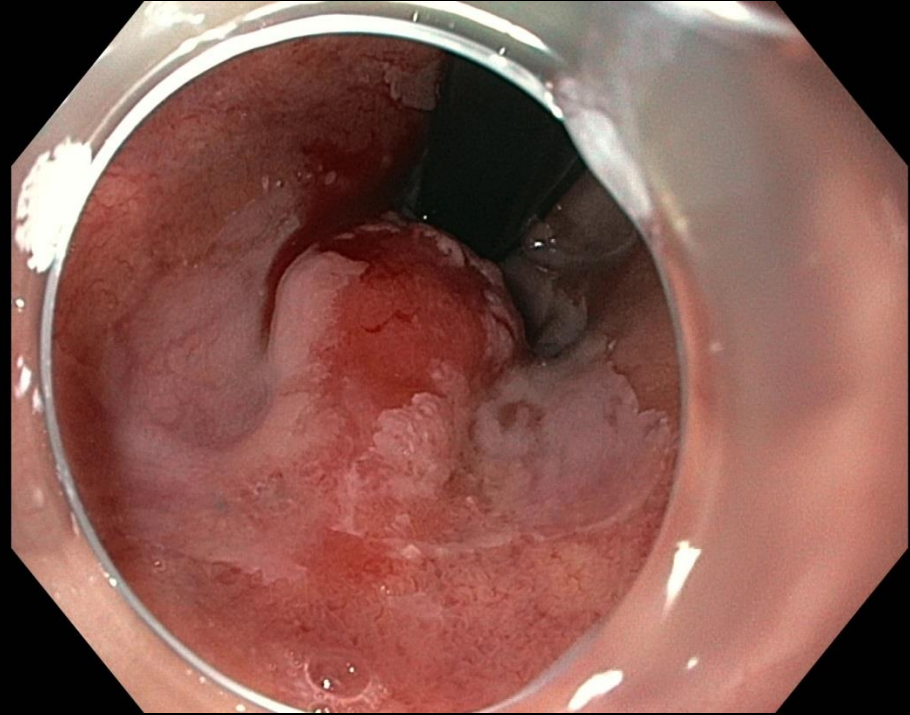
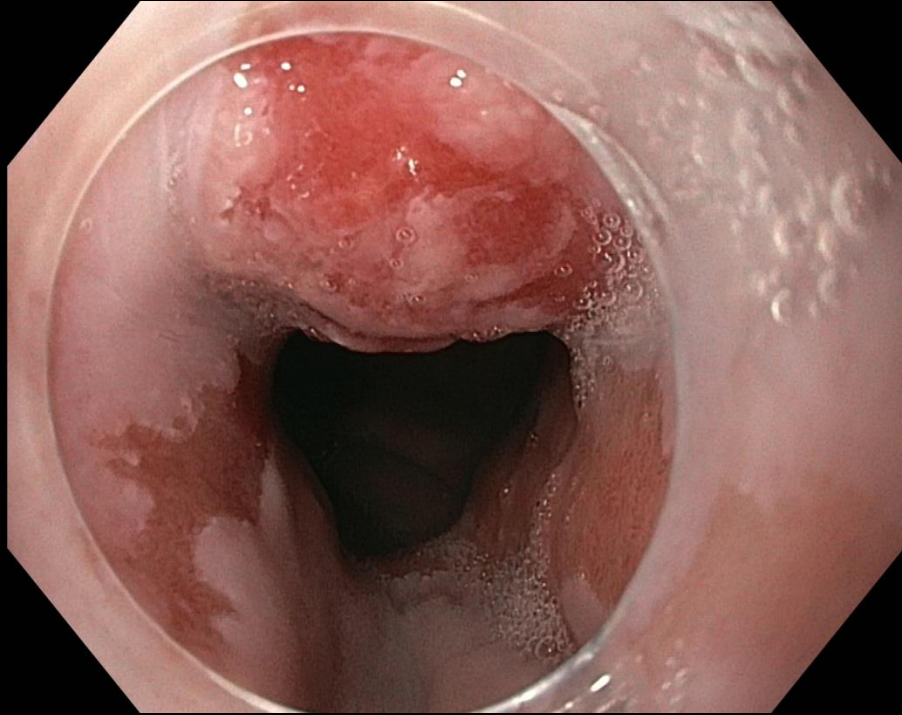
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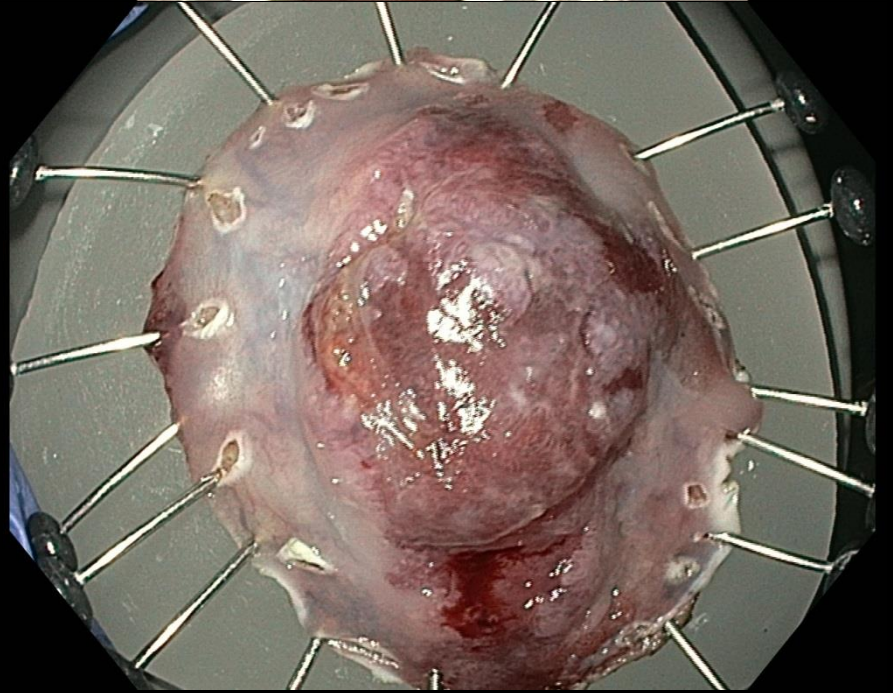
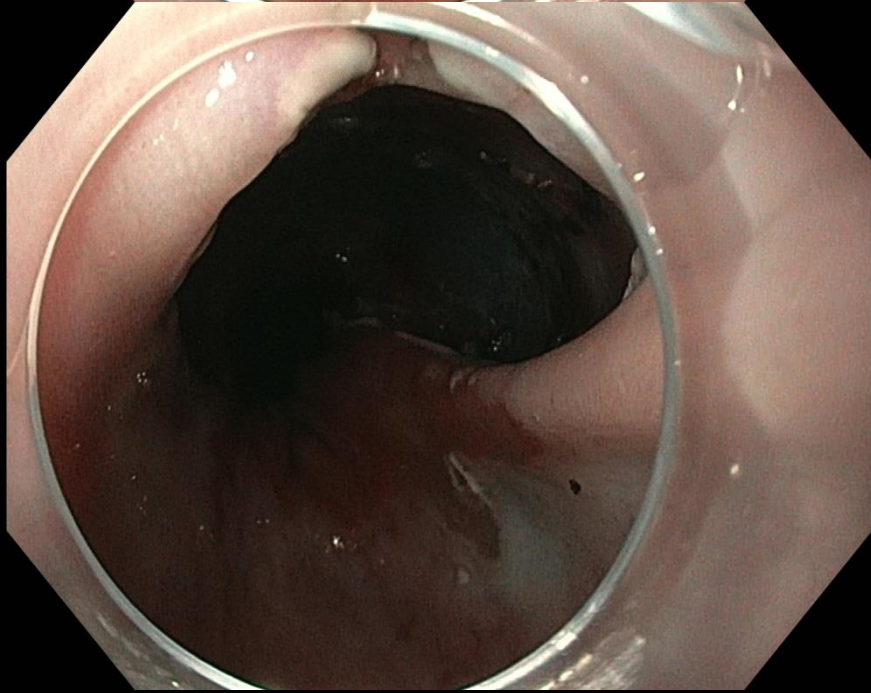
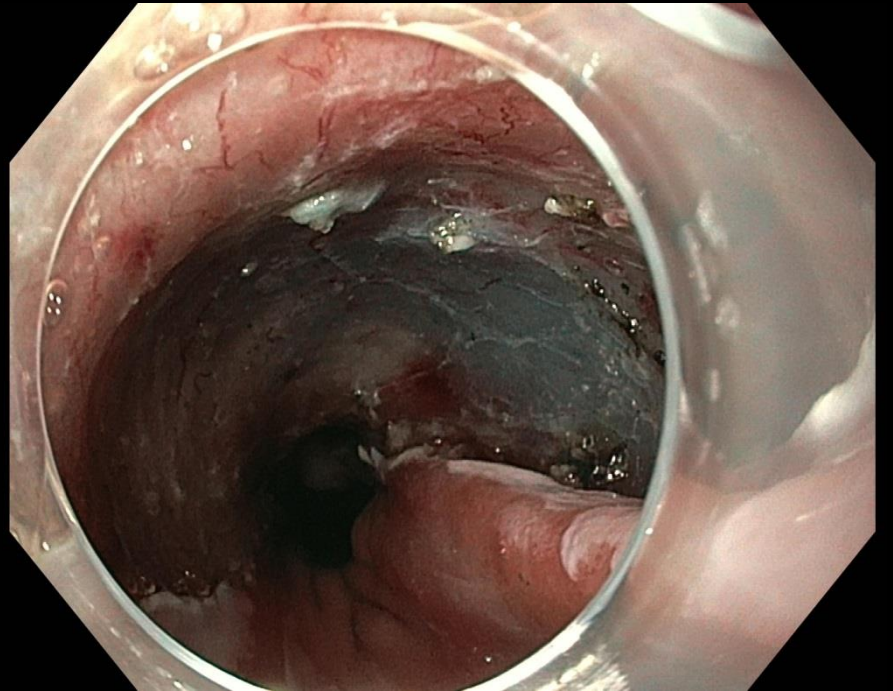
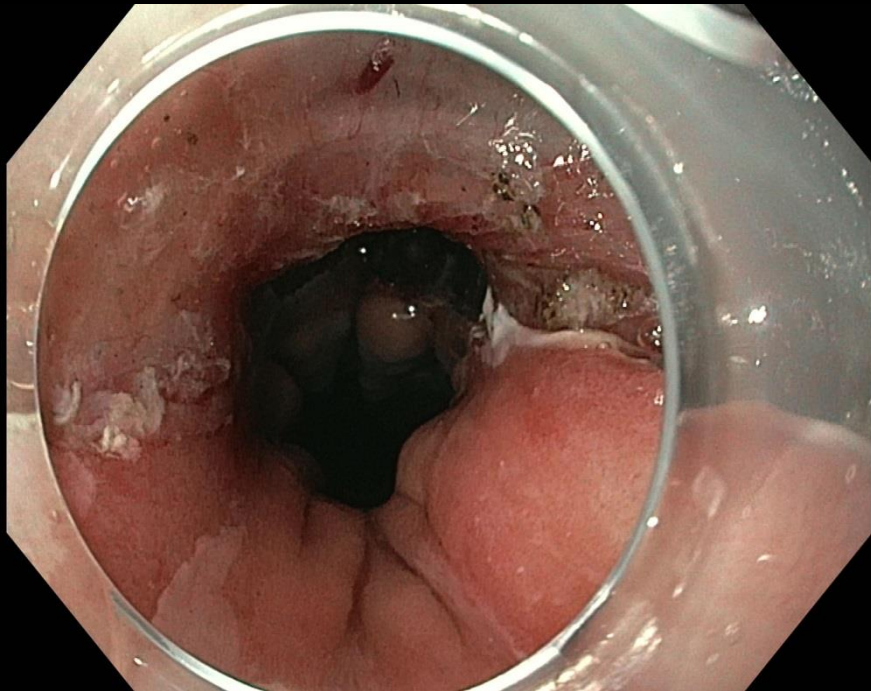
# ESD for Barrett's: selected cases only!

Larger lesions (>2cm) with:

- High likelihood for submucosal invasion
- a bulky intraluminal component (this will fill your cap upon suctioning and this will result in a positive vertical resection margin)
- Generally <15% of cases.
- 2 cases per week in our unit







# Who to treat endoscopically?



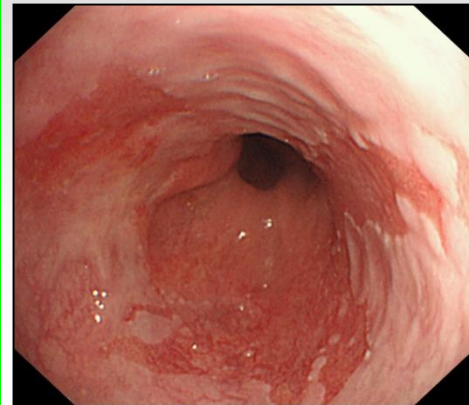
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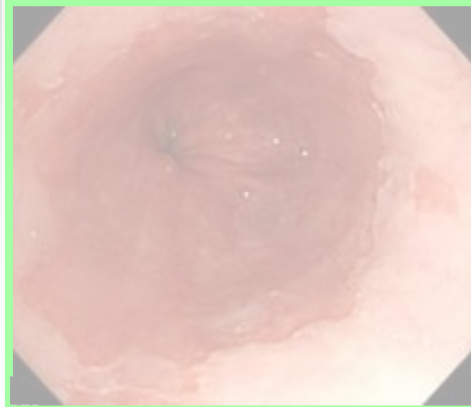
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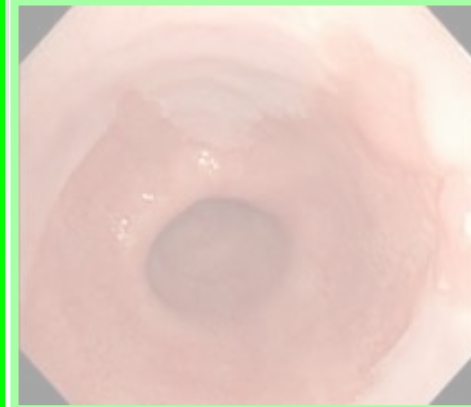
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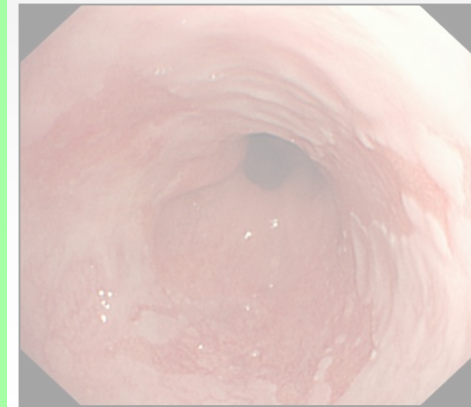
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# Is LGD an innocent disease?

Depends on which pathologist makes the diagnosis.

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**Median FU of 51 months**

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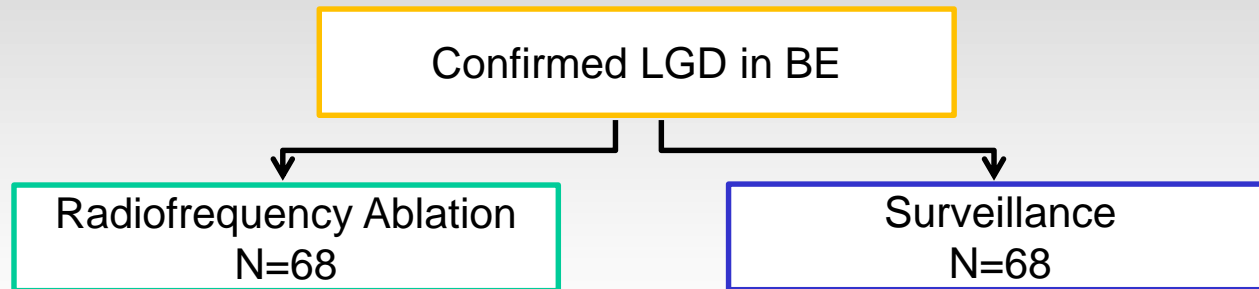
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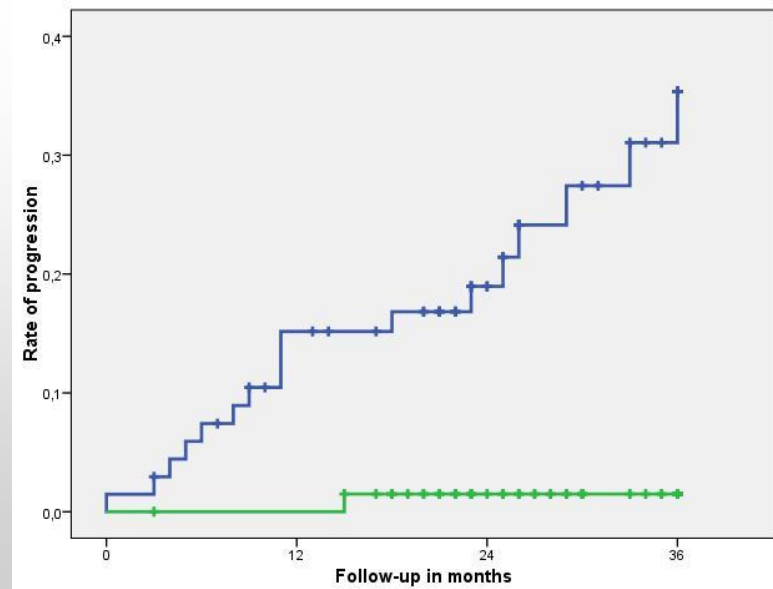
# SURF-Trial

## European multicenter RCT

Phoa *et al.* JAMA 2014



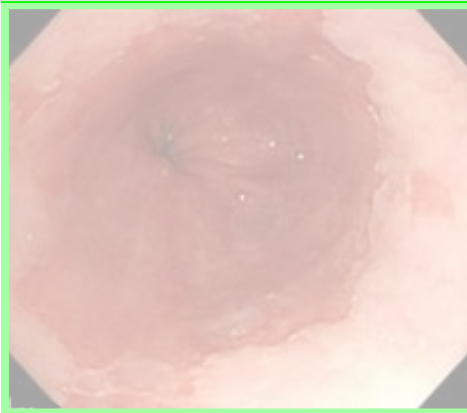
HGD/cancer      1 (1%)                      18 (27%)                      <0.001



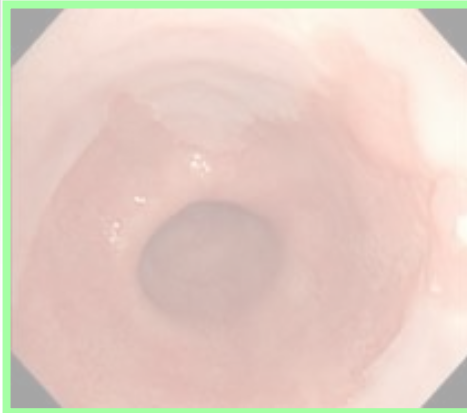
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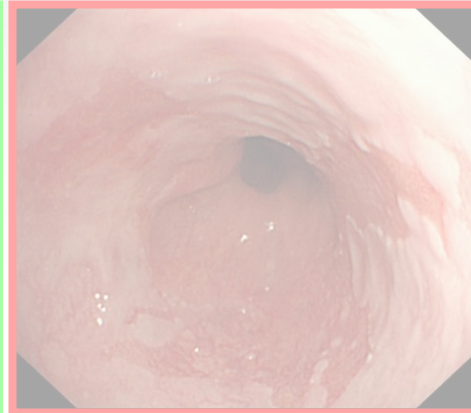
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- Confirmed LGD is a strong indication for treatment (Need for good quality expert pathology panels).

# Web-based BE advisory platform

*Implemented in the Netherlands in 2017*

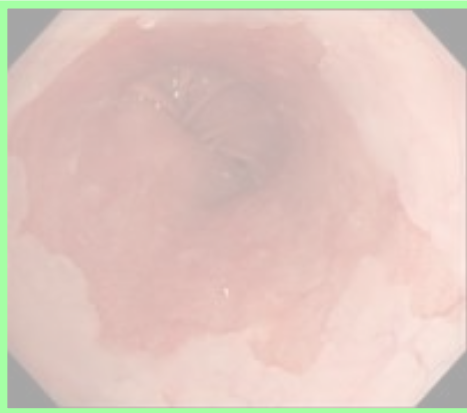
- Central registration on [www.Barrett.nl](http://www.Barrett.nl)
- Histology slides shipped to central lab and scanned
- Digital slides reviewed online by expert pathologists
- Annotate and store relevant images
- Feedback plus annotated images to referring centers

# Endoscopic Tx of upper GI neoplasia is centralized in the Netherlands

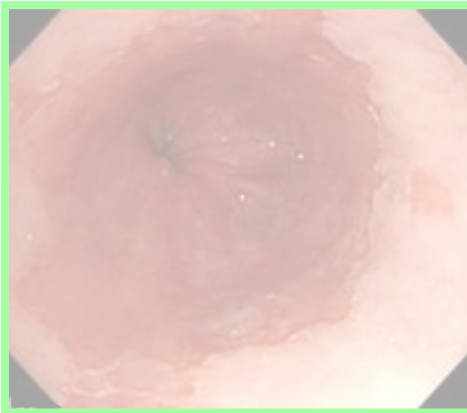
- Since 2007 8 centers: AMC, EMC, UMZG, N'gein, UMCU, Zwolle, Haga ZH, CZH Eindhoven.
- 10-12 endoscopists; 14 pathologists
- Joint training program; 3-4 teaching days/year; joint treatment protocol and registration; consensus meetings; hand-on trainings.
- Expand beyond these 8? Volume is rate limiting factor.



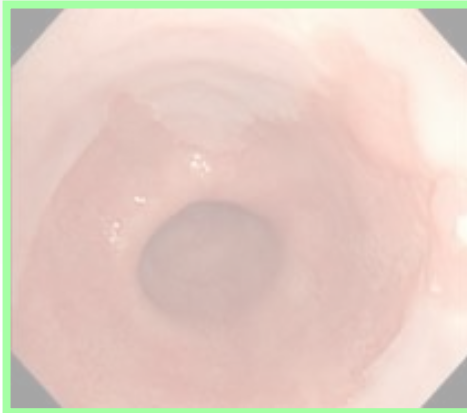
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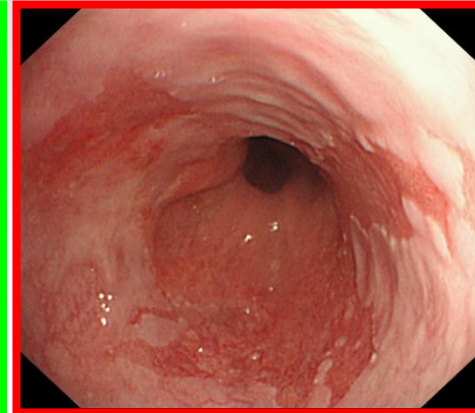
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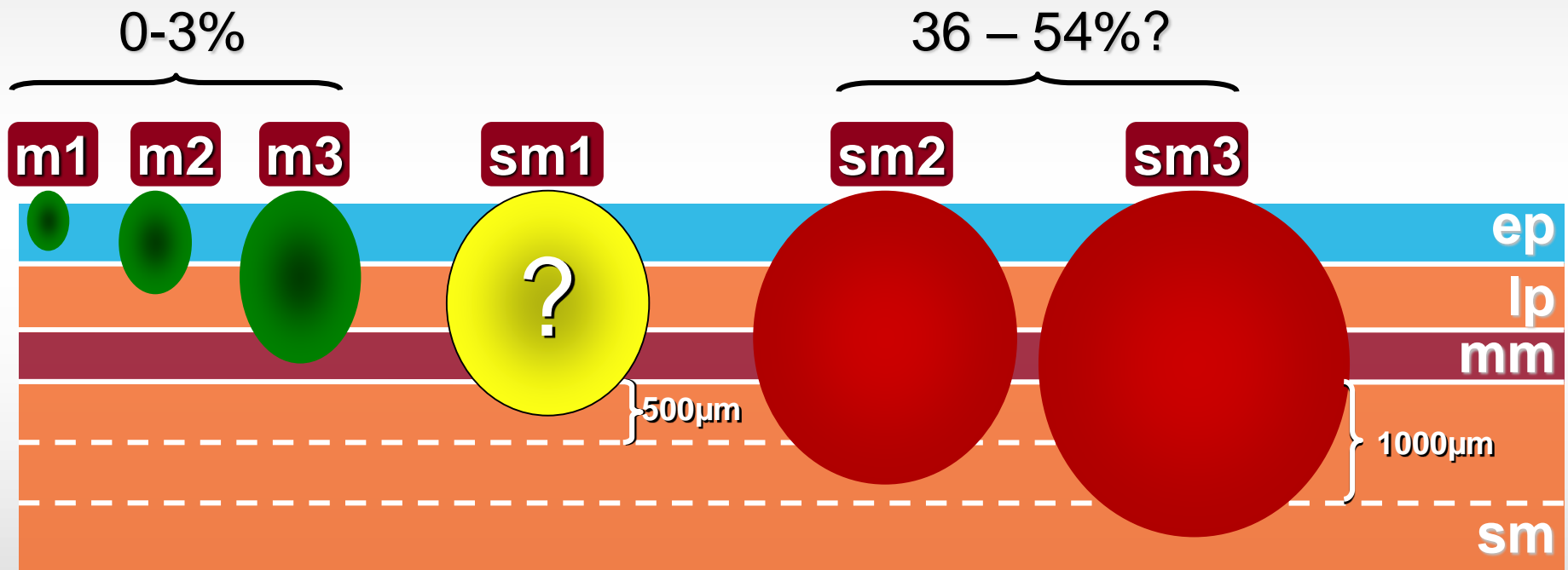
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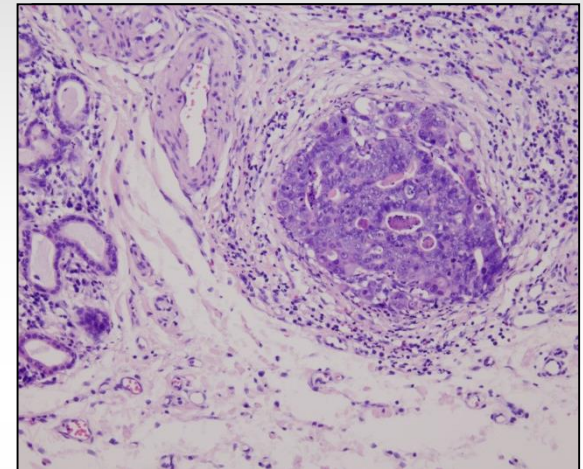
- Really an indication for surgery?
- Endoscopic management justified for some?

# Invasion depth and risk of LNM



# Further risk stratification

- Lower risk of LNM in case:  
*Well-moderately differentiated cancers*  
*No invasion in lymphatic vessels*



**Table 3.** Early gastric cancer with no risk of lymph node metastasis

Criteria	Incidence	95% C.I.
Minute submucosal penetration (SM1) Differentiated adenocarcinoma No lymphovascular invasion Tumor less than 3 cm in size	0/145; 0%	0–2.5%

# Esophageal preservation for Sm1?

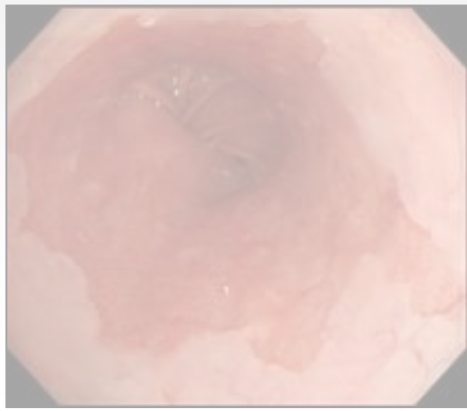
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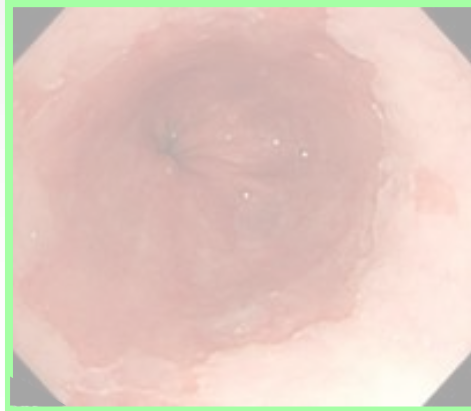
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- **Manner et al. (Clin. Gastro Hep 2013):**
  - 61 patients with T1sm1G1-2Ly-
  - 47 mo follow-up: no tumor related deaths.
  - 1/61 (1.9%) developed a single Lnn metastasis (curative surgery).

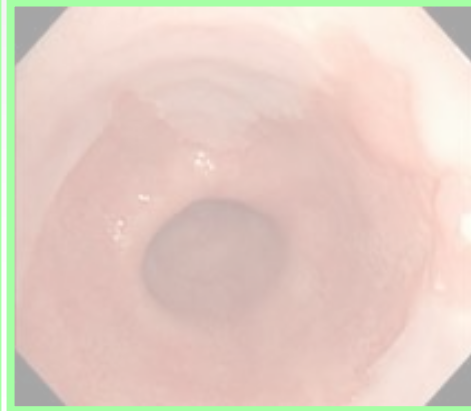
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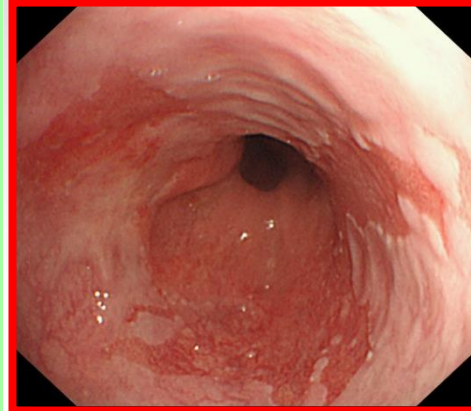
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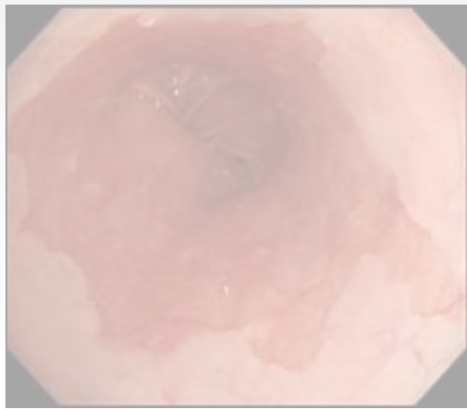
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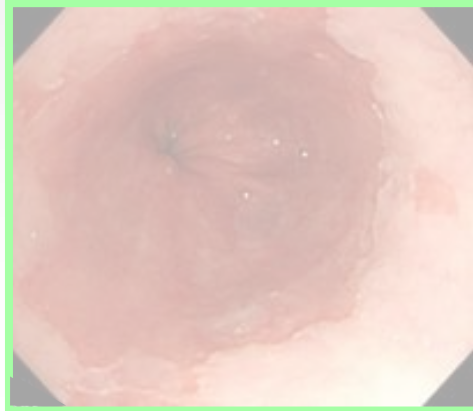
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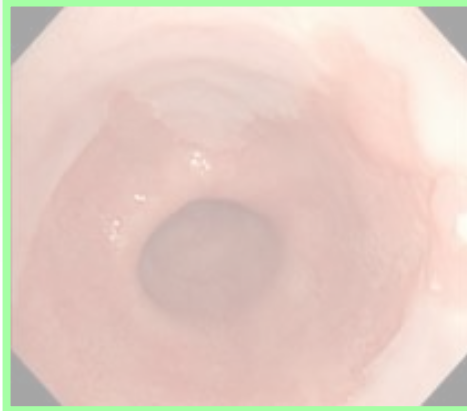
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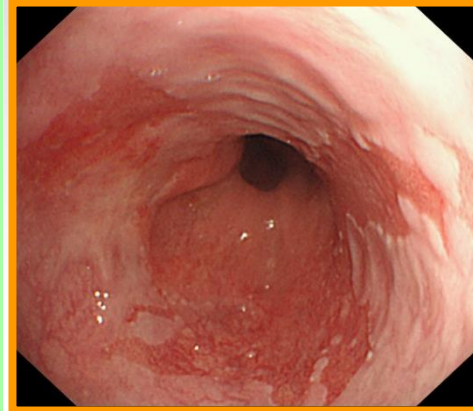
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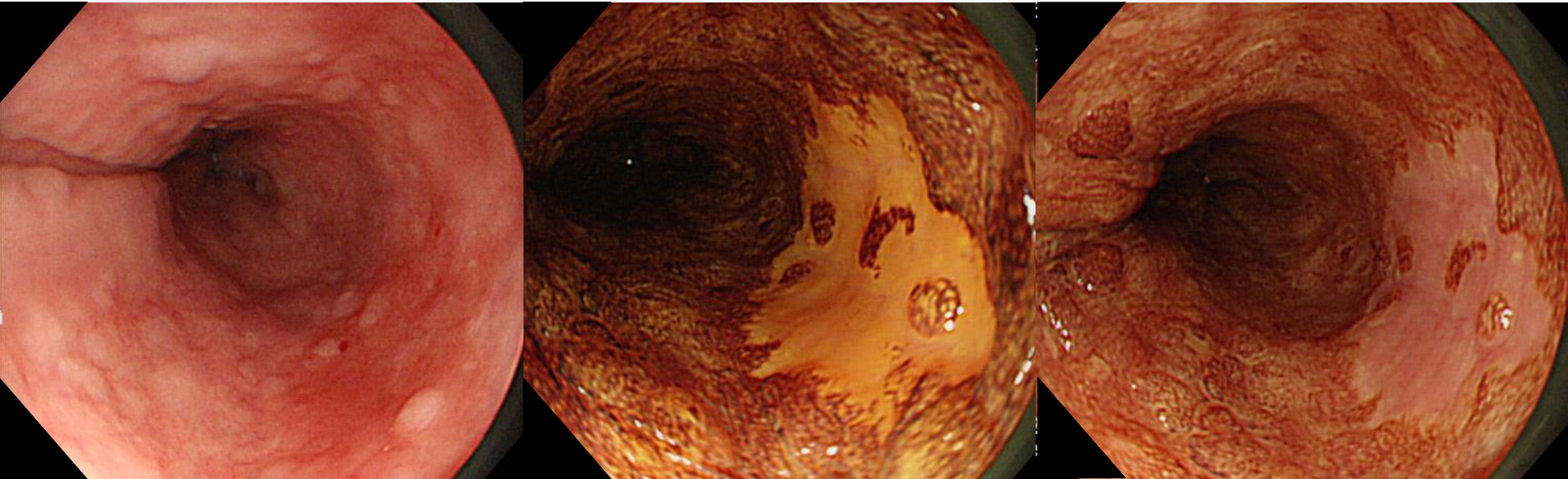
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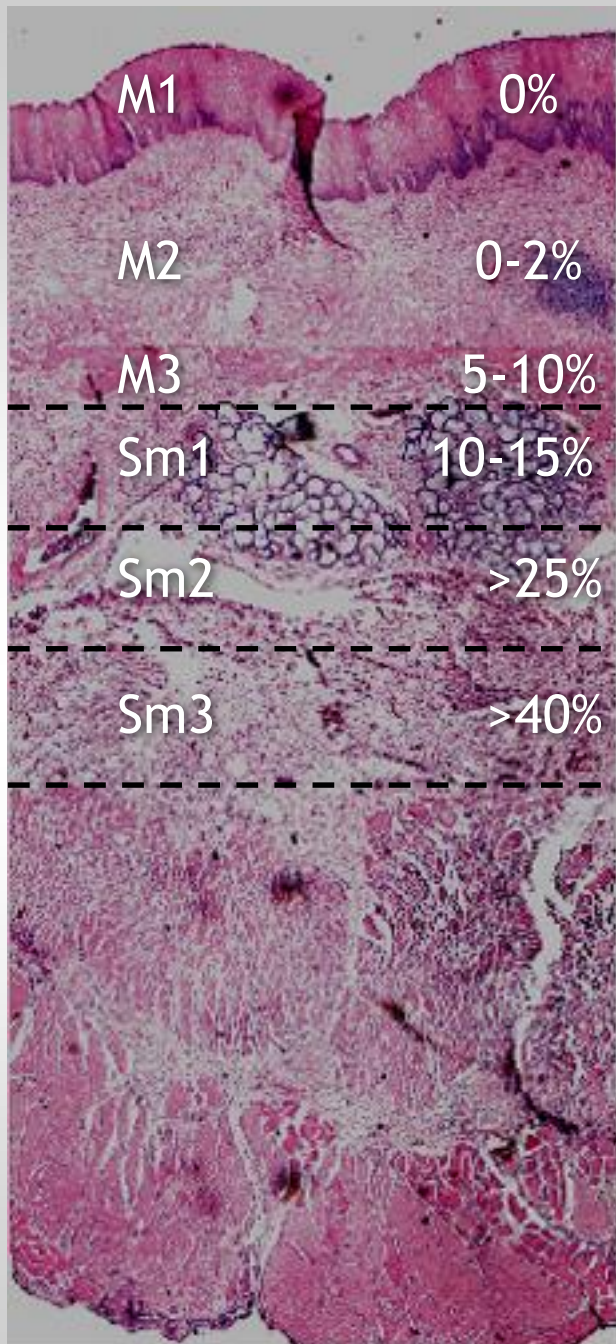
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- Not automatically an indication for surgery
- Sm1-ca with low-risk histology: esophageal preservation
- Future: more esophageal preservation strategies for other submucosal cancers.

# Treatment of squamous neoplasia

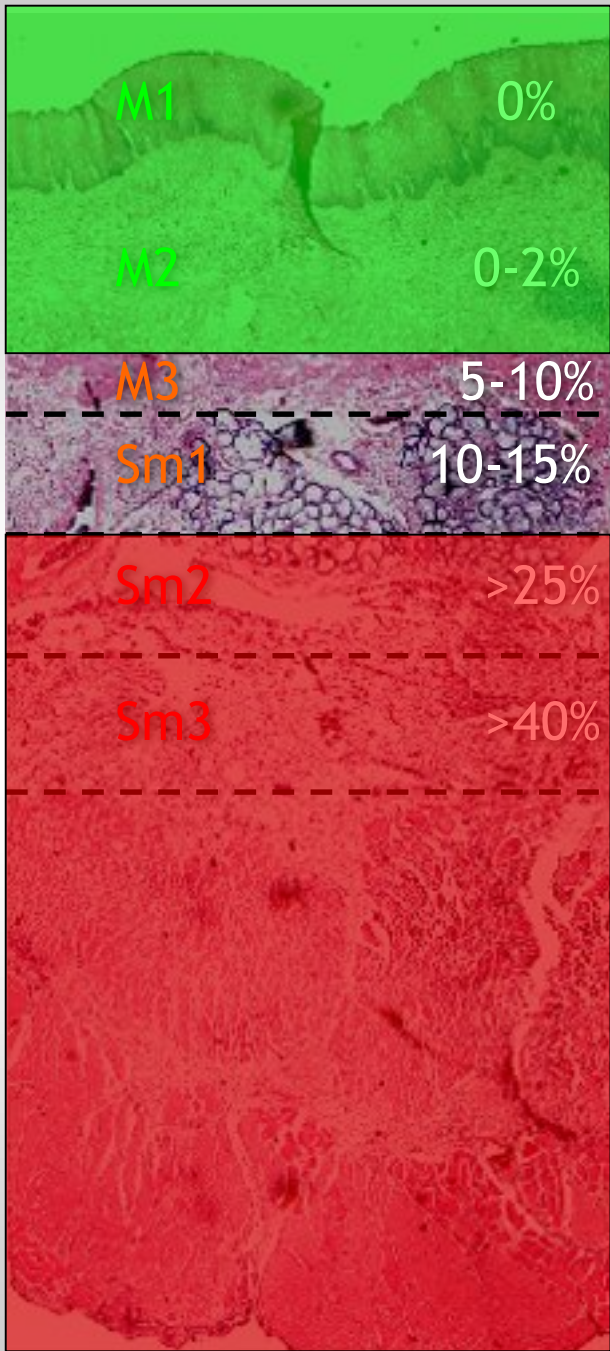






# Risk of lymph node metastasis

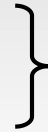
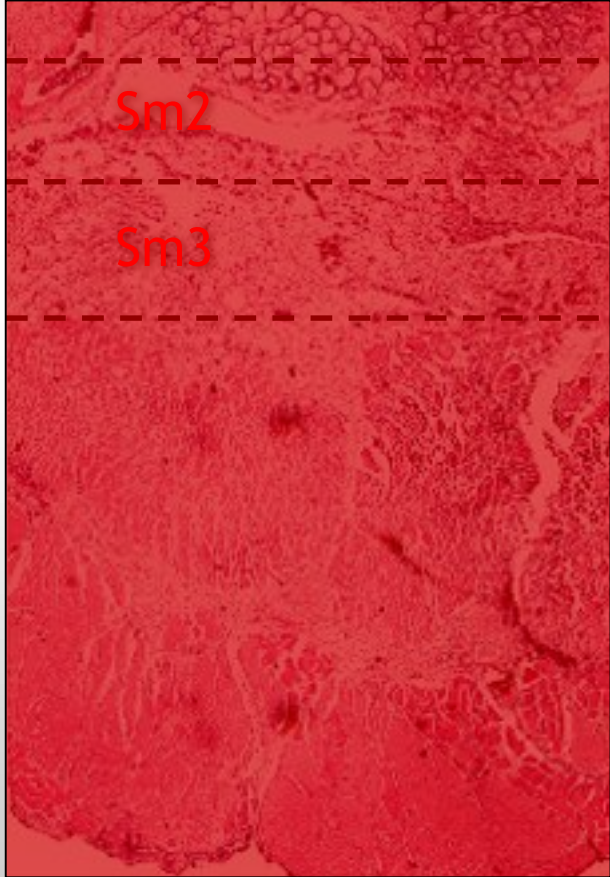
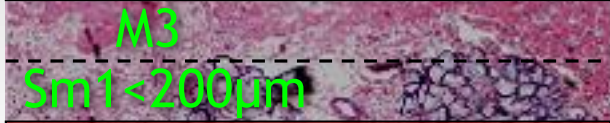




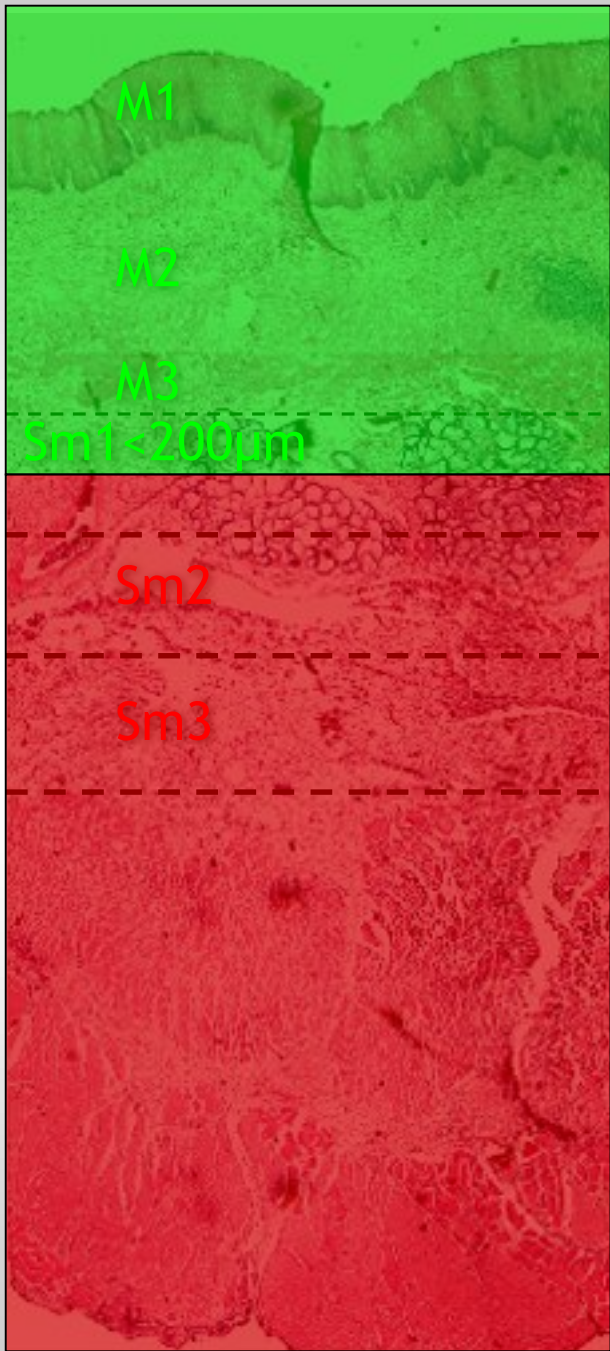
Endoscopic treatment

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Surgery +/- ChemoradioTx



G1/G2, LVI- and Sm1 < 200µm

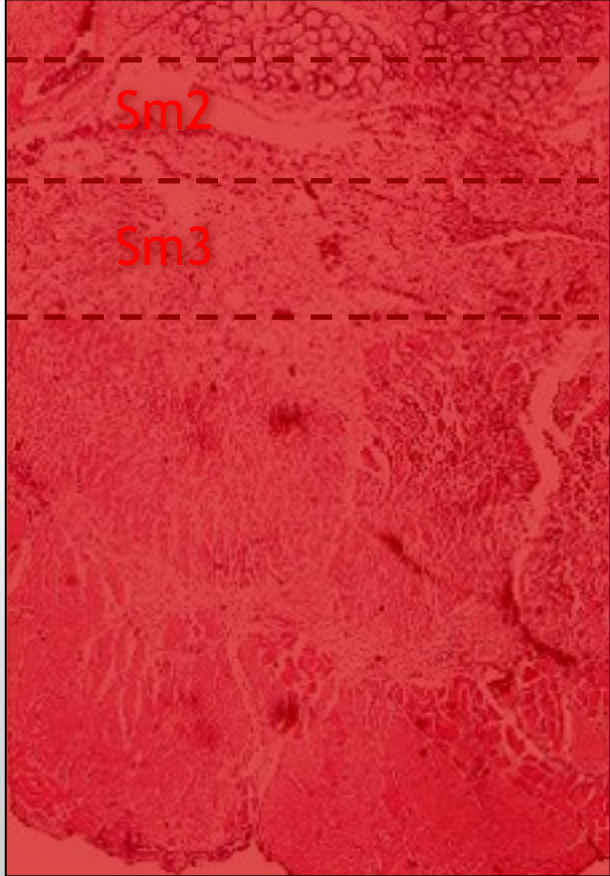


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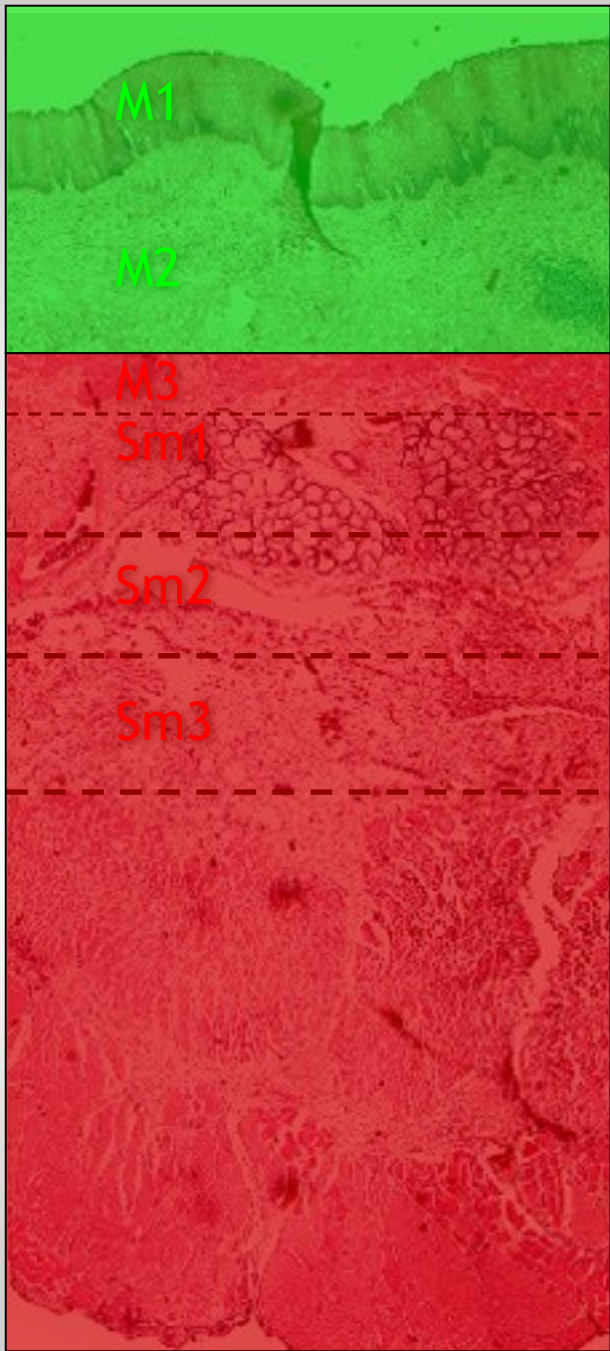
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Surgery +/- ChemoradioTx





G3/G4 OR LVI+ OR Sm>200 $\mu$ m

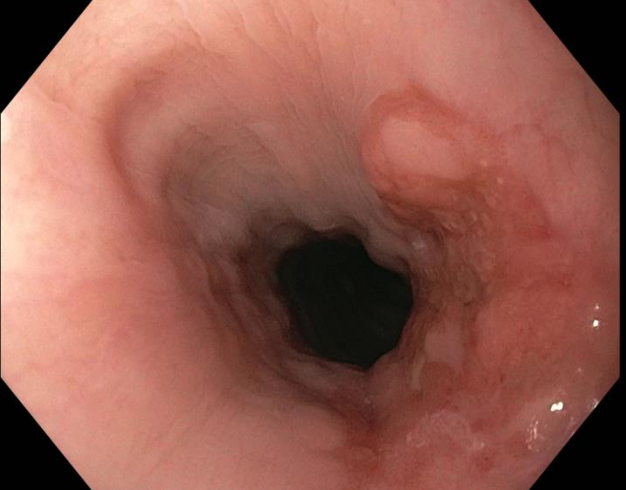
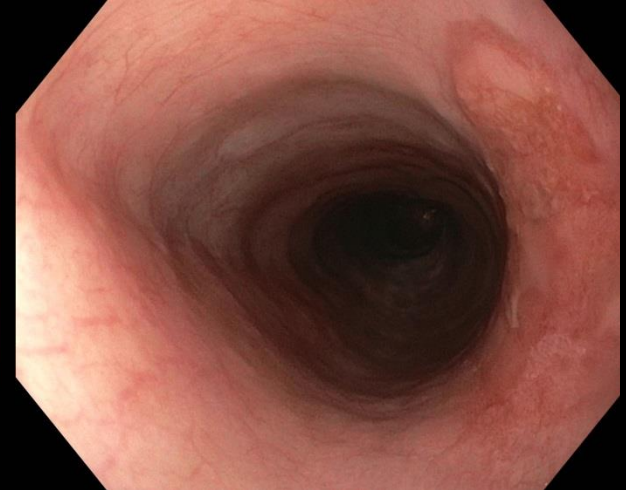
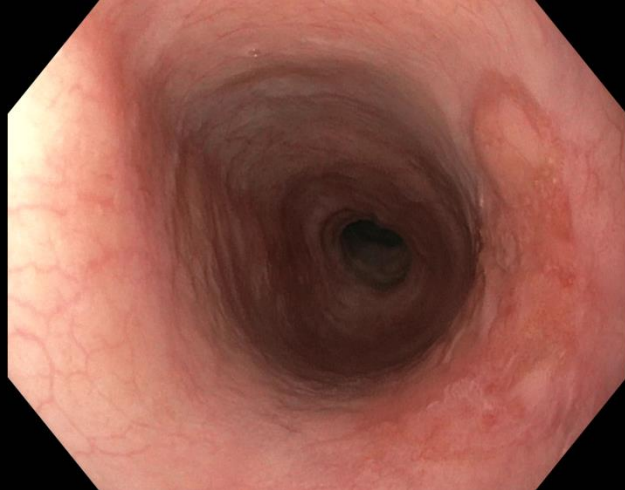


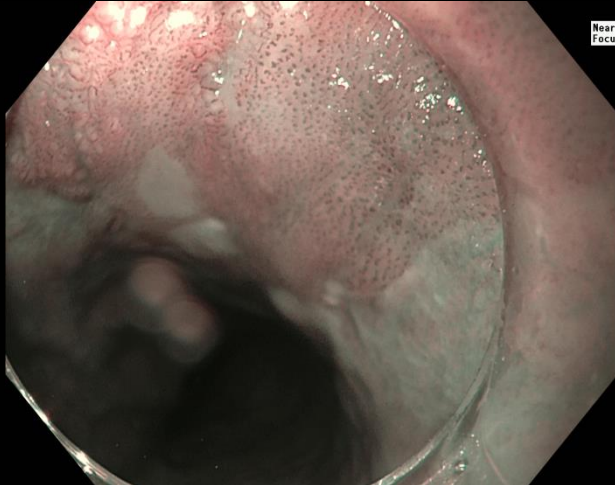
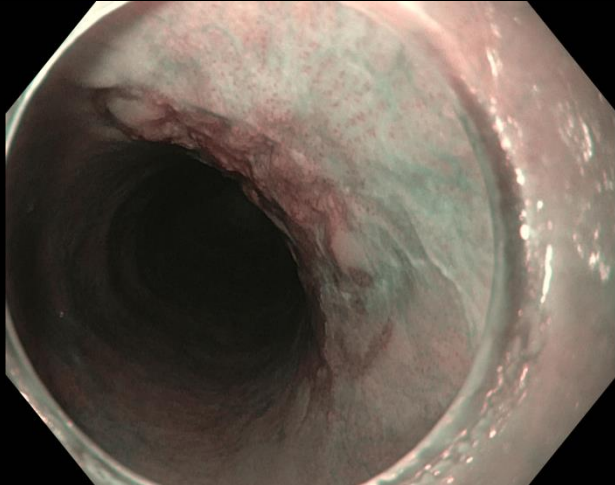
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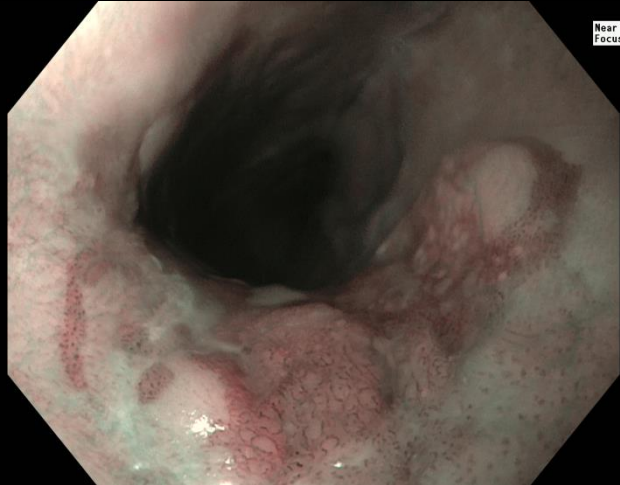
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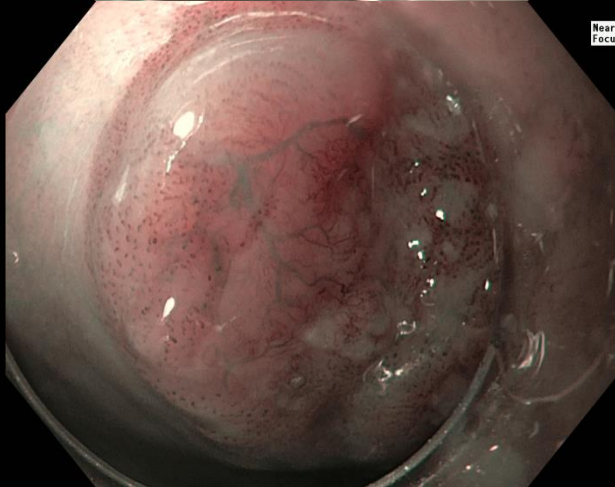




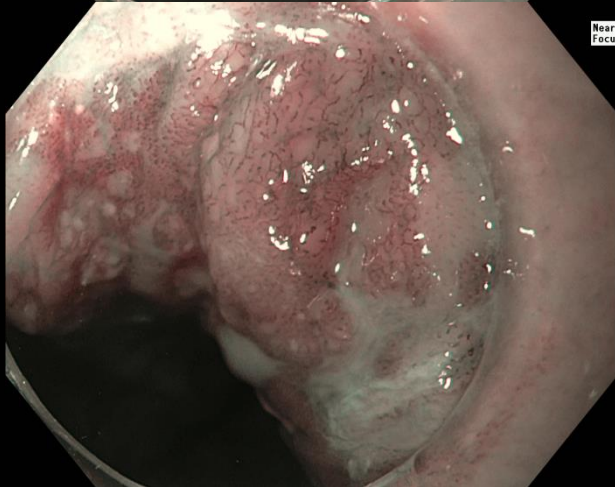
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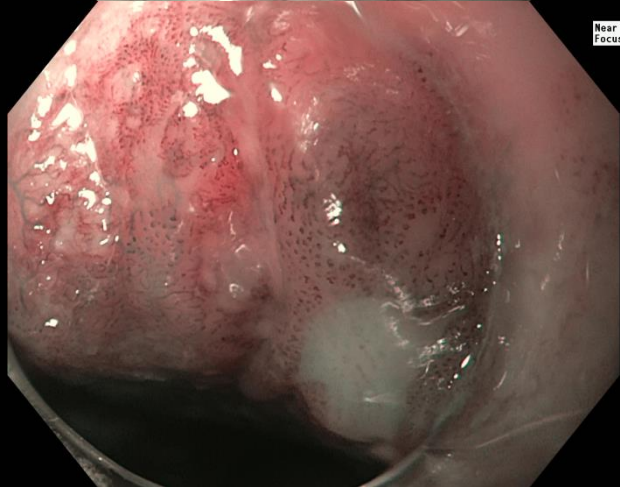
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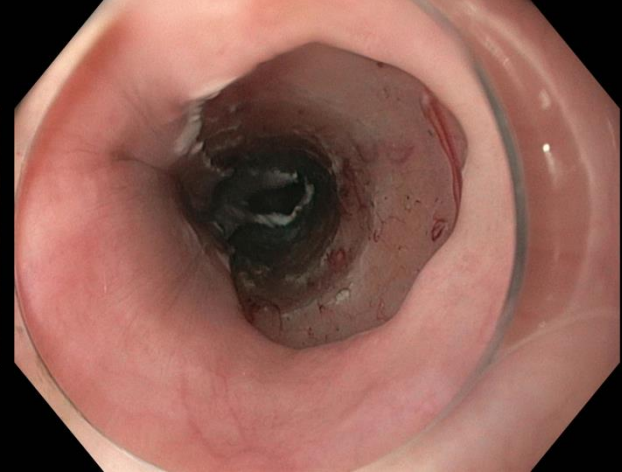
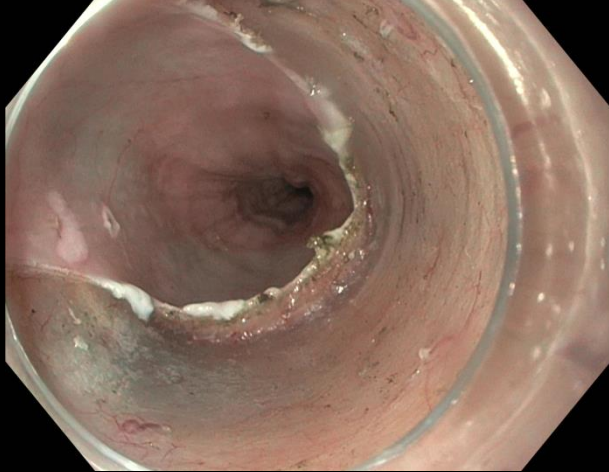
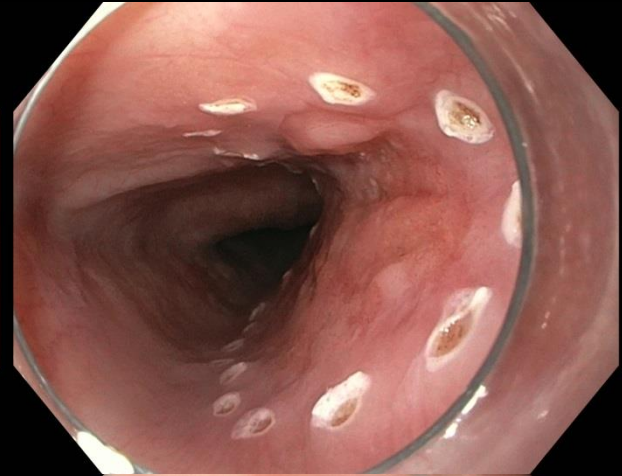
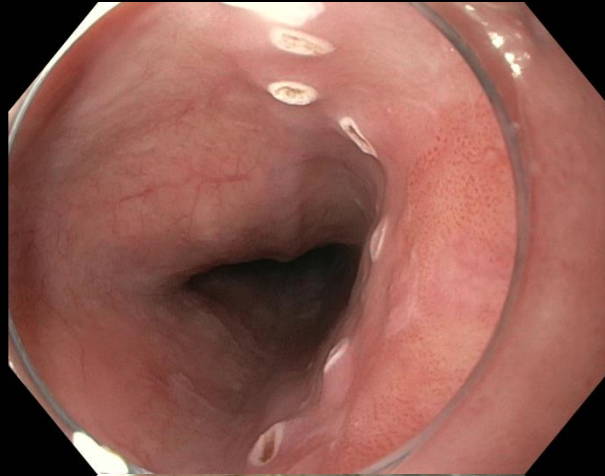
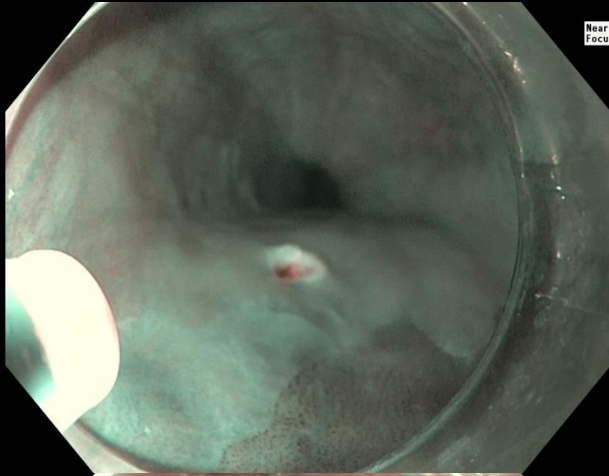


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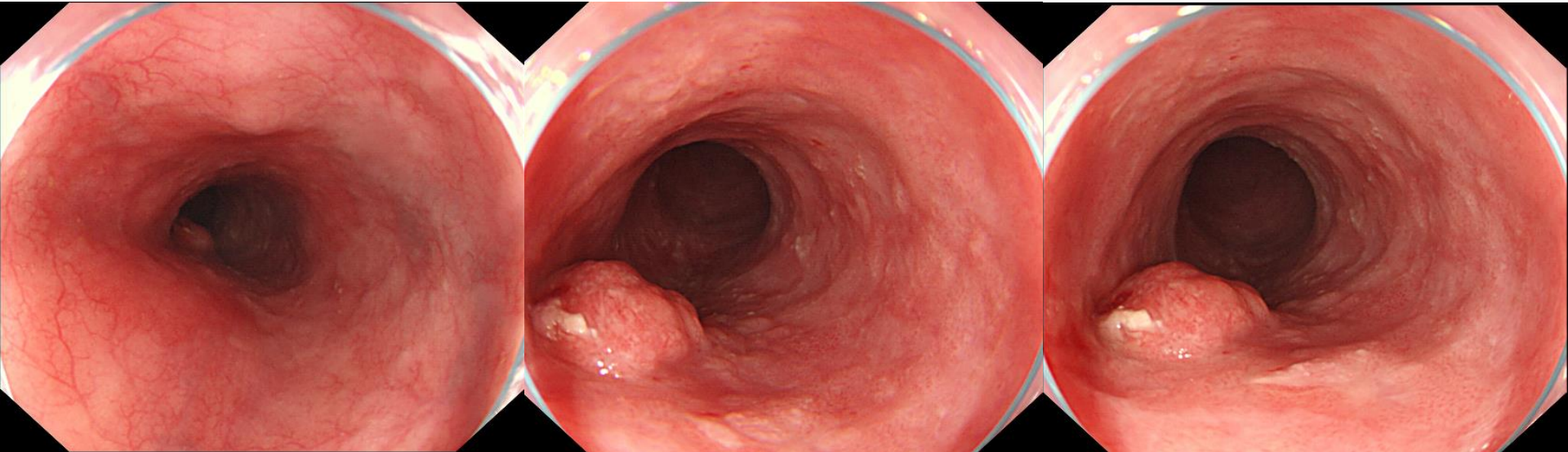
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# Squamous lesions:

*Most lesions we detect are NOT  
amendable for curative endoscopic  
Tx.*



# Treatment of squamous neoplasia

- Much more ugly disease than Barrett's!
- We generally miss early squamous lesions
- >75% cases referred are NOT amendable for endoscopic Tx.
- Treatment consists of resection by means of ESD.
- Centralized in 4 centers in the Netherlands



# “The organ preserving revolution”



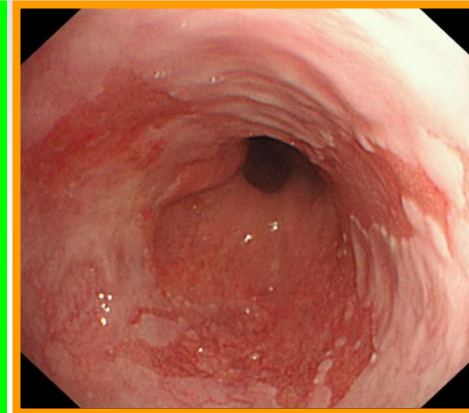
Low grade dysplasia



High grade dysplasia



Mucosal cancer



Submucosal cancer

- HGD and mucosal cancer: endoscopy first choice.
- LGD (confirmed and reproduced): ablation therapy.
- Sm1-ca: esophageal preservation.