

# Benign Esophageal Diseases

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# Introduction

- At the end of this Presentation , you will be able to :
  - Understand the history related to common esophageal diseases such as GERD
  - Understand the symptoms and signs of esophageal perforation
  - Understand the symptoms and signs of esophageal motility disorder

# Case 1

- 50 years old Male Presented to you in the clinic with history of Heartburn and Hoarseness.
- He is obese
- smoker
- What else in the history ?

# Clinical Presentations of GERD

## ■ Classic GERD

- Substernal burning and or regurgitation
- Postprandial
- Aggravated by change of position
- Prompt relief by antacid

# Extraesophageal Manifestations of GERD

## Pulmonary

Asthma

Aspiration pneumonia

Chronic bronchitis

Pulmonary fibrosis

## Other

Chest pain

Dental erosion

## ENT

Hoarseness

Laryngitis

Pharyngitis

Chronic cough

Globus sensation

Dysphonia

Sinusitis

Subglottic stenosis

Laryngeal cancer

# Clinical Presentations of GERD

## ■ Symptoms of Complicated GERD :

### ■ Dysphagia

- Difficulty swallowing: food sticks or hangs up

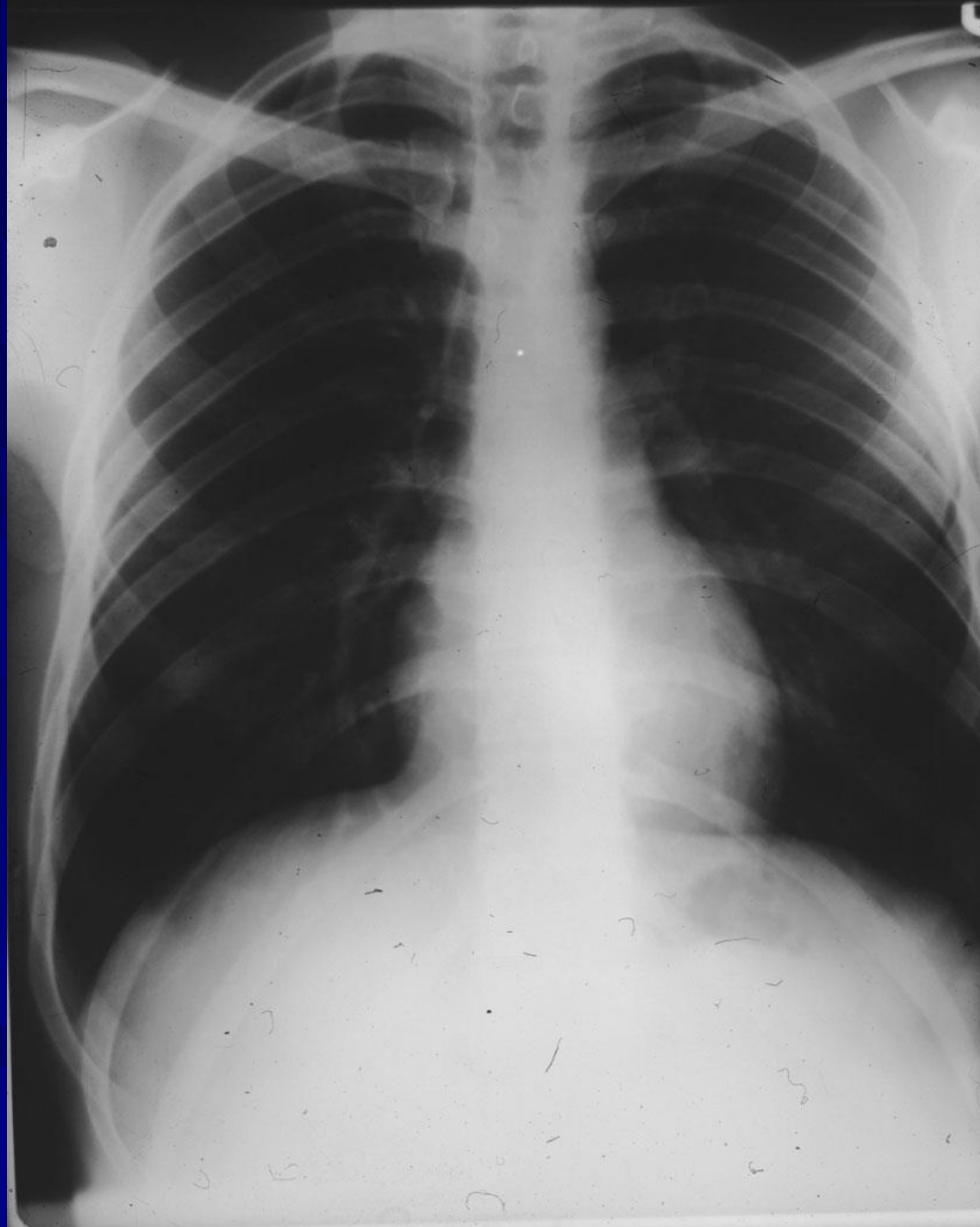
### ■ Odynophagia

- Retrosternal pain with swallowing

### ■ Bleeding

# Case 1

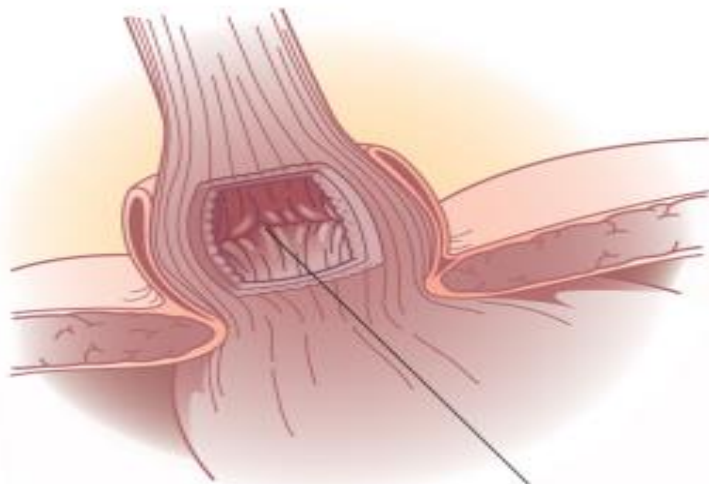
- Examination was unremarkable
- What is your next step in the management of this patient ?





# Barium Swallow

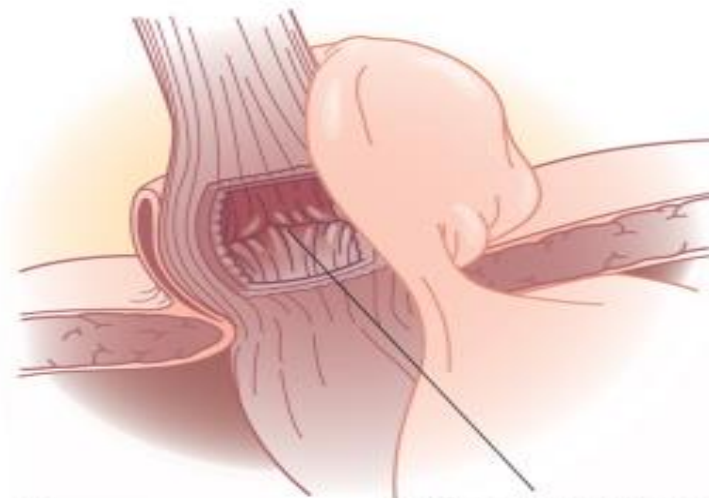
- Barium swallow report :
  - No stricture or tumor
  - Small hiatus hernia
  - Evidence of reflux of the contrast
  
- What is the types of the hiatus hernia ?



A GE junction

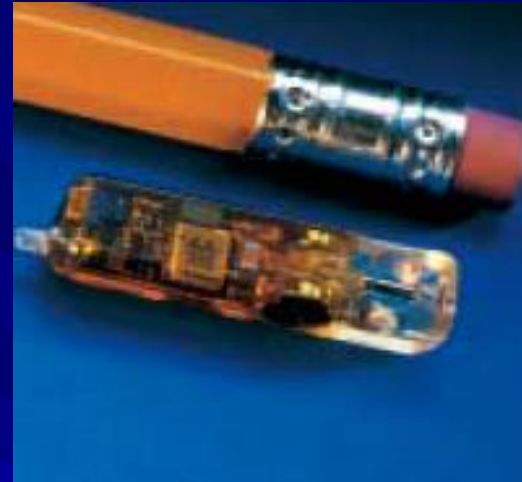


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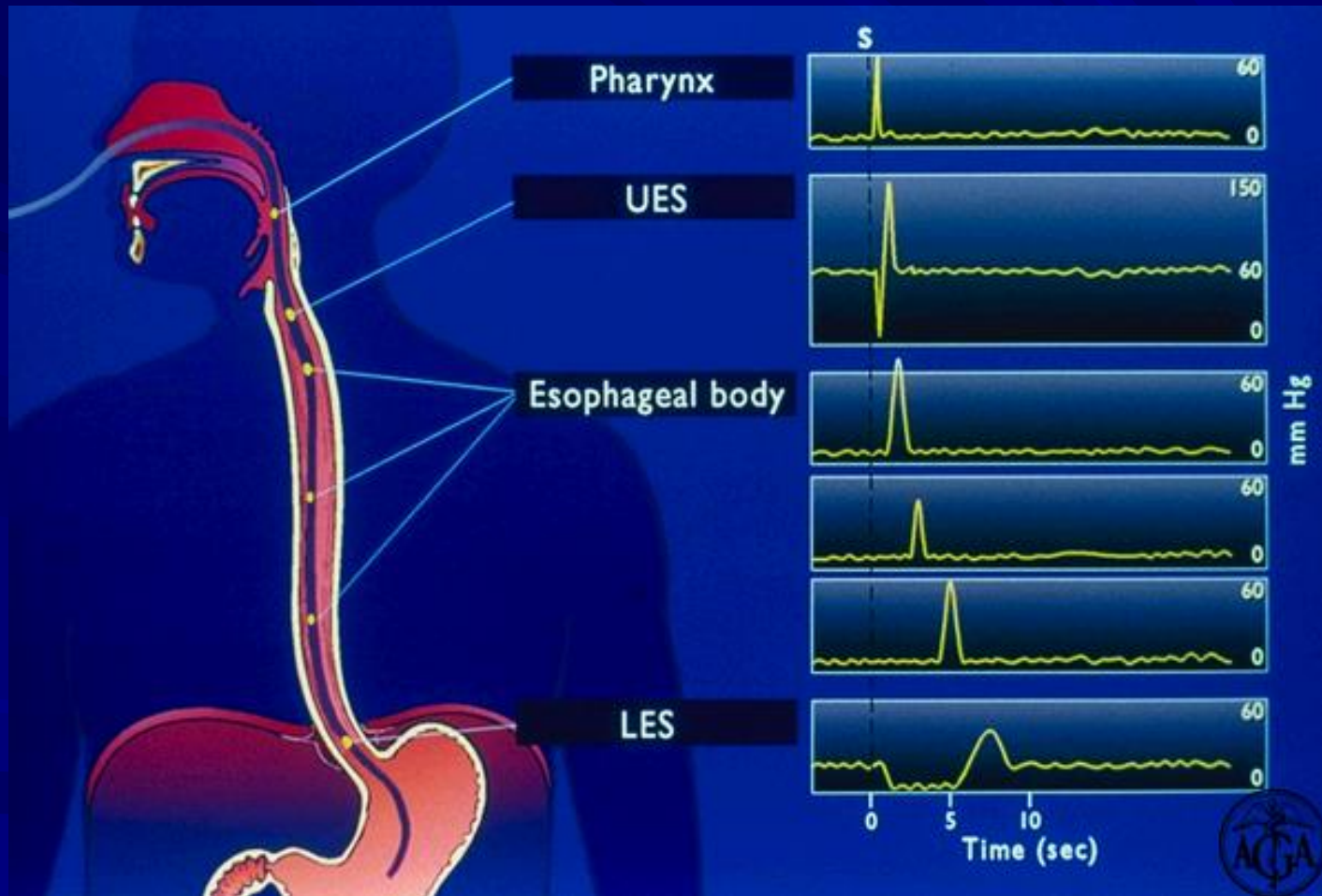


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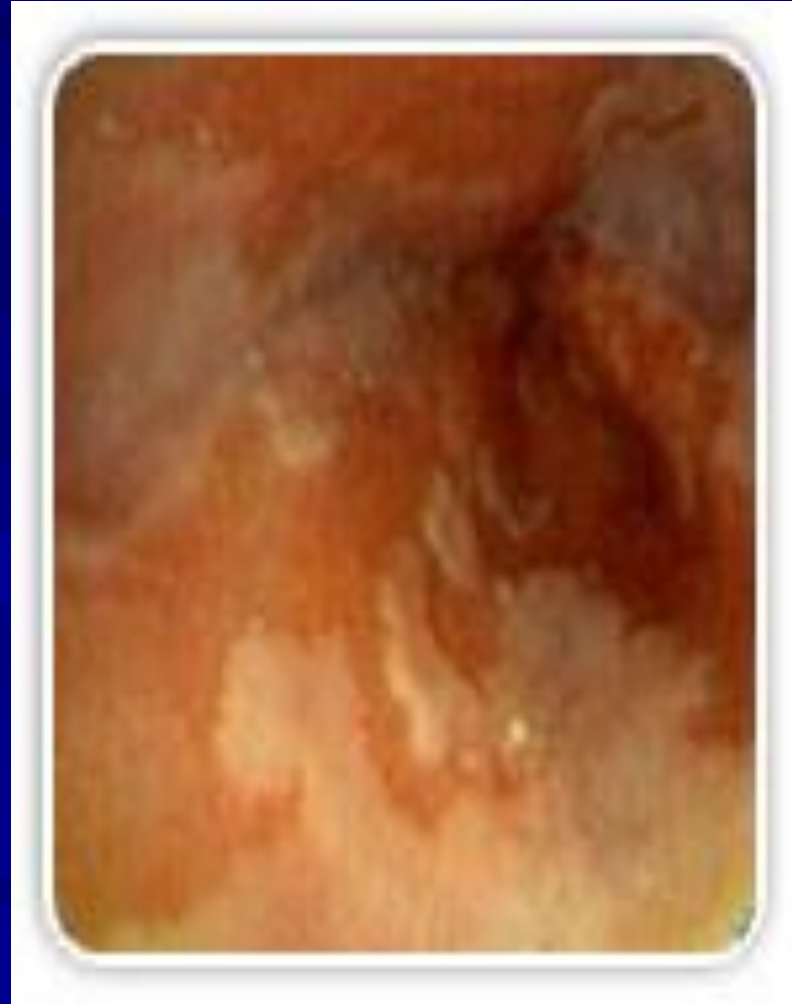
# Esophageal pH Monitoring



# Esophageal Manometry



# Endoscopy



# Case 1

- Biopsy was done
- Pathology report :
  - esophagitis with intestinal, columnar epithelium replaces the stratified squamous epithelium ( metaplasia) consistent with Barrett's Esophagus,
  - No evidence of dysplasia
- What is next ?

# Treatment

## ■ Lifestyle Modifications

- Elevate head of bed 4-6 inches
- Avoid eating within 2-3 hours of bedtime
- Lose weight if overweight
- Stop smoking
- Modify diet
  - Eat more frequent but smaller meals
  - Avoid fatty/fried food, peppermint, chocolate, alcohol, carbonated beverages, coffee and tea
- OTC medications prn

# Acid Suppression Therapy for GERD

## H<sub>2</sub>-Receptor Antagonists (H<sub>2</sub>RAs)

Cimetidine (Tagamet®)  
Ranitidine (Zantac®)  
Famotidine (Pepcid®)  
Nizatidine (Axid®)

## Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)

Omeprazole (Prilosec®)  
Lansoprazole  
(Prevacid®)  
Rabeprazole (Aciphex®)  
Pantoprazole (Protonix®)  
Esomeprazole (Nexium®)



# Anti-Reflux Surgery

## ■ Indication for Surgery :

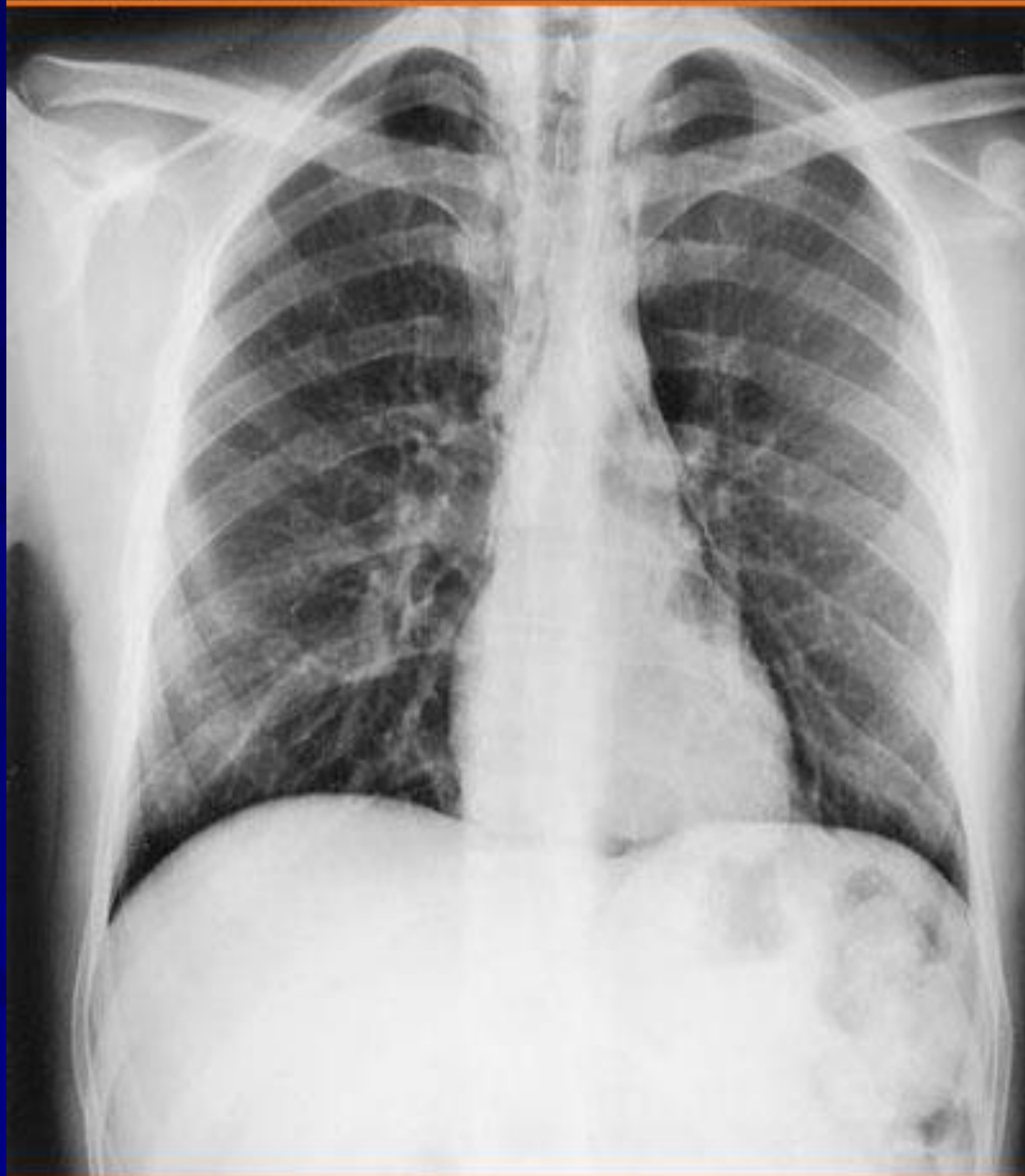
- have failed medical management
- opt for surgery despite successful medical management (due to life style considerations including age, time or expense of medications, etc)
- have complications of GERD (e.g. Barrett's esophagus; grade III or IV esophagitis)
- have medical complications attributable to a large hiatal hernia. (e.g. bleeding, dysphagia)
- have "atypical" symptoms (asthma, hoarseness, cough, chest pain, aspiration) and reflux documented on 24 hour pH monitoring

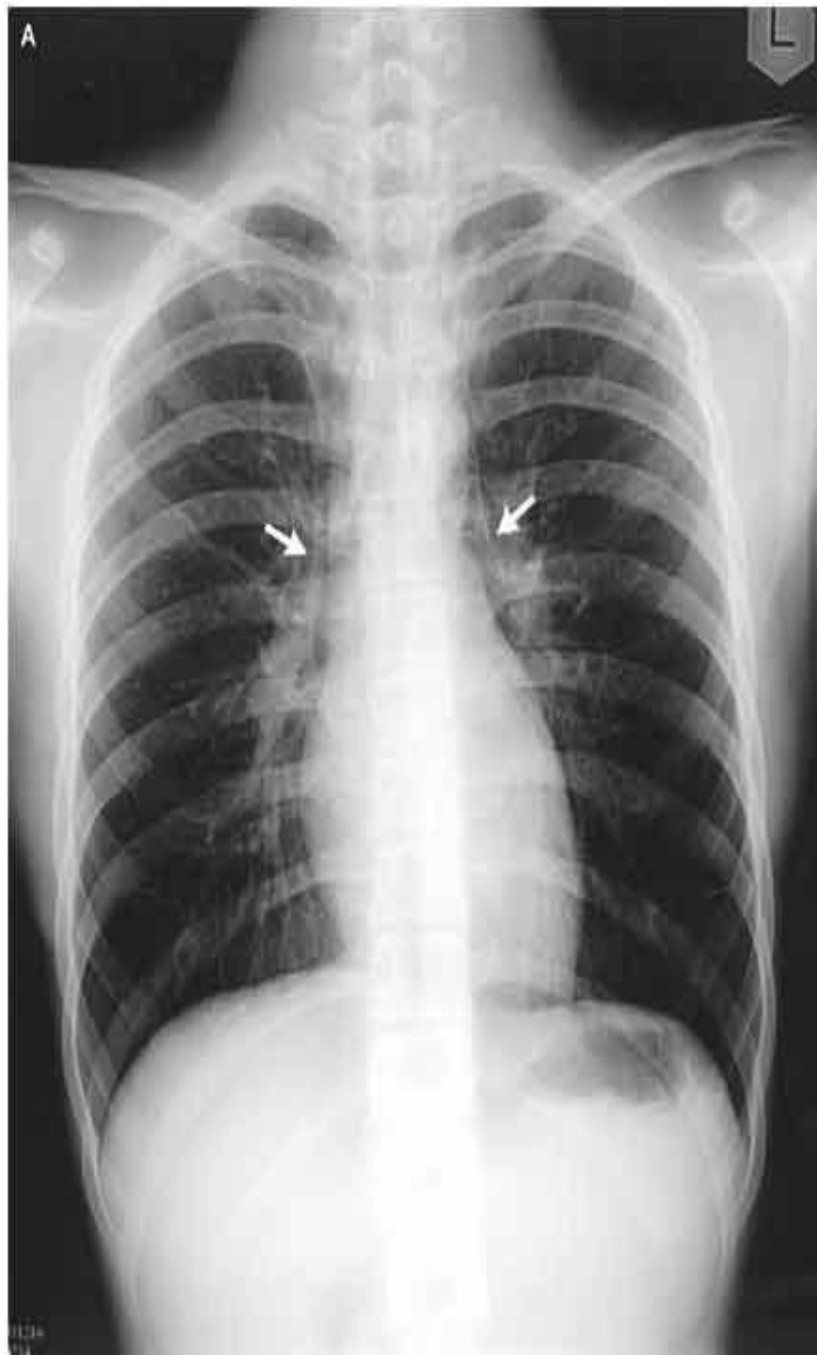
# Case 1

- you advise the patient t:
  - Reduce wieght
  - Quit smoking
- Started the patient on
  - Nexium 40 mg od
- Advise patient to have
  - Follow up endoscopy

# Case 1

- 3 months later , you did endoscopy for the patient , 6 hour post endoscopy patient start to complain of :
  - Chest pain
  - Fever
- What else in the history ?
- What is your management ?



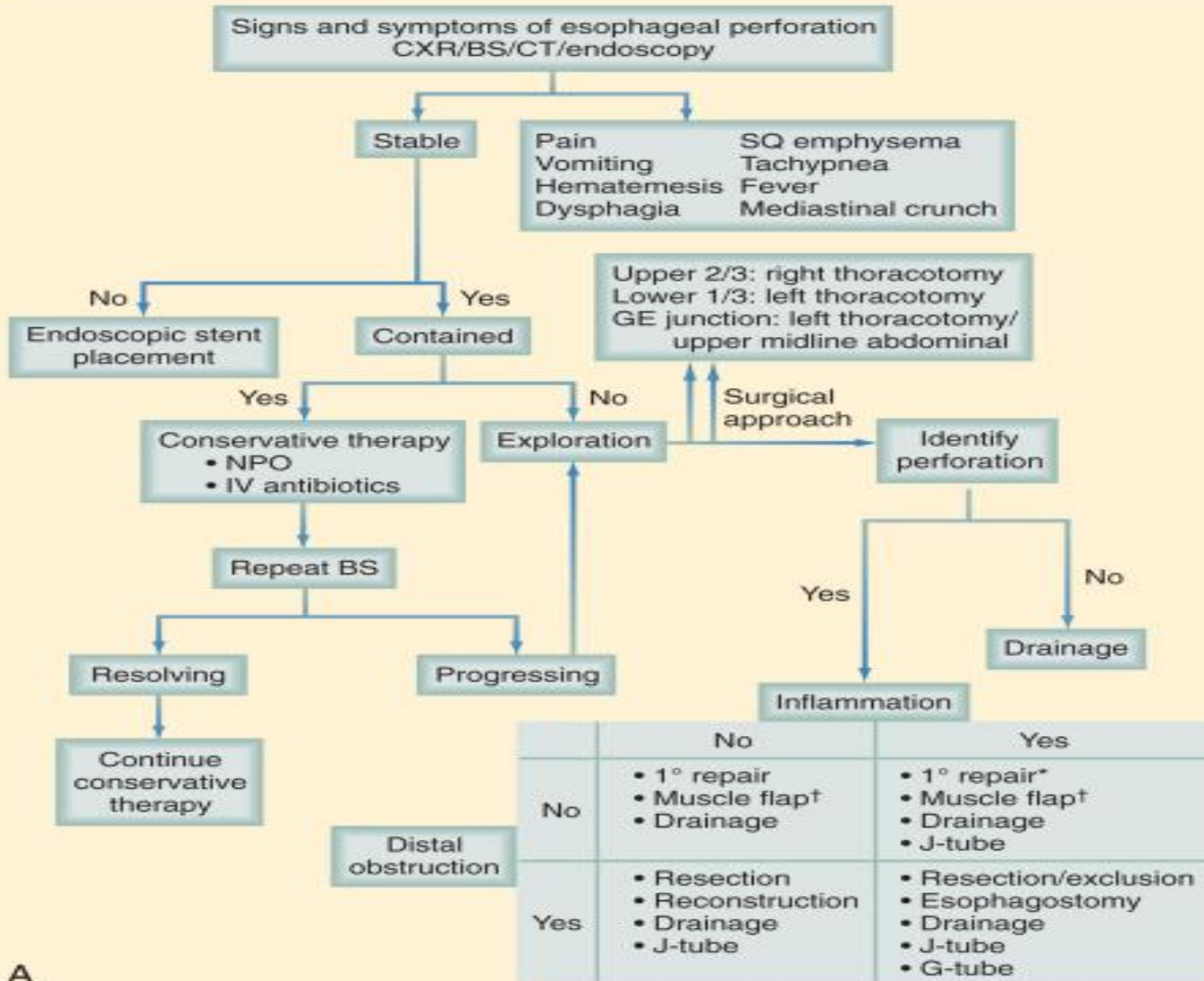




Perforation and  
extravasation



## MANAGEMENT OF THORACIC AND ABDOMINAL ESOPHAGEAL PERFORATIONS



# Treatment

- **IV fluids and broad-spectrum antibiotics are started immediately, and the patient is monitored in an ICU**
- **The patient is kept NPO, and nutritional access needs are assessed**
- **Patient improved and he was discharged home**



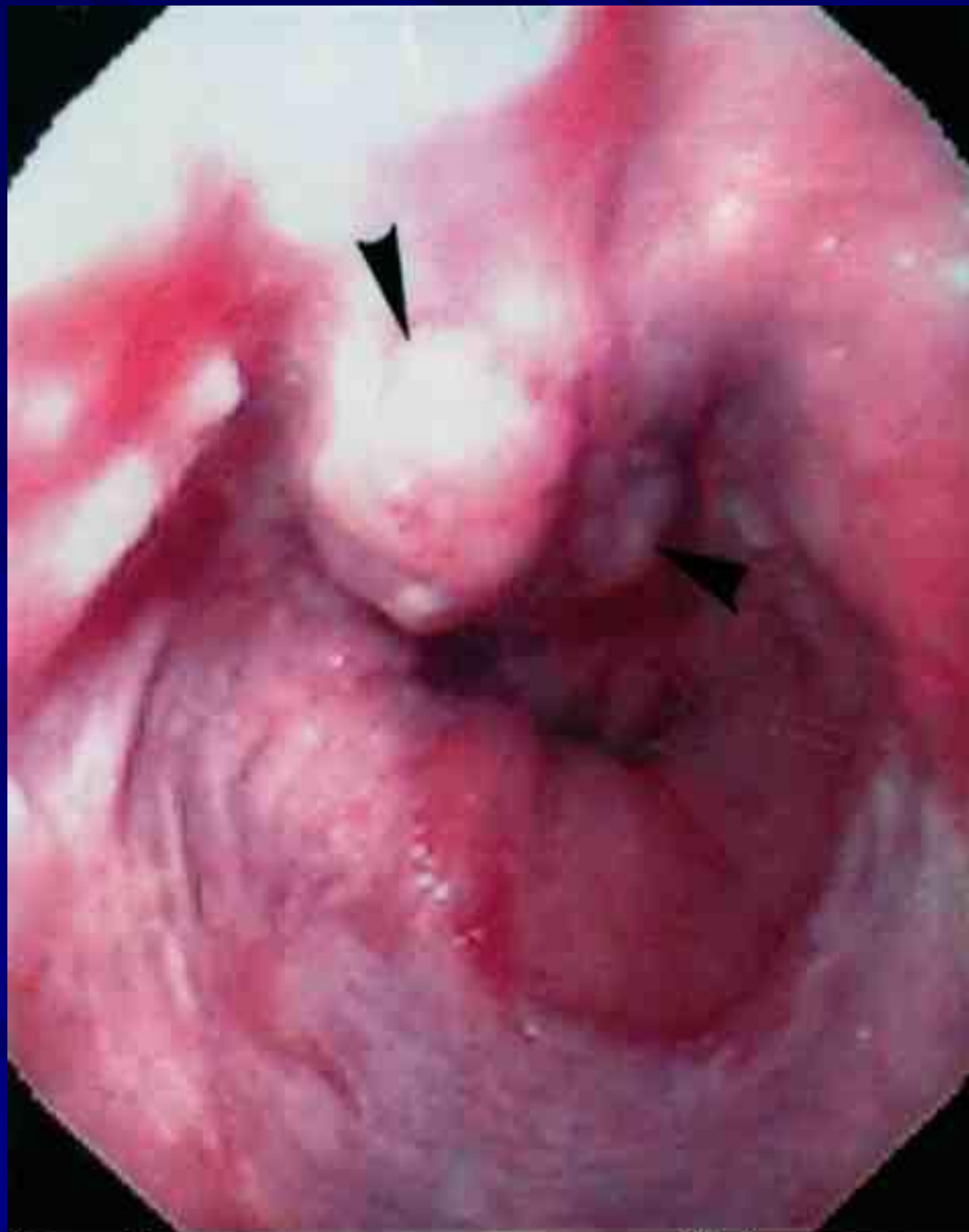
# Case 1

- 6 years later , he presented to your clinic complaining of :
- Dysphagia
- Weight loss
- What else in the history ?
- What is your differentials?
- How you going to manage this patient?



Esophageal  
carcinoma

Apple core  
lesion



# Case 1

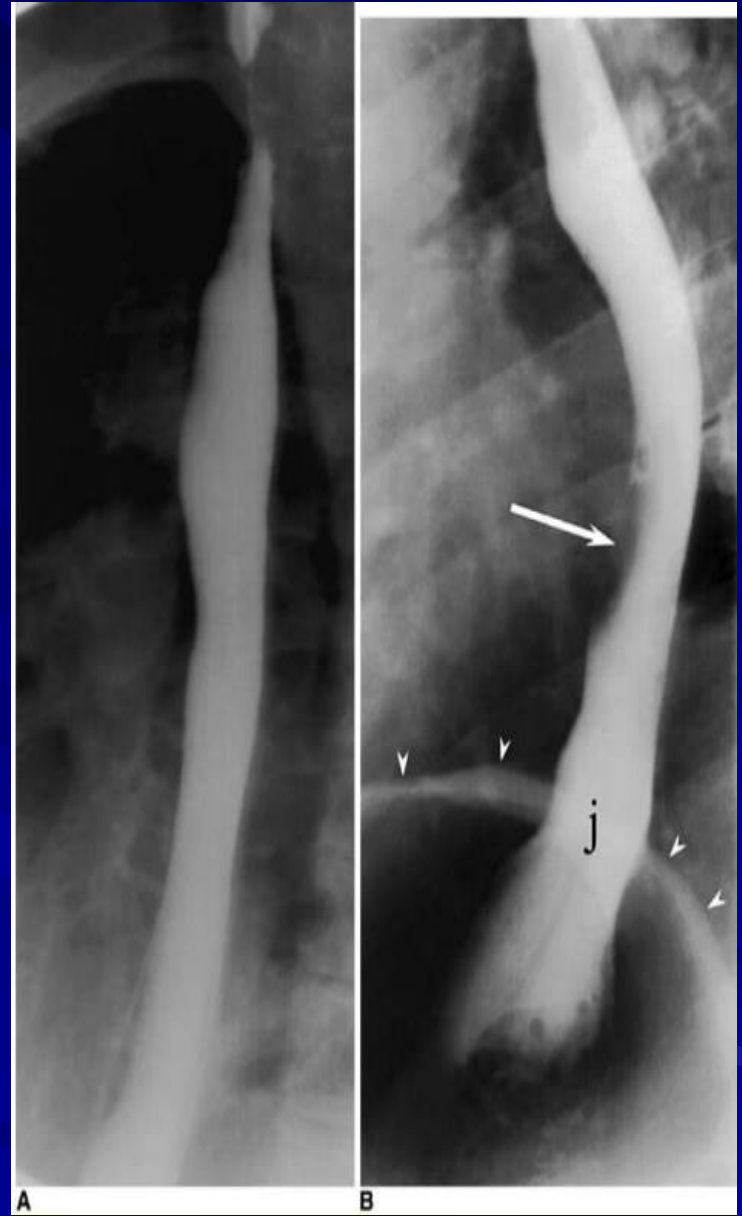
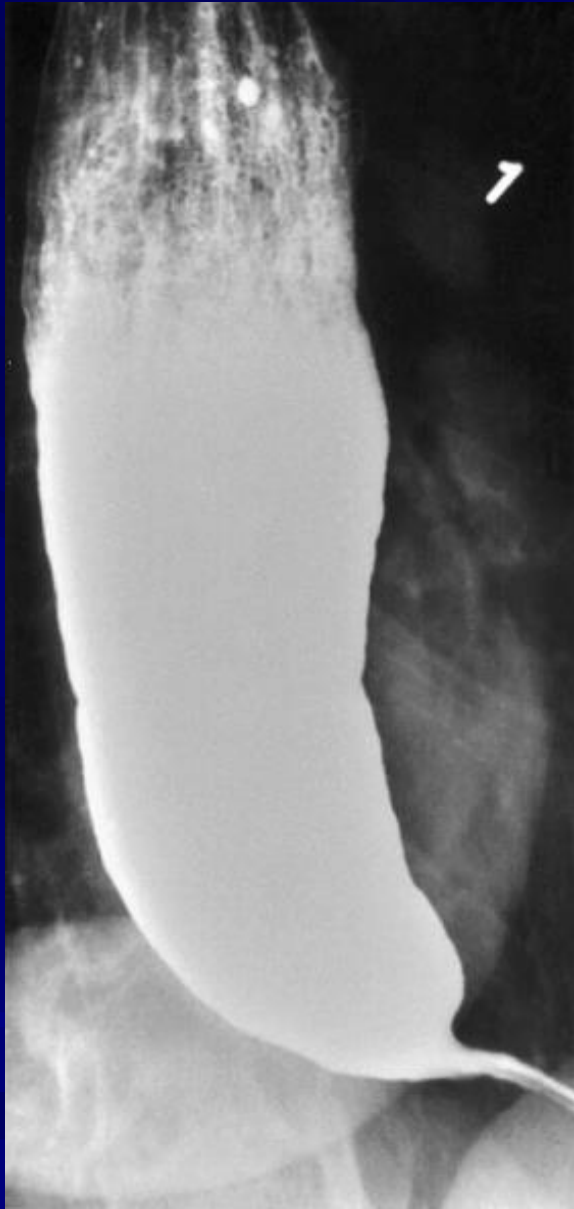
- The biopsy from the endoscopy revealed :
  - Adenocarcinoma
- What is your treatment options ?

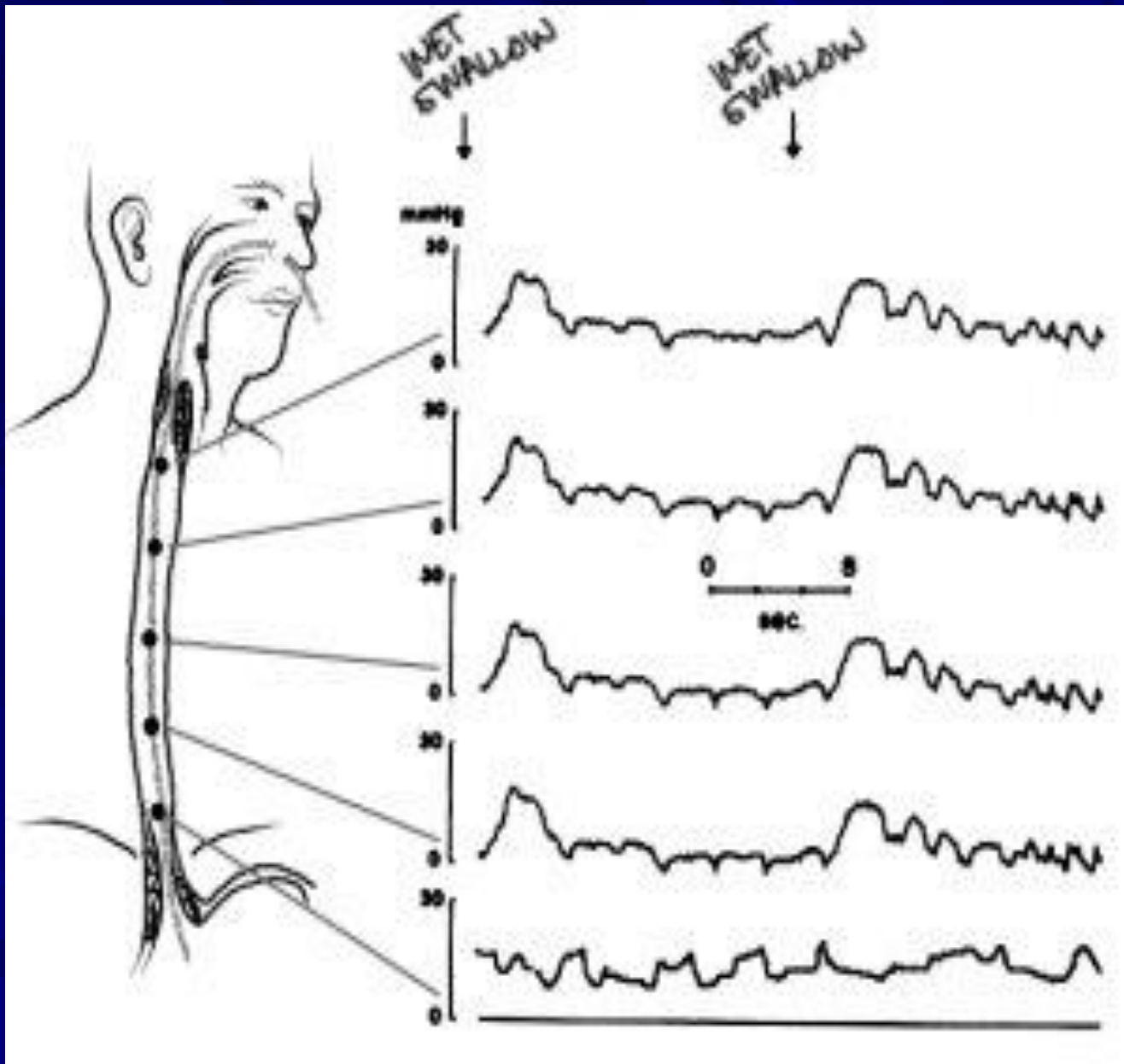
# Treatment

- Chemotherapy
- Radiation therapy
- Chemo-radiotherapy
- Surgical resection

# Case 2

- 24 years old , healthy presented to your clinic complaining of :
  - Dysphagia
- How you going to manage this patient?







# Case 2

- His manometry consistent with Achalasia
- Endoscopy showed :
  - Dilated esophagus
  - Retained food particles
- How you going to treat this patient ?

# Case 2

## ■ Treatment options :

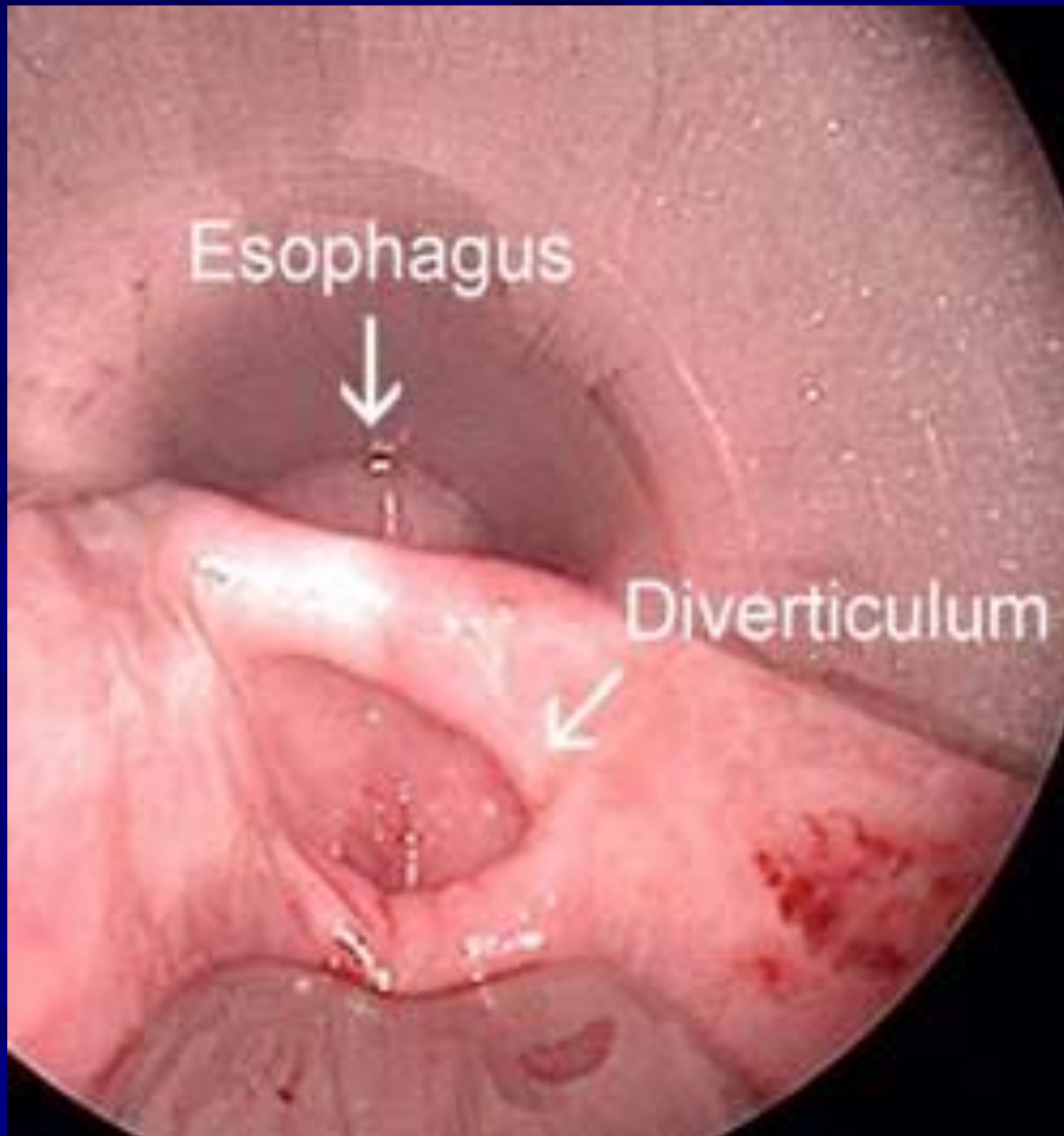
- Medical therapy
- Botulinum toxin injection
- Pneumatic dilation
- Surgical myotomy
- Which option you will advise the patient to choose ?

# Case 3

- 70 years old male , his wife bring him to your clinic Because :
  - Bad breath
  - Chronic cough especially after eating
- How you going to manage this patient ?



Neck of diverticulum



# Treatment

- **Surgical or endoscopic repair of a Zenker's diverticulum is the gold standard of treatment**
- **Open repair involve :**
  - **myotomy of the proximal and distal thyropharyngeus and cricopharyngeus muscles**
  - **diverticulectomy or diverticulopexy are performed through an incision in the left neck**

# Treatment

- An alternative to open surgical repair is the endoscopic Dohlman procedure
- Endoscopic division of the common wall between the esophagus and the diverticulum using a laser or stapler has also been successful

# Case 3

- **What is the cause of the Esophageal Diverticula ?**
- **What is the different types of the Esophageal Diverticula ?**
- **And what is the most common sites ?**



# Esophageal Diverticula

- **most diverticula are a result of a primary motor disturbance or an abnormality of the UES or LES**
- **can occur in several places along the esophagus**
- **The three most common sites of occurrence are pharyngoesophageal (Zenker's), parabronchial (midesophageal), and epiphrenic**

# Esophageal Diverticula

- **Zenker's diverticulum and an epiphrenic diverticulum fall under the category of false, pulsion diverticula.**
- **Traction, or true, diverticula result from external inflammatory mediastinal lymph nodes adhering to the esophagus**

