



# Peter Steven's Lecture 2024: My Journey In Interventional Endoscopy

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# Peter D. Stevens (1962-2011)



# Conflict of Interest

- **No direct COI**

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# Greetings from Berlin, Germany



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**Tertiary Referral Center - 1000 bed hospital**

# In the heart of Berlin!



# Lucky to study in Erlangen - Cradle of Endoscopy in Europe since the 1970ies

Dtsch. med. Wschr. 99 (1974), 496-497  
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## Endoskopische Sphinkterotomie der Papilla Vateri und Steinextraktion aus dem Ductus choledochus

M. Classen und L. Demling

Medizinische Klinik und Poliklinik der Universität Erlangen (Direktor: Prof. Dr. L. Demling)

Der endoskopische Zugang zur Papilla Vateri wurde für eine elektrische Sphinkterotomie bei einem 70jährigen Patienten genutzt. In einem zweiten Arbeitsgang gelang die Extraktion eines Solitärsteins aus dem Ductus choledochus mit einem Dormia-Korb, ebenfalls auf endoskopischem Wege. Erfolgreiche Tierversuche und erste klinische Erfahrungen lassen die Möglichkeit zu kleineren Eingriffen an Papille und Gallengang mit endoskopischen Mitteln erkennen.

Ziel der therapeutischen Endoskopie ist die Verringerung von Größe und Risiko eines chirurgischen Eingriffs. Über die erste erfolgreiche Papillotomie sowie die endoskopische Therapie eines Choledochussteins ohne Laparotomie haben wir kürzlich berichtet (2, 3). Eine Reihe von Tierversuchen zum gleichen Thema ist

abgeschlossen (5). Bei sechs Patienten unserer Klinik haben wir endoskopische Eingriffe zur Beseitigung einer Papillenstenose und (oder) Choledocholithiasis unternommen.

Im folgenden berichten wir über eine Elektropapillotomie mit erfolgreicher Steinextraktion aus dem Gallengang.

Endoscopic sphincterotomy of the papilla of Vater and extraction of stones from the choledochal duct

Endoscopic sphincterotomy of the papilla of Vater by high-frequency diathermy is described in a 70-year-old patient. In a second endoscopic session a solitary stone was removed from the choledochal duct with a Dormia basket. Successful animal experiments and these first clinical results point to the possibility of minor procedures being performed on the papilla and the biliary tract via an endoscope.

■ **1st endoscopic sphincterotomy in 1973**



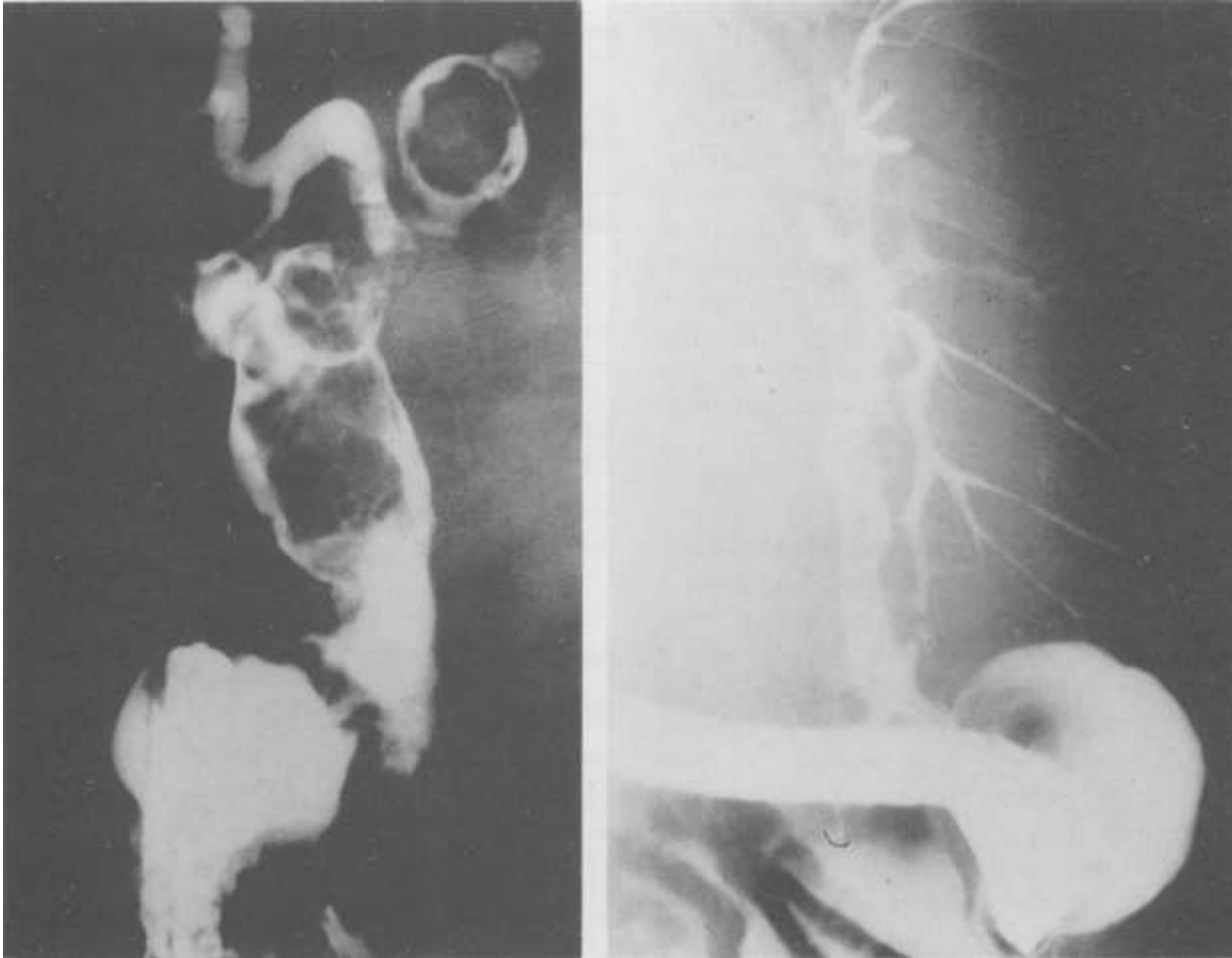
# Laser - the magic word in medicine at the time - laserlithotripsy of CBD stones



- Induction of shock waves by laser-induced opto-mech. breakdown
- Pulsed Nd:YAG
- Rh-6G lasers



# First successful endoscopic retrograde laser lithotripsy of gallstones in man - 1986



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  - Induction of shock waves by laser-induced opto-mech. breakdown
  - Pulsed Nd:YAG
  - Rh-6G lasers

Ell C, Hochberger J, ... L. Demling. Dtsch Med Wochenschr 1986 (111): 1217  
Lux G, Ell C, Hochberger J ... L. Demling. Endoscopy. 1986 (18):144-5

retrograde way through the endoscope. Very hard stones or concrements impacted in the choledochus, however, cannot be removed by this method and require surgery.

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and follow up examinations.<sup>7</sup> Laser lithotripsy stones in the common bile duct is a new method which can be done with the endoscope, retrograde without anaesthesia, by means of ordinary endoscopic equipment.

This study is an account of the preliminary experience gained in a total of nine patients treated by this method.

Table *Clinical characteristics, techniques and results in nine laser treated patients with large common bile duct stones*

<i>Sex</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Concomitant disease</i>	<i>Stones Max (n) diameter (cm)</i>	<i>Technique</i>	<i>Results Comment</i>
<i>Patients</i>					

*Gut* 1998;43:823–829

823

## Laser lithotripsy of difficult bile duct stones: results in 60 patients using a rhodamine 6G dye laser with optical stone tissue detection system

J Hochberger, J Bayer, A May, S Mühlendorfer, J Maiss, E G Hahn, C Ell

Ell C, Lux G, Hochberger J, .. L. Demling. *Gut* 1988 (29): 746-51

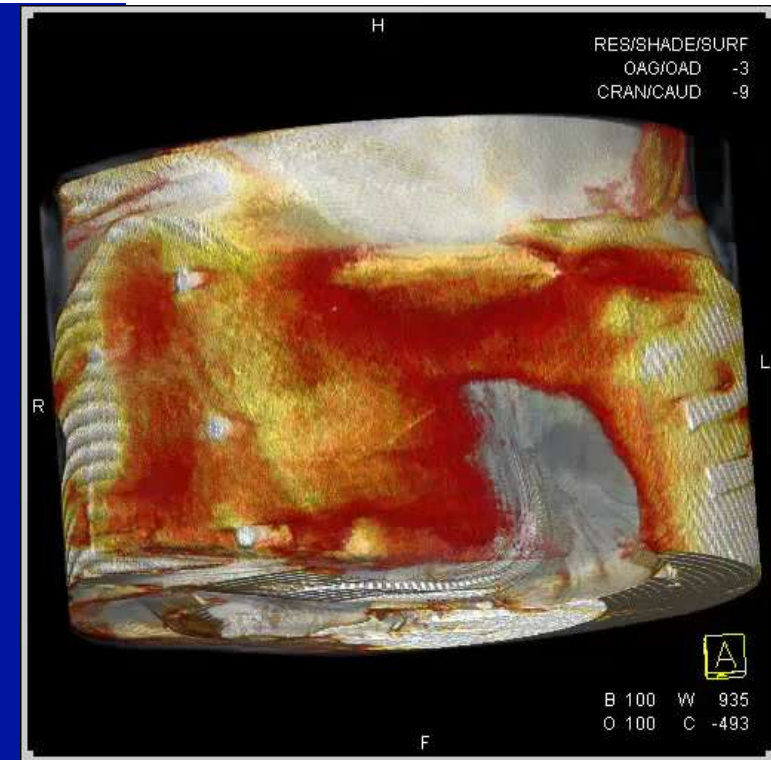
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# 2014 ASGE VIDEO FORUM

## First Successful Three-Dimensional Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangio-Pancreaticography (ERCP) with Computed Tomography (CT-) and Magnetic Resonance (MR-) Image-Fusion



# EASIE Model - First modified surgical simulator JH + Martin

Neumann  
1997



# EASIE - Erlangen Active Simulator for Interventional Endoscopy with Juergen Maiss and Kai Matthes 1999



- For the first time life-like simulation of spurting bleedings
- Fellows improved their skills significantly in comparison to clinical training alone

# Randomized, Prospective Comparison of Compact-EASIE Simulator Hemostasis Training with Standard Endoscopy Education

Juergen Hochberger, University of Erlangen, Germany

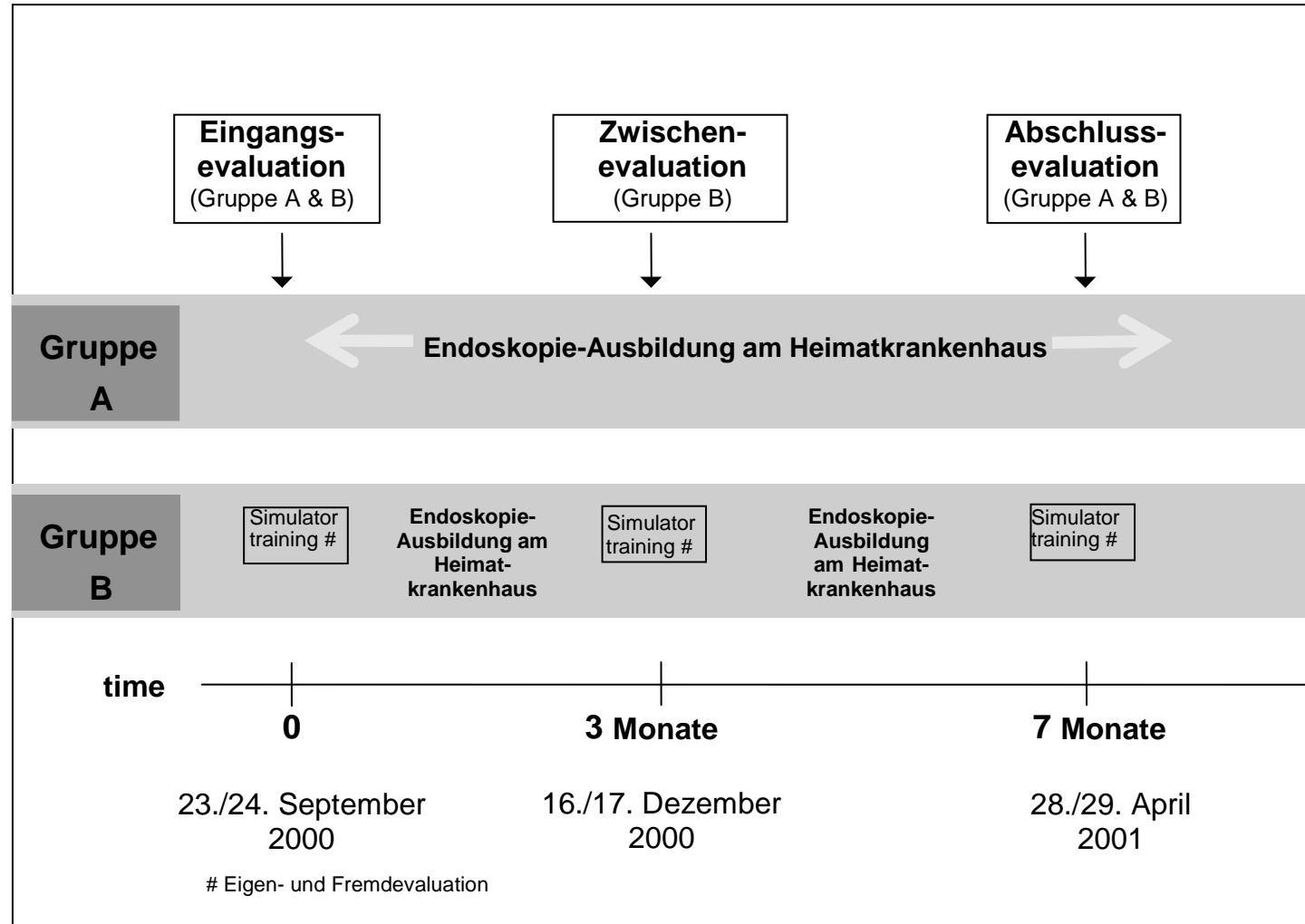
Jonathan Cohen, NYU School of Medicine,  
New York, NY

**Kai Matthes**, Juergen Maiss, Corinna Koebnick,  
Eckhart Georg Hahn, University of Erlangen, Germany

New York Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (NYSGE) Study  
Group



# Intensive Training on the EASIE simulator versus standard clinical training during a 7-month study period (7 NYC Hospitals 32 part.)



# Evaluation of clinical hemostasis cases during 7-month study period (7 NYC Hospitals 32 part.)

	Group A Clinical Training*	Group B EASIE Training*	P
Intervention of proctor	34% (14-84)	33% (9-52)	0.710
Hemostasis time	17.9 (10.4-34.3)	18.0 (12.8-26.6)	1.000
Successful hemostasis	87% (75-91)	100% (92-100)	0.034
Complication rate	11% (2-25)	0% (0-4)	0.106

**Median (IQR)**



# EASIE Training Project New York

Hochberger J, Cohen J, Matthes K, Maiss J, Hahn E.G. and the NY Society for GI Endoscopy Study Group  
September 2000 to Mai 2001



- Fellows improved their skills significantly in comparison to clinical training alone
- Systematic training is needed (Christopher Gostout, ASGE speaking for future ITT)

# Many thanks to

**Kai Matthes**, Juergen Maiss, Werner Rohmer University of Erlangen, Germany

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# EASIE is the new standard in hemostasis training of fellows?!



## Transgastric surgery in the abdomen: the dawn of a new era?

To launch new developments means to break down borders and to disobey rules in an intelligent fashion. Going beyond the “natural” margins among medical disciplines may enrich all sides and may lead to new views of classical indications and therapeutic strategies. In their current papers on endoscopic gastrojejunostomy, Kantsevoy, Kallou, and coworkers of the Apollo Group show, for the first time, more details of their work going beyond the gastric wall and working with an perorally introduced flexible endoscope via a sterile overtube in the abdominal cavity.<sup>1,2</sup>

In an animal study, with survival over 2 weeks, the investigators demonstrated that a patent gastroenteric anastomosis could be created by actively perforating the anterior stomach wall toward the larger curvature with

Interdisciplinary borders seem to be falling.<sup>9</sup> However, it is not new that gastroenterologists go beyond their natural boundaries, the gastric wall or the small intestine, because these organs are relatively sterile.

EUS-controlled transgastric drainage of symptomatic pancreatic pseudocysts or abscesses is a standard procedure today and has replaced surgery for most of the cases in major endoscopic centers.<sup>10-12</sup> Seifert went a step ahead and not only perforated the gastric wall with a needle-knife but entered the retroperitoneum with a gastroscope after enlarging the incision and then actively debrided infected pancreatic necroses with a Dormia basket.<sup>13</sup> In one of

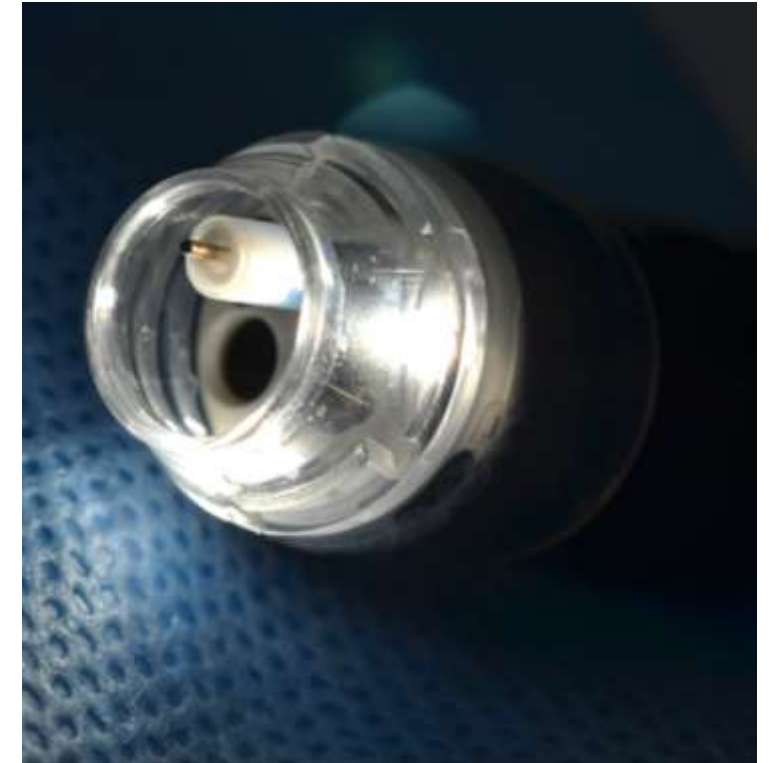
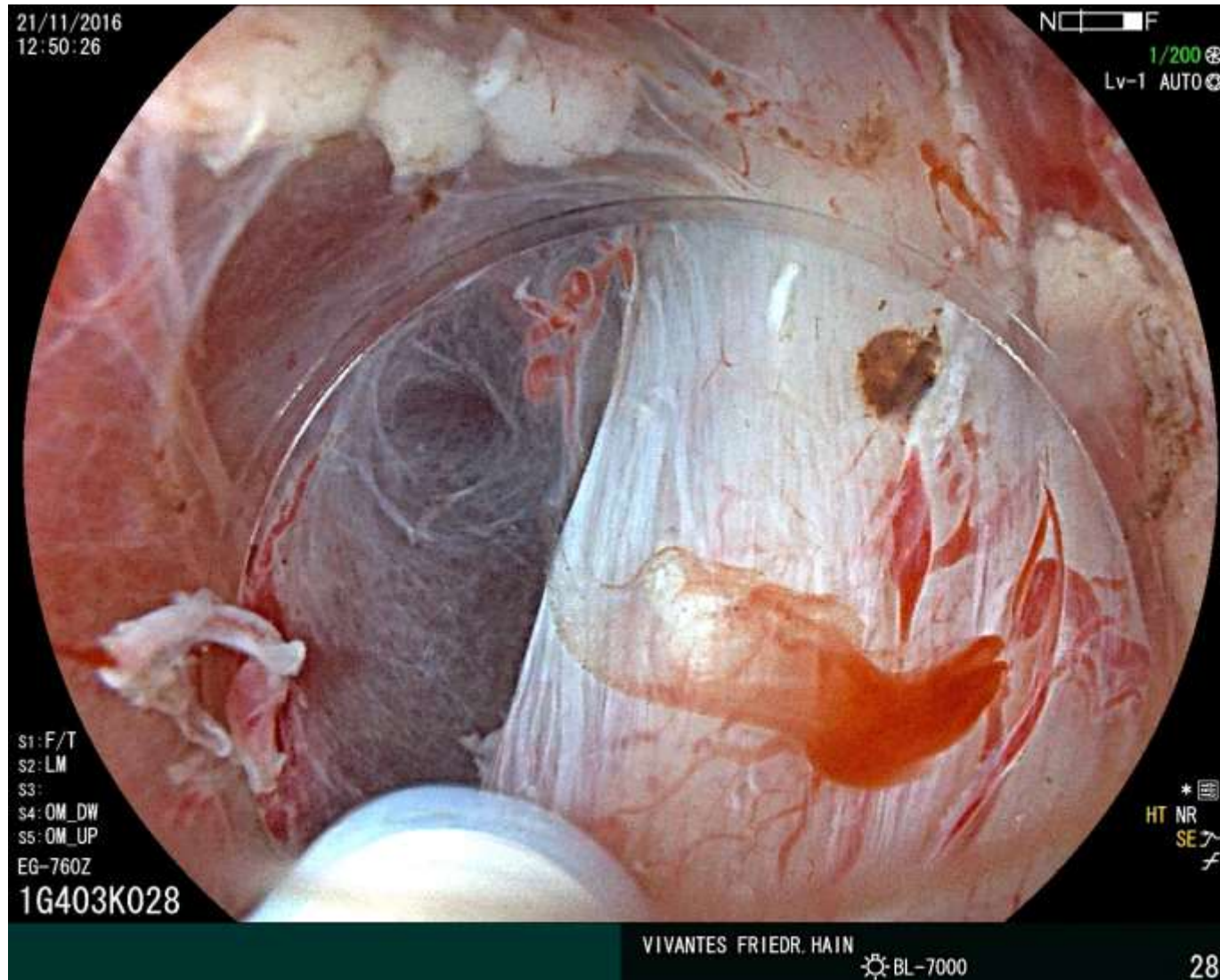
- **NOTES**
- **Dead end but promotor for widespread ESD**
- **Tunneling Techniques**
- **Third space endoscopy**

# Third Space Endoscopy – NOTES - tv Nephrectomie 2009

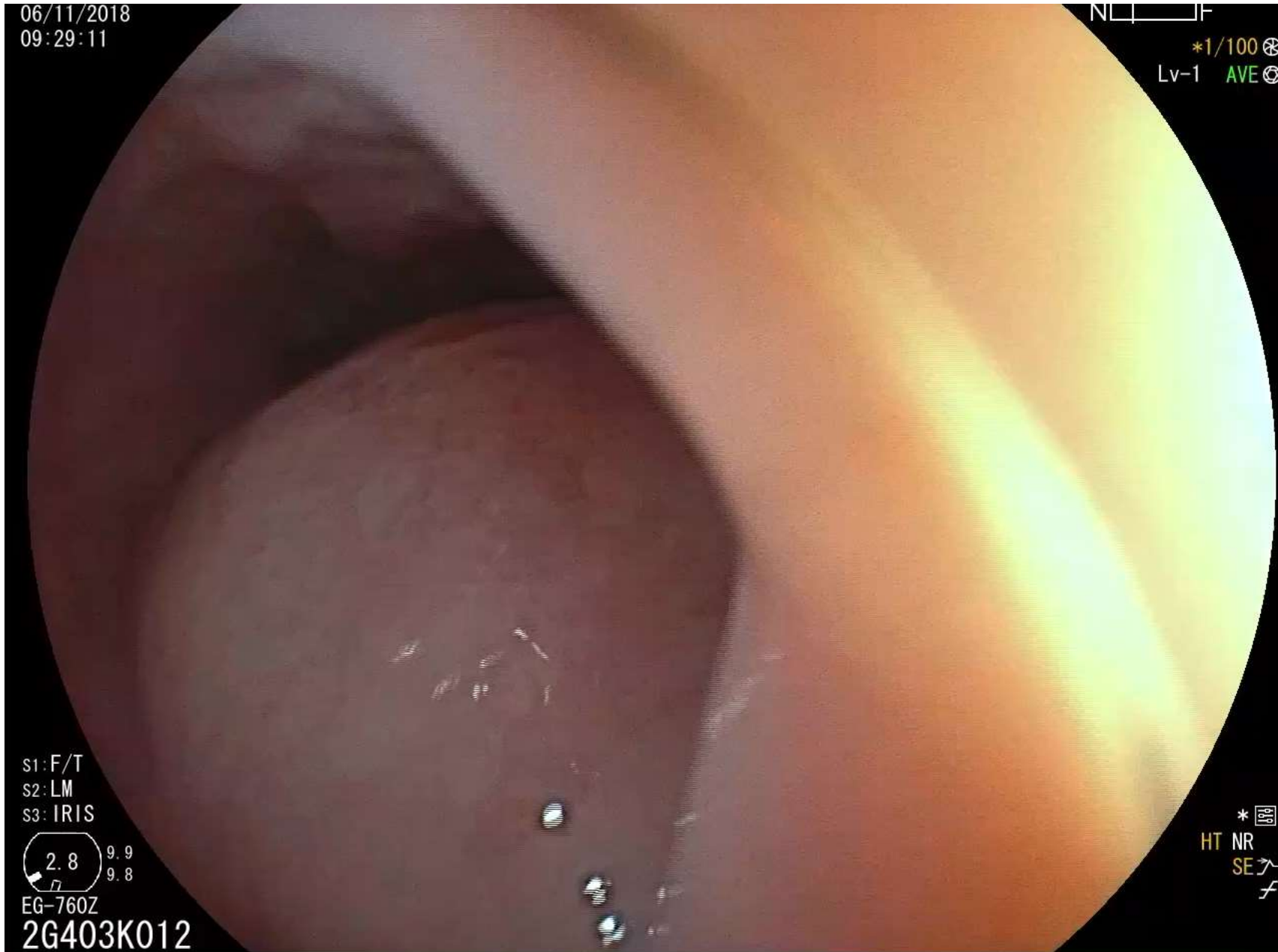


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# Complex resection techniques



# Leiomyoma in the aortic arch – Submucosal double tunnel technique – DDW 2023



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# ESD Esophagus – Extensive papillomatosis with HGIEN & pseudodiverticulosis



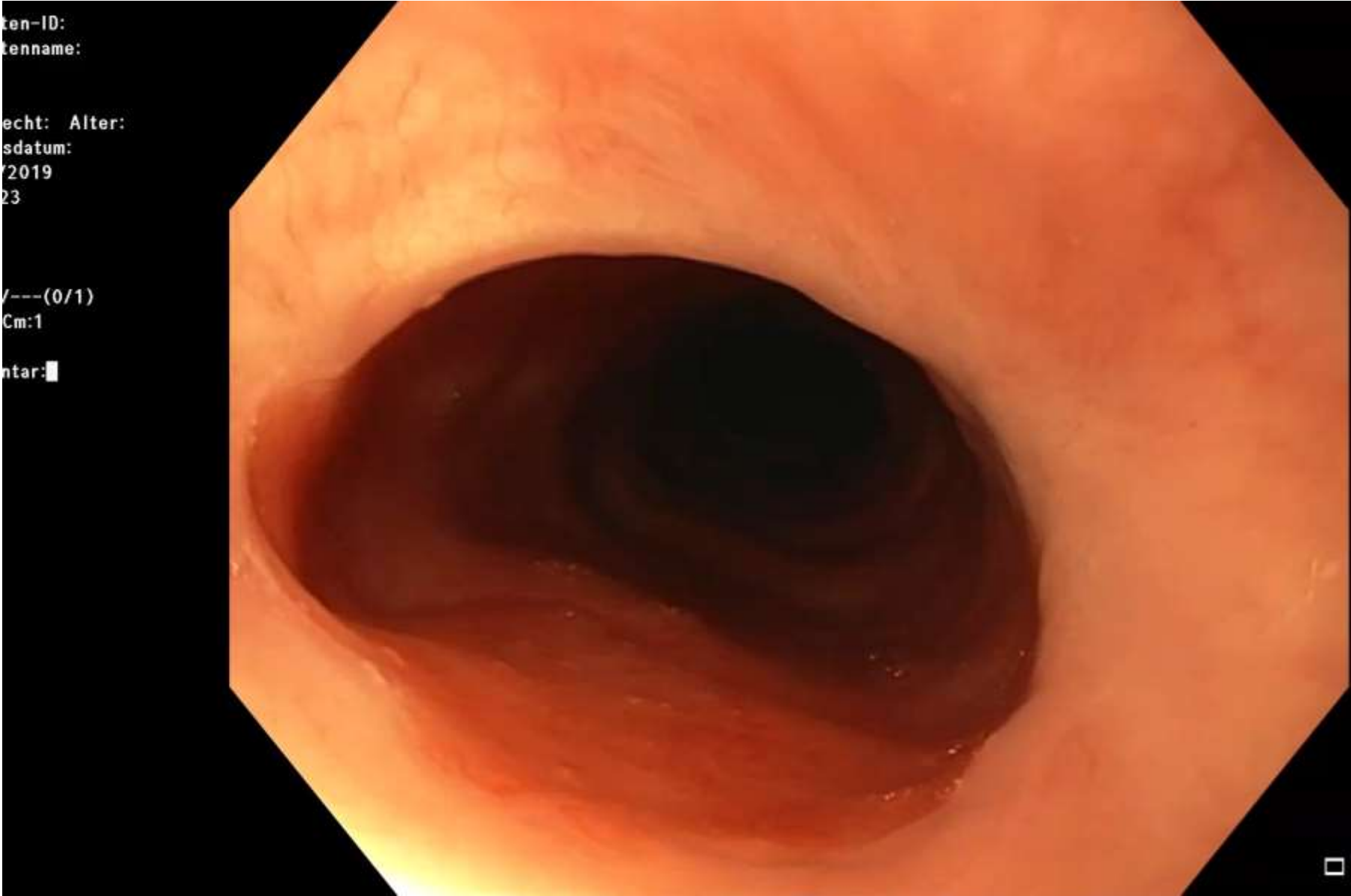


## Transplantation of Mucosa From Stomach to Esophagus to Prevent Stricture After Circumferential Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection of Early Squamous Cell

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# 8 years after gastric mucosal transplantation 2011/19



# A plea for organ-preserving resection

EDITORIAL

## A plea for quality management and organ-preserving endoscopic resection



Over the past decade, endoscopic resection techniques have been developed and refined and have found their way into daily clinical routine. These include widespread EMR, endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD), and recently full-thickness resection. These techniques are used in particular for rectal polyps, which are easily accessible and for which the risk of adverse events from endoscopic removal is low compared with widespread polyp resections in the colon. A study of EMR for laterally spreading colorectal polyps by Moss et al<sup>1</sup> showed a recurrence rate of 16% after 4 months and a rate of 4% after 16 months. Most cases could be successfully managed endoscopically.

Peery et al<sup>8</sup> from the University of North Carolina recently published in this journal an article focusing on the morbidity and mortality after surgery for nonmalignant colorectal polyps. They analyzed data collected prospectively as part of the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program from 2011 through 2014 and included 12,732 patients who underwent elective surgery for nonmalignant colorectal polyps. The 30-day mortality was 0.7%, and the risk of a major postoperative adverse event was 14%. Within 30 days of resection, 7.8% of patients were readmitted and 3.6% of patients had a



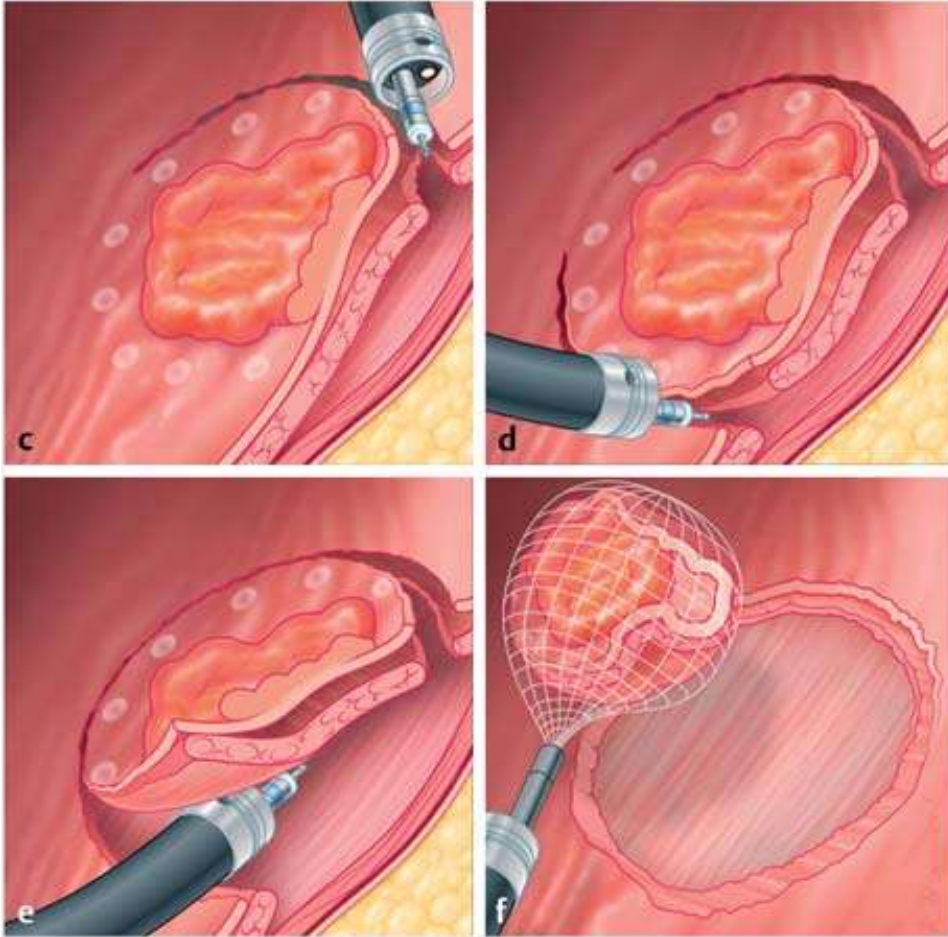
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# Endoscopic Intermuscular Dissection (EID)



**Inner muscular layer at the base of the specimen**

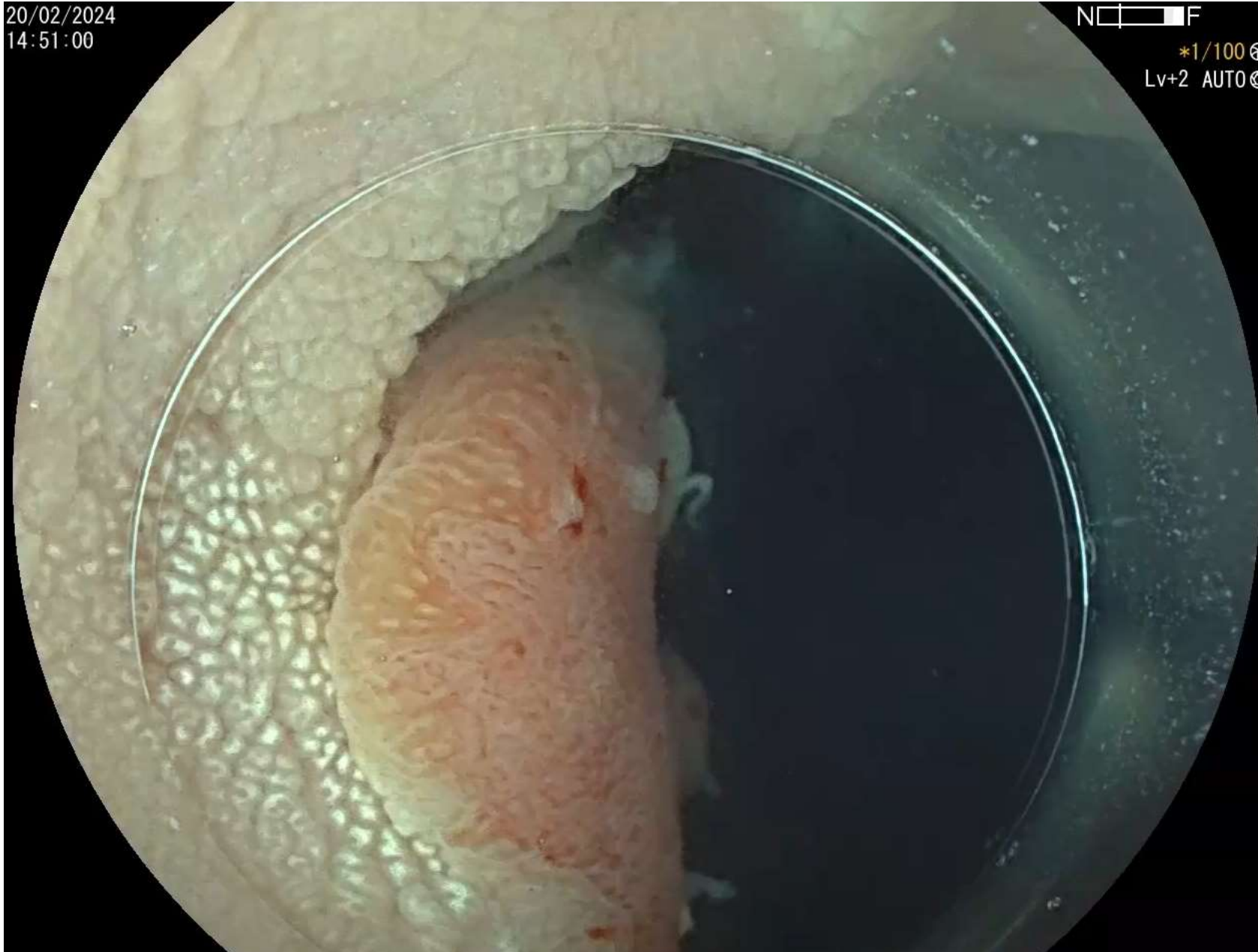
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- => T1 cancers or suspicious lesions with HGIEN in the distal rectum
- Dissection between circular and longitudinal muscle layer in the rectum
- Entire submucosa for histopathologic analysis
- Avoiding a basal R1 situation

Moons LMG et al. Endoscopic intermuscular dissection for deep submucosal invasive cancer in the rectum: a new endoscopic approach. *Endoscopy* 2022 (54): 993-8

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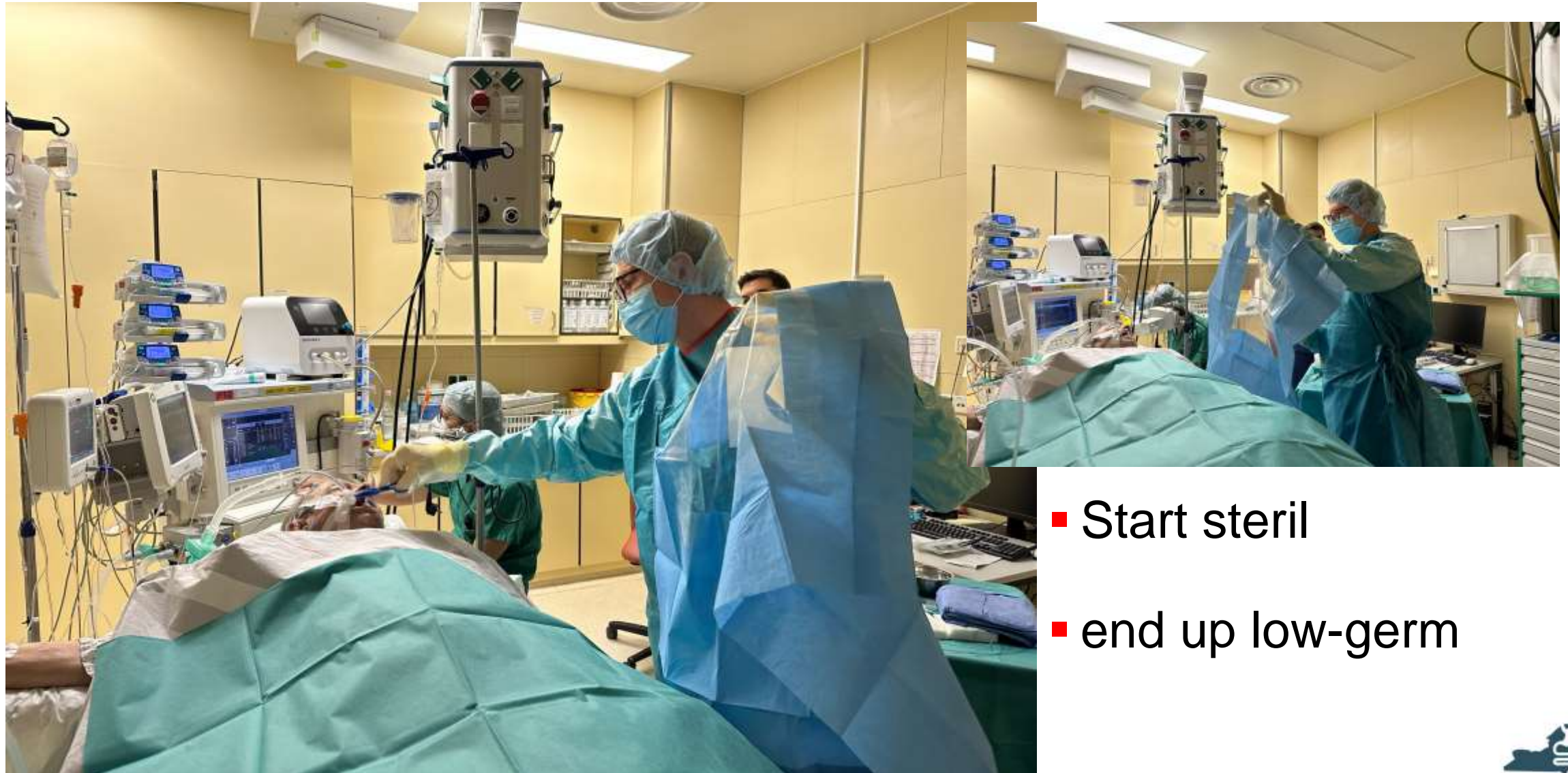
**pT1b G2, L0, V0, Bd1 R0. Sm Infiltration 2000  $\mu$ m as single risk factor for LN metastases (2.3%)**



# Organ-preserving resection - Professional management



# Handling POEM & Esophageal ESD



- Start steril
- end up low-germ

# Extension of our unit to 7000 square feet

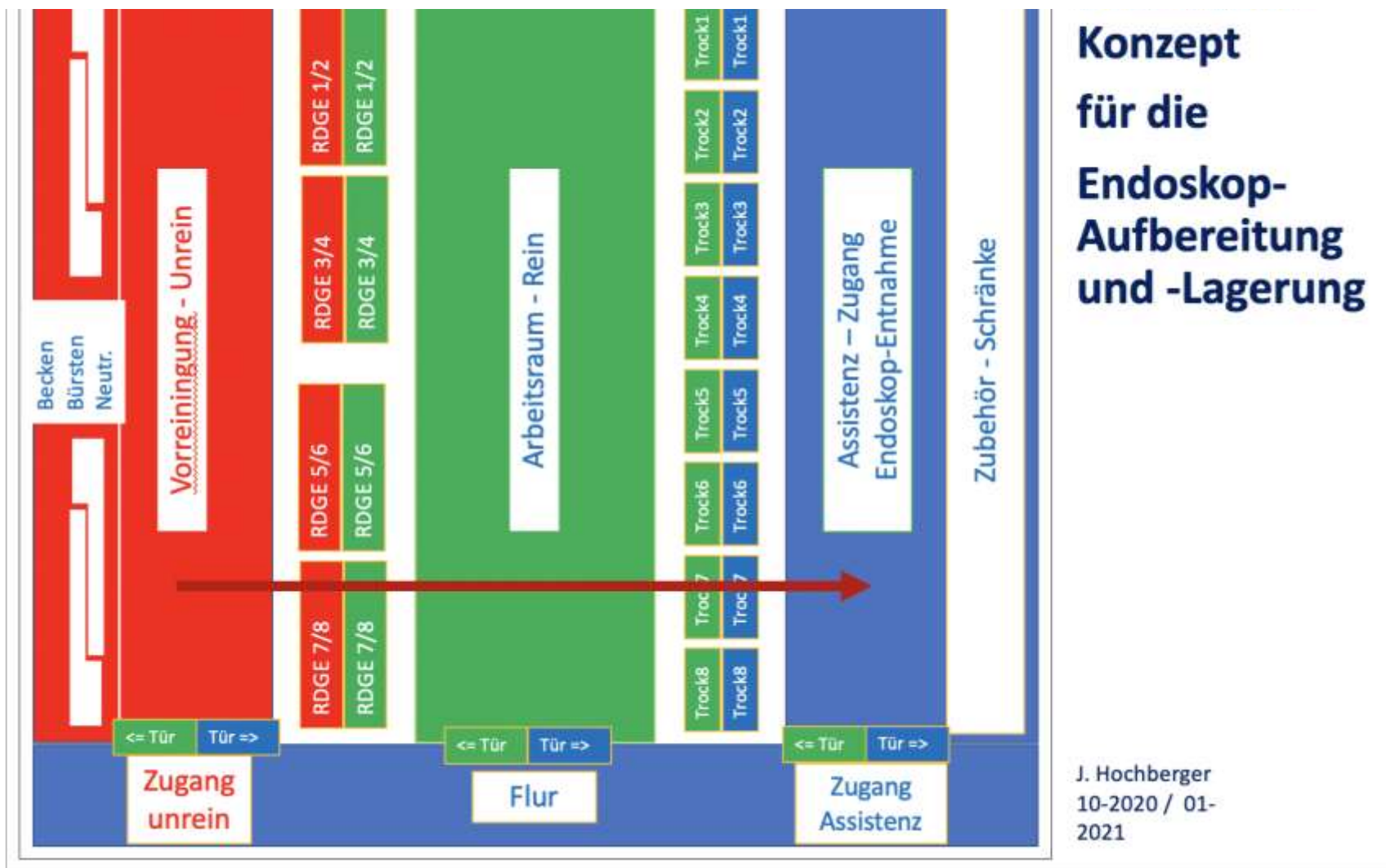


# Three-space concept of the reprocessing unit

Contaminated

Clean

Access to endoscopes & equipm.



# Three space endoscope reprocessing unit



# Handling POEM & Esophageal ESD



- Sterile endoscope handling
- Avoidance of contamination

- **First priority: patient safety!**
- **POEM**
- **Z-POEM**
- **G-POEM**
- **etc.**
  
- **ESD ....**



Photo with  
permission of patient  
and parents

# Take-off





# Thank you, Pete!



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# Calcified esophageal leiomyoma after gastric GIST



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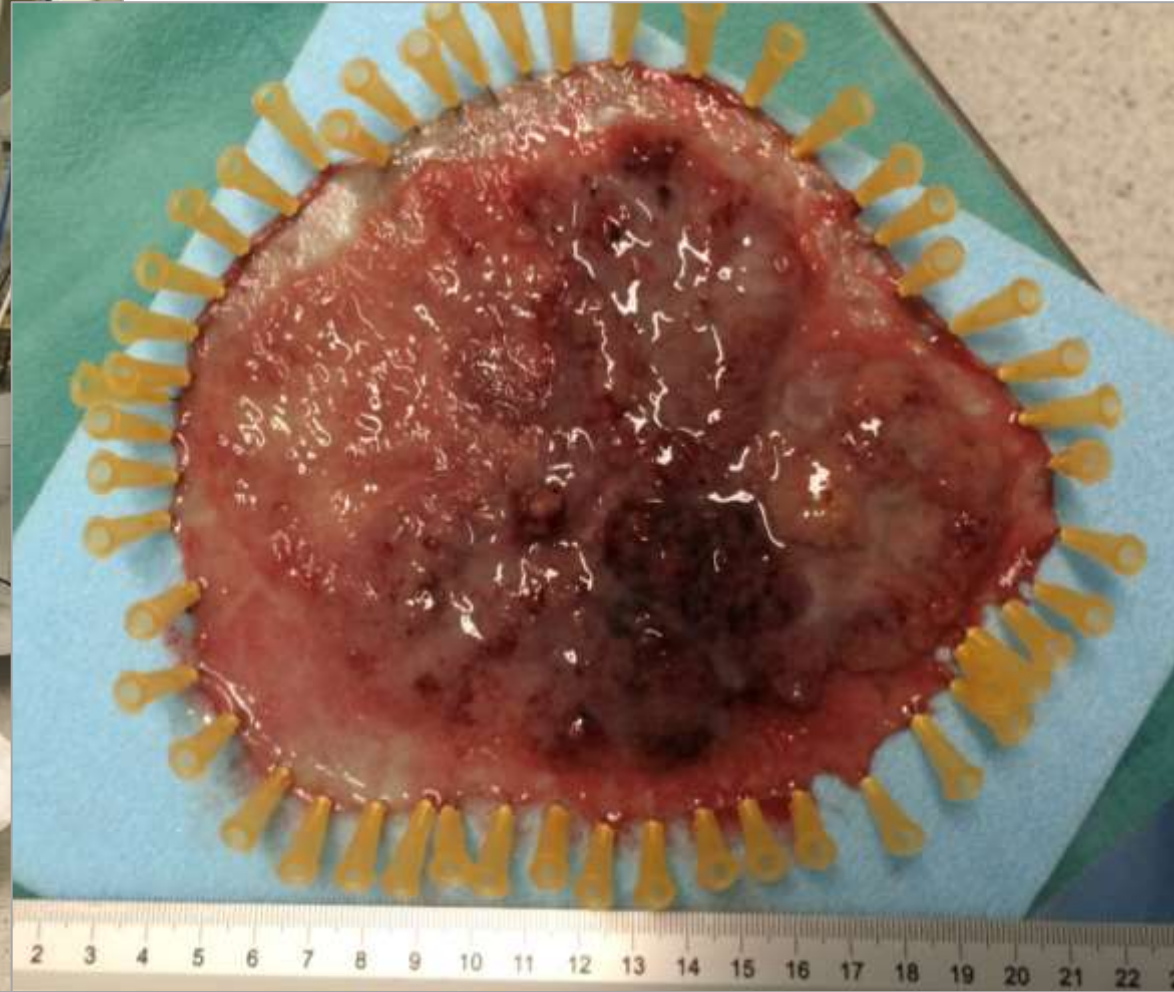
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# Large rectal ESD (18 cm)

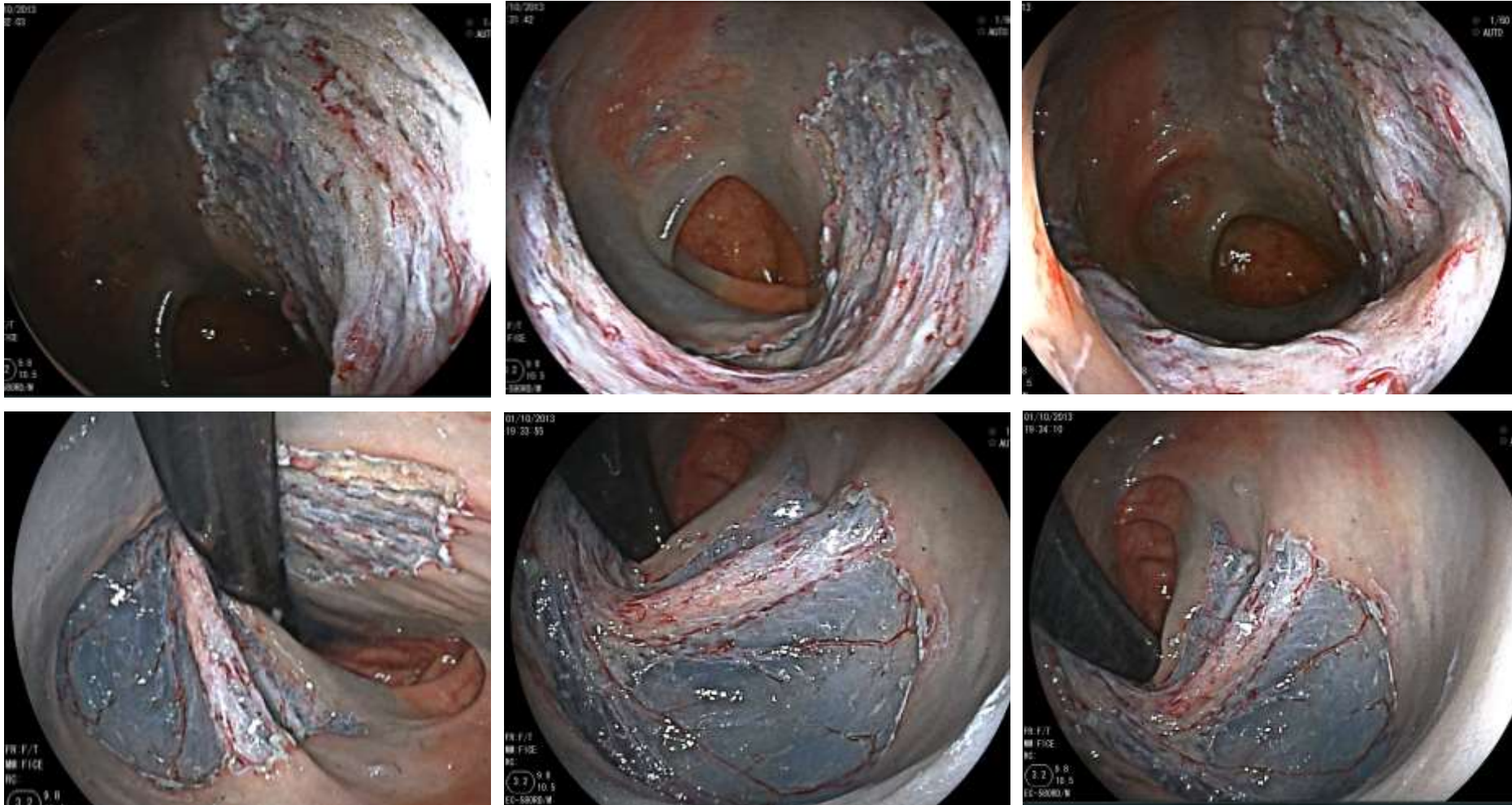




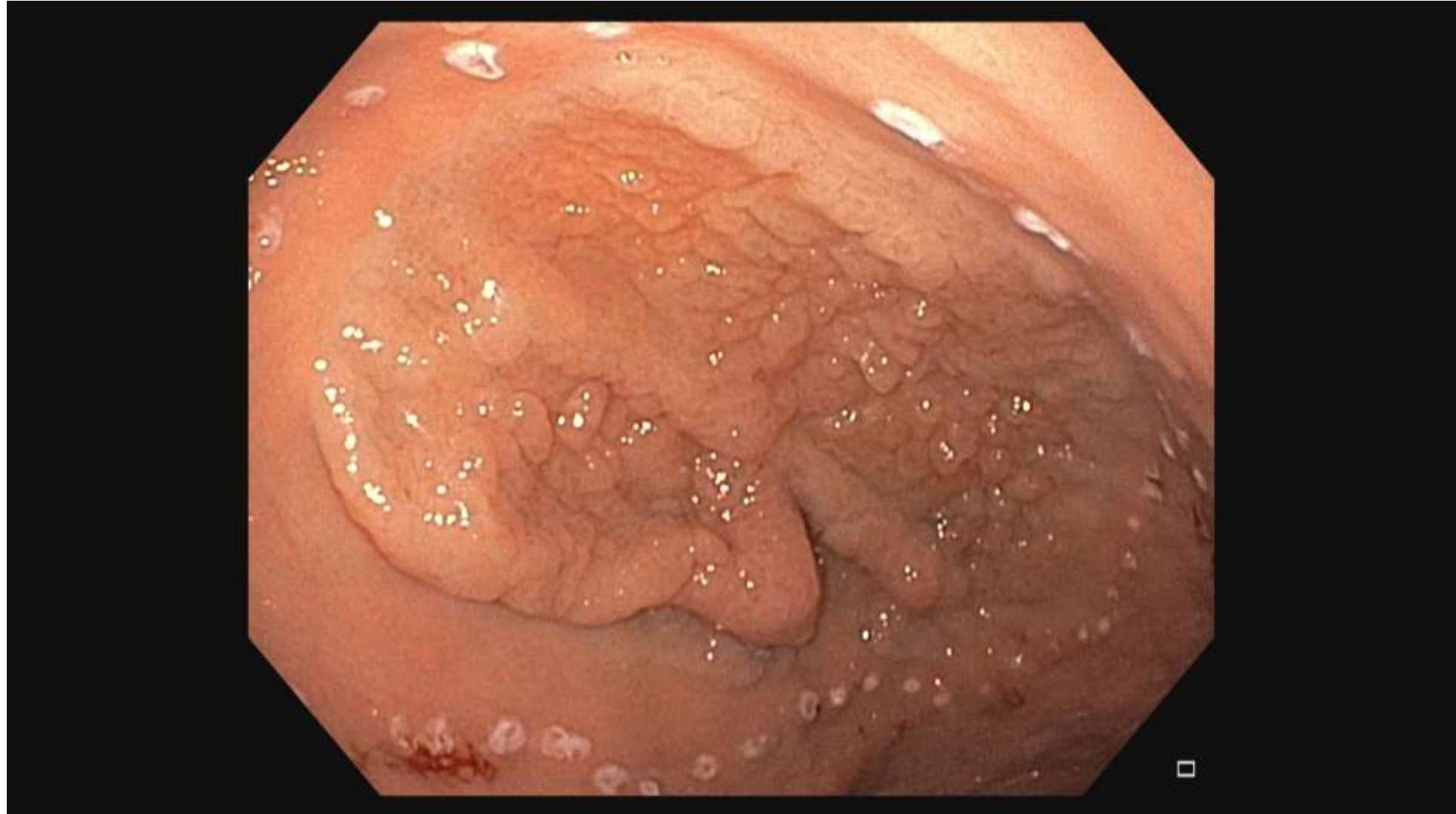
# Tubular ESD Recto-Sigmoid 17 cm



# ESD right colonic flexure



# Gastric widespread adenoma - Fam. Adenom. Polyposis (FAP)



# 12.3 x 9.2 cm – Adenoma HGIN – R0



# Resection site in stomach



# Submucosal infiltration alone is a low risk for LNM

Gastroenterology 2022;163:174–189

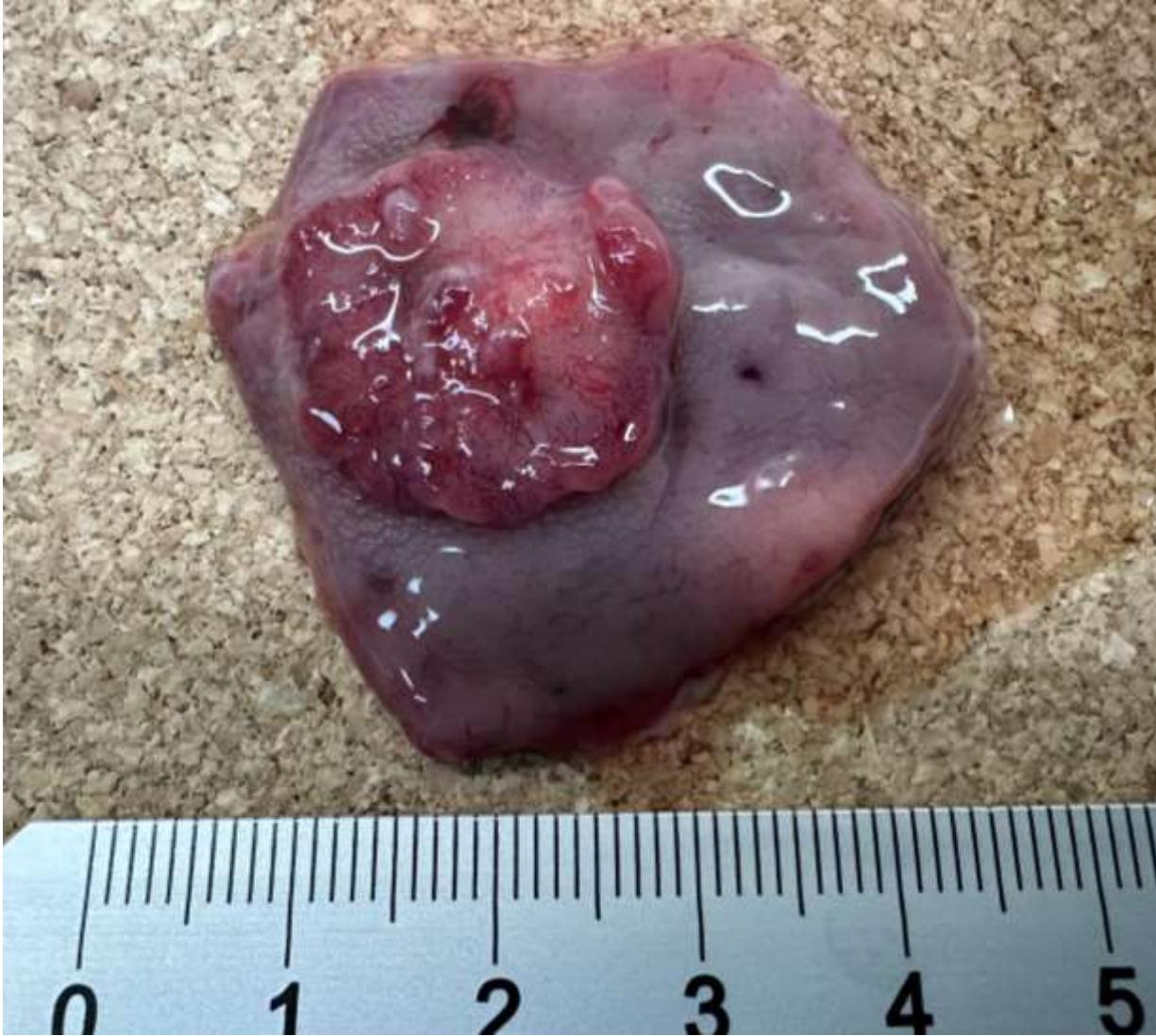
## Deep Submucosal Invasion Is Not an Independent Risk Factor for Lymph Node Metastasis in T1 Colorectal Cancer: A Meta-Analysis



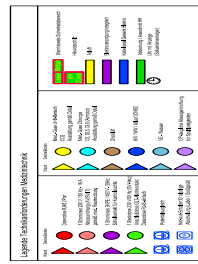
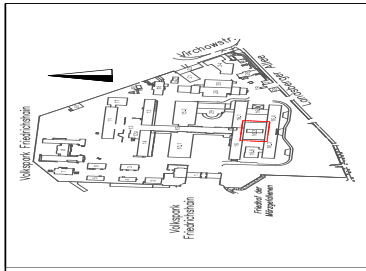
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Inner muscular layer at the base of the specimen



Alle Maße sind am Bau zu prüfen!



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 Umbau und Erweiterung der Endoskopie

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Menge	AD	AD	AD
	Baukosten	Baukosten	Baukosten
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# Perspectives 2022 - 2025

## Expansion of the Endoscopy Unit to 6 rooms and 7000 sqm



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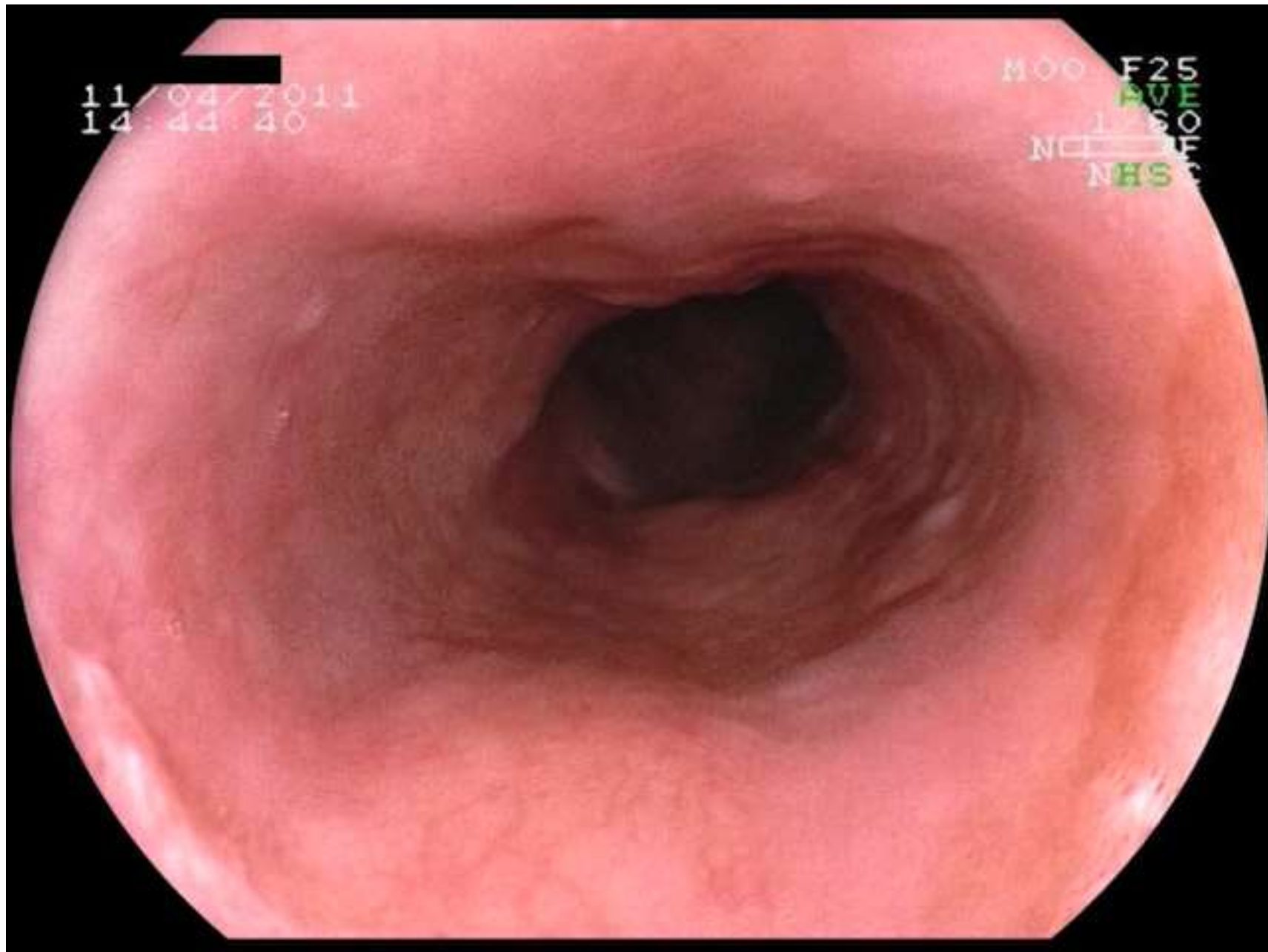
# Lasers, Training, ESD and Third-space Endoscopy



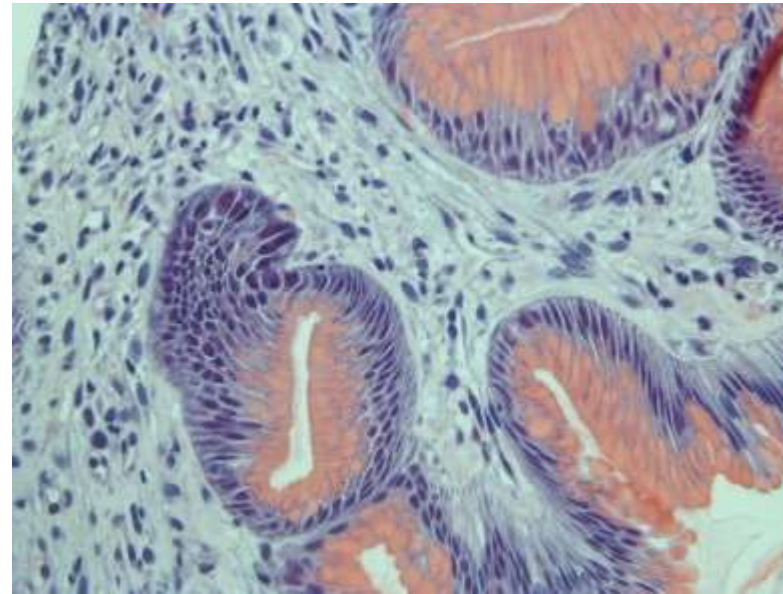
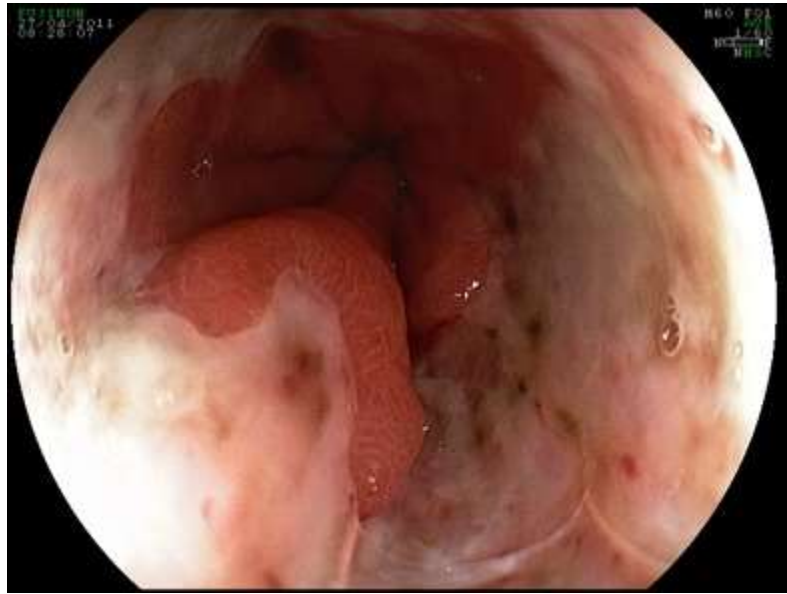
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# Early SCC in the cervical esoph.



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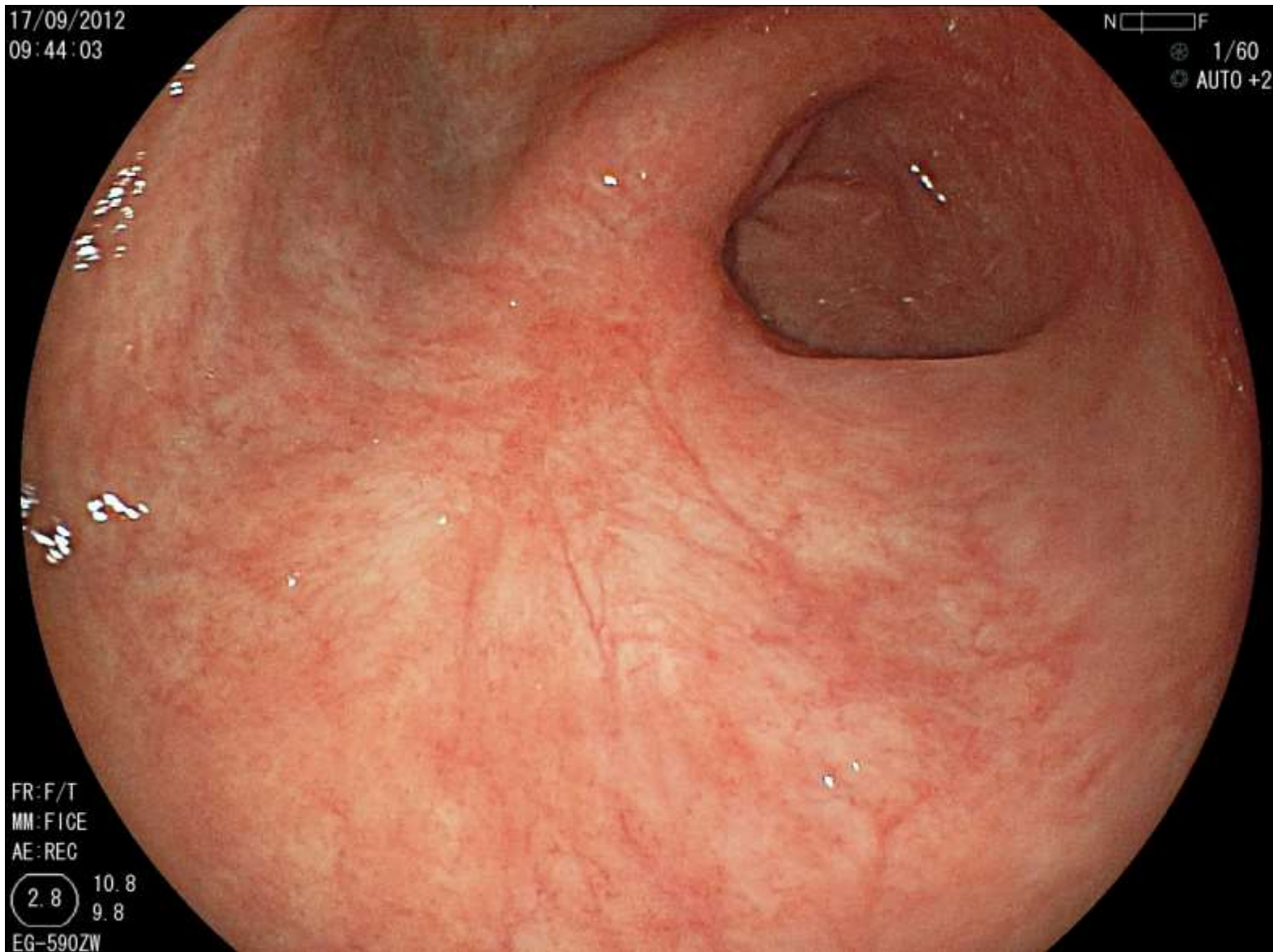
6 mois après extension  
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sur 80-100% de la  
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oesophagienne

**Gastroenterology 2014;146:906-909**



Hochberger 2011

# Superficial scar, gastric antrum



Hochberger 2012

# First Transplantation of Intestinal Mucosa to the Esophagus after local Scar Excision



Performed December 7th, 2016 in Berlin  
 Friedrichshain Hospital  
 Berliner Morgenpost,  
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7 Tage nach TPX  
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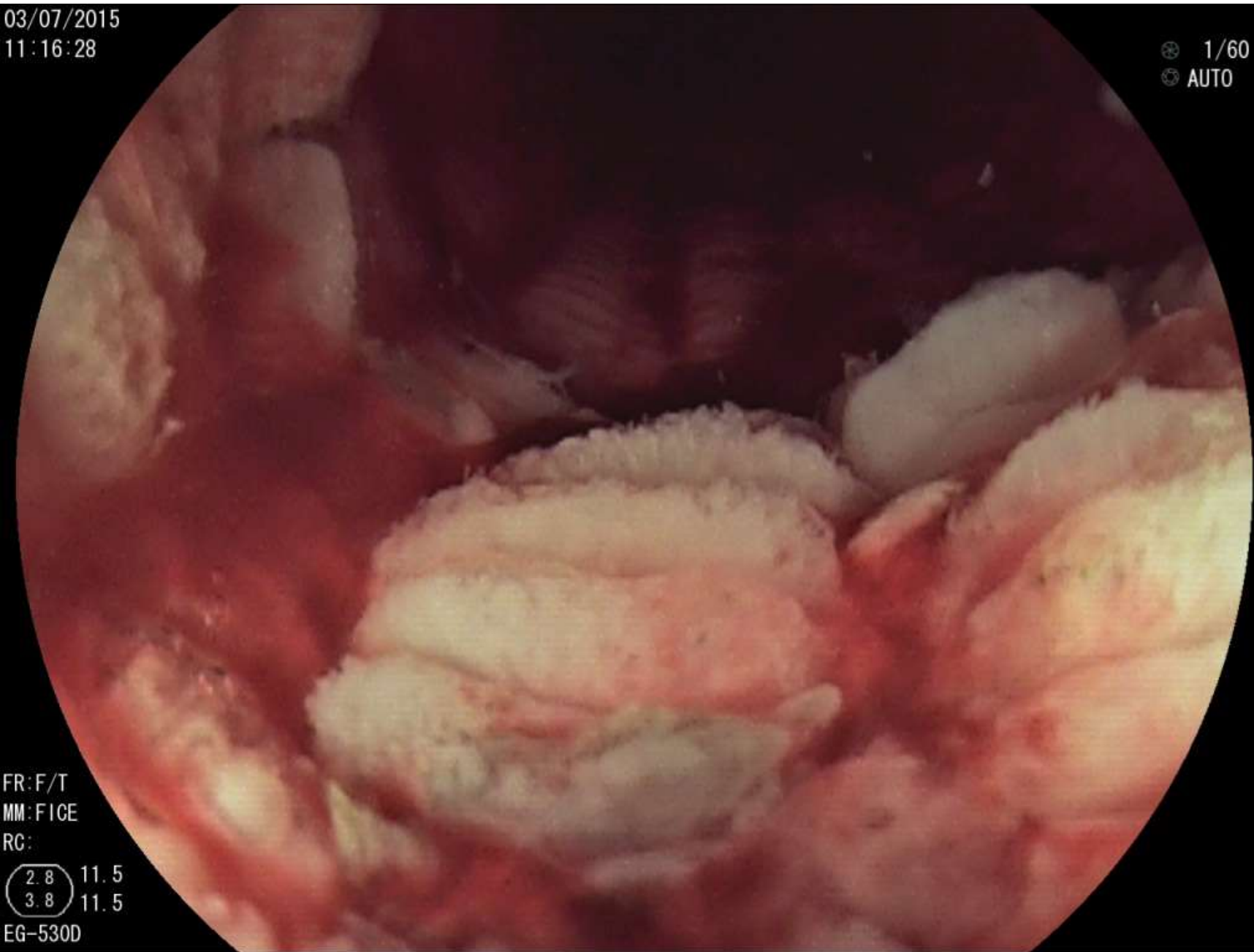


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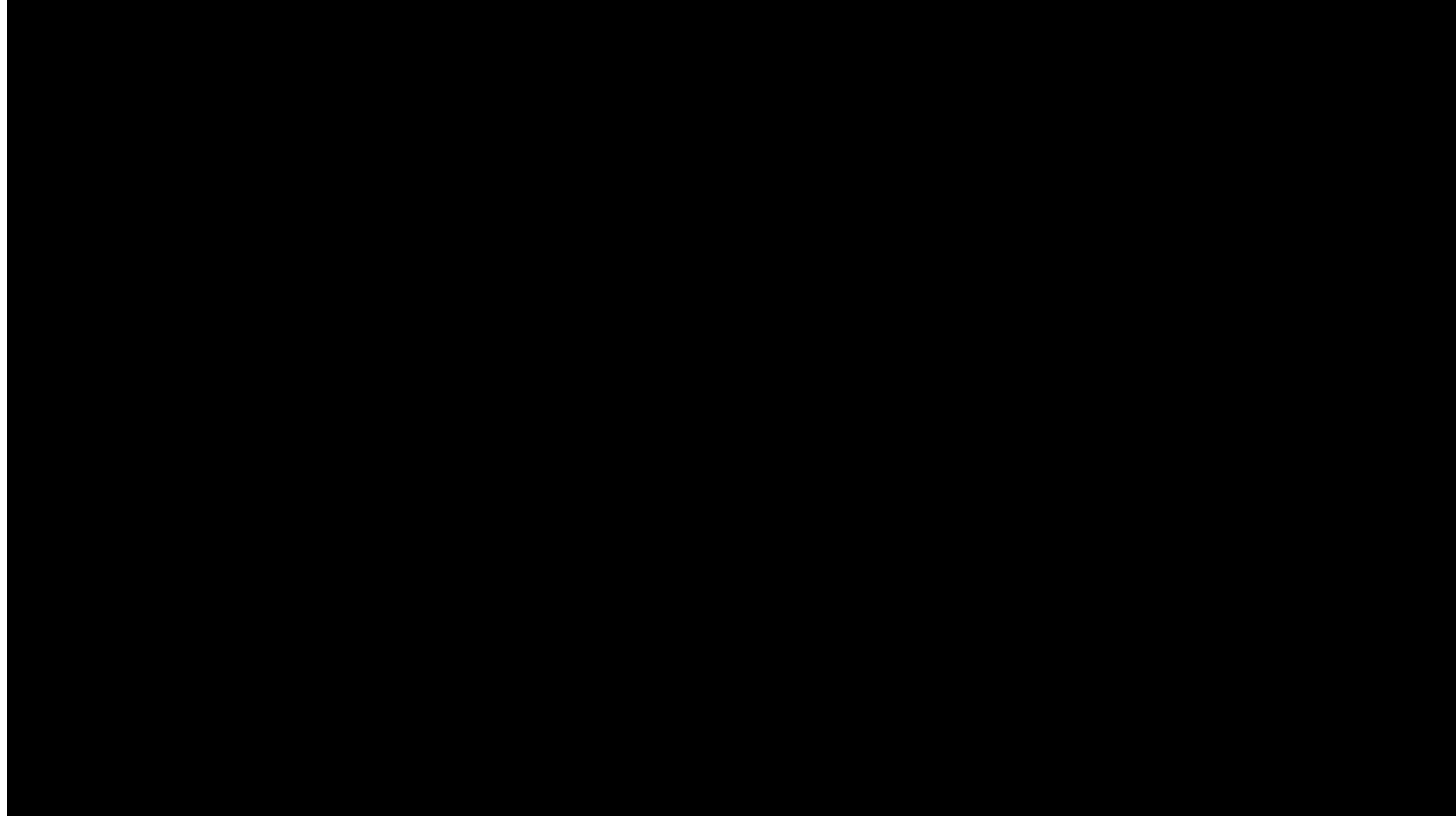
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# Transplantation of Small Intestinal Mucosa to the Esophagus

December 7th, 2016



# What counts .....





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