

# MANAGEMENT OF BARRETT'S ESOPHAGUS IN 2019



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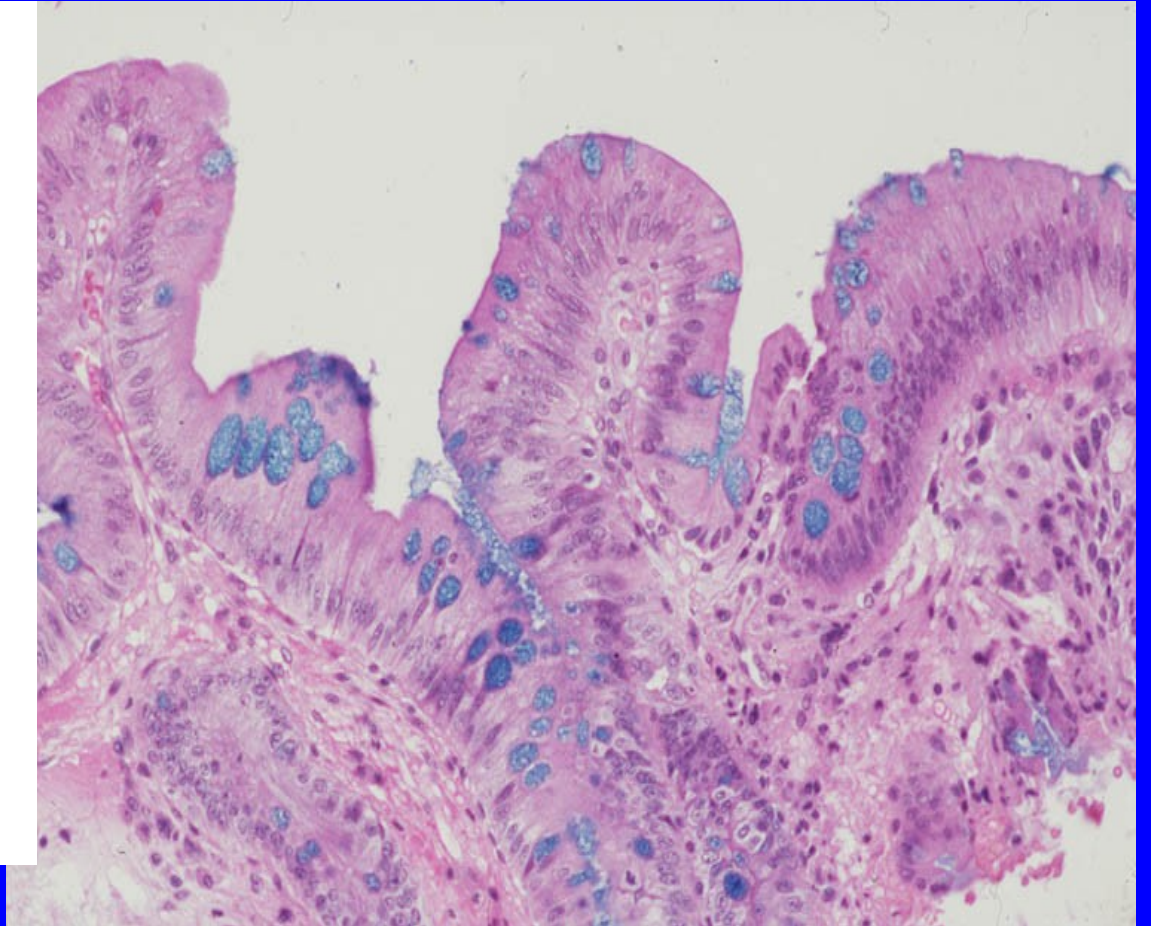
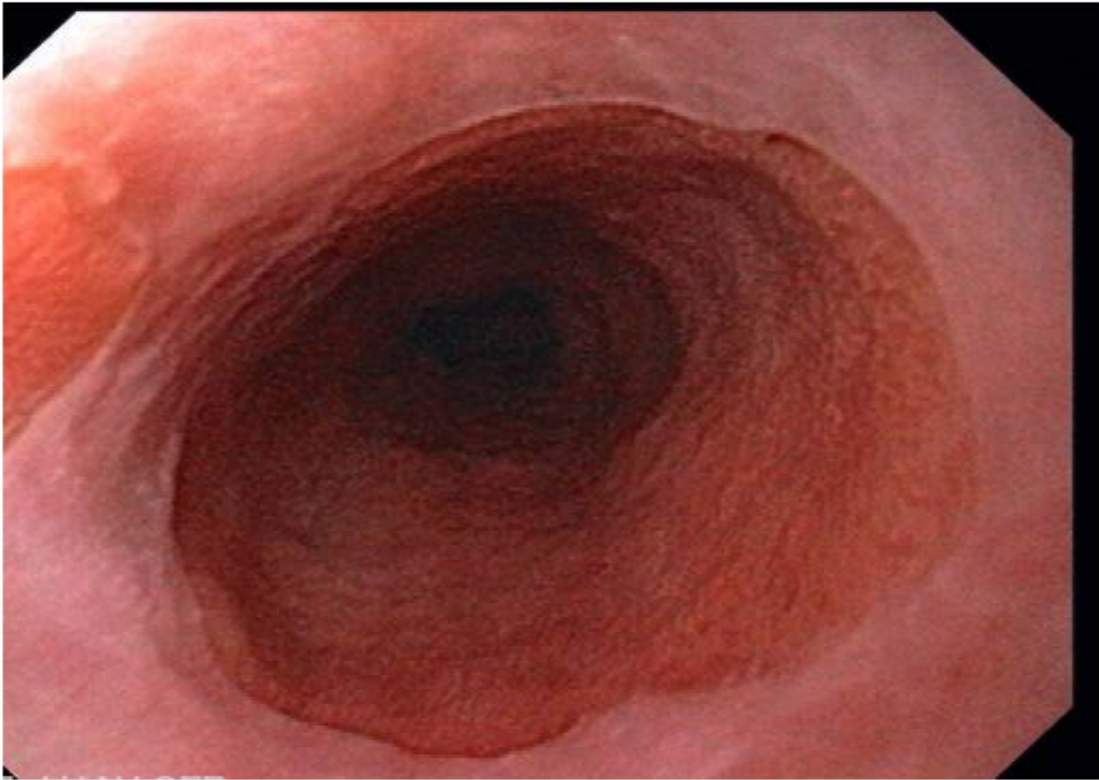
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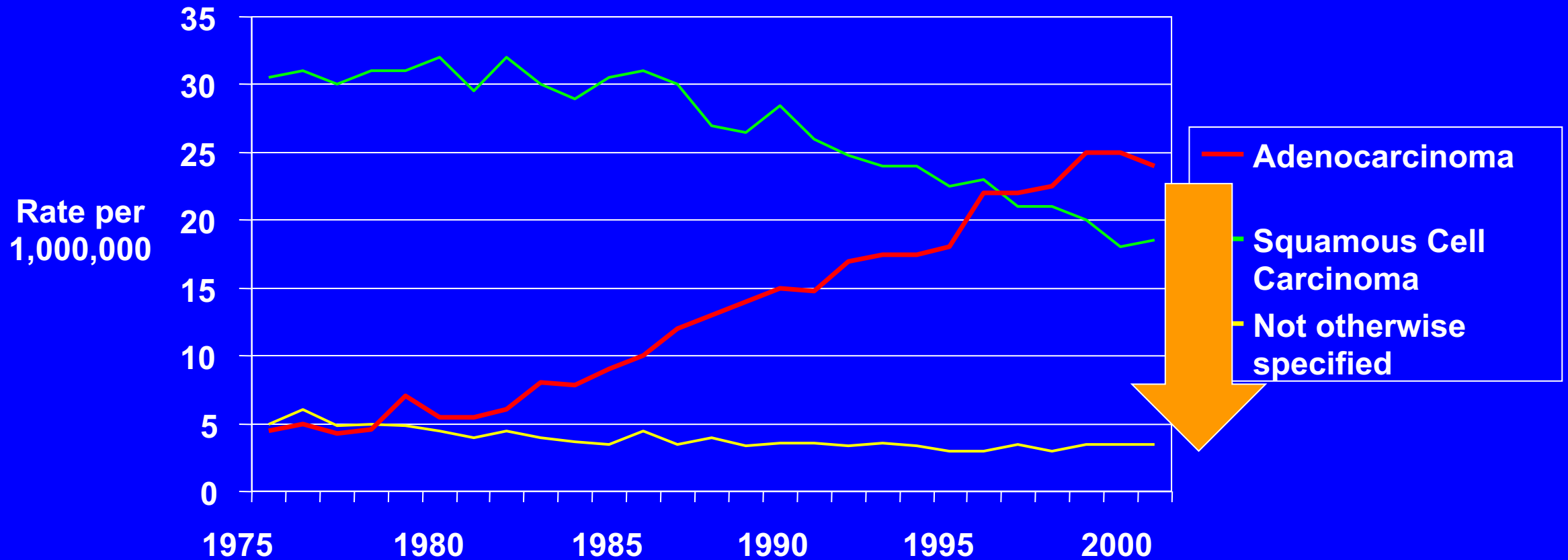




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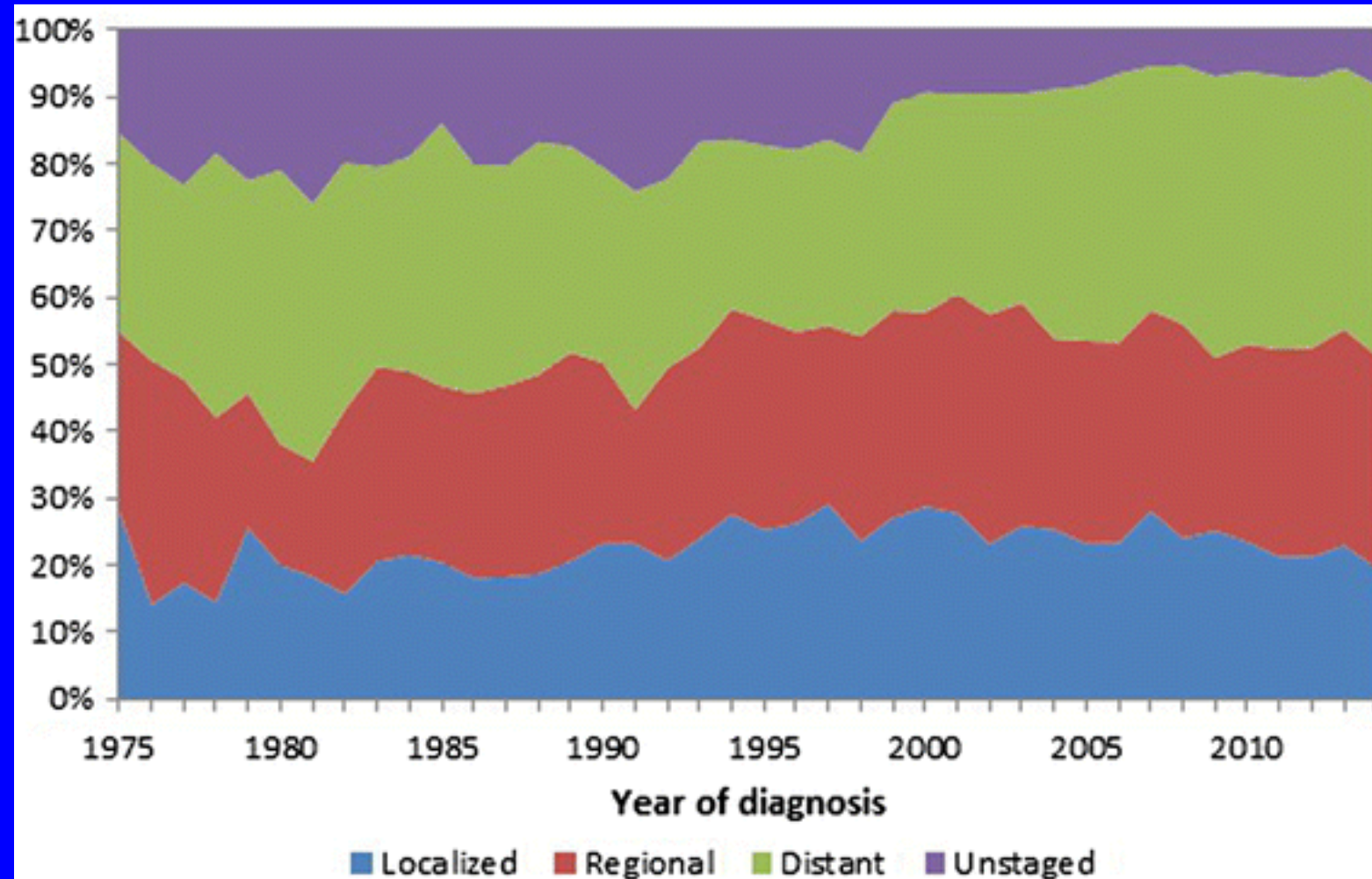


# RISING INCIDENCE OF ESOPHAGEAL ADENOCARCINOMA



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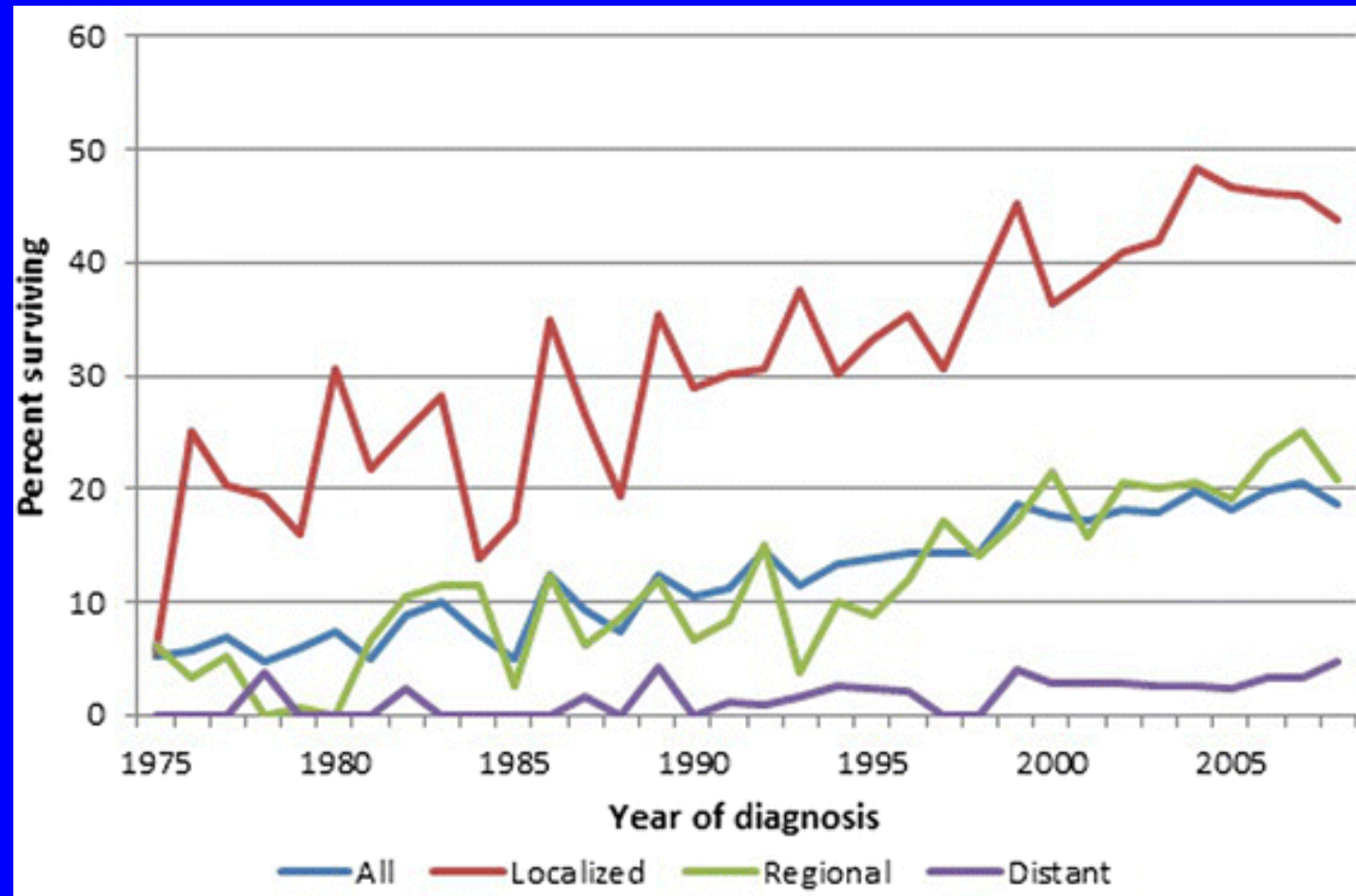
## STAGE DISTRIBUTION OF INCIDENT CANCERS





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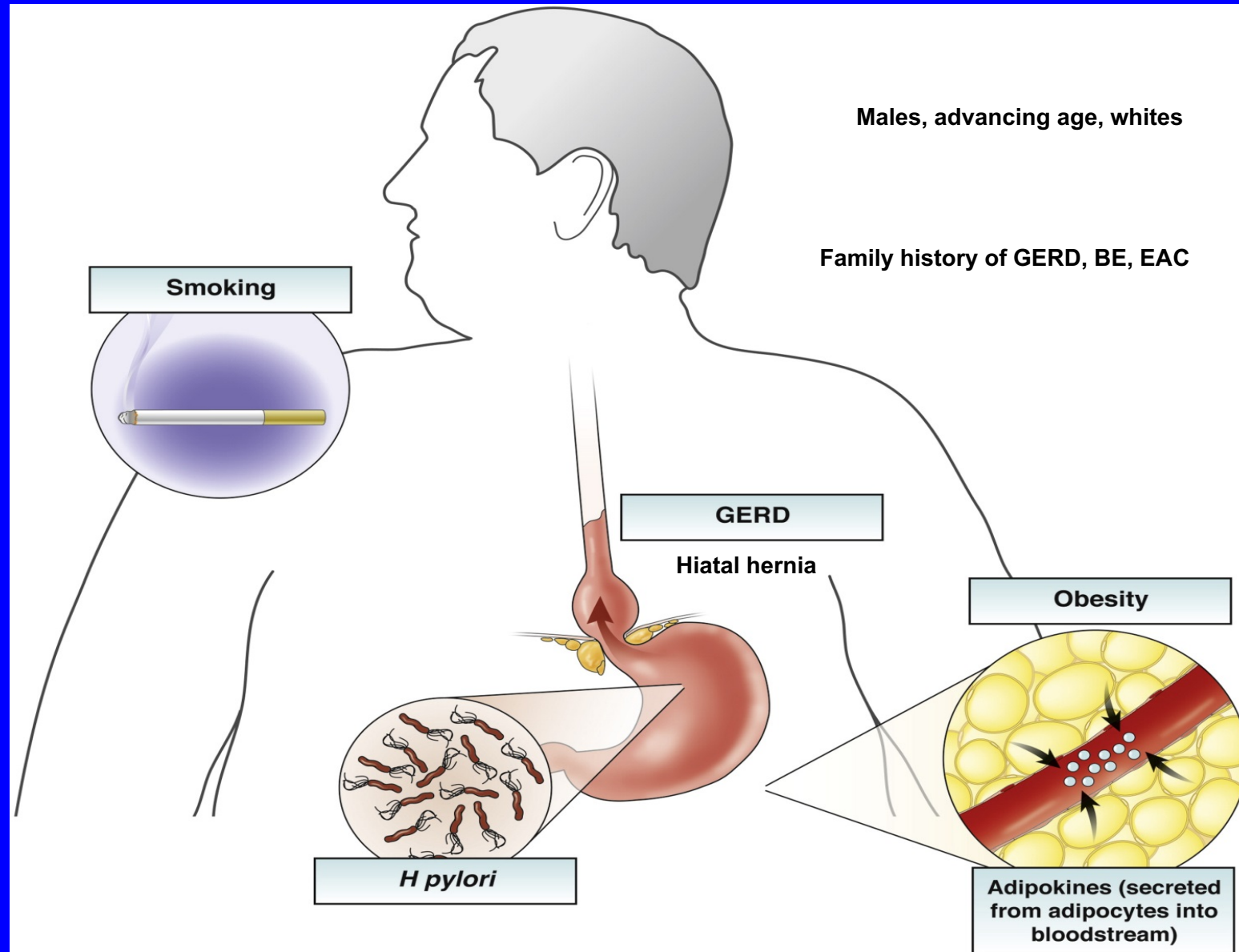
## 5-YEAR AGE-ADJUSTED SURVIVAL RATES



# OBJECTIVES

- Screening – is it effective and how will recent advances impact the way we screen for Barrett's esophagus
- Discuss issues with current surveillance and highlight the best practices in surveillance for Barrett's esophagus
- Candidates for endoscopic eradication therapy and pragmatic approach to Barrett's related neoplasia
- Quality indicators for Barrett's esophagus and endoscopic eradication therapy
- Recent guidelines and DDW 2019 updates

# EPIDEMIOLOGY – RISK AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS





# RISK FACTORS FOR EAC

Factor	Direction of Association	Strength of Association	Type of studies conducted
Physical activity	Inverse	30-40% reduced risk	Cohort and case-control studies
H pylori infection	Inverse	40-60% reduced risk	Meta-analyses of observational studies
NSAIDs	Inverse	32-64% reduced risk	Meta-analyses of population-based studies and RCTs
Statins	Inverse	41% reduced risk	Meta-analyses of population-based studies and RCTs

# RATIONALE FOR SCREENING AND SURVEILLANCE

- Esophageal adenocarcinoma is an important health problem
- Screening with endoscopy or other techniques AND surveillance with endoscopy once Barrett's esophagus is diagnosed will allow for detection of cancer at an early stage
- Minimally invasive treatment options exists for early stage disease
- Early detection will ultimately lead to more favorable patient outcomes (improved survival)

# **SCREENING FOR BARRETT'S ESOPHAGUS AND ESOPHAGEAL ADENOCARCINOMA**





# SCREENING FOR BARRETT'S ESOPHAGUS

AGA	ACG	BSG
<p>Multiple risk factors (&gt;50 years, male, white race, chronic GERD, hiatal hernia, increased BMI)</p> <p><b>Suggest</b></p>	<p>Men with chronic +/- frequent GERD symptoms and <math>\geq 2</math> risk factors: age&gt;50, Caucasians, central obesity (WC&gt;102/WHR&gt;0.9), smoking and FH of BE/EAC</p> <p><b>Consider</b></p>	<p>Chronic GERD and multiple risk factors (<math>\geq 3</math>): age<math>\geq 50</math>, white, male, obesity. Threshold lowered in FH of BE or EAC (at least 1, 1<sup>st</sup> degree)</p> <p><b>Consider</b></p>

# ASGE GUIDELINES FOR SCREENING AND SURVEILLANCE IN BARRETT'S ESOPHAGUS

**If screening for Barrett's esophagus is performed, we suggest a screening strategy that identifies an at-risk population – family history (high risk) or patients with GERD plus at least one other risk factor (moderate risk)**

# SCREENING FOR BARRETT'S ESOPHAGUS - LIMITATIONS

- Enormous burden to medical resources – high prevalence of GERD
- Barrett's esophagus in asymptomatic individuals (6-25%)
- 20-50% of EAC patients have no symptoms
- <10% of EAC – prior diagnosis of BE (suggesting that current clinical referral practices fail to identify majority of high-risk patients)

Rex DK et al, Gastro 2003; Gerson LB et al, Gastro 2002

Farrow DC et al, Cancer Causes Control 2000; Lagergren J et al, NEJM 1999

Inadomi J et al, Ann Intern Med 2003



# STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE SCREENING

- Cytosponge:
  - Minimally invasive cell collection device
  - 30 mm sponge in a capsule attached to a string
  - Primary care setting
  - Pseudo-biopsy (H&E and TFF-3)



# CYTOSPONGE – “BEST” DATA

- BEST1:

- GERD individuals on PPI (>3 years) – (n=504)

- BE length  $\geq 1$  cm

- Sensitivity 73.3%

- Specificity 93.8%

- BE length  $\geq 2$  cm

- Sensitivity 90%

- Specificity 93.5%



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# CYTOSPONGE – U.S. DATA

- Cross-sectional study – 6 U.S sites
- Eligible patients:  $\geq 18$  years, confirmed BE or heartburn or regurgitation for at least monthly for  $\geq 6$  months
- All patients underwent upper endoscopy
- Follow-up phone call was performed 7 days post-procedure
- Acceptability using visual analog scale for pain, Impact of Event Scale and patient's willingness to undergo repeat Cytosponge



# CYTOSPONGE – U.S. DATA

Acceptability Question (n=191, 129 BE, 62 GERD)	Average Rating
On a scale of 0-10 (10=highest acceptability), please rate your experience of the:	
Cytosponge Procedure	7.2 (2.5)
Endoscopy Procedure	8.5 (2.5)
Would you be willing to repeat the Cytosponge procedure?	
Yes	93.1%
What procedure would you prefer to undergo again?	
Traditional upper endoscopy	35.1%
Cytosponge	64.9%

# CYTOSPONGE – U.S. DATA

Diagnostic Performance	Average Rating
<b>Diagnostic performance all comers</b> Sensitivity Specificity Positive Predictive Value Negative Predictive Value	75.5% (65.6-83.8) 76.7% (64-86.6) 83.5% (73.9-90.7) 66.7% (54.3-77.6)
<b>Diagnostic performance (BE <math>\geq</math>3 cm)</b> Sensitivity Specificity Positive Predictive Value Negative Predictive Value	85.9% (75.6-93) 76.6% (62-87.7) 84.7% (74.3-92.1) 78.3% (63.6-89.1)

# STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE SCREENING

- Trans-nasal endoscopy

- Sensitivity 98%, specificity 100%
- Feasible in community
- Non-physician/non-GI providers (35 cases)
- Well tolerated
- Limitations: inability to intubate nasopharynx, discomfort, inferior endoscopic quality
- Participation higher compared to sedated endoscopy for screening (45.7% vs. 40.7%)
- Similar complete evaluation with EGD, shorter recovery times
- Lower successful biopsy acquisition (83% vs. 100%)



# ELECTRONIC NOSE BREATH TESTING

- Device detects and profiles volatile organic compounds of human and gut bacterial metabolism
- Profiling study of 66 BE patients and 56 controls – sensitivity 82%, specificity 80%, AUROC 0.79
- Enrollment rate 95%

# STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE SCREENING

- Tethered capsule endomicroscopy
- Liquid biopsies/circulating tumor cells
- Oral microbiome testing



# STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE SCREENING – GREAT IDEAS OR GREAT PRACTICE?

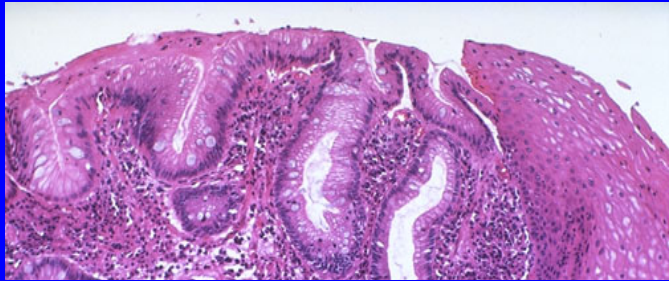
- Understanding failure of screening strategies – failure to refer patients with GERD symptoms OR failure of patients to follow recommendations
- Barrett's risk score
  - Using models
  - Incorporates risk factors such as age, race, GERD symptoms, smoking, waist circumference
  - Blood biomarker

# **SURVEILLANCE IN BARRETT'S ESOPHAGUS**

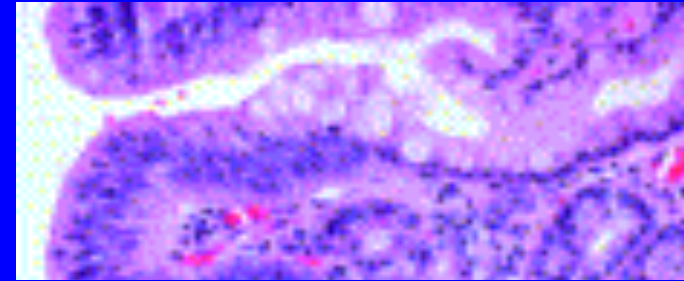


# STEPWISE PROGRESSION OF BARRETT'S ESOPHAGUS TO ESOPHAGEAL ADENOCARCINOMA

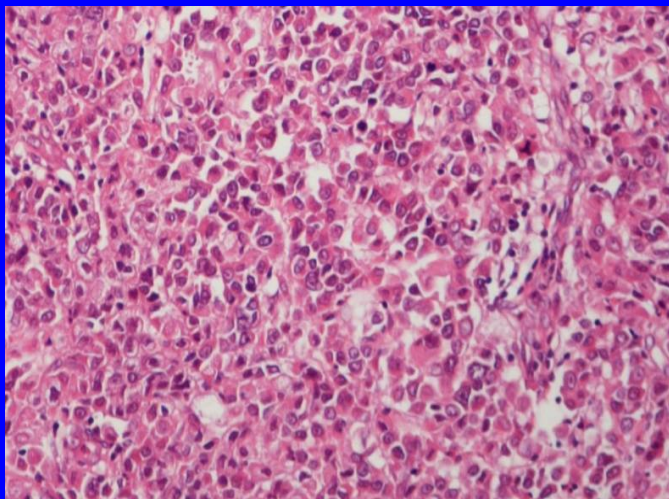
Non-Dysplastic BE



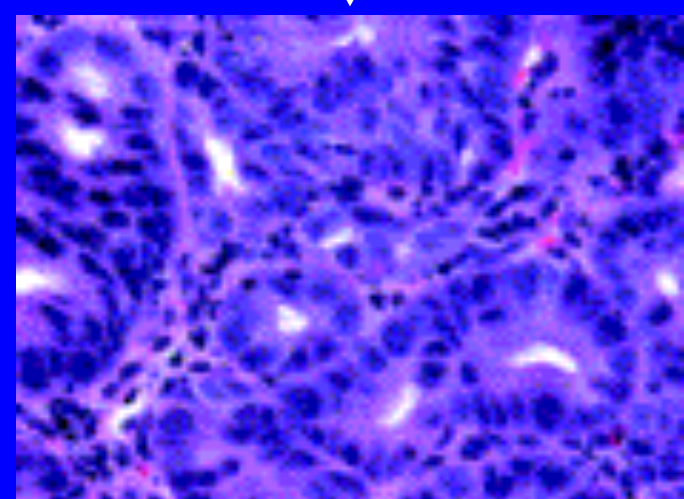
Low-Grade Dysplasia



Degree of dysplasia within BE - best current biomarker to predict progression to EAC and determine management (surveillance vs. endoscopic eradication therapy)



Adenocarcinoma



High-Grade Dysplasia

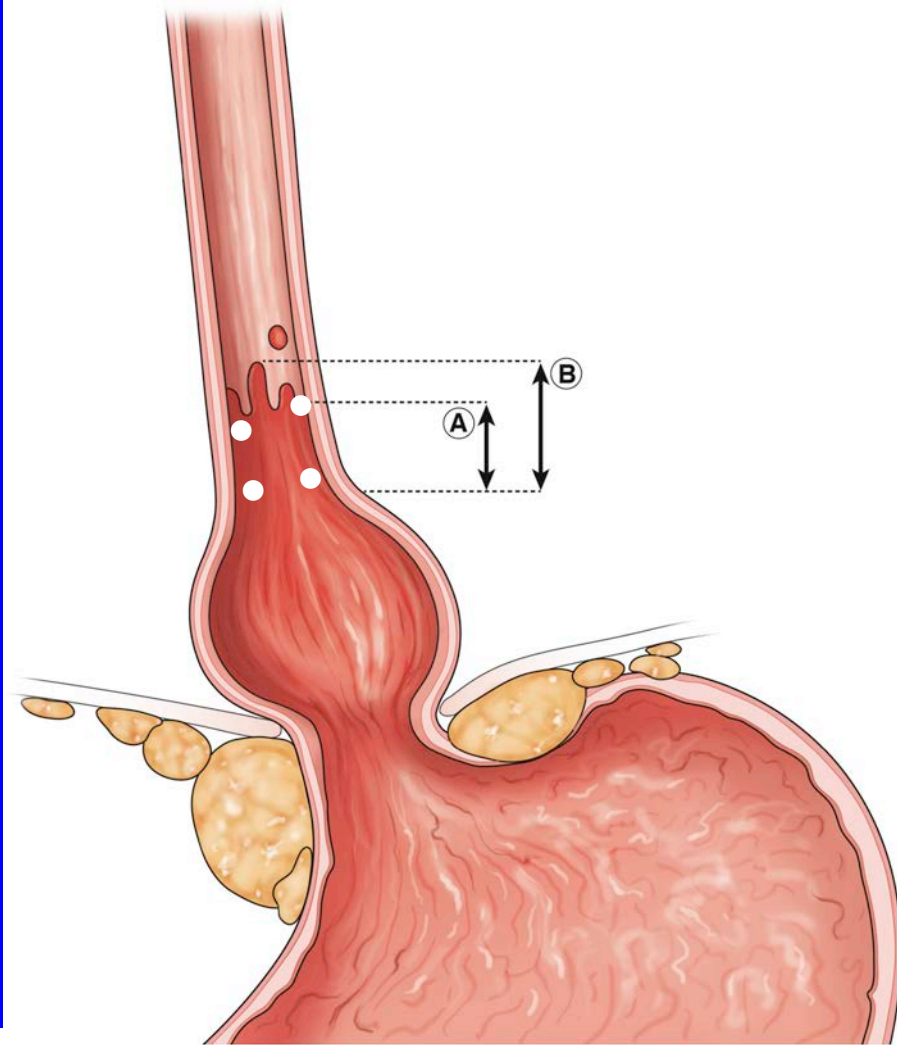


# DOES SURVEILLANCE IMPACT MORTALITY?

- Meta-analysis of 4 cohort studies reported lower EAC-related and all-cause mortality associated with regular surveillance (RR 0.6; 95% CI 0.5-0.71 and HR 0.75, 95% CI 0.59-0.94)
- Meta-analysis of 12 cohort studies reported lower EAC-related and all-cause mortality among surveillance-detected EAC vs. symptom detected EAC (RR 0.73; 95% CI 0.57-0.94 and HR 0.59; 95% CI 0.45-0.76)



# ENDOSCOPIC SURVEILLANCE IN BARRETT'S ESOPHAGUS



## Seattle Protocol

- Systematic biopsies should be taken from every 1-2 cm in 4 quadrants throughout the extent of the endoscopically involved segment
- Biopsies from any visible lesion (no matter how subtle) should be obtained and processed separately from the systematic biopsies





# NATURAL HISTORY OF NON-DYSPLASTIC BARRETT'S ESOPHAGUS

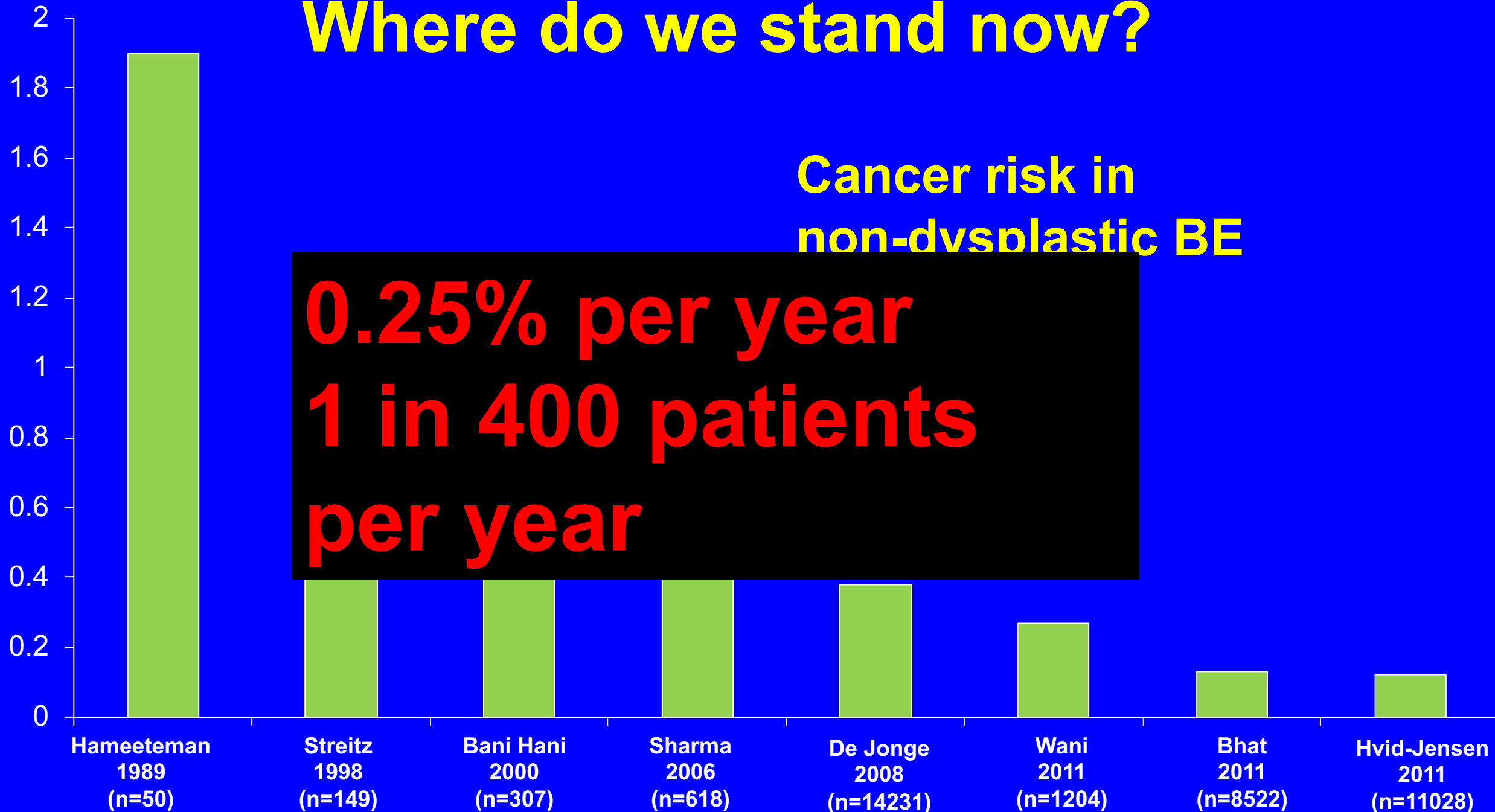
1204 patients with non-dysplastic BE  
Mean follow-up: 5.52 years

Diagnosis	Number of incidence cases	Incidence rate %/year (95% CI)
LGD	217	3.6 (3.19-4.16)
HGD	32	0.48 (0.34-0.68)
EAC	18	0.27 (0.17-0.43)
HGD/EAC	42	0.63 (0.47-0.86)

# Where do we stand now?

Cancer risk in  
non-dysplastic BE

**0.25% per year**  
**1 in 400 patients**  
**per year**



# SURVEILLANCE ISSUES

## WHERE WE ARE

- Dysplasia and early EAC indistinguishable from NDBE
- Patchy distribution
- Biopsy small fraction of Barrett's segment
- Sampling errors
- Time consuming and expensive
- Variability in techniques and surveillance intervals not followed

# SURVEILLANCE ISSUES

## WHERE WE ARE

- **Magnitude of missed EAC after BE diagnosis:**
  - Systematic review and meta-analysis of cohort studies of patients with NDBE and BE with LGD
  - Primary aim: assess pooled proportion of missed (diagnosed within 1 year) and incident (diagnosed more than 1 year after initial endoscopy) EAC
  - 24 studies included 820 EAC cases
  - Missed EAC – 25.3% (95% CI 16.4-36.8)
  - Similar rates when only NDBE patients included

# QUALITY INDICATORS FOR BARRETT'S ESOPHAGUS – AGA

- If a patient with known BE undergoes surveillance endoscopy, surveillance biopsies should be taken from every 1 to 2 cm in 4 quadrants throughout the extent of the endoscopically involved segment (Grade of recommendation: strong, quality of evidence: moderate)
- If systematic surveillance biopsies performed in a patient known to have BE show no evidence of dysplasia, follow up surveillance endoscopy should be recommended no sooner than 3-5 years (Grade of recommendation: weak, quality of evidence: low)



# ENDOSCOPISTS OVERUTILIZE ENDOSCOPY AND BIOPSY THE LEAST WHO NEED IT THE MOST

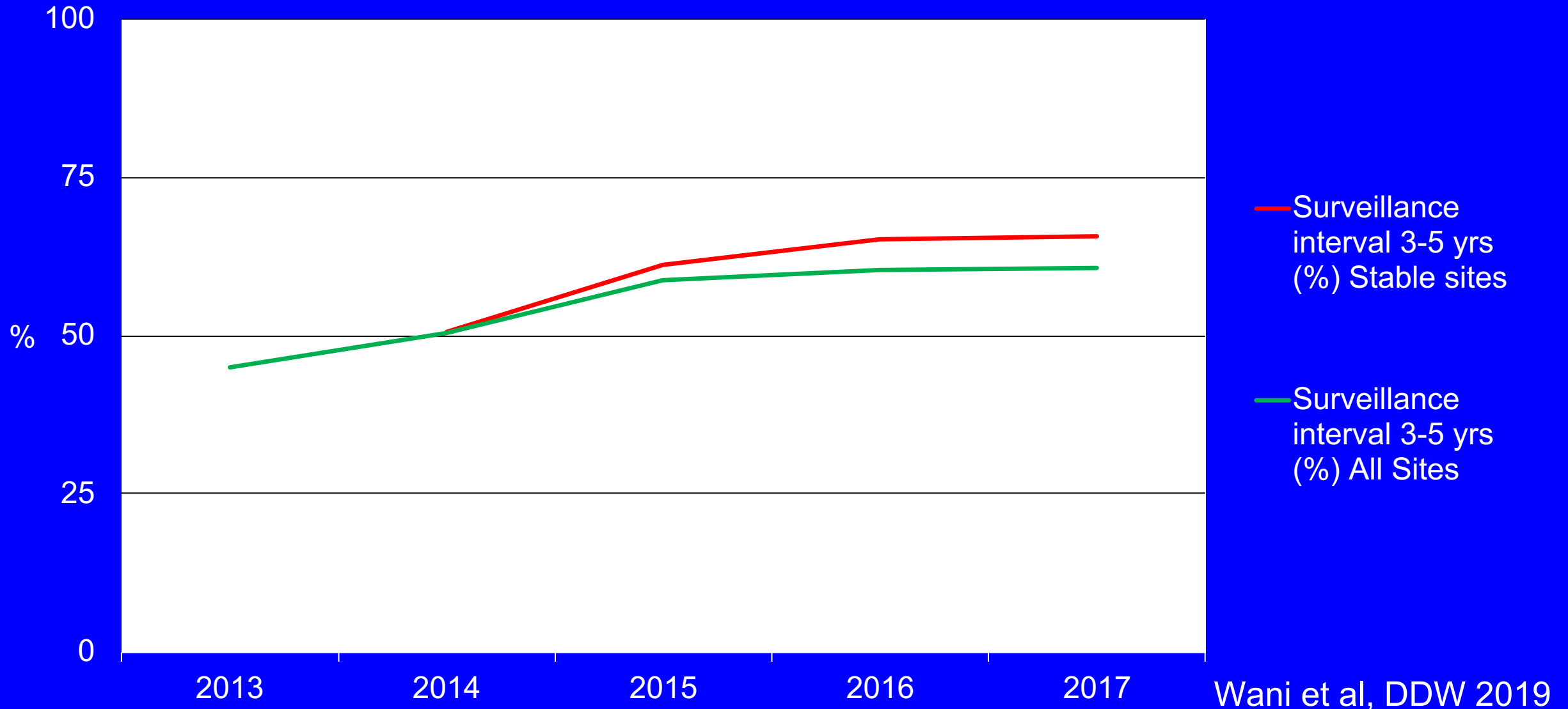
- Data from a National Benchmarking Registry (GIQuIC)
- EGD records: 1/2012 – 9/2017
- 58,709 EGDs in 53,541 patients
- Mean BE length: 2.3 (SD 2.31)
- Adherence to Seattle protocol defined by dividing BE length by no. of jars - ratio of  $\geq 2.0$ 
  - Rounding down (lenient definition)
  - Rounding up (stringent definition)
- Adherence to 3-5 year surveillance interval assessed

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- **Adherence to Seattle biopsy protocol:**
  - Lenient definition: 77.5%, stringent definition: 73%
  - BE length strongest predictor for non-adherence (OR 0.69)
- **Adherence to 3-5 year surveillance intervals:**
  - 30% procedures non-adherent and brought back too soon
  - 10-year time frame: excess of 42,786 EGDs or additional 40% EGDs

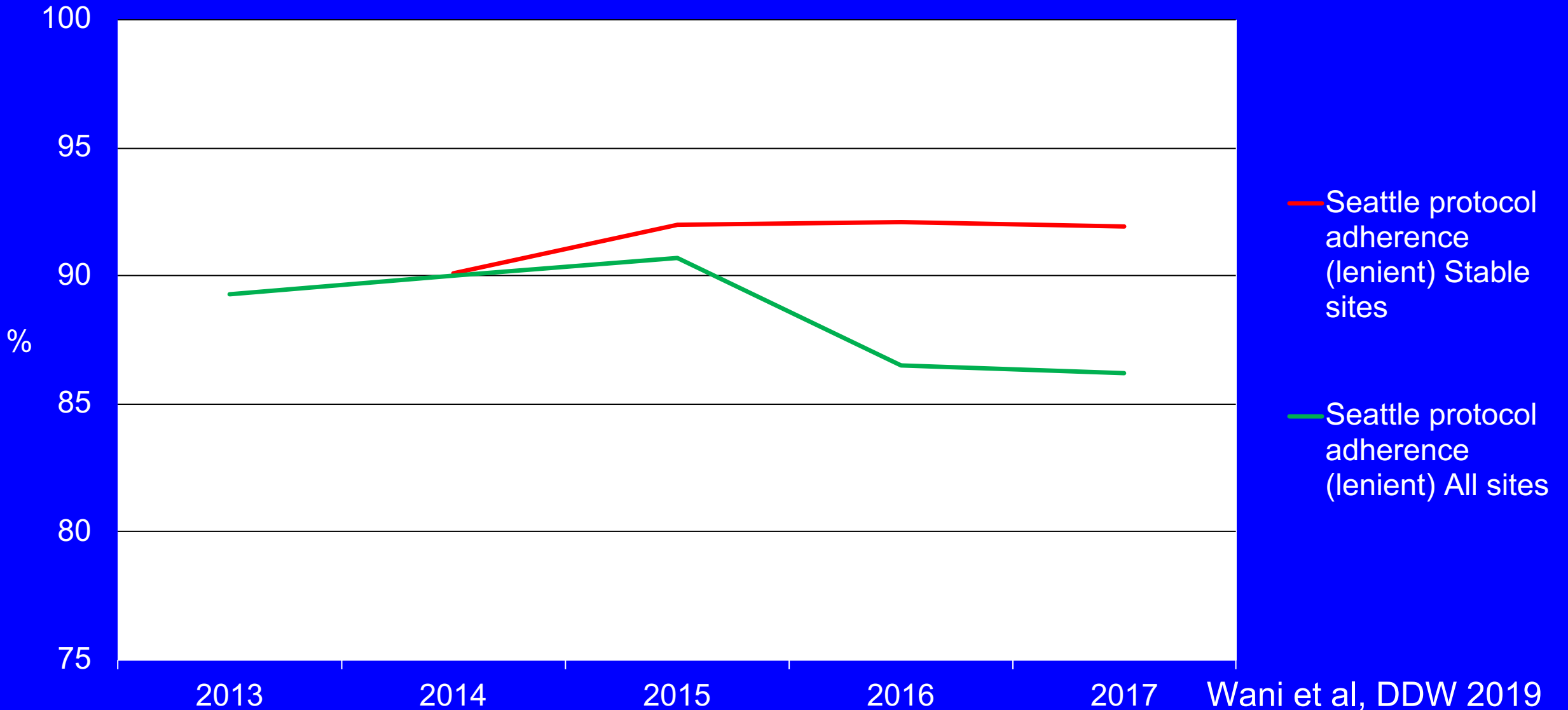
# ADHERENCE TO QUALITY INDICATORS

Time Trends in NDBE Surveillance Adherence, 2013-17



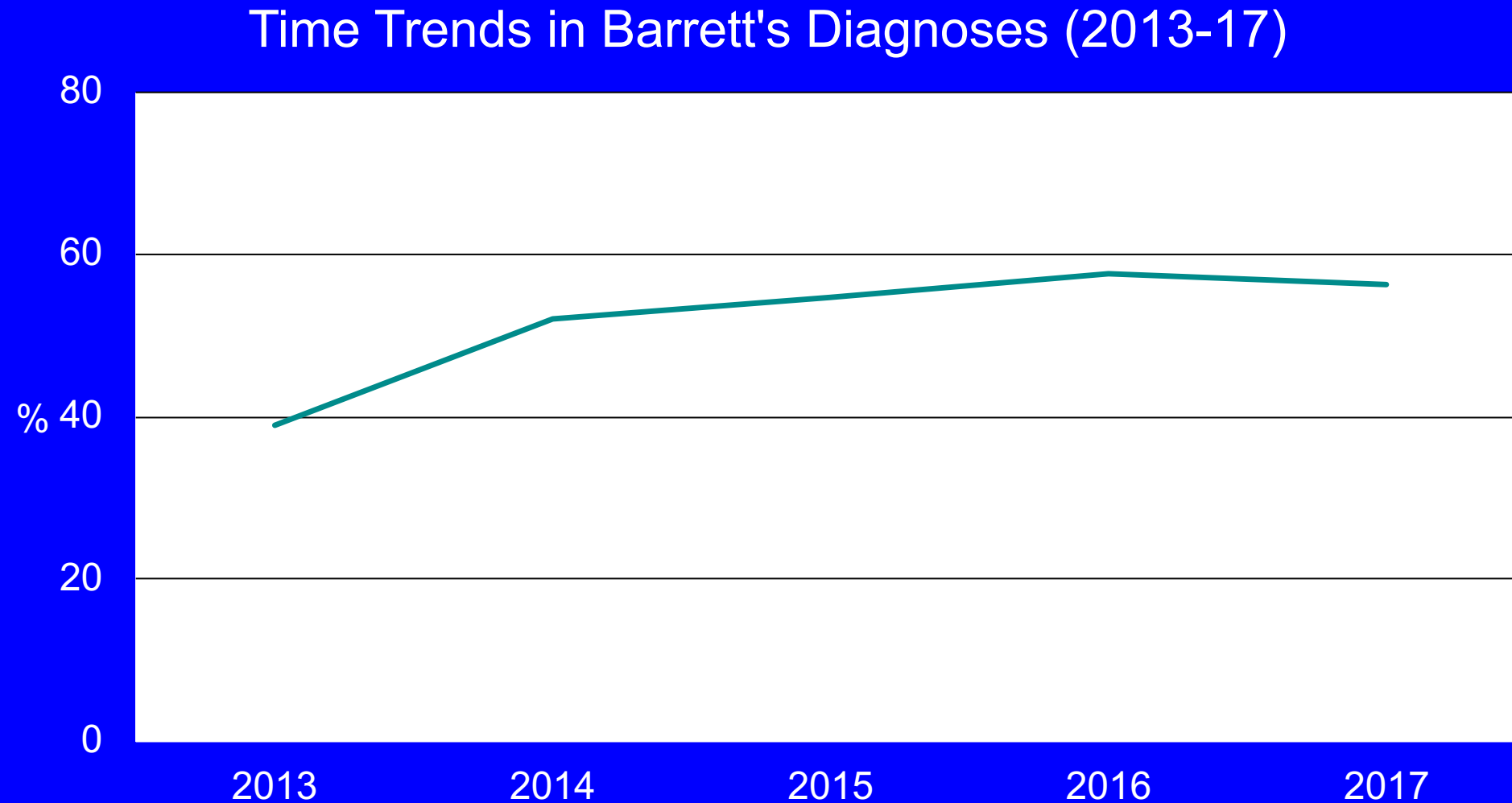
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Time Trends in Seattle Protocol Adherence (Lenient) - 2013-17



# DETECTION OF BARRETT'S ESOPHAGUS

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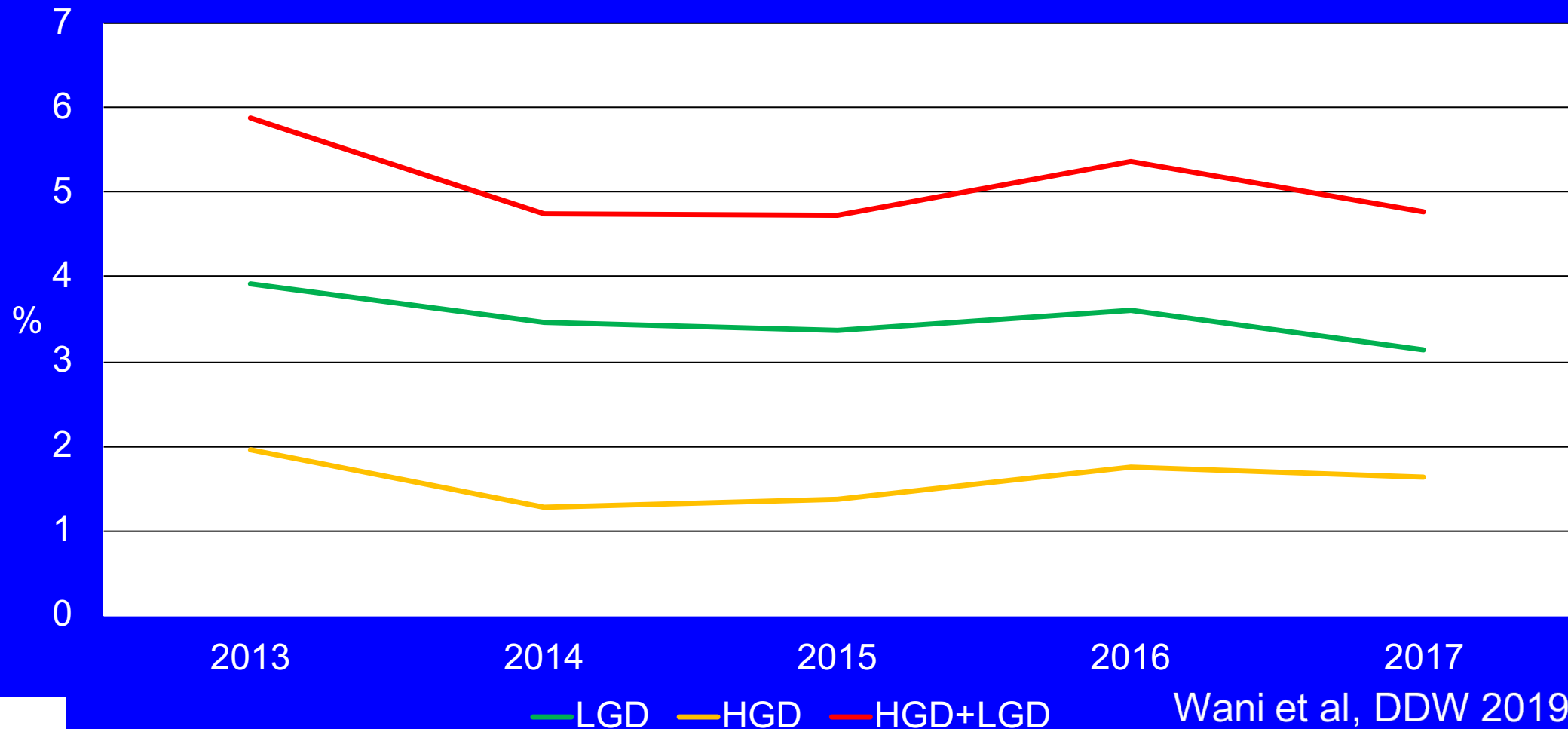




# DYSPLASIA DETECTION RATES

## *Time-trend analyses*

Time Trends in Dysplasia Detection - All Sites (2013-17)



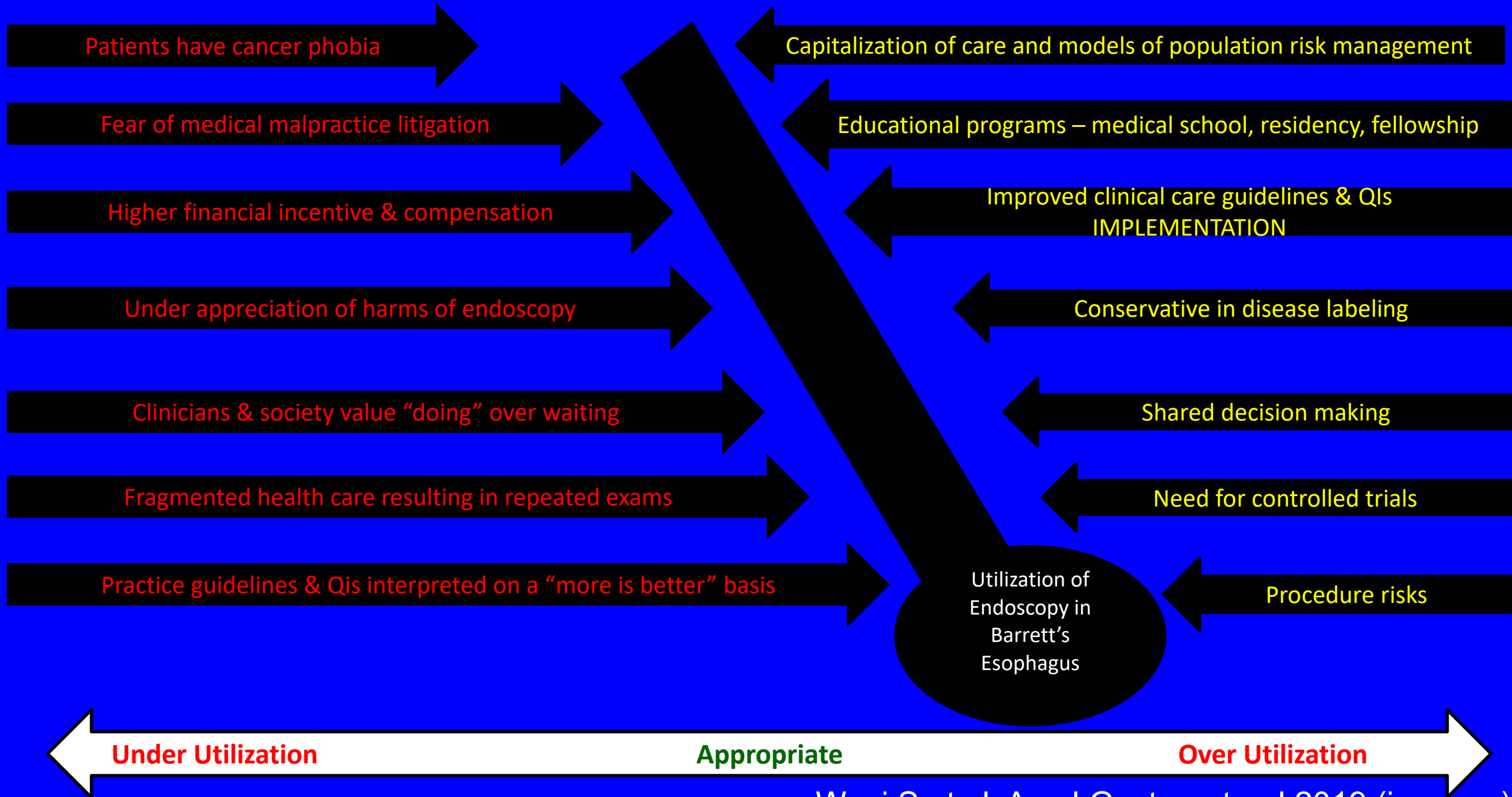
Wani et al, DDW 2019



# IMPLICATIONS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- Future intervention studies need to focus on improving Dysplasia Detection Rate at a population level:
  - educational tools to detect dysplasia during endoscopy
  - improved adherence to Seattle biopsy protocol
  - improved sampling techniques that reduce the risk of sampling errors



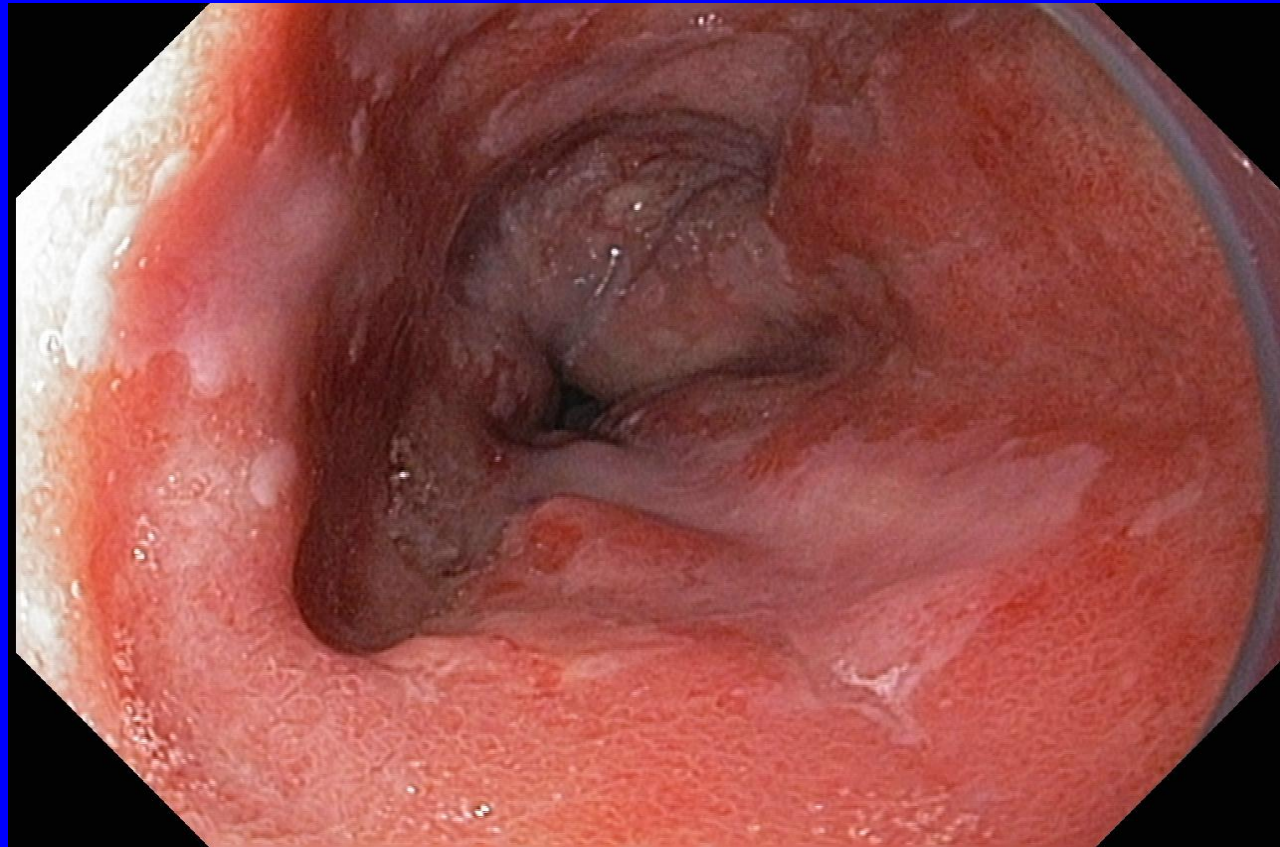
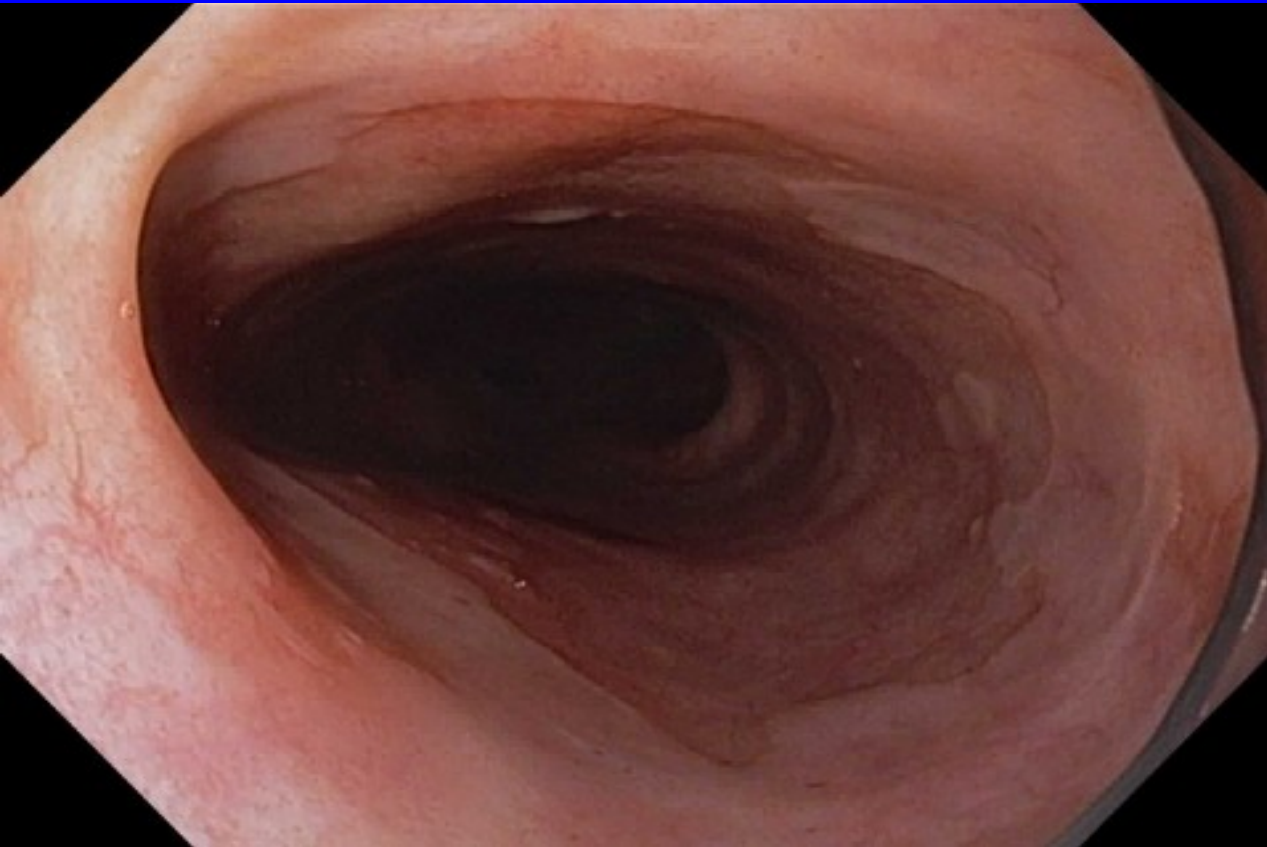


# WHAT IS THE APPROPRIATE AGE TO STOP ENDOSCOPIC SURVEILLANCE – A COST-EFFECTIVENESS ANALYSIS

Comorbidity level	EACMo Model	Erasmus/UW Model	Average
None	81	83	83
Mild	81	83	82
Moderate	78	80	79
Severe	74	76	75

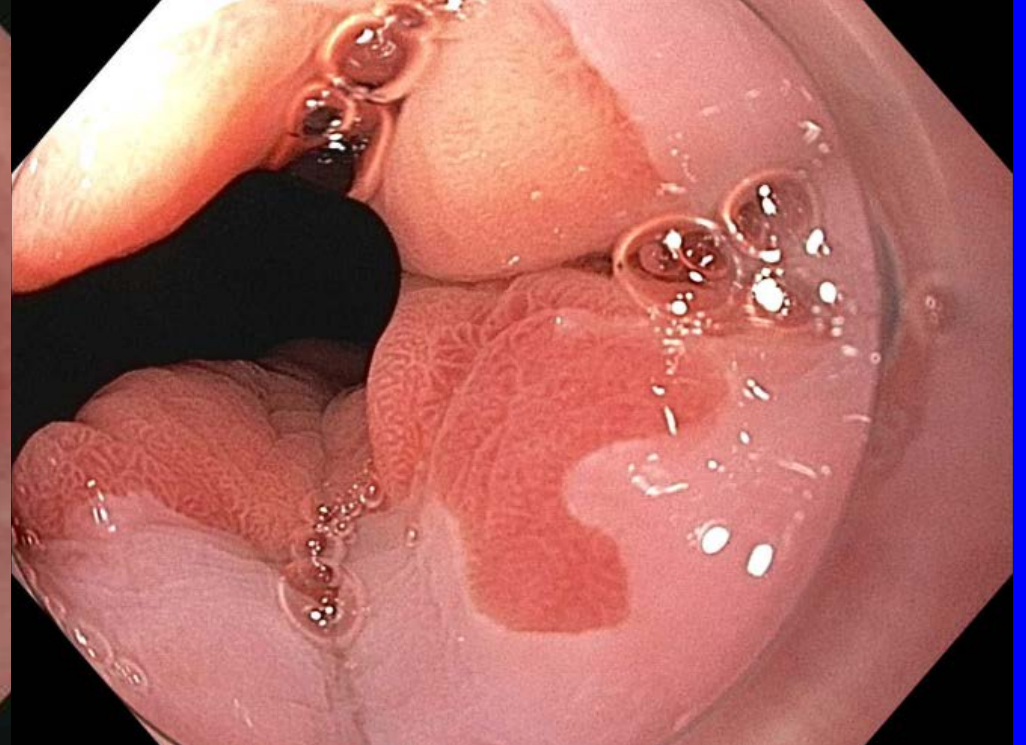
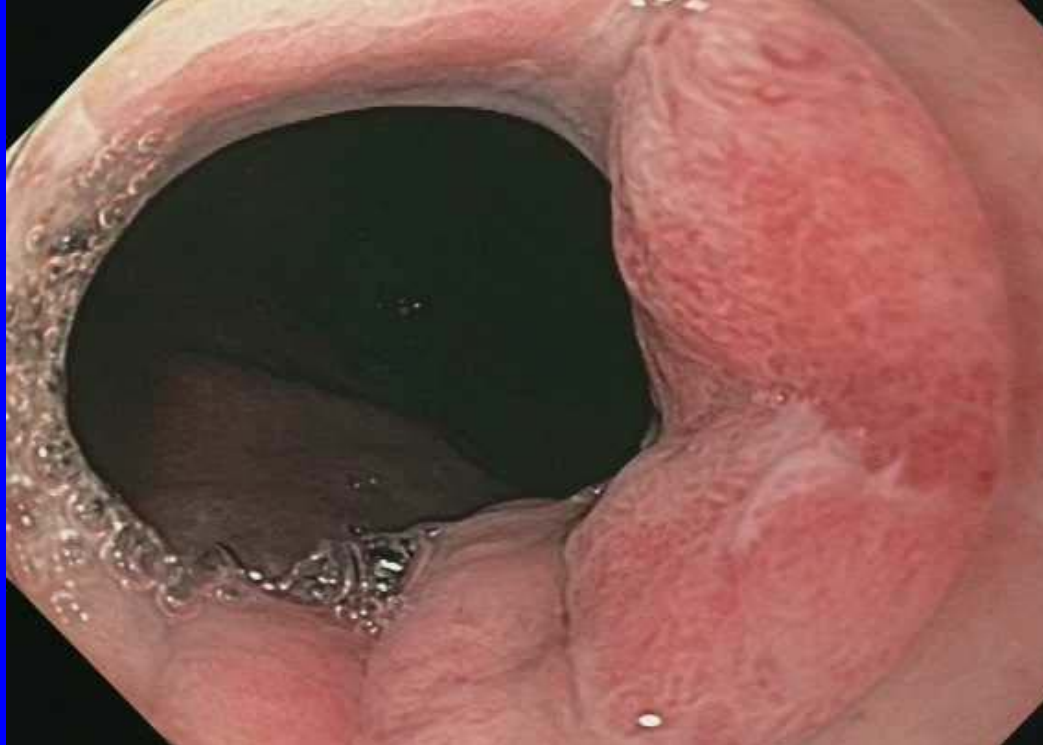
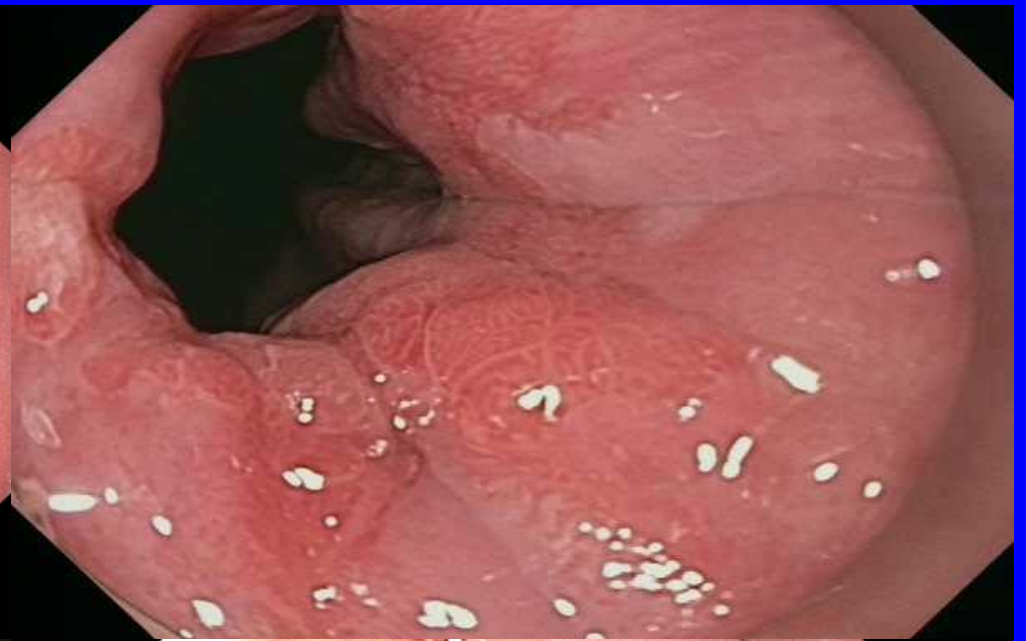


# HOW CAN SURVEILLANCE BE OPTIMIZED? HIGH RESOLUTION ENDOSCOPY



## STANDARD OF CARE



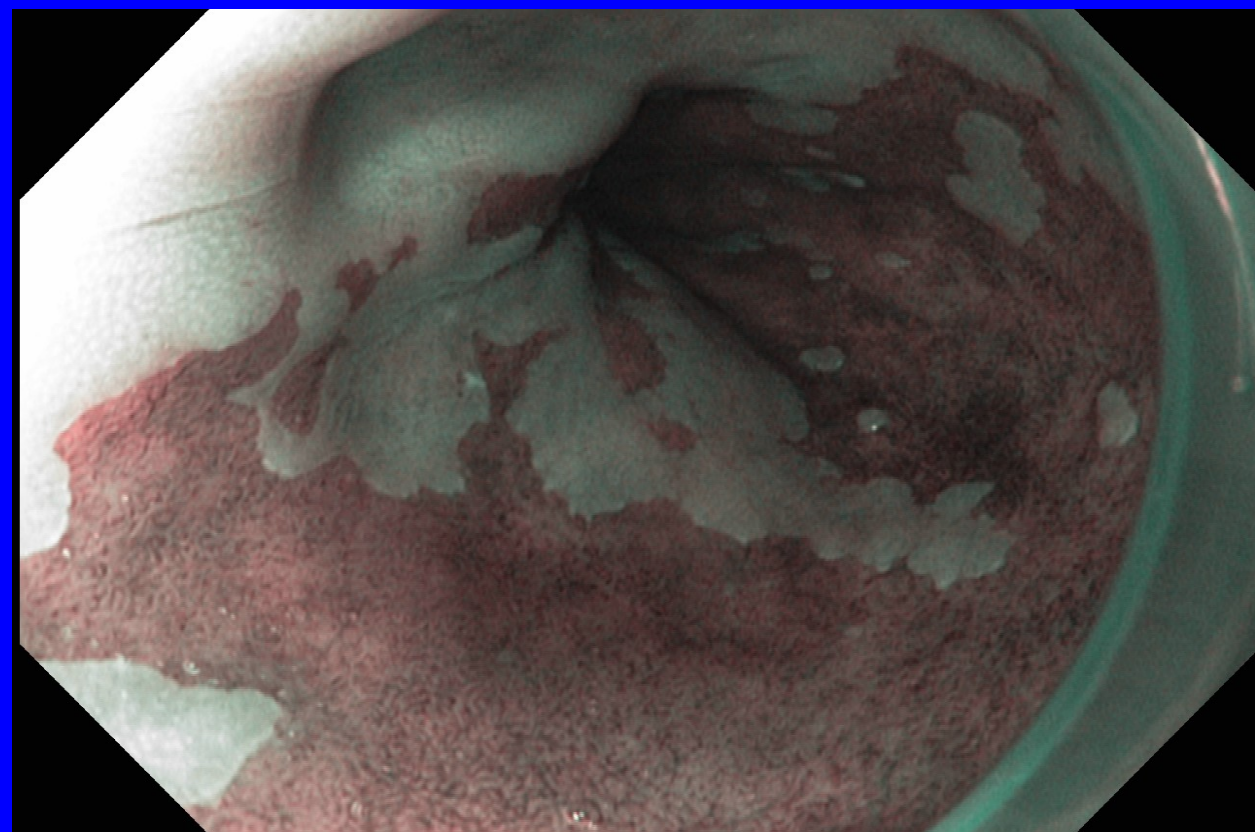
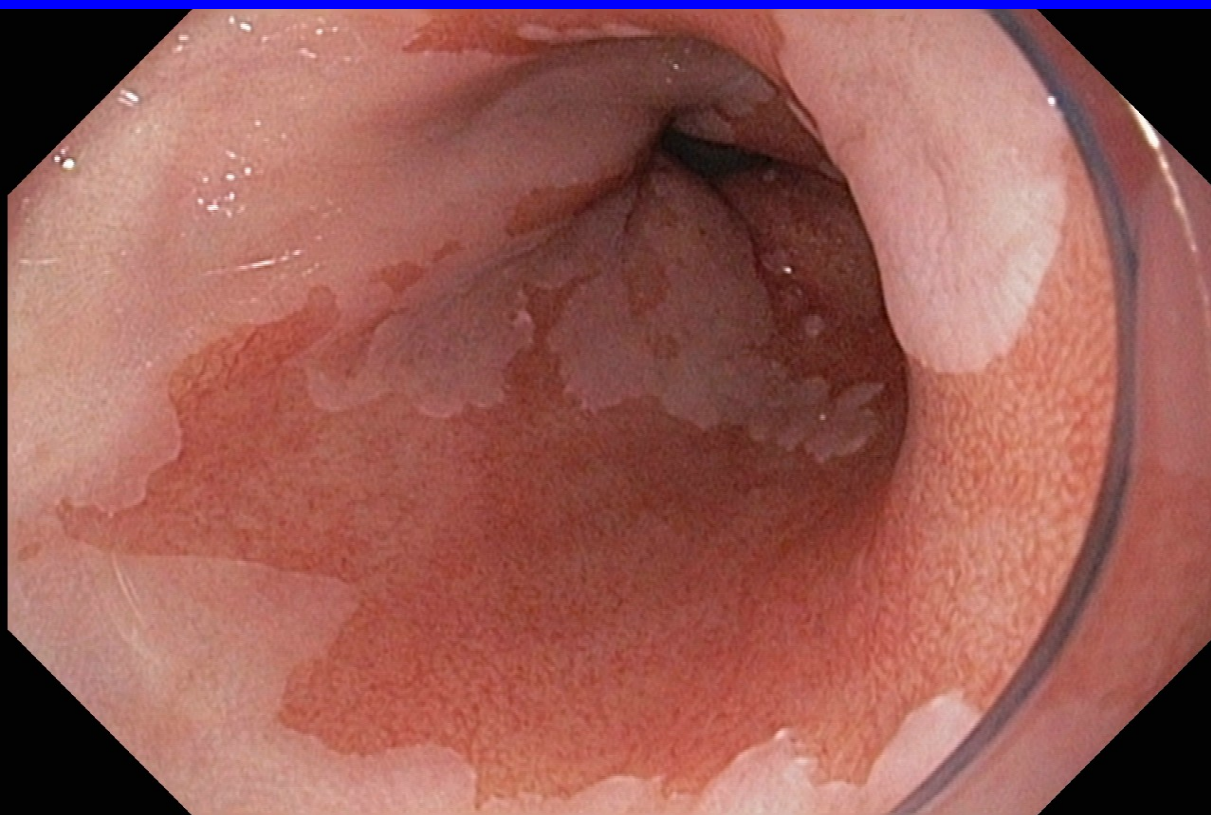


# ADVANCED IMAGING TECHNIQUES

- Chromoendoscopy
- Magnification endoscopy
- Optical electronic chromoendoscopy (NBI)
- Autofluorescence endoscopy
- Confocal endomicroscopy
- Optical coherence tomography
- High-resolution microendoscopy
- Multispectral scanning
- Molecular imaging
- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



# NARROW BAND IMAGING



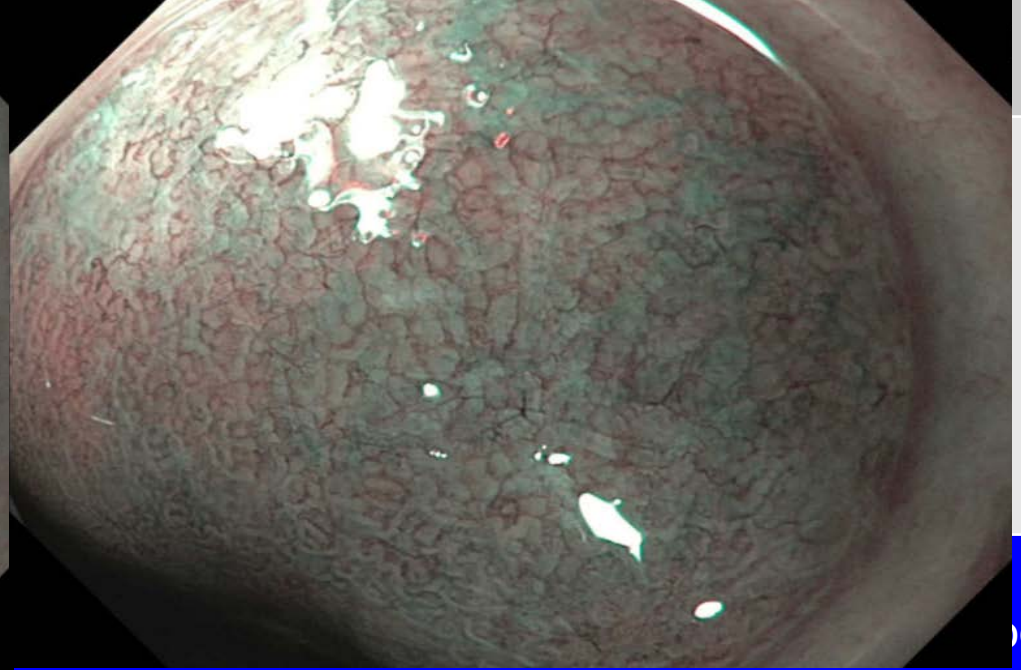
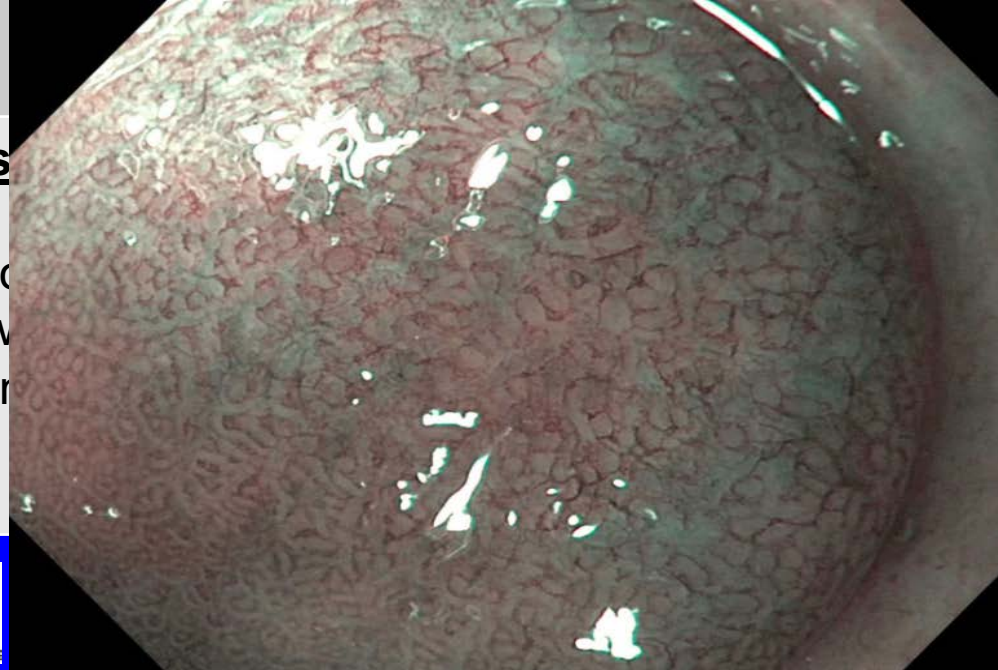
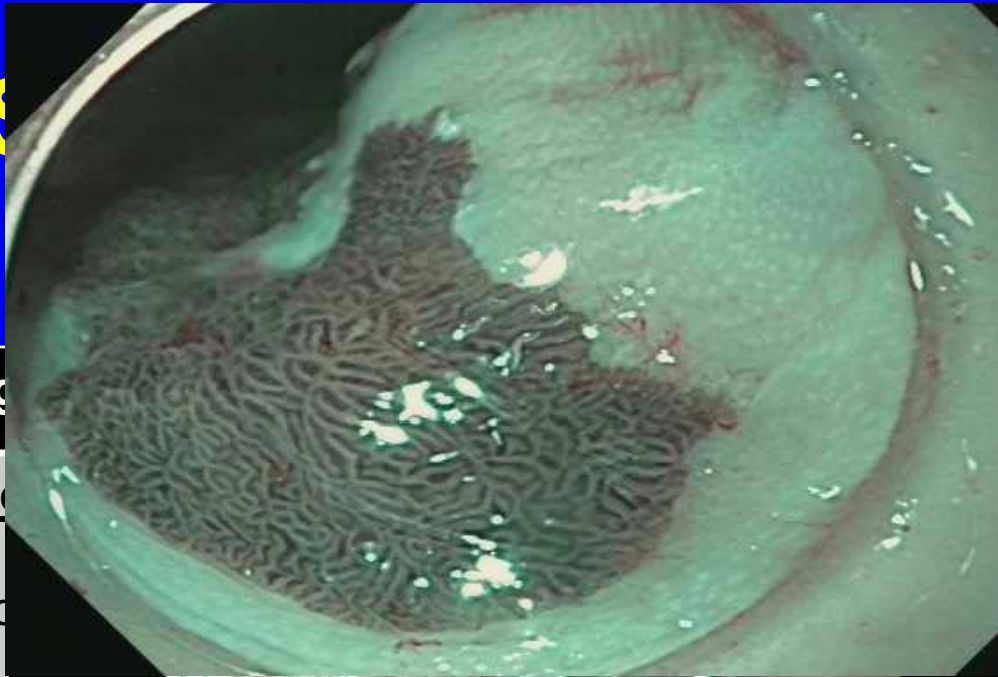
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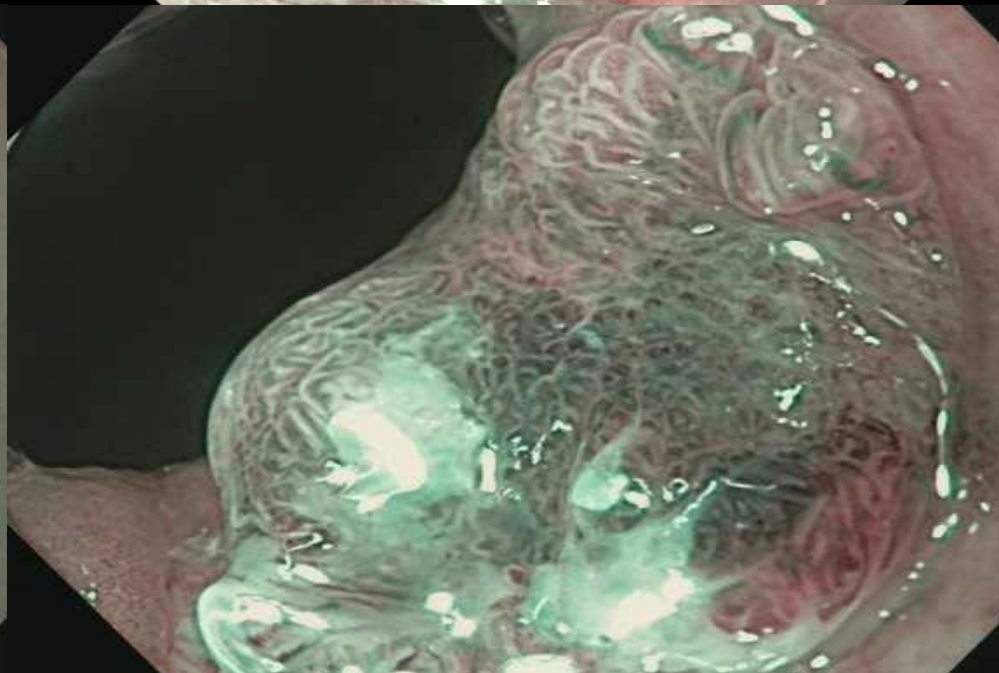
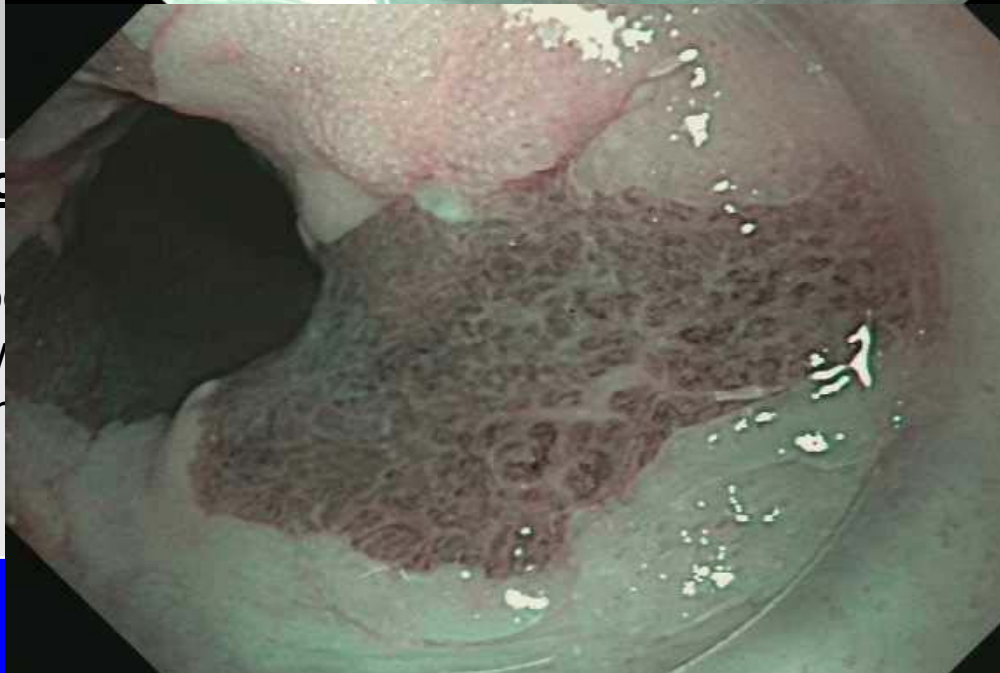
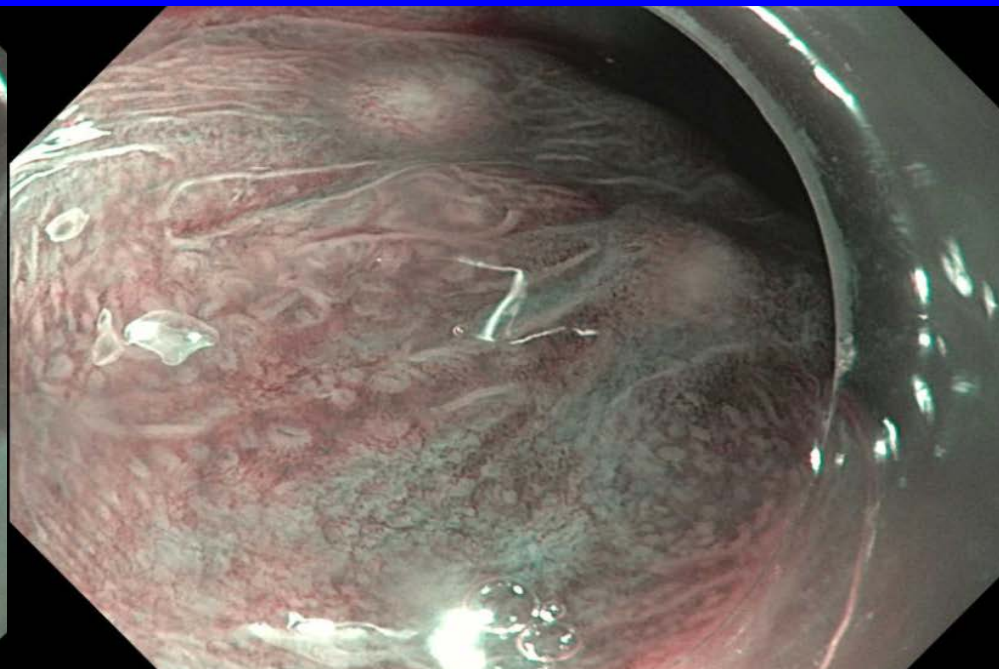
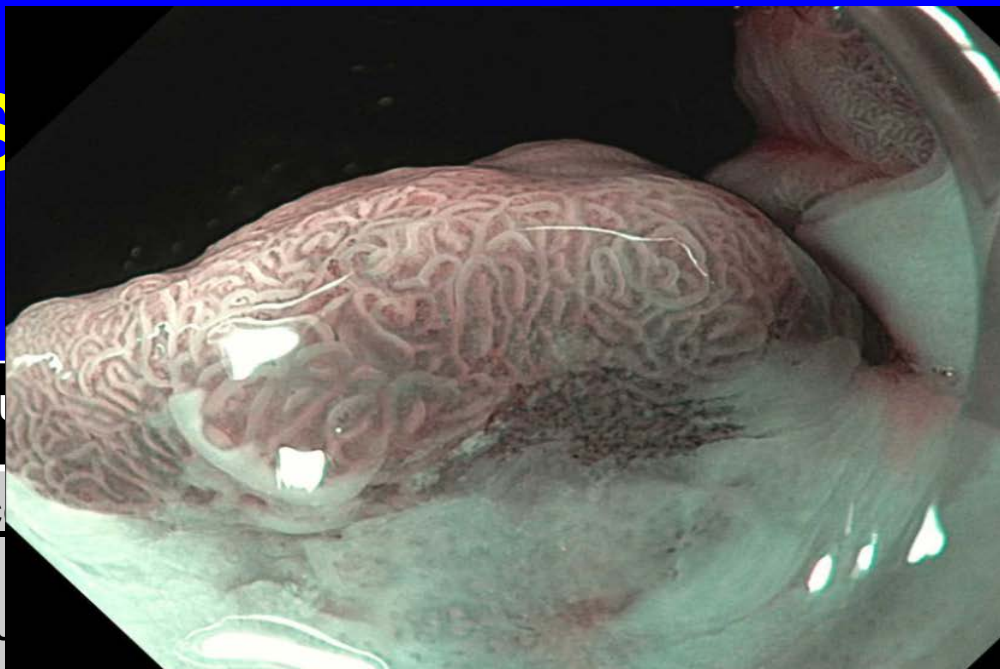
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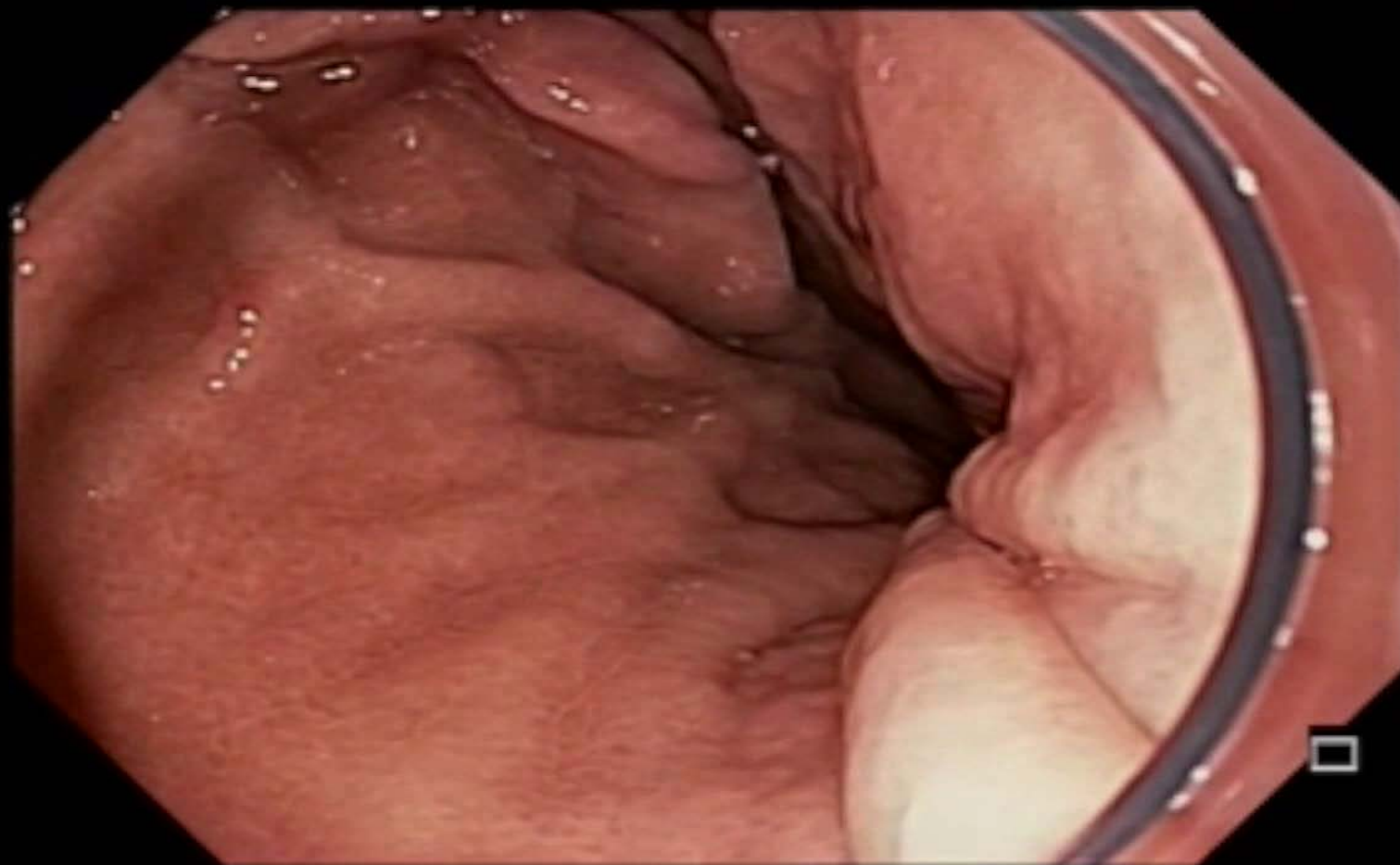


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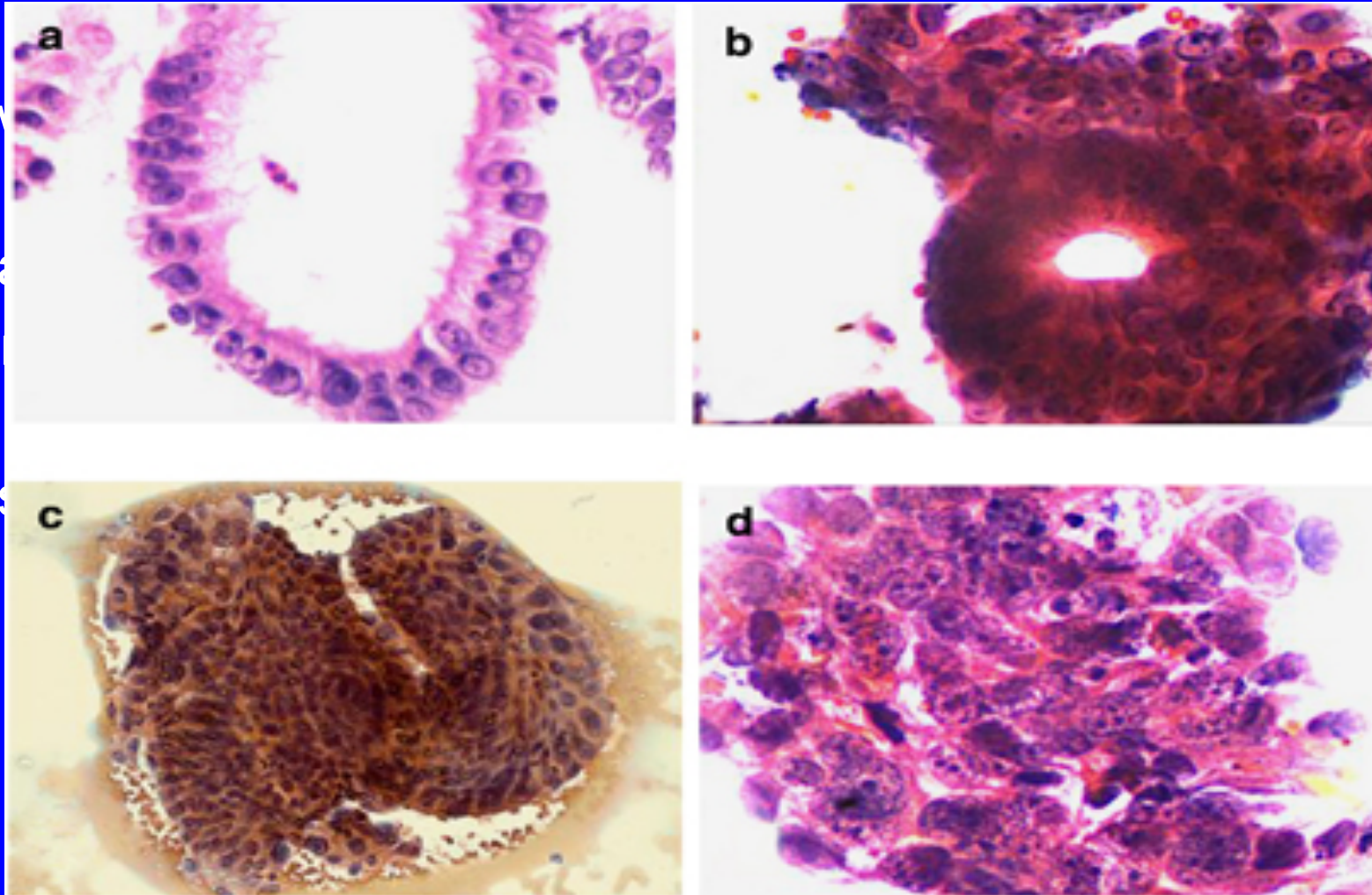


# WIDE-AREA TRANSEPITHELIAL SAMPLING (WATS)

- Provides wide-area tissue sampling using minimally invasive brush biopsy
- Abrasive and sample deeper layers (including muscularis mucosa)
- Sample analyzed – high-speed computer scan that identifies abnormal cells, cell clusters and abnormal glandular cells
- Pathologists review these “suspicious” cells on high-resolution video monitor

# WIDE-AREA TRANSEPITHELIAL SAMPLING (WATS)

- Provides a wide area biopsy
- Abrasive sampling technique
- Sample a large number of cells, cell morphology
- Pathologic changes can be monitored



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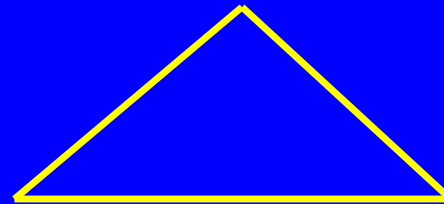
# WIDE-AREA TRANSEPITHELIAL SAMPLING (WATS)

- Randomized controlled trial – BE patients undergoing surveillance at 16 centers
  - 160 patients
  - Addition of WATS to standard Seattle biopsies yielded additional 23 cases of HGD/EAC (relative increase 428.6% (30/7); 95% CI: 193.9-947.1%, absolute increase 14.4%, 95% CI 7.5-21.2%)
  - WATS missed 1 case of HGD/EAC

# SURVEILLANCE TRIAD FOR OPTIMIZING DETECTION OF BARRETT'S NEOPLASIA

## PHYSICIAN FACTORS (TECHNICAL)

- Spend adequate time for inspection
- Systematic and meticulous approach during inspection
- Photo-document landmarks, standardized grading systems
  - Seattle protocol for biopsies



## PHYSICIAN FACTORS (COGNITIVE)

- Knowledge of grading systems
- Training and familiarity of key signs for detecting early neoplasia
- Training in use of HD-WLE and NBI

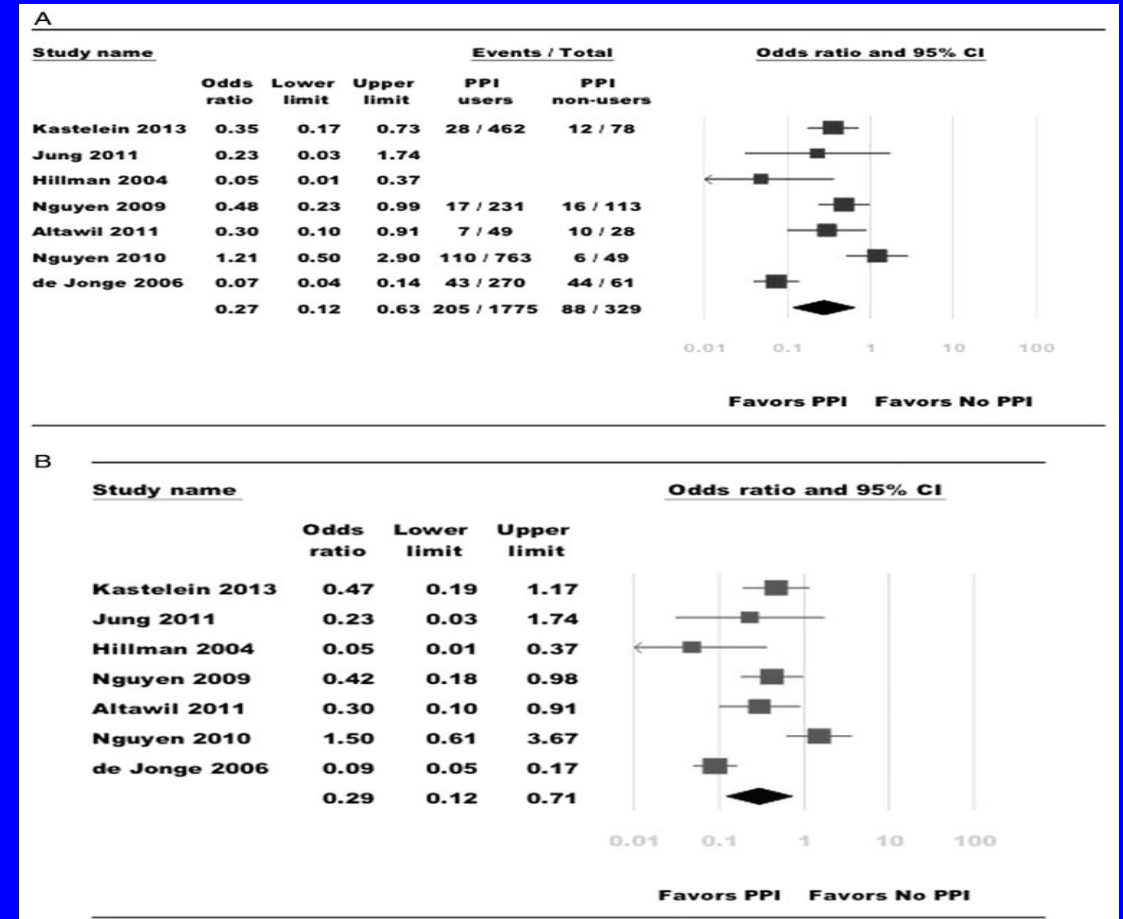
## INSTITUTIONAL FACTORS

- Equipment for enhanced imaging techniques (HD-WLE)
- Dedicated endoscopy blocks for surveillance and EET



# Should PPI be recommended for Barrett's esophagus

- PPI therapy associated with a 71% reduction in risk of EAC and/or BE-HGD (aOR 0.29, 95% CI 0.12-0.79)
- Trend towards a dose-response relationship
- Considerable heterogeneity
- No effect seen with H2RA (only 2 studies)



# Should PPI be recommended for

**Patients with BE should receive once-daily PPI therapy. Routine use of BID dosing is not recommended, unless necessitated because of poor control of reflux symptoms or esophagitis**

**Strength of recommendation: Strong**

**Quality of evidence: Moderate**

**ACG Clinical Guideline 2016**

# OPTIMIZING OUTCOMES – ENDOSCOPIC ERADICATION THERAPY

- Contemporary endoscopic management of Barrett's related dysplasia and intramucosal cancer



## GUIDELINE



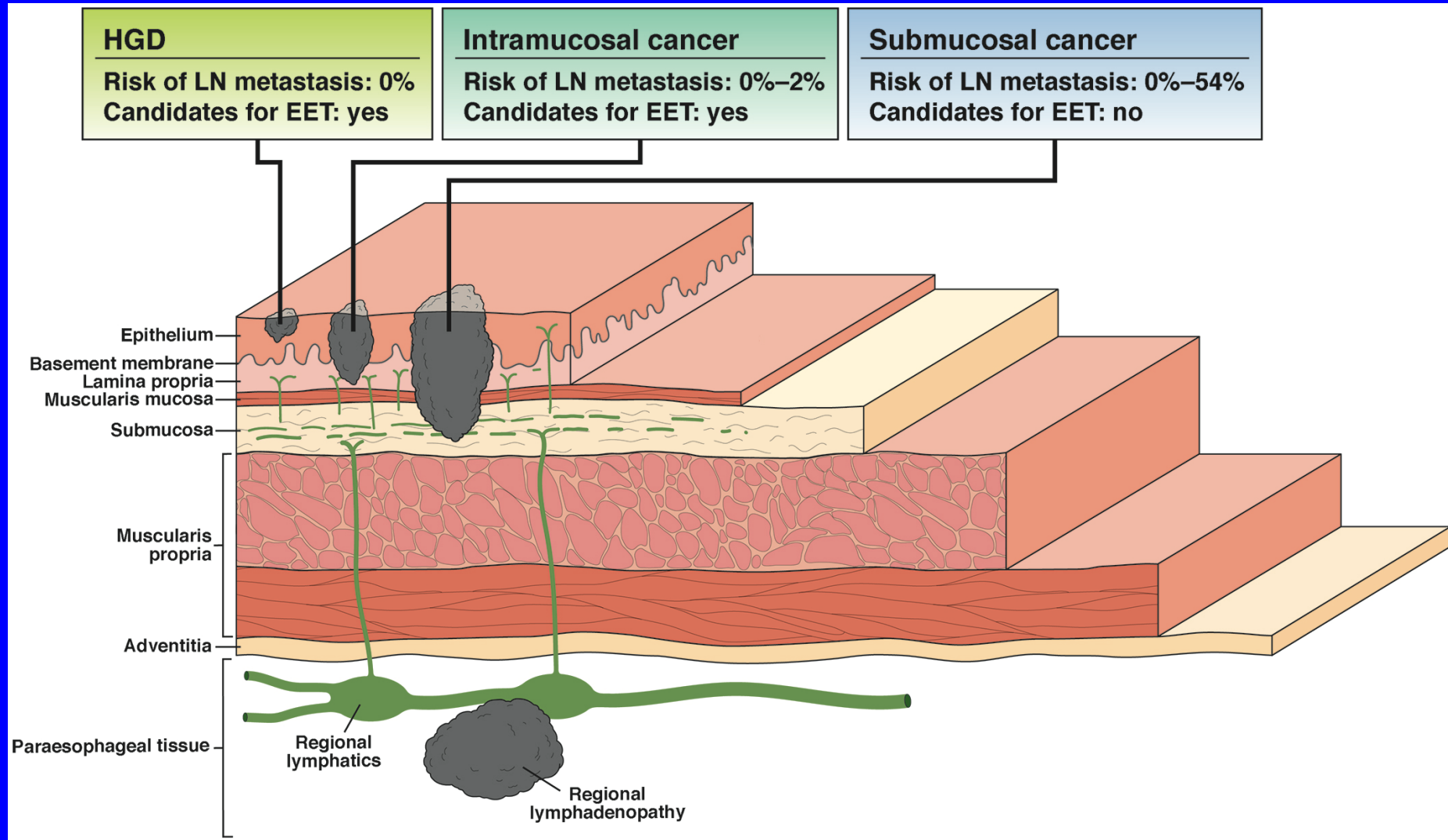
### Endoscopic eradication therapy for patients with Barrett's esophagus–associated dysplasia and intramucosal cancer

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# BASIS OF ENDOSCOPIC THERAPY



# PRINCIPLES OF ENDOSCOPIC ERADICATION THERAPIES

Resection of neoplastic lesion –  
lesion with highest dysplasia grade

Eradication of remaining Barrett's  
esophagus (reduce the risk of  
metachronous neoplasia)

Management of complications

Enrollment in surveillance programs  
and address recurrences



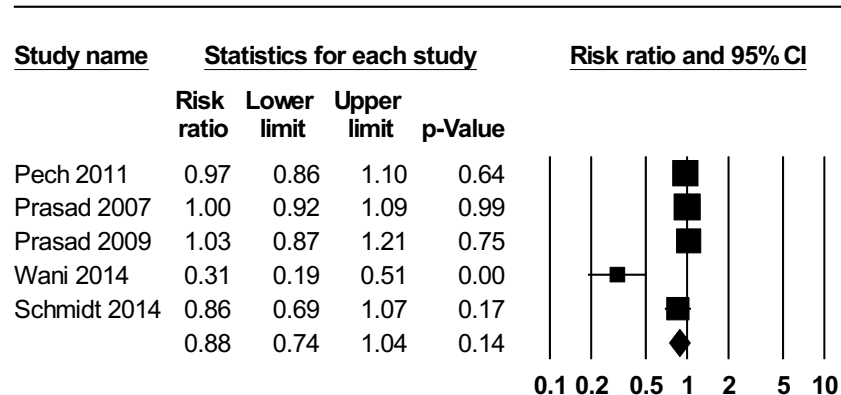
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**In Barrett's esophagus patients with confirmed HGD/IMC, we recommend against surgery compared with EET**

**Strength of recommendation: Strong**

**Quality of evidence: Very low**

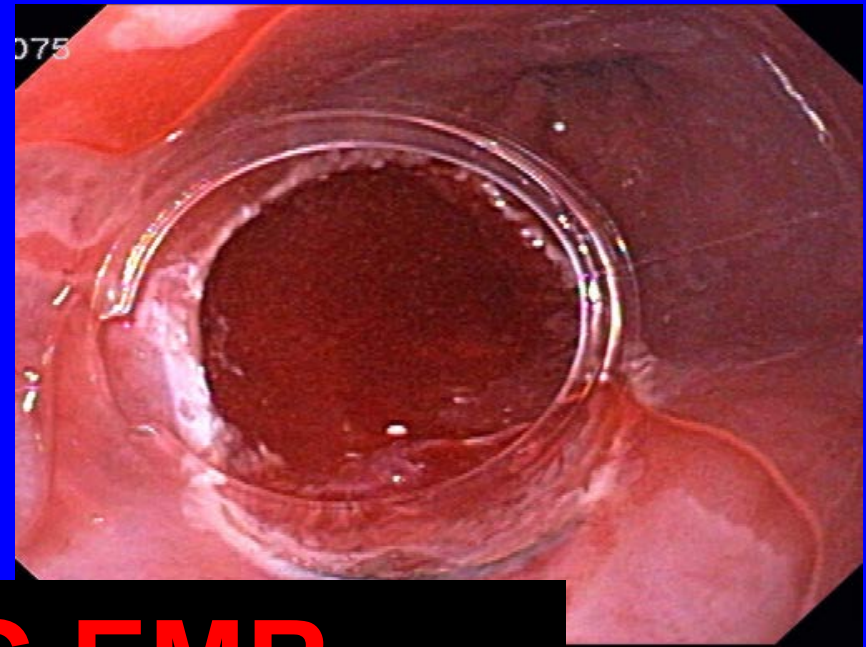
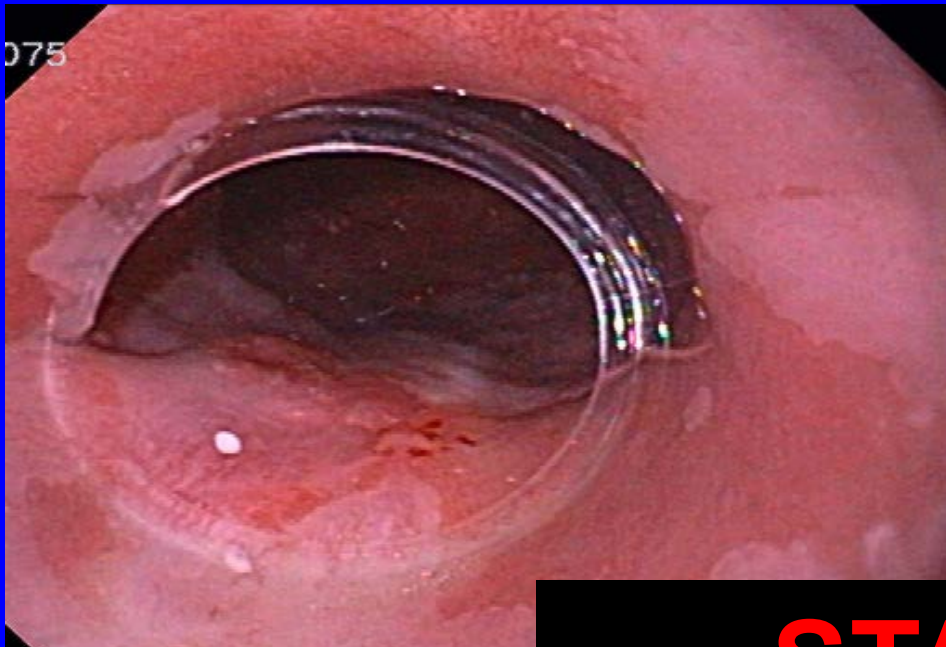
# ESOPHAGECTOMY vs. EET



Meta Analysis

- No difference in complete eradication of HGD/IMC (RR 0.96, 95% CI 0.91-1.01)
- EET group had higher recurrence rates (RR 9.5, 95% CI 3.26-27.75)





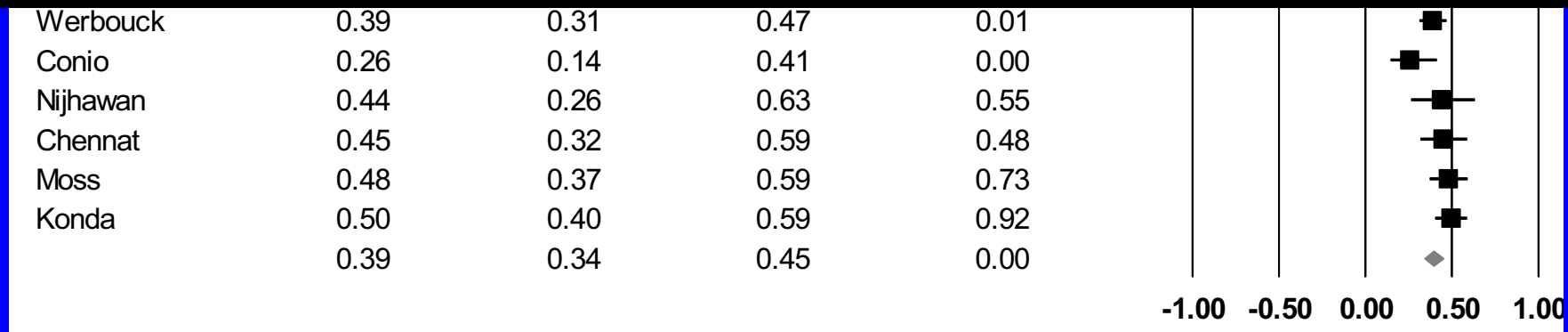
# STAGING EMR



# IMPACT OF EMR ON DIAGNOSIS

**EMR resulted in change in pathologic diagnosis in 39% (95% CI 34-45) of all patients**

**Majority of patients were upgraded to a higher pathologic diagnosis**



# ASGE GUIDELINES FOR ENDOSCOPIC ERADICATION THERAPY

**In Barrett's esophagus patients referred for  
EET, we recommend endoscopic resection of  
all visible lesions compared to no endoscopic  
resection of visible lesions**

**Strength of recommendation: Strong**

**Quality of evidence: Moderate**



# INTEROBSERVER VARIABILITY AMONG PATHOLOGISTS

Diagnosis	Biopsy Kappa (95% CI) Strength of agreement	EMR Kappa (95% CI) Strength of agreement
NDBE	0.57 (0.52-0.62) Moderate	0.51 (0.46-0.56) Moderate
LGD/IND	0.22 (0.17-0.27) Fair	0.33 (0.28-0.39) Fair
HGD	0.35 (0.3-0.4) Fair	0.43 (0.38-0.48) Moderate
EAC	0.71 (0.66-0.76) Substantial	0.68 (0.63-0.73) Substantial

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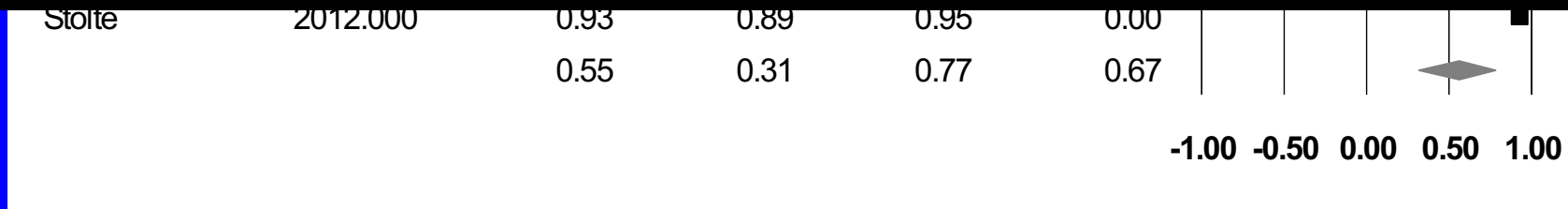
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# CHANGE IN DIAGNOSIS BASED ON EXPERT PATHOLOGY REVIEW

**Expert pathology review results in a change in diagnosis (upstaging or downstaging) in 55% of patients**

**Majority of patients are downgraded to lower pathologic diagnosis**



# ASGE GUIDELINES FOR ENDOSCOPIC ERADICATION THERAPY

**In Barrett's esophagus patients with LGD AND HGD being considered for EET, we suggest confirmation of diagnosis by at least one expert GI pathologist or panel of pathologists compared to review by a single pathologist**

**Strength of recommendation: Conditional**

**Quality of evidence: Low**

# Grade of dysplasia & Cancer Risk

Grade	Cancer Incidence	(95% CI)	Cancer Risk
IM	0.598%/yr	0.516-0.7	Low
LGD	1.70%/yr	1.31-2.09	Intermediate
HGD	6.58%/yr	4.97-8.18	High

# Natural History of LGD

Diagnosis	Incident cases	Incidence rate %/year (95% CI)	Mean time to development (years, SD) range
HGD	21	1.6 (1.05-2.46)	2.86 (4.22)
EAC	6	0.44 (0.2-0.98)	4.41 (1.49)
HGD/EAC	24	1.83 (1.23-2.74)	3.08 (2.57)

# HOW EFFECTIVE IS EET FOR BE WITH HGD?

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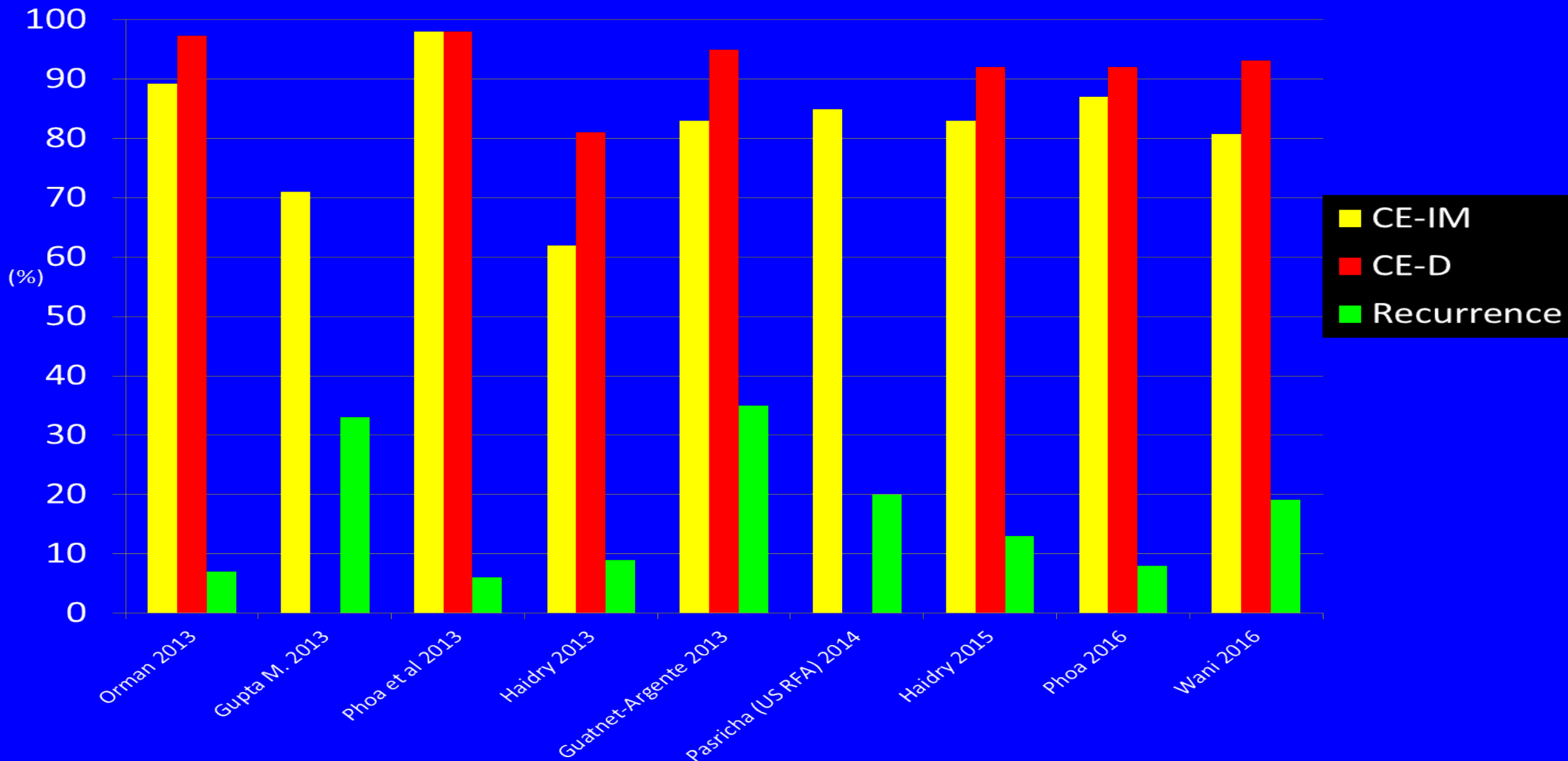
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# SURVEILLANCE vs. ABLATION IN LGD

- Ablation reduced risk of progression to HGD/EAC by 25%
  - 1.5% ablation vs. 26.5% controls (95% CI 14.1-35.9%,  $p<0.001$ )
- Ablation reduced risk of progression to EAC by 7.4%
  - 1.5% ablation vs. 8.8% controls (95% CI 0-14.7%,  $p=0.03$ )



# EFFECTIVENESS DATA



# ASGE GUIDELINES FOR ENDOSCOPIC ERADICATION THERAPY

**In Barrett's esophagus patients with  
confirmed HGD, we recommend EET  
compared to surveillance**

**Strength of recommendation: Strong**

**Quality of evidence: Moderate**

## **AGA CLINICAL PRACTICE UPDATE: EXPERT REVIEW**

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### **Diagnosis and Management of Low-Grade Dysplasia in Barrett's Esophagus: Expert Review From the Clinical Practice Updates Committee of the American Gastroenterological Association**



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# ASGE GUIDELINES FOR ENDOSCOPIC ERADICATION THERAPY

**In Barrett's esophagus patients with LGD, we suggest EET compared to surveillance; however, patients who place a high value on avoiding adverse events related to EET may choose surveillance as the preferred option**

**Strength of recommendation: Conditional**

**Quality of evidence: Moderate**

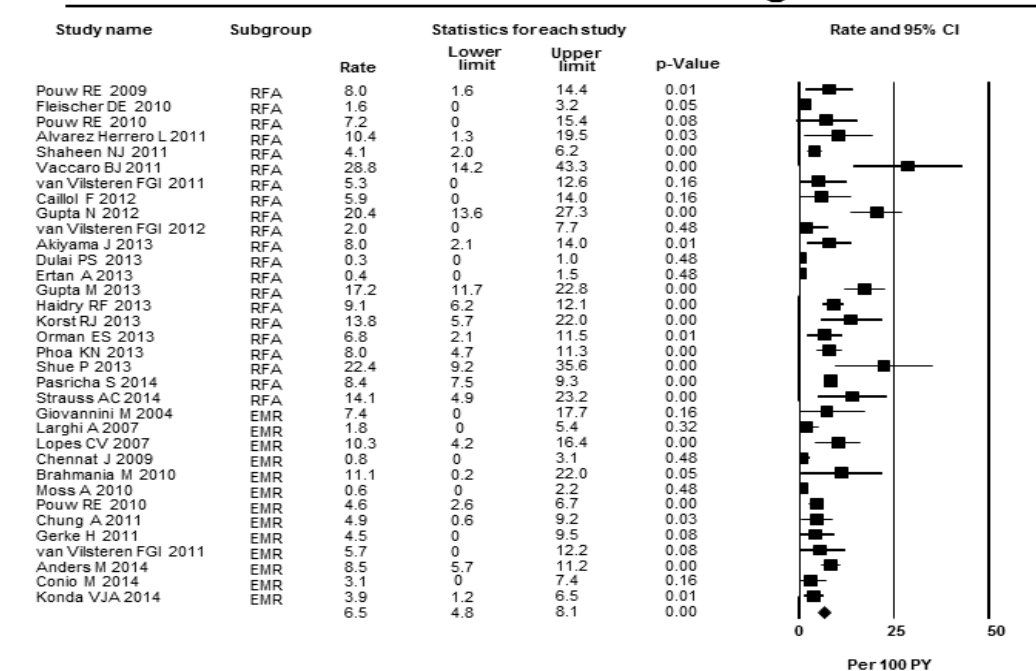
# Adverse Events

- Meta-analysis – 37 studies
- Pooled rate (RFA +/- EMR): 8.8% (95% CI 6.5-11.9)
- **Strictures: 5.6% (95% CI 4.2-7.4)**
- **Bleeding: 1% (95% CI 0.8-1.3%)**
- **Perforation: 0.6% (95% CI 0.4-0.9)**
- Adverse events higher with EMR (RR 4.4)
- BE length and baseline histology predictors of adverse events

# RECURRENCE OF INTESTINAL METAPLASIA AND NEOPLASIA

- Meta analysis – 33 studies
- Pooled incidence any recurrence: 6.5 (95% CI 4.8-8.1)/100 patient-years
- Incidence of IM: 4.2 (95% CI 2.9-5.4)/100 patient-years
- Incidence of early neoplasia: 1.4 (95% CI 0.9-1.8)/100 patient-years

**Incidence of Total Recurrences Among All Studies**





# ASGE GUIDELINES FOR ENDOSCOPIC ERADICATION THERAPY

**In BE patients with dysplasia and IMC who have achieved CE-IM after EET, we suggest surveillance versus no surveillance**

**Strength of recommendation: Conditional**

**Quality of evidence: Very low**

# WHEN SHOULD WE LOOK FOR RECURRENCE?

- The TREAT-BE (Treatment with Resection and Endoscopic Ablation Techniques for Barrett's Esophagus) Study – multi-center outcomes project
  - University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, Colorado
  - Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois
  - Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri
  - University of California in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California
- Developed to assess clinical outcomes after EET and establish quality indicators in EET

# WHEN SHOULD WE LOOK FOR RECURRENCE?

## *Recurrence of IM and dysplasia*

- Follow-up period of 2317 person-years (PY)
- Mean follow-up of 3.3 years (SD 2.7), 2.9 years/patient, range: 0.3-13.2 years
- Recurrence of IM: 121 (15%) for an incidence rate of 5.2 per 100 PYs
- Recurrence of dysplasia: 36 (4.5%) for an incidence rate of 1.6 per 100 PYs

## ***Histologic grade of recurrence by baseline histology***

<b>Baseline histology</b>	<b>Recurrence of intestinal metaplasia</b>	<b>Recurrence of LGD</b>	<b>Recurrence of HGD</b>	<b>Recurrence of EAC</b>
NDBE (n=61)	12 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
LGD (n=239)	20 (80%)	5 (20%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
HGD (n=332)	21 (56.8%)	2 (5.4%)	14 (37.8%)	0 (0%)
EAC (n=175)	12 (50%)	2 (8.3%)	1 (4.2%)	9 (37.5%)

# Predictors of recurrence

Variable	Unadjusted OR (95% CI)	p value	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	p value
Age	1.02 (0.99-1.04)	0.07	1.01 (0.98-1.03)	0.53
Caucasian Race	7.7 (1.03-56.83)	0.05	4.35 (0.58-32.6)	0.15
BMI	0.98 (0.95-1.02)	0.36	NA	
<b>Baseline histology</b>				
<b>LGD</b>	<b>Reference</b>		<b>Reference</b>	
<b>HGD/EAC</b>	<b>3.23 (2.3-6.5)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	<b>4.19 (1.87-9.4)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Presence of GERD symptoms</b>	<b>4.35 (2.4-7.9)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	<b>12.13 (4.3-34.1)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Hiatal hernia</b>	<b>1.88 (1.15-3)</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>13.8 (3.4-56.4)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Size of hiatal hernia</b>	<b>0.61 (0.45-0.84)</b>	<b>0.002</b>	<b>2.33 (1.3-4.2)</b>	<b>0.005</b>

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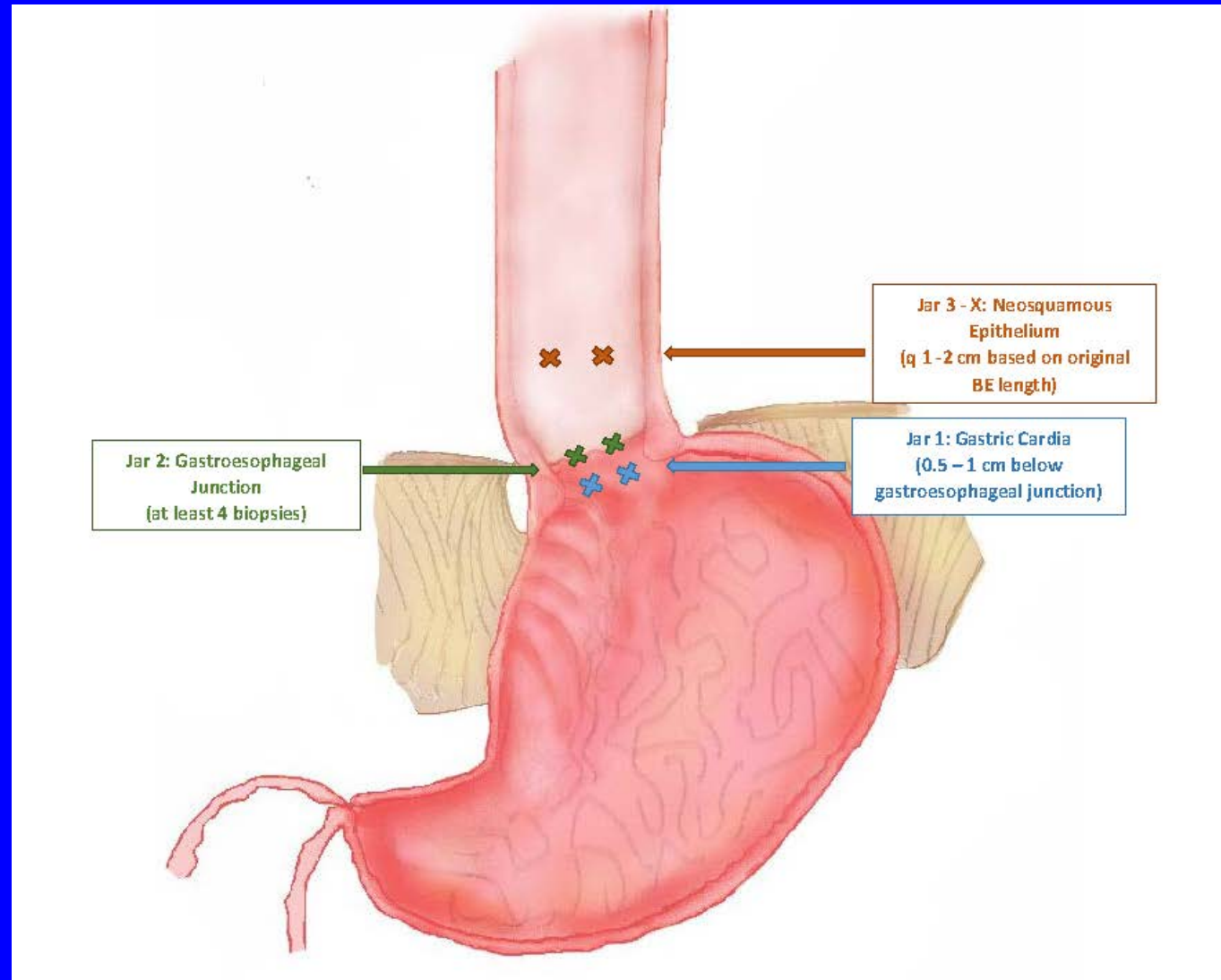
Variable	Unadjusted OR (95% CI)	p value	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	p value
BE length	1.23 (1.13-1.35)	<0.001	1 (0.87-1.16)	0.99
Duration of BE	1.02 (0.98-1.06)	0.4	NA	
Prior fundoplication	0.88 (0.38-2.04)	0.77	NA	
Treatment			NA	
RFA	0.51 (0.06-4.3)	0.53		
RFA+EMR	0.72 (0.09-6.15)	0.77		
Cryotherapy	1.7 (0.16-17.3)	0.59		
EMR alone	1 (0.1-9.6)	0.99		
<b>Number of EET sessions to achieve CE-IM</b>	<b>1.52 (1.3-1.79)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	<b>1.78 (1.44-2.21)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>



# SURVEILLANCE INTERVALS

Pre-treatment histology	Surveillance interval post CE-IM
Non-dysplastic BE or indefinite for dysplasia	Deferred as EET not recommended for NDBE
Low-grade dysplasia	1 and 3 years
High-grade dysplasia	3 months, 6 months, 1 year and then annually

# SURVEILLANCE INTERVALS



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QUALITY INDICATORS FOR GI ENDOSCOPIC PROCEDURES



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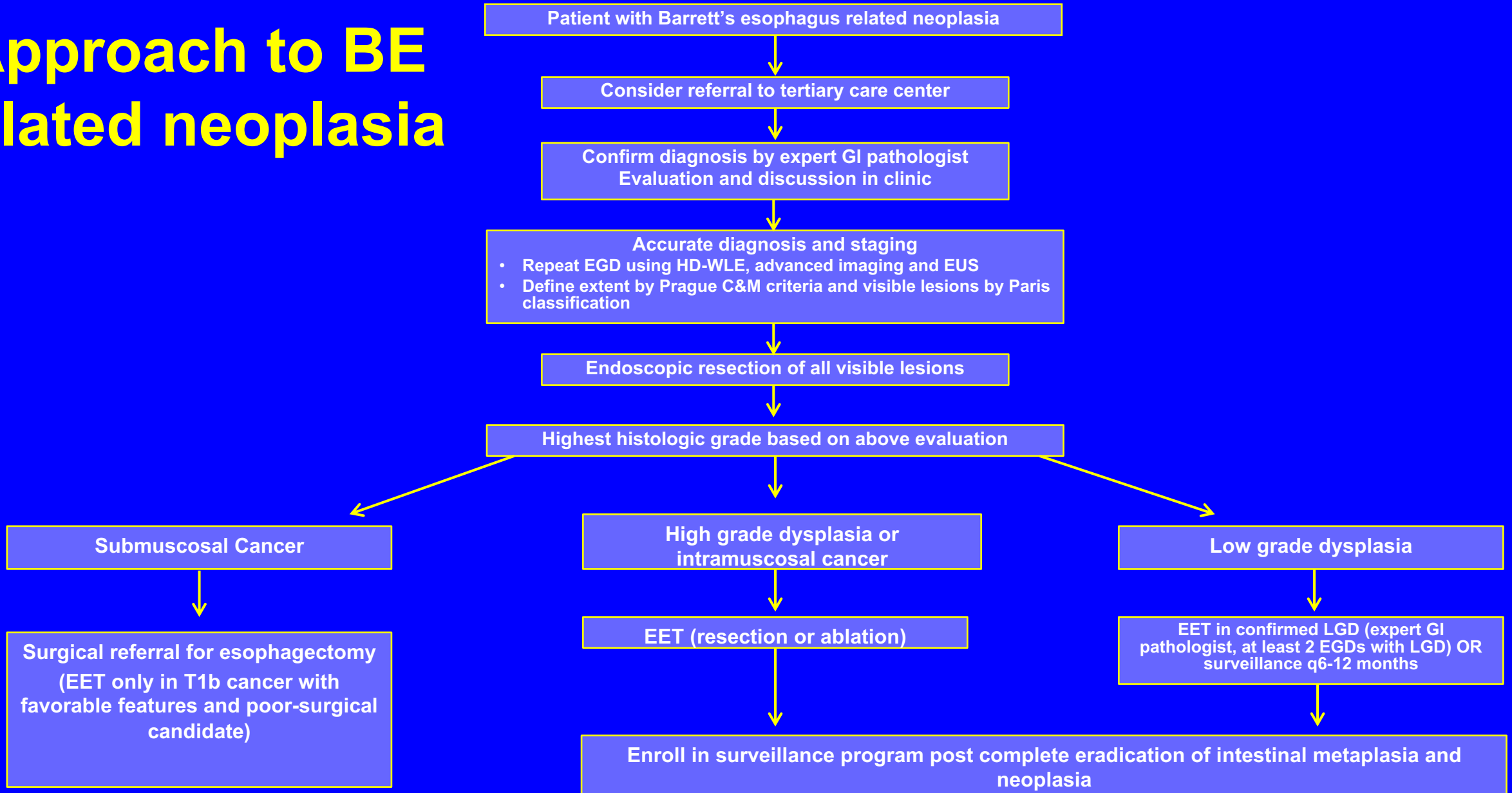


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# Approach to BE related neoplasia



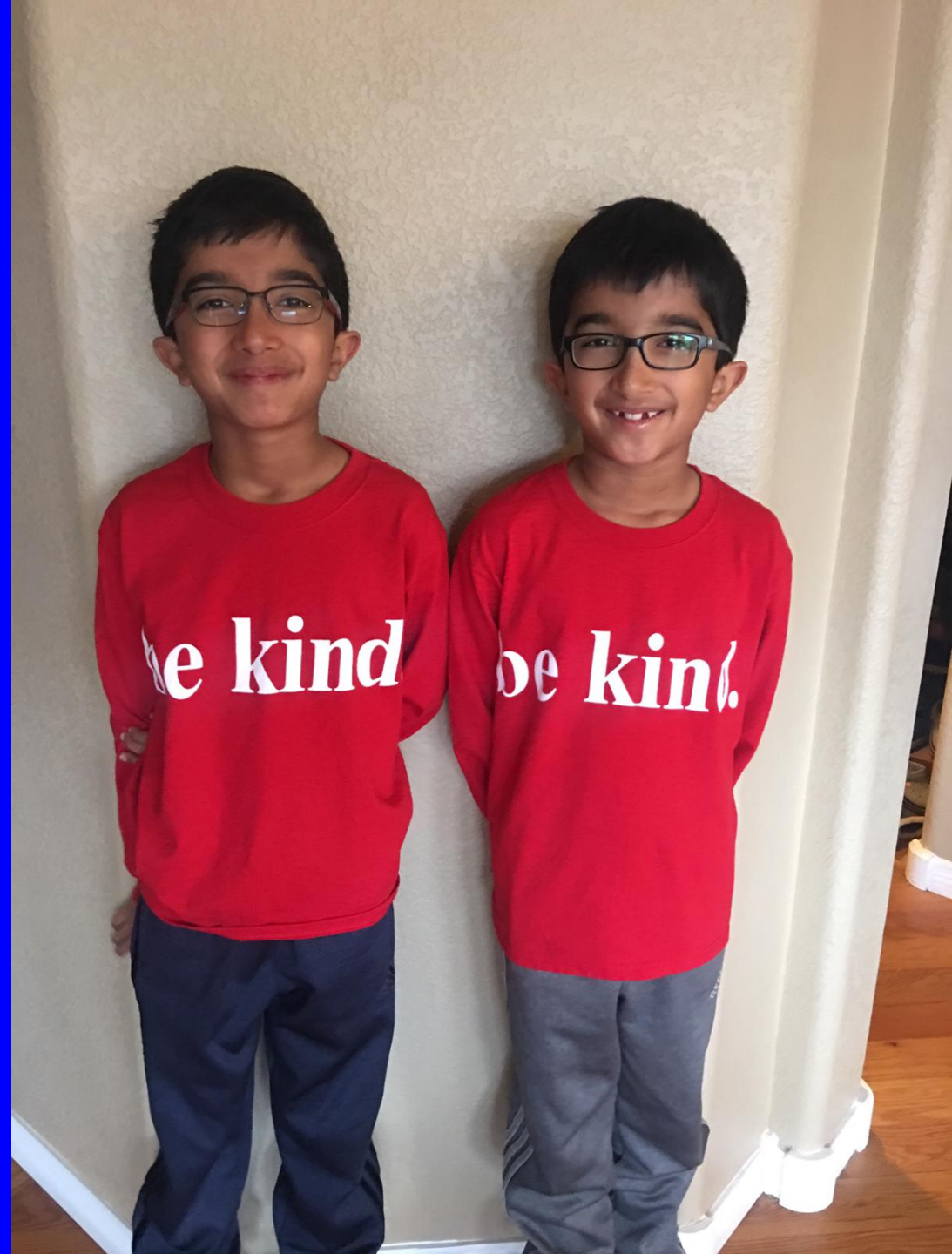


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# Should PPI and aspirin be recommended for BE

- Indirect evidence until recently that ASA associated with lower risk of EAC
- ASA and NSAIDs inhibit several pathways in oncogenesis (inhibition of cyclooxygenase)
- Associated with side-effects, some that are serious and catastrophic

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Corley D et al, Gastroenterology 2003; Masclee et al BMJ Open 2015;  
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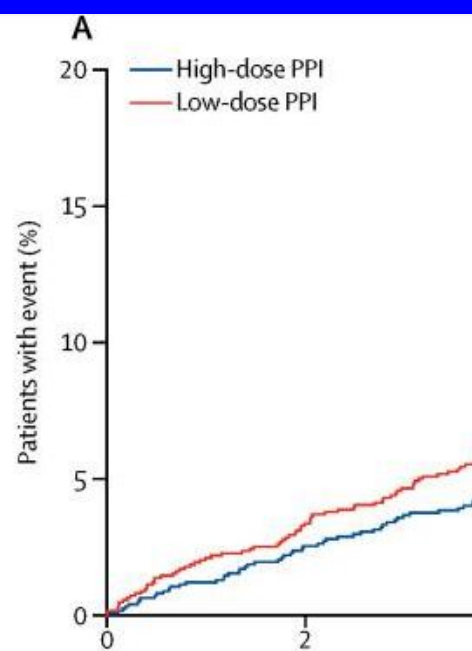
# Should PPI and aspirin be recommended for BE

- AspECT Trial: Esomeprazole and aspirin in BE
- 2x2 factorial design, 84 centers in UK and one in Canada
- Included BE of  $\geq 1$  cm
- High dose PPI (40 mg BID) or low-dose (20 mg once daily) with or without aspirin (300 mg in UK, 325 mg in Canada) – 1:1:1:1 fashion, 8 years
- Primary endpoint: time to all-cause mortality, EAC/HGD

# Should PPI and aspirin be recommended for BE

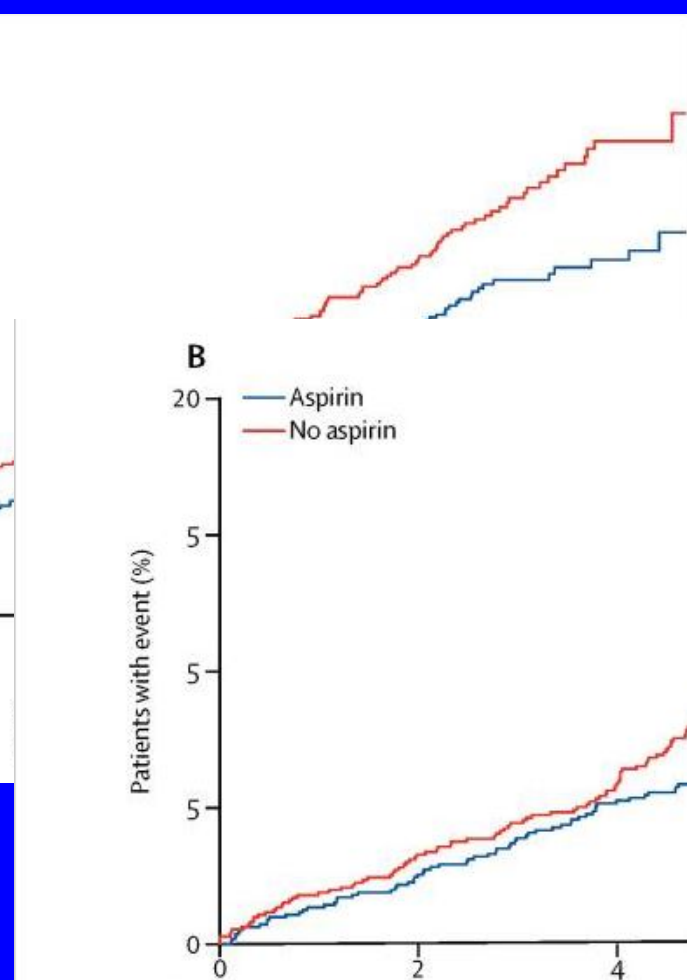
- 2557 patients
- Median follow up 8.9 years, 20095 follow up years
- High-dose PPI superior to low-dose PPI [time ratio (TR) 1.27, 95% CI 1.01-1.58]
- Addition of aspirin increased effect but aspirin alone was not associated with improved outcomes
- Combining high-dose PPI with aspirin had strongest effect compared with low-dose PPI without aspirin (TR 1.59)
- 1% participants reported serious adverse events

# Should aspirin be added for PPI?



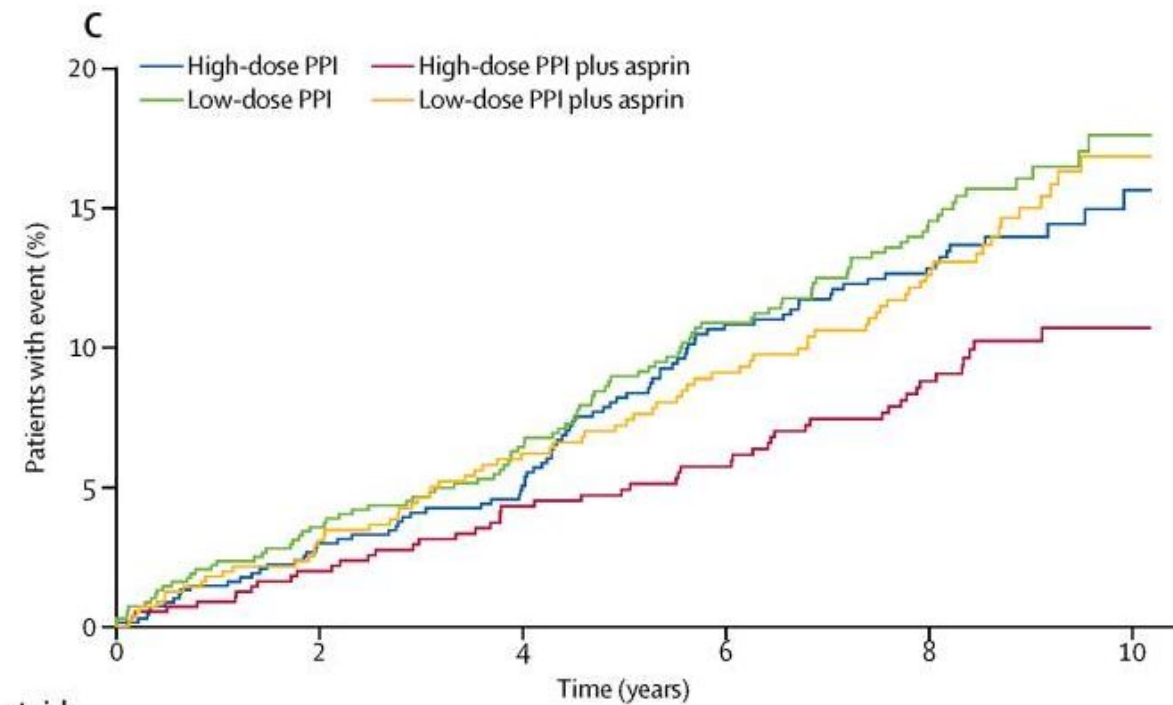
Number at risk

High-dose PPI	1270	1222	1174	1145
Low-dose PPI	1265	1215	1183	1141



Number at risk

Aspirin	1138	1104	1063	1028	1001
No aspirin	1142	1090	1055	1026	998



Number at risk

High-dose PPI	698	668	644	629	616	587	563	552	523	260	128
High-dose PPI plus aspirin	572	554	530	516	503	493	477	459	432	242	135
Low-dose PPI	699	665	650	629	608	586	565	551	522	249	130
Low-dose PPI plus aspirin	566	550	533	512	498	486	471	459	436	259	135

# Should PPI and aspirin be recommended for BE

- Did not assess the effect of standard low-dose preventive therapy with aspirin (75 mg)
- No data on adherence
- Further data are required to confirm the reported positive combined effects from aspirin and PPI
- These data suggest a dose-response relationship for PPI and benefits vs. risks should be considered for use of BID PPI therapy