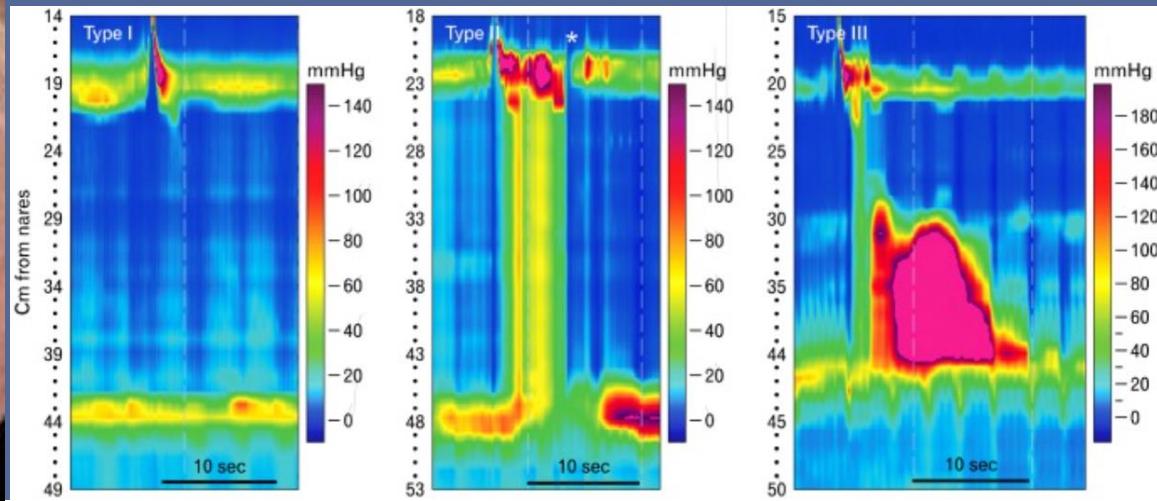


# Esophageal Controversies

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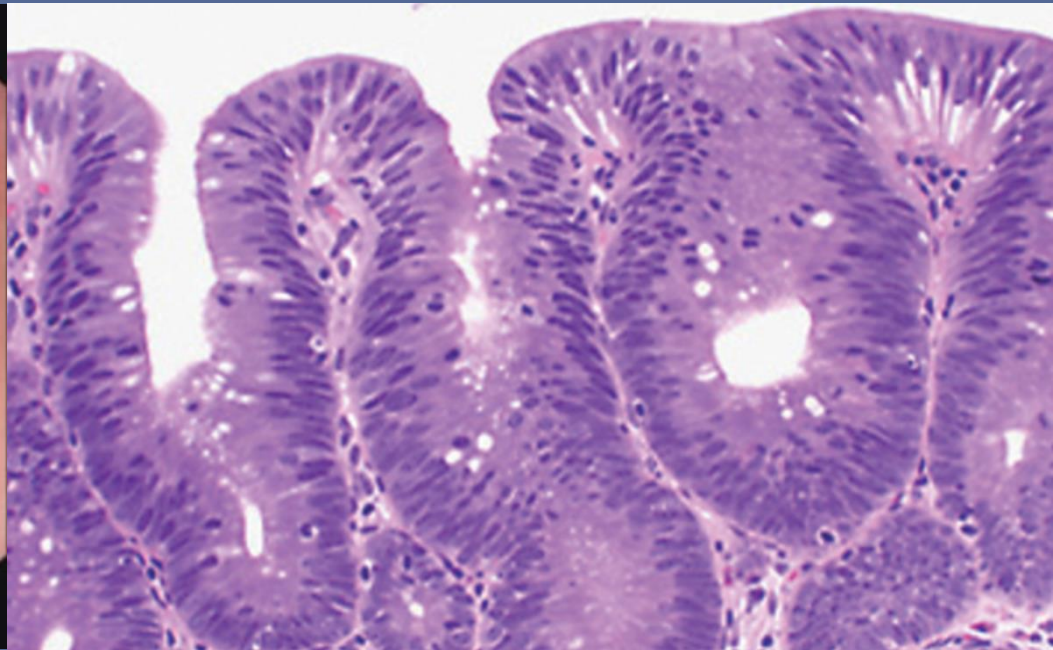


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# Significant Reduction in the Disease Progression in Barrett's Esophagus Low-Grade Dysplasia Patients Treated With Endoscopic Eradication Therapy Compared With Surveillance Endoscopy: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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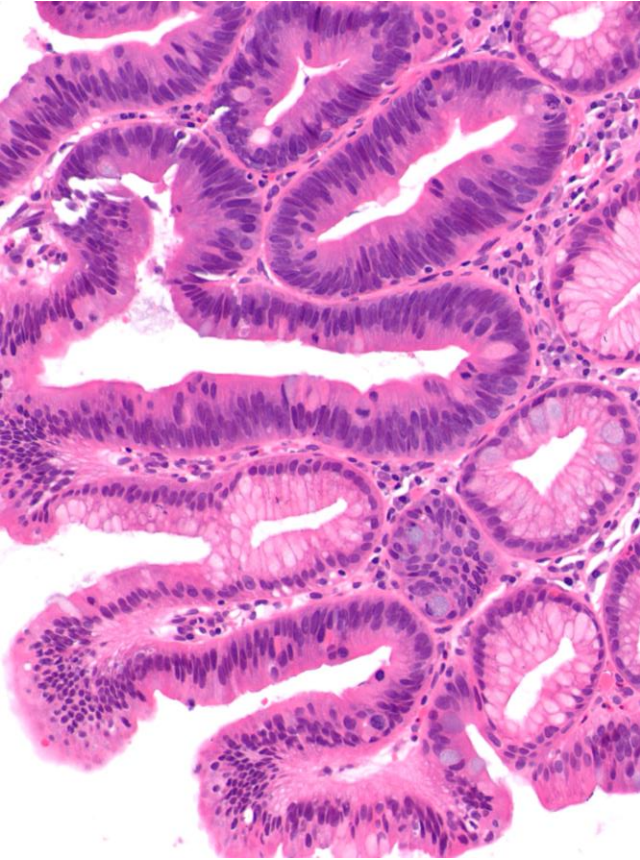
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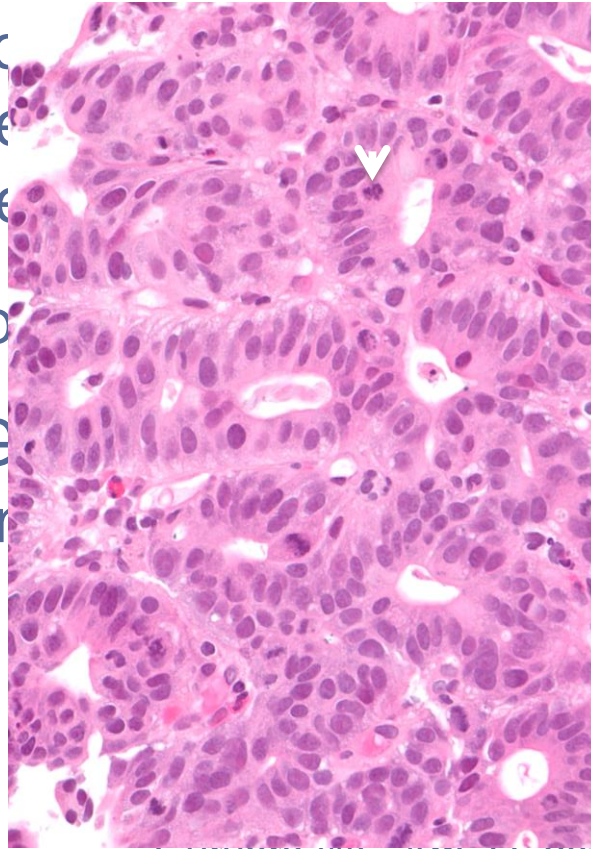


# What we knew

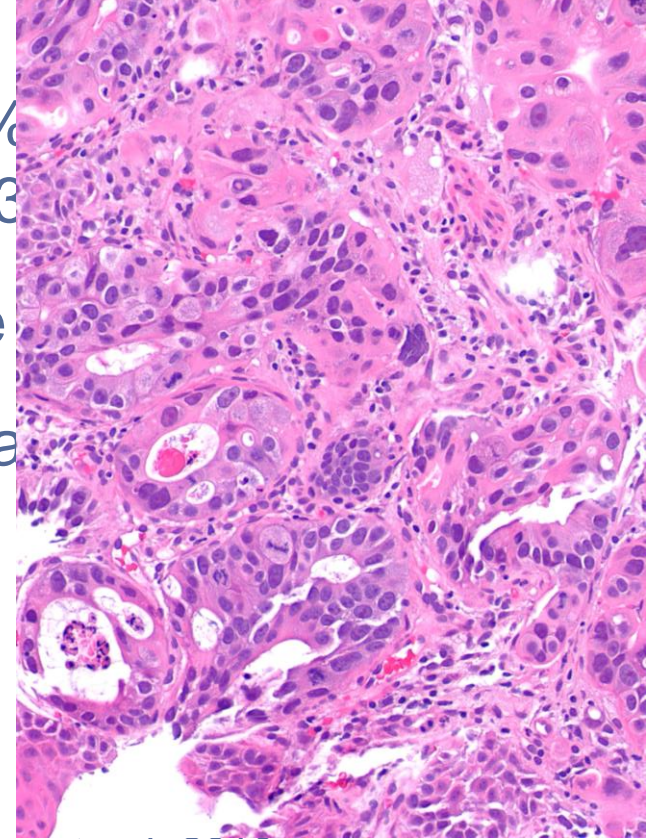
LGD



HGD



EAC



Curvers WL, Ann J Gastroenterol, 2010



Primary outcomes:

1. Relative risk (RR) of Barrett esophagus with LGD progressing after RFA vs surveillance
2. Cumulative rate of disease progression: defined as disease progression over study period

Secondary outcomes:

1. Rates of progression to HGD or EAC.
2. Incidence rate of disease progression per patient- year of follow-up:

□ *IR = number of new case/patient-year of follow up*



3 studies compared disease progression of LGD in  
RFA vs. surveillance (369 patients)

Relative risk (RR) of LGD progression, RFA vs  
surveillance = 0.14 [95% CI: 0.04-0.45]  $p=0.001$

*Risk of progression is lower with RFA*

Shaheen N, NEJM, 2009

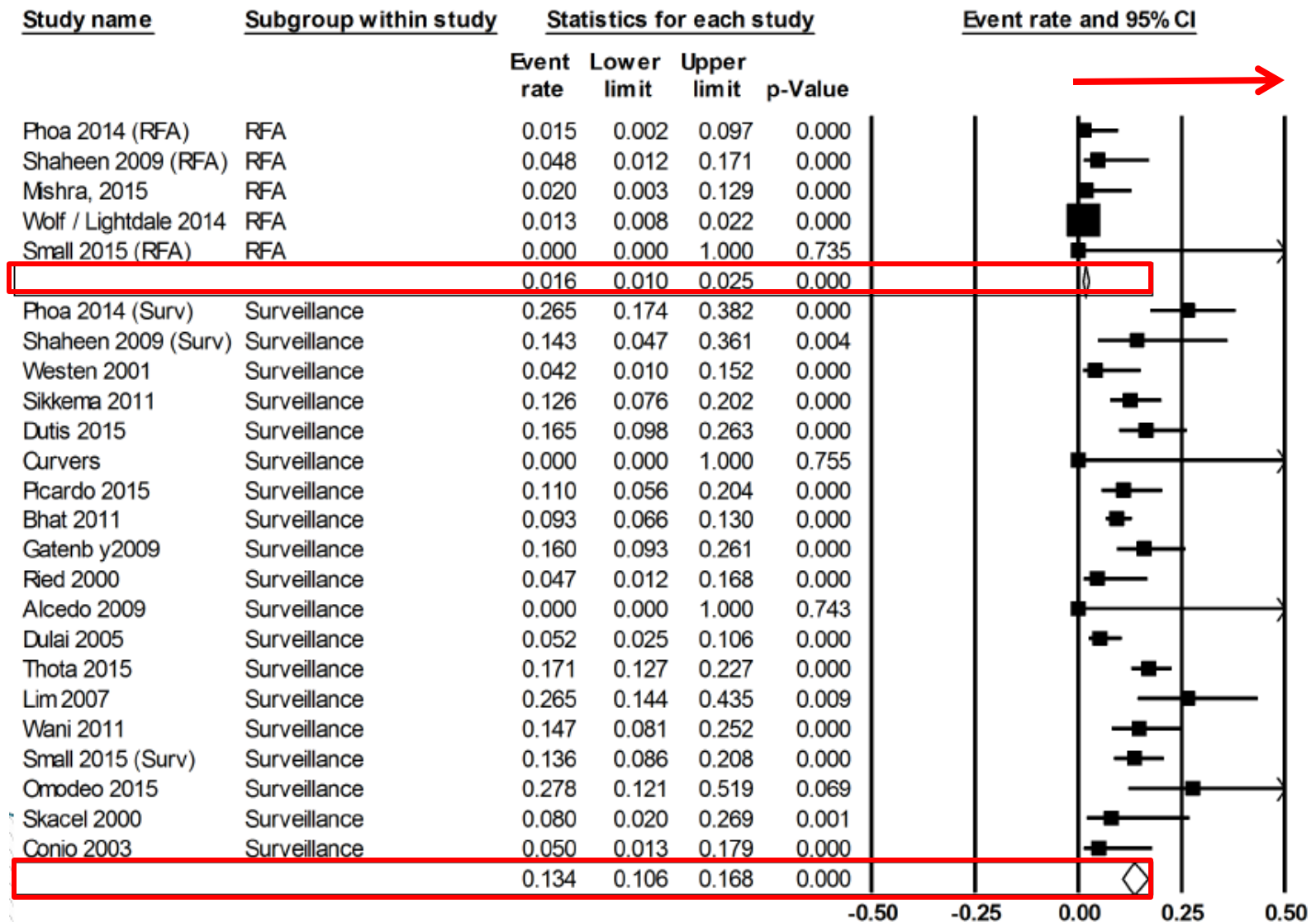
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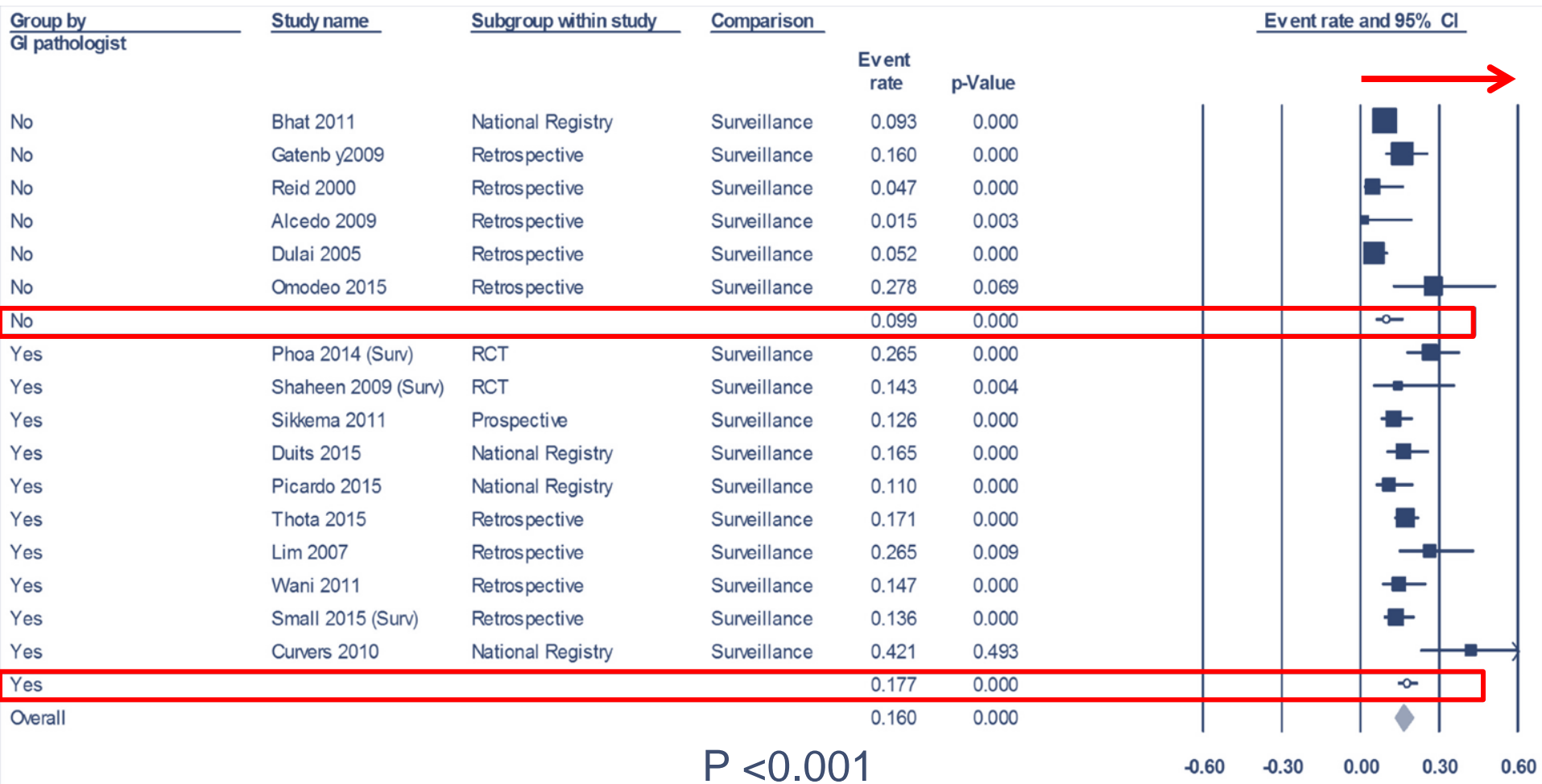




# Cumulative disease progression in RFA vs. surveillance



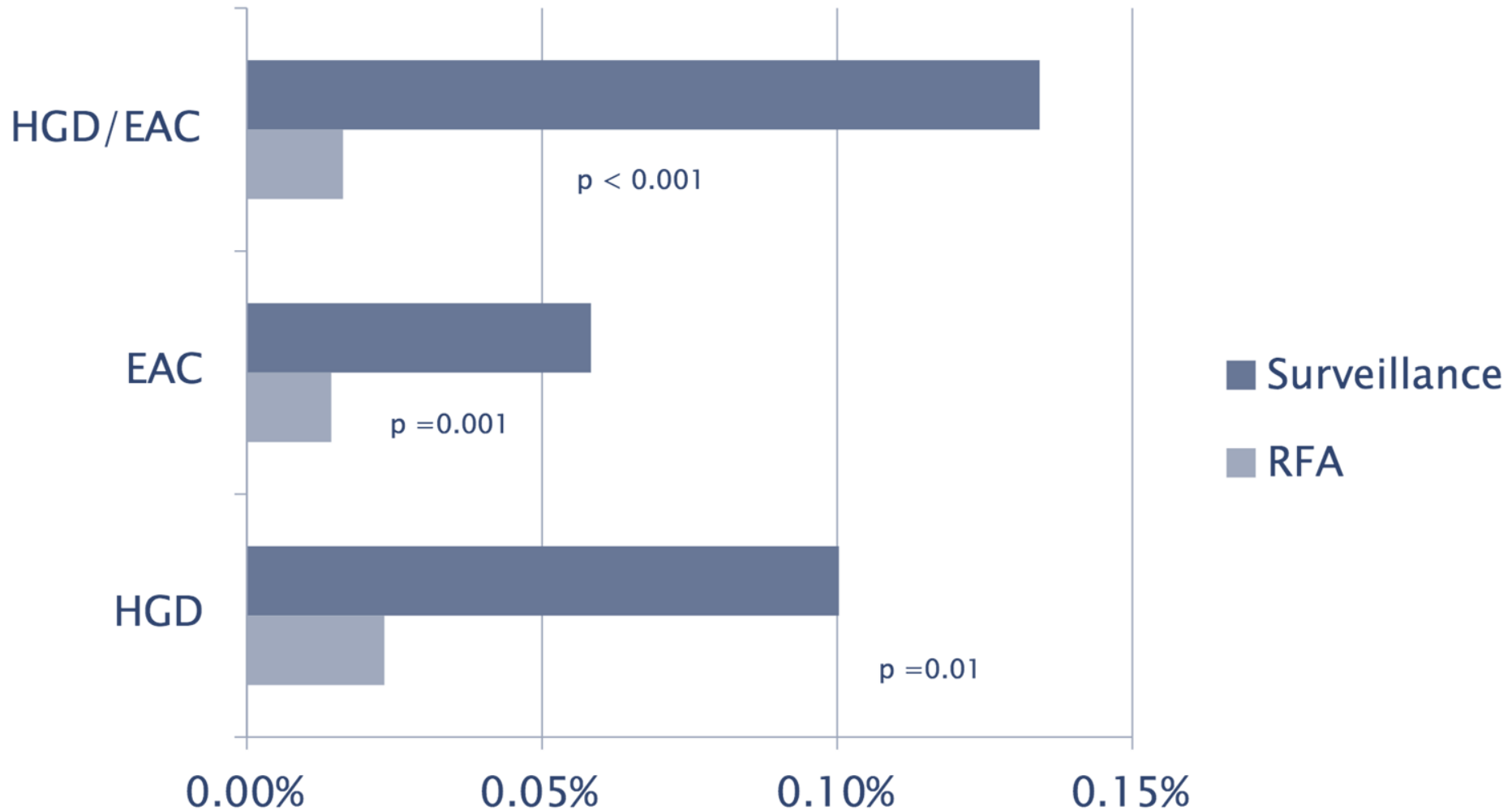
# Progression of LGD by pathologist type



*When a GI pathologist identifies LGD it is more likely to progress*



# Cumulative (life-long) risk of disease progression





Confirmed, untreated LGD has a high risk of progression  
13.4% life-long risk

This risk is decreased to 1.6% if treated with RFA

Diagnosis by a GI pathologist increases the risk of LGD  
progressing, because they ID true cases.

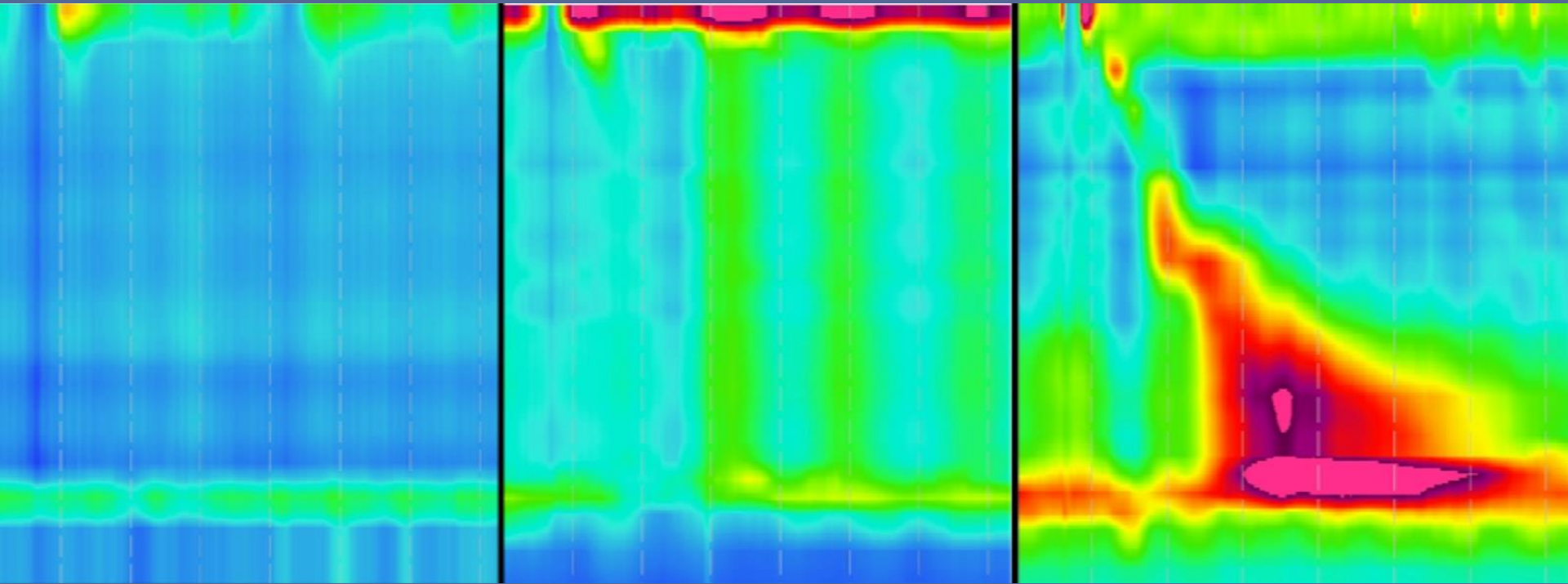
GI pathologists, preferably more than 1, should review  
biopsies of Barrett epithelium

Strong consideration should be given to ablating LGD



# CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTCOMES OF POEM ACCORDING TO ACHALASIA MANOMETRIC PATTERN *DO THE OUTCOMES OF TREATMENT DEPEND ON MANOMETRIC SUBTYPE?*

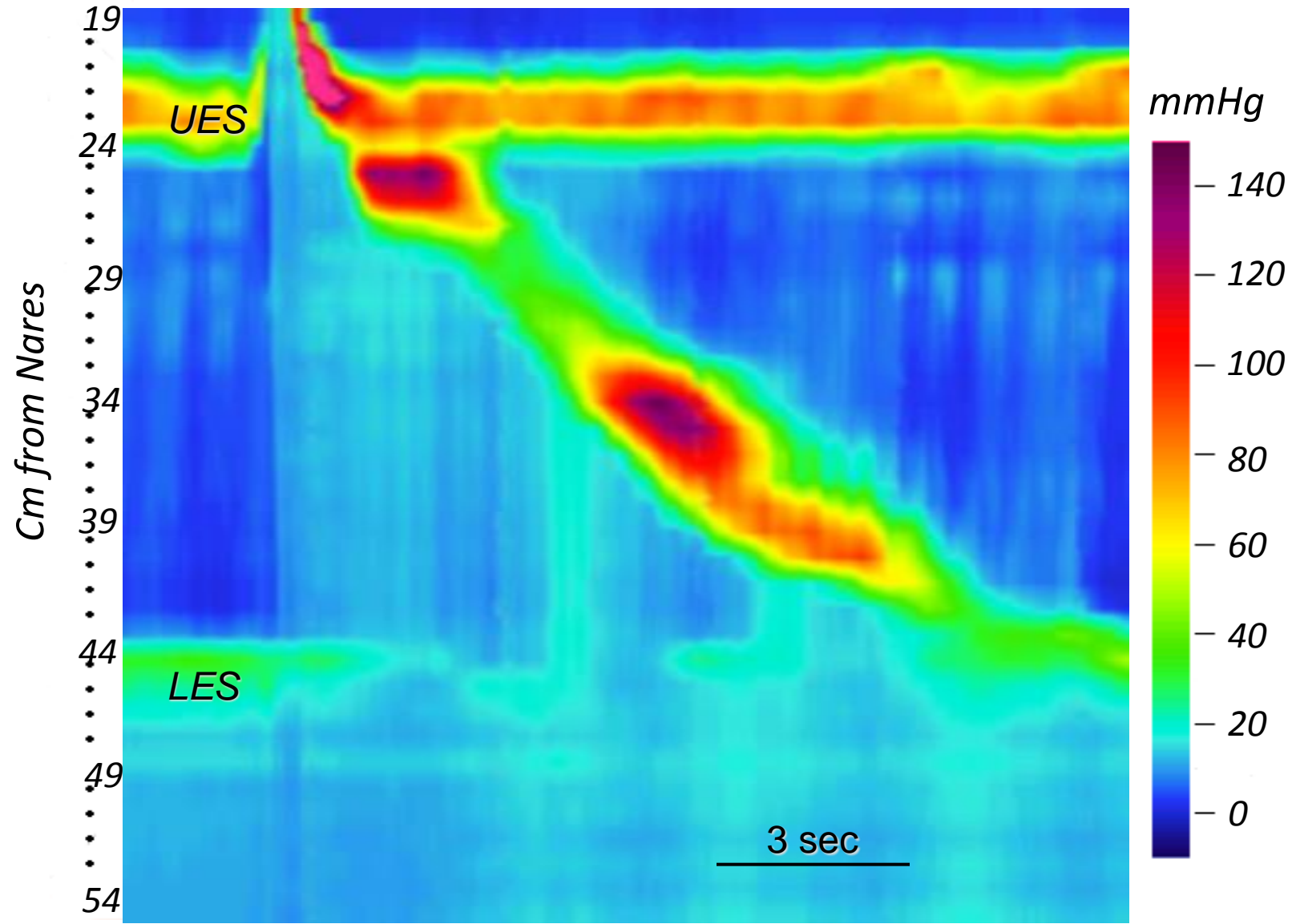
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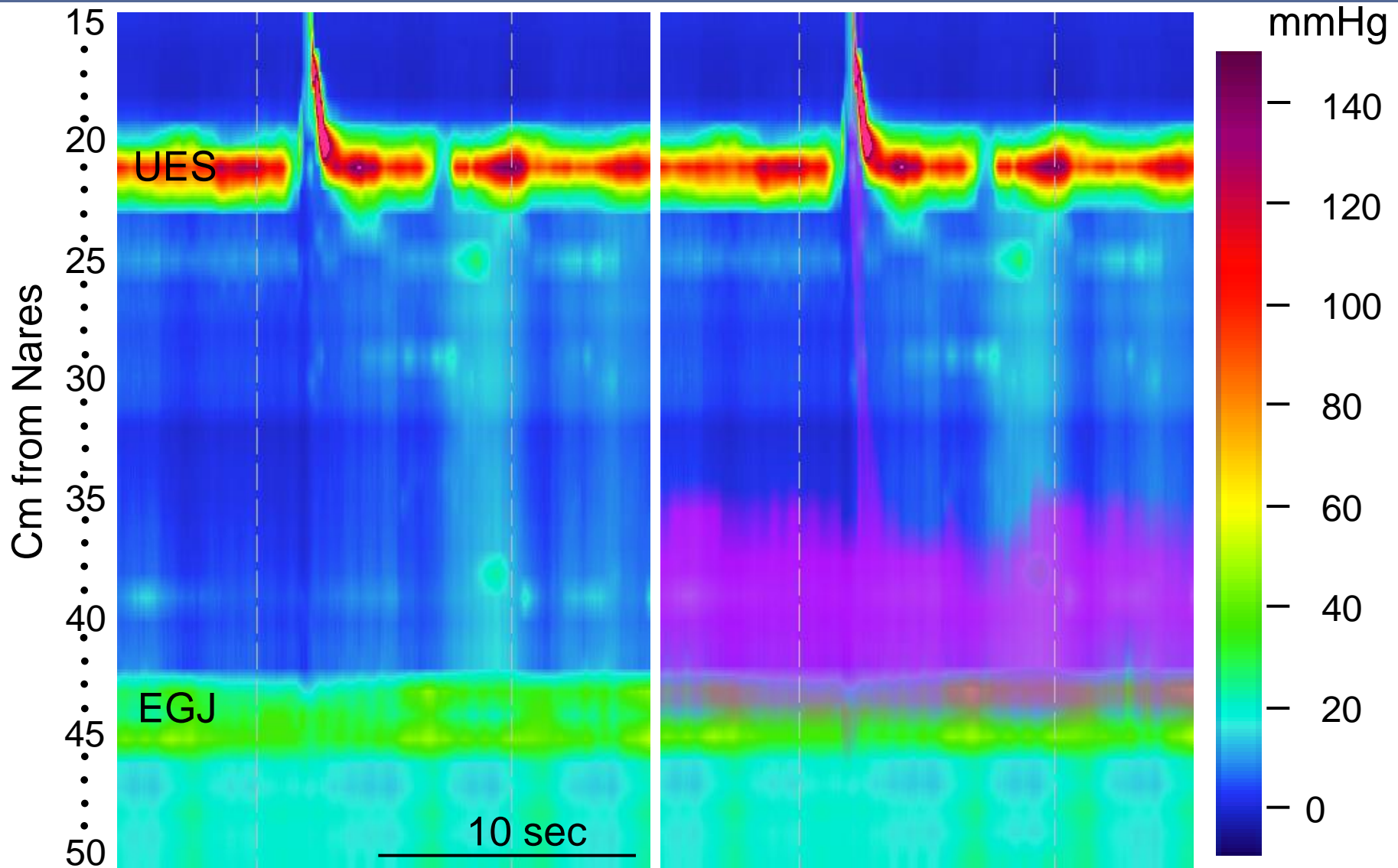
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# Normal high-resolution pressure topography of normal

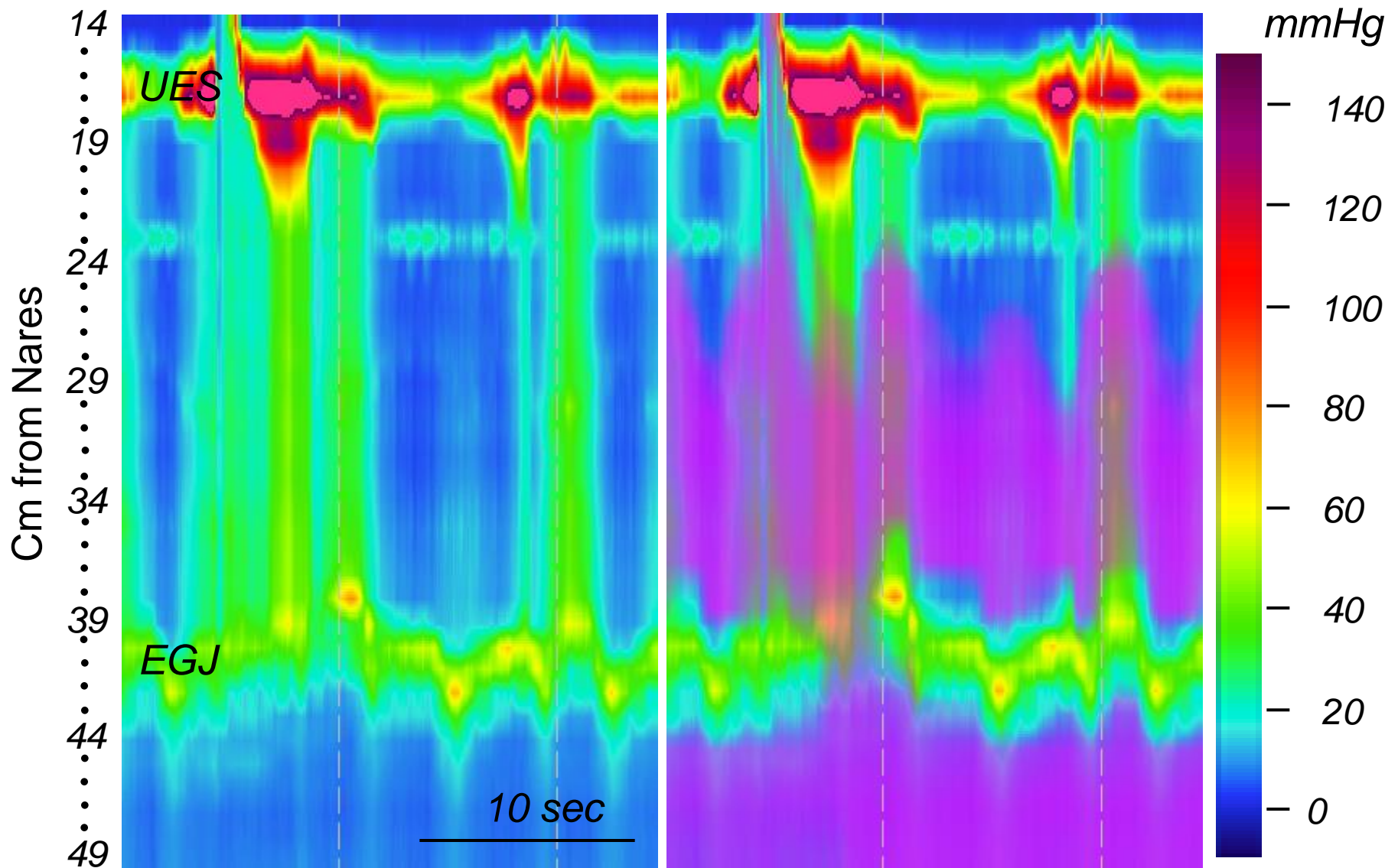


# Achalasia Type I

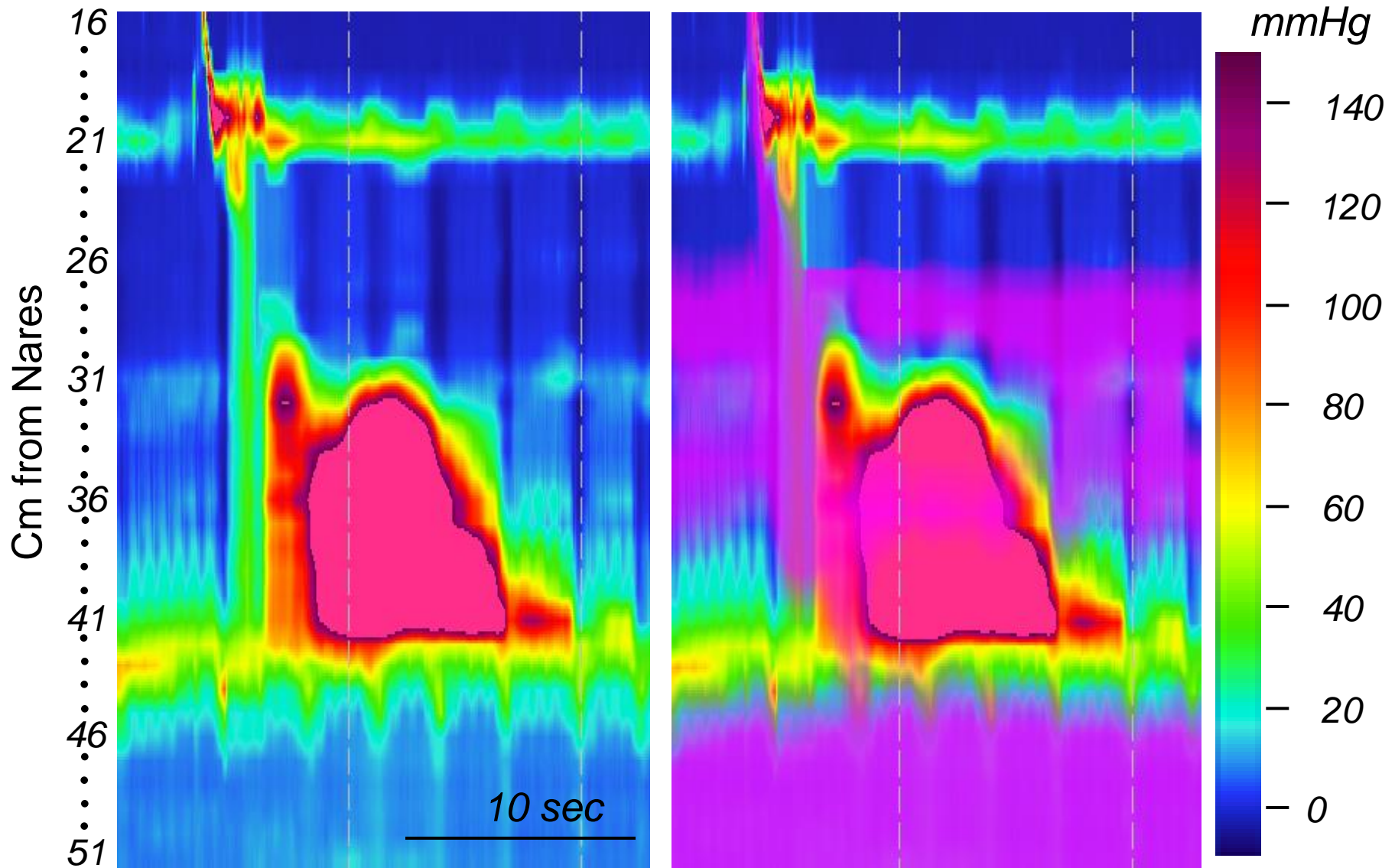




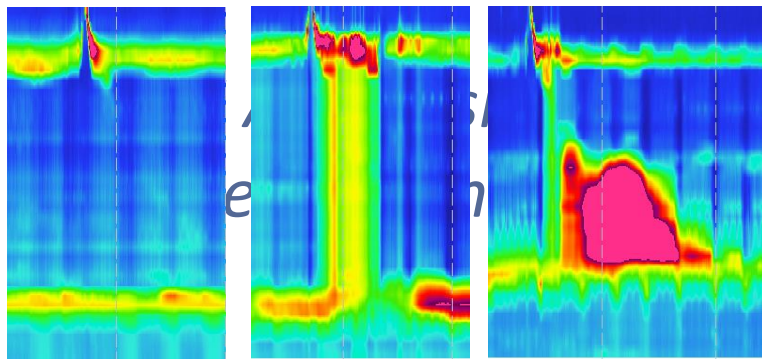
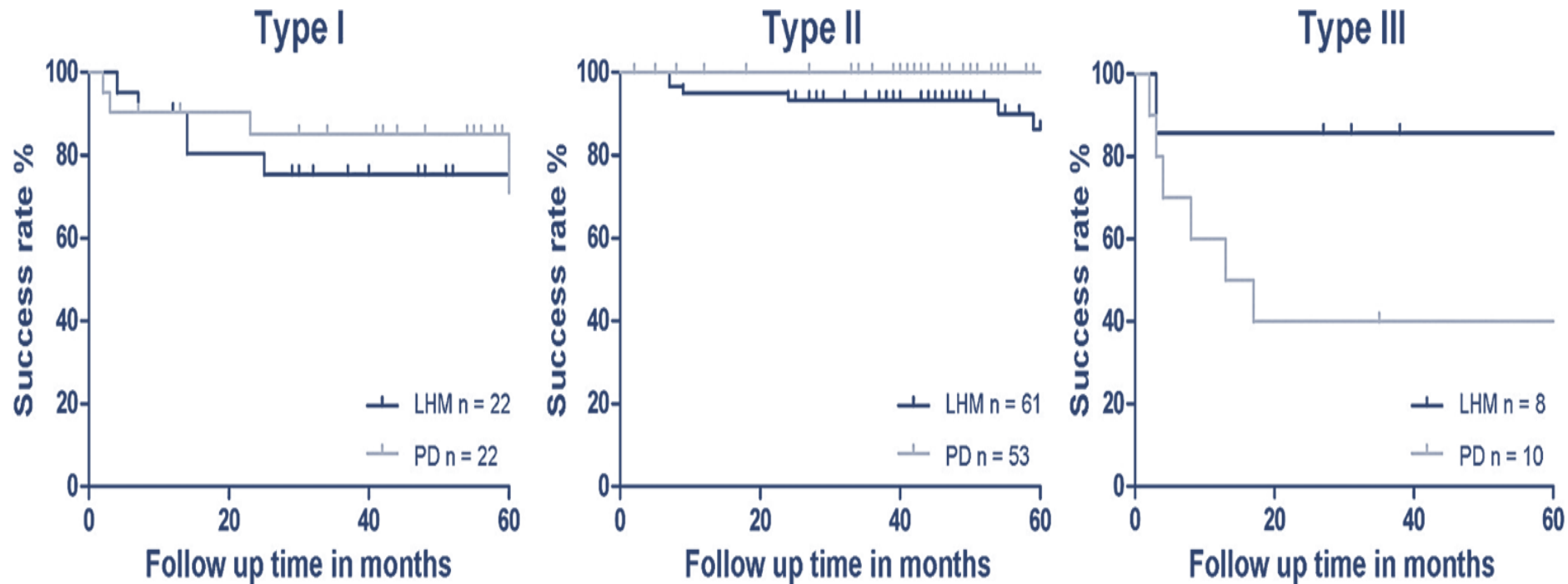
## Achalasia Type II



# Achalasia Type III



# Balloon vs. Lap Heller as a Function of Subtype

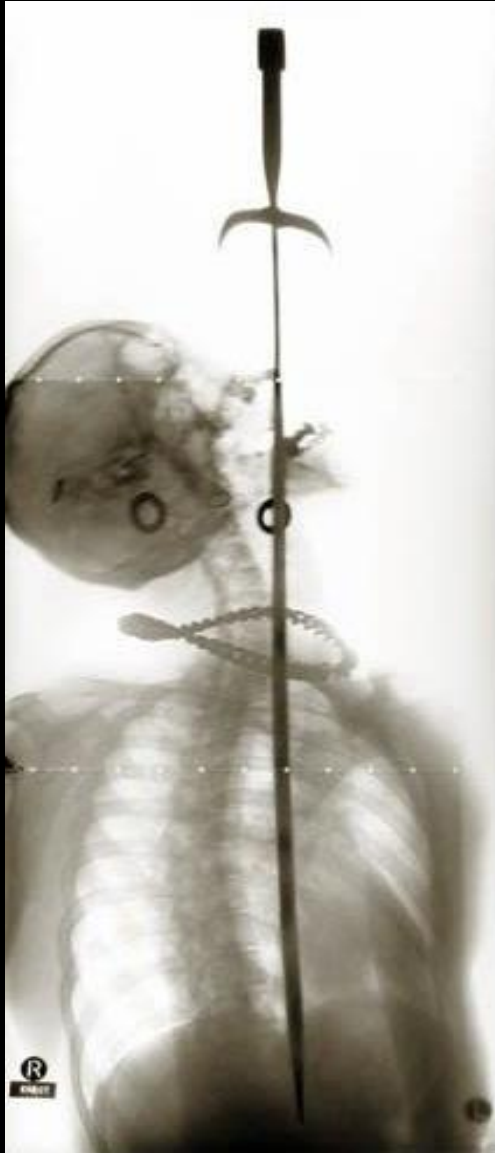


*most responsive to either therapy*  
*not Well Treated by Balloon Dilation*

Gastroenterology 2013; 144: 718 – 725







Peroral Endoscopic  
Myotomy  
*POEM*







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AIM: Does achalasia subtype predict success of POEM?

Patients: 182 achalasia patients with preop HRM and minimum  
6 month follow-up

Clinical success: Eckardt score  $\leq 3$

Score	Weight Loss (kg)	Dysphagia	Chest Pain	Regurgitation
0	None	None	None	None
1	<5	Occasional	Occasional	Occasional
2	5-10	Daily	Daily	Daily
3	>10	Each Meal	Each Meal	Each Meal

> 3 is clinical failure

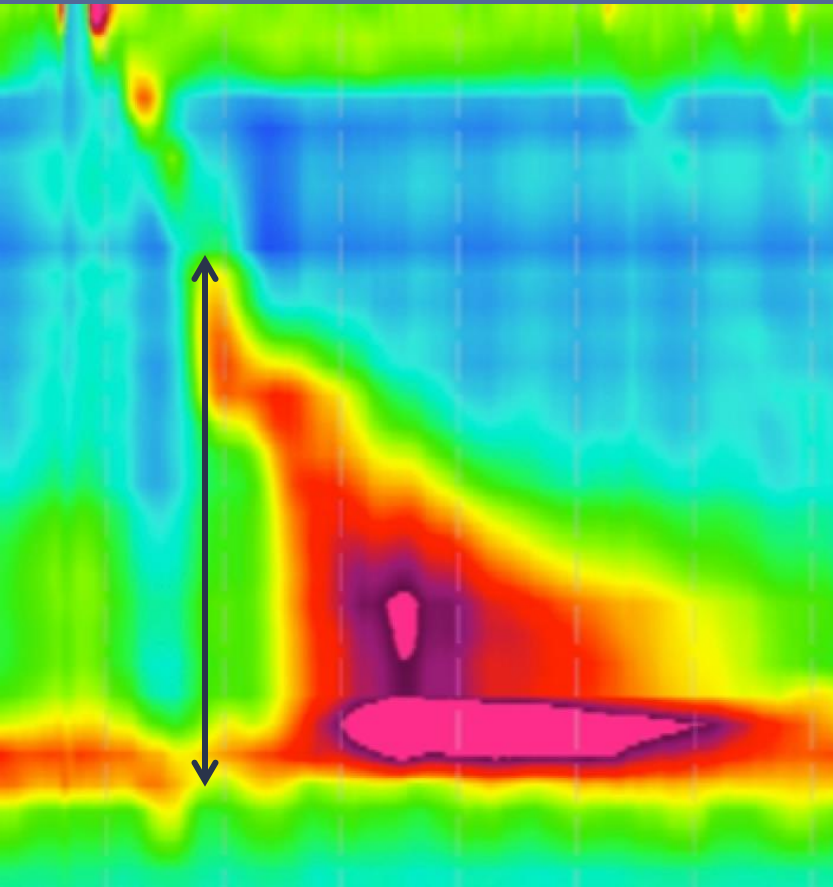


## Results

	Type I (52)	Type II (112)	Type III (18)	<i>p</i> -value
Procedure Time (minutes)	73.0 ± 21.5	66.7 ± 20.2	72.0 ± 30.8	0.188
Length of myotomy (cm)	10.9 ± 2.3	11.4 ± 2.2	14.3. ± 2.8*	<0.0001
Clinical Efficacy (ECK ≤ 3)	96.2%	96.4%	94.4%	0.920
GERD (altered pH-study + heartburn or esophagitis)	32.6% (14/43)	40% (40/100)	28.6% (4/14)	0.555
Post-Operative ECK (mean)	0.9	0.7	1.3	0.094



## What did we learn?



POEM is comparable to LHM and PD for treatment of types I and II achalasia and is more efficacious for type III

The improved efficacy for type III is probably because the myotomy can be tailored to dissect the entire length of the spastic esophageal contraction

30-40% will have abnormal pH study, heartburn or esophagitis, comparable to Heller myotomy without Dor or Toupet fundoplication





# Comparative evaluation of peroral endoscopic myotomy (POEM) for the treatment of achalasia in patients with failed Heller myotomy vs patients without a history of surgical myotomy: A multicenter retrospective cohort study

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## POEM for patients who failed prior HM

- § Few single-center small series (<15 patients)
- § High clinical success (> 90%) and low rate of AE

Hypothesis: clinical outcomes of patients who failed prior HM are comparable to patients without a history of surgical myotomy

Zhou PH. Endoscopy. 2013

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*Baseline characteristics – previous therapy*

	Control [n=90]	Prior HM [n=90]	p
<b>Previous therapy, n(%)</b>			
Pneumatic dilation	23 (26%)	40 (44%)	0.01
Botulinum toxin	7 (8%)	10 (11%)	0.61
HM with Dor fundoplication	0	19 (21%)	
HM with Toupet fundoplication	0	2 (2%)	
HM with fundoplication	0	64 (70%)	
HM without fundoplication	0	6 (3%)	
<b>Orientation of Myotomy</b>			<0.001
Anterior	42 (47%)	2 (3%)	
Posterior	48 (53%)	86 (97%)	



## Successfully completed POEM

	Control (n = 90)	Prior HM (n =90)	p
Technical success	90 (100%)	88* (98%)	0.49

2 failures due to extensive submucosal fibrosis

## Successful by Eckhardt symptom score

	Control (n=90)	Prior HM (n=90)	P
Clinical success ES < 3	85 (94%)	72 (80%)	0.02
Post-POEM ES	1.08 + 1.2	2.09 + 2.5	0.002

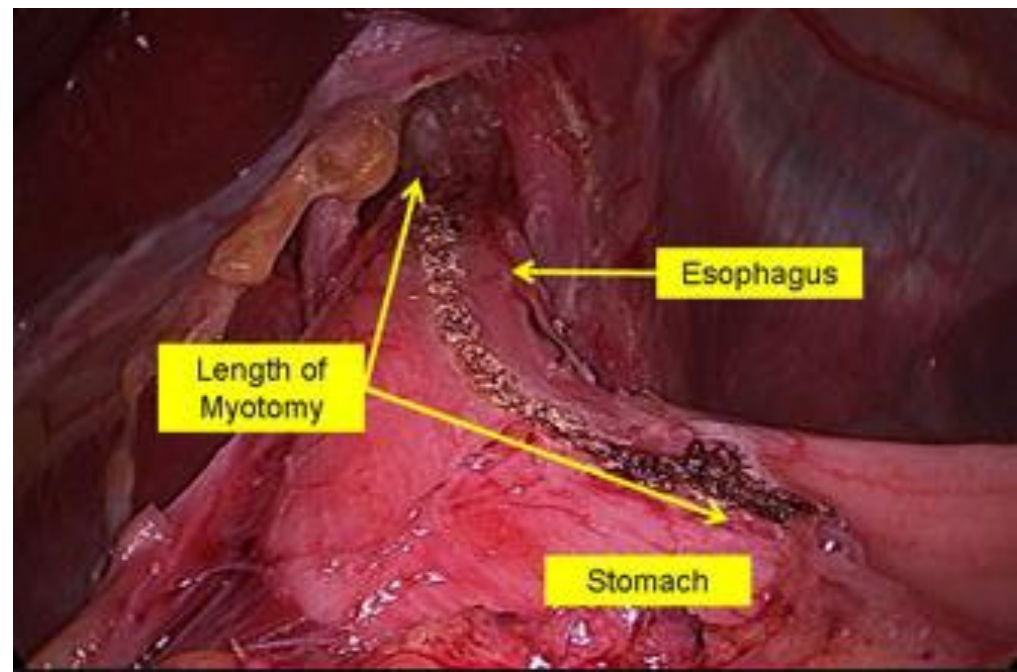
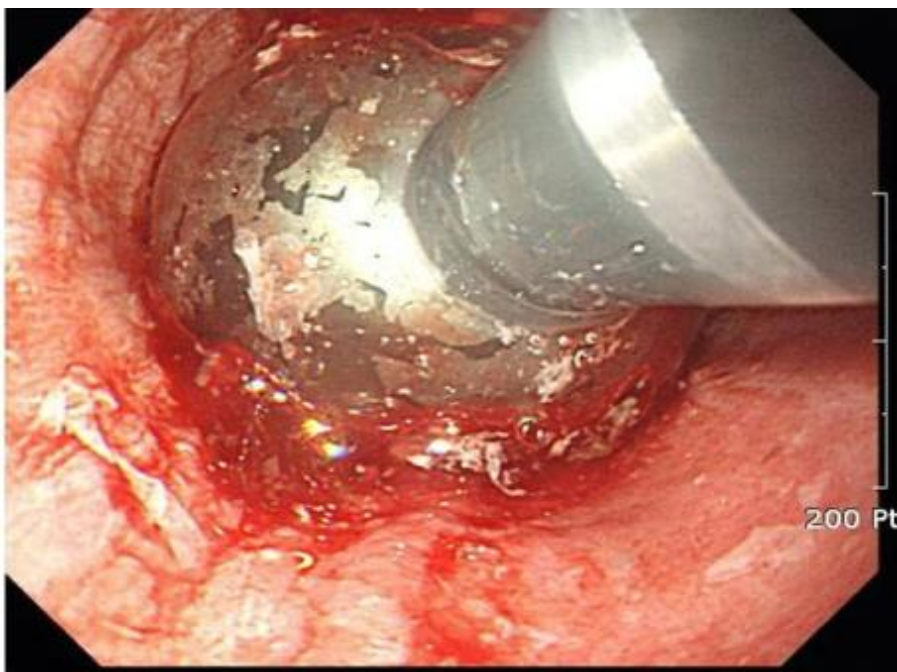




# Multivariable analysis: Predictors of clinical failure after POEM

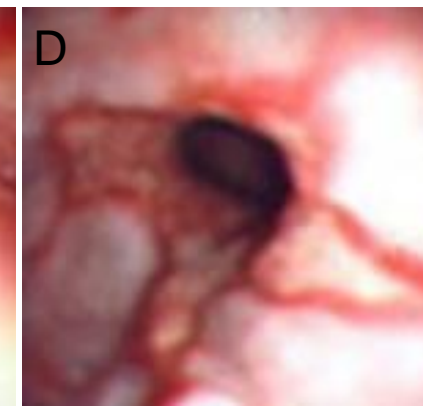
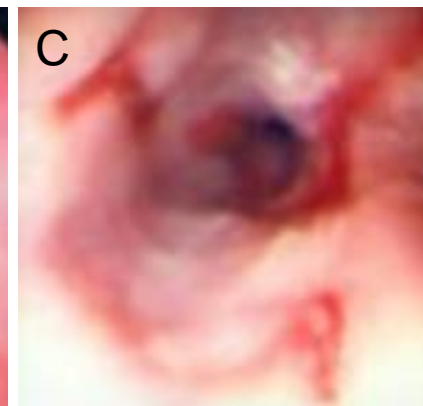
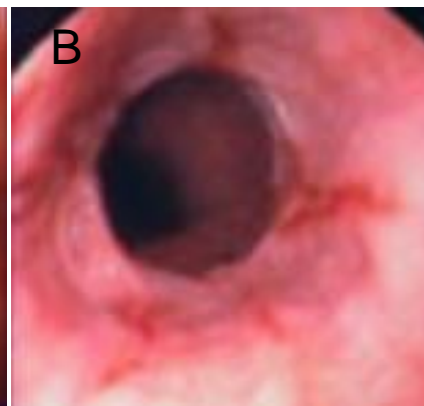
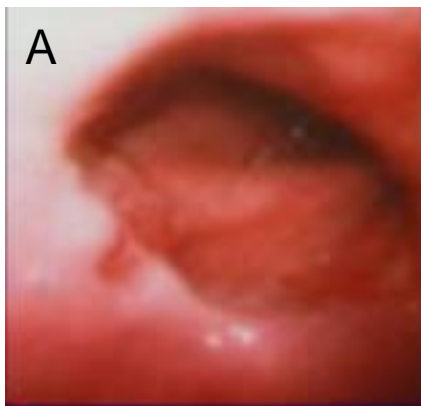
Factors	Odds ratio (95% CI)	P
Prior PD (Yes vs No)	3.18 (1.14-8.85)	0.02
Prior HM (Yes vs No)	2.91 (0.97-8.73)	0.05
Baseline ES	0.85 (0.69-1.03)	0.10

Previous pneumatic dilation makes failure of POEM more likely



## Reflux after POEM

	Control	Prior HM	p
# Patients	76	70	
Reflux symptoms	24 (32%)	21 (30%)	0.85
# Patients	51	48	
Esophagitis on EGD	23 (52%)	18 (36%)	0.52
LA grade A	13 (25%)	14 (29%)	
LA grade B	6 (12%)	3 (6%)	
LA grade C	3 (6%)	1 (2%)	
LA grade D	1 (2%)	0	



## *What did we learn?*

POEM is effective in patients with failed HM (80%), but less so than in those without prior HM (94%).

Prior pneumatic dilation is associated with clinical failure of POEM

