

Clinical Spotlight

The Identification of Barrett's Esophagus and Low Grade Dysplasia with WATS^{3D} and Missed by Forceps Biopsy

We need to make sure we use a procedure that's accurate, safe, efficient, and cost effective: For my practice, WATS3D checks all the boxes."



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CASE STUDY

Patient History:

68 year-old female with a chronic history of achalasia that had been treated with pneumatic dilation. Patient had been well managed for decades but developed persistent reflux symptoms.

Endoscopic Findings (9/2017):



Dilated esophagus without peristalsis and widely patent LES; distal esophagitis and salmon-colored mucosa in the tubular esophagus.

Forceps Biopsy Results:

Acute chronic ulceration, negative for glandular epithelium.

WATS^{3D} Results:



Benign squamous and columnar epithelium, goblet cell metaplasia (Barrett's esophagus); negative for dysplasia.

Treatment and Follow-up:

The patient was treated with a more intensive anti-reflux regimen and EGD was scheduled for one year later.

Endoscopic Findings (9/2018):



Dilated esophagus without peristalsis and widely patent LES; distal esophagitis and salmon-colored mucosa in the tubular esophagus...

Forceps Biopsy Results:

Positive for Barrett's metaplasia without dysplasia.

WATS^{3D} Results:



Columnar epithelium with goblet cell metaplasia (Barrett's esophagus) with low-grade dysplasia involving the crypt.

Impact on Patient Care:

Barrett's esophagus and dysplasia were detected early and accurately with WATS^{3D} leading to an improved patient management.

Patient underwent radiofrequency ablation following an additional endoscopy in early 2019.