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Our ref: FULM/TN/W672610
NHS: 462 910 2124

Mr Ivor Catt
121 Westfields
St. Albans
Herts
AL3 4JR

Dear Mr Catt,

Thank you for your recent email.

When Dr Leahy last did your endoscopy on 25th July 2013 there was some slight narrowing which was stretched up to 15 mm.

The reason for bringing you back approximately a month after this, i.e. 5th September is to have another look at the area to see whether there is still a narrowing there, obviously in the context of your biodegradable stent, to see whether the stricture has completely gone away following this. If there is still a stricture there would be an option of placing a different stent in the oesophagus with the aim of leaving that in place for 4 weeks or so before removing it. I do not think this is something we have previously discussed. It is better to try and do endoscopies regularly and pre-empt problems rather than necessarily waiting until you are having swallowing problems and this is the reason for wanting to do the endoscopy on the 5th September. It is worth mentioning that we are not planning on putting the stent in on this occasion but it is more to reassess the situation to see whether a further stent would be an option. This is a so called fully covered metal stent and is different to the biodegradable stents that you have had before.

In terms of the outlook for your condition, I guess the reason I suggested that it may not be easy to cure was that you have had the problem for such a long time, but ultimately there are more things that can be done and I know that on occasions surgery may have been mentioned to you and I guess this is the ultimate cure to the problem and it is more of a case of whether we want to go down this line or continue having repeated dilatations as we have been doing.

I will see you again on the 5th September and we can chat again then.

Yours sincerely



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GASTROSCOPY REPORT - 05/09/2013

Mr Ivor Catt	Hospital Case Note:	W672610
121 Westfields	Sex:	Male
St. Albans	Date of Birth:	19/12/1935
Herts	NHS No:	462 910 2124
	First Endoscopist:	Dr Mark Fullard
AL3 4JR	Supervising Endoscopist:	
	ASA Status:	1

IV Medication
IV Midazolam 002.0 mg
IV Buscopan

Other Medication
Fentanyl 100 mcg
Oxygen: 002 Litres

Co Morbidities: None

<u>INDICATIONS</u>	
Dysphagia:	Able to eat semisolids only

<u>EXAMINATION</u>	
Abnormal Examination	
<u>FINDINGS</u>	
Stricture / Stenosis	
Type:	Benign

PROCEDURE PERFORMED

Procedure: OGD & dilation Examination To: 1st Part of Duodenum

OUTCOME

Return for further procedures

COMMENTS:

Symptoms worsened again. Stricture at 25cms dilated 12, 13.5,,15mm. Options lie between 1- repeated dilatations, 2- surgery, 3- trial of fully covered wallflex stent. Have discussed options and we will try stent next. Proximal stricture is at 25cms and there is granulation tissue intermittently down oesophagus with another narrowed area at 42cms. We will book for stent in 3-4 weeks.

Signed


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