

The Malignant Broncho-Esophageal Fistula: A Case Report and Literature Review

OBJECTIVE

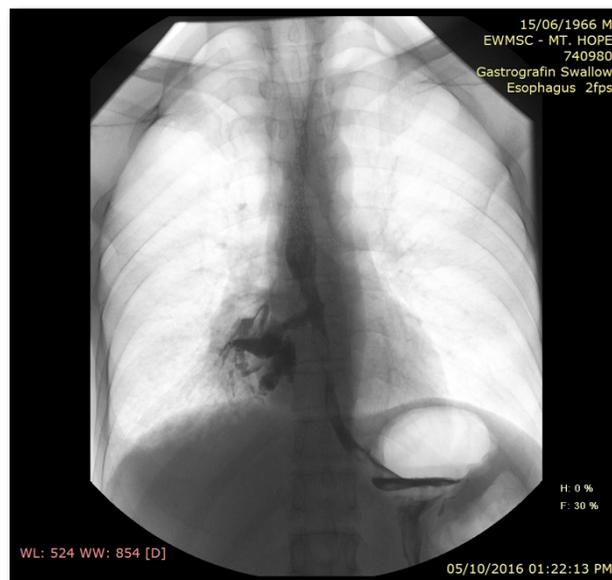
To highlight the rare occurrence of a Malignant Esophago-Respiratory Fistula, emerging from a Locally advanced Esophageal Carcinoma and to discuss the nodal points of the various management strategies that can be employed.

DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY

EBSCO as well as PUBMED databases were utilized for retrieving articles pertaining to the search of Malignant Esophago-Respiratory Fistulas as well as Locally advanced Esophageal Malignancy.

RESULTS

After confirmation of a Broncho-Esophageal Fistula via Computed Tomography and Water Soluble Fluoroscopic Esophagogram, the patient was placed on an Emergency Operating list to expedite his Esophageal



Stent Insertion, with thus far appreciable palliation observed on outpatient follow up. This was objectively corroborated with a Post-operative Fluoroscopic Swallow study demonstrated occlusion of the Fistulous track.

CONCLUSION

Despite the gravity of this diagnosis with respect to Prognostication, treatment recommendations include early intervention based on the patient's status at time of presentation. Many management strategies are available and debated upon, nevertheless our choice of Esophageal Stenting thus far has produced excellent palliation in symptoms.