#### Intraoperative Esophageal



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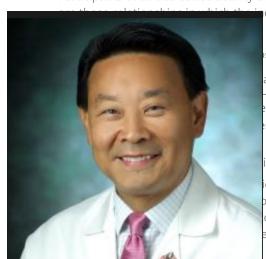




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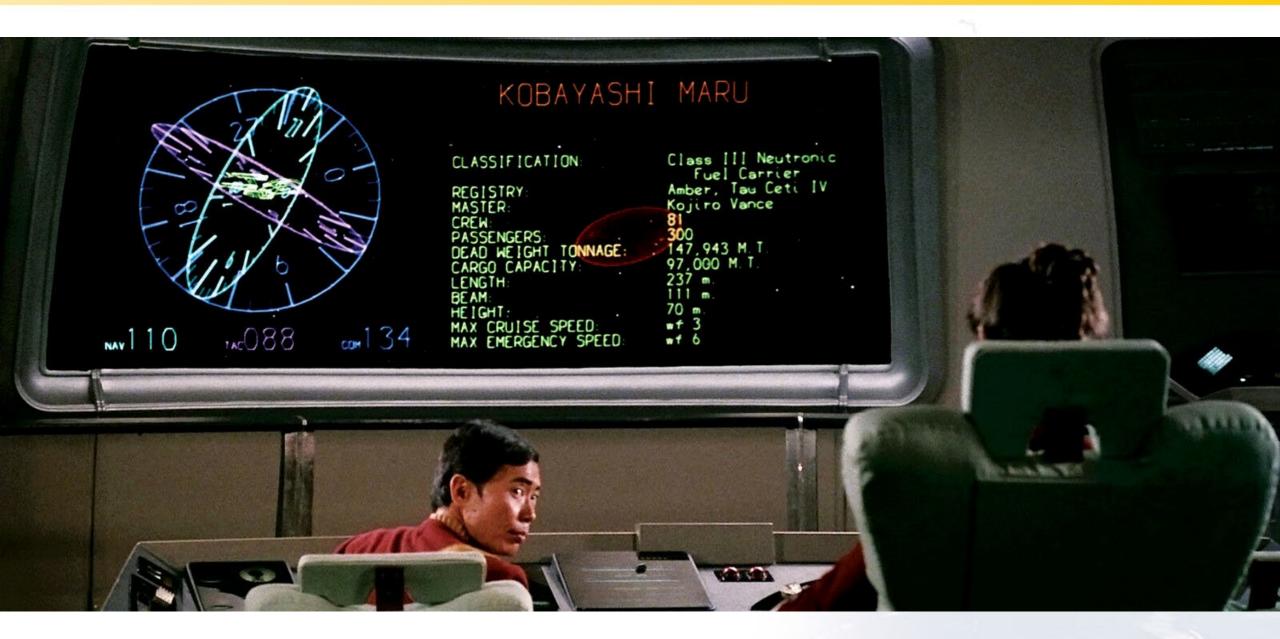


## Intraoperative Esophageal Dilemmas: Overview

- Nown vs unexpected
- ▶ Iatrogenic vs natural history
- Minimally vs maximally invasive
- Abdomen vs chest vs neck
- **Benign vs malignant**
- **Back out vs crossed the bridge**





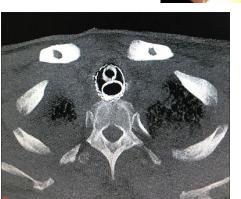




#### **Endoscopy**

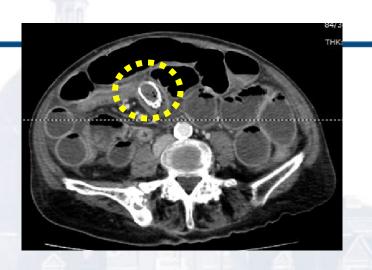


- **■** Large anastomotic leak
- Can't find stent
- Stent is stuck
- **■** Foreign body is stuck
- **Esophageal leak from POET**





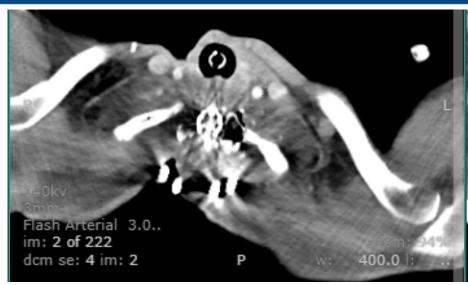








### Anterior Cervical Surgery: Esophageal Perforations





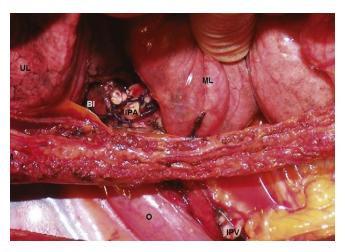




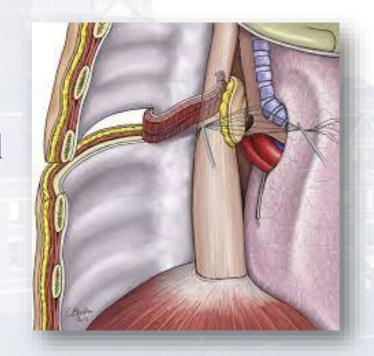




#### Resection of Esophageal Masses/Diverticula



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- Not enough muscle to cover mucosal defect
- Resect too much esophageal wall

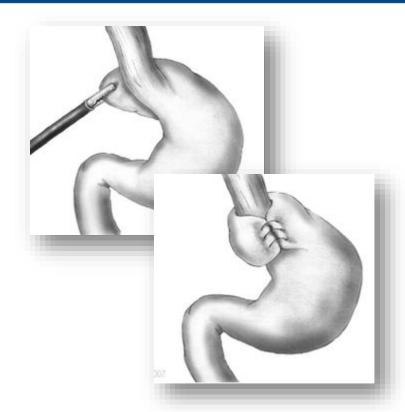


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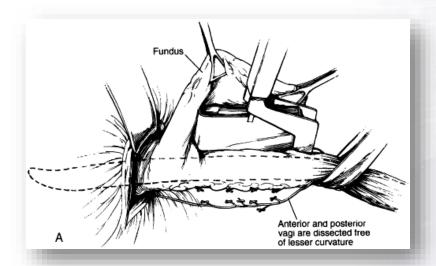


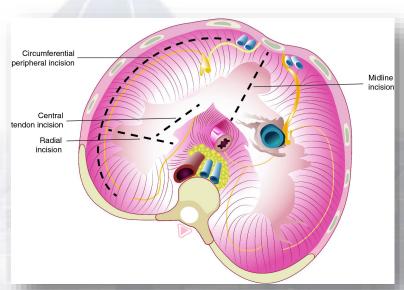


#### **Fundoplication**



- **■** Esophageal/gastric tear
- Unable to reduce hernia (from abdomen or chest)
- **■** Foreshortened esophagus









#### **Esophagectomy**

- Abdominal
- **Chest**
- Neck

- > R GE is divided/injured/gone
- > Metastatic disease
- > Positive gastric margin
- > Tumor stuck on the SMA/celiac axis
- > IVC/portal triad injury
- > Divided replaced left/common hepatic artery
- > THE: massive bleeding, airway injury
- > Skin stitch thru j-tube





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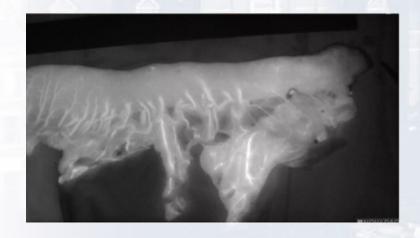
- > Pt gets extubated
- > Stapler malfunctions/"99% donut"
- > Temp probe/NG tube is stapled in anastomosis
- > Positive margin
- > Carcinomatosis
- > Tumor stuck to airway/aorta
- > Conduit: stuck in belly, doesn't reach, dead
- > Airway injury: thermal, mechanical
- > Cardiac arrest



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- > Conduit doesn't reach
- > Conduit viability
- > Positive margin
- > RLN divided
- > Large goiter







### You leave the room thinking you're done...



- Intubating the esophagus with a fresh cervical anastomosis
- NG/chest/j-tube comes out during bed transfer







# Intraoperative Esophageal Disasters: Summary

IF YOU SEE YOUR
GLASS AS HALF EMPTY,
POUR IT INTO A
SMALLER GLASS AND
STOP BITCHING.





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Thank you!

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