

## OESO Newsletter – November 2025

Message to the members of OESO,  
and to all those who have interest in Esophagology



### The **OESO-SEMPIRE**

**VIRTUAL EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL**  
**42<sup>nd</sup> meeting**

From:  
**Amsterdam UMC**  
University of Amsterdam

Hosted by:  
**Dr. Suzanne Gisbertz, Consultant Upper GI Surgeon**

### **Wednesday, November 12, 2025**

- Amsterdam Time 4 – 5.30 pm
- **Europe CET:**  
Paris: 4 – 5.30 pm  
UK: 3 – 4.30 pm
- **North America:**  
West Coast: 7 – 8.30 am  
East Coast: 10 – 11.30 am
- **South America:**  
São Paulo:  
12 noon – 1.30 pm  
Buenos Aires:  
12 noon – 1.30 pm  
Santiago Chile:  
12 noon – 1.30 pm
- **Africa:**  
Bomet, Kenya: 6 – 7.30 pm
- **Asia:**  
Beijing:  
11 pm – 12.30 am (Nov. 13)  
Kuala Lumpur:  
11 pm – 12.30 am (Nov. 13)
- **Australia:**  
Melbourne:  
2 – 3.30 am (Nov. 13)

- Zoom technology applied

Registration is free, but mandatory:

Free registration



**When the road to recovery takes a detour:  
Managing post-esophagectomy complications.**

*The most unforgiving organ – In the most forgiving patient*

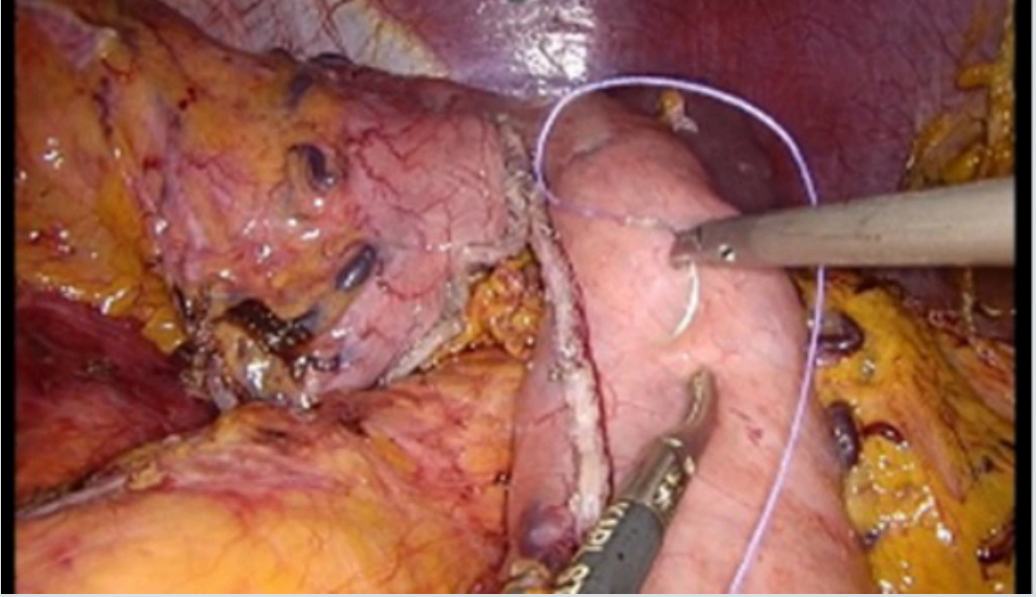
**GIST OF  
THE CASE**

**Presenter of the case:**

- **Wietse J. Eshuis**  
Consultant Upper GI Surgeon

- 72 years old patient, WHO performance score 0, BMI 22 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. History of coronary stent for occlusive coronary heart disease at 52.
- Diagnosed with cT3N2M0 moderately differentiated GEJ adenocarcinoma (38-44cm), with 3 cm ingrowth into the cardia.
- Treatment consisted of FLOT + MIE Ivor Lewis with gastric reconstruction (circular stapled anastomosis).
- Complicated postoperative course with recurrent anastomotic leakage and decreasing number of potential solutions...

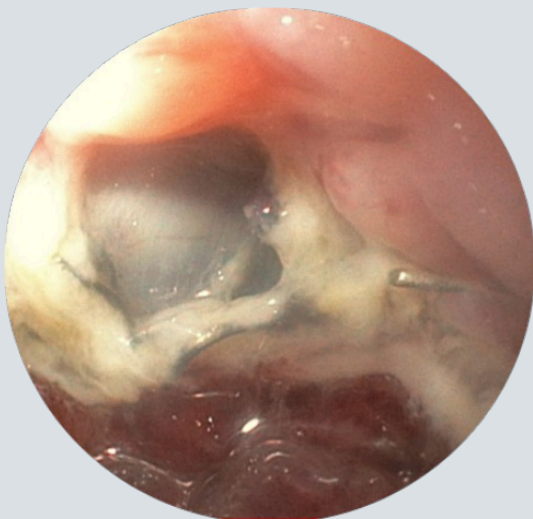
**Surgery**



Uncomplicated MIE Ivor-Lewis with gastric reconstruction

**CT scan POD 4**

Confirmed anastomotic leakage with collections along the conduit and left pleural effusion.

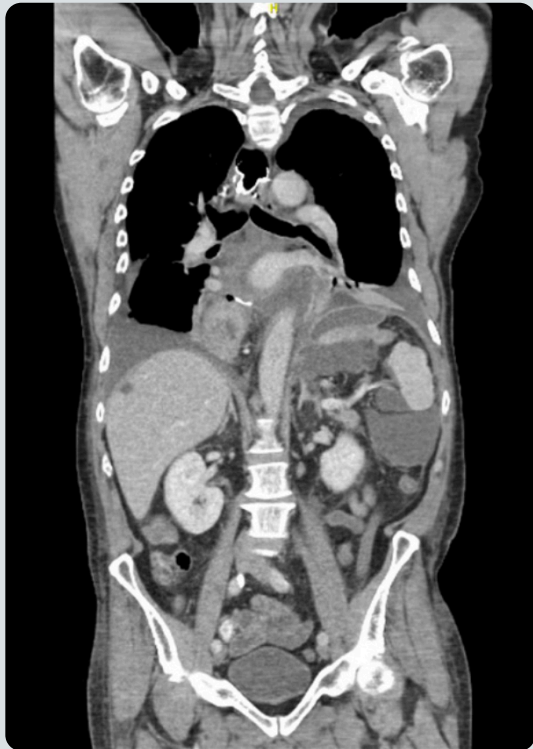
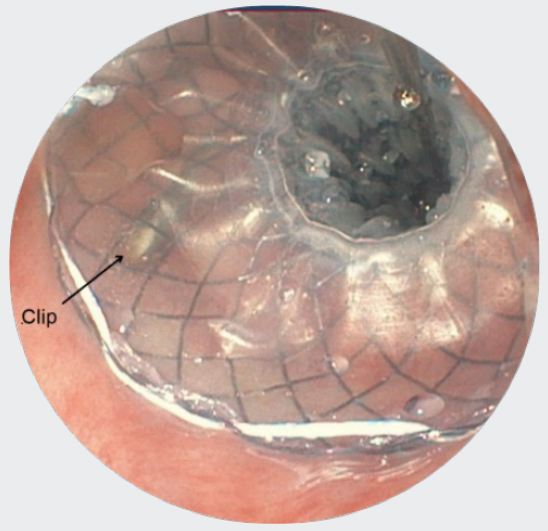


**Endoscopy POD 5**

Primary defect in the circular staple line

**Endoscopy POD 5**

Initial treatment consisted of VAC-stent



**Clinical improvement until  
POD 16...**

**CT scan POD 16**



**Panel for discussion:**

- **Suzanne Gisbertz** (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
- **Maria Bencivenga** (Verona, Italy)
- **Peter Grimminger** (Mainz, Germany)
- **Christian Gutschow** (Zurich, Switzerland)
- **Lucas Duits** (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

## Topics for discussion:

### *"What would you do"*

- Prophylactic treatments to prevent anastomotic leakage,
- Optimal initial treatment of anastomotic leakage,
- Last resort options for persistent anastomotic leakage,
- Future options for similar cases.



*Thirty-seven Pilot Centers worldwide are currently listed in the network of the OESO-SEMPIRE Platform of Excellence in Esophagology to take part in the program of the **OESO Virtual Educational Channel in Esophagology**.*



*Such a program is in line with true multi-disciplinarity, the essence of OESO since its creation, and the mission defined by UNESCO in the **Chair of Digital Education** attributed in 2018, to the OESO Foundation at the University of Geneva.*



The previous "Staff meeting discussions" were organized in

- **2020:** May 28 (Pilot Center of Milan), July 22 (Pilot Center of Stanford), October 3 (Pilot Center of Bomet, Kenya), October 29 (Pilot Center of Beijing), December 10 (Pilot Center of Geneva),
- **2021:** January 29 (Pilot Center of Melbourne), February 25 (Pilot Center of Bordeaux), March 19 (Pilot Center of Stanford), April 15 (Pilot Center of Paris), May 26 (Pilot Center of Milan), June 23 (Pilot Center of Sao Paulo), August 21 (Asian Pacific Digestive Week), October 19 (Pilot Center of Mainz), November 22 (Pilot Center of Bordeaux), December 9 (Pilot Center of Geneva),
- **2022:** January 20 (Pilot Center of Kota Bharu), February 22 (Pilot Centers of Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou), March 24 (Pilot Center of Boston), May 4 (Pilot Centers of Melbourne and Kenya), July 19 (Pilot Center of Kota Bharu), September 23 (Pilot Center of Milwaukee, Wisconsin), October 8 (Pilot Center of Chile), December 14 (Pilot Center of Geneva),
- **2023:** January 11 (Pilot Center of Stanford), February 26 (Pilot Center of Malaysia), March 23 (Pilot Center of Boston), May 24 (Pilot Center of Paris), June 1 (Pilot Center of Chile), September 28 (Pilot Center of Milwaukee, WI), November 30 (Pilot Center of Geneva and London),

December 18 (Pilot Center of Zurich),

- **2024:** January 24 (Pilot Center of Houston, Texas), February 20 (Pilot Center of Verona), June 5 (Pilot Center of Guangzhou), July 18 (Pilot Center of Bomet), October 9 (Pilot Center of Hong Kong), November 27 (Pilot Center of Houston, Texas),
- **2025:** January 22 (Pilot Center of Beijing), March 5 (Pilot Center of Geneva), May 8 (Pilot Center of San Paulo) and October 2 (Pilot Center of Belgrade).



- ***Wherever you are in the world,***
- ***Whatever your specialty,***
- ***Whatever your level,***

the 42<sup>nd</sup> clinical case of the OESO-SEMPIRE Platform will afford you the opportunity to participate in a global staff meeting dedicated to one challenging topic of esophagology.

Participants from any country can connect to the discussion.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

**Robert Giuli, MD, FACS**  
Professor of Surgery  
Founder & Deputy Executive Director of OESO

The next 43rd clinical case coming up for discussion will be announced in the next newsletter and on the website.

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