



World Organization for Specialized Studies  
on Diseases of the Esophagus

## OESO Newsletter – March 2026

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



### The **OESO-SEMPIRE**

**VIRTUAL EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL**  
**44th meeting**

From:

Radiologie Waehring, Public Ambulance  
for Swallowing disorders, Vienna  
&  
Department of Gastroenterology, Vienna

Hosted by:

**Prof. Peter Pokieser**

Head of Public Ambulance for Swallowing disorders, Radiologie Waehring

**Prof. Ludwig Kramer**

Chairman, Klinik Hietzing, Department of Gastroenterology

### **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

- Vienna, Time Europe CET 6 – 7.30 pm
- **Europe CET:**
  - Paris: 6 – 7.30 pm
  - UK: 5 – 6.30 pm
- **North America:**
  - West Coast: 10 – 11.30 am
  - East Coast: 1 – 2.30 pm
- **South America:**
  - São Paulo: 2 – 3.30 pm
- **Africa:**
  - Bomet, Kenya: 8 – 9.30 pm
- **Asia:**
  - Beijing: 1 – 2.30 am (Mar 18)
  - Kuala Lumpur:  
1 – 2.30 am (Mar 18)
- **Australia:**
  - Melbourne:

Buenos Aires: 2 – 3.30 pm  
Santiago Chile: 2– 3.30 pm

4 – 5.30 am (Mar 18)

- Zoom technology applied

**Registration is free, but mandatory:**

Free registration



## **Multilevel Dysphagia, when Deglutology meets Esophagology. Three case examples**

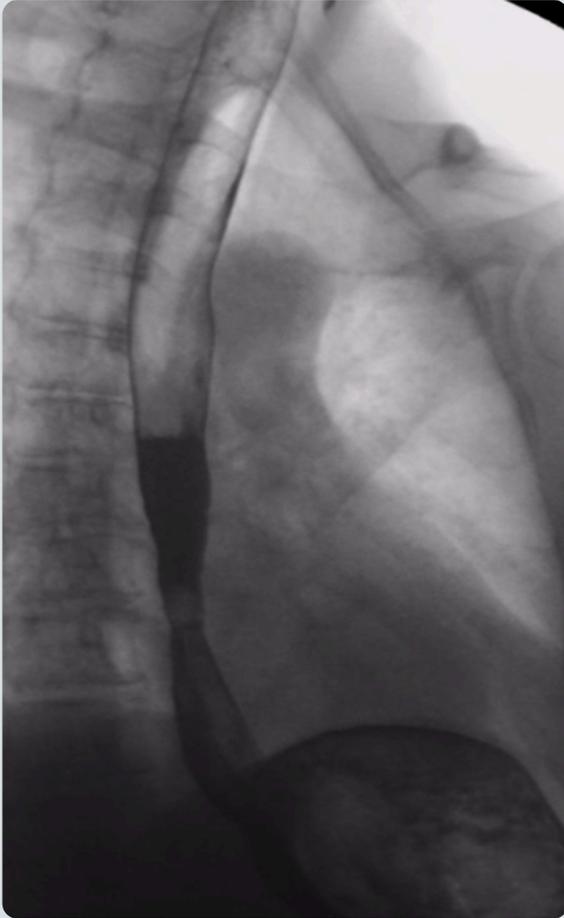
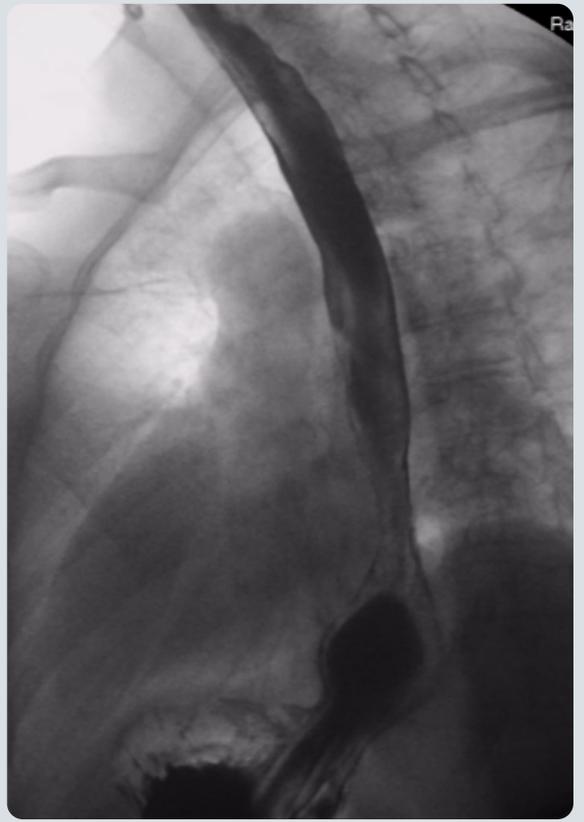
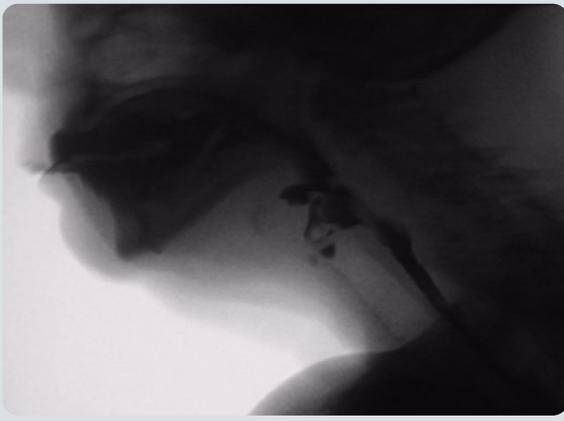
**Presenters of the three cases:** Peter Pokieser and Ludwig Kramer

### **GIST OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> CASE**

#### **Case 1: Diagnostic ambulant case**

- a 63 year old female patient
- 165 cm, 57 kg, good general condition, congenital extrapyramidal tremor, sometimes aspirating, no bronchopulmonary problems, solid food dysphagia especially with meat and bread, leading to regurgitation, constantly aggravating.

*Oropharyngeal and esophageal videofluoroscopy reveals aspiration and esophageal stenosis, hiatal hernia and widening of the esophagogastric junction:*

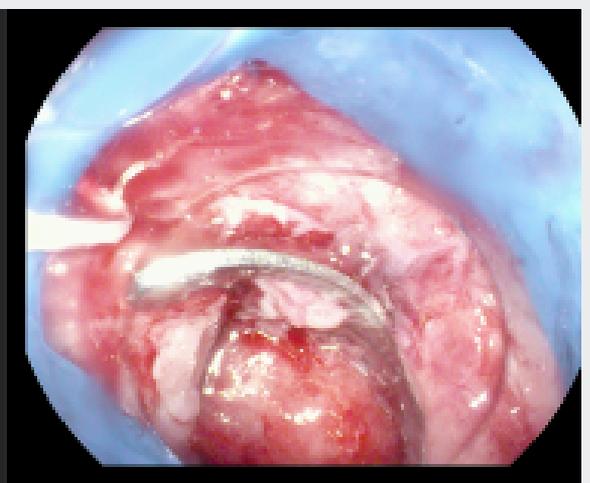
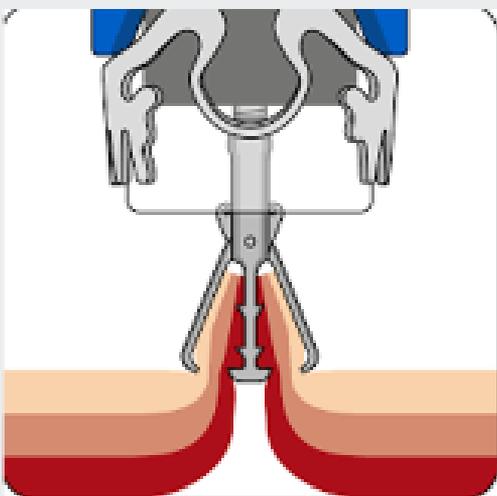
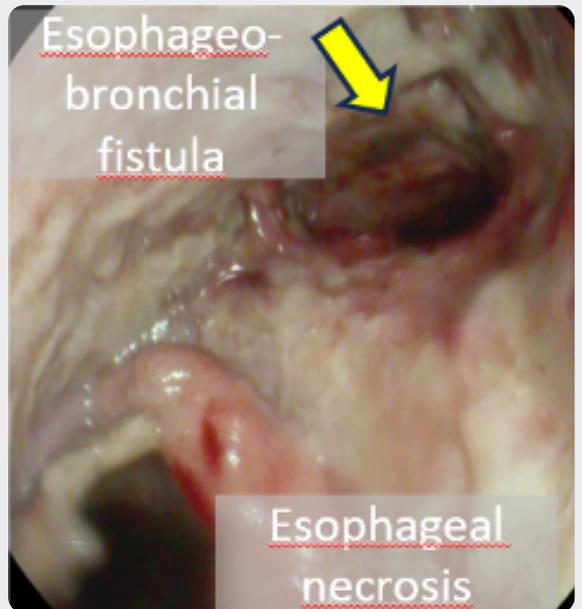
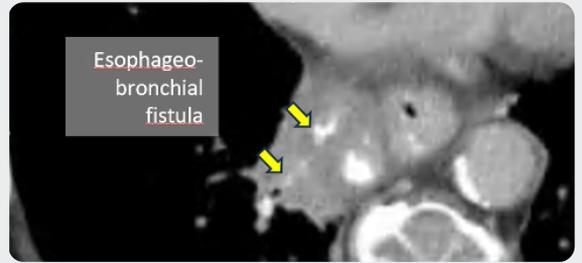
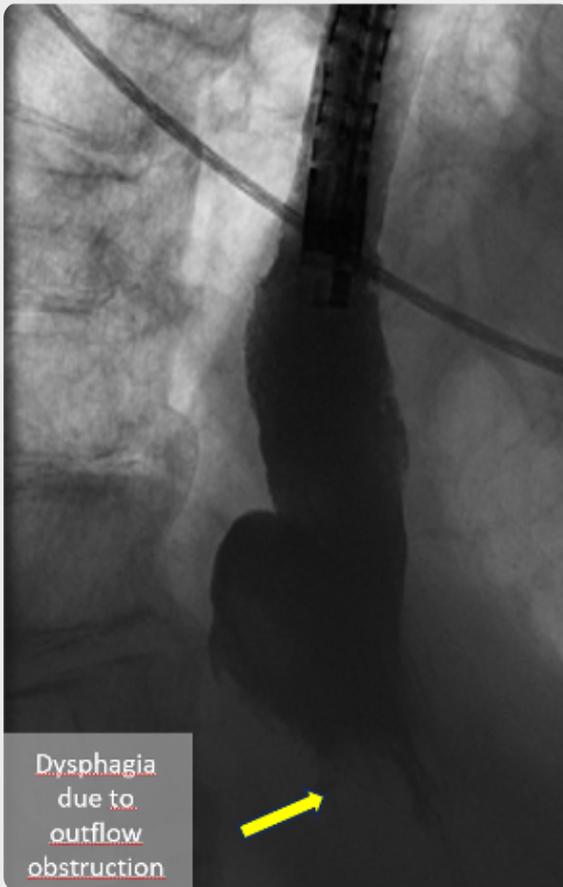


## GIST OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> CASE

### Case 2: Therapeutic hospitalized case

- June 2, 2025: Admission of a 76 year old female with long-standing reflux disease Los Angeles IV (stenosis), large hiatal hernia, ulcerous / necrotic lesions. Multiple co-morbidities, including oropharyngeal dysphagia with Parkinson disease and aspiration problems.
- June 3, 2025: Diagnosis of distal esophageal perforation with esophago-bronchial fistula => intubation, ICU care required.
- June 4, 2025: Implantation of Eso-SPONGE (Endo-VAC).
- June 5, 2026: Massive esophageal bleeding, critical hemodynamics => transfusion, ICU support.

- June 6, 2025: Right pleural effusion, chest tube inserted.
- June 9, 2025: Laparoscopic insertion of jejunal catheter. Fully covered metal stent, acute renal failure.
- June 12, 2026: Jejunal catheter dislocation, laparotomy, abdominal VAC.
- July 19, 2025: Esophageal stent removed.
- July 21, 2025: Retrosternal pain, dysphagia – aspiration pneumonia with respiratory failure.
- July 23, 2025: Esophageal metal stent #2(Hanaro).
- Oct 9, 2025: Esophageal metal stent #3.
- Jan 24, 2026: Readmission: stent migration, removal.
- Feb 21, 2026: Fistula recurrence, dysphagia, regurgitation.
- Mar 5, 2026: **Esophageal balloon dilation => 17 mm**



OVESCO OTSC clip application

## GIST OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> CASE

### Case 3: Diagnostic ambulant case

- a 78 year old male patient, suffering for more than 5 years from regurgitation of small pieces of food, repetitive swallows of saliva over the day and sometimes, estimated every two months, food gets stuck and drinking water takes a time of around 1 or two minutes, before eating can be continued.

*Oropharyngeal videofluoroscopy reveals a small Zenker diverticulum and a considerable crico-pharyngeal bar and a Schatzki's ring, typically with a hiatal hernia. Subtle analysis of the video-information represents the basis for panel discussion of diagnostic and therapeutic management.*



#### Panel for discussion:

- Prof. Dr. Rainer **Dziewas**, FESO  
President of the European Society for Swallowing Disorders (ESSD)

Chairman, Department of Neurology and neurological rehabilitation  
Klinikum Osnabrück – Academic teaching hospital of the University of Münster

- Prof. Dr. Ludwig **Kramer**  
Chairman, Klinik Hietzing, Department of Gastroenterology, Vienna
- Ayodele **Sasegbon**  
Gastroenterologist and clinical lecturer at the University of Manchester

### Topics for discussion:

Ambulant and hospitalized patients can present with swallowing impairment synchronously at multiple levels of the upper GI- tract, namely the oropharyngeal, pharyngoesophageal, esophageal and esophagogastric level. Interdisciplinary approach needs to consider all levels of possible coexisting pathologic conditions of morphologic and functional disease.



*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), October 2 (Pilot Center of Belgrade), November 12 (Pilot Center of Amsterdam),
- **2026:** January 24 (Pilot Center of Beijing).



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

the 44th clinical case of the OESO-SEMPIRE Platform will afford you the opportunity to participate in a global staff meeting dedicated to three challenging topics 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 45th clinical case coming up for discussion will be announced in the next newsletter and on the website.

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