

OESO Newsletter – April 2026

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



The **OESO-SEMPIRE**

VIRTUAL EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL
45th meeting

From:

Esophageal Surgery Unit, Digestive Surgery Division,
Hospital das Clínicas, São Paulo University Medical School,
São Paulo, Brazil

Hosted by:

Prof. Rubens Sallum
Head of Esophageal Surgery Unit

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

- São Paulo: 12 noon – 1.30 pm (GMT-3)
- **Europe CET:**
Paris: 5 – 6.30 pm
UK: 4 – 5.30 pm
- **North America:**
West Coast:
11 am – 12.30 pm
East Coast: 8 – 9.30 am
- **South America:**
São Paulo:
12 noon – 1.30 pm
Buenos Aires:
12 noon – 1.30 pm
- **Africa:**
Bomet, Kenya: 6 – 7.30 pm
- **Asia:**
Beijing: 23 pm – 0.30 am
(Apr 29)
Kuala Lumpur:
23 pm – 0.30 am (Apr 29)
- **Australia:**
Melbourne: 1 – 2.30 am
(Apr 29)

- Zoom technology applied

Registration is free, but mandatory:

Free registration



GIST OF THE CASE

Failed endoscopic fundoplication after POEM for Type I achalasia. Surgical revisional fundoplication

Presenter of the case:
Gustavo Gomes Quintas
Esophageal Surgery Unit

- A 63-year-old male patient with Type I achalasia presented with daily dysphagia and regurgitation refractory to endoscopic dilation.
- He underwent Per-Oral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM) in October 2016 at our Institution.
- Subsequently, he developed heartburn and retrosternal pain refractory to clinical treatment with proton pump inhibitors (PPIs).
- After 5 years, an endoscopic fundoplication was performed using the EsoPhyx Z device (3 stitches at 11 o'clock; 2 stitches at 5h, 7h and 1h), yielding a partial fundoplication with good intraoperative appearance.
- However, the patient continued to present heartburn, regurgitation, retrosternal pain, and low-solid dysphagia in the postoperative period. From that, the esophagitis progressed up to Los Angeles D on serial follow-up after EsoPhyx Z procedure, as shown in figures 1 and 2 and in contrast swallow study (figure 3), with retention and clearance delay of the contrast.



Figure 1: Suture in the gastrogastric fundus with formation of appearance

consistent with a "neochamber"

Figure 2: Los Angeles D esophagitis and esophageal ulcers

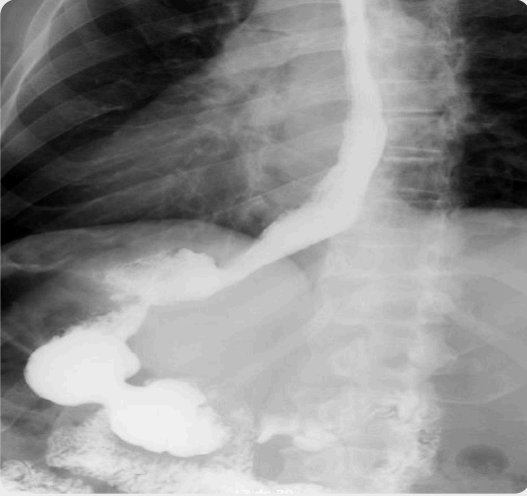


Figure 3: Contrast swallow study with retention and delay clearance of the contrast

High-Resolution Manometry confirmed Type I achalasia with absent esophageal body contractility, incomplete lower esophageal sphincter relaxation, and EGJ hypotonia. The manometric pattern is shown in Figure 4.

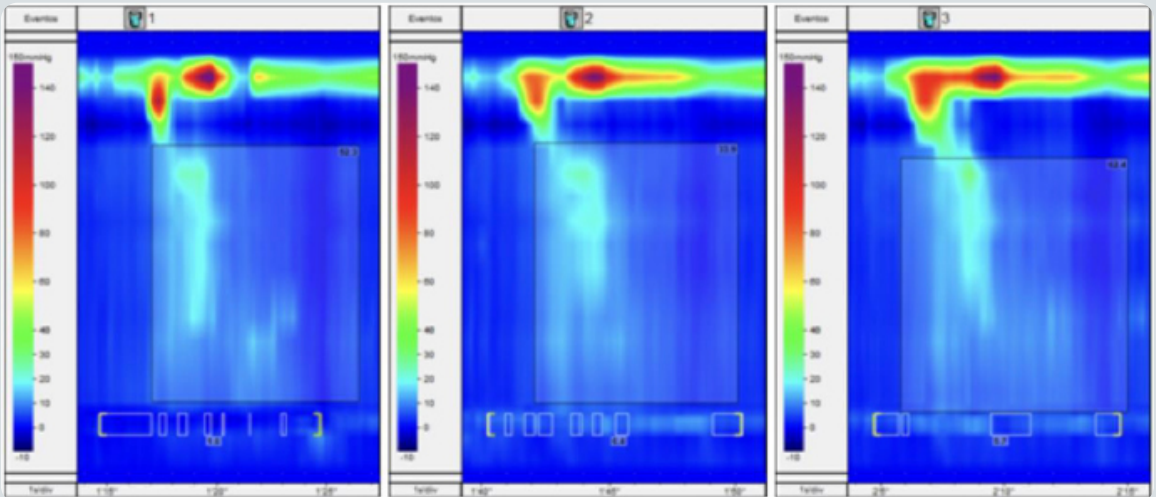


Figure 4: High-resolution manometry showing Type I achalasia pattern.

After having discussed the workup findings in our weekly unit meeting, an optimization of medical therapy and a revision operation aiming a surgical correction of the endoscopic neochamber and anti-reflux valve reconstruction was indicated.

During our presentation, we will show a short-edited video from surgery, with the intention of providing a better understanding of the challenges involved (Figures 5 and 6).

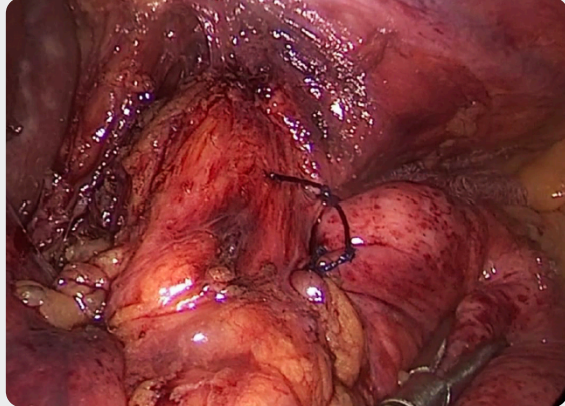


Figure 5: Intense inflammatory tissues during dissection

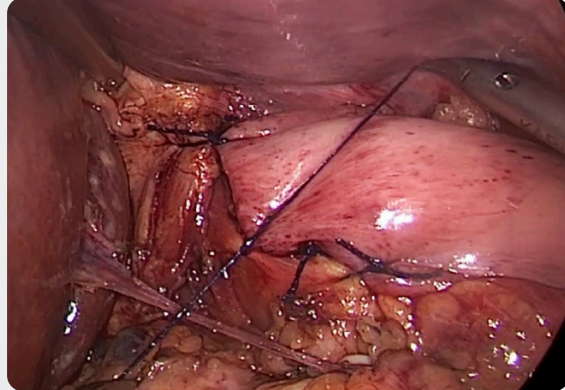


Figure 6: Dor fundoplication at the end of the procedure

The patient underwent laparoscopic revision surgery. Intraoperative findings included dense adhesions at the hiatus from prior Esophyx Z device placement. After careful adhesiolysis and correction of the endoscopic neochamber, cruroplasty was performed with interrupted non-absorbable sutures, followed by an anterior 180° Dor fundoplication.

The patient was discharged on postoperative day 1 on a creamy diet. At the first outpatient visit (2 weeks postoperatively) and at the follow-up, the patient reported no complaints, good dietary acceptance, no dysphagia, and significant improvement of reflux symptoms (weight 73 kg, BMI 22 kg/m²).

Panel for discussion:

- Rubens AA **Sallum**, São Paulo
- Gustavo G **Quintas**, São Paulo

- Arthur Y **Arabi**, São Paulo
- Edno Tales **Bianchi**, São Paulo
- Camila de **Câmara**, São Paulo
- Ivan **Cecconello**, São Paulo
- Alexandra **Cirlinas**, São Paulo
- André Fonseca **Duarte**, São Paulo
- Valter N **Félix**, São Paulo
- Fauze **Maluf** Filho, São Paulo
- Ary **Nasi**, São Paulo
- Rodrigo **Nicida**, São Paulo
- Rodrigo José de **Oliveira**, São Paulo
- Ulysses **Ribeiro** Junior, São Paulo
- Júlio Mariano da **Rocha**, São Paulo
- Francisco CBC **Seguro**, São Paulo
- Sérgio **Szachnowicz**, São Paulo
- Marcos **Tacconi**, São Paulo

Topics for discussion:

1. What is the best anti-reflux strategy for recurrence of symptoms after endoscopic or surgical POEM?
2. Endoscopic anti-reflux devices: where are we now regarding results and feasibility?
3. In a patient with Type I achalasia, is there a difference in the treatment approach in comparison with Type II achalasia? What are your preferences?



*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) and March 17 (Pilot Center of Vienna).



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

the 45th 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 poster features the OESO logo (the esophagus) and the SEMPIRE logo (Stanford Esophageal Multidisciplinary Program in Innovative Research Excellence). The main text reads: "17th World Conference 'Esophagus 2026' 33 Scientific Sessions". The location and dates are "VERSAILLES (France) | Palais des Congrès June 14-17, 2026". A red banner says "Featuring AI in all specialties." The background shows a statue of a man in a boat. On the left, a white circle lists the following:

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The 17th OESO-SEMPIRE World Conference 2026

More than 190 speakers will offer the international scientific community the message of an exceptional synthesis.

[Program at a glance](#)



*An eventful
accompanying persons program
in preparation*

and,

on Tuesday, June 16
from 7:30 pm

at the Grand Royal Stables
of the Palace of Versailles.
Dressage performance by the
Equestrian Academy of Versailles.

Awarding of the T.O.P.
(Transdisciplinary Oesophagology Progress) trophy.

Gala Evening



The next 46th clinical case coming up for discussion will be announced in the next Newsletter and on the website.

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