

Introduction

Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) can be camouflaged by extra-esophageal symptoms which delay appropriate medical and surgical intervention.

Methods

6 year retrospective study

Results

20 patients underwent Nissen fundoplication as follows:

- 13 Laparoscopic approach
- 4 open procedure
- 3 Gastrostomies

Average age of presentation : 36M

Duration of symptoms: 18M

Results

ASSOCIATED COMORBIDITIES OF PATIENTS WITH GERD (n=20)

RTI	13 (65%)
Tuberculosis	6 (30%)
Esophageal stricture	5 (25%)
Cerebral palsy	5 (25%)
SAM	8 (40%)

Duration of follow up in various institutions: 18 months. Missed diagnosis in 16 patients.

Discussion

Missed diagnosis despite numerous contact points with clinicians

Requires High index of Suspicion

Delayed management will impact in surgical outcomes

40% of patients present with SAM, further increasing complexity of management

References

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