

Mistakes in the endoscopic diagnosis and management of Barrett's oesophagus and how to avoid them

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This material addresses common mistakes in the endoscopic diagnosis and management of Barrett's oesophagus, the precursor to oesophageal adenocarcinoma, and provides guidance on how to avoid them.

KEY POINTS

- Barrett's oesophagus is the precursor to oesophageal adenocarcinoma, which carries a poor prognosis, and is likely to be encountered by all endoscopists and gastroenterologists in clinical practice.
- Endoscopic surveillance and endoscopic endotherapy aim to reduce the risk of progression to invasive adenocarcinoma through careful assessment and management.
- Careful multidisciplinary management is important to reduce the risk of causing patients to become unduly concerned.
- The material presents common mistakes made in endoscopic diagnosis and management based on the authors' experience and offers advice on avoidance strategies.
- This material would be most relevant to endoscopists and gastroenterologists managing patients with Barrett's oesophagus.

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