

DYSPHAGIA AND STRICTURE PROOF

Current higher GERD ratings depend on structural and treatment evidence.



WHAT TO DOCUMENT

DIGESTIVE CLAIM FILE

IMAGE

Accepted documentation

Use barium swallow, CT, or EGD to document the required findings.

RECURRENT

Four-week definition

Recurrent stricture means target diameter cannot be maintained beyond 4 weeks after it is achieved.

REFRACTORY

Five-session definition

Refractory stricture means target diameter cannot be achieved despite at least 5 dilatation sessions at 2-week intervals.

COUNT

Treatment frequency

Record every dilatation, steroid use, stent, surgery, PEG, aspiration event, weight change, and nutrition finding.

