

Gastrointestinal and Liver Pathology at Rush

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Case of the Month Question – May 2008

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A 46-year-old man presented with progressive dyspnea on exertion and was found to have iron deficiency anemia. At that time he was transfused and underwent esophagogastroduodenoscopy (Figure A) with multiple biopsies. Histologically, the esophageal squamous mucosa showed non-specific stasis-related esophagitis with focal ulceration (Figure B). Viral inclusions were not seen and special stains for fungi were negative.

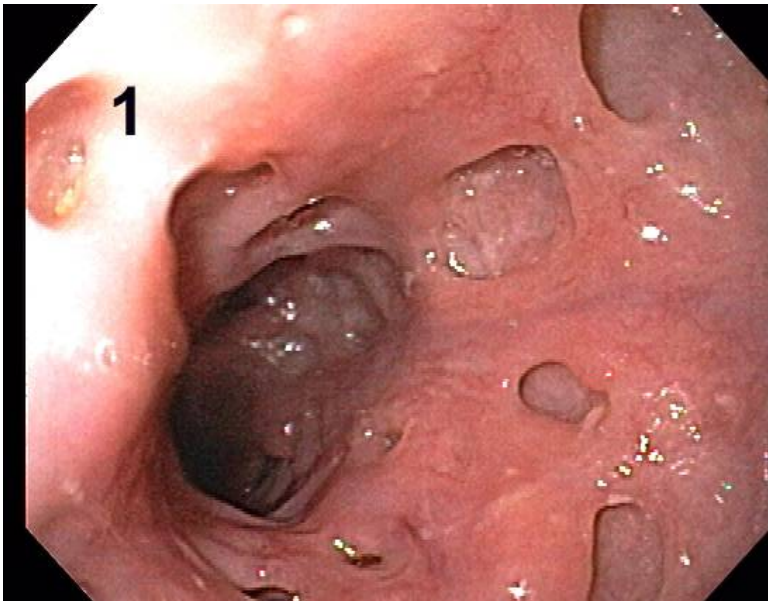


Figure 1. Findings in the mid and lower esophagus on EGD.

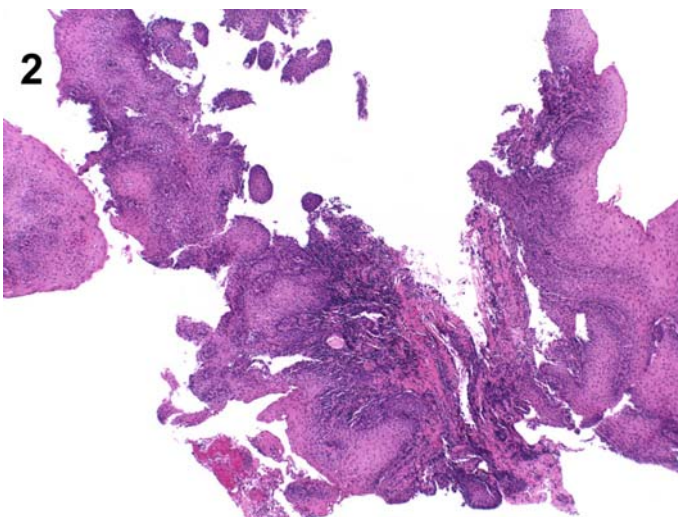


Figure 2. Micrograph of the esophageal squamous mucosa showing non-specific stasis-related esophagitis (40x magnification H&E).