

## Case Study #2

A 75-year-old male patient presented with abdominal distension.

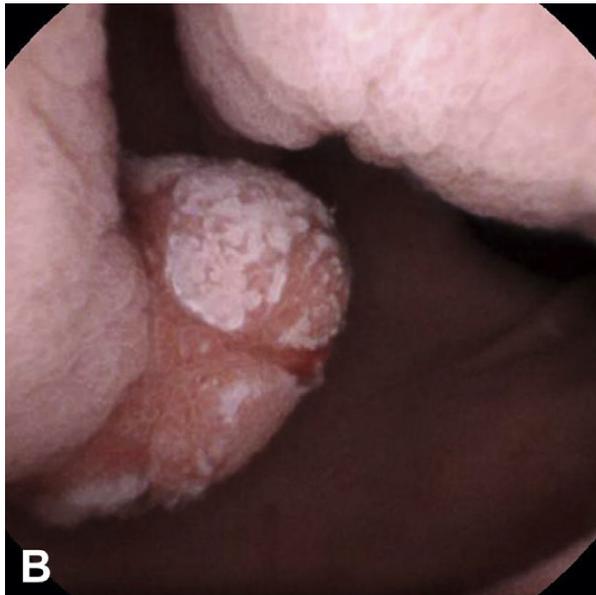
### History:

In 2000, the patient had 10 heart stents implanted and long-term treatment with clopidogrel was initiated.

The case was classified as “non-urgent /perform” (see COVID-19 endoscopy unit SOP<sup>1</sup>) and a non-contact magnetically controlled capsule endoscopy (MCCE) was chosen to protect both, the patient and the staff.

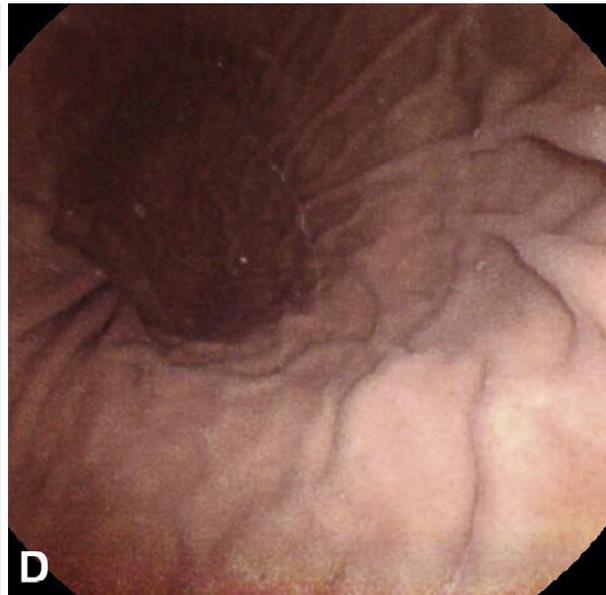
### Findings:

The stomach was clean and completely visualized. MCCE displayed a gastric polyp<sup>2</sup>, see below



**B**

B, Gastric polyp



**D**

D, Normal gastric fundus

### Follow-up:

To avoid stopping treatment, it was decided not to perform conventional gastroscopy. Instead, MCCE will be repeated to observe the polyp development (size, secretion, color).

### Conclusion:

Non-contact MCCE is a valuable option for patients under treatment of blood thinner and can minimize the risk of contamination.

<sup>1</sup> Thomson CC et al, COVID-19 in endoscopy: Time to do more? GIE 2020 Mar 29 [Epub ahead of print]

<sup>2</sup> Pan J et al, Noncontact endoscopy for infection-free gastric examination during the COVID-19 pandemic. Video case report. [www.VideoGIE.org](http://www.VideoGIE.org), 2020 May 8 [Epub ahead of print]