



# Patient Management

Considerations for TIF® procedure

## Surgical Goals of TIF

- **Principles of Traditional Anti-Reflux Surgery**

Elongate intra-abdominal esophageal segment

Reduce hiatal hernia ( $\leq 2$  cm) if present

- if HH  $> 2$ cm, reduce with lap HHR prior to TIF

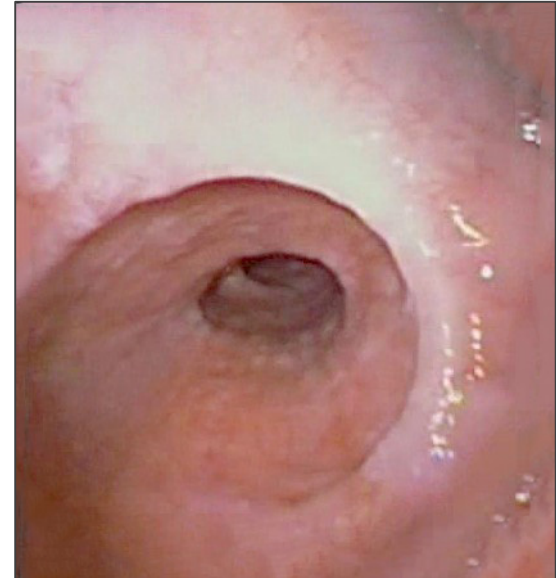
Create  $\geq 270^\circ$  wrap, 3cm flap valve

Recreate dynamics of angle of His

Restore high pressure zone (HPZ)

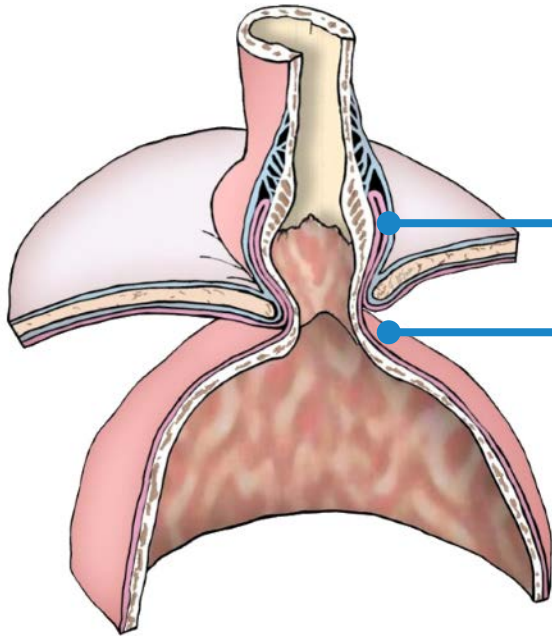
## Pre-Operative EGD

- **Documentation during EGD**
  - *(Always confirm endoscope compatibility with the EGS scope sizing tool prior to each procedure)*
  - Examine esophagus for pathology, stricture or ulceration
  - Determine the level of the GEJ and diaphragmatic pinch relative to the bite block measured using the markings on the endoscope shaft
  - NPO compliance
  - Assessment of Hill Grade
  - Determine absence or presence (and size) of hiatal hernia
  - Evaluate stomach volume for ease of Tissue Mold manipulation



# Pre-Operative EGD

*Determining the axial dimension of a hiatal hernia*

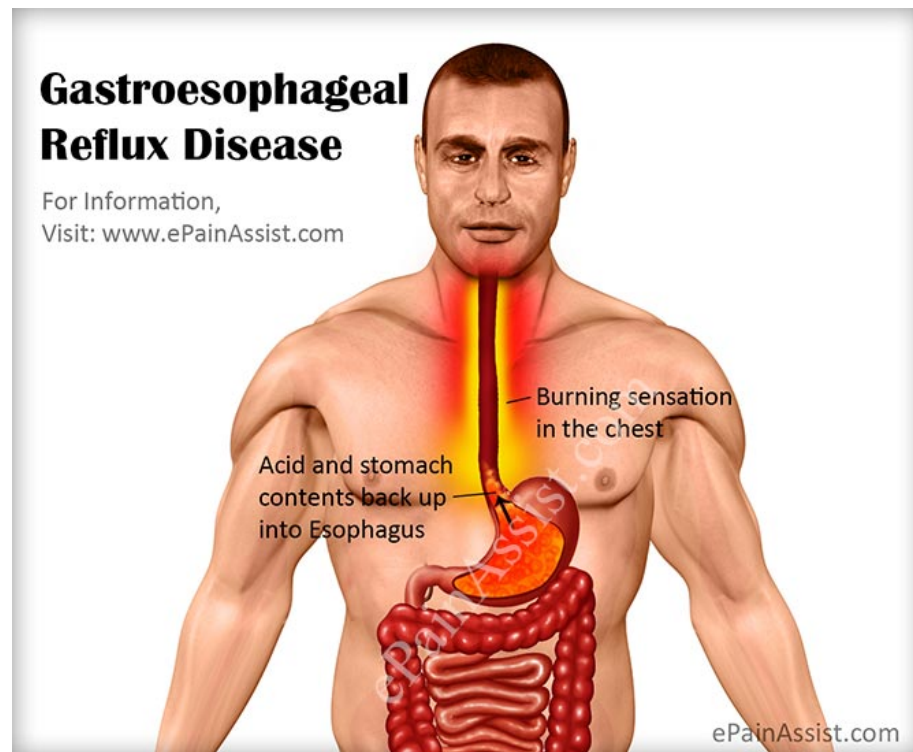


- GEJ Measurement
- Diaphragmatic Pinch Measurement

Axial height of Hiatal Hernia

## TIF® procedure: Transoral Incisionless Fundoplication

- Define our goal:  
Eliminate troublesome gastroesophageal reflux (GERD) in well-selected patient populations.
- Pre-op, Intra-op, Post-op
  - Evaluation
  - Expectations
  - Education



## Evaluation

Select patient population – How do we know we have the correct patient for the TIF procedure?

- EGD
- Barium swallow
- Bravo pH monitor
- Esophageal manometry/motility
- Impedance
- HRQL
- Patient History/Complaint



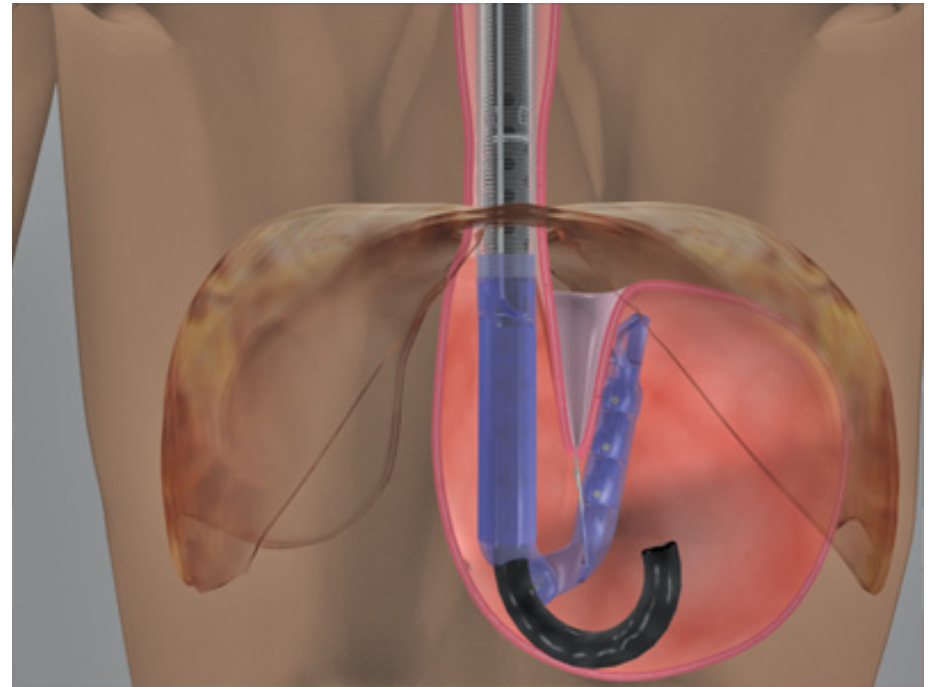
## Select Patient Population

- Chronic GERD with partial but inadequate symptom control on high-dose PPI therapy
- Axial hiatal hernia  $\leq 2$ cm, (must be re-ducible)
- Transverse hiatus  $\leq 2$ cm
- Effective esophageal motility
- Esophagitis – A or B
- Hill Grade I or II
- Exclude
  - BMI  $>35$
  - Barretts esophagus
  - Achalasia
  - Gastroparesis
  - Eosinophillic esophagitis
  - Erosive esophagitis - C or D
  - Hill Grade III or IV



## Expectations

- Anesthesia
  - General, Full muscle relaxation (smooth muscle – diaphragm)
- Procedure
  - Device & Endoscope operators
  - Left lateral
  - Use bean bag or pillows for stabilization of patient and observe for pressure points
  - Secondary insufflation (CO2)
  - Back-up endoscope and devices availability
  - Injectable needles available





## Expectations

- Medications
  - Antibiotics, Analgesics, Anti-emetics, Anti-gas, PPI's
  - Write post-op prescriptions including:
    - Analgesic for moderate to severe pain
    - Anti-emetic to control nausea and vomiting
    - Anti-gas agent to relieve bloating and discomfort
    - Laxative
    - PPI's
  
- Diet
  - Two week liquid with soft diet followed by four week progressive diet.
  - Slowly allow patient to return to regular meals.  
Physician may choose to give IV fluids for homeostasis and post-op nutrition.



## Expectations

- Activity
  - Week 1: Short distance walking encouraged, minimal physical activity, no lifting > 5lbs
  - Week 2: Slow climbing stairs allowed, no intense exercise, no lifting > 5 lbs., sex allowed
  - Week 3-6: No intense exercise, may lift up to 25lbs.
  - Week 7: Resume normal activity
- Follow-up
  - 1-2 weeks post op
  - 3 months
  - If study, 6-9 months



# Educate

- PACU, Floor Staff, & Patient
  - No incisions, however, surgical procedure
  - Pre & Post-op orders standardized for expectations of care
  - Watch patient for the following and report to physician:
    - Tachycardia
    - Fever  $\geq 101^{\circ}$  F
    - Increasing chest pain
    - Light headedness/dizziness
    - Suspect pneumothorax
    - Melena
    - Patient not improving

**Sample Postoperative Orders for TIF**

**REFERENCE MATERIAL ONLY**  
 Please note: The following sample is for illustrative purposes only and reflects only one of several ways of writing this type of report. Clinician is responsible for actual report content and layout.

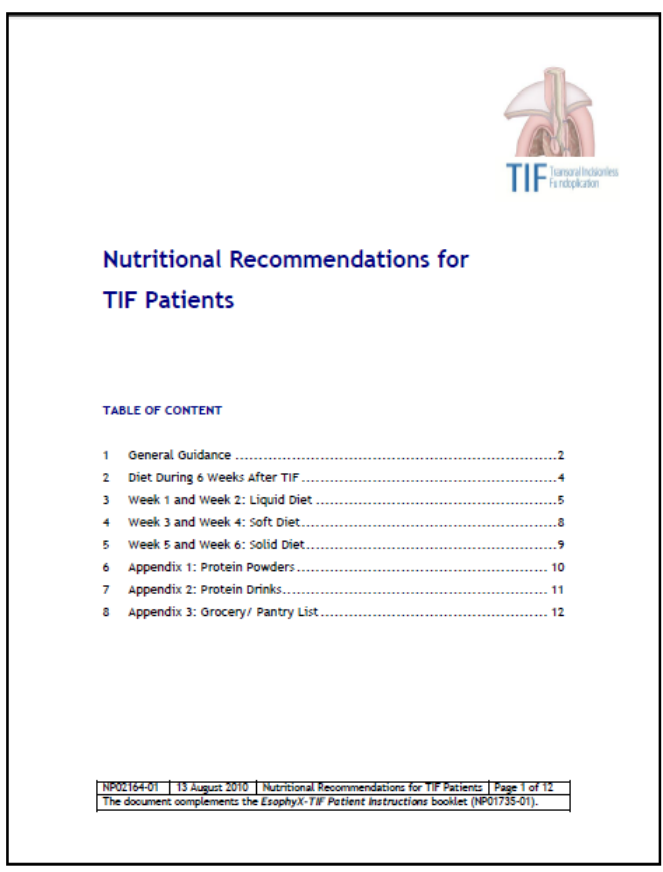
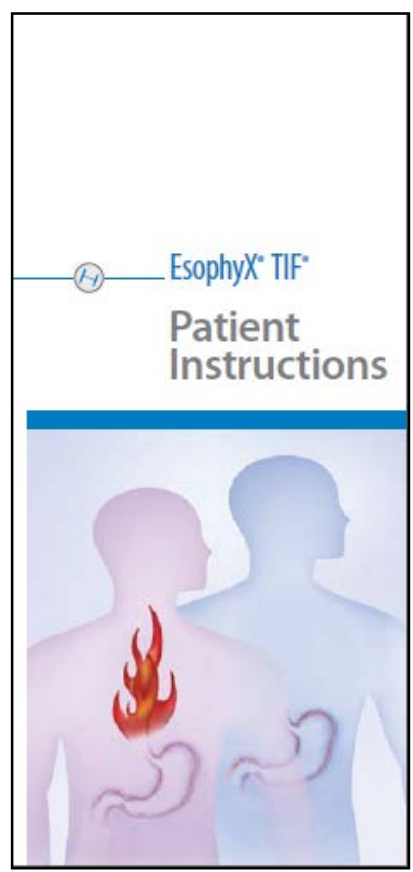
Date	Time	Physician's Orders	Operative Note
<b>Status</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Check box as appropriate to initiate order.	Date: _____ Time: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient Surgery – Discharge when meets criteria.	Procedure: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Extended Recovery. Call M.D. in 6 hrs. update.	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Observation.	
<b>Treatments</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient due to need for IV, IV narcotics, IV antiemetics.	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vital signs q 4 hours. Call T > 39.5	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I&O q shift. Notify if UIO < 150 cc q 8 hrs.	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Puleatle Stockings – ( ) DC in PACU ( ) DC _____	Surgeon: _____
<b>Activity</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Shower okay.	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ( ) Walking ( ) To Chair ( ) Bedrest	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Change Dressing Daily or more often if needed.	Assistant: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Straight cath pm.	
<b>Diets</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> NG to LWCS. ( ) LWIS. ( ) Don't move or replace.	Anesthesia: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Diet: ( ) NPO ( ) Ice chips, sips, meds ( ) Fundoplication diet: Clear liquids, advance to thin fuids as tolerated. No carbonated beverages.	Findings: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Crush or halve meds > 7mm (peanut size).	
		<input type="checkbox"/> IV: D5 1/2 NS with KCL 20meq/L at 100/hr.	
<b>Meds/IVs</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> DIC IV when po intake adequate.	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ertapenem (Invanz) 1g IV daily	
		<input type="checkbox"/> GI cocktail: 10cc Domnamal Elixir, 30cc Maalox, 20cc lidocaine 2% viscous q 4hr pm heartburn, chest pain.	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Hydromorphone (Dilaudid) 0.5 – 1.5 mg IV q 2 hrs pm pain.	Specimens: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Oxycodone (Percocet) 5 mg/APAP 1-2 po q 4 hrs pm pain.	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrocodone (Vicodin) 5mg/APAP 1-2 po q 4 hrs pm pain.	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Acetaminophen 500 mg 1-2 po/pr q 6hrs pm pain, fever.	EBL: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ketorolac 30mg IV in PACU (if not given in OR) then 15mg IV q6 hrs x 48 hrs. Hold for age > 65 years.	Drains: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Zofran (Ondansetron) 4mg IV q 6 hrs.	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Zofran (Ondansetron) 4mg IV q 6 hrs pm nausea.	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Phenergan 12.5 – 25 mg IV/ pr po q 6 hrs pm nausea.	Complications: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ambien 10 mg po q hs pm sleep.	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Benadryl 25-50 mg IV/ po q6 hrs pm itching or sleep.	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Lovenox _____ mg sq ( ) bid ( ) daily begin.	Postoperative Diagnosis: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Lovenox held because of: _____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Nexium 40 mg IV/po daily.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dulcolax Supp pm except rectal cases.		
<b>Other:</b>			
<b>Lab:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> CBC ( ) Basic panel ( ) LFTs in a.m.	
<b>Xray</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Gastrografin swallow in a.m.	Signature: _____
<b>Other:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory Protocol – No Incentive Spirometry.	Patient Label: _____
<b>Provider Signature:</b>			

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# Educate

## EsophyX TIF Patient Instructions

## Recommendations for TIF Patients



## Considerations

- Unable to introduce EsophyX device?
- Stomach full of undigested food?
- Stomach cannot be distended?
- Brisk bleeding encountered at fastener deployment site?
- What if you see “free air”?
  - Gastrografin swallow?
  - CT scan?

Questions?



**THANK YOU!**