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**OESOPHAGITE A EOSINOPHILES:  
COORDINATION MÉDECIN DE FAMILLE  
– SPÉCIALISTE**

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# Definition

## **Eosinophilic esophagitis: Updated consensus recommendations for children and adults**

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Eosinophilic esophagitis represents a chronic, immune/antigen-mediated esophageal disease, characterized **clinically** by symptoms related to esophageal dysfunction and **histologically** by eosinophil predominant inflammation

# clinically by **symptoms** related to esophageal dysfunction

## Adults and Adolescents

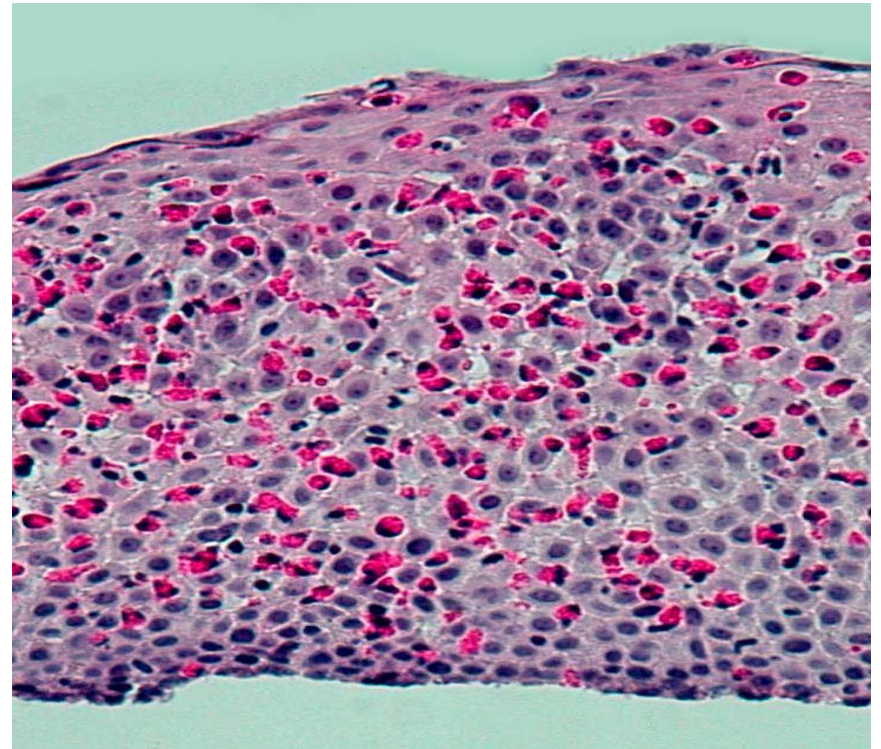
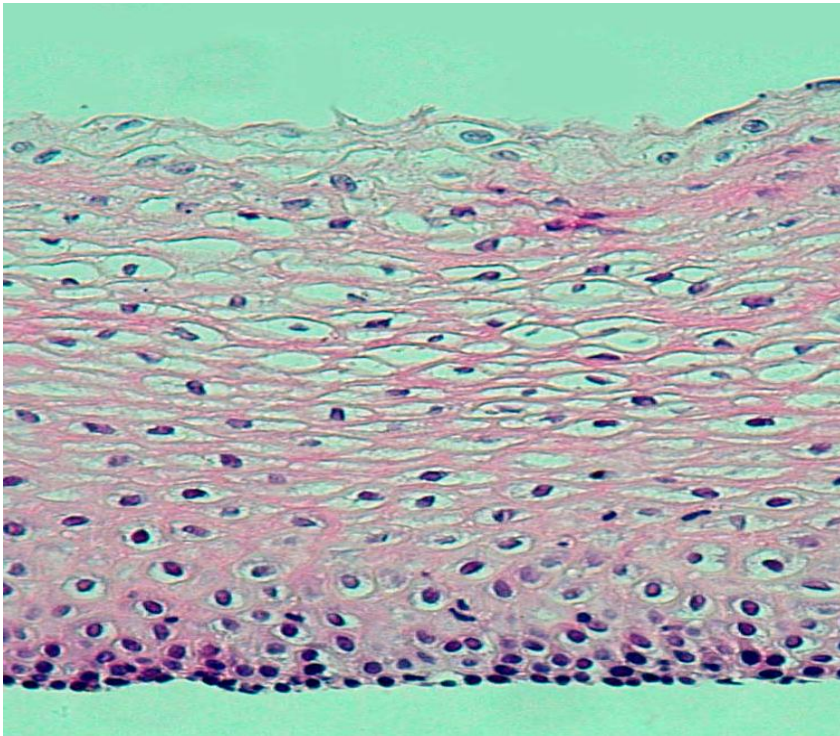
- Dysphagia for solids  $\cong 100\%$  (“slow-eaters” and “drinkers”)
- Long lasting food impaction ( $>35\%$ ; 148/414)
- Non-swallowing related retrosternal pain ( $>50\%$ )



## Children

- Food refusal
- Failure to thrive
- Vomiting, Regurgitation
- Chest Pain, abdominal Pain

# Histologie



Peak eos count  $\geq 15$  eos/hpf

# Esophageal eosinophilia: differential diagnosis

- GERD
- PPI responsive esophageal eosinophilia
- Eosinophilic gastroenteritis with esophageal involvement
- Drug hypersensitivity
- esophageal Crohn's disease
- invasive parasitosis (eg. Anisakis)

# Proposals

PPI trial for 6-8 weeks

Re-endoscopy with Bx

EoE if  $\geq 15$  eos/hpf and DD excluded



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697 confirmed EoE (SEED 2012)



35.2% (245/697) long-lasting impactions (necessity of bolus removal) 

335 endoscopic interventions (1.4 per patient, range 1-5)



314x by flexible endoscopy



21x by rigid endoscopy

Perforations transmural:	9/335 $\cong$ 2.7%, 9/245 $\cong$ 3.7%
- Retching-induced:	5
- Procedure-induced (rigid):	4



..... and none of these patients was adequately treated

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Rigid endoscopy:

Perforation risk  
4/21 = 19%

3.7%

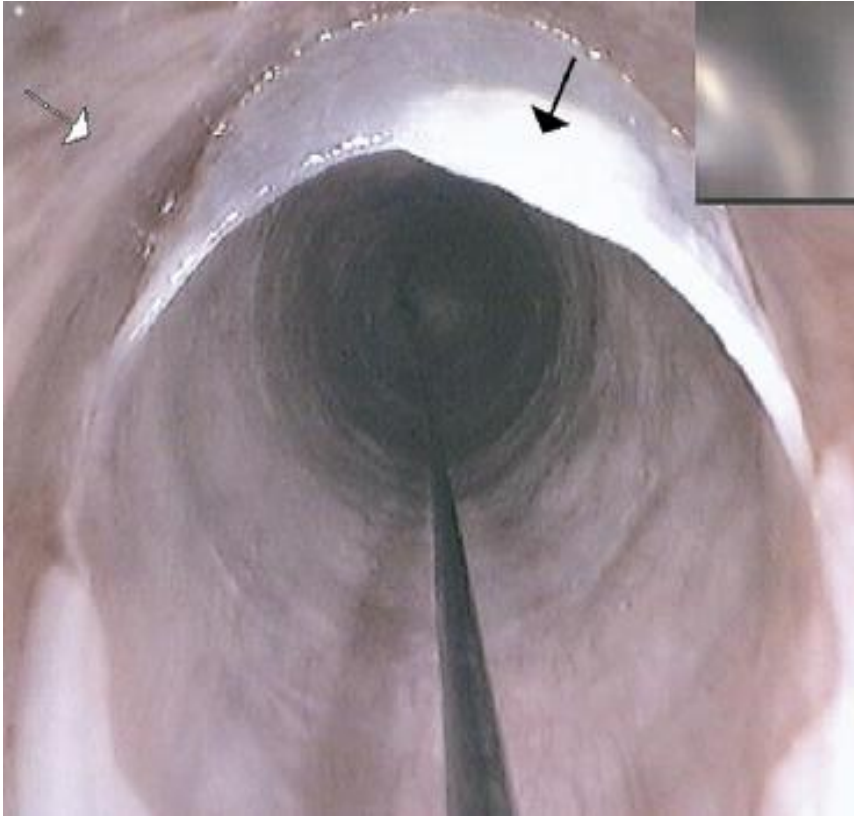
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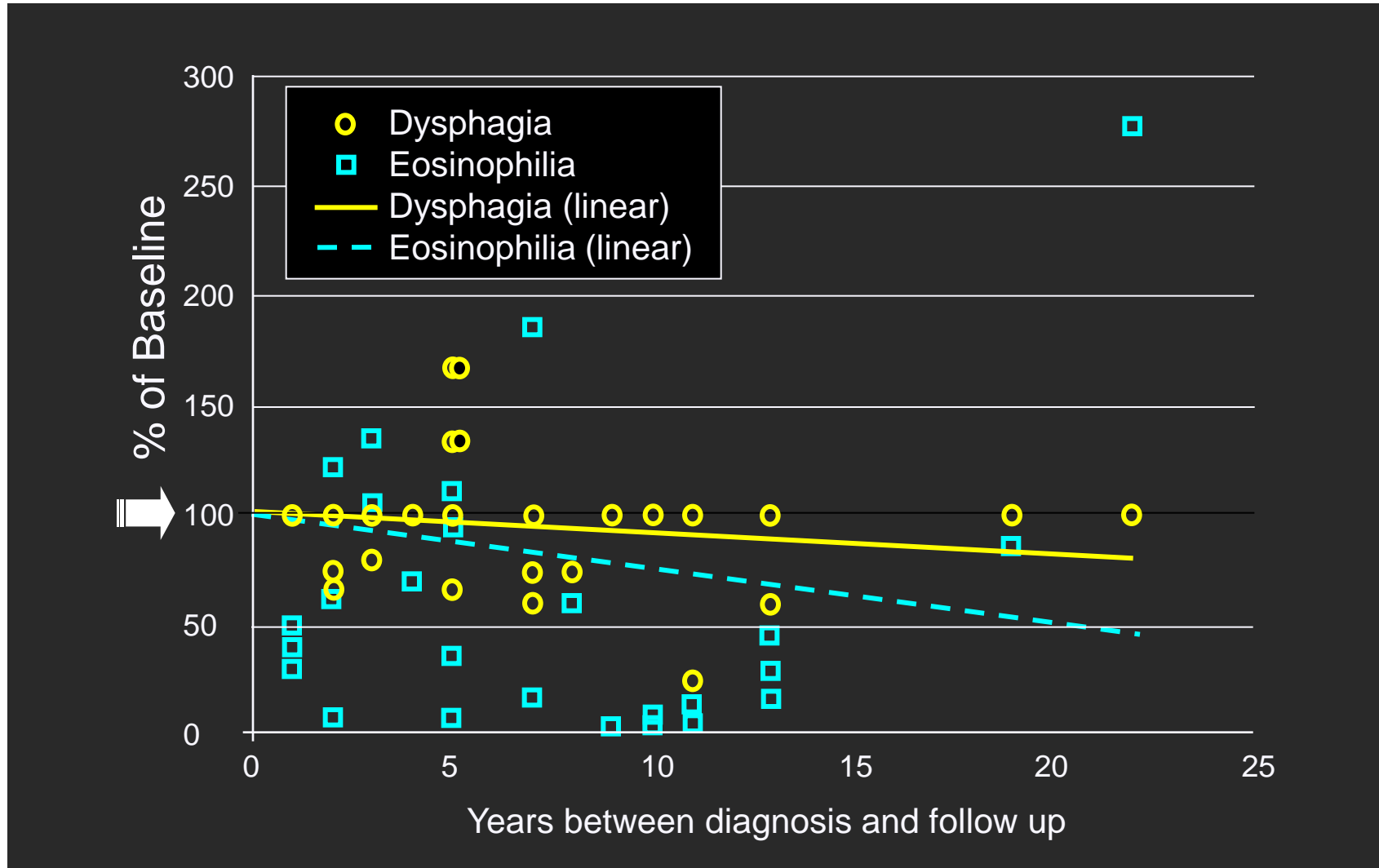
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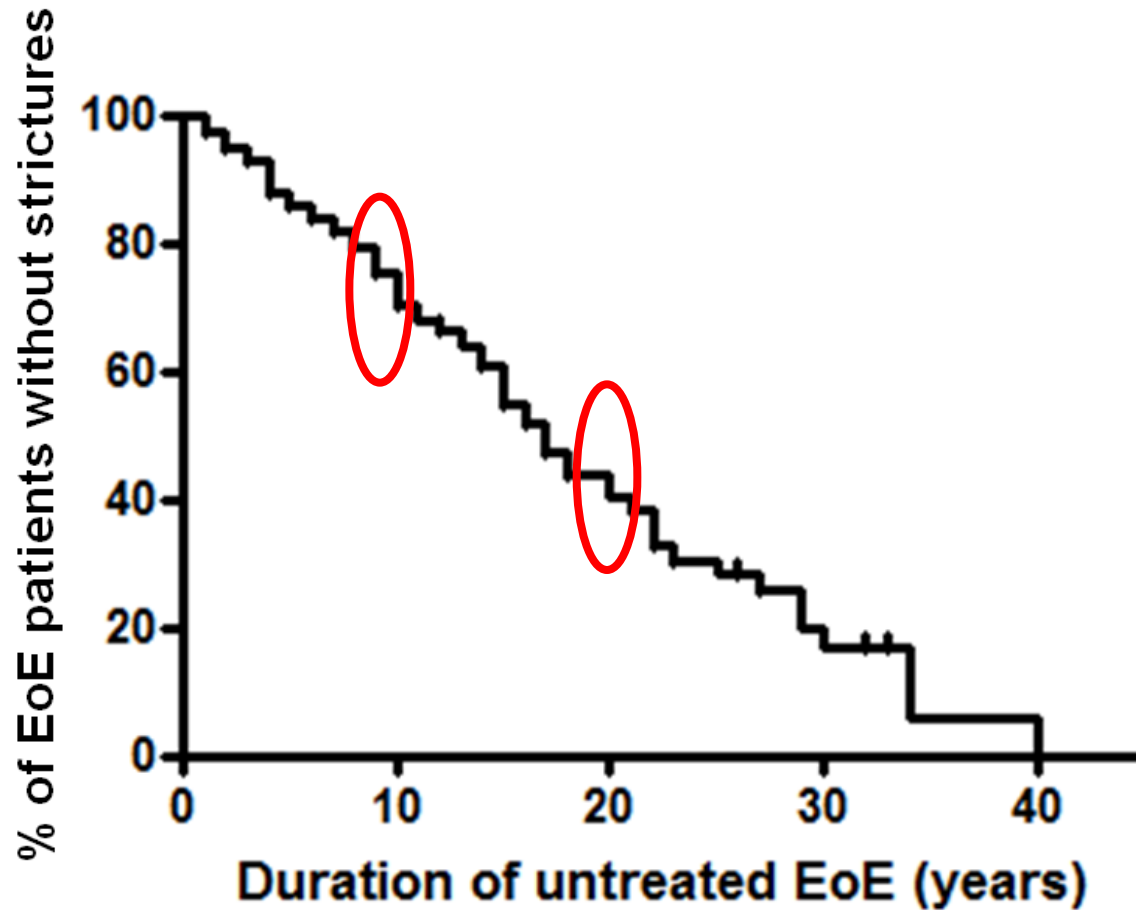
# What happens without therapy?

## Intensity of Dysphagia and Inflammation over Time

30 Adults followed for a mean of 7.2 years



# Stricture risk over time (n=200)



## Conclusions

Untreated EoE leads to stricture formation

Strictures are associated with food impactions

Food impaction => perforation risk

EoE should be treated to avoid remodeling



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- Quels intervals pour le suivi?

# Therapeutic Options 2013: DDD

## Drugs

- Corticosteroids systemically (e.g. prednisone)
- Corticosteroids topically (e.g. budesonide, fluticasone)
- Anti-Allergens (Leukotriene-Antagonists, CRTH2-Blocker)
- Biologicals (e.g. anti-IL5, anti-IL13)
- Immunosuppressant's (e.g. azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine)

## Diet

- Elemental Diet
- Elimination Diet (individually, allergy-testing based)
- Six-Food Elimination Diet

## Dilation

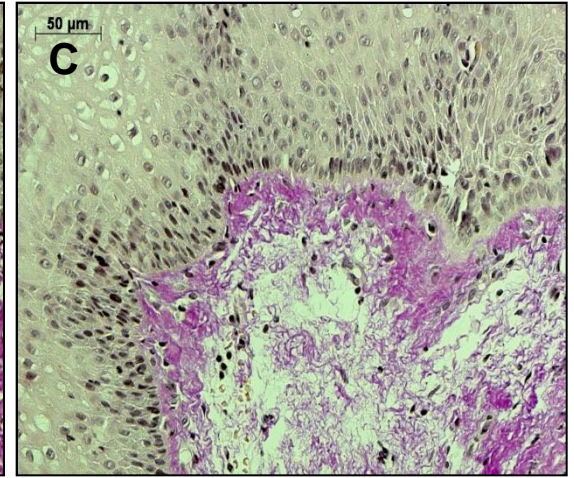
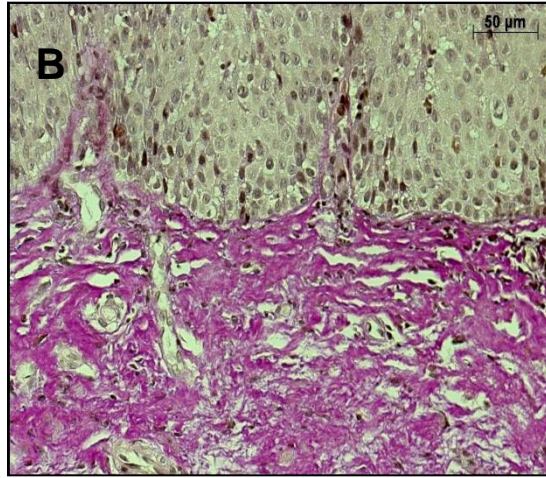
# Swallowed budesonide for EoE treatment

**Control**  
(esophagus healthy)

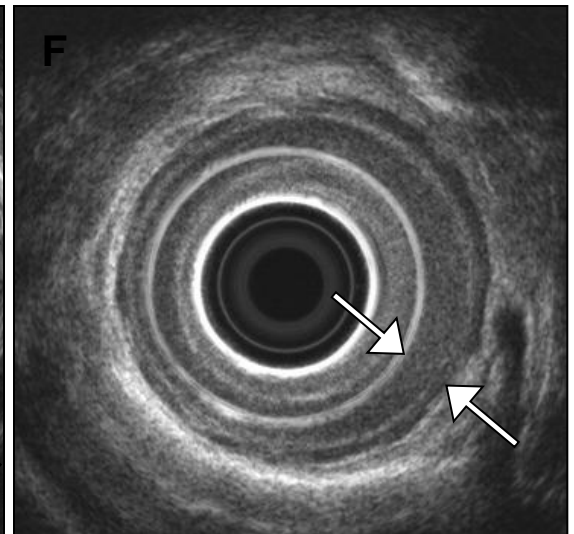
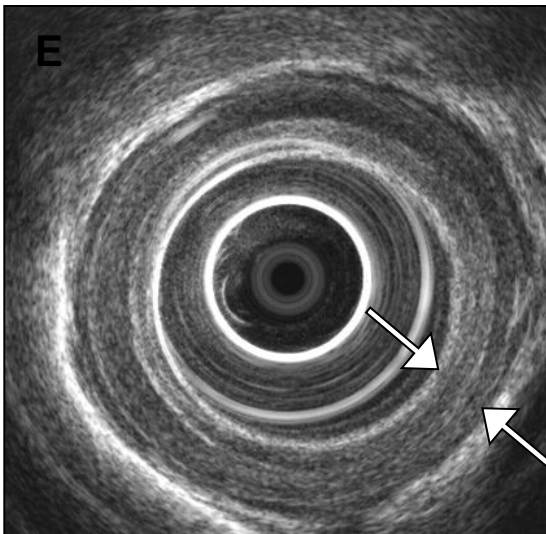
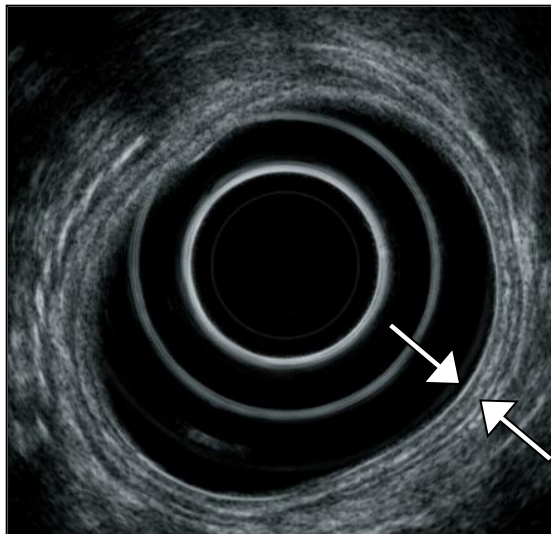
**EoE Patient**  
Pre-treatment

**EoE Patient**  
Post-treatment

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# Swallowed topical steroids: what form is best?

## Viscous Topical Is More Effective Than Nebulized Steroid Therapy for Patients With Eosinophilic Esophagitis

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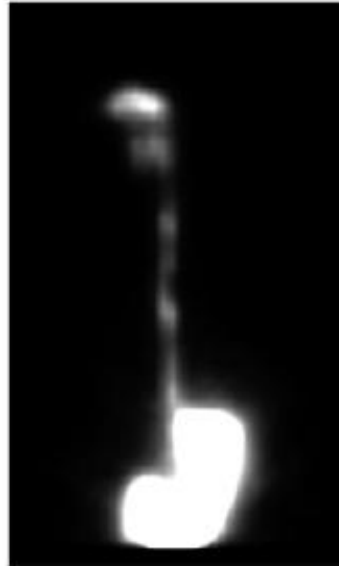
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	Spray (NEB)	Syrup (OVB)	P-value
Number of patients	11	11	
Peak eos count before treatment	101±85	83±89	0.62
Peak eos count after treatment	89±94	11±23	0.02
Mean eos count after treatment	21±37	3±7	0.02

**A** Patient 1:



Patient 2:

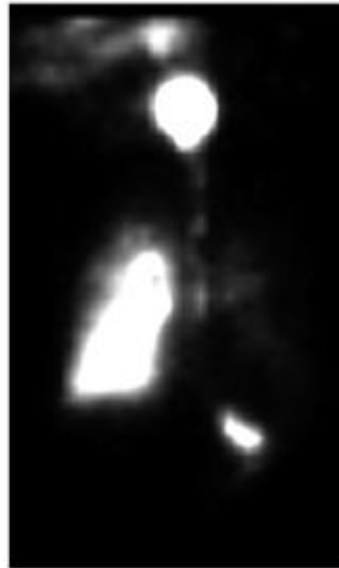


Oral viscous  
budesonide  
(syrup)

**B** Patient 3:



Patient 4:



Nebulized  
budesonide  
(spray)

**A**

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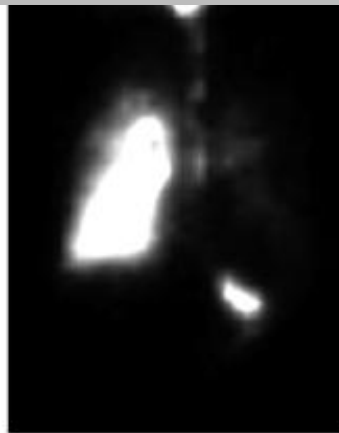
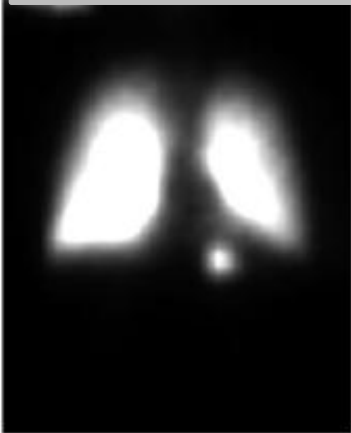
Patient 2:



Oral viscous  
budesonide

**B**

Use budesonide or fluticasone  
mixed in syrup (sucralose), no  
longer use nebulizers



budesonide  
(spray)



# Prevalence of food allergies

Allergen	Prevalence	Remarks	Refer.
All	6-8% at one year 3-4% at age 14-16	Higher prevalence for IgE compared to symptoms	1,2
Cow milk	2-3% until age 2 yrs	Most often outgrown, high IgE correlated to lower chance for outgrow	3
Hen's egg	1-2% until age 2 yrs	Mostly outgrown with childhood	4
Peanut / tree nut	0.5-1.4% of children 0.5-1% of general pop.	Mostly lifelong disorder	5
wheat	0.4-1% of children	Mostly outgrown in childhood	6

1 Osborne NJ, et al. JACI 2011;127:668

2 Sicherer SH, et al. JACI 2006;117:470

3 Venter C, et al. JACI 2006;117:1118

4 Nickel R, et al. JACI 1997;99:613

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6 Keet CA, et al. Ann All Asthm Immunol 2009;102:410

# Most common food allergens

90% of IgE mediated allergies in young adults are caused by

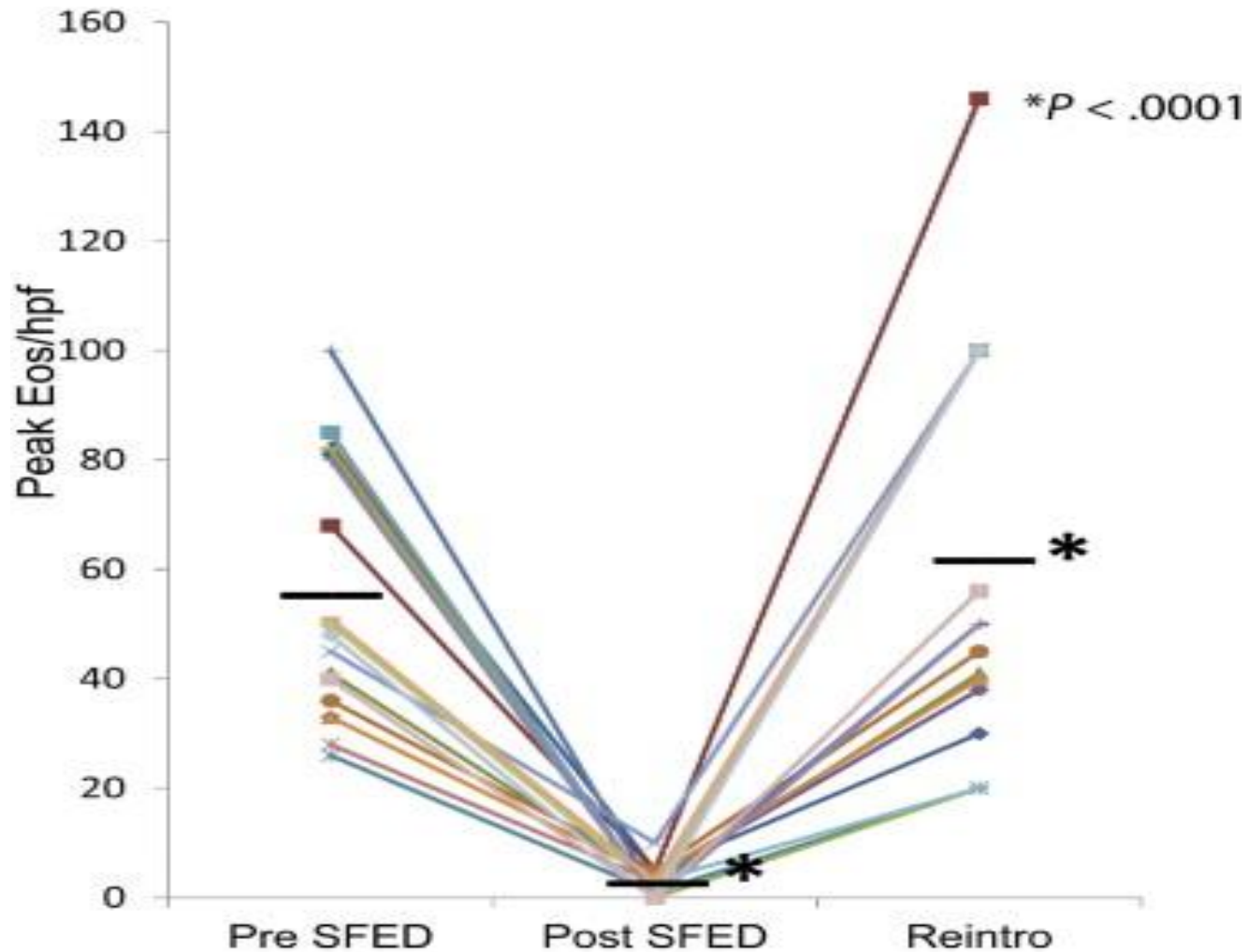
- Cow's milk
- egg
- soy
- peanut / tree nuts
- wheat
- seafood



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# Elimination Diet Effectively Treats Eosinophilic Esophagitis in Adults; Food Reintroduction Identifies Causative Factors



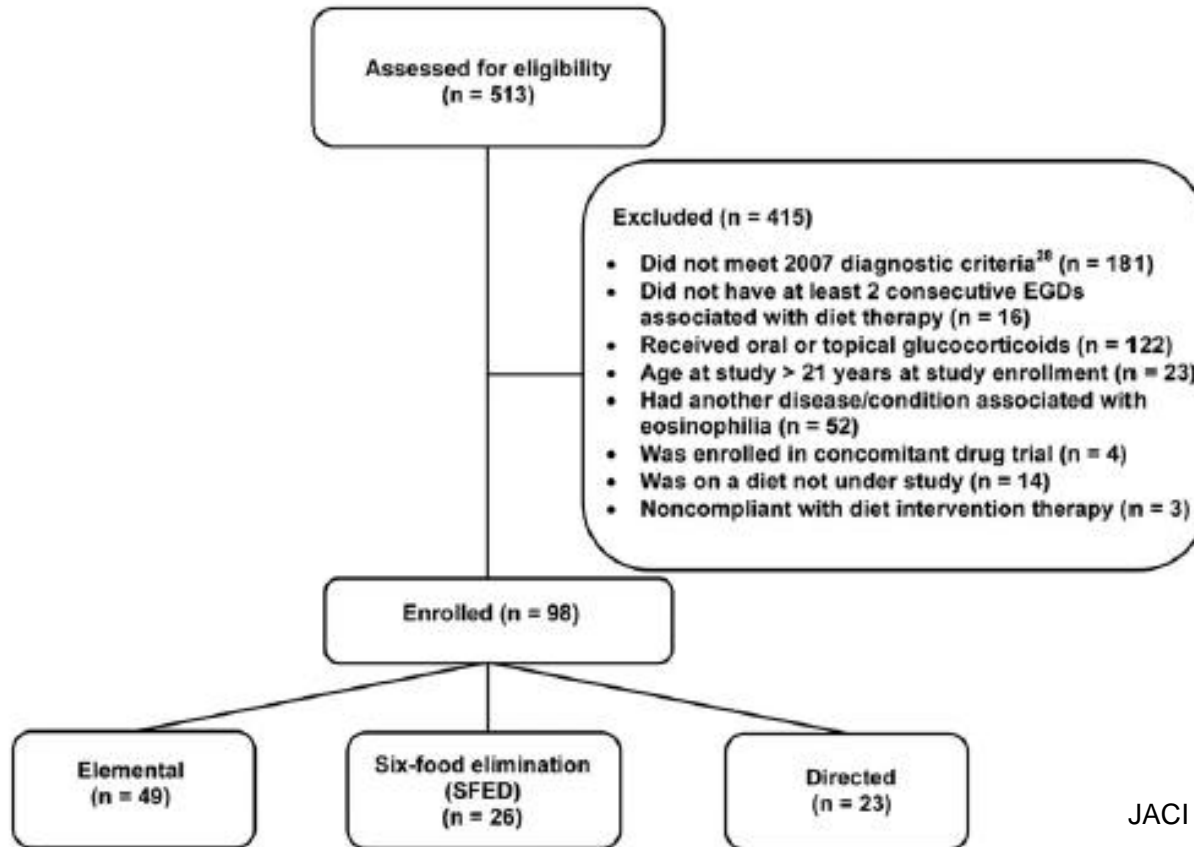
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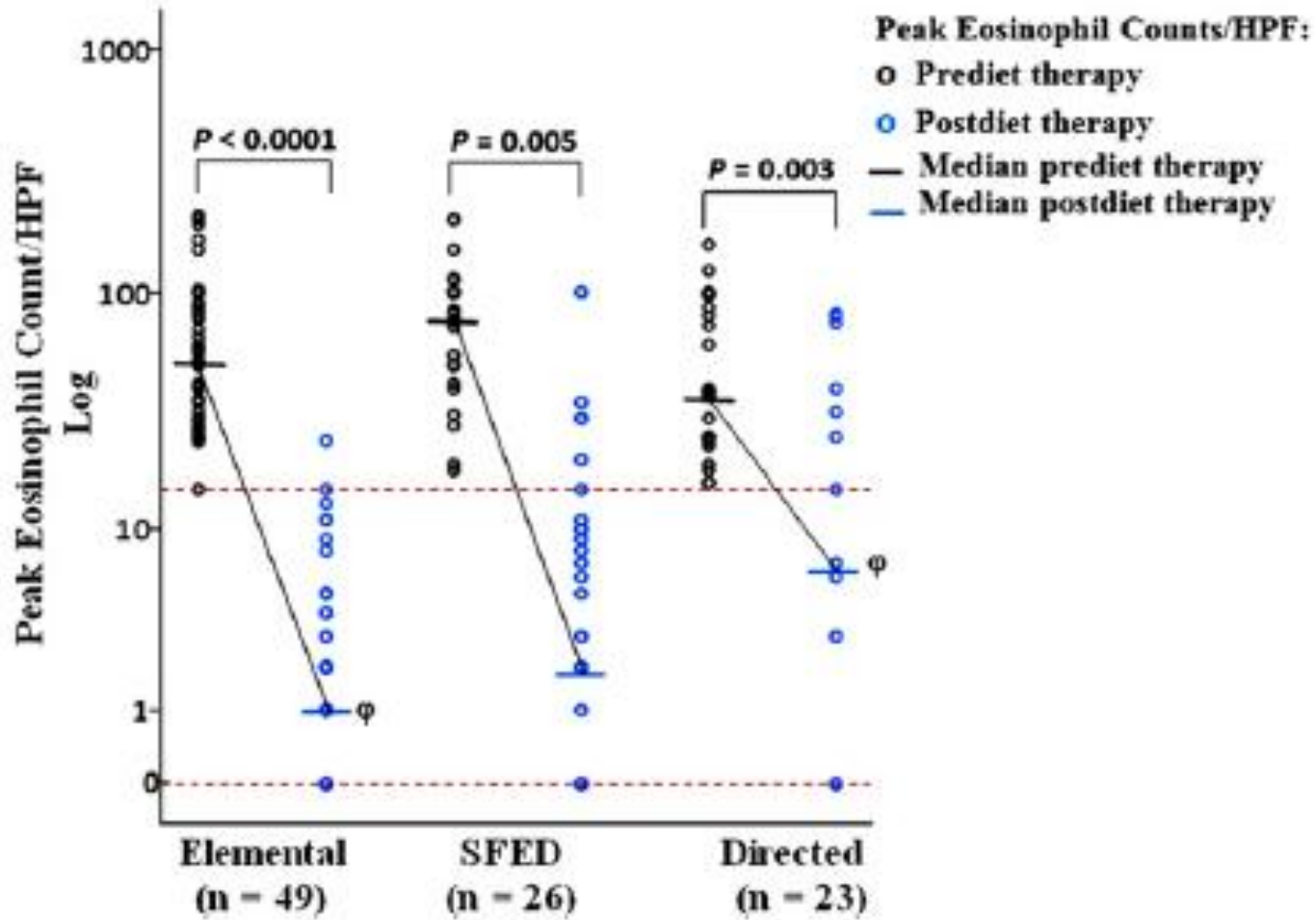


# Which is the best diet?

## Comparative dietary therapy effectiveness in remission of pediatric eosinophilic esophagitis

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# Which is the best diet?

- histologic remission rates:
  - ED 96%
  - SFED 81%
  - TED 65%
- Neg predictive values of skin tests: 40-67%  
(milk 40%, egg 56%, soy 64%, wheat 67%)

## Conclusions on steroids and diets

Swallowed steroids can partially reverse subepithelial fibrosis in adult and pediatric EoE patients \*

(max. 12 months observation time)

Elimination diets work, skin tests are not perfect for identification of causative foods

Straumann A et al. Clin Gastro Hepatol 2011

Aceves SS, et al. JACI 2007

Cehade M, et al. Allergy 2012

# Esophageal Dilation

Study	Number of Patients	Perforation	Chest Pain	Hospitalization for Chest Pain	
Vassilopoulos 2002	5	0	2	2	
Kaplan 2003	8	1	NR	NR	
Croese 2003	17	0	2	0	
Straumann 2003	5	0	NR	NR	
Potter 2004	13	0	2	2	
Eisenbach 2006	1	1	NR	NR	
Cohen 2007	36	3	NR	NR	
	7	85	5/85 6%	6/85 7%	4/85 5%
Schoepfer 2010	207	0	15	0	
Dellon 2011	36	0	3	0	
Jung 2011	161	3	NR	NR	
	489	8/489 1.6%	6/489 1.2%	4/489 0.8%	

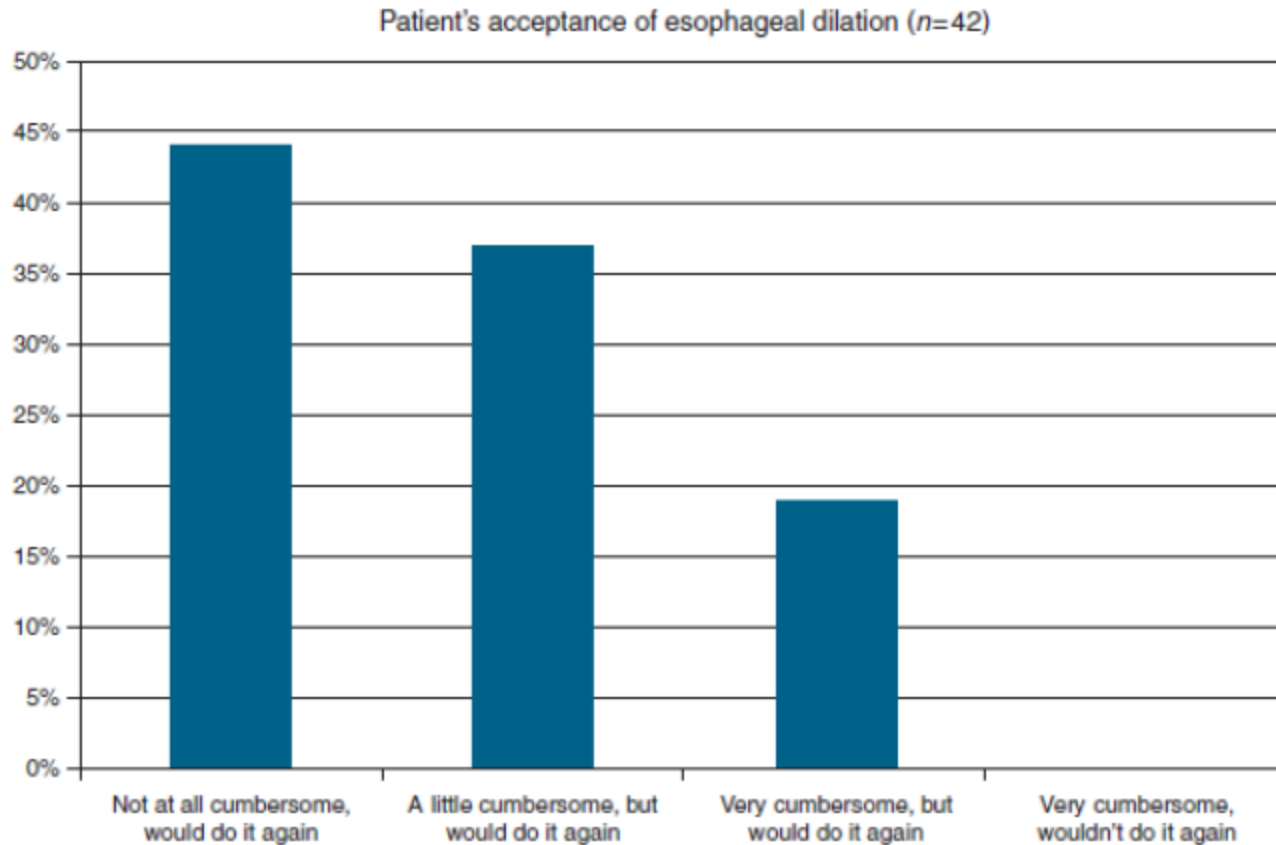
# Effectiveness

Item	Cohort 1: dilation only	Cohort 2: dilation+ antiesinophilic medication	P value
<i>Dilation method</i>			
Savary bougies	46/63 (73%)	115/144 (80%)	NS
Balloon	17/63 (27%)	29/144 (20%)	
Esophageal diameter (mm) before dilation	11±3 (4–15) <sup>a</sup>	10±3 (5–15) <sup>a</sup>	NS
Esophageal diameter (mm) after dilation	16±2 (11–20) <sup>a</sup>	17±2 (13–20) <sup>a</sup>	NS
Increase of esophageal diameter (mm) per dilation session	3, 3.2±1.3 (1–8)	3, 2.9±1.1 (1–6)	NS
Number of dilation sessions performed until clinically successful	2, 2.4±2.6 (1–13)	2, 2.1±1.8 (1–8)	NS
Major complications (perforation, bleeding)	0	0	NA
Time until endoscopic follow-up (months) <sup>b</sup>	18, 28±24 (1–96)	21, 23±15 (1–62)	NS
Duration of symptomatic improvement (months) <sup>c</sup>	15, 23±22 (1–92)	17, 20±14 (1–65)	NS

Response	Percentage of patients (n=42)
<i>Improvement of dysphagia after dilation</i>	
No more dysphagia at all	48
Slight dysphagia	45
Still considerable dysphagia	7
No improvement at all	0
<i>Duration of improved dysphagia</i>	
24 Months or longer	41
Up to 18 months	5
Up to 12 months	21
Up to 6 months	14
Up to 3 months	12
Up to 1 month	7

67% have improved dysphagia ≥ 12 months

# Patient acceptance



**No one would refuse undergoing dilation again !**



# Dilation: a balanced appraisal

Advantages	Shortcomings
Long response	No influence on underlying inflammation
Safe	Chest pain temporarily
Good patient acceptance	Potential endoscopic complications

Jung KW, et al. Gastrointest Endosc 2011;73:15-21  
Dellon ES, et al. Gastrointest Endosc 2011;71:706-12  
Schoepfer AM, et al. Am J Gastroenterol 2010;105:1062-70

# Dilation for everyone?



**Inflammatory**

**Strictureing**

**Anti-inflammatory medication**

**Elimination diets**

**Dilation**

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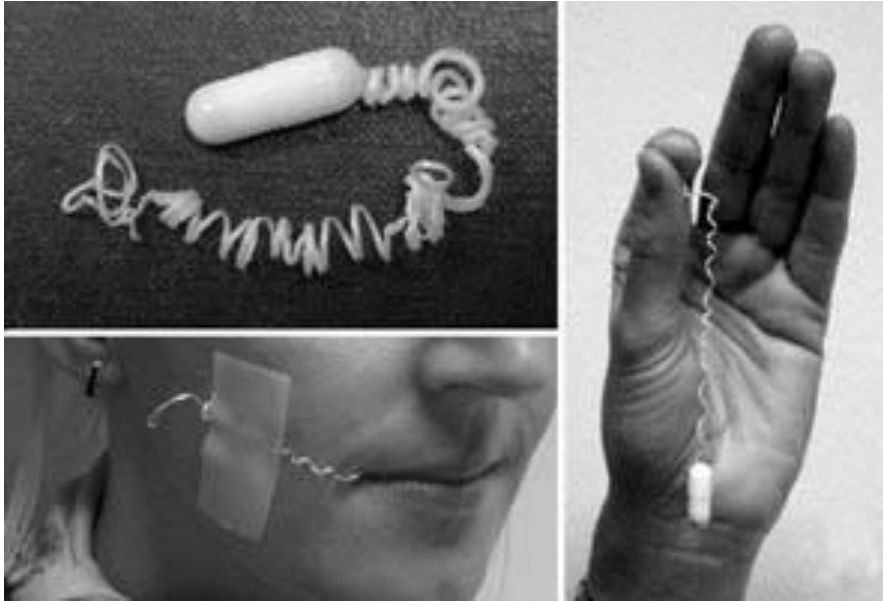


# The oesophageal string test: a novel, minimally invasive method measures mucosal inflammation in eosinophilic oesophagitis

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**Table 1** Summary of histological and gross features of mucosal eosinophilia

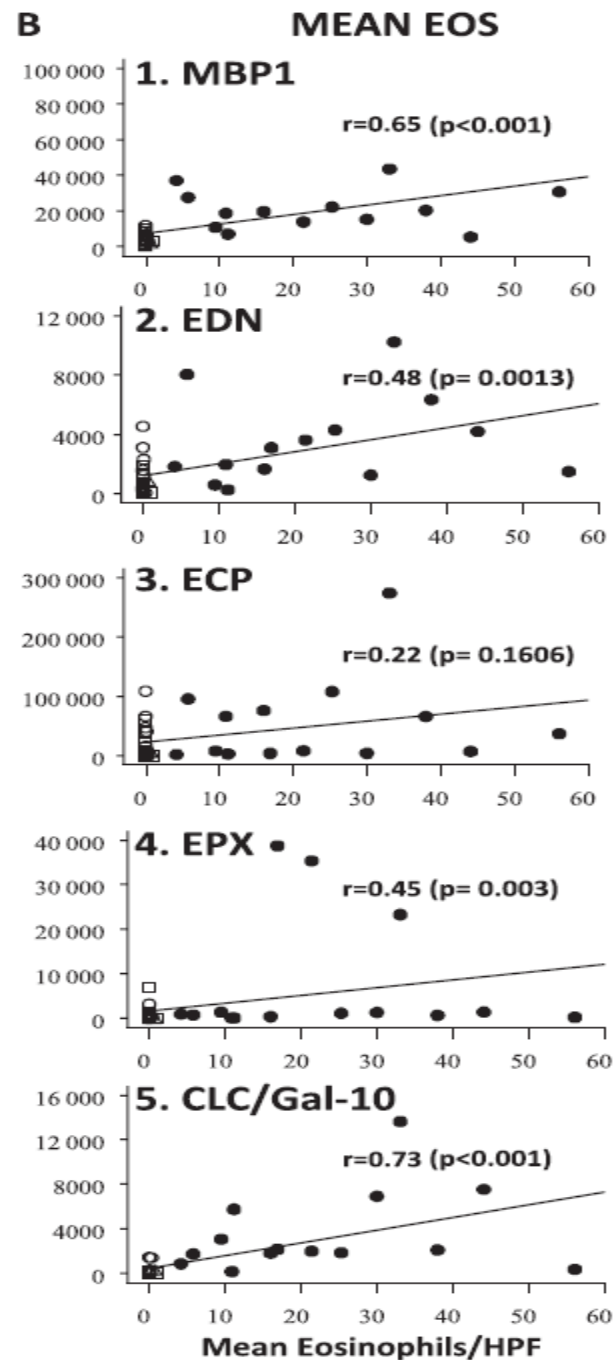
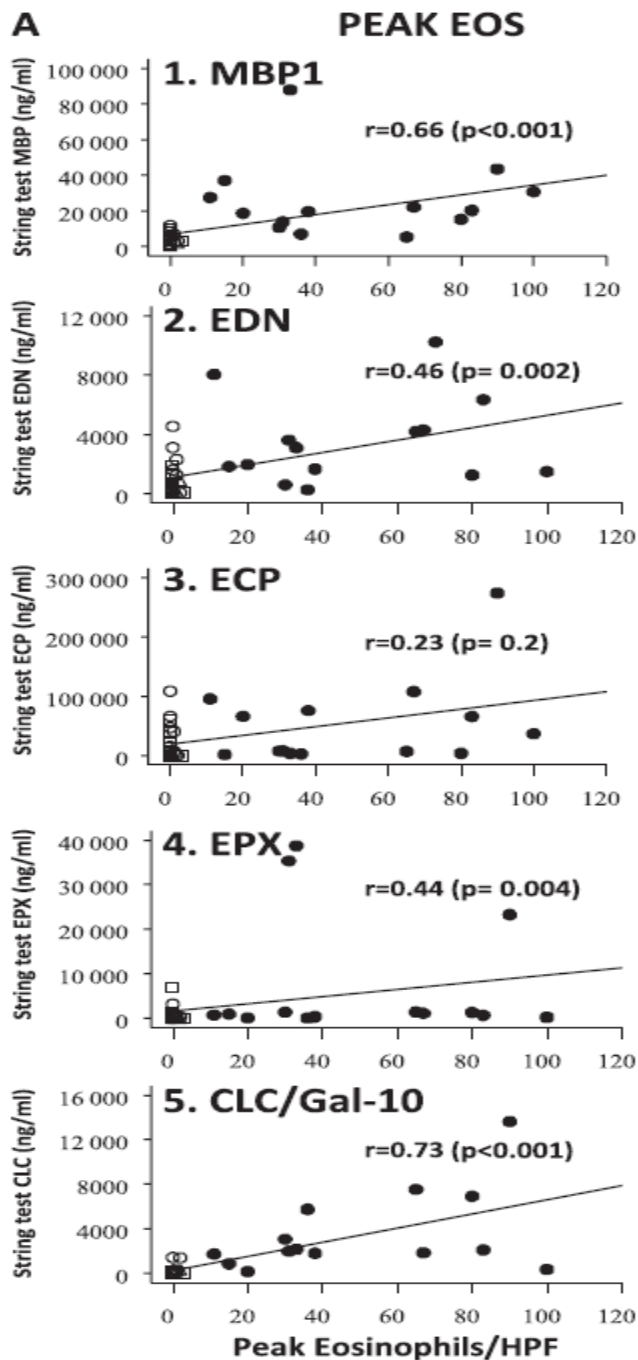
	EoE-active (untreated), n=14	EoE-remission (treated), n=8	GORD, n=4	Normal oesophagus, n=15	p Values untreated EoE versus treated, GORD, normal
<b>Eosinophil peak count (±SEM)</b>					
Proximal	30.1±6.0	0.4±0.3	0.3±0.2	0	p<0.001
Distal	45.4±8.9	0	0.8±0.4	0	p<0.001
<b>Eosinophil average of five random fields (±SEM)</b>					
Proximal	17.4±3.9	0.1±0.1	0.3±0.2	0	p<0.001
Distal	28.9±6.0	0	0.3±0.2	0	p<0.001
<b>EPX Staining Index*</b>					
Proximal	34.2±5.3	4.4±2.3	0	2.8±2.8	p<0.001
Distal	41.1±1.9	6.5±3.5	11.3±6.0	5.9±3.3	p<0.001
Endoscopic evidence of exudate (% of total patients)	6 (43%)	2 (25%)	1 (25%)	0	p<0.001
Microabscess† (% of total patients)	11 (79%)	0	0	0	p<0.001
Superficial layering‡ (% of total patients)	9 (64%)	0	0	0	p<0.001



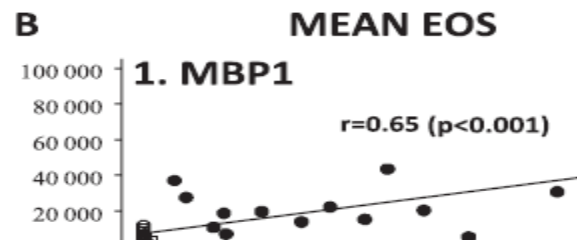
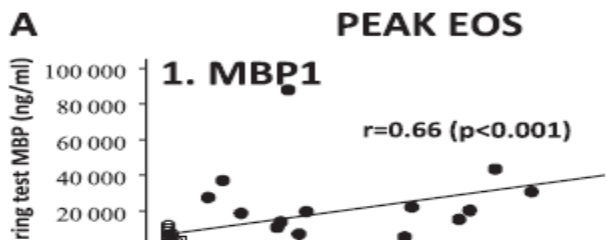
Enterotest®, evaluated for detection of *Giardia lamblia* in duodenum

Oesotest®, evaluated for detection of esophageal dysplasia (Actimed SA, Switzerland)

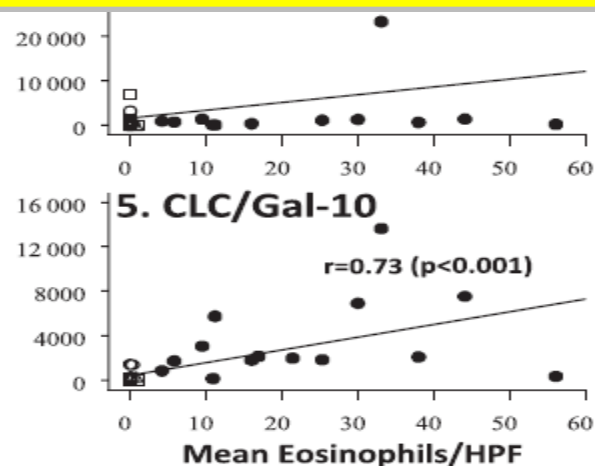
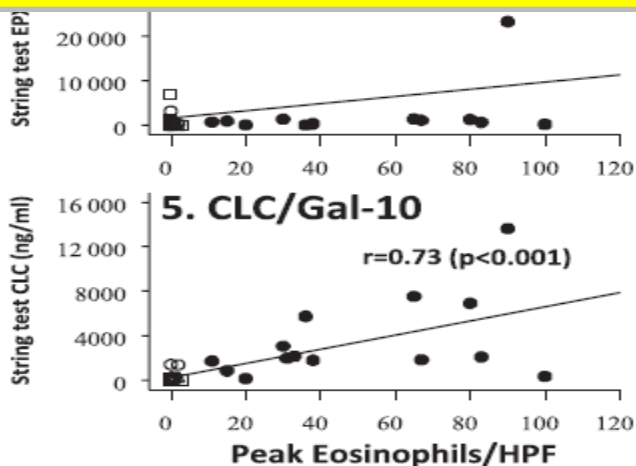




● EoE (no Rx) ○ EoE (Rx) △ GORD □ NORMAL



- Eosinophil derived proteins in luminal secretions correlate with esophageal eosinophil counts.
- Enterotest is a non-invasive tool for monitoring eosinophil-predominant esophageal inflammation in children



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# Take home messages

- EoE prevalence 1/2,000, increasing incidence
- typical pattern: young male, dysphagia, allergies
- untreated inflammation leads to strictures and food bolus impactions => perforation risk
- reasons to treat EoE: QoL, prevention of esophageal remodeling and food bolus impactions
- treatment options: diets, drugs, dilation
- unmet needs: many