CODE: T6200 M3460

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DIAGNOSIS: OESOPHAGUS - VARICES.

CLINICAL HISTORY: M/56. The patient was a known alcoholic with established cirrhosis. He had several previous episodes of haematemesis and melaena. He presented in shock prior to his death. At autopsy the liver showed cirrhosis and he had oesophageal varices and blood in the stomach.

MACROSCOPIC: There are prominent submucosal blood vessels in the distal oesophagus and the cardio-oesophageal region. The arrow shows ulceration of the mucosa overlying some raised varices.