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DIAGNOSIS: OESOPHAGUS - ULCER PERFORATING LEFT ATRIUM.

CLINICAL HISTORY: M/62. For some years this patient had been in a nursing home suffering from cardiac failure. His admission to this hospital was precipitated by a massive haematemesis which was thought to have arisen from oesophageal varices. However, oesophagoscopy showed a bleeding ulcer proximal to the cardia. He died suddenly after a week in hospital.

MACROSCOPIC: The normal opaque squamous epithelium has been replaced by darker, velvety mucosa over the lower oesophagus (left image). A few centimetres above the cardia, there is a longitudinal ulcer 45x20cm, which involves the full thickness of the wall and has penetrated into the left atrium (right image).

MICROSCOPIC: Histologically the ulcer was shown to be quite non-specific.