

**CODE:** T6200 M8073/3

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**DIAGNOSIS:** OESOPHAGUS - SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA

**CLINICAL HISTORY:** M/65. After a recent history of rapid loss of weight and dysphagia, a carcinomatous stricture of the lower third of the oesophagus was diagnosed radiologically. At operation, the tumour was found to be not resectable and a Mousseau-Barbin tube was inserted. Death occurred within the next few weeks.

**MACROSCOPIC:** Most of the lower third of the oesophageal wall is replaced by a carcinoma approximately 7cm in length, invading the wall of the organ. Widespread ulceration is partly covered by greyish slough and a perforation right through the exterior wall can be seen. The original stricture had been dilated by the Mousseau-Barbin tube which is mounted with the specimen. A separate shallow transverse ulcer is present proximally and resulted from pressure necrosis caused by the flange of the tube. Posteriorly, a couple of pale lymph nodes containing metastases are present near the gastric fundus.

**MICROSCOPIC:** The oesophageal tumour is a moderately well differentiated squamous carcinoma, in some areas of obvious keratin pearl formation.

