

DYSPHAGIA AND STRICTURE PROOF

Current higher GERD ratings depend on structural and treatment evidence.



WHAT TO DOCUMENT

DIGESTIVE CLAIM FILE

IMAGE	Accepted documentation Use barium swallow, CT, or EGD to document the required findings.	RECURRENT	Four-week definition Recurrent stricture means target diameter cannot be maintained beyond 4 weeks after it is achieved.
REFRACTORY	Five-session definition Refractory stricture means target diameter cannot be achieved despite at least 5 dilatation sessions at 2-week intervals.	COUNT	Treatment frequency Record every dilatation, steroid use, stent, surgery, PEG, aspiration event, weight change, and nutrition finding.

