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UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY

What is Upper GI Endoscopy?

Upper GI endoscopy is a special exam of your upper gastrointestinal (GI) tract. If you are having symptoms of an upper GI problem, this procedure may be done to help find the cause. It can also help treat upper GI problems, as well.

POSSIBLE RISKS AND Complications of Upper GI Endoscopy (EGD)

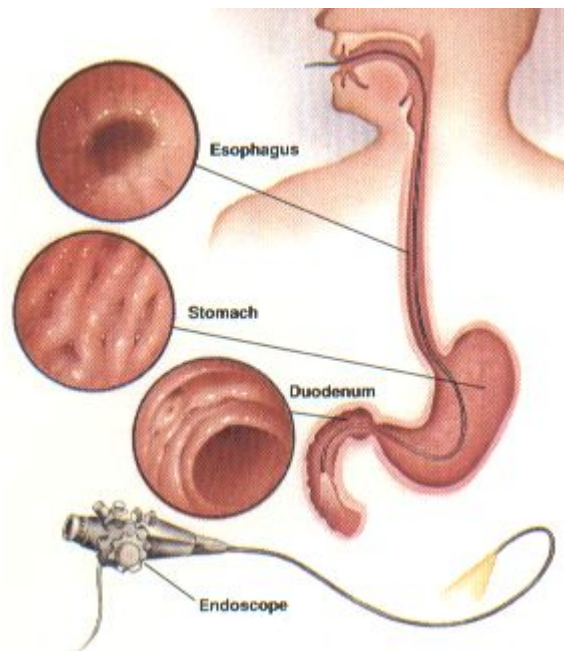
- Bleeding
- A puncture or tear in upper GI tract
- Risk of anesthesia

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Upper GI Anatomy

Upper GI endoscopy allows your doctor to look directly into the upper part of your GI tract. The esophagus, stomach, and duodenum (the first part of the small intestine) make up the upper GI tract.



What Upper GI Endoscopy Can Do?

Upper GI endoscopy helps diagnose ulcers, gastritis, growths, causes of bleeding or pain, and cancer. It may detect the presence of *H. pylori*, a type of bacteria that causes ulcers. It is also used for taking a sample tissue (biopsy). Foreign objects or growths can be removed. Bleeding can be stopped. And narrowed areas (strictures) can be opened.