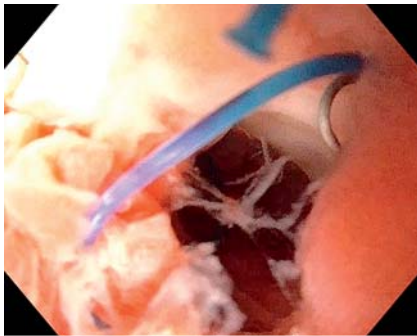


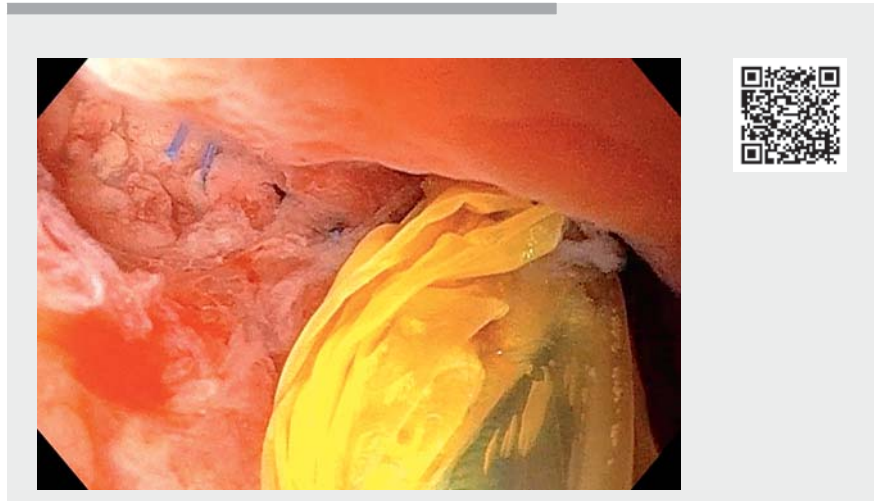
Low-cost modified endoscopic vacuum therapy using a triple-lumen tube allows nutrition and drainage for treatment of an early post-bariatric surgery leak



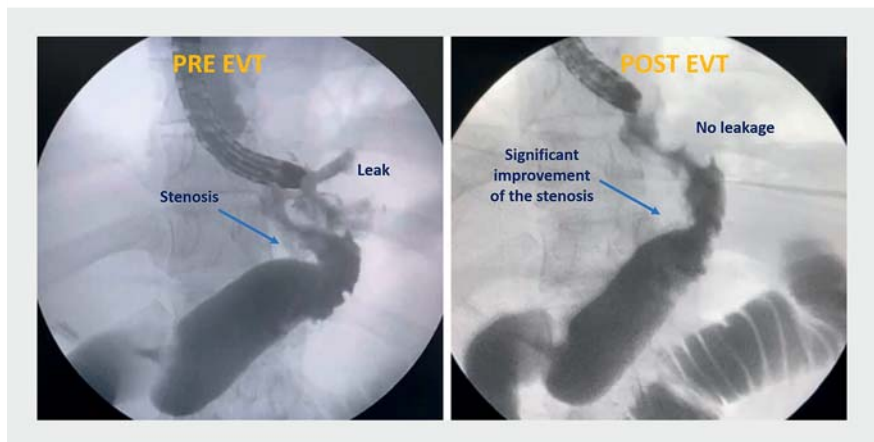
► **Fig. 1** Underwater endoscopic visualization of the sleeve leak.

Leaks after laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy (LSG) occur in up to 5% of patients, with mortality rates approaching 4% [1]. Among available therapies for leaks after bariatric surgery, endoscopic approaches have been shown to be safe and effective. Tissue sealants, cap-mounted clips, suturing, stents, a cardiac septal defect occluder, septotomy, endoscopic internal drainage with double pigtailed, and endoscopic vacuum therapy (EVT) are the forefront of the therapeutic endoscopic arsenal [2, 3]. However, an individualized approach is needed to determine the best endoscopic treatment strategy for a given patient. In this video, we describe the successful treatment of a LSG leak using low-cost modified EVT.

A 30-year-old woman with class II obesity developed fever, nausea, and abdominal pain 14 days after LSG. Computed tomographic scan revealed a leak associated with a small contained collection adjacent to the staple line of the proximal stomach (angle of His). Underwater esophagogastroduodenoscopy was performed without air insufflation to avoid disrupting the collection (► **Fig. 1**). The patient was treated with modified EVT using widely available triple-lumen tubing to allow for nutrition using the jejunal tube and EVT using the fenestrated portion of the tube (► **Video 1**). The procedure was well tolerated and the patient



► **Video 1** Low-cost modified endoscopic vacuum therapy with a triple-lumen tube.

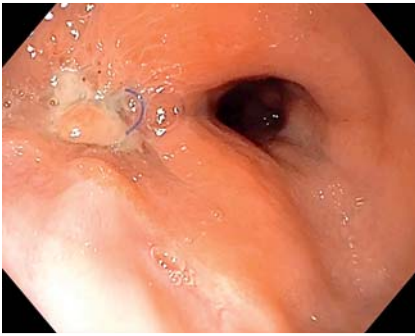


► **Fig. 2** Fluoroscopic imaging confirmed the success of leak treatment with the low-cost modified endoscopic vacuum therapy (EVT) system and demonstrated a significant improvement in the sleeve stenosis.

remained on enteral nutrition as well as taking a liquid diet on the day following the procedure. External drainage was not required. After 15 days, imaging demonstrated resolution of the leak (► **Fig. 2**), and the modified EVT system was removed (► **Fig. 3**).

In summary, endoscopic drainage with this low-cost, modified EVT is a highly effective and safe technique for leaks [4,

5]. Furthermore, EVT obviates the need for external drainage and employs widely available materials. Ultimately, this low-cost modified EVT allows for nutrition and drainage with a single tube through the nares, enabling decreased procedure times, longer periods between EVT system exchanges, and fewer adverse events.







► **Fig. 3** Complete healing of the leak after one session of the modified EVT treatment.

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