

Download Failed Anti Reflux Therapy

Reflux monitoring assesses the time of esophageal acid exposure during 24 h measurement. The test uses gastric acid as a marker for reflux. For the assessment of acid exposure patient has to discontinue anti acid medication (proton pump inhibitor) for 10 days. The only controlled study (Corley, 2002) of the Stretta procedure has been published in abstract form only, and has failed to confirm that the results of uncontrolled studies regarding significant reductions in acid exposure and symptom relief. Achalasia Basics. Achalasia is a functional disorder of the esophagus with impaired relaxation of the lower esophageal sphincter and aperistalsis (=absence of motility) of the esophageal body. INTRODUCTION — Despite treatment with proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), some patients with gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) continue to have reflux symptoms or endoscopic evidence of esophagitis.