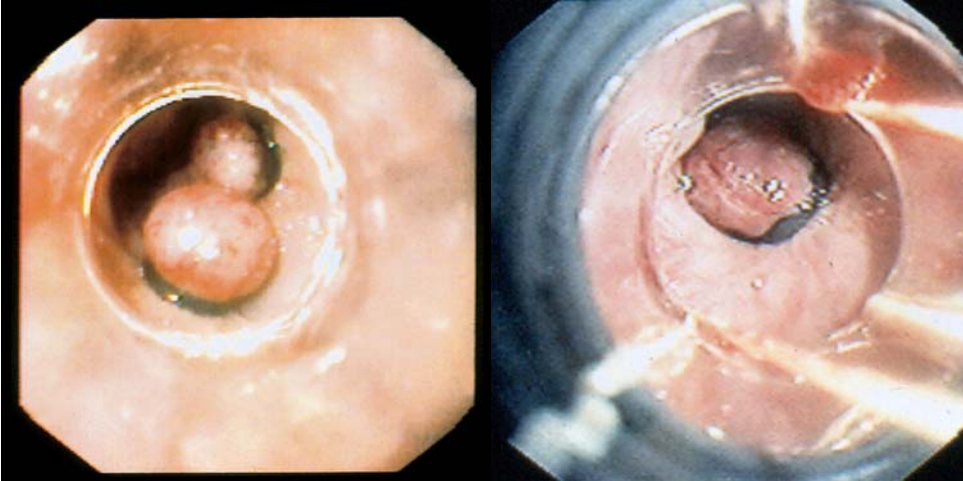


Band Ligation

Band Ligation (banding) is a method of treating esophageal varices either prophylactically (before any bleeding has started) or emergently (after bleeding has started) by using a device attached to a gastroscope to capture the involved tissue and place tight rubber bands around it, causing the caught tissue to die, fall off, and eventually heal over, resulting in obliteration of the varices.



These are pictures taken with the gastroscope looking at banded varices through the banding device.