Late Malignant Change of Caustic Injured Esophagus

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Clinical Image
A 69-year-old woman presented with general weakness and shortness of breaths for 2 weeks. She suffered from accidental injury of esophagus by mis-swallowing of lye during childhood. Multiple strictures of the esophagus were detected by esophagography (Figure 1) when she was aged 55. She underwent esophageal reconstruction using ileo -colon via retrosternal route at that time. She was well after esophageal reconstruction. To evaluate the recent symptoms, computed tomography revealed the native esophagus presenting a long-segment new growth (Figure 2) which compressing the airway (Figure 3). The new growth was confirmed to be squamous cell carcinoma by bronchoscopy biopsy.

Figure 1: Esophagogram showed multiple strictures of esophagus.

Figure 2: Coronary view of CT revealed a long segment esophageal cancer.

Figure 3: Axial view of CT revealed the esophageal cancer compressing the airway.

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