

# Esophagus

- Normal length - 25-30cm
- Only Auerbach plexus of no Meissner's plexus
- Lack of submucosal layer.

## LACERATIONS:

Mallory - Weiss Tears: (Longitudinal mucosal tear of distal esophagus)

- They are non-transmural longitudinal tear in the esophagus at the gastroesophageal region.

- Associated with severe vigorous retching or vomiting. 2nd day to Acute Alcohol intoxication or vigorous coughing.

## MORPHOLOGY:

Site of tears: usually at the gastroesophageal junction.

Appearance: superficial, longitudinal oriented laceration of variable length.

## CLINICAL FEATURES: Hematemesis

↳ other causes

- Mallory - Weiss syndrome
- esophageal ulcers.
- Reflux esophagitis
- esophageal varices.

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## BARRETT ESOPHAGUS:

It is characterized by intestinal metaplasia within the squamous mucosa of esophagus occurring as a complication to chronic gastroesophageal Reflux (GERD)

- Males usually b/w 40 - 60 years.
- Develops in ~10% of patients with symptomatic GERD.

## MORPHOLOGY:

Appears as one or several tongues or patches of Red, velvety mucosa extending from gastroesophageal junction upward into esophagus.

## MICROSCOPY:

- Intestinal metaplasia: Normal squamous lining of lower esophagus is replaced by columnar mucosa containing abs. of intestinal metaplasia.  
— goblet cell anixen → lead to development of Adenocarcinoma.
- Dysplasia → seen in metaplastic epithelium.

NOTE: → Pre malignant condition, ↑ Risk of esophageal Adenocarcinoma  
goblet cells → characterized by the presence of distinct mucous vacuols  
Complication of BE → Chronic peptic ulcer  
Risk of Adenocarcinoma